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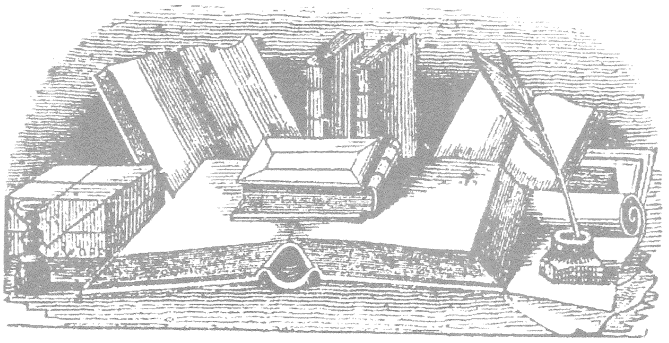
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Spiritual Flow From God Is Love and Truth!

BY THE REV. SANDRA PFORTMILLER, NST

It took awhile, some releasing of preconceived thoughts to arrive at the following ideas, which for me are truths. All paths are one! All paths lead to God! There is truth in all religions. The Higher Power is everywhere, thus all religions are sacred. All life is sacred for all is of God! This Divine Source of Life manifests in all life, so there is a God-spark within each cell. We touch our Spirit Light as we become quiet and listen to the still small voice within. Spirit is love and conspires to bless us for there is only God, only good. It is our thoughts that tell us there are other realities than good. There are Divine Laws which show us the way to grow, the way to live. Each soul is in the physical expression for a purpose, with a Divine Contract to complete. Our existence, all existence has meaning. Life is good, a time to develop our abilities, to grow in love, to care for others and for the Earth, and to acknowledge, with love, those who help from the Spirit World. Everything is of God and cannot be destroyed, therefore, life continues, love continues. Our consciousness/mind is our life. The way we view life is how we experience life, a Divine loop returning the energy we send out to bless us.



There are more truths, but these are my thoughts or expressions of reality that come to mind as I sit here to write. We all need to be open to change our conceptions, willing to receive new ideas. Often we cling to old thoughts, fearful of change. This of course slows the flow of energy to us. Have you stopped recently to examine the trueness of your conceptions? Just what do you believe? In your inventory of theories are there any thoughts that are outdated? Your beliefs determine what happens to you.

Are you a reader? I have this curious mind that is always searching, so I have read about many religions, cults, cultures, parapsychology and philosophies. A lot of you have probably discovered the same thing, that there are snippets of truth everywhere. Sometimes it is difficult to sort through the beliefs of the author or speaker to determine if what he or she is teaching resonates to Universal truths. Many times a thought is being expressed with a different lingo. The communication when reviewed with familiar vernacular is relating an idea you already accept, but the discourse presents a variety of understanding which may bring an expanded insight. Searching helps us to keep an open mind as our path leads us to new heights.

We all question, "How do we know if what we are reading or hearing is truth, partial truth or a falsehood?" There are bits and pieces of truth at every turn of the path. We are individual expressions of the Infinite Cause, each interpreting the thoughts received and then sharing them with others. We must look within to our higher being to receive confirmation of a thought/truth. Sometimes you will just know—it will feel right. Other times you receive confirmation by a tightness or a twinge in the solar plexus, or you may experience an opening in the heart area. We each have a personal path to walk, an individual part in life's Cosmic Circle, so we must discover that which works for our spirit.

You are the judge. Life is about discovering truths, so what may seem true to you today, may change a bit down the road as your soul grows. Don't become attached to the outcome. Sometimes you realize what you believe is not quite right—close—but not perfect. This is good news for that is when a new search begins.

A spiritual life goes beyond religion, beyond an author's written words, beyond understanding—into the realm of the unknown, through trusting the Great Unseen Force, the Power behind all life. This Loving Force inspires us and sends our etheric helpers to guide us.

Often though, we have closed down, turned off and don't want to be bothered with challenges. Can't we learn truth from the TV? NOT. Well maybe, an animal or nature documentary, or an inspirational speaker will teach us a bit, but to grow we have to incorporate a truth into our lives and this usually requires us to turn the television off and use our own mind and heart and will. It usually requires some quiet time to listen to the stillness and be inspired.

When we are not experiencing that limp energy of avoidance of responsibility, and instead are filled with get-up and go, then we often tend to judge all that is around us as good or bad. God Is, life is. It is the process of becoming and moving through daily pathways of light and shadow.

I've considered getting a vanity license plate for my car that says "FLOW." This may help remind me God is in control, and I really don't have a clue where to begin, or where to go. As an analytical personality this might also

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REMAIN IN THE ONENESS OF SPIRITUALITY

BY JUDY MERRILL, DSNU, CANADA

While each and every one of us is a unique and individual entity, there is a oneness, a similarity to all life. What is this oneness? The Spirit that flows in, around and through all life is the same. What is that Spirit? That Spirit is the God of our understanding that is in all life.

What is important about our oneness? What is important about our uniqueness? Both are valid concepts and each must be addressed as the individual life that expresses its spirituality in a life on the Earth plane that continues into a life of spirit for eternity.

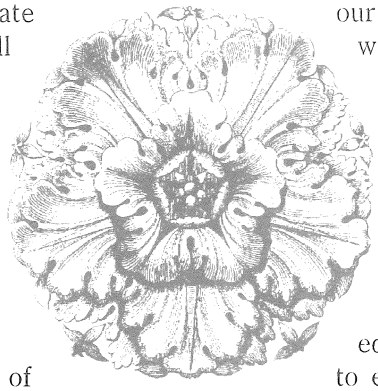
One of the earliest religious concepts was of a God who created humanity in His own image. What is the image of God that is in all humanity? That would be the spirit.

Imagine each of us considering a God in whose image we are created; is God black, white, brown eyes or blue, green, etc.? Is God male or female? Is He short, tall, fat, thin, any of the traits of each individual you see every day of your life in this existence?

Yet God is all these things and within all these things. That is why each and every one of us can claim a Greater Life within manifesting all power, all love, all humanity in each and every moment.

Is humanity so caught up in the externals that it fails to see this wonderful concept of the Infinite within each creation? How often in our lives do we look for the thread which will join our energies in one common good? Are we too busy looking for that which separates, to find that which joins?

These are all the concepts expressed through humanity's philosophy, religion and social behavior that have served to create wars, poverty, crime, and all the ignoble traits of humanity. Many a spirit being has tried to bring men and women together under a banner of spirituality, only to have the message distorted and perverted to the point of non-recognition.



Time, in the life of humanity, has come to the point of knowledge on many fronts. Technology is almost outracing our capacity to understand the many facets of its existence. As one aspect is understood and accepted, another is already on its way, making the last obsolete.

What has not changed, what is eternal, is the spirituality existent in all life. That oneness of life with the Creator and with each other. This life is in need of coming to terms with the spirituality of humanity. This would be the next great step for all religions, philosophies and sciences, to move into the light of a life of accumulated joys, to create ultimate happiness for each and every one that seeks the spirituality of their soul.

Oneness of life in this earth existence begins with the oneness of all humanity with the God of their understanding. Bring spirituality into the very soul of our existence and we will find the oneness we seek with each other. We will outlaw all these ignoble traits and find the peace, joy and happiness of a loving existence.

These thoughts have been expressed many times, in many ways from many sources. Our own forerunners of spirituality taught this message of oneness. As we emphasize our covenant with God, we will automatically find our covenant with humanity.

To accomplish this we need to eliminate all that we have outgrown in the matter of reasoned knowledge. We must be free to express our oneness in the current atmosphere of knowledge and understanding of all life's happenings. The old is the foundation for the new. Evolving from the foundation, we will find our path in the new life of spirituality and love.

Many have written and spoken of throwing out the old. It is similar in content to the old expression "throwing out the baby with the bath water." Each writer, each philosopher, each individual from the past had ideas according to their own particular understanding, in their own particular atmosphere and environment.

We have arrived in a technical era of instant this and instant that, from mashed potatoes to communication. In this age of instant, we have often lost sight of the benefits from the past and eliminated their message from the new.

To evolve spiritually, it will be necessary to build on the past, not eliminate all that has gone before. The past teaches us what worked and what didn't in their time; some of it to be tried again, some of to be eliminated in a new technology. Patience is the key in all our spiritual growth, with no stone left unturned in our search for knowledge, understanding and spiritual progression.

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BY ELIZABETH HARRIS, DSNU, CANADA

Every cubic inch of space is a miracle.

– Walt Whitman

Spiritualists agree with Whitman when he says, "Every cubic inch of space is a miracle." We know that miracles are with us everywhere, always. Life itself is miraculous. All the countless things we call impossible, phenomenal, improbable, awesome, radical, supernatural, inconceivable, incredible can be called miracles.

For example, countless times we have witnessed miraculous health cures by the laying-on-of-hands and prayer; we know we are spirit bodies in physical bodies who can communicate with the unseen; we know that life is continuous and we will live on in a spirit dimension; we see God's handiwork all around us. Although psychic powers seem awesome to some people, and many might use the word miracle to describe these happenings, Spiritualists simply call them "Spirit in Action" and consider them blessings.

A miracle is only a word to describe a psychic phenomenon, for the Oxford Dictionary defines miracles as events which are due to some supernatural intervention into the affairs of human life. C. S. Lewis, the Oxford Don and Cambridge professor, considered an authority on miracles, defines the word miracle to mean an interference with Nature by supernatural power.

Although Spiritualists accept miraculous happenings as true, understanding miracles was not always so simple and accurate. The ancients peopled the heavens with angels and the underworld with demons whom they either worshiped or feared in imaginative ideas which were called mythology. Organized Religion borrowed this mythology, called it history, and preached as doctrine what was but legend and myth. It materialized the immaterial, making a mockery of nature's revelation by introducing miracles as something contrary to nature, to explain what was natural psychic phenomena.

Today, Spiritualists know the countless incredible stories called miracles found in the Christian Bible are natural psychic phenomena. For example, when the Bible refers to miracles of healing said to have been performed two thousand years ago, Spiritualists believe these stories to be true, for spiritual healing continues today to be a blessed form of healing the sick and suffering.

Too, the story in Matthew, "The heavens opened...he saw the spirit descending," Spiritualists acknowledge as authentic for the heavens were opened to Swedenborg and others. In Acts, "When Cornelius was at prayer, an angel came to him," is accepted by Spiritualists as a common type of psychic phenomena, or our spirit band helping us.

