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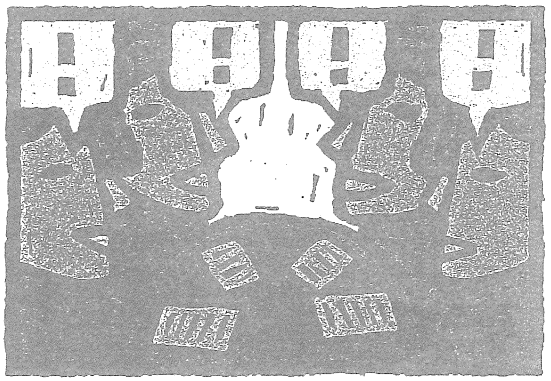
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My Message Was Stolen!

BY THE REV. SANDRA PFORTMILLER, NST



Once, after an all-message service, a medium was approached by a woman who requested a spirit greeting. She said that the person in front of her stole the message that she received during the service, and so she needed another one. Well, the first time I heard this story I thought it was quite humorous, but as I began to think about it some further considerations were apparent.

First of all, messages often have information which can apply to many people. When our spirit friends bring a point of truth, it will be for everyone present. This is a good reason to listen to the advice or information given to others, for you may find it applies to you. I recall one morning when the medium was mentioning to a lady about discomfort in her shoulders relating to the volume of responsibility she had assumed. The woman nodded her head in agreement. Spirit recommended she ask God for guidance and remember to use Infinite power which can do all things, rather than personal power which is very limited. The content of that message could have applied to me and several others in the congregation, and the advice was a wonderful reminder.

Energy flows to the path of least resistance, so if the energy is intermingled or distorted in some way, the message may be confused. Have you ever seen someone in church sitting with their arms and legs crossed? There are others that have an attitude of disbelief. Or, occasionally a couple will hold hands or put an arm across the back of the spouse's chair. Sometimes the chairs, by necessity, are so close that the auras inter-blend. A person may be unsure of receiving a spirit greeting and have some fear energy they are sending out. All of these things, and others, contribute to whether or not the spirit will connect clearly to the energy pattern.

Many mediums in a room may also merge with the spirit stream and this is why overreading sometimes occurs. The energy comes in and is available to all present, so often a student or beginning medium will receive a greeting that is similar to the one being given, which helps confirm the sensitive is receiving correctly.

Our church has tried to help the energy flow and the medium to focus by having the mediums sit up front. We also request the person receiving the message to please stand, if they are comfortable doing so. When most people stand up, they uncross their arms and legs and are more separate from those sitting around them, so it is easier for the medium to delineate the aura and the energy.

Spiritualist Churches, during the message portion of their worship services, try to bring a greeting from loved ones who have passed to the Spirit World or from guides who assist the person. This demonstrates that life continues after the change called death and that the continuation of the individual personality also continues.

There are times a message is received about someone who is still residing on the Earth plane, maybe living at a distance, or someone you have not contacted in awhile. Quite often these messages are sent by a spirit mutual friend or family member in the next dimension, and are received because there is healing or energy of some form necessary for the person in the physical.

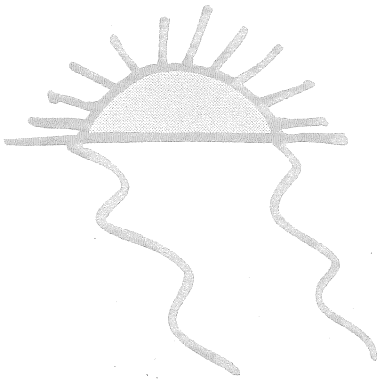
I remember one time receiving a message to contact my daughter who lives only about ten miles away, but who I hadn't talked with for awhile. When I reached her she told me she had broken her foot and needed some mothering, healing and help. Thank you, Spirit, and thank you to the *go between* in both realms that brought me the message.

That is such a great expression, *go between*. It is quite descriptive of what transpires when the soul, which is always the seer in all physical or spiritual forms of viewing, employs the higher sense of awareness to communicate between the spheres with those in the next realm. The Spirit Dimension of awareness is a continuation of the physical world and inter penetrates, connected by the ethers. Mediums use the ethers for communication.

Spiritualists agree that an evidential greeting from a loved one proves continuous life and continuous love in the natural world of Spirit. This is a blessing to know and understand that our loved ones live on and we never die.

However, we also feel that there are a variety of personalities that want to communicate with this side of life and some are not really connected to us. Many souls who have made their transition to the unseen universe have

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How Does God Appear?

BY LAURA LEE PERKINS, M.ED., MAINE

If we are the creative outlet through which God's presence manifests in the world, then what if our own creative impulses become blocked? How is the energy to be released, or how is God's presence to be made known? Keeping the channel open, free-flowing and unobstructed is our personal challenge. The process is not about bringing things in, but of releasing the information from the inside out.

We were born with free will. We were born with the capacity to trust, to have faith that goodness will flow. But we can also learn to be fearful, to shut off the flow of information from the other side. We can build internal dams or have severe internal spiritual drought. We can live with hope for a bright future or we can live within the fear of past hurts reappearing in our lives. Our attention magnifies the results; *where is your attention?*

Any form of negative attention brings more negativity. When we are in a condition of fear, anger or worry, our Divine Energy, instead of flowing in some positive, creative work, becomes dammed up within ourselves. Do you *rehearse trouble in advance*? We all know people who think in destructive ways and it is only by being vigilant about our own thinking (and speaking) patterns, that we can keep our internal dams open so that Spirit flows freely in its comings and goings.

It is all right to experience discontent, because discontent forces us to look at our lives more realistically. Discontent can lead us into more positive responses. Sometimes it is very enlightening to be discontented with the state of things if there is dullness, failure, frustration or loss of hope.

When we feel called into service by spiritual forces, when we believe that there is truly a way for us to be within the world that brings contentment, everything will be furnished to pave the path. That does not mean that it will just be handed over to us without the necessary commitment and work required, but that the resources necessary for us to fulfill the calling will be offered when we are ready. Emmet Fox writes of these things in his book *Power through Constructive Thinking* which states, "Your Heart's Desire is the Voice of God, and that voice *must be obeyed* sooner or later." ◆

Humor to put you in Good Spirits . . .

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

As he finished styling my hair, he replied, 'I groom horses.' "

License plate on a red Corvette, "LTL FUN."

A hint is something we often drop, but rarely pick up.

"Man does not live by words alone, despite the fact that sometimes he has to eat them."

– Adlai Stevenson

The Spirit World

BY THE REV. BARBARA STARR, NST, W. VIRGINIA



The early Spiritualist writers agree that the Spirit World is composed of various spheres, planes, or levels. The number most mentioned is seven, although some writers feel that there are more and we simply do not know of them since no one has communicated from those levels. The Spiritualists' viewpoint of spheres comes primarily from the writings of Emanuel Swedenborg and Andrew Jackson Davis, and other spirit communications add details to their concepts.

The spheres are mostly seen to be merging into each other with different levels of vibrational energy, with the lowest level in the first sphere. The amount of light, physical surroundings, clothing, food, and occupations all vary, depending on the sphere. Descriptions by some who have had near death experiences agree with the concept of different levels in the Spirit World. Individual perceptions provide varying descriptions, whether they are from personal experience, as in a near death experience, or received from spirit communication.

Physical Surroundings

The geography and topography of the Spirit World is as solid and as varied as it is on Earth (Grumbine, 1917). It is the Earth made perfect. Beautiful landscapes abound, and there are vibrations of harmony in the air and water. The landscapes and all aspects vary in each sphere, becoming more beautiful as one progresses higher. Soft plots with grass and trees substitute for gold streets. Industry, death, decay, and fences have no place in the Spirit World (Petersilia, 1892).

Light is everywhere, even though it is very dim and gloomy in the lowest sphere. The etheric or spiritual sun, not the material sun on Earth, provides the light according to some writers. Others say the light is radiated from atoms and is soft, radiant and brilliant. These are degrees of light and artificial darkness; there is no time or seasons as on Earth. Petersilia (1892) views this as one eternal day. Randall (1922) states that light is obtained from the action of minds on the atmosphere; think light, and there is light. The degree of light reflects the state of the spirits in a particular sphere, and is normal for those there. If one is in Summerland, or the third sphere, the light in the higher spheres is too bright. Hare (1855) proposes that the sphere of a spirit can be known by the brilliance and character of light that surrounds him or her.

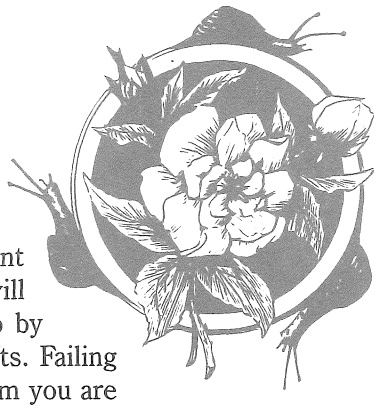
Although time and space are not as they are on Earth, there is still distance between localities. The distances are not great because you can communicate with any place by thought, but you must still travel to get there. The mode of locomotion is determined by the pleasure of the spirit. (Peebles, 1902) A spirit can travel with the velocity of thought in the same sphere. Or one can walk or float, or even sail in a boat. Herbine (1919) mentions being able to rise above the atmosphere and proceed swiftly. You can fly where you desire to go by will, through attraction, and you can be drawn not only by your desire, but by that of those who may wish your presence. There is no impediment in matter; the only barrier is one's own lack of knowledge or volition. Although Crowell (1879) states that a spirit can travel in any and all directions, other Spiritualists disagree. Petersilia (1892) says if you are in the third sphere, you can visit any sphere above or below. Tuttle (1900) explains that the degree of purity and spirituality determines if you can progress to other solar systems or planets.

The early Spiritualists describe a variety of buildings and methods of building. Owen (vol. 1, 1920) talks about a temple built step by step by the collective thought of a group. He describes large halls with towers, with varied architecture and design, with gardens and woods around them, and says there are cities with a central palace and communicating stations around it. There are all types of buildings: laboratories, lecture halls, libraries, those for music and the making of musical instruments, and magnificent temples of worship. Some are constructed of material resembling precious stones. Owen (vol. 1, 1920)

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Releasing A Spirit To The Light

BY THE REV. JUDY MERRILL, DSNU, CANADA



What is a process to use to release a spirit to the Light?

