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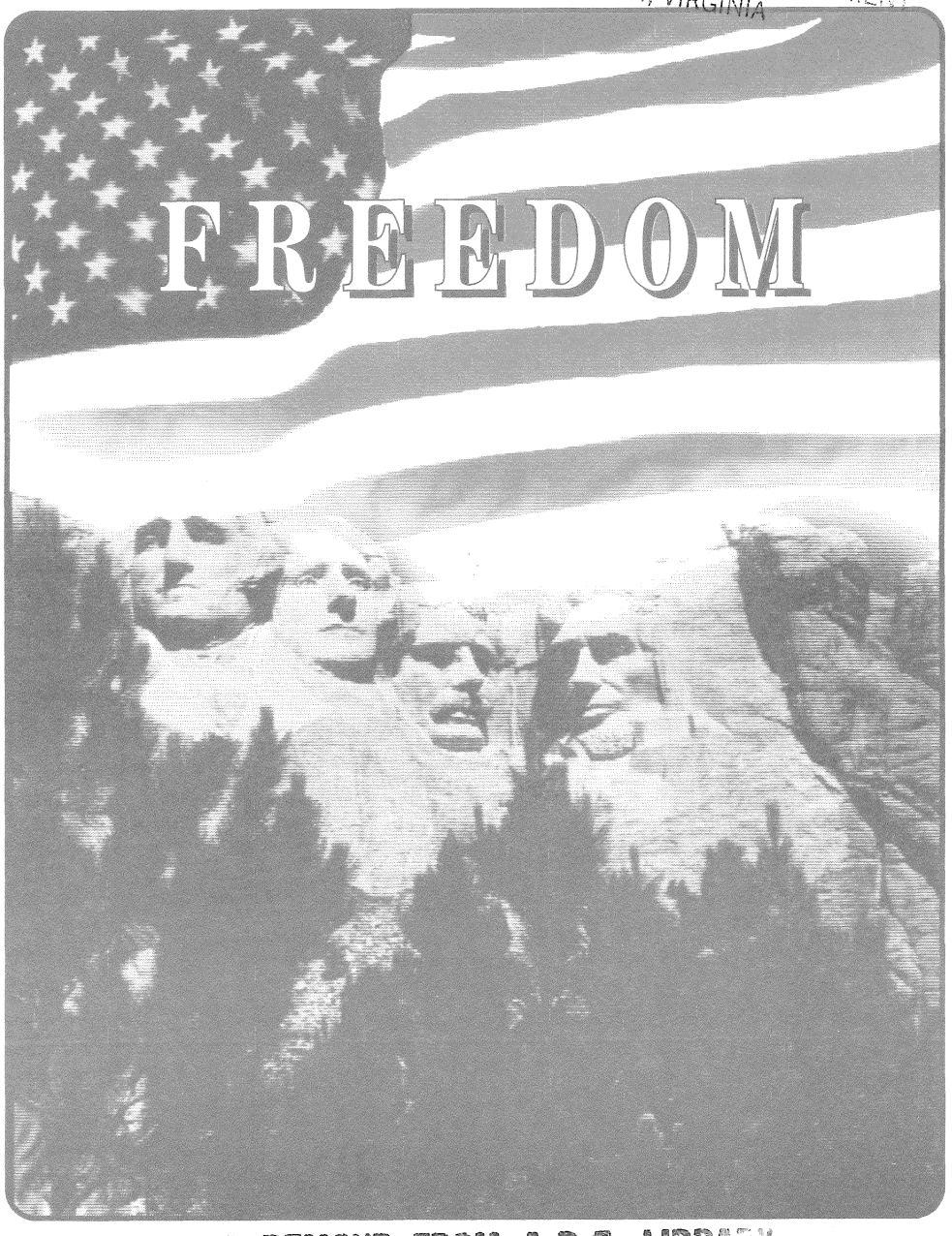
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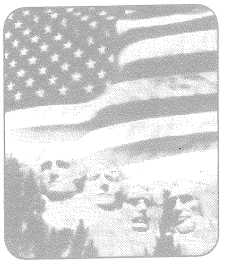
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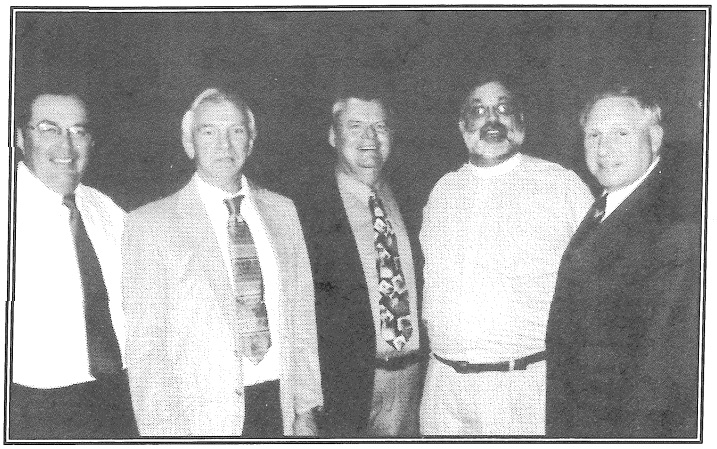
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The Message Of Spiritualism!

Eternal Life—Continuous Growth—Love!

BY THE REV. SANDRA PFORTMILLER, NST



Recently our Church was invited to be a part of a Religious Speaker's Forum, where four ministers or pastors from various belief systems were to present their views and philosophy. We were thrilled, but also nervous. At our worship service, during the announcements, we requested the congregation attend, if they could, to support us and joked they might also protect us if the audience at the meeting began throwing tomatoes.

The moderator of the forum sent us a list of questions that were to be asked of each speaker. The gentleman is of Protestant background and the questions reflected this. However, he tried to include a couple of topics he felt would be appropriate for Spiritualism. These were the questions:

1. Do you believe that Christ is the Son of God, the Savior of the World? What is the God Head?
2. Do you believe in life after death? What happens when we die?
3. Is there a devil? (Hell, damnation?)
4. Do you believe that the Bible is the word of God? Are the Old Testament stories fictional or true?
5. Was there really an Adam and Eve?
6. Do you believe in the gift of tongues, visions, healing, and prophesy?
7. What does the resurrection mean?
8. Do you believe in the Millennium?
9. Must one be baptized to be saved?
10. Did we live before we were born?

How would you have addressed these subjects? It sent us to do some research, for many of these concepts are not what we frequently discuss in Spiritualism. Also, we wanted to know how the other religions viewed these terms so we could talk on the subjects with clarity.

One of the members of our church said if the other speakers tried to convert a Spiritualist, they wouldn't get very far, because we know within and trust our knowing. How true. One reason could be that those who have had a deep Spiritual experience understand the world from a more open viewpoint, for they are thoroughly convinced of a greater reality. Little can shake this knowing. There may be times we become upset about something, but the knowledge of spirit communication and eternal life are truths and conclusions that are deeply held, a certainty no one can change.

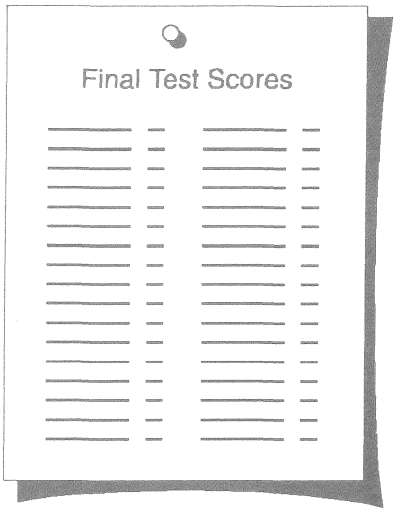
Seventeen people from our Church came, and it was such a wonderful and interesting evening that there are plans for another Religious Speaker's Forum. We have already been invited. The other speakers and religions represented were: Universal Unitarians, Church of the Latter Day Saints/Mormons, Episcopalians.

The speakers were each given four minutes to give a brief, very brief, overview of their religion and then the list of questions were asked. The Universal Unitarian pastor surprised us all when he claimed he was an agnostic, did not pray, did not believe in an afterlife, but tried to teach his congregation to be the best they could be in their lifetime, using affirmations, kindness and positive thinking. The Mormon gentleman used the *Bible* and the *Book of Mormon* to support every answer, reading most of what he said. When asked the highest role a woman could play in their religion he replied, "Mother." When asked about Hell, he painted a disturbing picture. The Episcopalian Father explained their religion was a break-off of the Catholic religion and similar in beliefs. However, he did not interpret the *Bible*, especially the Old Testament, as completely literal and felt many of the stories were teaching parables and that the history of the times was part of the literature.



Limited space does not allow the responses, but a short discussion of our view of one of the questions might be interesting. Is

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Learning Life's Lessons

BY LAURA LEE PERKINS, M.ED., MAINE

There are many differing approaches to living a life. Many want to just survive, to make their way to the goal which is death. Some want to live a life filled with learning, and others want to earn lots of money. Some folks lie and steal, some folks tell the absolute truth and many live somewhere in-between these two poles. But the one thing that is constant is our searching nature. We were given an intelligent mind so that we could look for our ancestral roots and peer forward into our perceived future.

The steps along the way are strewn with experiences that are often referred to as "life's lessons." Is it important that we learn new ways of being in the world? I believe that it is. These are some of the lessons that have been meaningful to others, and, therefore might be worth contemplating:

- Many inventors have written about the importance of an active listening mode, when ideas flow from some invisible source to the surface of consciousness where they can be used. The power that exerts itself to be recognized is beyond what we can conceive.
- The force which propels information into our consciousness is within us; it does not come from a source to which we have no connection. The flow of a creative life is from the inside out. The source is pure Spirit.
- There is one mind common to all and we have access to it and can use it for good.
- Things that we give our attention to are quickened with new energy.
- Forming a partnership with Spirit will bring you prosperity in all ways.
- Our personal thirst for more can only be satisfied by following the internal spiritual river back to its source. *We are immersed in spiritual power. Use it!*

In preparing for your arrival back to the Source, consider that Spirit's qualities already exist in your being now and show up in different activities. The exercise below was taken from Ernest Holmes & Edward Viljoen—*Science Of The Mind*, September 1997. *Fill in the following information:*

1. Divine power shows up in my life as courage and strength when I _____ _____.

2. Divine love shows up in my life as compassion and kindness when I _____ _____.

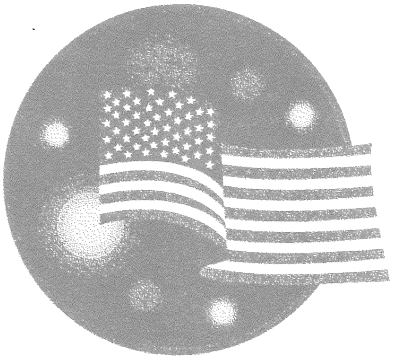
3. Divine light shows up in my life as understanding and intuition when I _____ _____.

4. Divine joy shows up in my life as celebration and happiness when I _____ _____.

5. Divine peace shows up in my life as serenity and poise when I _____ _____.

6. Divine beauty shows up in my life as creativity when I _____ _____.

Honor & Glory



Traveling to foreign countries is always educational and interesting. Returning to the United States, however, usually brings thankfulness for the blessings of this country. On this July 4th, let us show and display our allegiance to our great land of America.

The following are a few miscellaneous tidbits to consider.

Are you a vexillologist? That's a flag expert. Did you know: The flag may be flown upside down in an emergency as a distress signal. That Francis Scott Key wrote the words to *The Star Spangled Banner* on the back of an envelope to the tune of an old English song called *To Anacreon in Heaven.* Have you heard about "Shipwreck" Kelly (1885-1952), who was famous for sitting on flagpoles? His record was sitting for 49 days on one pole.

A quote from the first, first lady of our country, Martha Washington, *The greater part of our happiness or misery depends on our dispositions and not on our circumstances.*

Abraham Lincoln was one of our greatest presidents and had little schooling, but loved to read so became self-educated. He never attended law school, had no military action experience and failed many times before he succeeded. Lincoln held firm his vision of a unified country. His Emancipation Proclamation in 1863 freed the slaves in Confederate territory not under Union control. Full emancipation came with the 13th Amendment in 1865. Abraham Lincoln and Mary Todd Lincoln communicated with spirit through mediums, having seances both in the White House and elsewhere. Lincoln knew about Natural Law writing: *There are no accidents in my philosophy. Every effect must have its cause. The past is the cause of the present, and the present will be the cause of the future. All these are links in the endless chain stretching from the Infinite to the finite.*

Franklin D. Roosevelt (1882-1945), another great president, was loved because he believed in and worked for the masses, rather than just the few. To turn the depression around he proclaimed the New Deal, used public funds for relief and public works, and promoted the establishment of the Social Security system. His "fireside chats" on radio gave encouragement to the public. Roosevelt was openly hostile to Nazi and Fascist governments before World War II. The Rev. Florence Becker from the Golden Gate Spiritualist Church in California gave seances in the White House to President Roosevelt during the difficult times of World War II. His wife, Eleanor Roosevelt, was a crusader for social justice. She was the first woman to speak at a national convention, to write a syndicated newspaper column, to be a radio commentator, to earn money as a lecturer and to hold regular press conferences. She wrote: *Many people will walk in and out of your life, but only true friends will leave footprints in your heart.*

These are just a few quotes and details to help you remember the greatness of the United States of America. It is also the people who make America great, that means YOU!



