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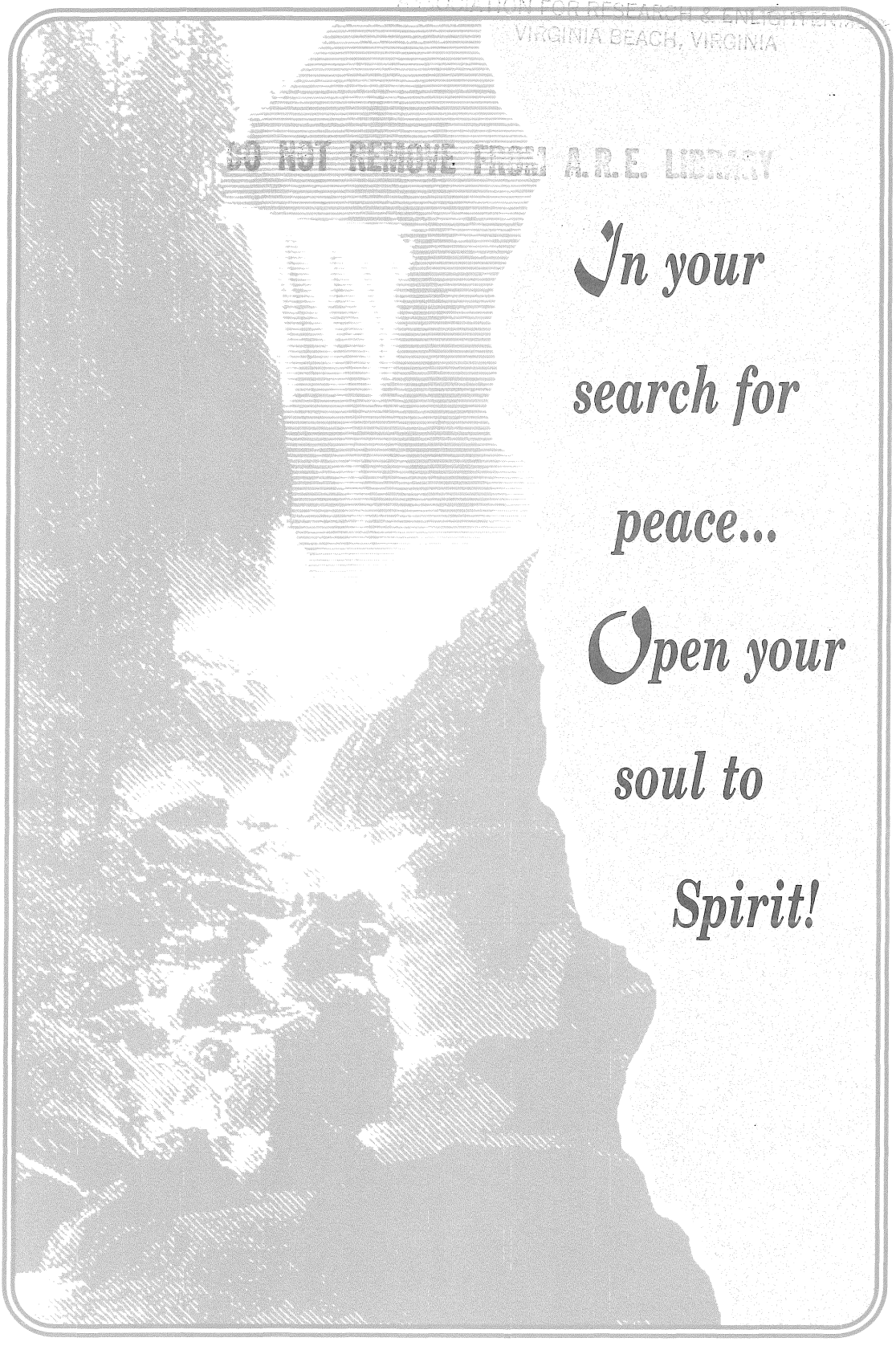
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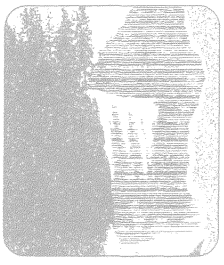


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Soul Work!