Every tradition and belief system has a means and way of removing an unwanted spirit (by whatever name). For Spiritualists, I would suggest the KISS principle:

Keep It Simple Spiritualists.

All mediumship work begins and ends with a prayer to the God of our understanding for protection and strength in the present activity. My experience has been with both the interference in the body of a young person, as well as spirit in a lodging. I asked permission of no one, as these circumstances would not have entered my sphere of being, if I was not being called upon to aid in some way with my spiritual mediumship. I felt these people had been directed to me by my personal connection with the spirit guides of my understanding.

There are many good books written on the subject of rescue work; one of the best is by a Psychiatrist, *Thirty Years Among the Dead*, by Carl Wickland. With each passing generation of mediumship, it is found that the hints of the past are added to and refined to make for a better, safer activity in mediumship.

The first step with any interfering spirit is to get in touch with it—your mediumship gifts (hearing, seeing, touching, smelling, feeling, etc.) are the tools for this process. Do not go into trance and channel the entities, merely know they are present. When dealing with this type of spirit it is best to talk aloud. You will hear your voice and all present will hear your suggestions, both in the physical and in the spiritual.

You begin with the white light of spirit entrance and encourage the spirit to that light. There is always someone to meet and greet a new arrival. Suggest to the entity who might be present to welcome them. You will again have picked this up by your own mediumistic gifts. Failing this, your guide with whom you are connected, will be leading the entity away, so put them in touch by your suggested presence of this particular spirit.

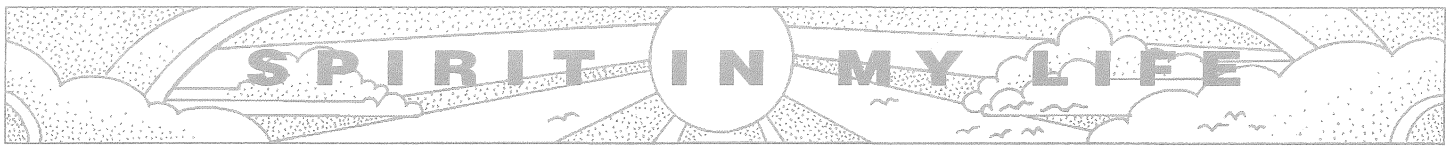
Speaking gently, but firmly throughout the exercise, lead and suggest to the stuck individual to go to the light and to meet and greet those present for this purpose. You are working together with the Spirit World (this was once called rescue work). You should have the experience of trust and connection with those working with you in all spirit matters. I feel it is a very individual process and would not suggest it to those inexperienced with the many facets of spirit contact.

There is a simple way of sensing spirit in your own home, knowing it is your interest that invites it, and merely talking out loud to them to move on to the light. NEVER tell spirit to go away, without giving them some hope or understanding as to where or with whom in the process.

Think carefully before embarking on a ministry such as this; there are pitfalls to every endeavor with spirit and you must be prepared. It is not for the uninitiated or inexperienced to play at; that is the type of spirit that can quickly be drawn to you and discourage the higher source of your striving for spirituality.

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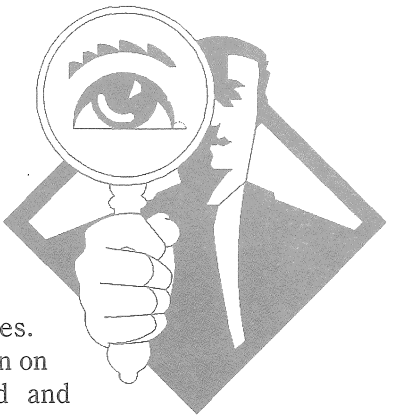
But there is also a causal, psychosomatic relationship between healing of the soul and health of the body. Physical health is thus a welcome by-product of spiritual health.
World Scripture, a comparative anthology of sacred texts



***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.*

Mediumship And Law Enforcement Investigations

BY BILL RIORDAN, UTAH



As a general rule, mediumship and law enforcement have not gone hand in hand. Law enforcement investigations are predicated upon the scientific method which relies on exact and specific physical observations. Thus an inherent skepticism can and does exist. We also have to recognize Universal Law, we each have our right place and function, crime solving from the other side would certainly eliminate a very valuable path of learning and discipline found in the field of law enforcement. Many mediums have reported bad experiences with law enforcement and have found their attitudes to be very belittling and condescending. It is my belief this occurred because the well intending medium came to them and tried to perform within law enforcement procedures and investigational parameters, which for above stated reasons can not/will not occur! Thus all feathers were ruffled.

I quickly learned to have law enforcement people come to me and they are requested, as any client to observe a mutual protocol of honor and respect. Questions asked, with a position of being answered from a sincere desire for answers, are accommodated; questions with a foundation of dark energy are not answered. As with any client, it is clearly discussed before any sitting what mediumship can offer and its largely unseen role in the Universe. There have been two occasions where information has come to me via a dream on a high profile murder. In this case, I gave the information to my attorney who contacted the appropriate authorities. The gift of mediumship has been used to help my attorney and so he goes the extra mile to insure the information is handled quietly, respectfully and effectively. It is always made clear, as a medium, I neither seek nor wish any reward or recognition in a criminal investigation. It is amazing now, that many law enforcement agencies know me and do respect where I am coming from. They also know the same honor and respect will come from me to them.

While mediumship usually doesn't solve a murder investigation, it often gives valuable information to assist law enforcement to do their job to find the killer. This is not what I prefer to be known for, and unless there is a clear healing necessary, it is better to be in the background. In one case, in a dream, a deceased wife came to me and said her husband was not the killer. She gave me exact and incredible information, leading to her husband being cleared of charges. Desiring more information on this case, a very good and respected police detective came for a sitting and got very little additional accurate information. My purpose was served previously.

Another client came for a sitting. It came out through mediumship how, why and who murdered her husband. The police agency had not investigated it fully, as they felt drugs were involved. She took the information to the law enforcement agency and it was a missing link for the crime to be solved. In a public speaking opportunity at a well known grief counseling group, a lady asked about her sister's murder. Here too, information was given, quite graphic, which allowed her and the police to complete the details of her sister's transition. The law enforcement agency again, quietly acted upon the information and solved the murder. In a case involving a public figure, I did a sitting where the transition was clearly a suicide. The healing was achieved.

In one healing sitting, five law enforcement people came together. One of their own was shot and they wished to speak with him. This sitting turned out to be a fulfilling healing. The officer who made a sudden transition had a very different orientation in life than his co-workers. In fact was an outcast. These five officers were at the scene when he was shot to death. They simply wanted him to know they cared about him within their souls and were afraid to show it. They also wanted to know that he knew they in no way were sloppy during the stand off and protected him as diligently as possible. The fact he was a social outcast did not mean he was an unprofessional team member! Each of

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Things To Think About

BY MERRY BROWNE

The Promise and Proviso

The world in which we live appears to be a materialistic one where getting is the name of the game and giving is for tax breaks which is further getting. Even in the less aggressive, getting is not equated with giving, although the Law of Life clearly states that getting is after the fact of giving. (Luke 6:38) *Give and you shall receive.*

The proviso is *If* we give, we will receive which implies if we do not give we shall not receive. Unless this Law is known, persons will pray for what they want and wonder why they do not receive it and will attempt to get what they want without earning it. The secular saying, "There's no free lunch," is a Universal truth. We cannot receive until we give. When we do give, we receive in equal measure to what we gave. If we give little, we get little—give a lot, get a lot—and so it goes, without saying. "We" decide how much we get from life.

Life's little illustration
of this Law – please let me
rhyme it,
You get no water from a pump
Until you pump and prime it.

Our Life and Times

In ancient days it was understood that under-lying life was Law, and that if the Creator's Laws were obeyed, one would have health and a happy life. Whereas, if they were not obeyed, the consequences could be illness and unhappiness. Our life is made up of health and good life experiences from times we have obeyed the Laws of God. It is made up of illness and bad life experiences from times we have "not" obeyed the Laws of God.



"Life"

Life is an ever emerging
Mixture of colors that glow
With new and wondrous knowledge
Opening as we go
From each year's lovely flower
To flower until we know
At last its Innermost secrets
And bask in the after glow.

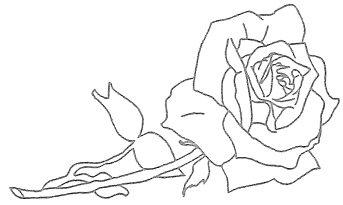
Life is a constant growing
This I've observed and know
All that stands still stagnates
What does not grow will go.

A Poem

Hid in every heart
is the deep desire to connect,
To belong.
To be treasured,
To be loved enough
To be listened to
and accepted,
even if not understood,
even if different drumming
is heard and followed,
different paths taken,
distances run,
Each heart needs a home place
where it can go when weary,
To be held tenderly
in welcoming arms.

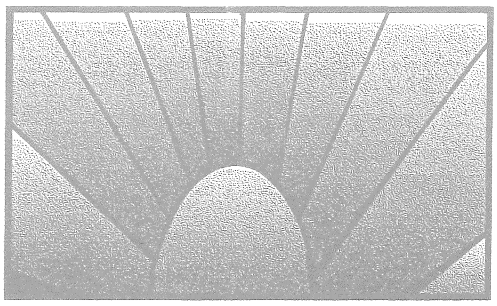
The Purpose of Life

In case you've asked yourself
just what is my mission?
How and when will I bring it
to fruition?
I can tell you now it is every
human goal
To one day be in love with
every human soul.



Another Dawn

AUTHOR UNKNOWN



To understand the meaning of death, we must understand the meaning of life.
Looking at life we see that all things change; but although changed, nothing perishes. Things only change. If this is true in the world of things, how much more true it is in the world of mind.

Soul has a substance of its own no less permanent for being immaterial. No less real for being invisible. We cannot measure it with calipers or weigh it in balance.
We cannot feel it with our fingers or see it with our eyes, but it is there—substantial, real.

It changes, but it will not perish.

Life does not begin with birth. It does not end with death.
Life is an eternal process and eternal progress.
This visible form, this audible voice, the aggregation of organs, this network of ideas—we are more than these.
These are the trappings of visibility and we are an expression of the spirit of life.
Life is the work of a grand and kind Intelligence and has an order and a meaning far beyond our power to see at this moment; but we can trust this Intelligence that made the world.

We were not made for dying or for failure or for pain.
We are meant to live gloriously. We are the children of the infinite.
We have a divine destiny and we are advancing toward this destiny.
Out of the infinite we came and into the infinite return, but we are upward bound.
We have risen through an eternity of experiences. We shall go higher yet through other experiences.