FAVORITE SAYINGS TO LIVE BY



"You know quite well deep within you, that there is only a single magic, a single power, a single salvation...and that is called loving."
– Herman Hesse

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"The worst thing in your life may contain the seeds of the best. When you see crisis as an opportunity, your life does not become easy, but more satisfying."
– Joe Kogel

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"The Buddha, the Truly Enlightened One, the unexcelled master physician...having developed and perfected the medicines of the Teachings over countless eons, having cultivated and learned all skills in application of means, and fully consummated the power of illuminating spells, is able to quell all sentient beings' afflictions."
– Garland Sutra 37

Mindfulness



Each month ***The National Spiritualist*** *features the writing of a student who is currently furthering their education. Featured this month is an essay written by* ***Dr. Mary B. Anderson*** *of Encinitas, California, who is enrolled in The College of Spiritual Science.*

One of the most powerful tools we have as an individual is that of being mindful. This mindfulness can transform one to a higher state of consciousness, and is available to anyone with the development of the focused mind. Mindfulness is the cohesive factor which unites body, mind and spirit into an awareness that cannot be separated.

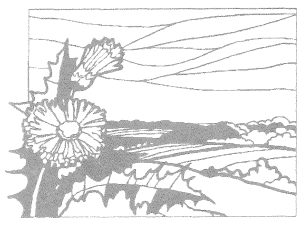
Mindfulness is a mental factor that has the ability to bring forth an intuitiveness that in most people lies dormant until awakened. It separately parallels concentration. Concentration is to steady one's mind on an object, but being mindful is not only to focus the mind on the object itself, but to stay in the moment. That is to become fully aware. When mindfulness and concentration are both developed together, the balance of mind is achieved, and profound listening occurs.

This inner consciousness can happen to one spontaneously, but generally it is a developed art and skill. Spontaneous mindfulness can result from a spiritual or mystical experience, e.g. a near death experience or any other significant challenge that awakens one's mind with an experiential awareness identifying one as a spiritual being and not just a material being. Since most of our human experience has not evolved spiritually this way, the development of mindfulness has a gradual onset and comes from the development of a mental factor.

The path to mindfulness begins with a journey which is narrow—and comes with discipline. The journey is to ascend to spiritual insight that leads to freedom. It is not an effortless path and takes commitment and fortitude.

With regular practice of meditation one moves into a silent space. Focusing only on spiritual Oneness, the single object of all there is, allow thoughts to pass through the mind, if and when they occur. With the absence of thought and becoming mindful of this Oneness, we experience what is real and permanent. God is the only Reality, and the only permanence. All other things reveal their impermanent nature. As one practices mindful meditation regularly, a transformation begins to take place. The mind becomes so trained in this awareness of Oneness that it becomes increasingly natural, and it carries over into all aspects of life. This type of mindfulness gives birth to an effortless awareness. This inner mindfulness is an awareness that creates balance and harmony releasing concepts that keep one bound, such as place, time, ownership and relationship.

Even though the dictionary defines mindfulness as an attentive awareness, this reference denotes outward mindfulness and is based on outlooks of the ego self and not mindfulness that is developed from the inner self. As inner mindfulness continues, feelings and sensations can be observed within one's self and a detachment takes place to give way to more and more harmony within.



Honoring your own body temple that serves as the vehicle for the spirit reveals more and more what resonates with it. Attitudes of a healthy lifestyle evolve naturally. Diet, hygiene, experience and care of the human frame are respected because of the awareness that body, mind and spirit cannot be separated while on this earth plane. This understanding causes one to participate with Natural Law and that every action brings a result. Detachment of harmful physical habits are no longer interpreted as sacrifices, but a freedom to participate in life according to this Natural Law. Surrendering to the inner truth releases conditionings of ego mindfulness and allows one to be directed by inner mindfulness.

Mindfulness of the inner self brings about a subconscious conditioning and thoughts become the object of mindfulness. When we unite with the Oneness of Pure Spirit or Pure Consciousness, the creator of all there is, a realization awakens that we are co-creators by our thought. With continued inner mindful thoughts, right speech and action follow from an intuitive truth rather than observed outcomes based on generalities.

As personal growth develops, this longing moves into other aspects of your life. The need to participate in life with enlightenment becomes reflected in one's work. I once heard an Australian doctor say, "Service is the rent I pay for living on this planet." No matter what occupation or profession, inner mindfulness directs one to integrity, service and right purpose, otherwise it does not fulfill the core of the innermost self.

As mindfulness continues to develop there arises an inner wisdom that allows one to see clearly the nature of conditionings that have directed your life. With understanding and effort to learn how these conditions formulate, we can release them knowing that they are impermanent and transitory. This gives way to freedom. Free will and choice take on a different meaning because it comes from mindful volition and intention, whether one will act upon the conditioning or not.

Practicing inner intention day after day extraordinarily strengthens the mind. As it builds, there are no circumstances that do not warrant the worthiness of awareness. This practice develops intuition of truth and this

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The Divine Self Within

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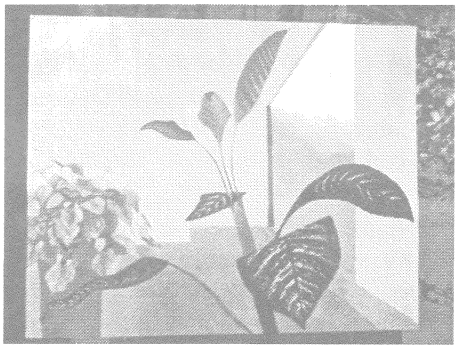
We can all be instruments of the divine power
that streams from the source of our being,
that brings in its train tremendous benefits
that enrich all human life.

In the core of our being dwells the Divine Spark. It is a spark of God—which is the Divine Energy of the Universe. It is the sum total of all our consciousness and unconsciousness. It is different from our physical being. We call this **the Divine Self, or, our true self, our inner self.**

For men and women possess two natures—an external physical one—and an inner one (the spark of the Divine within).

This Divine Self within is whole and perfect, and it is what we wish we would become. But, becoming aware of this is a treasure hard to attain, and we must go on a spiritual quest to find it. It is in this deep place within, that our image of the Divine is born and it is the source of our spiritual hopes and longings.

As children and adolescents, we are unaware of this Divine Self Within. A child's first task is to find a place in the physical world—to function—and deal with daily life. However, if this concentration on the physical material life continues, the life of the person becomes arid and "dries up." We need the "moisture" of our inner selves if our lives are to be alive and whole.



The poet Wordsworth describes the results of preoccupation with the material world as:

The world is too much with us, late and soon,
Getting and spending, we lay waste our powers.
We have given our hearts away, a sordid boon,
For this, for everything, we are out of tune.

We must not ignore the spirit within. We must become aware that **we possess a great treasure.** Becoming aware gives our lives a spiritual dimension. For, it is a source of life, meaning and beauty that gives a splendor to the world, and to humankind. The spiritual experience helps make life healthier, more beautiful, more complete and more satisfactory to ourselves, and to those around us.

It is difficult for a Spiritualist to describe the Inner Self. It is similar to what the Hindus call "Atman"—which is described by Hindus as: *the divine within, the totality and center of finite human existence which can be experienced. Pure awareness, light and illumination.*

There are many methods to become acquainted with our inner selves. But—basic to all methods is the need to turn inward. The means and methods we use to become acquainted with our inner self is *spiritual work*—and this is not always easy to do. Neither is there any provided nor prescribed route to this. **The path must be of our own seeking and choosing.** However, we do have guides to help us, if we call on them.

If spiritual mastery could be easily attained,
it would not be worth the having.
The prizes of the spirit have to be earned,
but once gained, cannot be lost.
– Silver Birch

The search is not an intellectual one. Neither does it depend on blind faith, nor subscribing to any particular religion. Nor does it relate to spiritual mediumship. Rather, **it is an intuitive quest, a spiritual experience, and is highly individual.**

Since becoming aware of our inner self is vital to our well being. It is considered psychological maturity. For, when we turn within to examine our own natures, we examine, at the same time, our motives, desires, drives, hidden ambitions, and all the energies that control and manipulate our lives.

We all have natural urges to search within. Whatever trauma we have experienced, whatever lives we have led, there is something within that remains whole, beautiful and true. This is the Divine within. This Inner Self is our true guide. This is what Christianity calls the Guardian Angel. It is the inner voice of wise counsel. Through it, speaks the spirits.

Within some beings the Great Spirit only stirs quietly,
like a gentle zephyr.
In others it stirs like a mighty raging wind.
The Great Spirit has stirred within your soul
and is striving to express itself.

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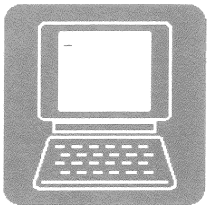
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I put my trust in the love and power of God.

An Exciting Time To Live

BY THE NSAC HEALING CENTER



Read any newspaper, tabloid or magazine; watch television or go to the movies and you will find reports of healing, mediumship and after-life. Isn't it Great!

The other day we received an e-mail that frequent church goers have healthier lifestyles and lower mortality rates than do those who do not attend church or who go only occasionally. The study was supported by grants from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and by the National Institute on Aging. Spiritualists are regular church goers for many reasons, but that upliftment, spirit energy and healing we receive during a service helps the week go better and helps us to be more loving individuals.

Snail mail brought an article by Mike Foster, *Weekly World News*, about a new invention called the Ecto-Videophone by its designer Lawrence Meklin. This intriguing hardware is an electronics add-on to a computer that will allow the viewer to receive a phone call from a loved one in the Spirit World and to see the face of the one you are talking to, their expressions and familiar qualities, as well as hear their voice and message. Meklin wishes he had the phone numbers in the next realm so he could initiate the two-way TV communication whenever he desires. As it is, he waits patiently to receive the contacts, and days, even weeks may go by between calls. Meklin hopes to have the Ecto-Videophones on the market by next year, with the costs about the same as a home computer.

One of our members brought a report about Scientists from the University of Arizona who have been studying "spirit mediums" and paranormal talents. They called the results startling evidence of survival of consciousness after death. In a report by science correspondent Robert Matthews: "Until now, the whole issue of the **afterlife** has been dismissed by most mainstream scientists, with spiritual mediums being regarded as either self-deluded or charlatans. Now the first serious laboratory study of a group of mediums has found that they share an uncanny ability to state facts about the deceased relatives of people who come to them." There were five mediums involved with the research. In one experiment each medium, with a screen preventing visual contact of the unknown sitter, spent an hour with the person, under constant video surveillance, giving them information about deceased relatives. The respondent answered only "yes" or "no" and the information was analyzed for accuracy at the end of the session. The transcripts showed that mediums typically produced more than 80 pieces of information about deceased relatives, including names, habits, and the circumstances of their death. The success rate ranged from 83% to 93% accuracy. Other tests were performed, again with every scientific precaution, and Professor Gary Schwartz, who led the team, reported: "The bottom line

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Lead Us Not Into Temptation

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As some of you know I love sayings, quips and proverbs. Recently I came across two thoughts to share with you. First, a Mexican proverb: "Keep your counsel arrested until it's requested." Second, a Jewish proverb: "When you open a door, don't forget to close it. Treat your mouth accordingly."

We are tempted to talk too much and often give unsolicited advice or share a "nobody gets hurt" gossip. We need to understand when advice is appropriate and when listening is the best form of help. Psychologists often just listen and let the patient talk through to their own solution. They know this is usually the best solution in the long run because it is the person's own decision that will lead to the best result.

When we are asked for advice, it is very tempting to jump right in and tell someone how to fix their problem. Sometimes we do it even without being asked. This can actually be very difficult for the person who needed some place to hang their troubles on a line and catch their breath. It can be extremely burdensome for one who is doing their best to hear others reiterate things they have already tried, with an exasperated "if you would just do this everything would be fine." Wait, find out what they have done and what they feel they can do.

We are often advised with children, not to tell them what to do but to give them the opportunity to tell us how they would feel most comfortable handling a problem. The same thing works with adults. Constructive listening, with a few pointed words to show you are, can do wonders for someone in the midst of difficult decision making.