Miracles played a prominent part in Christianity, but there was little place for them in other religions. Mystics of the past thought miracles were signs, not of the divine spirit, but of the body's weakness. The Sufis of Islam thought miracles were "veils" intervening between the soul and God. Hindus urged their followers to pay no attention to miracles, or psychic powers, which may come unsought, believing the cultivation distracts the soul from reality.

However, Modern Spiritualists believe in psychic powers and spiritual forces, and use a wide variety of phenomena in religious practice. Therefore, Spiritualists are never astonished at the intervention of supernatural power, and simply call these spiritual forces blessings, in accord with Natural Law, or Spiritualism in Action—not miracles.

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Rev. Joseph H. Merrill

Born: January 16, 1903, Norway, Maine
Transition: January 26, 2001, Lily Dale, New York
Sixth President of the National Spiritualist Association of Churches

A Tribute ...the Man ...a Spiritualist



BY MARILYN AWTRY SMITH, FLORIDA

As we journey across the hills and valleys of our life, we are always fortunate to meet an individual who appears to be special in various ways. My life, and I know many, many others, was enriched because my path crossed that of the Rev. Joseph H. Merrill, President Emeritus of the National Spiritualist Association of Churches.

Recalling well the words Joe said to me as I embarked on my journey as a Spiritualist, I always try to follow them. And I quote, "Marilyn, a person should always be a good man or woman and then they would automatically be a good Spiritualist." Thus, I first share with you Joe, "The Man."

...The Man

He embarked upon this earth life on January 16, 1903 in the town of Norway, Maine. And, that beginning started his voyage of physical life which spanned the continent. Joe came from a background of Congregational Orthodoxy. However, like many of us, it could no longer answer his questioning mind, so he sought other avenues. He and his Mother attended a Spiritualist meeting—one that left a lasting impression on him. At age fifteen, he joined the Spiritualist movement.

In a recent letter to me, Joe wrote "there were some tough times, but all in all the years have been good to me." He devoted many of his years to photography, followed by a musical career. He was not only an excellent pianist and organist, but he was a vocalist with the Ithaca New York Conservatory. And, none can question his excellency as a public orator. The tone and vibration linger on, even at this moment in time—his eloquently quoting of the poem, *It is the Law.*

Joe was no respecter of persons. He touched the rich and the poor, the weak and the strong, the happy and the sad, the wise and the foolish. To many others, he was a friend. Of course, there were times we disagreed, but we listened to each other and could disagree without being disagreeable. Yes, he was my friend.

Much could be written but a single word carries the earth life of Joe—in my opinion, it is integrity, and if a being has integrity, that being has it all!

...The Spiritualist

Speaker, Teacher, Minister, Counselor, Musician and Friend.

While he served Spiritualism inconspicuously in various ways for forty-three years, during that period, one of his most profound writings was published in *The National Spiritualist* entitled, *Spiritualism*—1956. If only we as a body would heed the teachings, Mr. Merrill in his celestial home would be so very proud.

Most of us know more about him in his last forty years commencing that day in 1961 when he became Secretary of the N.S.A.C. under President Robert Macdonald. As Secretary of the N.S.A.C. his task was not always easy, and many times he rebelled, just as you and I may have done, but he did it graciously. One thing for sure, he listened and learned. And because of that stringent training as Secretary, in 1973, he calmly and collectively stepped into the office of the Presidency upon the transition of the Rev. Robert Macdonald. He labored diligently in that position for twenty-one years.

The story of the Rev. Joseph Merrill's life in Spiritualism will take volumes. Many of us were fortunate to be one of the recipients of his services such as listening to his oration, heeding his words at a wedding ceremony, accepting our diploma or being the recipient of a Church Charter. And then, also sharing sadness and joys at memorials. His life was Spiritualism and he served untold hours in preparation for daily serving those in need who stepped in his pathway.

Although he traveled the hills and valleys of our expansive nation visiting many camps and churches proclaiming the truths of Spiritualism, one of his favorite joys was the opportunity to be part of the Pilgrimage to the Cathedral of the Pines in Rindge, New Hampshire. Among more than fifty different faiths serving at the Cathedral, Mr. Joseph Merrill conducted the Spiritualist Services.

Joe Merrill has left us all a tremendous legacy. Some may remember that extra little hug, the extra word of

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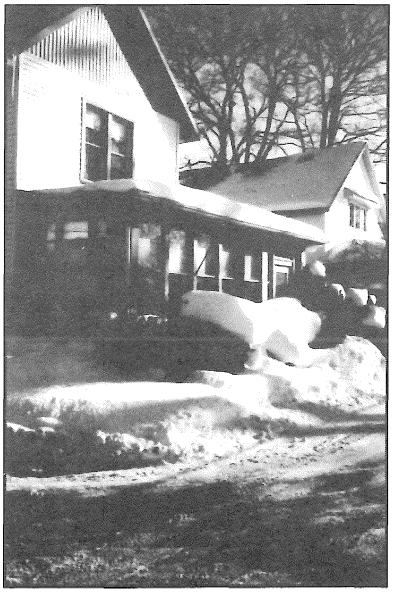
encouragement or that broad smile of his joy of just being "a Spiritualist." Some of it is inscribed on our minds as we review the vibrations of many lectures embraced. Others of his teachings have been put in print and always available for review.

Among the volumes he has written, he would be pleased if we follow this one sentence. "...if we are to do our part in making the world a better world for humanity to live in, we must take a good look at ourselves as Spiritualists and be true to what we believe, for by trying to please the multitude, we fail to please the loved ones of the past."

And life goes on—the Spirit of the Rev. Joseph Merrill lingers with us all. Remember the closing words in many of his now cherished letters, "Have a Blue Sky Day in your heart even if it isn't Blue Overhead."

Personal Memories of Joe Merrill, Past President of The National Spiritualist Association of Churches

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AND LONG-TIME STUDENT OF SPIRITUALISM



JOE MERRILL'S HOUSE IN LILY DALE.

I first met Joe Merrill in the summer of 1960 when he was president of Temple Heights Spiritualist Camp in Lincolnville, Maine. He was speaking from the podium at the small chapel. His commanding presence, tall, handsome, and imposing, and projecting a strong confidence in his voice.

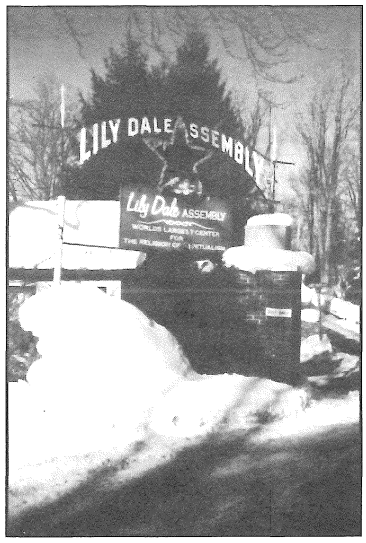
It was my first visit to a Spiritualist camp and a new experience for me as a young student. I had been studying comparative religions as part of my doctoral studies, including the exploits of Harry Houdini, the famous magician and escape artist, and discovered his interest in Spiritualism and life after death. He was exceptionally close to his mother and wanted desperately to contact her.

Arthur Ford, the Spiritualist medium, who had brought "through" the presumed message that Harry and Bess, his wife, had privately agreed upon. Although Ford had brought the message through to Bess, he was later discredited for various reasons. I remember the evening quite vividly. Joe was called from the podium to the telephone at Nickawa Lodge and informed that the Rev. Arthur Ford was ill and had to cancel his appearance at Temple Heights. It was a great disappointment to me but a bond developed between Joe and me.

We started a long period of correspondence and he was very faithful and prompt with his letters. In 1987, I spoke at the NSAC Convention at Mackinac Island, Michigan and Joe's introduction was most gracious. Since his retirement to his home at 13 Cleveland Avenue, Lily Dale, with failing sight and other health problems, we continued our friendship and correspondence.

In January 2001, I visited my grandson in Ithaca, New York. I had been thinking about Joe and realized that his 98th birthday was approaching on January 16th, so decided to drive to Lily Dale for a visit. Heavy snows had fallen, but it was a bright, shining day as I headed towards Lily Dale. I arrived mid-afternoon to some four feet of snow, more snow than I had seen in several years. I took a photograph of Joe's house with snow up to the window, gracefully draping the bushes. I turned around and took a second photograph of the lake with all its winter beauty.

After a delightful and spirited conversation with a healthy appearing Joe Merrill, I headed for Sheridan, New York and an evening with Sessla and Ron Skowronski. Nine days later back in Albany, I received a call from Ron telling me Joe had passed in his sleep the previous day.



LILY DALE ASSEMBLY ENTRANCE IN LILY DALE, NEW YORK

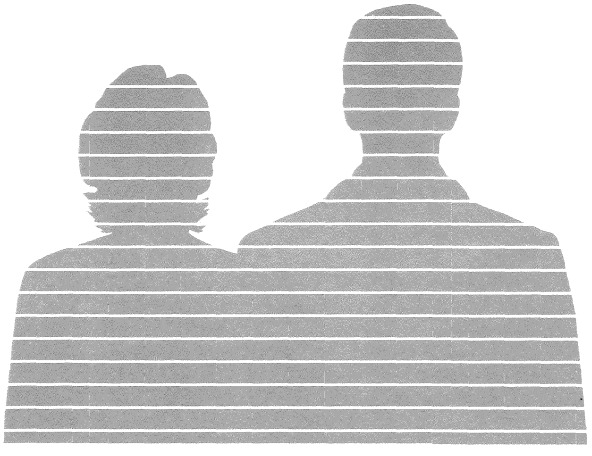
I am not certain what impelled me to go to Lily Dale that day, but I did feel an urgency to visit the Rev. Joseph Merrill, a friend of many years. We do not understand all events in life, but I will always remember my last visit with Joe Merrill, a special friend and colleague who served the NSAC as Secretary and President with distinction. I'm proud to have known this leader of modern Spiritualism and will always remember him with fond memories.

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KNOW YOURSELF

BY LAURA NIMUË JOY, VIRGINIA

"Man, know thyself!" It sounds easy but may be one of the hardest things any of us has to do in this life. The modern world is full of psychiatrists and psychologists, counselors and therapists, classes and workshops. "Total Life Coaching," "Empower Yourself to Change," "How is your personal harmony?" "Tired of trying to cope?" read just a few of the advertisements in our local mind/body/spirit magazines. As a nation, we are willing to fork out enormous sums of money to have someone else "fix" us, when help is as close as...within ourselves.