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FAVORITE SAYINGS TO LIVE BY

"The study of Spiritualism deals with the subtle spiritual faculties lying beneath the surface in men and women. We are studying the fascinating subject of individuals, spiritual beings, indivisible parts of the Oversoul. Therefore, we cannot expect to pin down into a limited number of words or phrases: it itself. It reaches beyond all intellectual comprehension for it is unlimited and infinite. The minute we try to express the unmanifest into words and books, we limit it, and thus we are not teaching Truth; for Truth is what is, all there is to which the reason can conceive no opposite."

– *Clyde Dibble*

LIFE'S INTENT

BY ELIZABETH HARRIS, DSNU, CANADA

Death have we hated, knowing not what it meant;
Life we have loved, through green leaf and serenade,
Though still the less we knew of its intent.
William Morris (1834-1896)

Do we know why we have life? Are we aware of life's meaning and intent?

Human life is an intimate and deeply personal act. And, although this glorious adventure is varied and many-faceted, nevertheless, during its brief flare, it bestows on the soul a legitimate passport to climb through countless levels of awareness in its instinctive search for God. This is its intent. This is the reason for it.

Life is worth living. We must believe this. We must not cringe in fear of it, nor turn away from it. We must reach out to it—embrace it—value it—and cherish it, for it is our greatest gift.

Be not afraid of life. Believe that life is worth living,
and your belief will help create the fact.
William James (1842-1910)

Hate is not the opposite of love, but apathy is—being uninvolved, unrelated to life's grand experiences. The person who loves life reaches out, moves forward, seeks others, opens him/herself to be affected, molded, formed, related to the world and having it relate to him/her. Apathy to life is a blunting of emotions, and the feeling that one doesn't care anymore, a gradual letting go of involvement until one finds that life itself has passed by.

And, like all life's valuable lessons, learning to live life must also be learned. There have been many inspired teachers who have shown us the way.

One of our first lessons is to **Know Thyself.** Our complex lives often seem full of wants and selfish desires. We can be proud, vain, selfish, angry, impatient, concerned first for our own comfort. We can be anxious, fearful, prone to judge others, critical, insensitive, self-righteous. There is a long list of possibilities—and the first thing we must do is Know Thyself—to truly know who we are.

For how can we mend or fix what we don't know? How can we fight things when we do not face their presence?

Having faced our faults, we then can learn to overcome them. At the same time we can try to cultivate the opposite virtue. If it is fear or anxiety, we must cultivate trust in God. If it is greed, we must give away something we really value. If it is criticism of others, we should consider whether we have projected on to others, faults which are present in ourselves, but repressed. Many spiritual leaders suggest spending five minutes at each day's close, looking back over events where we may have failed to react rightly. Every spiritual teacher stresses purification from the selfishness of the ego. **This is the hardest of tasks**, and there is no single point where one can relax and say the task if finished.

We must learn to accept life, remembering that **every individual has a complicated pattern to follow.** There is no such thing as chance or accident for human souls. A rebellious attitude to our life's situation, or resentfulness against it, is born out of ignorance. Only by acceptance of life can we tread the path of wisdom. For an individual is a thinker and a doer—a striver after ends—and for such a person, life buds and burgeons, changes and grows.

We are told, too, that a **belief in God transforms people's lives and moves them toward a more energetic engagement with life.** For if men and women were to act with energy to strive toward heights of thought and accomplishment, then their activities must co-exist with those of God. **Humanity is helpless against the cosmic forces unless there is the Great Ally called God.** In a Godless Universe, our moral energy would lack sustaining power, and **it is God who gives moral energy to the individual.**

Struggles are required in this world, and the good can only be won by vanquishing the bad. **God helps us struggle as long as the ends are ideal rather than narrow and paltry.** Such a person becomes "empowered" and able to walk with confidence in God's presence.

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God does not release men and women from their responsibilities to build a better world, rather, **God helps them find the resources to act.** God gives the feeling of being in a wider life than that of this world's selfish little interests, and a conviction of an existence of an Ideal Power, an Infinite Intelligence which is eternal and infinite.

As the great American philosopher William James confided: *I am less and less able to do without God. Several years ago, when confronting the depths of my depression and trembling before my "panic" and despair, I called out to God for solace and assurance. The turn to God seemed a sensible alternative to a fate that otherwise might have come to resemble an insane asylum. I mean that the fear and panic was so pervasive and powerful that If I had not clung to texts such as* ***God is my refuge****, etc., I think I would have become insane.*

Learning how to live in this complicated world takes skill and fortitude, and as a seeker and finder of life's secrets recently remarked, *We forbid ourselves all seeking after popularity, all ambitions to appear important. We pledge ourselves to abstain from falsehood. We promise to one another active sincerity, which strives to see truth clearly, and which never fears to declare what it sees. We forbid ourselves the use of sarcasm. Of serious things we will speak seriously and unsmilingly, without banter—for there are serious ways of being light of heart.*

Spiritualism, as we all know, is an excellent teacher. It teaches us life's intent. A Spiritualist wrote: *For myself, I can say that Spiritualism has saved me. It was revealed to me at a critical moment of my life, and without it, I don't know what I should have done. It has taught me to detach myself from worldly things and to place my hope in things to come. Through it I have learned to see in all men, even in those most criminal, even in those from whom I have most suffered, undeveloped brothers to whom I owed assistance, love and forgiveness. I have learned that I must lose my temper over nothing, despise none, and pray for all. Most of all I have learned to pray! And although I have still much to learn in this domain, prayer ever brings me more strength, consolation and comfort. So Spiritualism has a great place in my life, indeed it holds the first place there.* (Flournoy Collection)

Acceptance of life may be defined as an attitude of mind and heart based on trust in God. It would be foolish of us to assume to know what is best for a person. We don't know what is best for ourselves, so how can we presume to know what is best for another. This same difficulty presents itself when we pray. We pray for things, which in His mercy, we're sometimes denied. We have all had experiences that we would have preferred to have avoided, later, realizing that these happenings were valuable learning experiences. **So—who knows what is good and what is bad?**

From Ancient China comes an apt Taoist story that goes like this. *A farmer's horse ran away, and this was a great loss to him, for the horse was essential to farm work. A neighbor called in to offer pity. All that the old farmer would say was, "Who knows what is bad and what is good?"*

The next day the horse returned, bringing with it a drove of wild horses it had befriended in its wanderings. The neighbor called again, and the farmer replied as before, "Who knows what is good and what is bad?"

The next day, the farmer's son was trying to mount one of the wild horses, fell off and broke his leg. Once more the neighbor came to sympathize, and once more the farmer said, "Who knows what is good and what is bad?"

The next day soldiers came to draft all able-bodied young men into the army. When they saw the young man with the broken leg, they did not take him.

Life is a glorious learning experience, and, it is up to us to make it worthwhile. We have had countless inspired teachers showing us the way—describing what to do—and how to do it. Every great religious teacher that the world has ever known has taught the priority of the **Law of Love**—emphasizing the importance of human relationships. For, we must live with people, while retaining a life outside of it. If we separate ourselves from our fellow men and women and fail in friendship, obviously we do not follow the Law of Love.

Everything turns on the virtue **compassion**. For example, the acme of spiritual healing is compassionate love. Without compassion, spiritual healing exists only in its physical or magnetic state. With compassion, the spirit power is activated. And, in a world of need, those who can't see the need, or seeing it, turn away and care only for themselves, lack compassion. If I had only one prayer to pray to end this phase of my life, I would pray that I had not failed in compassion.

Human life is a deeply personal and intimate learning experience. That is the intent of it.

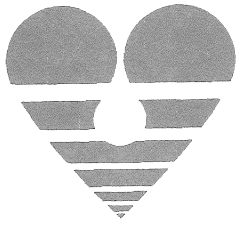
Time is passing on my brother;
Oh, how swift the moments fly!
For our days are but a passage,
To the fairer world on high.
Life abideth but a moment,
And our years will not be long,
When the messenger appeareth
We shall end our earthly song.
– SNN Lyceum Manual

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Love and Light

TRANCE MESSAGES FROM ONE FEATHER
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Simply Love



I come to ask why you do not listen.

The people of your world do not listen to their heart. They listen to the noise that surrounds them. They listen to that which does not make sense. They listen to that which is unimportant.

We find it very distressing to watch these things. You have been given the key, the key to life, the key to understanding, the key to happiness. That key is the unconditional love of the Infinite, the one we call the Great Spirit.

Do you know what unconditional love is? We often hear you try to explain what unconditional love is. You do not understand. It is pure, it is simple, it is honest. It is simply love. Do not try to attach things to it. Do not try to qualify it. Do not try to quantify it. It is simply love. When you say unconditional you try to separate it, change its meaning. Do not do this. There is simply love.

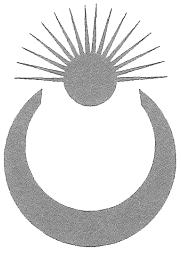
You do not have to say unconditional love, there are no conditions **where** love is given. There are no conditions **when** love is given. There are no conditions **how** love is given. Love is pure, love is everlasting, love is simple. Treat it that way. Accept it that way. Give it that way.

As you give so you shall receive. The pure love that exists within is easily found. The hard part is the search for it. Do not make the simple things in your life difficult. That is a human trait, the spiritual way is found in its simplicity, love.

Listen to the heart, listen to the mind, listen to the spirit. It is easy, it is simple, it is the easiest choice you will ever make. Shut out the noise of the outside world. Find peace, find happiness, find love.

We wait, we watch, we lead. In your time each will find that which they seek, that which they need, that which they want, the simplicity of the pure love of God and Spirit. It is within each.

Search For Light



The search for light is an easy one. It is only as difficult as you wish to make it. It does not take a lot of time unless you wish it. Take the time to quiet the mind, look for the light and love from the Spirit World. As it comes, it seeks the light and love that exists within each and every one. Follow the light and love to that spirit within where it exists and you will find it. The time it takes depends on how much time you wish it to take. It is your subconscious mind that decides how much time, how difficult the search will be. As in all things, it is up to you.

When you find the light and love within, you will find the love of self, the love of spirit and the love of light, for that light is the love of God.

Silver Birch says that service is the coin of the Spirit Realm. Sharing the love of self, the love of the Spirit World, and the love of spirit is a way to serve. Share that love and light through thought, word, and deed.