We may think we have been through the same thing and therefore understand. We need to remember, though we may have experienced something similar, no two people experience the same thing the same way. However, if it is a case of knowing where to turn for help, it is fine to give them names, phone numbers and addresses to get information that will assist them.

We may share our experience with another and tell them what we did, but must not imply that our solution is the only one. It can be disheartening to give advice and see it ignored. When we take into account the other person's personality and viewpoint, we can often see the reasoning behind what they have chosen to do. Most of us are full of good intentions and want to "fix" whatever we see is hurting someone. If we think back to when others tried to "fix" us, we will find their good intentions led us to a detour. We need to be prudent in what we say and when we say it. If someone talks to us about a problem, we should remember the suggestion about keeping our counsel. Then later we will find we still have the friend regardless of the outcome of their decision.

Another temptation is to agree with someone when they are gossiping about a third party. This can hurt a church congregation and friendships more than one might think. Perhaps two or three are talking about another person. Since it is a private conversation, they believe it is safe and won't do any harm. However, the negativity grows among them toward the other person, and soon it is apparent to others even if they think it doesn't show. As their adversarial approach continues, it spreads its effect to others. Soon, they are sharing their opinions with more than the original group and it spreads like a weed. We will always have people on our path that don't seem to be on the same wave length. When you look around you will see others who gravitate to them.

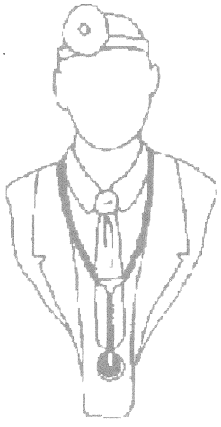
You already know the old saying "if you don't like something about someone you need to look within." There are times when you look within all you want, and never find what it is about them that you should change about yourself. That's okay, just accept them where they are and try to compromise with them. Surprisingly, we often find if we can keep our judgement in check, they are pretty interesting people in their own way. If we spend the time we use gossiping to look for their good points, we might be amazed at how much better we feel about them. We slip sometimes and put another down, but we better be ready to also pick them up!

Accepting another as they are and listening to what they are saying, without judging them, can be a form of caring and healing, a wonderful service. Together let us keep our counsel and shut our mouths so we aren't led into the temptation of trying to "fix" others, especially when we all still have work of our own to accomplish.

New Minnesota Health Care Law

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In the year 2000 the Minnesota legislature passed and had signed into law landmark health care legislation. The new law allows complementary and alternative healing methods and treatments, including but not limited to: acupressure; anthroposophy; aroma therapy, ayurveda; cranial sacral therapy; culturally traditional healing practices; detoxification practices and therapies; energetic healing; polarity therapy; folk practices; healing practices utilizing food, food supplements, nutrients, and the physical forces of heat, cold, water, touch and light; Gerson therapy and colostrum therapy; healing touch; herbology or herbalism; homeopathy; nondiagnostic iridology; body work, massage, and massage therapy; meditation; mind-body healing practices; naturopathy; noninvasive instrumentalities and traditional Oriental practices, such as Qi gong energy healing. Prohibited are surgery, X-ray radiation, administering or dispensing legal drugs and controlled substances, practices that invade the human by puncture of the skin, setting fractures, the use of medical devices, any practice included in the practice of dentistry or the manipulation or adjustment of articulations of joints or the spine.



The practitioner may not provide a medical diagnosis or recommend discontinuance of medically prescribed treatments. The practitioner must also provide a client bill of rights, which explains in detail the rights of the client. It must contain the following: the name, title, business address and telephone number of the unlicensed complementary and alternative health care practitioner; the degrees, training, experience or other qualifications of the practitioner; notice that the client has the right to file a complaint, and the procedure to file a complaint; the practitioner's fees per unit of service and the method of billing; a statement that the client has the right to reasonable notice of change of service or charges. There must be a brief statement in plain language of the theoretical approach used by the practitioner. The client may expect courteous treatment free from verbal, physical, or sexual abuse and that client records are confidential, unless released in writing by the client. The client has the right to be allowed access to his or her records. There must be a statement of other services that may be available in the community and that the client has the right to choose freely among practitioners. A client has the right to refuse treatment and may assert their right without retaliation. This must also be posted in the office of the practitioner.

Actions that could be detrimental to the client are specifically listed under the section of prohibited conduct include the following:

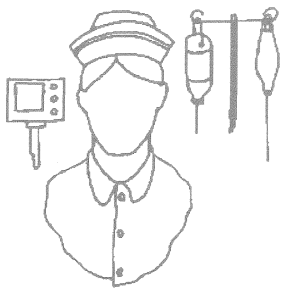
- Conviction of a crime reasonably related to engaging in complimentary and alternative health care practices.
- Conviction of any crime against a person.
- Engaging in sexual contact with a complimentary and alternative health care client or former client or engaging in sexual exploitation of a client or former client. For purposes of paragraph, "former client means a person who has obtained services from the unlicensed complementary and alternative health care practitioner within the past two years."
- Advertising that is false, fraudulent, deceptive, or misleading.
- Conduct that is likely to deceive, defraud, or harm the public or demonstrating a willful or careless disregard for the health, welfare, or safety of the client.
- Adjudication as mentally incompetent, or as a person, who is dangerous to self or chemically dependent, mentally ill, mentally retarded dangerous to the public, or as a sexual psychopathic personality or sexually dangerous person.
- Inability to engage in complimentary and alternative health care practices with reasonable safety to the client.
- The habitual overindulgence in the use of or the dependence on intoxicating liquors.
- Improper or unauthorized use of any controlled substances.
- Revealing a communication from, or relating to, a client except when otherwise required to or permitted by law.
- Splitting fees or promising to pay a portion of a fee to any other professional other than for services rendered.
- Engaging in abusive or fraudulent billing practices including Medicare and Medicaid or state medical assistance laws.
- Obtaining money, property, or services from a client other than reasonable fees through the use of undue influence, harassment, duress, deception or fraud.
- Failure to provide a client with a copy of the client bill of rights.
- Revocation, suspension, restriction, limitation, or other disciplinary action against any health care license, certificate, registration, or right to practice, of the practitioner, in this or any other state.
- Use of the title, doctor, Dr. or physician in complimentary or alternative health care practice.
- Failure to recommend that a client

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see a licensed or registered health care provider if there is a reasonable likelihood that the client needs to be seen by a licensed or registered health care provider.

The commissioner may examine evidence of failure to comply with the prohibitions, examine medical records, order physical, mental or chemical dependency evaluation of the health care provider. Disciplinary action may include revocation or suspension, or limitation of the right to practice, or the imposition of a civil penalty not exceeding $10,000 for each separate violation.



This new law didn't just happen! There was an old statute on the books that stated that if she/he does the following she/he is engaged in the practice of medicine: "offers or undertakes to prevent, diagnose, correct, or treat in any manner or by any means, methods, devices, or instrumentalities, any disease, illness, pain, wound, fracture, infirmity, deformity or defect of any person." This law was mostly ignored and seldom enforced. If held to the letter of the law a mother could not give her child an aspirin or put a Band-Aid on a cut finger. Laying on of hands was the "practice of medicine without a license."

Two years ago in St. Paul, Minnesota, naturopath Helen Healy was issued an injunction by the Minnesota Attorney General's office to close her practice. She was charged with "practicing medicine without a license." Dr. Healy was a graduate of the National College of Naturopathic Medicine and had a successful practice in St. Paul for twelve years. There were no patient complaints or allegations of harm. If the government chose to prosecute a homeopath, that person could not introduce evidence of the effectiveness of homeopathy, the testimony of a multitude of grateful clients, or the fact that no one had been injured. All of these things would be legally irrelevant, and the only point to be considered in this: did this person practice medicine, as defined by the statutes? Simultaneously, in similar cases the Medical Board was disciplining the area's leading holistic medical doctor, and the Dental Board was disciplining the leading mercury-free dentist.

These actions brought about the formation of the Minnesota Health Coalition Action Network, which first sought to devise a method of licensing each of the different modalities of alternative health care. This was rejected when it was found that many of the methods of health care overlapped and would require licensing in more than one form of health care mode. If a person is licensed in cranio-sacral therapy, she couldn't suggest some herbal echinacea, without the herbalists calling foul! The idea of licensure was rejected in favor of a comprehensive change in the statutes, which would allow the patients to choose any type of therapy. This led to the writing of the Complementary and Alternative Health Care bill.

In order to be introduced into the Minnesota legislature, it is necessary for the bill to be sponsored by a member of the legislature so a sponsor had to be found. It was then debated and there was strong opposition from the medical lobby. Several amendments were offered that would have effectively negated the effects of the bill. Halfway through the process the bill's sponsor died and it was necessary to find a new sponsor and start over in the next legislative session.

Eventually, enough votes were collected and the bill passed the house and senate and was signed into law by Governor Ventura, so that now we can perform healing without the possibility of being accused of "practicing medicine without a license."

A complete text of the law, as well as its history and comments, can be seen at the web site of the Minnesota Natural Health Coalition at www.minnesotanaturalhealth.org and it is expected to serve as a model for other states that are in the process of updating their laws concerning alternative health care.

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is that there is a class of highly skilled mediums who are doing something extraordinary." It will be interesting to hear the results of an international meeting that was just held on this research.

The Director of Public Relations for NSAC, Robert Egby, reports in the monthly NSAC e-mail newsletters and bulletins about newsworthy events and articles that have appeared in the past month. He also relates programs of interest to Spiritualism that appear on Television. This helps us all keep up with what is happening.

The more the good news that spirituality and mediumistic abilities are true, wonderful, natural, healthy and something to be strived to obtain, touches the general public, the more prepared our churches and leaders must be to offer the education needed to teach the entire congregation about Spiritualism so each may intelligently respond to newcomers. It is also important to offer development classes to help those who are interested to grow and develop their "gifts of spirit." Now is the time, don't put off training your workers and your congregation. It's an exciting time to live—let's be prepared, so we may enjoy it more completely.

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enlightenment gives way to balance. A balance which helps to release fatigue and tension.

Learn to recognize your inner enemies with the practice of mindfulness. Soon you will see patterns and processes that lead to this awareness that become a hindrance in your life, e.g. anger, depression, restlessness, doubts and fears, etc. Learn not to condemn them, but to identify them, and see them as reactions that cause you to be inoperative and interfere with your optimal expression of the Overself.

Another help in cultivating mindfulness is to slow down your pace and this will slow down your reactions. This doesn't mean you will not accomplish the tasks set out, but they will be performed from a state of awareness that allows for ease in your performance. If one finds him or herself on a roller coaster or a merry-go-round, practicing inner mindfulness allows one to say, "the ride is over." Once again pick up your task with clarity of mind. This intention of slowing down also helps others around you. As the vibration emanates from being centered, a frequency resonates with peace, harmony and poise, qualities of the Higherself.

Wisdom of the spiritual path allows one to become lighter and freer. Generosity also develops because of the abundance that permeates this way of thinking, releasing fears and lack because conditionings are viewed as impermanent. There is no need to cling. Detachment releases bondage. Yet at the same time, more comes into your life in any form you desire because this mindfulness opens avenues to manifest another quality of the Overself which is abundance.



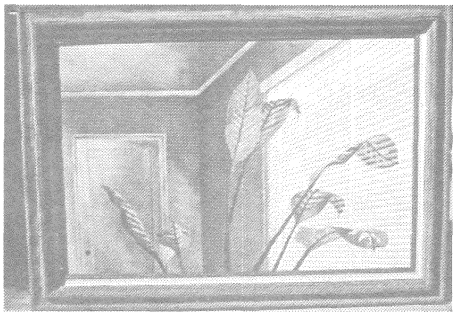
Freedom from bondage is a yearning of the soul, as well as freedom from pain and suffering in the human experience. In this expression of body, mind and spirit cultivating mindfulness of the triad cannot be anything but equilateral. Otherwise, we are not in balance. Be aware of your breathing and the changing aspects of your physical existence. The body communicates and responds to feelings and emotions identifying them in qualities of pleasant, unpleasant or neutral. Be conscious of the moment to observe feelings of this connection. Soon patterns will develop and you will begin to recognize what is unique to your imbalances. Be aware of these mental states and the corresponding body language, and the truth of your being will reveal the Natural Law to follow. Each person is different and unique, so various techniques to arrive at the same goal may need to be experimented. The one thing that is unchanging is the Innate Wisdom that is within. Your intuition will speak to you as a "still small voice." The message comes without effort, but the listening to the voice does require effort...the effort of "letting go, and letting "God"...the effort to be "still and know." This awareness is the purifying force described by many of the mystics. Their experiences all tell the same story.