Intellectually, many of us know this; we accept that knowing who one is—understanding, accepting and loving oneself—knowing one's talents, limitations, abilities and potential—are the first steps to success, happiness and contentment. But self-knowledge requires effort and time. And discipline. Ah, there's the rub. We must—take—that—first—step.

Inertia is a terrible thing. We see it when we are late to an appointment: the light turns green, and the cars in front of us just sit there for an eternity before, at last, moving off so that we can *finally*—arrive at the light just after it turns yellow. If we are law-abiding, we do *not* run that red light! It would be easy to; but laws are made for a reason.

So it is with the Law of Compensation and Retribution: What goes around comes around. How many of us live by this Law, encouraging self-growth and self-knowledge by self-discipline? Do we take that first step, overcoming inertia, and make an effort to understand ourselves, to find out who we are, where we are going, and why?

We don't need to sit down and list our abilities, our gifts and talents to "know ourselves," although it can be an eye-opening exercise. Some people think they are not successful if they do not have a top-ranking job or a big income, if they are not beautiful or thin or college-educated or musical or—the list goes on. But with self-knowledge comes self-appreciation and self-love: the realization that a sympathetic ear, the trust of a child, honesty, a loving nature, are much more valuable—spiritually—than the "success" that comes from stepping on other people's dreams and aspirations to become "important" or "wealthy."

It has been said that meditation is "the intentional direction of attention to the clear aspect of one's inner nature." Since ancient times, before the distractions of travel, television, video games and e-mail (because of which we need even more "quiet time" for ourselves), people have practiced "soul discovery" by regularly withdrawing from the everyday world for a short time to become self-aware. Can forty centuries of meditators be wrong?

"The divine spark of human potential" is in each of us, waiting to be discovered. Some say that we already "know" everything we need to know. Surely meditation is something that we have simply forgotten how to do? We should not have to go to meditation classes and pay out great sums of money to other people to teach us how to contact our own divinity! Rather than visiting counselors and therapists, we can tap the inner serenity and joy which is there waiting for us.

There are even different ways of meditating for all of us: "intellectual" meditation as practiced by many mystics; "emotional" meditation with the goal of love for God, others and self; "physical" meditation for those who prefer to use bodily movements; "action and meditation" methods which use a skill or expertise such as aikido or karate. "Mental meditation" can be structured or unstructured; we can use mantras or not. The benefits are relaxation, less anxiety and anger, more joy and peace—even illumination! So why don't we all meditate? Are we unable to center, to concentrate? Do we not want our lives to be better physically, mentally and spiritually? Don't we want better problem-solving skills, more energy, a more positive attitude?

Inertia. If "procrastination is the thief of time," perhaps inertia—in this case—is the thief of personal progression. Man/woman/child, know yourself! Take time for yourself, be good to yourself! When that light turns green, be ready for it, prepared, in gear: ready to move forward into your own, unique, wonderful future.

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Questions Answers

Q **What is meant by progression?**

A Progression from the material to the next realm is a spiritual transition, a moving forward to a lighter plane where the soul continues to advance. However, we progress and evolve also while we are in the physical expression. Growth results from internal efforts and effects, from expanding love and light. Each forward movement toward a Greater Principle develops the soul. Life in the physical and the spiritual worlds is a connected series of advancement.

– SP



Q **Do you feel Spiritualism has had any effect upon the other religions?**

A Yes, decidedly. Many churches had become apathetic and dictatorial in their practices. In this time of educated people, faith alone is not enough. Spiritualism, as a Science, Philosophy and Religion, proves its beliefs. It is based on Natural Law which is a constant eternally just direction for humanity to follow. Other religions see the wave of new thinking in the media and have opened their attention toward the light. Prayer circles for those in need are a part of most churches now. Many offer contact healing and prophecy along with speaking in tongues. Most include Divine Law in some form. Spiritualism has encouraged the thinkers of other religions to seek universal fundamental principles and to open their horizons to agree there is truth and a Higher Power in all religion.

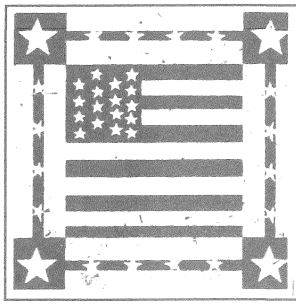
– SP

Q **I have just read that spirits of the departed can enter our homes at any time. That their world is described as being right here. What happens if we want privacy?**

A "The Spirit World is around this world, in this world, of this world, because there is neither vacuum, nor separateness—yet it is not *this world*. There is just the difference of type, quality and rate of vibration. Atmospheric changes and disturbances manifest as changes in physical vibration, to the spirit entities, revealing, by virtue of the Law of Cause and Effect, how and to what extent they can contact the world of materiality. Contact with our loved ones in spirit is governed by the quality of our desire and love which, in turn, determine the degree and strength of attraction. If you do not desire the spirits' presence, you automatically repel them, so do not worry about their presence in your home, you will have the privacy you desire."

– Dr. Victoria Barnes

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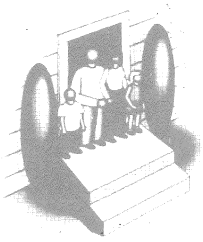
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– Prayer for Spiritual Healing –

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.

What Do I Want? Health, Wealth and Happiness!

BY THE NSAC HEALING CENTER



My guess is many would respond to the question "What do I want?" with, "Health, wealth and happiness." Sometimes we all focus on **money**, and material things that the money can purchase, and we feel that money will buy us happiness. This often brings momentary satisfaction when we acquire something, then like the song refrain we think, "Is that all there is?"

There are inner questions of what it would be like to have **fame**, so others would know our accomplishments. Then we read about how fame brings problems and lack of privacy. Again, not the answer to manifesting happiness or health.

Health is a personal decision and a response to life. Many people who have physical ailments are healthy in mind and lead a full life. Others are sending love to all and feeling healthier every day. Health is a strong relationship to the Infinite Source of All Life.

Then, there are days when we enjoy our poor health. We are in a slump and not willing to make the changes we know would help us move toward a healthier lifestyle. We lack the energy, and until we make the effort, we will continue to lack the energy. Sometimes it is the only way we allow ourselves time off from work. Yet, gradually our strong intention and desire will bring energy to us to focus in a new direction and bring a better quality of life to us.

Many look for satisfaction through home and family. Some parents live through their children's accomplishments, or to be with their grandchildren. They feel a safety in the home, a comfort zone they call happiness. It is true that often families are more accepting of you, along with your idiosyncrasies, and love you because you are related, than those from the outside world might. This doesn't mean that all homes are healthy, happy lifestyles, however.

We each seek the highest concept of the thing that we think we need. We have each heard the expression to *be careful what we pray for*—remember, your *thoughts are a form of prayer*. When we think of the things that make us healthy and happy, love must top the list. Each time we experience any form of unconditional love we are experiencing a form of Spiritual energy and upliftment. Love will help heal the broken hearts and the broken body, and continued love of self and others makes a pleasurable condition more permanent.

Love is God, so really our answer to what do we want in life should be Love or God. This is where we will locate our joy, feel our fulfillment and experience a healthy mind. All else will follow.

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Strong Woman Versus A Woman Of Strength

A strong woman works out every day to keep her body in shape...
but a woman of strength kneels in prayer to keep her soul in shape...

A strong woman isn't afraid of anything...
but a woman of strength shows courage in the midst of her fear...

A strong woman won't let anyone get the best of her...
but a woman of strength gives the best of herself to everyone...

A strong woman makes mistakes and avoids the same in the future...
a woman of strength realizes life's mistakes can also be God's blessings and capitalizes on them...

A strong woman walks sure footed...
but a woman of strength knows God will catch her when she falls...

A strong woman wears the look of confidence on her face...
but a woman of strength wears grace...

A strong woman has faith that she is strong enough for the journey...
but a woman of strength has faith that it is in the journey that she will become strong...



acts Of Life:

1. At least 5 people in this world, love you so much they would die for you.
2. At least 15 people in this world love you, in some way.
3. The only reason anyone would ever hate you, is because they want to be just like you.
4. A smile from you, can bring happiness to anyone, even if they don't like you.
5. Every night, SOMEONE thinks about you before they go to sleep.
6. You mean the world to someone.
7. Without you, someone may not be living.
8. You are special and unique, in your own way.
9. Someone that you don't know even exists, loves you.
10. When you make the biggest mistake ever, something good comes from it.
11. When you think the world has turned its back on you, take a look, you most likely turned your back on the world.
12. When you think you have no chance at getting what you want, you probably won't get it, but if you believe in yourself, you probably sooner or later will get it.
13. Always remember compliments you received, forget about the rude remarks.
14. Always tell someone how you feel about them, you will feel much better when they know.
15. If you have a great friend, take the time to let them know that they're great.

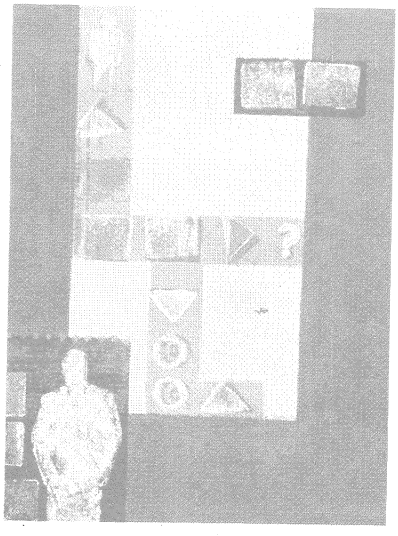
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REINCARNATION???

BY THE REV. RUPERT SIGURDSSON, NST, MAINE

There are many questions in life that if an answer or theory is presented or accepted can change our way of thinking. The majority of our scientists, medical profession, and the general public often do not want changes in their accepted beliefs or opinions. New ideas often upset comfortable, accepted theories, even though in the back of their minds they feel that all the pieces just don't fit together or answer all the questions, in some cases to change a belief or not change is a matter of ego.

Reincarnation is one of those theories, or to the majority of the world a fact, that if completely accepted would change many so called accepted facts about life and our thoughts about the future.