The act of love is the deed, the world of love is the light from a smile, the eyes, and the actions of self, the thoughts of love are the healing prayers, thoughts of goodness and thoughts of friendship.

Your world has a saying, "What goes around comes around." This is the Natural Law of Reciprocity. As you give so shall you receive.

The love and light you share through thought, word, and deed returns stronger, brighter, and with purpose. The purpose is to share some more, to share again and again.

The selflessness of this sharing is what we take with us when the transition is made. It is our light and only our light. We share while on the Earth plane, but we take with us that which has returned to us, that which is stronger, that which is brighter, that which will define our purpose in the Spirit World.

Peace and Brotherhood,
One Feather ◆

Questions & Answers

Climbing A Staircase to the Sky

From a question asked by C. M. Handy, August 11, 1998 and answered through the trance mediumship of M. S. Bedell.

Q **Is there a Higher Source in each person, in each human, that taps into a Higher Level?**

A The answer is Yes, in a way. Think of it as such, that as your vibration rises, your mind, your spirit is able to get in touch with information of a higher vibration. That information is available all the time. It is part of the universal energy that surrounds us. However, your ability to tap into it is what changes as your spiritual growth accelerates. But once tapped into this information, your mind will change, your personality may change. You'll feel full, full of spirit's love. Use your imagination as if you're climbing a staircase to the sky. After each flight there is a door to be opened. After the door is opened, the stairs continue up. Certain changes in you, in your actions, in your thoughts, in your psyche, in your mind *must* occur for each consecutive door to open up to you. There is no universal key that opens all the doors... But once through a door and on a plateau, you need never journey back down the stairs. You will not back down the stairs if your commitments remain strong, and your motives are for the greatest good. ◆

MY MESSAGE WAS STOLEN!

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families and friends who are closed to greetings from the other side of life. Occasionally, these personalities will come to someone with a message for a person they work with or for a neighbor, family member, or friend to prove they continue to live. Often this is the only way they can contact the loved one still in the physical.

Because a soul has cast off its physical body and moved to the Spiritual Realm, it does not make the Spirit Person all-knowing, spiritual or intelligent, pious or truthful. The soul continues to express in a similar manner as they did while in the physical body. All souls gradually continue to grow and expand, however. Spiritualism teaches us to test the spirit, test the message—the content of the message is where the evidence is contained. Our *spirit teachers* will bring messages of love; for the highest good for all; and an understanding that is helpful for our soul's progression in life. The *spirit teachers* are inspiring, encouraging, gentle and caring, making suggestions, but informing us to make our own decisions. Natural Law is the guideline they follow.

Mediumship and messages are not just received from the platform or during church work. Messages come in our daily lives to all of us in a variety of ways and places. Infinite Intelligence constantly communes with us—sights and sounds speak to our soul. The books we choose to read or the paragraph in the newspaper that catches our eye are often soul guided. We think, "I would really like a big salad for dinner tonight," and we get home from work to find a big salad our spouse has prepared. Every place or every moment has Spirit in it, therefore, our life is filled with messages or inspiration, but it is up to us to open our awareness to receive this guidance more fully. Quiet time, prayer and meditation, are most helpful, along with the desire and intention to receive.

Walks in Nature are a great way to relax and receive guidance. If someday you are out walking and find a beautiful feather (stone, leaf, trinket) laying on the ground, pick it up and listen within for the message. Then if a little boy or girl walks by and admires your feather, don't feel if you give them the feather that they stole your message, for the message is within, internal, filled with love. It is okay to share the feather with your love, for they say a gift twice given has twice the love.

Mediumship is a gift and a faculty used to demonstrate continuous life, but also to share the love of the Universe, to teach us about how to live today, to encourage us to grow in our awareness and to be of service. There is a medium in the physical expression and a medium in the spiritual expression both sharing their love with the sender and the receiver of the message—a gift twice given.

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Positive Statements To Help Create a Positive Day.

Affirmations . . . AUGUST 2001

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 The Pathway of life is present within us.	**2** Constructive thought is a great and effective power.	**3** "The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step." –Tao	**4** Radiate life by fully living each moment.
5 Our knowing evolved from a Creative Spark.	**6** I exercise my free will to serve.	**7** When sending out love energy, I am with God.	**8** I release trying to control others and accept them as they are.	**9** We are never lost when we trust God.	**10** I am open to new insight, to a spiritual ah-ha.	**11** Dear God, please bless those that show us the way.
12 No other person has power over my inner thoughts.	**13** Our thoughts create our future. What are you thinking?	**14** All the power of the Universe is ready for me to tap into.	**15** Each new idea is a blessing and a gift from Spirit.	**16** I am responsible for my life and my reaction to life.	**17** Spirit is the Source and Supply of all my needs.	**18** Our outward reality is formed by our inner thoughts.
19 Each deep inhale of air renews, each exhale releasing.	**20** I have the option to release and change unhappy events.	**21** Peace comes from within when we attune to God.	**22** I smile lovingly at all life, at all humanity and all situations.	**23** "The illusion is never in the thing, but in the way we look at it." –SOM	**24** I accept and am worthy of abundance.	**25** Life gives me so much to be thankful for each day.
26 I focus on my loving desires and they show up.	**27** "Freedom and slavery are mental states." –Gandhi	**28** The creative energy flows through me, guiding me.	**29** Achievements come when we put forth our energy.	**30** Giving and receiving are both parts of abundance.	**31** Your true self within is a spiritual quest of discovery.	



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MONROVIA - The Spiritualist Church of Revelation
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REDWOOD CITY - Redwood Church of Spiritual Science, NSAC
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SAN BERNARDINO - Temple of Spiritual Truth, NSAC
732 N. Sierra Way, 92402. Sun. Serv. & Healing 11:00 a.m.; Secy., Richard Patteson, 10939 Hole Ave., Riverside, 92505.

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

SAN FRANCISCO - Golden Gate Spiritualist Church
1901 Franklin St. (Corner of Clay) 94109; Sunday, Lyceum 9:30 a.m., Sept. thru May; Healing 10:30 a.m., Devotional Serv. 11:00 a.m.; Wed. Healing 7:30 p.m., Serv. 8:00 p.m., (415) 885-9976; Pastor, Rev. Donald Haddick, NST; Pres., Sonny B. Gee; Secy., Engeltie Lauderback; All mail to: P.O. Box 642416, 94164.

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SAN JOSE - The Spiritual Science of Life Church, NSAC
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SAN LEANDRO - Spiritualist Church of Two Worlds
1550 San Leandro Blvd., (Deaf Comm. Center) 94577; Sun. Serv. Healing 10:30 a.m., Reg. Serv. 10:45 to 12:00; Co-Pastors, Rev.'s Betty and Don Nauratil, (925) 283-1449; Pres., Jean McFarlane, 816 Cary Dr., 94577, (510) 483-5630; All mail to Secy., Rev. Betty Nauratil, 1048 Via Roble, Lafayette, 94549-2925.

SANTA BARBARA - Summerland Spiritualist Church of The Comforter
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LITTLETON - Chapel of Spiritual Awareness
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NEWINGTON - The Church of The Infinite Spirit
Masonic Temple, 80 Walsh Ave., 06111; Sun. Serv. 10:30 – 12:00 on Sept. 10 & 24, Oct. 15 & 29, Nov. 12 & 26, Dec. 3 & 17; Year 2001, Jan. 14 & 28, Feb. 11 & 25, Mar. 11 & 18, Apr. 15 & 29, May 6 & 20, June 10 & 24; Closed July & August; Pastor, Allen Noddin, 174 Daley St., Forestville, 06010, (860) 582-7385; Pres., Mary Ann Noddin, 174 Daley St., Forestville, 06010, (860) 582-7385; Secy., Joan Wooster, 101 Leffingwell Ave., Waterbury, 06710, (203) 574-2017.

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June 10 - Sept. 9. Services, Sundays at 2:30, Tue., Thur., Sat. 7:30. For a program listing all Summer activities write to: Secy. Lynn Gaffin, 70 Dell Ave. #B5, New London, 06320-3346; E-Mail: slynnh@aol.com.

NORWICH - National Spiritualist Church of Norwich, Inc.
29 Park St. (off Main St.), 06360, (860) 886-8522; Secy., Sandra Morse.

OLD GREENWICH - Albertson Memorial Church Of Spiritualism
293 Sound Beach Ave., 06870; (203) 637-4615; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m., all welcome; Pastor, Rev. Melvin O. Smith.

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

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WASHINGTON - The Church of Two Worlds
3038 "Q" St., N.W., 20007; Sun. Healing 2:00 p.m., Serv. 2:30 p.m., (202) 333-5114; Pres., John Rothamel, Jr., (410) 590-9187; Secy., Robin Kitto Rothamel (410) 590-9187.

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ORLANDO - Spiritualist Church of Awareness, NSAC
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BURNHAM - Puritan Spiritualist Church, NSAC
13906 Greenbay Ave., 60633-1614; Sun. Serv. 2:30 p.m.; Pastor, Anna Gross, 10930 Ave. "M", Chicago, 60617-6929; Secy., Rozanne Langreder, 3344 E. 186th St., Lansing, 60438, (708) 418-5157.

CHERRY VALLEY - Cherry Valley Spiritualist Camp, Inc.
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2430 W. 11th Ave.; Serv. Sun. 3:00 p.m., Wed. 8:00 p.m.; Pastor & Pres., Rev. Jesse James, Jr., 1301 Pennsylvania St., 46407; Secy., Verillia Shaffer, P.O. Box 4278, 46404; Unfoldment Classes Sat. 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., Lyceum Sun. 3:00 p.m.; Jacqueline Crooms, 853 Grant St., 46403.

INDIANAPOLIS - New Dawn Spirit of Light Church, Inc., NSAC
3637 W. 10th St., 46222-3376; Sun. Serv: 10:30 a.m. Healing - 11:00 a.m. Worship and Message Serv. - Kids Time 10:30-11:30 a.m.; Wed. 7:00 p.m. Development class; Every 5th Sunday All Message Service, covered dish dinner; Secy., Wanda Whetsel, (317) 267-0888; Pres. & Lic. Minister, Mildred Schlagel, (317) 291-0799.

MICHIGAN CITY - Spiritual Science Church, NSAC, Inc.
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5416 - 6th Ave. So., P.O. Box 123, 52732-0123, (319) 243-3233.