When not meditating, be present and aware that thinking is going on with a goal to see thoughts clearly. Keep the mind balanced. Eventually, focused mindfulness will develop manifesting a strong habitual pattern. The Buddha tells us that if mindfulness is practiced daily and strongly conditioned in us, it will also arise in the moment of death.

THE DIVINE SELF WITHIN *(Continued from page 7.)*

That is why you are on your quest.
That is why you will continue to search.
– Silver Birch

When we withdraw into the silence, and allow the divinity within to point the way, there is no better way to live a spiritual life. It becomes the very essence of our life.



And, all the greed, selfishness, jealousies, the by-products of materialistic thinking, cannot be abolished until we learn to express the Divine qualities of love, affection, pity, compassion and service. These are the **Divine Attributes with which we are all endowed.**

We can say then, that first comes the desire to know, in humility, in earnestness, in reverence, and with a desire to use the knowledge not only for understanding, but to be of service to others. We can then heal the sick, help the weak and helpless, give strength to those in need of it, light to those in darkness, a helping hand to the lame and struggling.

When we become aware of this indwelling spirit, we will be open to the realm of intuition which is non-rational, mysterious and takes us beyond the logic of science. We will know that God dwells within. Thus we will have an inner peace, a tranquility, an awareness, a serenity that all is well.

Becoming aware of the Divine Self Within is a quest well worth the effort. In fact, it is the only goal of life worth the effort.

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there a devil? Folks that fear the devil also fear hell, judgement day and eternal damnation.

Judgement day for many conjures fears, and terrible thoughts of what could come for the many mistakes we have made. Take comfort, for our spirit teachers advise us that we are our only judges, so far as our lives are concerned, and our soul guides us forward according to an Infinite purpose. The day of judgement holds no terror for Spiritualists, for we have a different understanding of life. Earth life is a picture of light and dark, of triumph and failure, of steps and stumbles. Both the ups and downs are required for growth and to complete the picture. No one is perfect or they would not be in Earth school. Growth is eternal, progression, and evolution the way of life. What a blessing to know that even though we all make mistakes, it is a part of our growth process. Maybe if everyone knew there was no judgement, no hell, no eternal damnation, that God loves us no matter what we do, and that our soul continues on, continues to grow, then maybe people would have a different focus, and release their fears of life and death. We can use our free choice, our will and responsibility to create our path of light.

We cannot truly love a Master, God, Spirit, Creator, that is served through fear. Fear is a manifestation of a low state of mind, and lowers our energy and vibration. Love is of God and raises our energy and our vibration. Spiritualists affirm we make our own heaven and hell as we obey or disobey God's physical and spiritual Laws.

It would be very depressing to think of someone you loved as dead, or that they had gone to hell and were continually suffering for eternity. Spiritualism removes the fear of judgement day, hell and damnation, by proving through mediumship that there is life after life. We are not dead at all, and the loved ones can and do communicate, touch us and continue a loving relationship. If there are no dead, there is no last resurrection or judgement day.

To have a view of a Creator that would design such a torment as Hell or eternal damnation, such a creation as a devil or Satan, is to fear God and life. The God of my understanding is a Loving, Divine Source of Good, Peace, Beauty, Inspiration and Joy. This Infinite Mind wants only good for all Life and provides us this wonderful world, governed by just, impartial Natural Law, to show us how to grow and progress.

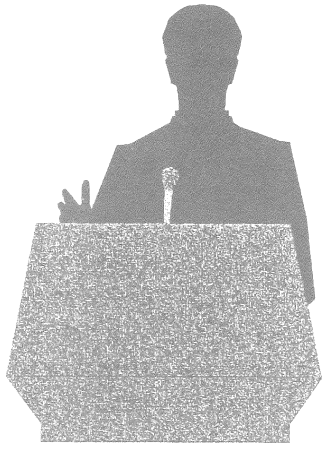
The devil and hell were created in the thoughts of early humanity because of fears and lack of knowledge. The ideas about the devil are inconsistent and capricious. Whereas, Spiritualism knows God/Infinite Intelligence and Divine Law are ordered, never untrue or inconsistent. We trust the Love and Power of God.

Spiritualism believes that everyone will continue to grow and that there are angels or spirit helpers in attendance of each soul encouraging them to love, inspiring them to goodness. We believe that the soul/spirit of the individual goes to the Spirit World immediately after the change called death. A Supreme Source does not judge us, for God loves us no matter what we have done, or not done. We have personal responsibility in the physical, and in the beyond, to view our lessons, learn from them and begin anew. We say the doorway to reformation is always open. People change, and as they change their thinking, they change their life.

We liken resurrection to Nature, for all is transition and gradual awakening. Old forms that have served their purpose are regenerated into new energy, new life more suited to new conditions. No atom that God creates is ever destroyed—rather it changes and continues. Death of the physical life leads to resurrection and on to regenerated life in the Spirit Realm. Death must precede such spirit existence so death is a time of resurrection.

Natural Law, or God's Law, is in force both in the physical realms and in the world beyond. Therefore, each soul that graduates into the next realm will be attracted to like energy. That which has been learned of a spiritual nature will benefit them in the Spirit World, for they will find themselves with others of like vibrations. The soul that has put forth little energy to be kind, to help others, to practice love, will also find themselves with others of like vibrations. As below, so above. Just as in the physical life, so also in the next realm, we will have a spirit teacher or guardian who will encourage us to learn and become more loving so progression is ongoing.

We experience a resurrection or new beginning each time we grow, and growth is necessary and continuous throughout eternity. Spiritualism is a natural religion of knowing—a way of life and love with the goal to attain a higher more spiritual consciousness—to live, move and have our being in the awareness of God's loving presence. We feel that humanity is made in the image of God, which means to us that the Divine Spark of this life force is within all creation. Because we are an expression of God, we believe that we live eternally, we never die, for God's energy does not die, it just changes form. The soul can shed the physical expression, but the animating force continues on in the world beyond—life after life.



Aren't you glad you are a Spiritualist? All religions have truth in them and are needed, but as we review some of the other beliefs and their basic tenets, we see what a positive, loving, encouraging religion we enjoy in Spiritualism.

Everyone at the forum was very nice and seemed interested in our religion, and, no one threw tomatoes. After the meeting some great questions were asked and some took copies of our literature. One gentleman went out to coffee with our group and the following Sunday we had some people from the other churches attend our worship service. They said they felt right at home. 🕮

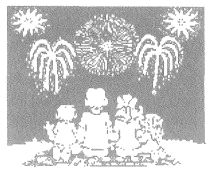
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1 Soul quality unfolds in the physical and the spiritual.	**2** Every morning the day is reborn, a new beginning.	**3** "Silence is the altar of Spirit." – Yogananda	**4** Support your country, let freedom ring.	**5** I live freely and joyously with God.	**6** At quiet times, my seeing eye looks into my heart.	**7** Every day I give thanks for Light, for Life, for Love.
8 All work is God's work. All life is God's life.	**9** I search for the Divine in others and honor their pathway.	**10** My life evolves according to Infinite design and inspiration.	**11** When I know true oneness then I have true knowledge.	**12** With Spirit, my desires and purposes have value.	**13** "Cast all your cares on God; that anchor holds." – Tennyson	**14** Thoughts are transmitted over vast distances with little loss of power.
15 Love is magnetic; it unifies and heals.	**16** I practice the presence of Spirit daily.	**17** Spiritual receptivity comes with an inner knowing and trust in God.	**18** There is a continuous flow of resources in my life.	**19** Life excites me, I flourish, and am successful.	**20** Each minor shift in perception begins the process of change.	**21** "All creation is unified in God's wholeness." – Bhagavad Gita
22 I always have time to nurture spiritual growth.	**23** There are no unimportant people, no unimportant occurrences.	**24** Evolution is unfoldment, becoming, changing in the direction of the Infinite.	**25** Healing yourself is a continuous process—there is growth in healing.	**26** When every moment is full of Spirit, my life flows well.	**27** I see possibilities and blessings in every situation.	**28** "When awareness is clarified, the reality of the Self is revealed." – yoga-sutras
29 The physical body is essentially a thought body—the results of our thought process.	**30** God's Laws are always flowing. We can flow with them or against them.	**31** Prayer sends positive energy, for it puts our trust in the love of God.				



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Mail address: R1, Box 91, Canton, 04221; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m., followed by a potluck lunch; Classes Wed. and Fri. evenings 7:00-9:00 p.m.; Secy., Virginia Norris; Pastor, Rev. Rupert Sigurdsson, NST; For information, phone (207) 597-2600, E-Mail - rupert@megalink.net.

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Located at Lakewood Village, Rt. 201, six miles north of Skowhegan, ME. We meet July 10th through August 11. Schedule to be announced. For information, contact President John Davidson, 74 Central Ave., Waterville, 04901, phone (207) 877-2204; e-mail jdavidson@panax.com. There are no accommodations for the general public for rooms, camping, or meals. There are plenty of locations in the surrounding area.

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

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

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

• MASSACHUSETTS •

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.
33-37 Bliss St., 01105, (413) 732-1234; Worship Serv., 2nd Sun. after Labor Day until last Sun. in June at 10:30 a.m.; Development classes Thurs. at 7:30 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. John F. Sullivan, 26 Witt Hill Rd., P.O. Box 392, Worthington, 01098 - (413) 238-4495, e-mail: jsulli1942@aol.com; Pres., Paul D'Angelo, 87 Paderewski St., Chicopee 01013, (413) 592-5659, e-mail: D'Angelo@universalplastics.com; Secy., Denise St. Pierre, P.O. Box 392, Worthington, 01098, (413) 238-4495, e-mail: Denise1957@aol.com; church website: www.community.masslive.com/cc/Spiritualist.

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• MICHIGAN •

MICHIGAN STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOC. OF CHURCHES
Pres., Marcia Hyatt, 4161 Buckingham, Detroit, 48224-3538; Secy., Marjorie Elaine Weichner, 8022 W. Chain Lake Rd., P.O. Box 89, South Branch, 48761-0089, (517) 257-4133.

CHARLEVOIX - The Golden Rule Spiritualist Church
07444 Old US 31 North, 49720-9422, (231) 347-9601 or (231) 347-7916; Sun. Serv. 10:00 a.m., mid-April thru June, and Sept. thru Nov. (No "church" services in July and Aug. because "camp" services are held at the same location.) Services may start sooner in the year or run later in the yera depending upon the weather. Located halfway between Petoskey and Charlevoix. Turn on Murray Rd. and then immediately turn right on Old 31, drive .8 (tenths) of a mile, on your left; Pastor, Rev. Cosie Allen, NST.

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LESLIE - Flower Memorial Spiritualist Church
West Bellevue at High St.; Sun. Lyceum 11:00 a.m., Church Serv. 10:45 a.m.; Pres., Timothy Weichner; Secy., Mary Ellen Weichner, 149 Vicary Rd., 49251-9746, (517) 589-9861.

OXFORD - Spirit of Harmony Chapel, NSAC
340 North Lapeer Rd., 48371; (810) 814-9172.

ROYAL OAK - First Spiritual Temple
3224 Greenfield Rd. (1 1/2 blocks So. of 13 Mile), 48073-6534; Sun. Serv. 10:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Stanley Gutt, (248) 548-2240.

SOUTH BRANCH - Chain Lake Spiritualist Camp Association
8000 W. Chain Lake Rd., 48761-0089; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m., June 17, 2000 through Sept. 2, 2000; Annual Retreat July 8-13, 2001; Lyceum Dir., Dawn Hyatt; Pres., Donald Weichner, 8022 W. Chain Lake Rd., P.O. Box 89, 48761-0089; Secy., M. Elaine Weichner, 8022 W. Chain Lake Rd., P.O. Box 89, 48761-0089, (517) 257-4133.

• MINNESOTA •

MINNEAPOLIS - Second Spiritualist Church
2230 Lyndale Ave. N.; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Secy's., Chrissy & Melanie; Pres., Beth, P.O. Box 6115, 55406, (612) 529-0781.

MINNEAPOLIS - Spirit of Life Spiritualist Church
Services at Lake Harriet Comm. Church at 4401 Upton Ave. S., 55410.

ROCHESTER - Third Spirit of Life Spiritualist Church
Services Mon., 7:00 p.m., in the Unity Church building, 911 11th Ave. NW; Pastors, Rev. Joyce E. Young, NST, and Rev. John E. Young, NST; Secy., (507) 775-6358; Mailing address, P.O. Box 7312, 55903.

ST. PAUL - Spiritual Science Church
411 Main St., 55102; Sun. Serv. 10:00 a.m.; Pres., Joan LeDuc, 2169 Scheffer Ave., 55116, (612) 255-4609 (church) or (612) 699-4858 (home); Secy., Maureen Florés, c/o 2169 Scheffer Ave., 55116-1255.