Recently standing in a long line at the cash register of the local grocery store, instead of getting impatient, as I usually do, I studied the face of a very young baby, probably only a few weeks old, in a shopping cart next to me. Watching its expressions I questioned had he lived before and what did he remember of a past life. (According to the work of Ian Stevenson of the University of Virginia, in studying 2,500 cases of young children under eight years old, he found that they often have past life memory, and if checked out and not brushed aside as nonsense, do prove to be fact.) Or could this baby be a brand new soul that had never experienced anything? I said to my wife, "Would we really like to start all over again under parents control? Especially with some of the working parents of today's generation, being left with baby sitters, going to school and having to get started in life all over again?" We both agreed that it was much more pleasant to think of a continuum on the spirit side, with continual new challenges and advancement in the higher planes of life. But this does not account to the natural skills some seem to have sometimes at a very young age. Many feel it is all spirit guidance. I feel we do have spirit guidance, but I have been told many times by spirit that this is our life to experience and learn. Our helpers will assist us in our chosen desires, but will not live our lives for us. This is our life and they have theirs, otherwise it would be spirit control or possession.

I have been studying the theory of reincarnation for about sixty years and have given a very convincing argument for either side. As time goes on there are more serious researchers, psychologists, and universities finding positive evidence that some souls appear to have lived before. The subjects can take researchers to the actual places of their past lives, give names of those in the area at their time of living there and many actual facts in countries they have never been to in this current life. The work of Peter Ramster, a clinical psychologist in Australia, is such that it is hard not to give it some serious thought.

Although we are discussing reincarnation, the most important thing is our present life. This is where we are now and how we live this life from day to day is all that really matters. How we live this current existence predetermines how our future will be, no matter whether on Earth or in the Spirit World. Our seventh Principle states this so well: *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.*

If we were meant to remember another lifetime, we probably would naturally. We are here for a purpose, or we wouldn't be here. One speaker that serves our church always ends his talks with the saying, "God never made a nobody." Really, what value would it be to you in this life if you remembered that you were king or pauper in the last incarnation. It may only be a subconscious illusion or even used as an excuse of the mind for our present position, or to blame the problems in this life.

Altered states of consciousness are very hard to prove and experiences under those conditions are only real to the individual receiving them. Only recent incarnations are of much value in research where actual names, dates, and places can be checked. Historical facts of the past are too general to be any real proof.

In the case of age-regression hypnosis, which I have conducted many times, we need to search events and the possibility that information may have been obtained in the current life of the person that is being regressed. We, from the time we are born and even before, are constantly receiving information from so many sources, even as young children, that our material brain has an enormous store of knowledge that is available to us in a subconscious state.

From what I have written so far the reader may feel that I do not accept the possibility of reincarnation, but that would be untrue. I feel it is a possibility, a sort of fifty-fifty

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SPIRIT FLOW FROM GOD...

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aid me not to judge about what is true and what isn't true, rather to just flow, just be, allowing the Higher Power to lead me where I am to be. It has been said that wherever we are on our journey is exactly where we are supposed to be at that moment. Therefore, if we can establish ourselves in the consciousness of Spirit, the entire Universe moves to flow into our being life, joy and substance.

So if we don't have a clue, how do we proceed forward? Try inviting the Greater Life to inspire all your decisions, all your thoughts, and this sets your intentions into the ethers. Intentions draw the desired assistance. Then, take time to meditate and be still to listen for inner guidance. The search for truths is an inner perpetual journey. Meditation is a necessary tool in our health, well being and growth, for the inner center communicates with the still small voice when the ego has quieted. So often we look to others for our answers and reflect their beliefs, but truth comes from God. As you open yourself to a spiritual life, you will find what you are looking for—peace, joy, health, harmony, beauty, abundance, love, growth, and understanding. Infinite Intelligence is an unlimited source of abundance for all of your needs, but you must be open to receive. The more you remain open and allow yourself to receive, the more truth and understanding will flow to you.

The greater knowledge is not book learning. Remember the genius who can solve intricate problems, but who lacks common sense. Do you equate spiritual understanding to truth, to growth? Really, truth is love—the only thing is love. Unconditional love is life's precious goal. Each time we attune to the Higher Source we experience the flow of love energy and gain a greater knowing. Divine Creation brings life. Life is the product of love, and the Creator continually expresses love for us and through us. It might be claimed that truth begins and ends with love.



Let love be your life's research project. Use love to resolve your problems, your questions, your goals. Desire to be more loving, intend it, practice it and it will become easier every day, more a permanent part of your soul. Love shines, making a rosy glow as it travels with a wonderful energy to do good, then returns to bless you. This process of growing in love awakens the consciousness with exciting awareness, and is immeasurably more vital

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CALENDAR CORNER

What happened in MAY throughout the years?

MAY 6, 1853

Mary T. Longley was born on this day. She began her public mediumship at age fourteen and was a medium, writer, poet and capable worker for Spiritualism throughout her life. She had wonderful executive abilities and was the secretary of the N.S.A. and a trustee. She was the message medium for the *Banner of Light* and also served other papers.

MAY 7, 1867

Mary Scannell Pepper Vanderbilt came into the world on this date. She had her first psychic experience at the age of fifteen and went on to become a great medium. She traveled all over the world demonstrating her mediumship and as a public inspirational speaker. In 1906, at the request of the Czar of Russia, she held seances for the imperial family. Mary served Spiritualism in many ways for over 36 years.

MAY 8, 1852

The ***Spiritual Telegraph***, a weekly publication was founded by Charles Partridge and S. B. Britten.

MAY 13

Mother's Day, bless all Mothers. "Mother is the name for God on the lips and hearts of little children," wrote Thackeray. The ancient Greeks first celebrated mom with a specific day, but the modern Mother's Day may be traced to Ann Marie Reeves Jarvis and her dream of a specific day to celebrate Mother's. Her daughter Anna, began a campaign to fulfill Mrs. Jarvis' dream to establish a memorial for mothers, living and dead, after her mom's death in 1905. Today countries around the world have joined the United States in officially honoring mothers once a year.

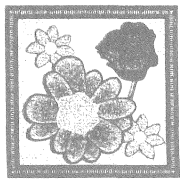
MAY 19 & 28

Armed Forces Day and **Memorial Day**, both days are solemn times to reflect about those men and women who served their country. Let us send a prayer of honor and thanks to those who served and those who gave their lives. Memorial Day was first observed at Arlington National Cemetery, the resting place of the unknown soldier. Thirty years ago it became a Federal Holiday and is now observed throughout the United States, with several wonderful Memorials around the country such as the Vietnam Memorial, the Challenger Memorial, the Nurse Memorial (the first memorial saluting the contributions of women), and the Twenty-four Hour Guard at Arlington National Cemetery. We would not know what freedom looked like without the men and women who were in the service to assure our free future. ♫

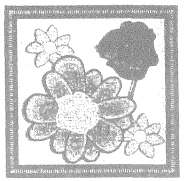
Positive Statements To Help Create a Positive Day.

Affirmations . . . MAY 2001

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 A finished product has been through many changes.	**2** "There are optical illusions in time as well as space." – Proust	**3** Desires and intention are the first step to change.	**4** Each person collects life's experiences in a unique way.	**5** "The maxim 'nothing avails but perfection' may be spelled Paralysis." – Churchill
6 We each have the freedom to think—life follows these thoughts.	**7** Nothing but good comes to me as I am open to God's good.	**8** The larger the challenge, the more certain we can be of hitting it.	**9** Create a beautiful image of the day upon arising, then experience it.	**10** The power of God and good is linked to our thoughts.	**11** "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." – John 8:32	**12** There are snippets of truth in many areas—take them into prayer.
13 Thanks, Mom, for answering my questions, for being there, for life!	**14** "The mind resorts to reason for want of training." – Henry Adams	**15** "All self inflicted censure is a slanted self inflicted praise." – Samuel Johnson	**16** "The most difficult thing to give is that which we give up." – Elizabeth Bibesco	**17** The way you believe others think about you will be the way they do.	**18** I give thanks for God's love, which supplies and makes things possible.	**19** I release my past and awaken to the present, which makes my future.
20 "There is a Power in the Universe that honors our faith in It." – Ernest Holmes	**21** The past gave us lessons, but once learned, we must move on.	**22** Moving forward is very difficult if we are always looking back.	**23** Until we believe something is, we believe it is not!	**24** I dwell on the riches of the Universe and accept my right to prosper.	**25** Quiet moments give rest and restoration to the soul.	**26** Nature renews herself and the beauty of new growth surrounds us.
27 The most important things in the world, aren't things.	**28** Contemplate our freedom and those who labored for these freedoms.	**29** "Freedom is what you do with what's been done to you." – Jean-Paul Sarte	**30** We are rich if we can laugh, love and experience Spirit.	**31** Face the sun and any shadows will be behind you.		



God Bless our Mother's and Veteran's.



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

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SAN JOSE - The Spiritual Science of Life Church, NSAC
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SAN LEANDRO - Spiritualist Church of Two Worlds
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293 Sound Beach Ave., 06870; (203) 637-4615; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m., all welcome; Pastor, Rev. Melvin O. Smith.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SALEM - First Spiritualist Church of Salem
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.

REHOBOTH - First Spiritualist Church of Brockton, Inc., NSAC
Services held at Agawam Grange Hall, Junction of Routes 44 & 118, (12 min. from Providence, RI); All mail: Linda Kent, Secy., P.O. Box 206, Swansea, 02777-0206; Healing—Devotional Service—Spirit Messages; Services Sun. 10:30 a.m.; Unfoldment Classes Sept. through May; Mediums', Special Classes, and Seminars. Please consult the Web at www.fscbrockton.homestead.com; e-mail: lynnkent@spiritmedium.com, or Toll Free: 877-568-7315.

SPRINGFIELD - The First Spiritualist Church of Springfield, Inc.
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Writing in *"O"* magazine, Parker J. Palmer asks "Are you listening to your life?" He points out that the word vocation rooted in Latin means voice and he explains that our inner voice is telling us what to do with our life if only we will listen to it.

Indeed, our vocation is embedded—encoded within our minds. We do not come into life without instructions. When we listen, we learn that our interests/abilities show us the way to arrive at our vocation.