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

DAVENPORT - Spiritualist Harmony Church
1429 W. Seventh St., 52802-1212, (319) 324-9659; Sun. Healing Serv. 1:30 p.m.; Worship & Message Serv. 2:00 p.m.; Lyceum Classes available; (Closed during July and August.); Pastor, Rev. William E. Buchholz, 806 E. 13th St., 52803-4240, (319) 326-3201; Secy., Pat Peck.

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AUGUSTA - Augusta Spiritualist Church
P.O. Box 2492, 04338; Pastor, Earl L. Wallace; Secy., Patricia A. Wallace, 124 Spring St., Gardiner, 04345, (207) 582-6745; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Thurs. Awareness Class 7:00 p.m.

BANGOR - The Harrison D. Barrett Memorial Church, NSAC
114-118 Harlow St., (under Lamb's Bookstore); Sun. Serv. 10:00 a.m.; Secy., Betty Simpson, R.R. #2 Box 5055, Carmel, 04419-9802, (207) 848-2273, e-mail address is simponb@hermon.net. Please visit our web site at www.nsac.org, and go to churches and camps, choose state, ME, and click on Bangor. Church services may be canceled for the summer months or inclement weather. Please call the secy. for more information.

HARTFORD - Pinpoint of Light Spiritualist Camp
Mail address: R1, Box 91, Canton, 04221; Open July and August - Service, Seminars and Classes; Secy. Virginia Norris CH; Pastor, Rev. Rupert Sigurdsson, NST. For information, Phone and Fax (207) 597-2600; E-Mail: rupert@megalink.net.

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

MADISON - Madison Spiritualist Camp
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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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.

CHARLEVOIX - Northern Lake Michigan Spiritualist Camp
(Bayshore) 07444 US Old 31 N, 49720-9422, (616) 347-3899.

DETROIT - First Spiritualist Temple of Detroit
4161 Buckingham, 48224-3538.

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
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the five officers received a personal reality check and left the session healed.

There have been several instances where I have been contacted by an officer personally troubled by a murder case. In each case the officer was given information leading to his/her own healing, some solving the case, or other sessions allowing the officer to continue down his/her path. The wives of law enforcement officers come for healing contact after their husbands have made a transition in the line of duty. All these referrals came from the ranks of different law enforcement agencies.

There have been numerous private sittings for bereaved families where the police believed the death was not a suicide. A grief stricken person was a suspect pending the outcome of an investigation. Here again, information was given which the agency quietly investigated and found adequate "probable cause" to realize the death was a suicide. Such instances include the fact someone had a terminal illness and did not tell their loved ones, another occurred when a relationship broke up and the distraught person took a mind altering drug, not found at the time of the investigation. In another suicide the person had lost a job of twenty-five years and had been set up for an apparent embezzlement.

In some cases, families remain troubled about the quality of medical care in a sudden illness or trauma which results in transition. Most information comes back verifying the best of medical care, allowing another step to pass in the healing process. One exception occurred when a family was given information that there was a very clear and sloppy medical pattern of treatment. This information was used to allow closure, and the family in addition received material compensation.

Thus, from my experience, I feel mediumship is not a tool for crime solving, but can assist or give clues to officers and family members. We all are connected. When a healing needs to occur, reach out to the Universe for help. Mediumship is a bridge from the love in the unseen world to lead us back to our path via the steps of healing. ◆



Psalm 23 Explained

BY MARILYN AWTRY-SMITH, FLORIDA

The Lord is my Shepherd...
THAT'S RELATIONSHIP!

I shall not want...THAT'S SUPPLY!

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures...
THAT'S REST!

He leadeth me beside still waters...
THAT'S REFRESHMENT!

He restoreth my soul...
THAT'S HEALING!

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness...
THAT'S GUIDANCE!

For His name sake...THAT'S PURPOSE!

Yea, though I walk through the
valley of the shadow of death...
THAT'S CHALLENGE!

I will fear no evil...THAT'S ASSURANCE!
For thou art with me...THAT'S FAITHFULNESS!

Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me...
THAT'S SHELTER!

Thou preparest a table before me
in thepresence of mine enemies...
THAT'S HOPE!

Thou anointest my head with oil...
THAT'S CONSECRATION!

My cup runneth over...THAT'S ABUNDANCE!

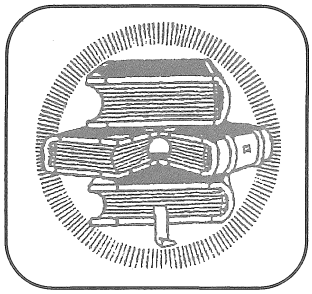
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life...
THAT'S BLESSING!

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord...
THAT'S SECURITY!

Forever...THAT'S ETERNITY

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Morris Pratt Institute Association ■ The Rev. Pamla Ashlay, NST, Secretary



Each month ***The National Spiritualist*** *will feature the writing from a student who is currently taking the education course from the Morris Pratt Institute. Featured this month is an essay written by* ***Graham Connolly.***

When people talk of death, we naturally think of the physical death. This is what we recognize as death, the loss of the ability to have a loved one's companionship (spouse, family member, pet...) as part of our daily routine in the physical, is our focal point. After a loved one has transitioned, it is this loss of the physical that is the challenge to let go of, but to retain our connection to the spiritual.

In the medical profession there are specific checks done to declare clinical death. These range from the pulse, breath, eye dilation, body colour and temperature. After all these checks, and an individual is pronounced clinically dead, there is not a 100% guarantee that at that instant in time they are dead. There are recorded cases, although often disputed by scientists, where the medical staff begin to relax having "lost" a patient, when the monitor beeps and life is back.

In these cases, what has been experienced by the individual is a near-death experience (or encounter). We read of these encounters frequently: the tunnel of light, the angelic experience, the voice telling them to go back and now is not their time, and floating over themselves watching the medical staff attempt resuscitation. Many people have tried to disprove this experience and maintain that it's created by the mind and a fantasy or desire. They have even gone to the extent to probe areas of the brain and stimulate the lobes to induce the experience.

Those of us who understand there is an unseen world stay open-minded to the experience. What initiates this experience? Is it God's way of giving us a new opportunity in life, particularly if we have led a life that many would view as excessively self-servient? Is it God's way of bestowing a gift upon us? Many who have had near-death encounters (NDE's) have returned with heightened psychic or healing capabilities. Whatever the reason, it is apparent that the majority (if not all) of people who have NDE's are dramatically changed in terms of their attitude towards *life*. Rather than focussing on the death aspect, they realize that they need to live a more full, compassionate life with purpose. Their attitudes to death and dying are transformed. The accounts documented reinforce the percepts of Spiritualism where death is simply an event during the journey through infinity, it cannot be denied, the soul lives on and the physical death is simply the doorway to a greater expression of spiritual awareness. One of the most powerful insights shared is that there is no absolution on our death bed. Many, upon realization of this fact, take significant steps to transform their life to a higher vibration of existence when they return to this reality.

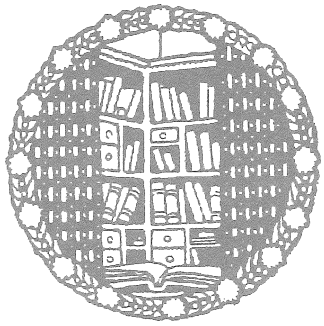
These NDE's are also very analogous to the indigenous initiations with Spirit that announce passage into the role of shaman for the community. They experience in the Spirit World, a death initiated through Nature (killed by bear, tiger, wolf...) and upon return, they are still alive. By having conquered death and still being alive, they have been touched by Spirit to perform a role in this reality as healer and prophet for the benefit of the community. Hence, by conquering death, they now know how to interact with death and understand its mechanics.

Even if, as Spiritualists, we recognize that death and dying is simply an event, we need to still recognize our responsibility in our interactions. Others may still fear death and we must respect that our values and knowledge may still be hard to accept by some, even if they have searched us out for support. We should not be tempted to minimize the death process for others or, even worse, try and warn others of their pending death based on some Spirit message they have received. I have met some who believe that if an individual sits in a healing chair and the healer sees a pending death that it is their responsibility (the healer) to pass this on. This I find personally unethical, since often death in a message, or during healing, predominantly is a metaphor, and even if you have experiences that indicate that this is true, it is still unethical, to me, to pass this on. Only God and Spirit know the timing for transition and they will



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find a way to pass on that message if it's in that individual's highest good to know before hand.

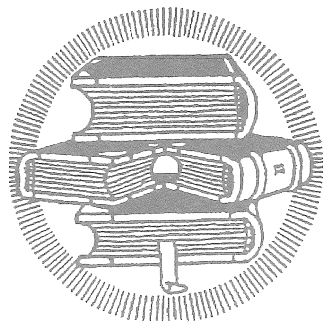


Spiritualists however can, and should be encouraged, to facilitate positive healthy life experiences using their knowledge of death and dying in many other capacities. Such capacities could include being a role model of living in the present, volunteering with Hospice, working with handicapped or terminally ill children, working with animal rehabilitation or any other endeavor that is from the heart and of service. A positive perspective recognizing the event of death and dying, and not participating in a death-denying society will open us up to all types of possibilities for service.

Why do we "protect" children from seeing the parent dead in the funeral home? Why do we not involve them in the process if it was a terminal illness that was progressing? Children are more resilient, intuitive and compassionate than we often give them credit for. In fact, possibly their insight and behavior could be an inspiration to us during the grieving and healing process. Is it not because we feel threatened and scared of death and always want to put it off (naturally). If we become more like a death-affirming environment, then can you imagine what gifts we can develop and pass on?

Mediumship, and the development thereof, to validate continuity of life is a prime example for a death-affirming environment that is a positive contribution. Not only will it give us the self-confidence and validation of the Truth associated with Natural Law and physical death, but it will educate us to be of service to the grieving. Many wish to have the "gift" of mediumship, but become afraid when they receive prophetic messages that result in death (plane crash). They do not want the responsibility of such an experience. It is in these instances also, where we can reassure potential mediums and provide education and support in the workings of Spirit. It is also an opportunity to provide the structure for safe practice and training to ensure that mediumship is practiced as a service and not as a demonstration for our ego or to be valued in the community.