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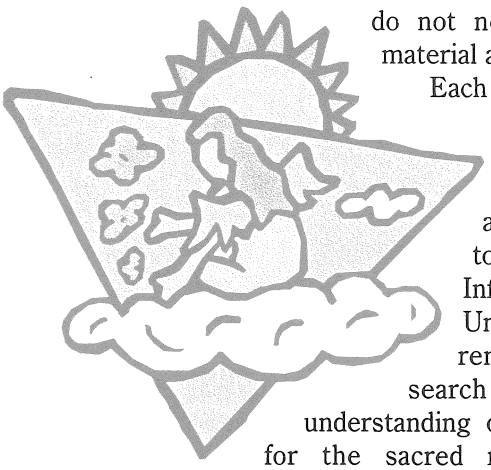
Most spiritual souls have asked themselves: "What in the world am I doing here? Does my soul have work to do? I am getting older, what have I accomplished? Am I growing closer to Spirit?"

Spiritualists know that All is God. Therefore, we agree that the Source of All created us for a divine reason and embedded this desire into our soul. A human's nature is both spiritual and physical with the physical being external, and the spiritual being internal. When we listen within, there is a messenger from Infinite Intelligence teaching us how to be a spiritual expression in a physical embodiment. Spiritualists affirm personal responsibility, but this should not be construed as the need to control our physical environment.

Our personal responsibility is to bring love and beauty into our world, into our relationships, and to become more aware of our Universal spirit or consciousness. Our divine being resides inside our hearts and minds as our **psyche**, our soul. We are psyche, so the soul is never fully in our conscious awareness, only partially revealing truth, therefore we work to open ourselves, to explore within. Our psyche contains our beliefs, our knowledge of reality and our interpretation of what we perceive to be real.

Everything we think, feel, and experience flows through our psyche. Sometimes we have soul wounds or fogged reception that must be corrected, but without psyche, we wouldn't be conscious of life at all.

Our purpose for being on Earth is a process of transformation or evolution. There are many questions in life, many pathways for growth and each of us must examine our own inner knowing to discover God's plan for us. Accomplishments in life for the soul do not necessarily mean material acquisitions.



Each soul-psyche is in the physical expression for a purpose, with an inner contract to perform for the Infinite. There are Universal truths to remember as we search for the true understanding of our lives and for the sacred reason for our personal journey. Thinking about some of these concepts may help you discover a direction.

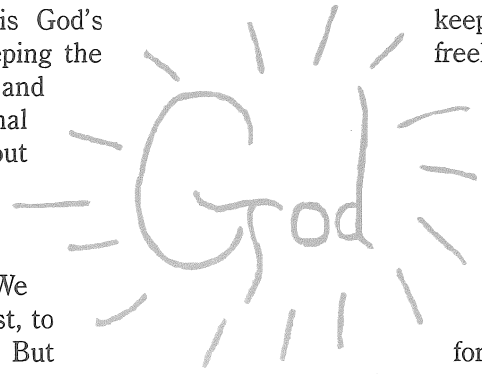
- There is one Source of Spirit. Each of us is Spirit now and we will retain our spirit into the next realm of life. Our body-soul-spirit is a dynamic partnership of the complete being, an interconnected relationship of experience, for we are both human and divine.
- Our self or spirit is greater than our circumstances. When life seems to not be flowing in a harmonious manner, it is time to become still and go to the God within for guidance. It is how the psyche reacts to life's conditions that determines our happiness or unhappiness, for life's upsets are not evil, rather they are stepping stones along our pathway.
- Life will always put forth an opportunity for another chance to attain happiness. Live in the moment, bless the past and the future, but now is when you experience life.
- What you think creates your life, so if your circumstances need changing, change the thoughts surrounding the situation. Send it a blessing, involve Spirit! There is always something to learn with each event in our life and real learning begins within.
- Our desire nature is our inspiration, or Spirit communing with us. If you desire something, don't say it can't be or you aren't qualified, for Spirit would not give you the desire if you could not accomplish it. Just as thinking creates your life, it creates your desires. When you request your desire from God, you never know when it will arrive, how it will come or what form it will take, but it will be perfect.
- Change offers opportunities and growth. Change is going into the unknown which can be unsettling, yet we know that staying in one place can stagnate the mind and body.
- As Spiritualists, we know that our path to the Divine Source is not the only path. We also understand that as we grow, others grow, and as others grow, we grow.
- Good shall come eventually to all souls alike. The inner psyche encourages us all to evolve. Each person receives guidance that descends form higher levels filtering into the minds as intuition. Gradually the intellect changes as

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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.