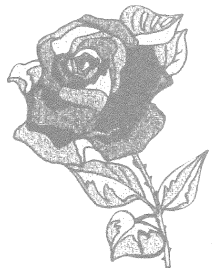
Theologian Frederick Buechner, defined true vocation as the joining of self and service. If we listen carefully life will clearly tell us what we are to do with our life.

If the thought of a thing besets you,
And will not let you rest,
When the ought of the thing once gets you,
Demanding your very best,
Then the want of the thing is maddening
As it holds you in its sway,
It is your souls desire my friend,
And at length shall have its way.

"The Genome Misnomer"

The new science that claims genes of the body cause illness is in error of the ways of the Creator's great plan of placing each mind within a body form that reflects it in the same way life experiences reflect each individual mind—making it a mirror for minds to view what they are. Imperfect genes, therefore, simply point out the fact of imperfect thoughts—feelings of mind which do cause illness.

We are not these bodies that we wear
While on this dense experiential plane.
They are but a mirror meant to show
The level of perfection we've attained.
Just as our experiences reveal
The consequences of our imperfections,
Our bodies are the blueprints of ourselves,
Our true reflections.



SPIRIT FLOW FROM GOD...

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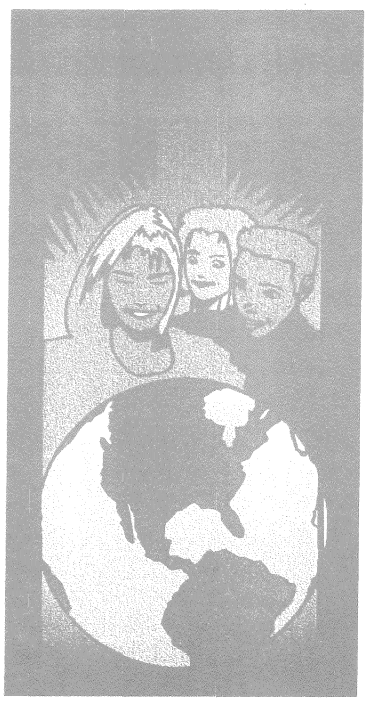
to each soul than anything of the physical could be. Fear fades when love is present. Trust is the basis of flow and of love, so a consciousness in the flow receives love and wisdom and all good things available to enjoy. Truth and trust is allowing yourself to be open and receptive to whatever wonders the Universe brings to you in any given moment.

The words of H. Emilie Cady speak to us of flow: "A pool cannot be kept clean and sweet and renewed unless there is an outlet as well as an inlet. It is our business to keep both the inlet and outlet open, and God's business to keep the stream flowing in and through us." Truth, flow and love are the key to happiness, health, joy and abundance. Life is energy, motion, flow.

The conscious personality is always trying to discover truth, discover the secret of life. Answers to life's questions, indications and directions arrive from Spirit in many ways when we are receptive to receive. An excellent way to receive is through meditation, for during moments of quiet, in the inner world, we hear truth and we experience love. Be nourished by God's Truth of Love. ♫

VALIDATING THE AFTERLIFE: IT GIVES SPIRITUALISM THE EDGE

BY ROBERT EGBY, NEW JERSEY



In an age of high pressure marketing, what exactly is Spiritualism offering? What gives us the edge? And are we using that edge?

In setting up a marketing program, or even developing marketing enthusiasm among church members, it is essential that the "product" be defined. As various other mainline churches gear up to attracting larger congregations, more members, more pastors and church boards are resorting to product marketing.

What exactly are we marketing in Modern Spiritualism? What gives us the edge over the mainline churches?

"We offer a sense of community," says someone. True, but many other religions are actively setting up extensive programs for seniors and young people. They are developing activity centers, promoting local talent, setting up classes of instruction in health, good health dietary regimes, and help groups for care-givers.

Some Spiritualists might suggest: "We offer peaceful, loving environments." True, but so do a lot of other churches and religious centers.

"We offer spiritual development, a recognition of God, Infinite Intelligence." True, but so do a lot of other churches and religious centers.

"We bring greetings from the Other Side. Messages." Ah, now we are getting close to determining the key product of Spiritualist Churches—Spiritualist Mediums bring messages from departed loved ones, friends and teachers, and this gives Spiritualism a unique status—but it's not the edge in Marketing. It's close, but not the core.

In marketing, it helps to understand the human psyche. Major corporations spend billions of dollars each year researching and utilizing this in their commercials. The average human being is so enmeshed in the physical, so obsessed with material acquisition, so desirous of earthly security, that the very suggestion that all this could be lost, prompts a shiver and a spectrum of fears. The bottom line is a *fear of death*—and death comes in all shapes and sizes, death through accident, death through illness, death through old age. It's inevitable. Death is the great bogey. To the materialistic and physically-oriented mind death is total loss, an expansive, black void of nothingness. The materialist does not want to think about the day the black robed grim reaper comes and says: "It's time."

Spiritualism has the answer: There is no death. There is an Afterlife and Spiritualism validates and confirms it regularly. Our marketing thrust can be: Let us show you how. We can show you, scientifically, that there is no such thing as death. You can enjoy life to the fullest. These are the comforting and convincing marketing tools that must be used for a waiting world.

The early pioneers, lacking our technological resources, knew how to market Spiritualism and they went out and did it, building churches, inviting people to circles, speaking at public meetings. They explained the philosophy in simple terms, and the pioneer mediums validated it.

Statistics furnished by the opponents of the movement in 1867—nineteen years after Hydesville—stated Spiritualism had eleven million supporters on the American continent. Emma Hardinge Britten reports this in her book *Modern American Spiritualism*.

Consider this: Last summer, 1,200 people flocked to Lily Dale to hear medium James Van Praagh talk and give messages. Did they all go expecting a message? Unlikely. They simply wanted to see and hear a well-respected medium validating and confirming the existence of the Afterlife. Why do millions of people watch American medium John Edward and British medium Derek Acorah on television in their respective countries? They seek validation of the Afterlife.

This is why mediumship is so important. NSAC Board Trustee, Sylvia Kincaid said recently: "The popularity of John Edward, his book and the TV show which is rated Number One on the SciFi Channel, should tell our mediums something. He brings forth word from family and friends. He does not tell them whether or not they are going to get a new job, win a lottery or their car needs repair. The tears that are shed are not from being told that their roof leaks, etc., but the proof that their loved ones are alive and well."

It's fine for mediums to bring forth messages from loved ones, but they should strive to validate the existence of life after death. A whole string of vague "lovey" messages without even a hint of validation, ridicules the very essence of Spiritualism, and chases away the skeptical

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newcomer to the church. Such messages create boredom for regular members. Validation of the Afterlife! It's a vital key in today's marketing. It gives Spiritualists the edge.

The potential for getting new people into our churches is great. It has never been better. Mainline churches in America and Europe are facing a crisis through their inability to change with the times. In the 1990s, for the first time in North American history, there were more non-Christians than Christians. In 1999, the great Anglican Church in Britain reported a membership of less than one million people.

But Spiritualists should not point to empty or vacant Christian Churches with any satisfaction. Thirty years ago, our magazine *The National Spiritualist Summit* listed 158 auxiliaries. In 2000 *The Summit* listed 121.

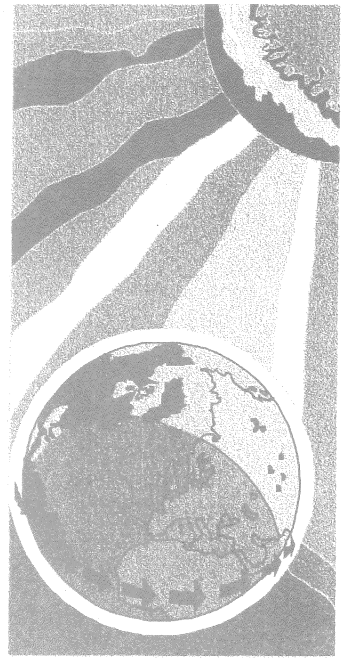
A year or so ago an outsider to Spiritualism, Dr. Clyde B. Parrish conducted an objective study of NSAC. The study, funded by a research grant from the University of Cincinnati, questioned 113 ordained ministers on their views, their Churches, Pastoral Skills and Ministerial Education. He wrote in the summary: "The National Spiritualist Association of Churches has a unique spiritual message that resonates with the personal beliefs and hopes of numerous Americans. Many may be unaware of the denomination's existence or have a confused image of it. With its dedicated cadre of pastors, solid national leadership team, and a strategic vision for the future, the NSAC can meet the needs of the spiritual seeker of the 21st century." These were the words of an outsider—a Doctor of Ministry!

Spiritualism has "a unique spiritual message." So why are we hiding it? Some progressive church pastors have publicly discussed and promoted Spiritualism. In Chicago, IL. Rik Kristinat is a well known movie and TV casting director. He's also a clairvoyant, a member of NSAC and Secretary of the Illinois State Spiritualist Association of Churches. The Chicago-based *Screen* magazine did a feature on all his talents. Since then, business has boomed.

Last year, NSAC medium and healer, the Rev. Sandra Cook of the Summerland Spiritualist Church of the Comforter in Santa Barbara, California, received a front page color spread in a California newspaper. Also, Associated Press interviewed NSAC medium the Rev. Beverly Burdick-Carey in Lily Dale. A variety of newspapers across the country printed the story.

The NBC current affairs program "Dateline" on November 17, 2000, following a major feature of medium John Edward, presented some surprising results of a nationwide web-based survey on Spirit contact. "Asked is it possible to communicate with the dead, 76% of Americans said "Yes," and 24% said "No."

If an incredible three quarters of Americans believe in Spirit contact, why is there an apparent unawareness of Spiritualism? Are people at the local level "unaware" of Spiritualism? Incredibly so. A municipal clerk of a small community told me recently: "Spiritualist Church? I have been here 13 years and I didn't know one existed here." Is it a fact that many Spiritualist Churches, perhaps still clinging to ancient reports of harassment in another age, adopt the Ostrich Syndrome of burying their heads in the sand, hoping no one will notice?



The writing is on the wall. Like our Babylonian ancestors we don't like to read these things. The solution? Do something! Be active! Develop marketing plans! Discuss ways and means of getting the message of Modern Spiritualism out to the world. Recruit all the available talent in congregations and membership. Attract and keep new members.