When it comes for our turn to die (in the physical), we also need to honor that, as a human entity, we will go through the same stages of making peace with our pending death. Hopefully though, our knowledge and experience as Spiritualists will assist us through the process of denial, anger, bargaining, depression and acceptance as we journey to the Summerland. Do not doubt that we will experience the same. Many of us may not go "Why Me?" but we may try and bargain and add "Let me live to see my grandchild's birth in 3 months" or similar. Many also may feel pressured to get things in order—re-do a will, sell property, and this could bring up feelings of anger and guilt or wishing they had done certain things before their death. The mechanics will be the same for us Spiritualists even though at this time of safety (non-pending death) we might say, "No, I'll be fine and truly accept death without a qualm." I wonder—will we?



Exploring ourselves from the inside-out to clearly understand our views on death and dying is truly important. I find that it is also important, although uncomfortable for loved ones, to share those views. In fact, by sharing such delicate matters, it helps prepare your loved ones to know what your wishes are—do you want cremation? What hymns to sing at the service, etc.? We try to explore these views, even though your loved one may not like speaking of such things (death-denying), but this may also shift the energies to be realistic and push us into living life for today.

I realized also, as I ventured down the path of healing, that my perspective on death and dying is crucial to my role as a healer. In the past, I would naturally feel like crying when I saw an animal dead by the roadside or heard a news story of an infant passing. It was to such a level that often my focus could be easily distracted. I learned through healing and meditation, that as I connected more from the true place of compassion, I could still feel sorrow and compassion for the animal or infant, but remain focussed to be a clearer instrument for Spirit. I could honor the process and path of that soul. How do we respond when we hear of someone leaving their children in a car and watching it go into the lake? As tragic as it is, do we condemn, do we wish execution for the mother who did such an act, or do we recognize that within the tragedy there is a greater influence that we will never ever comprehend since it is unique and individual. Can we still offer prayers to Spirit and Infinite Intelligence for all parties—the souls of the children, the mother, the father. Is that not the true test, if we can sit down in meditation without judgement from our values and truly send Light and Love to all.

A true test for me is coming soon when my cat and dog will be ready to pass to Spirit. The cat (Marcus) is at such a stage that many may feel I am holding him back, yet I have to trust that Spirit and Marcus will tell me when the time is right, and I will feel it in the heart—not based on his physical condition or what society or my intellectual views may say to me. Can I still remember that, beyond the physical, he will still be with me, even though I cannot pet him again in this reality. That he is in the Summerland for cats and dogs, watching over me and comforting me. My mental attitude still makes it hard to conceive, but that is OK, for now. ◆



Keep Your Fork

Author Unknown

There was a woman who had been diagnosed with a terminal illness and had been given three months to live. So as she was getting her things "in order," she contacted her pastor and had him come to her house to discuss certain aspects of her final wishes.

She told him which songs she wanted sung at the service, what scriptures she would like read, and what outfit she wanted to be buried in. The woman also requested to be buried with her favorite *Bible*.

Everything was in order and the pastor was preparing to leave when the woman suddenly remembered something very important to her.

"There's one more thing," she said excitedly.

"What's that?" came the pastor's reply.

"This is very important," the woman continued. "I want to be buried with a fork in my right hand."

The pastor stood looking at the woman, not knowing quite what to say.

"That surprises you, doesn't it?" the woman asked.

"Well, to be honest, I'm puzzled by the request," said the pastor.

The woman explained. "In all my years of attending church socials and potluck dinners, I always remember that when the dishes of the main course were being cleared, someone would inevitably lean over and say, 'Keep your fork.' It was my favorite part because I knew that something better was coming...like velvety chocolate cake or deep-dish apple pie. Something wonderful, and with substance! So, I just want people to see me there in that casket with a fork in my hand and I want them to wonder, 'What's with the fork?" Then I want you to tell them: 'Keep your fork...the best is yet to come.'

The pastor's eyes welled up with tears of joy as he hugged the woman good-bye. He knew this would be one of the last times he would see her before her death. But he also knew that the woman had a better grasp of Heaven than he did. She KNEW that something better was coming.

At the funeral, people were walking by the woman's casket and they saw the pretty dress she was wearing and her favorite *Bible* and the fork placed in her right hand. Over and over, the pastor heard the question, "What's with the fork?" And over and over he smiled.

During his message, the pastor told the people of the conversation he had with the woman shortly before she died. He also told them about the fork and about what it symbolized to her. The pastor told the people how he could not stop thinking about the fork and told them that they probably would not be able to stop thinking about it either. He was right.

So the next time you reach down for your fork, let it remind you, oh so gently, that the best is yet to come.

Moments That Take Our Breath Away!

Author Unknown

I had a very special teacher in high school many years ago whose husband unexpectedly died suddenly of a heart attack. About a week after his death, she shared some of her insight with a classroom of students. As the late afternoon sunlight came streaming in through the classroom windows and the class was nearly over, she moved a few things aside on the edge of her desk and sat down there.

With a gentle look of reflection on her face, she paused and said, "Before class is over, I would like to share with all of you a thought that is unrelated to class, but which I feel is very important. Each of us is put here on earth to learn, share, love, appreciate and give of ourselves. None of us knows when this fantastic experience will end. It can be taken away at any moment. Perhaps this is the powers that be way of telling us that we must make the most out of every single day."

Her eyes beginning to water, she went on, "So I would like you all to make me a promise. From now on, on your way to school, or on your way home, find something beautiful to notice. It doesn't have to be something you see it could be a scent—perhaps of freshly baked bread wafting out of someone's house, or it could be the sound of the breeze slightly rustling the leaves in the trees, or the way the morning light catches one autumn leaf as it falls gently to the ground.

Please look for these things, and cherish them. For, although it may sound trite to some, these things are the "stuff" of life. The little things we are put here on earth to enjoy. The things we often take for granted. We must make it important to notice them, for at any time...it can all be taken away."

The class was completely quiet. We all picked up our books and filed out of the room silently. That afternoon, I noticed more things on my way home from school than I had that whole semester. Every once in a while, I think of that teacher and remember what an impression she made on all of us, and I try to appreciate all of those things that sometimes we all overlook.

Take notice of something special you see on your lunch hour today. Go barefoot. Or walk on the beach at sunset. Stop off on the way home tonight to get a double-dip ice cream cone. For as we get older, it is not the things we did that we often regret, but

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What happened in AUGUST throughout the years?

AUGUST 3, 1899

The **Rev. T. John (Jack) Kelly**, was born in Wales on this date. He came to this country in 1920 and began his public career shortly thereafter. He was a platform worker at Lily Dale from 1930 to 1957. Jack Kelly traveled and worked at conventions and public meetings, both in this country and in Europe, giving evidential messages from the platform. He was described by Maurice Barbanell as the best of the American Mediums using blindfold trance billet work. His healing ministry inspired the erection of the Lily Dale Healing Temple.

AUGUST 6, 1774

Mother Ann Lee, the founder of the Shakers, arrived in the United States from England with eight of her followers. Their first settlement was in Lebanon, NY. The Shakers predicted the advent of Modern Spiritualism.



AUGUST 11, 1826

Andrew Jackson Davis was born on this date and is remembered for his wisdom, the Harmonial Philosophy, the Magic Staff, as the founder of the Children's Lyceum, and as a forerunner of Spiritualism. Davis was an unschooled lad, but through hypnosis, and later trance, he wrote thought provoking volumes and predicted many future events.

AUGUST 11

Good wishes for a happy and fun birthday to the **Rev. Cosie Allen, NST**, a trustee on the NSAC Board.

AUGUST 25, 1928

The Psychic Observer, a semi-monthly publication, was begun by Juliette and Ralph Pressing at Lily Dale, NY.

AUGUST 26

Women's Equality Day which honors women and is the anniversary of the final approval of the amendment to grant women the right to vote.

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INTERNET INSIGHTS

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the things we didn't do.

Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away.

Interview With God

Author Unknown

I dreamed I had an interview with God. "Come in," God said. "So, you would like to interview Me?"

"If you have the time," I said. God smiled and said: "My time is eternity and is enough to do everything; what questions do you have in mind to ask me?"

"What surprises you most about humankind?"

God answered: "That they get bored of being children, are in a rush to grow up, and then long to be children again. That they lose their health to make money and then lose their money to restore their health. That by thinking anxiously about the future, they forget the present, such that they live neither for the present nor the future. That they live as if they will never die, and they die as if they had never lived..."

God's hands took mine and we were silent for awhile and then I asked... "As a parent, what are some of life's lessons you want your children to learn?"

God replied with a smile: "To learn that they cannot make anyone love them. What they can do is to let themselves be loved.

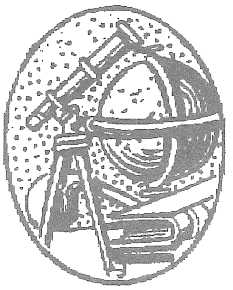
"To learn that what is most valuable is not what they have in their lives, but who they have in their lives.

"To learn that it is not good to compare themselves to others. All will be judged individually on their own merits, not as a group on a comparison basis!

"To learn that a rich person is not the one who has the most, but is one who needs the least.

"To learn that it only takes a few seconds to open profound wounds in persons we love, and that it takes many years to heal them.

"To learn to forgive by practicing forgiveness. To learn that there are persons that love them dearly, but simply do not know how to express or show their feelings.



"To learn that money can buy everything but happiness. To learn that two people can look at the same thing and see it totally different.

"To learn that a true friend is someone who knows everything about them...and likes them anyway.

"To learn that it is not always enough that they be forgiven by others, but that they have to forgive themselves."

I sat there for awhile enjoying the moment. I thanked Him for his time and for all that He has done for me and my family, and He replied, "Anytime. I'm here 24 hours a day. All you have to do is ask for me, and I'll answer." ◆

SPIRITUAL HEALING REQUEST

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

Healing Prayers are requested for:

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because of the following conditions:

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Please send a "One A Day" packet to:

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I will pray with NSAC Prayer Groups:

DAY_____ NIGHT_____

If you should wish to make a **Love Donation** to help offset the NSAC Healing Center expenses, please send to:

NSAC HEALING CENTER
c/o Rev. Gene Pfortmiller, NST
3521 W. Topeka Drive
Glendale, AZ 85308-2325

To request information on "How to Form a Spiritual Healing Prayer Group,"

CHECK HERE ☐

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

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

– Prayer for Spiritual Healing –

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

Let Go And Let God!

BY THE
NSAC SPIRITUAL HEALING CENTER

We have all heard someone say, "Let go and let God!" Right? Someone asked me to address this the other day. They had called me about a problem with their daughter's family and I had advised them to "Let go and let God!" Give it to God!