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ST. LOUIS - Fifth Spiritualist Church
6026 S. Kingshighway Blvd., 63109-3558; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Healing, Meditation & All Message Service, 1st Wed. of the month at 7:00 p.m.; Student Minister/Pastor, Toye E. Stinson, 566 Old Highway 100, Villa Ridge, 63089, (636) 451-2838; Secy., Rev. Brenda Wittich, 3903 Connecticut St., 63116-3905, (314) 773-0106.

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321 Hascall St., 68108-2121; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Philosophy Class Noon when scheduled; Pastor & Secy., Alace Jayne Fanslau, 321 Hascall St., 68108-2121, (402) 345-0101.

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• NEW HAMPSHIRE •

SALEM - The Church of Spiritual Life, Inc.
Masonic Hall, 109 Main St., Rt. 97; Mailing address: P.O. Box 414, Nutting Lake, 01865; Year Round Services; Regular Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.; Wed. classes p.m. call; Pastor, Rev. Kenneth Wingood, (978) 454-4163; Secy., Stephanie Frobese, (978) 851-6592.

• NEW JERSEY •

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Robert Egby, P.O. Box 339, Westville, 08093.

WESTVILLE - Church of Eternal Life
243 W. Olive & Folsom Sts., 08093; Sun. Healing Serv. 11:00 a.m.; Worship & Message Service 11:30 a.m.; Telephone for weather cancellations (856) 456-2196; Pastor, Lillian Joyce, 405 Binker Ave., Berlin, 08009, (856) 767-1651; pastorlil-1@juno.com; Pres., Joyce Smith, 209 W. Madison Ave., Magnolia, 08049, (856) 627-6977; Secy., Kathleen Pollack, 1762 Crown Pt. Rd. #537-A, Thorofare, 08086, (856) 848-7053.

• NEW YORK •

ALBANY - Capital District Spiritualist Center
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Pastor, Rev. Hillary Kramer, NST, 15 Huntwood Dr., 12065, (518) 371-8975.

EAST AURORA - First Spiritualist Temple
29 Temple Pl., 14052, (716) 652-5018; Sun. Healing Service 10:30 a.m.; Lecture and Message Service 11:00 a.m.; Social Hour 12:15 p.m.; Dinner Day 3rd Sun. of month followed by Circles or All Message Service; Secy., Donna Azzarelli, (716) 691-3406.

LILY DALE - Lily Dale Assembly
5 Melrose Park, 14752, (716) 595-8721, Fax (716) 595-2442; Office Hours, Sept.-June, M-F, 10 a.m.-2 p.m; June-Aug, M-F, 9 a.m.-4p.m., Sat. 9 a.m.-12 Noon, closed Sunday; Camp Season: Last Friday in June to day before Labor Day; contact Lillian F. Farnham, Secretary.

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LONG ISLAND - A Sanctuary of Infinite Spirit, Inc., NSAC
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LONG ISLAND - New Horizon Spiritualist Church, Inc.
261 Elmont Rd., Elmont, 11003, (516) 354-1395; Services every other Sunday at 2:00 p.m.; Development Classes, Wed 8:00 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Milagros G. Rivera; Pres., Dorothy Chusid.

LONG ISLAND - Temple of Metaphysical Science, NSAC
15 Oak St., Patchogue, 11772; Sun. Serv.: Healing and Worship 11:00 a.m.; Pastor, Rev. Catherine Snell, NST; Asst. Pastor, Rev. Janet Travis, NST; Mailing address, Mr. Edward Freidlein, Corresponding Secy., P.O. Box 1150, West Babylon, 11704, e-mail: TMS@hoflink.com; http://www.TMS-Li.org.

ROCHESTER - Plymouth Spiritualist Church
Meets at Days Inn, 384 East Ave., Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Pres., Joanne Antinore; Pastor, Robin Higgins, (716) 227-6291; Mailing address: 201 Springfield Ave., 14609.

• OHIO •

OHIO STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION
P.O. Box 5, Ashley, 43003.

ASHLEY - Ashley Spiritualist Camp Association
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ASHTABULA - First Spiritualist Church
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COLUMBUS - First Spiritualist Church of Linden
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• OKLAHOMA •

OKLAHOMA CITY - Central Spiritualist Church
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CAMERON - First Spiritualist Church
802 S. College Ave., P.O. Box 1152, 76520; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Lunch 12:00; Second Service 1:00 p.m.; Third Sun. of each month; Pastors, Mrs. Frances Brown, Licentiate & Medium, 2723 S. Congress, Apt. #2311, Austin 78704, (512) 447-2188, and Rev. Evelyn Muse, NST, 1104 Susan Dr., Edinburg, 78539, (512) 383-2510; Secy.-Treas., Verna Hentz, 406 E. 7th St., (254) 697-3912.

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HOUSTON - Church Of Divine Spirit
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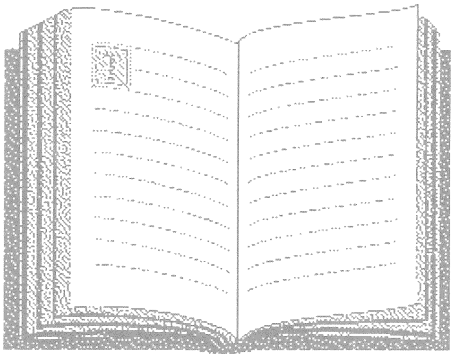
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Evolution Through Education

BY THE REV. JUDY MERRILL, DSNU, CANADA

Where has Spiritualism been and where is it going? Are we examining our place in the world of religions, science, and philosophies to see if we are evolving into a Spiritualism of continuous life?

Modern Spiritualism began with children with no motive of high intent. Are we using the knowledge they were able to bring for our progress and growth for the best possible future for all humanity or have we fallen into the pattern of past traditions and reserved the knowledge for only the chosen few?



To answer these questions we would have to look at what is being offered to all our members and adherents and what could be offered if we weren't so afraid of our own shortcomings.

When churches first began to appear on the Spiritualism scene with every intent of offering the best to all that entered their doors, many flocked to hear of this new beginning. We have fallen short of this mandate of education by selecting only those chosen few to be our leaders into the future.

Our churches were first formed around the mediumship and leadership of one (at most two) who felt they had a message to offer to the public. The set up became that of leadership by control. With evolution, we realize that this method of control is no longer the order of the day. It is time to open the windows of knowledge to all that seek to learn and grow.

We have called ourselves free thinkers from our historic ancestry, but are we allowing this prerogative to those who wish to learn today. Are we "free" thinkers, or are we putting a price on our knowledge to those who we offer our hand of progress.

Many would outline our shortcomings from both within and without our movement. Few try to find the solutions needed to solve these problems.

The answers will not be found with those who advocate the shortcuts to knowledge and leadership. It will only come to those who seek the knowledge in reputable institutions of education within Spiritualism who set the standards of excellence for their workers and adherents.

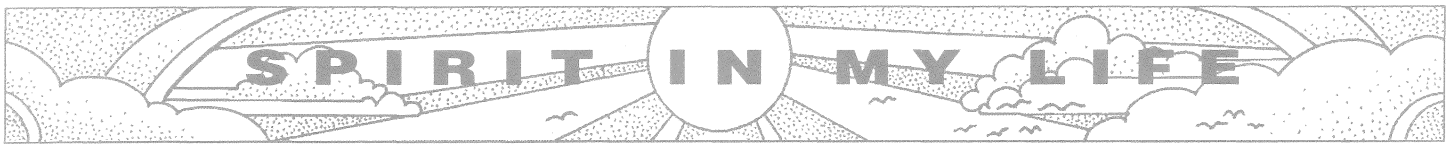
There are no shortcuts in life to the education we seek, to the job we wish to do, to the relationships we wish to form. Why, then, should we entertain those who seek shortcuts in their path to knowledge and leadership within our Spiritualism?

The well-established religions of the world now require their leaders (Rabbis, Reverends, etc.) to educate themselves at our institutions of learning (Universities) for a minimum stay of at least 4 years. Yet we have workers in Spiritualism who claim that anyone able to contact spirit is qualified to take the title of Reverend. Should we not be reserving this leadership symbol for those who really earn it through their education as well as experience with spirit guidance?

The argument has always been put forward that we do not have dogma or creed so any medium can claim status through their personal spirit contact. Does this not smack of the claims of mediums for "My Guide is better than your Guide?" This attitude has become the battle cry of the shortcut experts! "I don't need to educate myself and pay my dues through service to my fellow Spiritualist; I can take all the shortcuts and arrive before the other worker!"

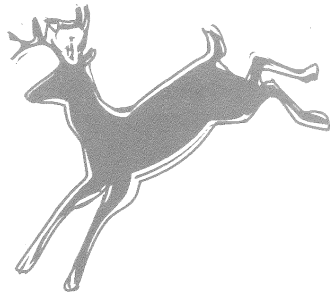
No wonder the public has confusion with Modern Spiritualism—we have it ourselves, when we have allowed such conditions to exist since our beginnings and it has only grown worse with age. Instead of all these shortcomings we could have grown into a respectable educator of knowledge of Spirit.

We have proven "Life continues after Death," now our mandate must be to teach that "We are Spirit Now!" What a gift to bring to humanity! The knowledge of continuous life through the knowledge of Spirit!



***Spirit In My Life** is a monthly column for each of us to share something that has affected our lives where our spirit friends are involved. We all have a story, let us hear yours.*

KISSED BY A DEER



BY DAVEDA MALLIN HORN, NEW YORK

I do believe that we are in this life, on this Earth, because we need to be. There are lessons to be learned. In some areas, we make great strides, while in others, we continue to be challenged.

What do we choose to align ourselves with in our life situations, love or fear? Love is the common denominator between religions, the essential component of human existence and that which facilitates holy at-one-ment with Spirit and all that Spirit has created. What motivates our actions, love or fear? In the religions of the world we learn about love, and its essential essence in human existence.

To mention a few: In **Hinduism**, the Great Over Soul or Atman equals Love. In **Buddhism**, the Divine Absolute is Love and Light. In **Islam**, Allah, the name for God, is Love. **Judaism**, in the "Ten Commandments," bids us "to love thy neighbor as thyself." In the ***Jewish Science*** textbook, Rabbi Morris Lichtenstein tells us, "The world was created on the principle of love." **Jesus** commands us "to love one another as I have loved you." **Christianity** declares, that, "without love we are as a crashing cymbal," and promises that "perfect love casteth out all fear." **Christian Science** equates Love with God in that the word Love, with a capital "L," is a synonym for God. **Science of Mind** tells us, as does Christian Science, that there is no opposing power to Love.

The Course in Miracles is similar to Christian Science, in that, it states that where love is, fear is not, since love is all-inclusive. *The Course in Miracles* also states that if we view the gamut of human emotions, and reduce them to their basic components, there are at last, only two, those being love and fear.

Spiritualism, in an excerpt from the *Spiritualist Manual*, titled, Wisdom and Love, "Love is the fulfilling of the law. Love is the greatest thing in the world. Love is the greatest thing in the universe. 'God is love.' "

So what do we choose? Love or fear? Basically we are being encouraged to choose love, because fear is self-defeating. We cannot be with both, because, they do not co-mingle. Where one is the other is not. When we align ourselves with the love of the Universe, the Universe is in full support of our efforts. Once having learned this, intellectually, we will be given many life opportunities and expected to practically apply this principle.

Defending Your Life is a movie with Albert Brook and Meryl Streep, which came out around the early 1990s. A good movie...mystical...metaphysical...it gives a detailed picture of how we might be measured, evaluated, and judged having passed on from this life. And this judgment is done by a defending and prosecuting attorney, judging the characters in the movie, as to how successfully they have demonstrated their ability to overcome all manner of fear and fearful situations in the lifetime just left. In other words, how well they passed the test, on each occasion, with flashback video replays of each situation. And then, finally, a score is tallied up by those judging.

Depending upon how well they are judged to have overcome fear in this lifetime, as the movie shows, they are advanced to the next level of life's experience or remanded back to this earthly realm for further lessons.

From what we are learning, as Spiritualists, in our metaphysical studies, we're not expected, all at once, to demonstrate tests of transcendence from fear to love. We are taking baby steps in our progress God-ward. And, I would add, that on occasional instances, we are already on that "Higher Ground," demonstrating the power of Love. Blessed, as we are, as Spiritualists, a religion that proves and demonstrates the continuity of life, and that there is no death, we can face even the possibility of our own impending death with fearlessness and a consciousness that is permeated with Love.