There are many avenues for promoting Modern Spiritualism. Launch public workshops and seminars. Create entertaining information evenings to discuss the Philosophy and Science of Spiritualism. It's a fact, newcomers to churches—mainline and Spiritualist—first like to attend an event that does not involve a religious service. Have a newspaper reporter write an article on mediumship. When some disgruntled reader writes a derogatory letter to a local newspaper regarding Spiritual life, respond positively and quickly. There are many avenues to explore for getting the message of Spiritualism across.

Centuries ago, the Renaissance in Europe marked a decisive turn in historical evolution, the end of the Middle Ages and the beginning of modern times. It took society almost 200 years to grasp and appreciate the changes.

Just six years ago, another renaissance was born—the Internet providing instant and global communication. Some people fear the Internet, and yet NSAC has received queries from interested people all over the world, and the number is growing.

A new survey by the Washington DC-based Pew Internet & American Life Project suggests that many mainline churches and synagogues have found new energy and purpose through the use of the Internet. Most of the 1,309 responding congregations say their Web sites and email facilities have helped the spiritual life of their faith communities and bound members closer together.

The Barna Research Group in California which specializes in Christian trends and statistics, reports more people are interested in spirituality than in the church. Barna says that one out of every three adults in the United

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States is unchurched—that's 65 million people. Another group that watches sociological patterns world wide is the Trends Research Institute. The Institute predicted in September 2000 that a new world religion will arise. It will be based more on something loosely defined as "spirituality" than on specific creeds, and it will appeal to the next generation, says the Institute.

What could be more appealing than the comforts provided and validated by Spiritualism?

Marketing Modern Spiritualism to the world is essential, if our Churches are to survive, and we now have the technology to do this. Remember, when the Fox Sisters and the early pioneers marketed Spiritualism, they didn't have the luxury of mass communication tools. But they knew how to market Spiritualism.

Imagine this. You get to the Other Side, and waiting for you are a bunch of old die-hard Spiritualists like Emma Hardinge, Cora Richmond, Leonora Piper, Moses Hull and others. You tell them the Church collapsed. Nobody came.

Emma will say: "Look, we sent you electricity, we sent you gramophones, we sent you telephones, we sent you radio, we sent you television, we sent you movies, we sent you e-mail and we sent you the Internet, so that you could spread the good words of Modern Spiritualism to millions of people. And what did you do? You sat in your churches, you sat in your circles, and you asked Infinite Intelligence for help, you asked for guidance. And when Infinite Intelligence sent you all those things, you ignored them and said they were not Spiritual."



The writing is on the wall. It's a wake-up call to Modern Spiritualism. The technology is here and for the most part, it's free. Modern Spiritualism has good speakers and good teachers. In marketing dialogue, we have a great product—a product the world wants and needs. That's why people are crowding to mediums like John Edward and James Van Praagh in the United States and Derek Acorah and others in Britain.

When millions of people tune to a website or a television program to see and hear a medium connecting with loved ones and friends on the Other Side, and validating the continued existence of those Spirits, it's time for every pastor, every church board member, every medium to say: "We need to get out there and do our part."

There are millions who want to learn that by validation of the continuous existence of Spirit and the Afterlife, that they can liberate themselves from the fears of death—and experience peace, laughter, harmony and joy in their lives.

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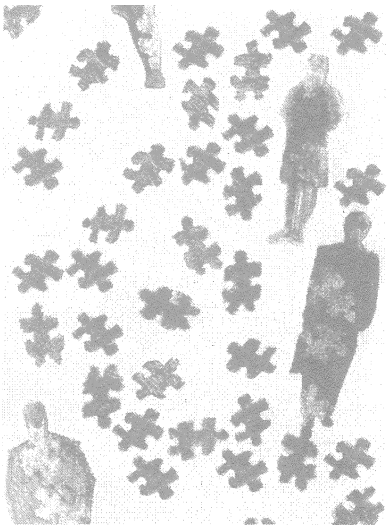
Instructions for Life in the New Millennium from the Dalai Lama...

1. Take into account that great love and great achievements involve great risk.
2. When you lose, don't lose the lesson.
3. Follow the three Rs: respect for self; respect for others; and responsibility for all your actions.
4. Remember that not getting what you want is sometimes a wonderful stroke of luck.
5. Learn the rules so you know how to break them properly.
6. Don't let a little dispute injure a great friendship.
7. When you realize you've made a mistake, take immediate steps to correct it.
8. Spend some time alone every day.
9. Open your arms to change, but don't let go of your values.
10. Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer.
11. Live a good, honorable life. Then when you get older and think back, you'll be able to enjoy it a second time.
12. A loving atmosphere in your home is the foundation for your life.
13. In disagreements with loved ones, deal only with the current situation. Don't bring up the past.
14. Share your knowledge. It's a way to achieve immortality.
15. Be gentle with the earth.
16. Once a year, go someplace you've never been before.
17. Remember that the best relationship is one in which your love for each other exceeds your need for each other.
18. Judge your success by what you had to give up in order to get it.
19. Approach love and cooking with reckless abandon.

deal and either way it still proves the continuity of life—whether a continuous life in spirit, or trips back to Earth to learn more Earth experiences that may not be able to be experienced in spirit.

According to some researchers about 75% of the Earth population believes in some form of reincarnation. Many Spiritualists also believe. Some writers claim that reincarnation was in the earlier Christian writings, but was taken out in about the third century. There are some references that can still be found.

One reason cited to reject the theory of reincarnation is the estimates of the Earth's early population, for they feel that the early population was so small that there would never be enough souls to reincarnate as today's population. The world population in 1814 was supposed to be nine hundred million. Today it is close to 6 billion—the world population has doubled in the last forty years. On the other hand, we do not know what has taken place on earth or other planets in the distant past, so both sides of the question have an answer.



From the late Rev. Joseph Merrill's book, *Do I Have To,* inspired from spirit, he was told that it is as much a theory in the Spirit World as it is on Earth. Yet, I have been told through my wife's trance mediumship "that of course we reincarnate, that the Earth is the fastest place to learn." So two different thoughts from spirit. Eileen J. Garrett, a great medium, who worked with researchers all through her life claimed, "I know nothing about reincarnation." She also questioned that her communications were from spirit. The well known medium, Olga Worrall, stated, "That when she saw a six-year-old with his little fingers flying over the keyboard of a piano, she saw spirit hands of a spirit master manipulating the fingers of the child." Many that believe in reincarnation feel that these early skills in children are from a past life.

I do feel that age-regression hypnosis is not a very reliable way to check for a past life since it is a fact that a hypnotized person does try to please the hypnotist or audience. On the other hand, some regressions have checked out in detail, with many correct facts, or a language spoken not known to the subject. These are not the average. It is similar to when you receive a very evidential message from spirit through a medium, one that nobody knew about, not even yourself, until you asked an older family member who verified the message that proves the continuity of life on the spirit side.

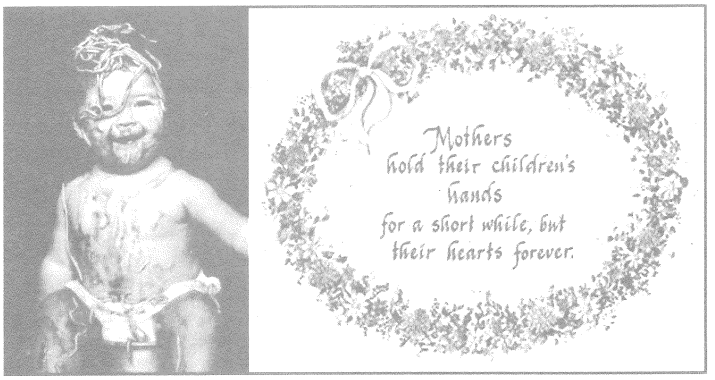
Ian Stevenson, doing research at the University of Virginia on reincarnation, finds that very young children offer the best credence of reincarnation. Youngsters between three and five-years-old are the good subjects for memories seem to leave by eight-years-old. He has researched over 2,500 cases—many with past lives that were checked and found to be fact.

Loyd Auerbach, author and researcher, wrote that he believes that of the paranormal events, reincarnation is the most documented and provable.

So what do we have. Thousands of pages can be written for both sides of the debate. Write the word reincarnation on an Internet search and you will be surprised at the amount of information available for both sides of the discussion.

For me, one life at a time is enough, if we do a good job with this one. Those that come back from near death experiences relate we should use our time to love our neighbor; learn all we can; be thankful for the life the creator has shared with us; and know that life is forever, whether on Earth or in the Spirit World. So let's all enjoy the life we have now, and we can trust that Infinite Intelligence won't let us down, that the future will be even brighter and better as we advance into the light.

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Theme Park Patterns

BY THE REV. CHARLENE KLEINSCHMIDT, NST, NEW YORK

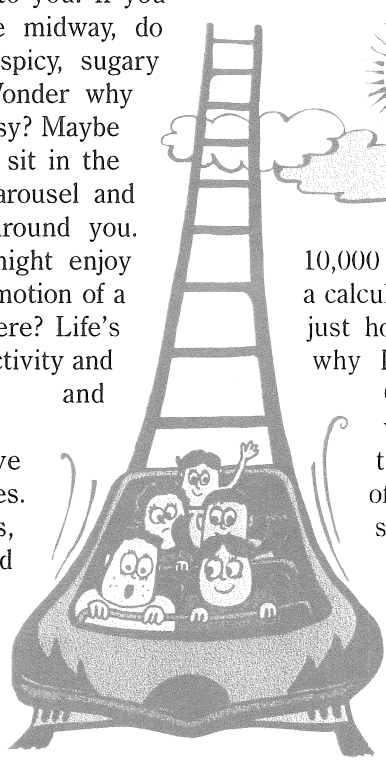
Some days no matter how much you accomplish there is another pile waiting for your attention and it all needs doing TODAY!! My pile of "ITS" was going to wait, while I stopped to write this, which seemed like more fun. I will wager if "It" doesn't get done today, "It" will still be waiting tomorrow.

The phone rang, and I smiled to hear my new granddaughter's voice. Let me explain. I had lost touch with my adopted grandson several years ago and we found each other shortly before Thanksgiving. He's now married with a daughter of his own. His wife has become another grandchild to me and we have wonderful conversations. I admire them both, because while in their early twenties they have put their lives together and are mature, delightful adults. My youngest granddaughter has chosen to live with them and they are experiencing all the problems of anyone raising a thirteen-year-old.

When we hung up, I glanced at the clock and realized we had been on the phone an hour! It had seemed only minutes and the frantic feeling of the morning had dissipated. I had been caught up in the conversation, it felt so great to be able to hear about them, I hadn't thought once about the work waiting for me.