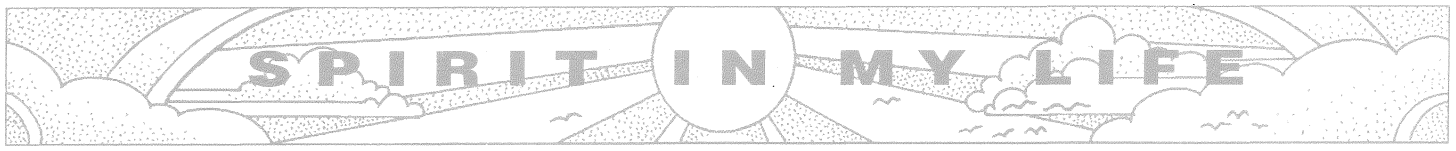
It is all right to experience discontent, because discontent forces us to look at our lives more realistically. Discontent can lead us into more positive responses. Sometimes it is very enlightening to be discontented with the state of things if there is dullness, failure, frustration or loss of hope.

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."

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truths get through. We are never entirely separated from our Creator, and with the blessing of continued inner whispers or impressions, we learn to trust.

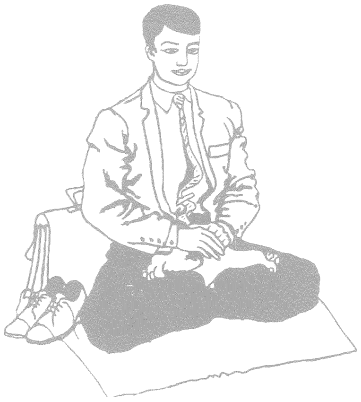
- The consciousness of the planet is changing at an accelerated rate and becoming more spiritual. There is no one right way for these changes to transform. Being open to higher guidance helps us to flow through or with change in a much easier manner. An open mind is a growing mind with the ability and the desire to think outside the box. It is a mind that enjoys the process, enjoys the trip of life.
- Change (sometimes seen in hindsight) always shares a blessing. The process of discovery teaches to keep an open/even mind. Open-mindedness helps us listen to others, to hear and read new philosophies, and to know within a truth. It doesn't mean changing our mind or direction each time the wind changes, but to trust yourself enough to dare to be a free thinker.
- Each soul has set the Law of their lives by their individualization, which conjuncts with Natural Law and the Law of Cause and Effect. We cannot change God's Law, but rightly used, the Law can show us the way to grow, and free us to be able to do our soul's work. Ernest Holmes wrote: "There is nothing between us and God but our own thoughts and beliefs."
- Love is our pathway to the Divine. Love is the pathway to growth. An affirmation to help keep the love energy in the forefront of our thoughts is: "I am happy and loving, for I trust the love and power of God."
- Our subconscious self, our inner self, creates a field of energy surrounding us. Individual fields of energy connect to form a psychic sea which surrounds the entire planet. This then encourages us to be good to ourselves, be good to others and be good to our planet. If we do this, our soul work will flow easily forward.



***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.*

The Spirit Of The Enlightened

BY ROSE SPERRAZZA, ARIZONA



Halloween night has always fascinated me. It is a night full of mystery and intrigue. Also, tradition tells us, it is the one night of the year when spirits and ghosts freely roam the physical world. One Halloween, I had the opportunity to come in direct contact with a spirit.

I wouldn't classify it as the type spirit one would expect to see on Halloween. It wasn't the eerie, moaning cloud-like image the media portrays as "spirit." What I experienced was the spirit of an enlightened man called Dr. Singhathon Narasabho. He is a man who has studied yoga, and dedicated his life to the attainment of spiritual understanding. I met him at Lee's Martial Arts on Halloween night, 1996.