This is the lead in for a real happening, a true story that I would like to relate, when I was tested in a dramatic life situation that was presented to me. It was the summer of '94, on the last Saturday evening in the month of July. The New York Philharmonic was giving their annual free concert at Heckscher State Park, on the South Shore of Long Island, under the stars, as they usually do. I was making plans to attend and had called a dear friend of mine, in the afternoon of that evening, a friend whom I usually attended those concerts with. She asked if I would like to join her and some other friends that evening at the concert. I said that I had already been asked to attend with another friend, but why don't we

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meet you there? She said to me, "Don't even think about it, because we would never find each other with six thousand people there. We could be looking for each other even if we planned on a meeting site. One of us may be looking the other way, in just the moment that the other is coming by and we might miss each other. The stress would be too great. Let's just enjoy the concert separately and we'll talk about it afterwards." Then that was agreed upon.

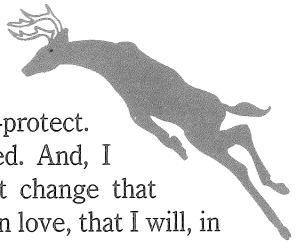
My other friend and I decided to have dinner in a Chinese restaurant before the concert. We were seated at the table by the window with a lovely view, when a very negative, fearful thought crossed my mind. It was at the time when the "Suffolk Sniper" was on the loose. There were newspaper articles and TV segments about this sniper who had been shooting into various restaurant windows, targeting the patrons. I commented, "My, aren't we positioned conveniently, at the window, for the Suffolk Sniper should he be choosing this site."

My friend said, "What a thought to aid digestion!" I apologized and said, "Let's cancel that. Give me a moment to pray and meditate, to know the truth, that in fact we are surrounded by Love." I started to do that and included everyone in the restaurant, affirming that Love is omnipresent and that we have a shield of Divine Love's armor surrounding us and protecting us, here and now, and at all times.

We left the restaurant, and proceeded to Heckscher Park, and got there at dusk shortly before the concert was to begin. We were walking along the pathway with hundreds of other people from the parking lot to the campgrounds. Traveling light, my friend carried two aluminum lawn chairs, while other people also had lots of picnic gear with them. It looked like they were bringing everything but the kitchen sink. As we were walking and talking, suddenly, a deer came bolting out of the woods, with lightening speed, at an estimate of about a hundred feet from where we were.

My friend was looking at me, while we were talking and didn't see what was happening. There was no time for me to verbalize or even gesture to my friend what was happening. (I'm talking seconds!) The whole scenario took place faster than the mind could process things in words. Yet, in retrospect, after the encounter, I was able to verbalize the mental processes and specific thoughts, which raced at lightening speed to match the deer's and were beyond words. The mind is a fantastic, contradictory phenomenon. How quickly, in times of peril, it processes information, uses logic and makes decisions, at the standpoint of knowing, even beyond words. I am, now, going to relate this process, retrospectively, using words, as if it were happening, now.

"My God, am I the one? Is this deer heading for me?" People are frantically scurrying in all directions, to avoid the deer. Yes, I'm the one. I know because, I am looking at it, and it is looking at me. Our eyes are locked in to each other. And the thought, beyond words, but with feeling, "I will be smashed to the pavement, and I'm about to die! (At least from this realm of existence.) Shall I run forward or backward to avoid impact?" If I do that, my friend will sustain the full impact, never knowing what is happening and never able to self-protect. Instantly, I know I am fear-based. And, I know in this moment, if I don't change that base, instantly, to anchor myself in love, that I will, in fact, die.



So, this is my moment of truth. Will I be able to apply all the years of study, dedication and reverence to what I hold to be my cherished Truth. Has my whole life been a sham? In a panic, now, communing with Mind, "What is that Truth? It's all gone! I can't remember anything. Tell it to me, quickly!"

"Know, what you already know! Who you are and your connection to God and all of creation!" *(In this eternal moment, time stood still, long enough for me to remember.)*

Why, of course, I am an eternal love being, made in the image and likeness of the Creator. There is nothing outside of this Love, that is God and all is created of one love substance. Therefore, I am one with this creature, that, is approaching me with lightening speed. I need not fear, because I am Divinely protected. This creature could not possibly mean any ill intent towards me.

I stop walking, stand upright and hold my ground, right where I am. "Stand in Love and not in fear," I am directed. "Embrace the deer, in thought, as it is approaching. Send it love." I accept what is about to happen without resistance. I relax every part of my body, keeping visual communication with this creature, knowing that we are both Mind directed, surrounded and protected by Love.

I feel a mild impact on my chest and right wrist, as I see and feel its lips brush across my lips. I am still standing, upright! It swerves sharply, from its approaching position and falls to the ground. If it were an automobile swerving to lighten impact, its wheels would be screeching. It is as if this deer took a sharp turn to avoid hurting me, even putting its own self at risk for severe injury. There it is on the ground looking up at me with soulful eyes and here I am looking at it.

"I know you," I am thinking. This is a mutual connection of compassion, the likes of which I have never experienced with an animal before. I'm feeling no repulsion, no fear about deer ticks or Lyme Disease.

Having had mutually magnetic visual encounter, the deer is standing up, undamaged, and trotting off, slowly, amidst the crowd. Miraculously, no one in the crowd has been injured and now hundreds of people are rushing to surround me with their concern, and caring.

"Are you alright? We can't believe what we just saw." I thank them and assure them that I am fine. "I'm really very fine and looking forward to the concert." My wrist is stinging a bit with some discoloration appearing, as if to tell me that I didn't imagine what just happened.

My friend is telling me, "I wondered why you had stopped walking. It was the most amazing thing I had ever seen! It

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Mediumship

BY MARIE KOROM, NEW YORK

In this year of 2001 almost nothing is rejected totally in society and so it is that humanity is so open to mediumship. Recently a Long Island paper carried an article entitled, "People Get This Medium's Message." The article was about John Edward and his TV show "Crossing Over." His fame, as well as many other known mediums, contemporizes the ability to "talk to the dead."

According to the *NSAC Spiritualist Manual*, "A medium is one whose organism is sensitive to vibrations from the Spirit World and through whose instrumentality, intelligences in the world are able to convey messages and produce the phenomena of Spiritualism." In other words, someone who talks to the dead. The phenomena of Spiritualism referred to includes clairvoyance (clear seeing), clairaudience (clear hearing), automatic writing (that which is done by spirit itself through the instrumentality of the human hand), psychometry (reading the vibrations emanating from an object), and other manifestations all of which seek to prove the continuity of life.

Because belief in the continuity of life is one of the basic principles of Spiritualism, it is not at all curious that we become acquainted with Mediums of the past and the types of mediumship for which they were noted.

Cora L.V. Richmond, known as the "Orator of Modern Spiritualism," was an inspirational speaker, deriving the text of what she spoke directly from the spirit realm. Mrs. Pearl Curran at first used a ouija board to contact her spirit guide, Patience Worth, and later went on to "see things in her head"—clairvoyance. Andrew Jackson Davis was found to be clairvoyant when he was mesmerized or hypnotized (which was when he was in a semi-altered state of consciousness). D. D. Home was noted for the ability to levitate himself.

And, interestingly, although these mediumistic feats help lend credence to the theory, the two states of being, it was not necessary that the mediums belong to the Spiritualist religion. In fact, Pearl Curran was a practicing Episcopalian!

These mediums lived in human form during the later half of the 19th century. And so, to us, who are in human form now during the 21st century, they are but names on the pages of a history book.

A more contemporary renowned psychic is Edgar Cayce. Cayce was a photographer by trade. But his popularity was gained by his non-occupational undertaking. Cayce would go into a trance state from which he delivered medical diagnoses. These diagnoses saved many lives. When asked about his spiritual abilities, Cayce claimed to be able to see and hear his deceased relatives when he was only 7 years old. Cayce passed from the physical life in 1945 when most of us were wee babies or not even born. He serves as one of the "precursors" to the mediums of today.

Unfortunately, during much of humanity's history, psychic powers, the ability to "know" things before they happen, or worse yet, the claim to be able to "talk to the dead" were topics to be hidden and not revealed. The Salem Witch Trials left no doubt that such goings on were not received well. How fortunate we are then to be alive today when instead of being hidden, these abilities are publicized. I am sure that most of you are familiar with names such as George Anderson, Sylvia Brown, James Van Praagh, Rosemary Altea, John Edward and Robert Hansen. Again, as in the days of old, people possessing the gift of mediumship did not have to belong to any one religion or for that matter, to any religion at all. John Edward and George Anderson were and still are Catholic. John Edward still prays the rosary before and after every taping of his show. The only requirement seems to be that you believe in a higher force, and Infinite Intelligence.

How did these people get to be mediums? Were they specially chosen? According to John Edward in his book, *One Last Time*, he astrotraveled, had out-of-body experiences from about 4 years of age. That was his introduction to the Spirit World. He could see auras around his elementary school teachers and somehow just "knew" things that were going to happen before they actually happened. So I guess we could say that John Edward was "gifted" from the start.

Robert Hansen, on the other hand, only developed his talent after his 50th birthday. I say "developed his talent" because in actuality, we are all capable of communicating with those in the Spirit Realm. And why not, since we are spirits ourselves who are at the present time having a human experience.

Where is the Spirit Realm that we talk about? Is it right here, right now, occupying some of the same area that we call home. Discarnate beings merely have a different vibratory rate than we who are in physical bodies. The more solid or dense the body, the slower the vibration of the molecules. For this reason, our physical eyes cannot easily see discarnate spirits.

We (you and I), even though clothed in a physical body, are as spiritual as we will ever be. Our spirits are infinite with no beginning and no end and we do hold the key to unlimited knowledge. Then why does it seem that we know so little, and things just happen to us? Because we need to learn to be aware of our spirituality.

The dancer/actress/author Shirley Maclaine stated it very well in her book, *Dancing in the Light* when she wrote: "Our higher unlimited self, which has been a child of God from the beginning of time, is with us every instant, silently (and sometimes not so silently) guiding us through events and experiences which we elect to have for ourselves in order to

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looked like you had a shield of glass around you and I hadn't seen the deer, until it bounced right off of you." Someone in the crowd confirms the shield of glass phenomenon. I bow my head in gratitude, for a moment, and say, "Thank you, Mother-Father God." And I'm thinking, I can't wait to tell my other friend what just happened, when we do get to speak.

We proceed to walk to the park grounds and arriving there, I declare, "Here's a great spot for our chairs." "No, no, I'll find us a better spot." OK, I'm thinking, go with the flow, you've just had an encounter with a deer. After walking a ways through the dense crowd and trying to avoid stepping on people's toes and blankets, my friend declares, "This is a perfect spot." At the same moment, I hear my name, "Daveda!" I look up from the blanket that I'm standing on, into the eyes of the friend, who earlier today, said we would never find each other amidst six thousand people.

Speaking now, retrospectively, what did I learn from all of this? Certainly, as said in the *Celestine Prophecy*, by James Redfield, there are no accidents and no coincidences. Soon after this experience, I gained insights, which continue to grow. Apparently, when I changed from a fear base and rooted myself in Love, my aura had changed from one of fear to one of love and so the deer, being Mind-directed, sensed that and was no longer fearful, as well. I do believe that when it bolted out of the woods and found itself amidst the fearful crowd, it was frightened and was directed to the least threatening object, me, since I was giving off love energy. At the same time this love energy was activating the Law of Cause and Effect to protect all those involved—myself, my friend, the deer and the crowd of people.

When I rooted myself in Love, and accepted the uncertainty of what was about to happen, I knew that I would be surrounded by Love, whether remaining here on this plane of life or taken to the next.

There's a tag ending to this Kissed by a Deer story. About two years later, after attending a lecture on the *Celestine Prophecy*, and having coffee with someone I had just met, I began to relate the deer story.

"My God, that was you? I was there when it happened, but the crowd closed in and surrounded you and I couldn't get close enough to see if you survived. I always wondered if you came out of it."

We exchanged information and perspectives of what happened. She confirmed what I had remembered that the deer was female, full grown, but medium in size, that it was confused, frightened and was zigzagging until it made a straight path towards me.

Since that time, I have learned that according to Native American folklore, the deer is a symbol of love. Would I wish to be faced with this test again? NO encore, no thank you!

I'll continue with my slow and deliberate baby steps, except for an occasional giant leap forward. I think we can be patient and gentle with ourselves, as we take our baby steps in overcoming fear. Again from the *Spiritualist Manual,* Reading Number 11, "Love hath prophetic eyes; it seeth the triumph of good in the darkest hour; it forsaketh never, but findeth its own and keepeth it safe..." For the empowerment of Divine Love, always surrounding and protecting, I am so truly grateful.

"Namaste," translated as the God in me acknowledges the God in all of you.

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learn more fully who we are and what the God energy is. That energy is totally aware and the more we listen to it, the more aware each of us can become.

"...great spiritual masters such as Christ and Buddha were totally in touch with their higher unlimited selves and were therefore capable of accomplishing whatever they desired."