Often we rush through our days and our work seems a chore. We could really be enjoying the jobs, if we weren't letting our minds run ahead to the next thing that must be done. We are told in so many ways to stay in the present, to treasure each moment. More often than not, our pattern flows to what is convenient for us. We are more likely to behave like children in a theme park. As soon as we know the ride is ending, we anticipate the next ride rather than enjoying this ride to the end.

Take a moment to look at our theme park. What "rides" do you choose, that turn our time into a roller coaster or a merry-go-round. What do you see in the house of mirrors? Your life reflects back to you. If you wander down the midway, do you taste every spicy, sugary thing in sight? Wonder why you feel a bit queasy? Maybe you've decided to sit in the gondola on the carousel and watch life spin around you. Sometimes you might enjoy the up and down motion of a horse going nowhere? Life's patterns require activity and rest, variety and stimulation.



We all have themes in our lives. Those dreams, decisions and delights we cherish, but often don't act upon. There are also the dares not taken, the dilemmas not solved, and the demons of accusation waiting for us in the mystery house where we could spend too much time.

We have choice. We decide if we want our theme to continue the same. "Do we want a scary, thrill a minute" or "what's the next threat" attitude ride. We may choose to make our lives like the finely sewn and crafted pieces we view in the park's bazaar and craft buildings. If we choose the House of Positive Attitudes, we will take the time to listen to each other, to learn the skills we need and attitudes that will support us and allow us to enjoy every minute of our lives...this is the spiritual choice.

How many of the same themes you encounter over and over again in your life are with you today? How many times each day do you think of all you need to do, then feel a little guilty for stopping to enjoy a cup of coffee or a telephone call? Remember to enjoy life and enjoy your work. The other day, for the umpteenth time, I said, "I should write a book! But, they want 10,000 words or better!" I pulled out a calculator to show my husband Al just how difficult it would be and why I wouldn't have the time. Guess what I figured...at 334 words a day, I'd have more than 10,020 words at the end of thirty days. He laughed and said, "You write that much when you write a note." That was a week ago. Is the book started? You know the answer. But I changed the theme a little and accepted that there is a time for fun and a time for work. Obviously, I don't want to write the book at this moment, so why hit myself over the head for not doing it. I'd much rather visit with my grandchild. Incidentally, this article is around 800 words long already, guess I wouldn't have trouble writing a book when the time is right.

Take a look at your theme park. Decide which route you want to take and enjoy it. See how many "to dos" you've completed, and revel in what's done. Now, go to the next thing and concentrate on it. Enjoy each ride and you may be surprised how easy it is to make every "ride" in the theme park before it closes. See you at the gate!

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Humor to put you in Good Spirits . . .

Great Truths about life that little children have learned:

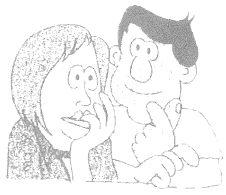
- No matter how hard you try, you can't baptize cats.
- When your Mom is mad at your Dad, don't let her brush your hair.
- If your sister hits you, don't hit her back. They always catch the second person.
- Never ask your 3-year-old brother to hold a tomato.
- You can't trust dogs to watch your food.
- Reading what people write on desks can teach you a lot.
- Don't sneeze when someone is cutting your hair.



- Puppies still have bad breath, even after eating a tic-tac.
- Never hold a Dust-Buster and a cat at the same time.
- School lunches stick to the wall.
- You can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk.
- Don't wear polka-dot underwear under white shorts.
- The best place to be when you're sad is Grandpa's lap.

Great Truths about life that adults have learned:

- Raising teenagers is like nailing Jell-O to a tree.
- There is always a lot to be thankful for, if you take the time to look. For example, I'm sitting here thinking how nice it is that wrinkles don't hurt.



- One reason to smile is that every seven minutes of every day, someone in an aerobics class pulls a hamstring.
- Car sickness is the feeling you get when the monthly payment is due.
- The best way to keep kids at home is to make a pleasant atmosphere...and let the air out of their tires.
- Families are like fudge...mostly sweet, with a few nuts.
- Today's mighty oak is just yesterday's nut that held its ground.
- Laughing helps. It's like jogging on the inside.
- Middle age is when you choose your cereal for the fiber, not the toy.
- My mind not only wanders; sometimes it leaves completely.
- If you can remain calm, you just don't have all the facts.

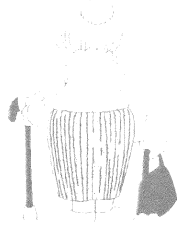
Great Truths about growing old:

- Growing old is mandatory; growing up is optional.
- Insanity is my only means of relaxation.
- You know you're getting old when you stoop to tie your shoes and wonder what else you can do while you're down there.
- You're getting old when you get the same sensation from a rocking chair that you once got from a roller coaster.
- Perhaps you know why people over seventy don't have babies: They would put them down somewhere and forget where they left them.
- One of life's mysteries is how a two pound box of candy can make



a person gain five pounds.

- I finally got my head together, and my body fell apart.
- There cannot be a crisis this week; my schedule is already full
- Time may be a great healer, but it's also a lousy beautician.
- The older you get, the tougher it is to lose weight, because by then your body and your fat are really good friends.
- Age doesn't always bring wisdom. Sometimes age comes alone.
- Just when I was getting used to yesterday, along came today.
- Freedom of the press means no-

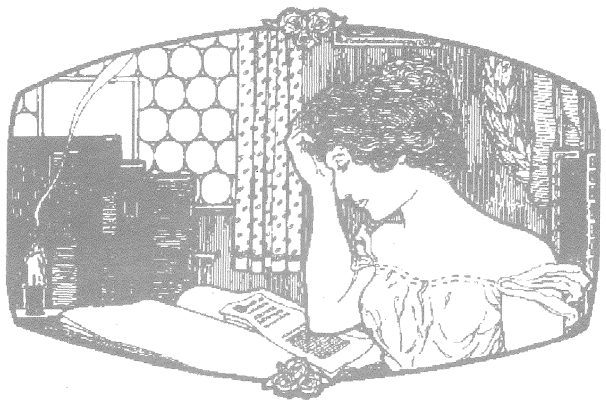


iron clothes.

- Inside some of us is a thin person struggling to get out, but they can usually be sedated with a few

THE SPIRIT LETTER

BY TOM PIRNIE, ENGLAND



Beloved, I love you still. I feel that longing, aching need for you here and now, as when I first saw you. Although at this moment we are a physical lifetime apart, when close to you, I sense your love, as warm and real as it ever was. I am aware of your growing feelings of guilt and disloyalty, as grief diminishes, I touch you, fleetingly, but you are unaware, yet I feel your growing sensitivity to my presence.

Could you but hear my voice you would know my prayer, that grief for me be locked away in memory, for it is naught but a millstone around our eternal life. Grieve not for me, for I live, I am truly me. Empty yourself of longing for my return, and you will be filled with the knowing that the love you so cherished has never gone away. Weep not for the love once known in the stillness of the night, but welcome the enfolding vibrancy of exquisite memory. I am free of all earthly things, other than my love for you, which lives on in my soul.

I am now free of the fear of death, free of the taboo of voicing its name when life was so filled with happiness and hope, as we pledged our troth, enjoyed the wonder of the newborn, and shared delight in the love of growing children. I am at long last rid of the indignity of pain, bitterness and humiliation, all death's disciples, who insinuated their unwelcome presence very early into our life together. I thank you now for your refusal to cast aside your faith, your trust, your caring and compassion, given without condition, despite my denunciation of GOD'S seeming pleasure in my misery, and oft-times impassioned, pain-filled cry to the world of His non-existence. I now understand your belief that life is eternal, that death in our life is but rebirth into life continuing.

I beg you to forgive me for humiliating you in many ways. My demeaning of your accomplishments, the greatest of which must be the tolerance of me in your life, my derision at your gentle, but diamond hard conviction that life is a beautiful gift, to be cherished, despite all the agony and ugliness in your own. I could always find solace in my misery, excuse in my pain, and justification of my guilt in my degrading of you.

I understood none of this until the moment I awoke here, still held and protected by your last, loving embrace. It was as though, with one wipe of the "chamois," the window of my understanding became crystal-clear and I could view our life together. I could see my intolerance of you, my hurting of you, my eroding of your self-esteem. Let me not feel cold rejection, only the warmth of acceptance into your awakening sensitivity to my presence. Please forgive me, please love me still.

My life here in practical terms is idyllic. I have been advised by people, not vague, shimmering shadows, but real live people, on some aspects of how life goes on outside this hospital. Mind you, it is like no other hospital that I have ever known, and I have known a few. Colour and love unconditional is the prescription for healing in this sanctuary for the sick, whatever the sickness or condition to mind, body or spirit. Yes, strange as it may seem, I have here mind and spirit contained within apparent earthly body. I find it rather amusing to see myself "normal" having convinced myself upon my arrival here, that my first task would be to qualify as a "SKY-PILOT" and put up my wings in order to move around. I also considered the probability that my final destination might lack the clear blue skies necessary for any new pilot to perform his aerobatics, and instead, I would find myself complete with "DAVEY-LAMP" and shovel, stoking the boilers of perdition. MY GOD!!! How I now detest my cynical, conceited, self-righteous earthly nature, remnants of which still sink their

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needle sharp teeth into my, as yet, frail spirit being. Even so, I was grateful to that nature of mine, from the moment I knew that I would be leaving you. Oh yes!!!, I was aware a goodly time before the event, and my cynical, sarcastic attitude towards my life, and particularly towards you, sustained me through the trauma of my transition. I am just beginning to understand that my attitude towards you at that time is perhaps what I seek most forgiveness for, and if I must pay the highest price in penance, I will pay gladly in new-found humility, understanding and spiritual love.

Earthly life is wrapped in two basic colors, daylight and darkness. The daylight, as the dark, will vary in intensity, shade and shadow, according to time and place, morning, evening, indoors, outdoors, bright sunshine, gloomy clouds and so on. Colour and love unconditional is the prescription that is but one of the wonder of wonders abounding in this beautiful place. Here, the equivalent of daylight comprises the complete colour spectrum, colour, which in impact, brilliance and hue, defies description in earthly vocabulary. The colors are all around me, constantly moving and changing. As my momentary healing need requires a specific quality of recuperative help, so the correct prescription is filled instantly by some subtle change in my personal daylight, so to speak.