Upon entering the peaceful sanctuary, I was immediately filled with a sense of calm. It was as if Dr. Singhathon's essence rose to meet each one of us at the door. Crossed-legged, he waited for us as we took off our shoes and made our way over to the small pads that welcomed us to get comfortable. I was a bit nervous when I realized there would only be four of us attending. I began to wonder if I would be asked any questions or be expected to participate. Finally, when he spoke, I knew I had nothing to worry about. His first words to us were "How can I help you?"

In retrospect, I realize that it was a truly yogic way to begin. In yoga, it is believed that a person must first come to understand him or herself before they are able to raise their thoughts and actions to a divine level. It made sense, then, for Dr. Singhathon to let us lead the way into ourselves. Although he did not speak at great length about yoga in general, he did tell us that he studied and practiced yoga in his life. We could have guessed that by the way he sat there throughout the night, looking so at ease and still in that crossed position. It was in such contrast to our constant fidgeting and repositioning of our legs. Dr. Singhathon studied yoga so that he would be able to sit for long periods of time in quiet meditation.

I found him to be an extremely knowledgeable and wise man. He spoke of many things including angels, medicine, reincarnation, karma, and the soul. The one thing he always seemed to return to was meditation. In fact, he spoke a great deal on that topic. It obviously plays a major role in his life and in his enlightenment. The thing that I found most impressive about his words on meditation was that he had a way of making it seem accessible and beneficial to everyone, regardless of religious denominations or beliefs. He spoke of meditating on a syllable, such as the sacred "Om," or on an icon such as an incense burner, or even while listening to music. It was interesting to watch his demonstration of meditation as he taught us the following words:

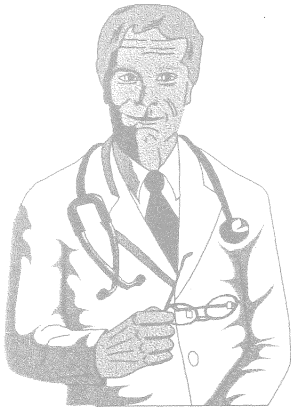
Bhagava: "The Compassionate One" *(draw the breath as you begin)*
Araham: "The Purified One"
Vata Me Natho: "Be My Refuge" *(hold breath here)*
Sammasambuddho: "The Enlightened One" *(breathe out here)*

It was also very amusing to watch and listen to the four "Westerners" as they tried desperately to pronounce the ancient Sanscrit words that rolled so naturally off Dr. Singhathon's lips. His patience was unending with us. He even took the time to write the words and the corresponding translations for us to take with us.



By the end of the night, it became clear to me that I had just experienced a most interesting and rewarding Halloween, for I had experienced a spirit that I will carry with me forever.

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A Psychic In The Heartland

BY BETTILU STEIN FAULKNER

A Psychic in the Heartland—The extraordinary Experiences of a Small Town Doctor, by Bettilu Stein Faulkner has just been published, and the author has given *TNS* a chapter to share. The book is the biography of a psychic physician and how Dr. Riblet B. Hout saw psychic beings from his first memory, then as an adult, encountered phenomenal out-of-body experiences. The doctor's psychic ability was evident in his medical role with both superior diagnostic skills and spiritual healings. Because, in the conservative Midwestern town where he practiced, beliefs in spirits or paranormal happenings were not acceptable, he was, at one point, the victim of religious bigotry.

Spiritual messages regarding the death experience, free will, life on the other side, reincarnation, and other fascinating information were channeled through his spirit guide and recorded on audio tapes. The book is based on those recordings, personal notes and Dr. Hout's handwritten OOBE Journal which were inherited by the author, Bettilu Stein Faulkner, upon the death of her uncle, Dr. Hout. Bettilu had enjoyed a special relationship with Uncle Riblet as a child, and as an adult they had conversed about his spiritual path, yet it was not until after his death that the full extent of his mystical path became fully known to her.

The author was an RN and, after raising three children, returned to college. She earned her Bachelor's degree in Behavioral Sciences, with emphasis on death, dying and hospice care. Bettilu writes "that in whatever way the fear of death can be diminished, the mental health of the community at large will be enhanced." Riblet's job was to inform anyone who would listen to his accounts of life continuing after death, and perhaps this book is an extension of her uncle's work.