Frequently, when someone we love has a difficulty, we want to step in and try to take away the pain and help resolve the problem. Guess what, this is not healthy for us. Their problem then becomes our problem, and often we really cannot help except by our prayers.

Letting go does not mean we do not care, it means that we are asking a Higher Force, Infinite Intelligence to resolve this situation. It is an act of trust. Trust that the power of God will work through the human energies to resolve that which concerns us.

Sometimes, we try to be in control of another, or the consequences, and again take on the problem. We judge, trying to correct or fix, rather than being supportive. It is a human trait, but it is better to allow another to choose their life lessons and to accept who they choose to be. Each soul needs to be in touch with God in their own way to help them complete their life plan. God works through us.

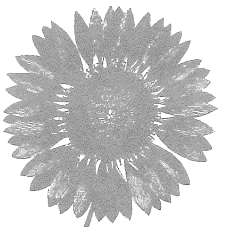


Of course, we also have to let go when it is our problem and ask for Higher Guidance. When we ask, release, and give our question to Spirit, then Infinite Intelligence, Who knows all, influences us. When we let God take over, we give away the worries, doubts and fears—the whole load we are carrying. We can tell when we have really let go by the peace, the sense of relief, the relaxation we then feel.

Our best idea of the future is guess work. If we can give our life to Infinite Intelligence, then take each day, each moment as it comes, we will not include as much stress and turmoil in our lives. It is so much fun to see how Infinite Intelligence solves, resolves and creates every moment. When we trust the Universe is conspiring to bring our highest good, then we can cherish ourselves, others, and live in love. Thank you, Divine Light, for illuminating our questions and guiding our ways.

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Sunflower Seeds...Lessons In Spiritualism



BY JOHN E. ROTHAMEL, JR.

Editor's Note: The Church of Two Worlds, NSAC, Inc., sends out newsletters that have included the following segments, which we have received permission to reprint.

•Prayer

What is prayer? There are as many different descriptions as there are faiths and people in the world. Prayer is typically a fundamental component of a religious service and services held in the name of Spiritualism are no different.

There are three basic types of prayer, one to talk to God, and one to ask a blessing, one to listen to God. In our services we use all three types.

The first, talking to God, is called the invocation. The invocation is when we call upon the spirit of God, Infinite Intelligence, to make Its presence known and felt. The invocation sets the tone for the service and should always include an address to Infinite Intelligence, a statement of why we are gathered, and an invitation to our friends and loved ones in Spirit to join us.

The request for a blessing is called the benediction. In a benediction we are asking for the blessing of an understanding of the experience of the service as well as to affirm that God, Infinite Intelligence and Spirit walk with us. A benediction is a blessing upon the congregation.

Listening to God is called meditation and is used in the service to center the congregation and place us into harmonious thought and expectation.

The chair of the service usually gives the Invocation and at their discretion requests the speaker to give the Benediction.

All prayer should be upbeat and accurately reflect the beliefs of Spiritualism.

•The Power of Words

Each of us has a favorite passage of text that ennobles and lifts our spirits. We each have a special quotation or selection that rekindles memories of family, of love, of life. We may have a few select words that just seem to press our hot buttons, that enrage us or motivate us to action.

The words which uplift us, we often confide to others in the hope of their sharing the same experience with us. In the hope that they too might find happiness, solace, or love. We feel somehow honored when we hear others quote our shared words.

The words which push our hot buttons are words that we don't often share with others until they have encountered them on their own—when someone says something that just "hits us the wrong way."

The key is to understand these hot buttons, to get at the root of the issue and to not let others have this effect on you in the first place.

Reclaim your responsibility and authority, after all words cannot hurt you, unless you let them. ◆

The Cleaning *by Loll Washburn*



It's time to clean house with rags, mop and pail.
Scrubbing and cleaning leaving no dusty trail;
Windows sparkling, floors waxed and shined,
Carpet shampooed taking away the grime;
That's the physical house we live in,
Our labors rewarded, all neat as a pin.

Now let's do the same where inside we dwell,
Our spiritual house needs a cleaning as well;
Scrub every thought till it's filled with a glow,
Simply trying to keep in the know;
Harmony's path leads up to the door,
Because our cleaning is deep to the core.

That's the joy of our work well done,
It's worth every moment till the setting of sun.

LILY DALE NEWS



(Front row) Dodie Pries, Ethel Raupp, Lillian Farnham, Karen Payne, Terry Mayer; (Back row) Marge Possehl, Sue Vollmar, Ron Robertson, Carol Gasber.

Lily Dale Spiritualist Church was honored with a visit from the NSAC board at our service on April 8th. NSAC Trustee, Marrice Coverson gave the inspirational lecture. The Rev. Beverly Burdick-Carey presented certificates to the members of her Beginning Trance Mediumship Class; Nancy Jones, Marshall Killum, Gretchen Clark Lazarony, Linda Lempke, Michael Pillsbury, Ethel Raupp and Kathryn Rugani. The Lyceum children sang *There's a Sweet Sweet Spirit* and presented a Lily to the church. We are fortunate to have a large lyceum this year with more than 24 children from preschool to teenagers.

On Easter Sunday we celebrated the debut of our new adult choir. Accompanied by Lillian Farnham at the organ, they sang *Amazing Grace* with a solo by Dodie Pries and *Spirit is Alive Today* with a solo by Terry Mayer. Other choir members are Carol Gasber, Karen Payne, Marge Possehl, Ethel Raupp, Ron Robertson and Sue Vollmar. They are scheduled to sing at the Mother's Day service.

their knowledge of mediumship, the Rev. Fletcher Bass, the Rev. Kathleen Rottino and John Baumhoff shared their knowledge of healing. Ron O'Berry completed the garden design by sharing his drumming and allowed all to see the marvel at the progress they made in their own Spiritual Garden.



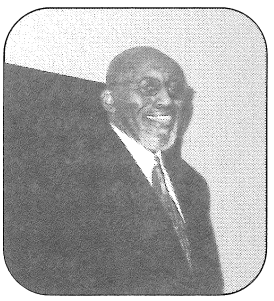
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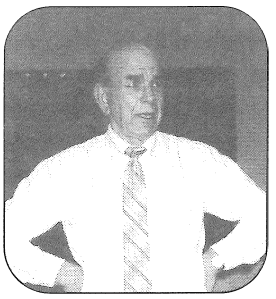
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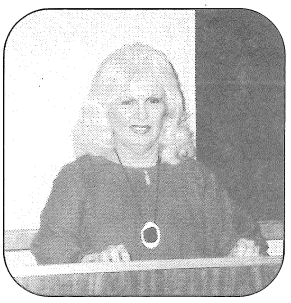


Rev. Fletcher Bass



Ron O'Berry

CONNECTICUT REPORT



Rev. Kathleen Rottino

A beautiful Spiritual Garden doesn't just happen; it needs someone to plant the seeds, and lots of tender loving care. This Spring in Connecticut, College of Spiritual Knowledge was hosted by the New London Spiritualist Church with Al Ferency overseeing construction of the Master Garden. The College of Spiritual Knowledge is a day of planting seeds "workshops, readings and healings." Seven master gardeners shared their garden techniques with all who attended. While the Rev. Virginia Berg, the Rev. Susan Ferency and Renee Provost shared

SAYING GOOD-BYE



Hal Johanson

Harold Johanson graduated to the Spirit World on April 15, 2001 in Seattle, Washington at the age of 76. He was born in Brooklyn, New York on February 18, 1925 and spent his youth there. Hal graduated from N.Y.U., Alpha Kappa Psi Fraternity. He played the violin with Skandia Spelmanslag in Seattle.

Many of you will remember Hal Johanson from the National Conventions that he attended, and how he loved to dance at the banquets. He was a member of First Spiritual Temple, San Francisco, where he attended for 40 years.

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Camp Edgewood conducted a Memorial Service in late April for Hal. Also, a Memorial Service was held in the Greater Seattle Eckankar Center, Seattle, Washington on Tuesday, April 24, 2001, and then in Chandler, Arizona on May 19, 2001.

He is survived by his wife, Lillian; daughter, Inga; sister, Nancy Ranberg; nieces, Janet, Karen, and Doris; and nephew, Kenneth. We will all miss him.

AFTERGLOW

I'd like the memory of me
to be a happy one
I'd like to leave an afterglow
of smiles when life is done.

I'd like to leave an echo
whispering softly down the ways
Of happy times and laughing times
and bright and sunny days.

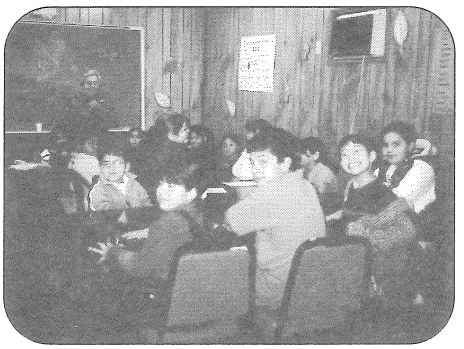
I'd like the tears of those who grieve,
to dry before the sun
Of happy memories that I leave
when life is done.

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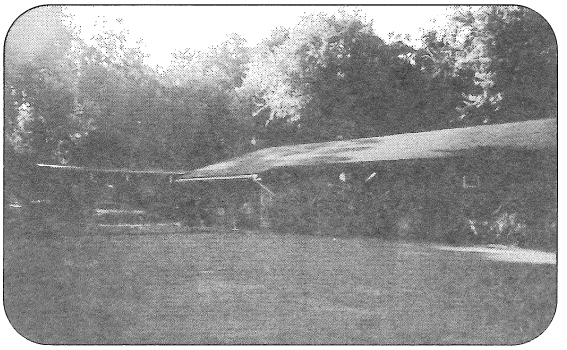
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Sunday, March 18, 2001 was a long awaited joyous occasion for First Church of Divine Science. The property at 2115 Turner, Houston, Texas, was purchased one year ago. Almost seventy people were present for the dedication of the Church property. The Rev. Marie Smith gave a short history of the Church, which was organized with the National Spiritualist Association in the 1920's, in a house in downtown Houston. Later a Church property was purchased at 3523 Beauchamp, but the Church sanctuary burned in 1988. For 12 years, places for Sunday and Wednesday services were leased. A nearby property became available to be purchased last year, and the board of trustees voted to buy the property. Many volunteers helped make repairs to the building and plant shrubbery. A very visible sign with three sides is completed and proudly announces our Church.



Rev. Jovita Jessup and Lyceum Children.