I would like to tell you that each and every one of you can become more and more aware and in touch with spirit energy if you are willing to work on it. You might first want to realize that you have probably experienced episodes of unexplained "knowing" or spirit communication in your past. Drawing upon recollections of my own life, I can recall walking in the neighborhood where I grew up, happily discussing a problem with the resident voice in my head. Yes, I was talking out loud and yes, another person walked up to me and inquired, "Are you all right?" Needless to say, I squelched communication with the voice in my head for quite a while. From then on I had occasional incidents of "knowing" things without a basis for the knowledge. Simple things like why my big brother's car was not running properly; why my father had gripping abdominal pain when he coughed; and that my sister was in need of God's help if she were to survive the birth of her 5th child. These incidents all occurred before I reached the age of 18, and so I was intrigued by psychic phenomena and the metaphysical.

How many of you have ever thought about a particular person only to have the phone ring delivering that person's verbal greeting? How many of you have ever experienced a feeling that you should avoid doing something only to find out later that you would have been in danger had you followed your original plan? How do you then get in touch with your higher self which knows all? Meditation is the key to get to know yourself. By quieting your mind and relaxing your physical body you will open the channel of communication. And equally important, when you do begin to hear, see, or feel, trust that it is genuine and not a figment of your imagination. You will be amazed at what you will begin to

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What happened in JULY throughout the years?

JULY 3, 1775

General George Washington took control/command of the Continental Army at Cambridge, Massachusetts.

JULY 3, 1930

Congress created **the Veterans Administration.**

JULY 4, 1776

The **Declaration of Independence,** Independence Day for the United States of America. The observance of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence began the next year in Philadelphia and is now a national holiday. We think of America as the *Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave.* Celebrate your freedoms and let us pray for freedom and peace throughout our beautiful world, for all humanity.

JULY 4, 1885

P. L. O. A. Keeler was born on this date. He was given the first names of the husbands of his sisters: Pierre Louis Ormond Augustas. Internationally known as a slate writer, he became one of the greatest mediums of his day. He successfully demonstrated his talent and gift before noted statesmen and legislators around his home in Washington, D.C.

JULY 9

It's birthday time for NSAC Secretary, the **Rev. Sharon Snowman, NST.** We all hope you have a very Happy Birthday.

JULY 20, 1866

The birth date of **Elizabeth Harlow Goetz.** She was called the *One Man Pilgrim Band*, for she worked so vigorously for the religion of Spiritualism. Elizabeth Goetz was a delegate to the first NSA Convention.

JULY 24, 1925

John T. Scopes found guilty of having taught **evolution** in a high school in Dayton, TN. Spiritualism affirms evolution, continued growth and progression.

JULY 30, 1964

A bill establishing **Medicare,** government health insurance for persons over 65, was signed. Medicare began July 1, 1966.

JULY 1897

The first educational facility for Spiritualists opened in Mantua, Ohio, called **Training School for Spiritualism.** 🕮

Questions & Answers

Q **We know about the natural but could you define the super-natural?**

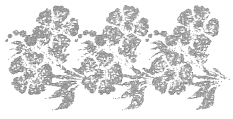
A For this question, let us define natural as the realm of matter, relating to nature, even though this is too simplified and it is more. Then in reality the super-natural is a higher zone of the natural. It is *that which belongs to a more subtle and refined realm, yet which is as normal as that which is subordinate. It properly includes that part of the great Whole which is spiritual and unseen.* The natural and the super-natural are varying manifestations of vibration and in accord with Natural Law.

Many of the orthodox churches look at spirit manifestations as super-natural. Spiritualists believe all activity is the result of Natural Law. When one experiences the supernatural or perhaps supernormal experience they know that there is an energy level on a different plane of existence. It is as if a veil had been lifted and they became aware of the separating space, time and activity.

Q **Please tell me something about the etheric body.**

A The physical body of a human being is a duplicate of the spirit body. The two bodies co-mingle during Earth existence and then separate at the time of death of the physical. The material body changes form and disintegrates. The etheric body, also called the soul, moves into the finer realms of the Spirit World to continue the existence of the spirit of the individual.

The physical is the outward expression of the etheric body which consists of spiritual materials. It is said that the etheric body is a reflection or reproduction of the individual's inner thoughts and desires, so the body in the Spirit World would be a photographic reproduction of the mind. One's thoughts pass over it instantaneously for all to see and know. 🕮



Things To Think About

BY MERRY BROWNE

• Balancing Act

Life is mathematically exact. An automatic balance scale of giving-receiving, returning to individuals what they have given, good or ill. This is the well-known Law of Karma/Balance.

What is not so well-known is the fact that receiving from others without giving in return is the same as stealing, and life takes from them in equal measure what they have taken without return. Giving—keeping the balance.

• "Packaged With Instructions"

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.

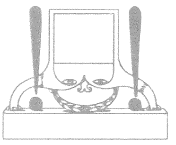
If the thought of a thing besets you,
And will not let you rest,
When the ought of the thing once gets you,
Demanding your very best,
Then the want of the thing is maddening
As it holds you in its sway,
It is your souls desire my friend,
And at length shall have its way.

A Smile For You!

Smiling is infectious;
you catch it like the flu,
When someone smiled at me today,
I started smiling too.
I passed around the corner
and someone saw my grin
When he smiled I realized
I'd passed it on to him,
I thought about that smile
then I realized its worth,
A single smile, just like mine
could travel round the earth.
So, if you feel a smile begin,
don't leave it undetected
Let's start an epidemic
quick and get
the world infected!

Humor to put you in Good Spirits . . .

SUBJECT:
Top 34 Oxymoron's:



34. Legally drunk
33. Exact estimate
32. Act naturally
31. Found missing
30. Resident alien
29. Genuine imitation
28. Airline Food
27. Good grief
26. Government organization
25. Sanitary landfill
24. Alone together
23. Small crowd
22. Business ethics
21. Soft rock
20. Butt Head
19. Military Intelligence
18. Sweet sorrow
17. Rural Metro (ambulance service)
16. "Now, then..."
15. Passive aggression
14. Clearly misunderstood
13. Peace force
12. Extinct Life
11. Plastic glasses
10. Terribly pleased
9. Computer security
8. Political science
7. Tight slacks
6. Definite maybe
5. Pretty ugly
4. Rap music
3. Working vacation
2. Religious tolerance

And the number one top Oxymoron is...

1. Microsoft Works...

News From New Hampshire



Mary Lou Baumhoff, Lyceum Conductor

Each December, our church, The Church of Spiritual Life, Salem, New Hampshire, gathers toys for the Shriners' Hospital for children in Springfield, Massachusetts.

We then hold a party for the spirit children. The toys are placed under a decorated tree and as we meditate, the spirit children play with the toys.



John Baumhoff shows appreciation for a gift Teddy Bear.

Some of us also bring toys which we have saved from our own family. (We don't donate these.) We have had some interesting and evidential visits.

This past year we collected more than two hundred toys and games.

John Baumhoff also receives donations from the men and women at his work.

Our church meets in the Masonic Hall and this is one way we show our appreciation to them.

Virginia Reports



Author Sophy Burnham with President of the Center, Dr. Wayne Knoll.

In March, members and visitors to the Center for Spiritual Enlightenment, NSAC, Falls Church, Virginia, were blessed with visits from two very special spiritual authors.

On Sunday, March 18, the speaker was Sophy Burnham, award-winning author of ten books, including *A Book of Angels*. More recently Ms. Burnham authored *The Ecstatic Journey: Walking the Mystical Path in Everyday Life*. She has written prize-winning works for both children and adults, including plays, films, articles, essays and investigative journalism. Her work has been translated into twenty languages.

Many of us went on the CSE Spiritual Unfoldment Cruise to South America in January. We were thrilled when Joan Parisi Wilcox, author of *Keepers of the Ancient Knowledge: The Mystical World of the Q'ero Indians of Peru*, offered to do an all-day workshop on March 24 called "Song of Myself: Techniques for Self-Revelation." She also spoke at our Sunday service on March 25. Ms. Wilcox has been trained in the spiritual arts of the Andes and has also studied with the Navajo and written about this tradition and other indigenous wisdom traditions.

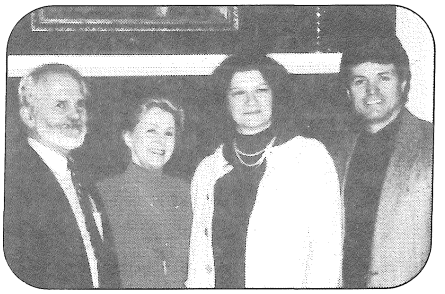


Board of Center For Spiritual Enlightenment (Falls Church, VA) with White House correspondent Ellen Ratner and author Sophy Burnham. (L-R): Fred Long, Ellen Ratner, Patricia Walters, the Rev. Patricia Stranahan, Steve Vogel, Wayne Knoll, the Rev. Anne Gehman, Joe Moy, Sophy Burnham, Rita O'Connor, Glennah Moy, and Edmund Bujalski.



Joan Parisi Wilcox and John Wilcox.

Center for Spiritual Enlightenment continues to devote one Sunday a month to student speakers and chairpersons, and after the April 1 Student Service, members Larry and Carolyn Leonard presented a 500-photo digital *Slide Show* selected from photos taken during the Spiritual Unfoldment Cruise, with emphasis on the Panama Canal and Machu Picchu.

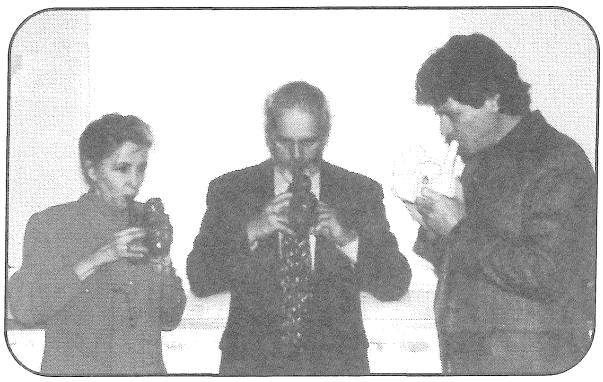


CSE Board member Fred Long (also organizer of our cruise), the Rev. Patricia Stranahan, Joan Parisi Wilcox and John Wilcox.

April events included "Dreams and the Inner Teacher," a 2-hour workshop presented by the Rev. John White of Lily Dale. Also from Lily Dale Tom Cratsley's healing workshop called "Spiritual Healing Intensive: Heart-Centered Spiritual Healing." In addition, psychic and astrologer, the Rev. Sandra Helton of Cassadaga, Florida, took part in a special "Blessing of the Animals" service on

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The Rev. Patricia Stranahan, Fred Long, and John Wilcox demonstrating the use of 3 of John's Peruvian "whistling vessels."

April 29, after presenting a workshop on the 28th.

On June 16th and 17th Diane Goldner, author of "Infinite Grace: Where the Worlds of Science and Spiritual Healing Meet," will be joined by medium Laurie Campbell, who is the Director of the Mediumship Committee at the Human Energy systems Lab at the University of Arizona. They will present a workshop titled "This Life and the Next," as well as conducting the Sunday service.

In September, our platform will be graced by two members of the NSAC Board. Treasurer, the Rev. Lelia Cutler, NST, from Norfolk, Virginia, will offer a 2-hour workshop on "Mediumship and the Principles of Divine Love" after conducting our Sunday service on September 9th. On September 23rd, Sylvia Kincaid, LM from Lily Dale, New York, will serve CSE as a speaker and medium, and will also offer a 2-hour class on "Natural Law."

Testimonial in Connecticut

On March 3, 2001, family and friends from around New England came to honor the outstanding commitment to Spiritualism that Al Ferency has shown for over thirty years. The members of the New London Spiritualist Church presented him with a plaque for his years of service to the Church. The Connecticut State Spiritualist Association presented him with a certificate for his years of service to the NSAC.



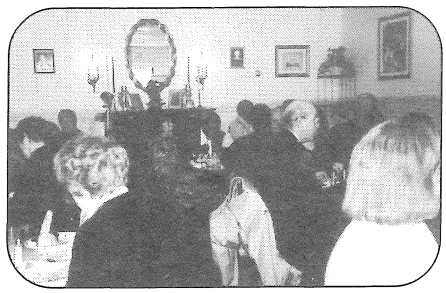
Al Ferency

As each person spoke of their personal relationship with Mr. Ferency, it was evident that Spiritualists everywhere are very fortunate that he has been generous with his time, energy and talents to the religion of Spiritualism.



Susan and Al Ferency

He not only excelled in his spiritual leadership, mediumship, healing and speaking abilities in all of the New England area, but in the past has served The New London Spiritualist Church as President, Vice President and Trustee. He has served the Connecticut State Association as President. Mr. Ferency has attended a countless number of NSAC conventions as a delegate from Connecticut and has been a Commissioned Healer and Certified Medium for over twenty years.