The following experience was first published in England in April, 1935 in *LIGHT on Spiritualism and Psychical Research*. It was also included in *Reality Change* in 1990, and is now part of a chapter in the newly published book.

At the time of this event, May 5, 1933, Dr. Hout was age 30, and lived and practiced in Goshen, Indiana, a town about a half hour's drive from his aunt's small home in Middlebury, IN. His sister, Helen, who was also present at this mystical experience, lived in another city with her family, but had come to care for the aunt, Ada Riblet Strome, who was ill, though none assumed death was imminent.

RESURRECTION!

DOCTOR WITNESSES LIBERATION OF
DYING WOMAN'S SPIRIT-BODY

By Dr. Riblet B. Hout

As a prelude to the relating of this experience, I wish to say that I am not a professional medium, and I have not, as yet, publicly acclaimed my interest in this work. I am interested in this great truth of active life beyond the grave because of my personal experiences and because I see in it a scientific fact that has not been successfully refuted by material science.

May I add, also, that prior to this earnest watching of the spirit-body leaving the material one, I had not read or been able to find any facts similar to that which I witnessed. I had not read of the actual process of the soul leaving the body, and I had not known of the cord that connects the spirit-body with the earth body.

So what I saw could not have been a dramatization of the subconscious in a moment of emotional stress, for all this was beyond the knowledge of either my conscious or subconscious mind.

With this brief foreword, may I relate this experience of watching the withdrawal of the spirit-body from the physical counterpart and the gradual formation of the astral body immediately above the physical vehicle:

• PROCESS OF DYING

Perhaps this experience which I relate is unique in that the transition was very slowly brought about. In fact, the actual process of "dying" covered almost twelve hours, a period of time from seven in the evening until seven the next morning. And all through these long night hours, I, with members of my family, sat at the bedside of an only Aunt and watched the phenomenon

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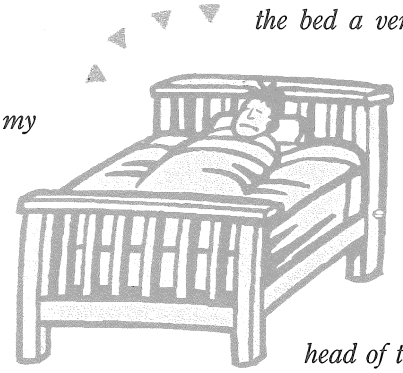
of physical life gradually cease and ebb away.

But I, personally, saw much more than this. I saw physical death on one plane and a birth of life into another. In other words, I saw the withdrawal of the spirit-body from the physical body and its re-formation and re-integration immediately above the physical body, suspended about two feet in mid-air above the death bed.

I called quite early in the evening at the home of my aunt, who lived in a neighboring small town near my home. While I had been caring for her professionally, my interest in her was much greater than professional, for she was the last surviving member of my Mother's family and one who had always been much like a mother to me.

This evening I had gone to see her from a sense of love and duty and to see that she was made as comfortable as possible. She was seventy-three years old, had been surprisingly young and active all her life, and had only been bedfast for the last ten days. A previous diagnosis of gastric carcinoma had been made and, while we knew that recovery was impossible, we did not look for an immediate demise. So I called, this evening of her transition, not even surmising that the change would come so soon.

• THE SILVER CORD



As I watched the suspended spirit-body, my attention was called, again intuitively, to a silver-like substance that was streaming from the head of the physical body to the head of the spirit double. Then I saw the connecting cord between the two bodies. As I watched, the thought, "The Silver Cord," kept running through my mind. I knew, for the first time, the meaning of it. This "Silver Cord" was the connecting link between the physical and the spirit bodies, even as the umbilical cord unites the child to its mother.