I am encouraged to get up, and go out and about and whatever I do, my personal daylight is there too. No darkness, no shadows, simply the most beautiful, peaceful ambience possible to imagine. This personal daylight as I call it, is in reality, a radiance beneficial to every one here, which, when allied to the exquisite surety of Godly love, emanating like breath on a frosty morning, from all in this incredible place, then recovery from any spiritual sickness is inevitable.

It must be difficult to comprehend the apparent chaos engendered by all these personal daylights intermingling, their colors clashing like participants at a psychedelic week-end rave. Yet there is no chaos, no clash, no disharmony. Picture the multifarious colors in a flower-garden in summer, better still, look out of your window, and try to find any of natures colors which create discord in their setting. Take a piece of greenery, such as leaf, and place it amid a cluster of nature's flowers anywhere on God's good earth, and you will be unable to perceive disharmony in that or any other flower-bed in all the world.

No one has ever died in this hospital, and no one ever will. The aim of the treatment is to repair and prepare the living spirit for fulfillment. When I died in the earthly experience and came here, I brought with me new wounds and old scars, inflicted, many by myself, upon my spirit being, throughout my physical existence. I have to know whether these wounds and scars prevent the real "who am I" being known, or whether I am who I am in spite of them.

Was it my long-term illness, with its attendant misery and pain that made me treat you so badly? Perhaps I really am that horrible monster, with or without pain. Was it my conviction of my failure as lover and friend that gave me vicarious delight in destroying any relationship that either of us were given the opportunity to develop, or is destructive envy part of my true nature? This is my sickness here and now, and I must convalesce in this haven of serenity until I know myself. Then will I be aware of where in this world I start to live, reborn into a heaven or hell of my own creation.

There is an incredible magnificence in the simplicity of expressing love here. As the wounds and scars of earthly living irritate and inflame, I try to determine who I really am. As the healing proceeds, someone? tends me, with love unconditional the medicine, and absolute truth the motive. In earthly terms, the nurse arrives with my pill which I have to swallow, only here I have to swallow the truth about myself.

In the beginning, that medicine was truly sickening to imbibe, and filled me with revulsion. Now things are better, and the medicine less bitter, easier to take, and I feel hopeful that I will, in time, and in growth of understanding, heal well enough to live life eternal, in the brightness of Divine love, and not in the dark despair of spiritual delusion, conceit and self-love.

I can leave this place at any time. I can refuse the healing love, knowledge and wisdom that is available to me. I am, as are all here, a free spirit, free to cease the painful treatment of finding and recognizing myself. Like all patients in any hospital, I have the right to refuse to take medicine. When I do eventually leave here it will be totally my decision. I will walk out complete in knowledge of my true self, or as the sick spirit I was when I arrived.

Upon leaving here I will start my new life at the level of understanding that I have earned through my earthly experience, and my recovery of myself whilst here. The place that through my efforts, or lack of same is considered perfect for me to harmonize with. This is the home I have earned through dreams, ambitions, actions, words, thoughts and deeds in the earth life. All sifted, sorted, scanned, changed, kept, cast off in the search for who I really am. I look forward to going to my new home, but am sure that I need a little longer here. I know that I have performed some very searching surgery on myself, and although the truth was extremely painful, my deeper understanding proved its success. I am not satisfied that I am healed, but I am

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convinced that the healing pathway I now tread is the right one for me,

One thing I have learned is that you and I are not so very far apart after all. I have mentioned my colorful personal daylight, you have your personal aura. I have my spiritual physician, you possess an intuitive inner-voice. I have the knowledge that unconditional love is of God. You possess the knowing that love must be true in trust and faith to be of spirit. The veil between us, though indestructible in purpose, is gossamer fine in function, being the ever-opening and closing door to each other.

My one desire is, in the fullness of time, to be with you once more. I must therefore continue to aspire to a finer way of being, which will be in harmony with you. In unending love and with unbending faith, I thank you now for being the inspiration to my becoming a truly fine spiritual being.

All my love
"Yours"

We speak of sacred things occasionally, but always one-on-one, or at most in twos and threes, and then only when the group is known and the time is intimate and safe."

– Sophy Burnham, *A Book of Angels*

MONTHLY

FAVORITE SAYINGS TO LIVE BY

"Be ye strong...let not your hands be weak: for your work shall be rewarded."
– II Chronicles 15:7

"For I, the Lord thy God, will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee."
– Isaiah 41:13

"And this is the confidence that we have in Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will He hears us."
– I John 5:14

"Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation."
– Psalm 25:4-5

"The measure you give will be the measure you get back."
– Luke 6:38

Recognize challenges, not as threats, but as opportunities to trust in the process, to grow in understanding and to use the wisdom that God has given you.
– SP

"God never disappoints us when we go within for a time of silence. Move beyond the point of having to think about solving anything into the realm of knowing that God will provide the solution. Listen and learn from God."
– Daily Word

LIONEL OWEN IN CALIFORNIA



MAE SPRIGGS AND LIONEL OWEN

Sunday, January 21st, was a special occasion for the San Francisco Spiritualist Society. Lionel Owen, President of the International Spiritualist Federation, was the guest worker for the evening. At Mr. Owen's request, the opening invocation given by him was the one used in his British Lyceum. He led the congregation in repeating the several lines:

Brothers and sisters gathered here,
Seen and unseen, everyone dear.
We wish you greeting and welcome true,
Love and good feeling extended to you.
We'll each of us try in his own little way
To make a success of our session today,
So that when it is over, the object we seek
Is strength and encouragement for all of next week.
With a warm heart and a cool head
We part with malice to none
And love to all the world.

As this was the closest Sunday to the NSAC Founders Day, Mr. Owen gave a most enlightening lecture on the Lyceum and its founding by Andrew Jackson Davis. With enthusiasm, he encouraged the many members of the congregation to learn about Spiritualism and be able to help others they meet in their daily lives by using their knowledge of our Religion. He also shared his mediumship in giving messages to many in attendance.



LIONEL OWEN AND BARBARA THURMAN

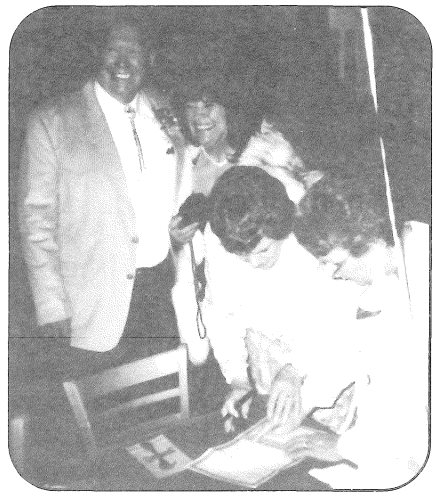
WEDDING IN ARIZONA



MR. AND MRS. ETHINGTON

Saturday, November 26, 2000, a longtime Spiritualist and a frequent attendee at NSAC Conventions, Tina Coe was married. Her groom, Heber (Red) Ethington, is new to our religion, but was blessed with a Spiritualist wedding. The minister, the Rev. Janet Tisdale, officiated at the service.

The wedding bridesmaid was Jean Lamparter, and the best man, Ray Lowrie.



SIGNING THOSE IMPORTANT PAPERS.

The location of the ceremony and the reception was Miamigos Restaurant in Mesa, Arizona. About 40 to 50 family members and very close friends attended.

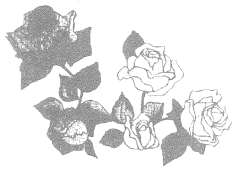
Mr. and Mrs. Ethington are now living in San Leandro, California. JUST HAPPY, HAPPY.

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DOLORES RAY, TINA ETHINGTON, AND JANET TISDALE, ALL MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH OF THE LIVING SPIRIT NSAC.

"The greatest thing in the world is to know how to belong to ourselves."
– Montaigne



God's Love

– Anonymous

How deep is my love
For all mankind
The birds, the bees
And animals too.
Fish in the sea
Plants and trees
My love is here
For all to see.

As deep as the ocean
As high as the sky
The Universe and
Eternity
All planets great and
small
I made them all
My love has no end
It is there for all to see.

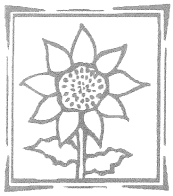
Be kind to each other
The birds, the trees
All creatures great and
small
I, love them all.
My children I bless you
One and all
That's how deep My
love is.

God's Blessing

By Josetta Ludwig



Lo, I am with you always
I am the spotted eagle that flies
The highest of all creatures
I am the soft wind that whispers
My name and touches the trees
With my love.
I am the songbird upon whose sound
My light is carried
I am the waters of life
I am the sky and earth
I am the stars and flowers
I am Light and Love
And I am with you always and forever.



The Prophet *(excerpt)*

by Khalil Gibran

Your children are not your children. They are the sons and daughters of life's longing for itself. They come through you but not from you, and though they are with you, yet they belong not to you. You may give them your love, but not your thoughts. For they have their own thoughts. You may house their bodies but not their souls, for their souls dwell in the house of tomorrow, which you cannot visit, not even in your dreams.

You may strive to be like them, but seek not to make them like you. For life goes not backward nor tarries with yesterday. You are the bows from which your children as living arrows are sent forth. The archer sees the mark upon the path of the infinite and he bends you to his might that his arrow may go swift and far. Let your bending in the archer's hand be for gladness; for even as he loves the arrow that flies, so he loves also the bow that is stable.

Give Away

– Author Unknown



Whatever you give away
today,
or think or say or do
will multiply about
tenfold
and then return to you.

It may not come
immediately,
nor from the obvious
source
but the Law applies
unfailingly,
through some invisible
force.

Whatever you feel about
another,
be it love or hate or
passion
will surely bounce right
back to you
in some clear (or secret)
fashion.
If you speak about some
person,
a word of praise or two,
soon, tens of other people
will speak kind words of
you.

Our thoughts are broad-
casts of the soul,
not secrets of the brain.
Kind ones bring us
happiness;
petty ones, untold pain.

Giving works as surely
as reflections in a mirror.
If hate you send, hate
you'll get back,
but loving brings love
nearer.

Remember, as you start
this day
and duty crowds your
mind,
that kindness comes so
quickly back
to those who first are
kind.

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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.

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