Presently, Mr. Ferency is the Vice President of The New London Spiritualist Church, and President of the On-I-Set Wigwam Spiritualist Camp. He continued to be instrumental in presenting the College of Spiritual Knowledge. He also continues to teach classes in the religion, science and philosophy of Spiritualism along with healing and mediumship development classes.

One of his many skills is bringing new mediums along, giving them encouragement and then stepping aside to watch their light shine.

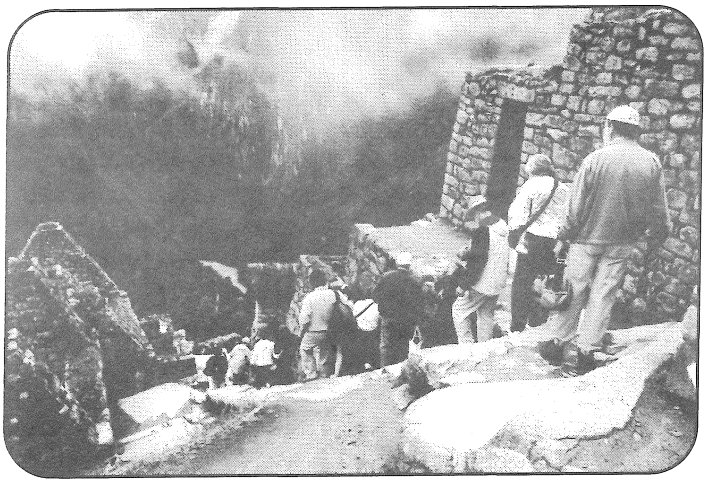
He is truly a living example of what sharing oneself is all about.



Spiritual Unfoldment Cruise

One Pilgrim's Journey Into Sacredness

BY LAURA NIMUË JOY, VIRGINIA

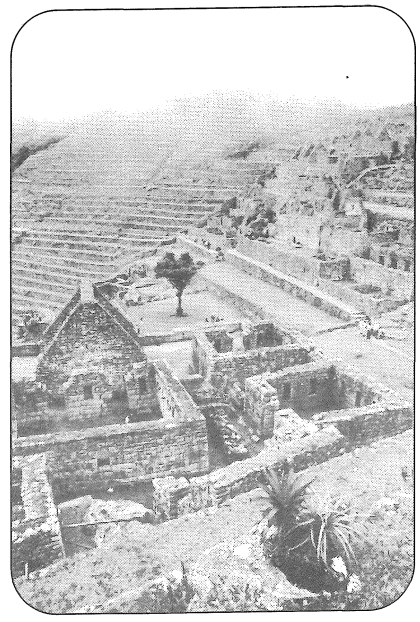


At Machu Picchu

The *Apus*, the spirits of the mountains, watched us from their cloud-shrouded peaks high above the Sacred River. The chocolate-colored Urubamba, swollen with rain, crashed and frothed and roared beside us for mile after mile as our private, 2-car diesel train rumbled into the depths of the Sacred Valley of the Incas, toward Aguas Calientes and our destination, the "lost city" of Machu Picchu.

Our Spiritual Unfoldment Cruise had begun nine days earlier, on January 6, 2001, when we had boarded Holland America's *M. S. Ryndam* at Port Everglades, Florida. There were 25 of us: members and friends of Center for Spiritual Enlightenment (in Falls Church, Virginia) and dance students of our tour organizer, Fred Long. We were a small group compared to the total of 1200 passengers boarding that day, but had come together from as far afield as Virginia, Florida, Colorado, West Virginia, California, New York and Massachusetts to visit some of South America's sacred sites. Additionally, on the days which we would spend entirely at sea, twice-daily unfoldment and informational classes would be offered by our pastor, the Rev. B. Anne Gehman, assisted by the Rev. Patricia Stranahan, the Rev. Bunny Starr, and Fred Long.

We had sailed within 14 nautical miles of the coast of Cuba; some of us had gone ashore at Georgetown, Grand Cayman (excursions stopped at the post office in "Hell," where one could send a card with a memorable postmark); in Costa Rica many of us had glided through the canopy of a rain forest in an aerial tram. We had spent one fascinating day traversing the Panama Canal from Atlantic to Pacific, and had crossed the equator with all the nautical traditions that crossing entailed. In Guayaquil, Ecuador, we had visited a cathedral fronted by a small park which was populated not by birds or squirrels, but by sizable land iguanas; we had visited an enormous cemetery where even the dead reside in high-rises, their box-like white tombs stacked five or more high and sprawling among the flowering trees up over a hill and down the other side.



Machu Picchu

Ship's tours had taken many of us on excursions from the port of Salaverry, Peru: to the pyramid Temples of the Moon and Sun (1st-7th c. AD) near Trujillo; to Chan Chan, the largest adobe citadel of pre-Hispanic America and the center of the Chimu culture (12th-15th c. AD).

After our excursion to Machu Picchu we would sail from Arica, Chile, past the flocks of pelicans and into more breathtaking sunsets and the beautiful beaches at Coquimbo and La Serena, Chile. At the Archeological Museum in La Serena we would feel the power emanating from an original Easter Island *Moai*. There we would see a photograph of an archeological find: what seemed to be a family of three buried alive, arms around each other, unseparated in death.

But now we were traveling through the Sacred Valley, mesmerized by the terraced hillsides; by shepherds apparently from an earlier age tending their animals; by the sudden squall that resulted in an Inka blessing, a rainbow whose welcoming arch spanned the whole valley; by the billowing clouds...and always the thundering, chocolate-colored river.

"Machu Picchu" means "old mountain" in the local Quechua language. Rediscovered (and named) in 1911 by explorer Hiram Bingham, the ancient city was made up of temples, palaces, streets, terraces, plazas, baths, shrines, and approximately 200 dwellings which are thought to have housed noblemen and the privileged of the Inka Empire (the spelling *Inca*, with a "c," is Castilian). The thousands of stones which make up the city are held together by no cement or mortar, and several of the constructions show that the people had a working knowledge of astronomy.

Our planned sunrise meditation at the Sacred Rock in the "lost city" was blessed by clouds rather than sun, and it

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was truly a mist-ical experience as mountain peaks and ancient ruins alike appeared and disappeared in the clouds. Our wonderfully spiritual guides, Fredy and Marcos, watched over us with great care as we clambered up steep steps to the *Intiwatana*, the "hitching post of the sun," a huge carved rock which appears to have been both solar observatory and sundial. From this vantage point we looked down through clouds to the thin chocolate ribbon which we knew to be the raging Urubamba. Nancy sounded her temple bells in the still air. We drank in the energy of the mountains, of the distant river, of the ancient peaks and stones. We were filled with awe by the majesty of the landscape...



Above Cuzco, Pero

Several hours later, as our private scarlet-and-mustard-colored train pulled out of the busy village of Aguas Calientes, some of us clearly saw, and were allowed to photograph, the faces of some of the mountain spirits, the *Apus*, still watching silently, seeming to approve of our presence there.

In Ollantaytambo that evening, we were to experience what was for some of us the spiritual highlight of our journey. First we visited a traditional thatched home built on Inka foundations. In the dim light we could see more than a dozen guinea pigs feeding on the earthen floor; above them, niches in the stone walls held red gladioli and the blackened skulls of the parents of the adult members of the family. A woman sat outside the door in traditional dress, spinning raw wool onto a spindle while a small child toddled across the muddy, uneven stones of the courtyard, at one side of which a horse was tethered.

Due to wet weather that evening, we were unable to meet as planned for a ritual at the Inka ruins in Ollantaytambo; instead we were invited into the home of Porfilio, the local Q'ero shaman, or *paqo*, who had agreed to perform the ritual for us. We sat on alpaca blankets around the edges of the stone floor in an unfurnished room whose window ledge was an altar of stones, crystals, feathers and other sacred objects placed on brightly-colored Peruvian textiles. In the center of the floor on another colorful cloth flanked by six flickering white candles lay a huge mound of sacred coca leaves (coca tea had helped many of us to deal with the high altitude); in one corner of the room the *paqo* sat cross-legged with candles, more coca leaves and other requirements for the ceremony. Carlos, the shaman-in-training, smudged us one by one, blowing purifying incense over us. Then each of us in turn approached the *paqo* with three sets of three coca leaves we had chosen (as perfect as we could find). Into each trio of leaves, or *k'intu*, we breathed a prayer—the first of which was for healing. We could understand the shaman's intent if not his words as he received our prayers and added our leaves to the *despacho* he was creating as a gift to the *Apus*. After each offering he took Florida water in his mouth and, spraying the fragrant liquid, blessed our prayers and our presence there.



Coca leaves at shamanic ritual.

The ritual lasted for perhaps two hours as dozens of small plastic bags were opened by Porfilio and Carlos and the contents added to the *despacho*: grains, seeds, candies, small trinkets, threads, cotton (to represent clouds), foil paper, fruit, nuts, stones, juice, leaves, flowers. Bag after tiny bag was opened and ceremoniously placed with prayers in Quecha (the language of the Q'ero) until at last the *despacho* was complete. It was a work of art, a thing of beauty as well as of love and respect, and each of us was allowed to go forward individually once again to gaze on our completed offering to the mountain spirits before it was wrapped up in the modern gift paper on which it was formed. Porfilio and Carlos would take the bundle to the mountain, burn and bury it in another ceremony which we would not see.

Near the conclusion of the ritual we stood one by one in front of Carlos, who cleansed each aura, or *poq'po*, with a magnificent condor wing-feather nearly three feet in length. The whistling of the feather through the candlelit air in this sacred space was like a sound from another, more spiritual, dimension. This writer was brought to tears as the sacred feather sliced through the air, cutting away worldly cares and pretenses, laying bare the soul. No church or cathedral had ever evoked such a deep feeling of holiness, and tears welled up as a spring bubbles out of the earth, natural and uncontrolled.

Perhaps all of us left a small part of our hearts behind in the Sacred Valley formed by the unforgettable, crashing waters of the Rio Urubamba. Its roaring waters sang in our hearts long after we boarded the plane for Lima and returned to fresh salads and "safe" ice cubes on our luxurious ship.

A few days later we flew home from Santiago airport into our everyday lives; but the solemn faces of the Peruvian children, the sudden rainbow in the valley, the majesty of the peaks, the beauty of the green land, and the power of the mighty Sacred River will be with us always.

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Calendar of Events

Sunday, October 7th
10:30 am – Morning Service
2pm to 4pm – Hospitality Sunday
7pm – Healing and Worship Service

Monday, October 8th
All Day – Seminar and Workshop
6pm – Banquet

Tuesday, October 9th thru Friday, October 12th
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Private Tour of **Lily Dale Spiritualist Community**, Saturday, Oct. 13th – All day. **Spiritualist Obelisk** visit, box lunch included, dining stop on return trip (dinner not included) – $25.00 additional, *by reservation only*.

A Pebble

– By Walt Hoolhorst

I am in the road.
I do not know why but
I am here nonetheless.
I stand out here but I
am not fulfilling my
intended purpose to be
with my fellow
pebbles.

Should I go back to the
group along the side of
the road?
Or try to venture forth
to attach to another
form?
Which way should I
go?

I depend on another to
place me back or
thrust me forward to a
new purpose.
I have no means to
move.
Will you help me
become more than I
am?



The Morning Watch

– Arthur Unknown



I met God in the morning
When the day was at its best,
And His presence came like
sunshine,
Like a glory within my
breast.

All day long the Presence
lingered,
All day long He stayed with
me;
And we sailed in perfect
calmness
O'er a very troubled sea.

Other ships were blown and
battered,
Other ships were sore
distressed;
But the winds that seemed to
drive them
Brought to
us a peace
and rest.

Then I thought of other
mornings,
With a keen remorse of mind,
When I too, had loosed the
moorings
With His Presence left
behind.

So I think I know the secret
Learned from many a
troubled way;
You must seek God in the
morning
If you want Him through the
day.



MEDIUMSHIP

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know. Eventually this ability will enter your everyday life, and you too will realize, like the spiritual author Dan Millman has told us, there are "no ordinary moments."

But alas, I've gone off on a tangent, or have I? So to summarize, I'd like to state my belief that Mediumship or the ability to "talk to the dead" is a fact evidenced by human history and the present time. Mediums can bring comfort to the bereaved as well as deliver answers to questions we might have. Mediums come from all walks of life and membership in any one particular religion is not a prerequisite. But the bottom line is that everyone can develop, to some extent, the ability to communicate with spirit and to access the unlimited knowledge of their inner self. May you all come to know that you are divine. Become aware and you are halfway there.

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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.

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

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