I noticed especially, then, this cord and its attachments. I saw that it was fastened and attached to each of the bodies at the occipital protuberance, immediately at the base of the skull. I could even see the way the cord was attached—just where it met the physical body, it spread out, fan-like, and numerous little strands separated and attached separately to the skull base. Other than at the attachments, the cord was round, being perhaps about an inch in diameter. The color was a translucent luminous silver radiance. The cord seemed alive with vibrant energy. I could see pulsation of light stream along the course of it, from the direction of the physical body to the spirit-double. When the pulsation would start at the base of the physical brain, the glow would follow through until it swelled into light at the other extreme of the cord. And with each pulsation, the spirit-body became more alive and denser, whereas in contrast the physical body became quieter and more nearly lifeless.

All of the above phenomena took place during the long hours of the night. During this time there was spirit activity extraneous to the spirit's metamorphosis.

• SPIRIT PRESENCES AROUND THE BED

I was aware of spirit-presences in the room. I heard soft chanting, as though many voices were softly singing, but I could not then distinguish any words. I glanced up, away from the bed, and looked into the faces of those loved ones of our family who had previously passed away from the physical through death.

My uncle, the deceased husband of my aunt, stood there beside the bed. Also, her son, passed away many years previously, stood silently watching the birth and death. Also three other aunts, sisters, stood beside me. And then, as though I felt, rather than saw her, I looked up into the living, animated face of my own Mother, who had passed on about five years before.

We were all there together—those from our side of life to witness the death of this beloved one—and those from the other side to welcome her arrival into a new place of life. Thus we watched the long night through. During the course of the night, I witnessed several other interesting phenomena. At one time, as I was watching the white coverlet on the bed, my attention was called to something above the spirit-body. I looked up towards the ceiling of the room, and there floated down upon the bed a veritable shower of deep red rose petals! These seemed to fall so thick and heavy that to my spiritual vision the white bedspread was entirely obliterated. In its place was a covering of soft deep red rose petals. I sensed the symbology that the "bed of death" was really a "bed of birth," and the deep red symbolized the beginning of a healthy new life.

A little later my attention was called to the head of the high, old fashioned bed in which my Aunt lay. There I saw placed upon the bedstead, by spirit hands, an exquisite wreath of deep red roses—again the symbol of a life almost completely finished on earth.

As the spirit friends and loved ones were gathering, I noted with interest (and commented to family members present) that my sister was able to distinguish variously colored pinpoints of light placed about the room at the places where I saw members of the spirit group. The actual placing of the lights where I saw members of the spirits was an interesting corroboration. Among the spirit friends gathered were Ada's only child, a son, and her husband.

As the dawn of the new day approached, I became aware that the final passing could not be much longer delayed. Physical signs of cessation of life were apparent, and I communicated this knowledge to the waiting family.

Then again I watched the formation of the spirit body. By this time the duplicate of the physical form was striking indeed. The spirit draperies had been softly folded about the quiet spirit form. The features were very clear and distinct, and an attitude of serene repose was upon the countenance. The greatest contrast that was presented to me between the two bodies was

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Spirit Inspiration: "Spiritual Communication is likened to having a pen pal in another corner of your Earth plane. You exchange information of life and the area where you live. If you planned a visit to this friend, you could be sent a road map, or you could be welcomed at your arrival and guided to this new place."

Each of us is composed of the trinity of body, soul/mind and spirit. As we make our change called death, it is the spirit that will continue. So life is the exercise in learning to deal with that spirit within, that will help you understand the working of that part of you called your spirit.

Spirit life is round and about you always. You are in eternity now. You have the capacity to draw on that spirit energy for guidance and help when needs arise. From knowledge gained from attunement with spirit, you can try and enlighten others. You can show the proof of continuous existence. For life is ALL life. There is no death; the spirit lives on as spirit energy.

It is with the spirit that you join in communication with the realms beyond. This spirit body, which continues after death, contains all the features of your physical body and will, therefore, continue to gather information.

It is only through spiritual education that humanity will improve its status on the Earth. This is the true evolution, which is the Spiritual Law that all must live.

In the Spirit World there is no government as you have on the Earth plane; all are organized under Natural, Spiritual Laws. There are those who work hard to be chosen to return as guides and workers with those on the Earth Plane who wish to attune themselves with spirit. Inspiration, as we understand it, applies to writers, artists, inventors, etc., and is just a small example of spirit's efforts to impress humanity.