The Rev. Jovita Jessup presented the Dedication of the Church property. She also presented and dedicated the Board of Trustees. The Rev. Dr. C. D. Jessup, III, president emeritus, unfortunately could not be present. Lots of good food, tea, punch and sodas were enjoyed after the service. good desserts, socializing and music followed. Thanks to all who were present! Please come visit if you are in Houston, for all are welcome anytime. Look us up, or E-mail us at; itznowoo@aol.com. We would love to see you or hear from you. Our services are sundays at 2:30 p.m. and Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. ◆



Sanctuary and Childrens Lyceum



Sign with three sides.

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mentions the use of different crystals to study the effects of colors.



Conclusion

The physical surroundings in the Spirit World are, simply put, more beautiful than can be imagined. All aspects of nature are perfect. The early Spiritualist writers agree that light is everywhere, ranging from dim and gloomy in the lowest sphere, to light that is brilliant. Near death experiencers today agree, most indicating that although the light is very bright, it does not hurt the eyes. Even though there is no time or space, it is necessary to travel to different places. Most agree that you can go where you desire simply by thinking about it, but there are other ways to travel, such as walking, floating, or flying. Buildings can also be constructed by thought, as well as by actual labor with real materials. There is agreement in the general description of the Spirit World; differences are in the details. Individuals perceive things differently in this world; it is possible this is also true in the Spirit World.

Homes

Spirit communications on homes are quite varied, ranging from no homes at all to elaborate ones. Some say they are built by thought alone, while others explain that materials are used. Perhaps this is an example of talking about what is known and experienced by a specific spirit, and that may depend on where one resides. There is agreement that habitations are the results of one's life and endeavors, and are used to identify the spirit.

Herbine (1917) says that houses are only for unevolved souls, while Petersilia (1892) counters that it is only the spiritual vagabonds in the first sphere that have no home. Hyslop (1918) states that spirits live in houses for a little while, then get rid of them. He goes on to cite one woman who had no house, but all the flowers she wanted. According to Peebles (1902), when homes are no longer needed, the atoms are dissipated and carried to a higher sphere where those materials form the nucleus of a more glorious house. He also says that spirits who have moved on can bequeath their homes and gardens to others, who may then adapt them as they wish.

Homes are as real to spirits as they are to us. They are like those on Earth, but more dreamlike and beautiful. They vary from Earth homes in that there are no climate concerns, insects, or uncleanliness (Peebles, 1902). Homes serve as a place to rest, recuperate, entertain and as a family and community center; they are a place of happiness and joy.

Spirits first live in houses constructed by others or in a community house for transients. As they grow in spirituality, they build their own dwellings (DeKoven, 1920). Homes can also be built especially for a person before they arrive in the Spirit World. If the transition is sudden, the house is built while they rest. Furnishings can be selected by the individual, or the house may be already equipped (Kennedy, 1992).

Those in the Spirit World that are still close to Earthly life create homes and gardens that are similar to what they know. As the soul progresses and grows, so does the home become more beautiful and perfect. Gardens, surroundings, and furnishings improve and correspond to the mental state of the spirit.

Although there is some disagreement about the methods of constructing a house, most Spiritualist writers agree that creating by thought is often used. Homes in the lower spheres tend to be built mechanically, and those in the upper spheres by thought. Petersilia (1892) declares that since thoughts are real, spiritual things, homes are constructed within the mind. Raymond, the son of Sir Oliver Lodge, communicated that he lived in a solid house, but that things appear substantial and solid at first, then become transparent and vapory (Lodge, 1916). Peebles (1902) insists that homes can not be built from spirit substances by will power alone, that skills are needed. Only if the spirit has gained complete victory over matter can a home spring into being by the effort of will. When the house is no longer needed, it simply ceases to exist.

When materials are used, they vary from manipulating the ether to using stone, crystals, wood and brick. Sets of rhythmical vibrations can be used for construction (DeKoven, 1920). Material can be drawn from the atmosphere, and then concentrating on the image of what is wanted attracts the matter to it.

Homes can be a series of houses, each allotted to a certain kind of work (Owen, vol. 1, 1920). Some homes have separate rooms for contemplation and study. Peebles (1902) explains that societies in the Spirit World are grouped according to the character of their lives, and that homes have multiples of six living in each one. The smallest subdivision is six people, with three men and three women.

Clothing

Spirit communication regarding clothing is just as varied as it is about housing. The nearer one is to Earth, the more clothing is similar to what is worn here. Lodge (1916) mentions that a person can wear his own clothes for

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a little while, but that Earth garments can not be worn for long. Clothing made by spirit workers is provided for those who are newly arrived to the Spirit World. This is prepared ahead of time because they know when someone is coming. Spiritual clothing corresponds to the individual's spiritual and moral status, and may vary as the mental and emotional states change. The sphere one is in, and changes in unfoldment, rank, and position may also cause the clothing to change (Peebles, 1902). The texture, color, style, form, shape, and fashion of clothing corresponds to the spirit's status and occupation. Lawton (1932) reports that in Summerland, the third sphere, clothing is a kind of second body, and portrays the inner attributes of the soul.



Clothing is not made of fabric, but from etheric matter. it is formed out of material sensitive to inner thoughts and emotions. Longley (1908) says that elements are gathered from the atmosphere and woven into lace and other fabrics; a garment can be changed by waving a hand over it. DeKoven (1920) maintains that you can wear whatever you prefer. No two garments are alike because they are the reflection of the inner spirit. Clothing responds to the inward expressions and feelings of the wearer. It expresses the true state of the spirit, so it is constantly changing and renewing itself (Leonard, 1927). Owen (vol. 1, 1920) goes farther to say that clothing can also change according to where you are on the grounds. All agree that clothing never wears out or gets soiled, and it does not need to be repaired or remade.

Garments are usually described as loose and flowing robes, with different colors and textures. Some appear as light, and become brighter and whiter as one ascends in the spheres. Hare (1855) described flowing vestments that are suited to the refinement of the body; they have phosphorescent principles that attract, absorb, and reflect rays of light.

Some accounts give specific information on clothing. Moses (1952) maintains that spirits of wisdom have auras and robes of sapphire blue; those of love wear crimson. Leonard (1927) says that women have their hair flowing about their shoulders, and they wear soft sandals that are usually rose colored. Men dress in coats, vests, trousers, hats and sandals according to Crowell (1879). Most agree that children dress as they please, but others give specifics; one example is that girls 15-20 years of age must wear white with flowers.

Food

Again spirits give varied opinions and reports. Most agree that the more refined and developed the spirit, the less food is required. The variety and quality of food depends on the sphere one is in. Stead (1909) maintains that there is no need to eat because material conditions are different. DeKoven (1920) agrees by saying that food with a substance like snow is given to material spirits to revive them at first, but it is not necessary later. If a spirit wants to eat, one can be given what appears to be Earth food (Hyslop, 1918).

Fruit is available in all spheres, but varies as to quality and type. Crowell (1879) says that in the second sphere food is given to each person in a quantity to satisfy, but not gratify. In the fourth sphere three meals a day are served in the dining room, with over 20 varieties of fruit and water and unfermented wine. Herbine (1919) maintains that the perfume of the fruit is enough for nourishment, but it can be eaten when desired. Others agree by emphasizing that the essence of the food, or absorbing nutrients from the atmosphere, is sufficient.

Randall (1917) addresses addictions by saying that if drugs, tobacco, and alcohol are in the nervous system, they are also in the etheric body, and the cravings for these must be overcome. Hyslop (1918) states that one can manufacture whatever is wanted, but after a little while the desire is gone. Alcoholics, however, may have their craving for years.

Conclusion

Spirit communications are much more varied on homes, clothing, and food than on physical surroundings and geography. Like buildings, homes can be built by thought alone, or by using actual construction methods and materials. Homes, gardens and furnishings correspond to the mental state of the spirit. Most agree that when houses are no longer needed, they are either left for someone else just making a transition, or dissolved into the atmosphere.

Descriptions of clothing in the Spirit World also vary, but there is general agreement that what is worn corresponds to the individual's spiritual and mental status. Like homes, clothes can be made by the thought process, and may be changed according to one's mood or intent. The type of food needed also depends on one's stage of spiritual development. Most of the writers agree that food is available, but there are a number of specific descriptions. Individual perceptions, both of the mediums and those in the Spirit World, are no doubt a factor here.

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6pm – Banquet

Tuesday, October 9th thru Friday, October 12th
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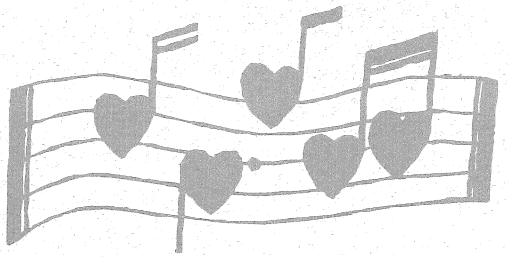
UNCONDITIONAL LOVE

Inspirational Writing

BY MARY ANDERSON, CALIFORNIA

What is love anyway? It is stuff which everything originates with. It's the nothingness which creates the allness. It is the alpha and the omega. It's the cohesiveness that causes the quarks, the electrons and protons to dance into atoms and then into molecules to produce whatever there is. It is unconditional because it has no intention but to be itself.

Ah, but you thought, I was going to describe love as an emotion. But, what is an emotion anyway? It is the nothingness with the allness. It is inherent in all persons, places and things. It is the essence of the deepest feeling in humankind that cannot escape because it comes from the One Essence of Creation. It's the vibratory rate in the beauty of nature with its bountiful colors. It is the accumulations of molecules to form matter. And all these persons, places and things comprise of this original stuff whose intention is to just be.



Humankind describes love as the euphoria of their beingness, forgetting that absence of love is only the forgetfulness of their true essence. Conditional love is then placed around...just a result of the free will of the race consciousness. My dear ones, step out of your self for a moment and allow your inner self to gel and become One with the surroundings, going farther and farther away in your, so called distance, and travel to the far reaches and even beyond. Feel that you are everywhere at the same time and yet, have you not gone anywhere? Your inner trip has taken you into the maze of the nothingness and the allness of this stuff called Love, only to return to what you think you are and where you think you are.

Remember, as the word "Love" enters into your life, you are identifying that Oneness which has no barriers. My love for you is unconditional because you are Love and made in the image of my nothingness which is allness.

I leave you with those thoughts. And who am I, but the Self that resides in the allness...the alpha and the omega.

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