When in the physical body, truths and values are not always understood and for now, your values may be in other directions. It will be the spirit values, which will be your "coins of the realm" when you have made the change called death and joined your loved ones who have previously graduated.

Life continues in spirit mentally and morally where it leaves off in the physical life. There is no sudden transformation of character in death. A person's future depends upon their thoughts, sentiments and conduct in the physical life. The life after death is simply a sequel of the life on the Earth plane—a continuation.

In a large sense, the future is a harvest from Earth life seed sowing. A person finds natural rewards and punishments of the same kind as on the Earth. All rewards and punishments in all the realms of God's great kingdom are found in the outworking of Nature's Laws. They are not favoritism on the one hand, nor vengeance on the other. A person sins and suffers here, or obeys the Law and reaps rewards; as below, so above.

There is a choice of locality with the sphere for which conditions destine all of us at death. Moral restraint is more forcible in the Spirit World than on the Earth plane. Humanity makes their own associations. There is a choice of work or engagement. There are many paths to knowledge and many calls upon energies. In all communications, spirit represents their lives as full of labor and interest.

It is a very natural world, on a plane of vibration higher than Earth, similar in many ways, yet more beautiful. Great moral distinctions are found in the Spirit Realm. Some of the departed may truly be represented as in heaven and others as in hell.

Each soul entering the next dimension brings its own heaven or hell; some gravitating toward spheres of darkness and suffering and finding its own place by the operation of Natural Law. Some souls mount upward to spheres of light, love and beauty. Having peace and love within, they are blessed with happiness.

We have been assured that humanity occupies itself in spirit life in study of the new realm and communication with its inhabitants; in attending lectures, meetings, schools and colleges; in researches in science suited to their former tastes and avocations; in recreations and amusements, travel and adventure; in music, art and authorship; in ministrations to the ignorant and undeveloped souls; in communion with Earth friends, and in practical prolongation of their Earth careers by inspiring and aiding mortals to continue their former Earth labors.

Ministers who have taught the falsities of an old theology strive to inspire their fellow ministers with

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SPIRIT SPEAKS ABOUT SURRENDER

- *Inspirational Writing* -

BY MARY ANDERSON



Most of you believe to surrender is to give something up, to give it away, and lose your pride, your dignity, or your stuff. I say unto you that by surrendering, not to this world, but to that unknown, unseen world when eyes are closed, is not surrendering, but is waking up to a new gift that generates more than you can imagine. In this surrender, you obtain the pathways to get through the maze of time to know and understand the greatest complexities unsolved by the educated intellect.

My friend, why are you so reluctant to surrender when I assure you that what is deep within can solve and bring forth more knowledge than all the books found. For you see, there are no words to read that know what I know. And for you, who surrender, more will be given.

For you say, you don't know how to surrender. You need not wait 'till death, for you have experienced death many times. Is it fear or that not remembering your surrender? My friend, go within. Travel with me deeper and deeper. You will hear the whooshing of sounds in other dimensions to awaken to a vastness of no words and you will realize how little you are surrendering in this "so called" reality of the human experience.



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wider and truer concepts of truth. Many former healers on the Earth plane communicate from the higher spheres to inspire and help sensitives to heal suffering humanity.

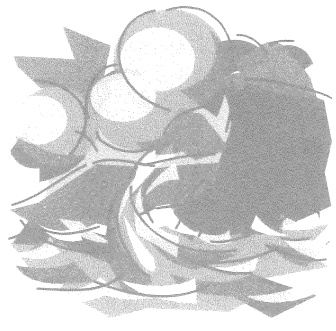
We know that the spirit life is a reality and that it is as tangible to those who function in it as is our material world to our way of life. This higher phase of existence is both subjective and objective; it is not just a thought world.

There are trees, flowers, rivers, lakes and many objective things such as we have on the Earth. It is generally accepted there are seven spheres of existence beyond.

The first sphere is the animal, the second is a darkened sphere devoid of foliage, flowers or children. This the abiding place of those who have lived a dark life on earth and the scenery and homes correspond to a stunted soul condition.

The third sphere has approximately the same degree of light that the Earth plane enjoys. As you progress through the spheres, they become lighter and lighter. The third sphere is that to which the average, good mortal gravitates at the time of transition. Children also go to this sphere, however they have lived, because they are not held responsible for their mistakes in life, as is the adult.

These spheres surround the Earth; they are not up or down, but exist on another vibration than the material life of Earth. The farther from Earth, the more refined and spiritual the formation of the sphere. The higher the soul progresses spiritually, the higher the sphere of occupation.



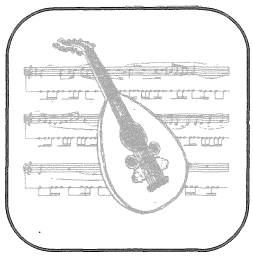
The homes on each sphere correspond to the mental condition of the spirit who occupies it; to be without a home is to be wanderer or vagabond, the same as on the Earth plane.

In the third and fourth spheres, we find neat, pretty homes built by the industrious and progressive souls who occupy them; by a process they learn in spirit, they are able to draw from the air the desired material. They also prepare clothing, getting the material in much the same way. They tell us that all spirits, excepting some degraded souls in the lower spheres, wear clothing and they have it ready for new souls as they come into the Spirit World.

Both the homes and clothing are sensitive to the thoughts and mental conditions of the spheres. The clothing is always whole and fresh if the wearer so desires. The higher a spirit progresses, the more beautiful and radiant his clothing.



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*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 **Anna Morelli.***

This article briefly explores levitation, out of body experiences (OBE) and independent voice manifestations. **Levitation** is one of the physical phenomena common in the mid eighteen hundreds, but it is rarely seen today. A few examples of mediums that levitated are Nancy Wesley in 1716, D. D. Home in 1852, and Harry Kellar in 1882.

When we explore the how and why of levitation, we find "It is far easier to ask the question than it is to attempt a definitive answer." Both people and/or objects may be levitated (i.e. raised). If a person is levitated, this is usually the medium. At seances, a variety of objects have been reported to be levitated, commonly the table itself around which the sitters and medium are gathered. Some say the body of the medium incurs a slight weight loss during these phenomena. This has been attributed to various reasons, all speculative at this point. Spiritualism's view is that spirit entities can act on matter and thus can produce the phenomena of levitation.

Richard Broughtou, Ph.D., parapsychology researcher, in his 1991 book *Parapsychology the Controversial Science* states: "The largely anecdotal status of macro-PK phenomena (Levitation being one of these) has given the micro-PK theorists reason to ignore it for the time being." J. B. Rhine conducted tests on PK to see if mediums could influence matter. His experiments were mostly on the roll of dice. Scientific studies of PK today mostly are done to see if mediums can influence random systems (micro PK).

D. D. Home did produce levitation under test conditions with good lighting and under observation. He was studied and tested beginning around 1852 and later, by many investigators and scientists, such as Sir William Crooks. There was never any fraud detected and no one came to any reasonable explanation of the phenomena. We are still at the same point today, as far as the understanding of levitation goes, but now we do not have a D. D. Home to observe and study. A pity indeed.

Out of body experiences are another interesting phenomena. These do occur today and are reported more often than in the past as people have become more aware of the possibility, thus are less inhibited about reporting the occurrence. This phenomena is being currently studied under scientific conditions.

I personally know of three people who have had OBEs. The first two had spontaneous occurrences and they reported their story directly to me. One was in conjunction with a car accident, the other was a Near Death Experience (NDE), experienced as a young child in a case of near drowning. The third case was reported to me in detail by a friend about a man who was able to induce the OBE at will and spoke of a "silver cord."

The "silver cord" appears to extend from the astral body to the physical body, forever a link. It is speculated that if this link were broken, death of the physical body would occur. Some feel OBEs can occur also during sleep and we know they can be induced under hypnosis. Indeed our U.S. government has funded studies to see if they could gather valuable information on strategic sites with the help of those who "astro-travel" (another name associated with induced OBEs). "Remote viewing" experiments can also involve OBE. There are various types of OBEs, the common factor being that the individual experiencing it feels fully conscious and does not feel at all that he is hallucinating or dreaming. Facts reported can usually be corroborated, with information and knowledge expressed of things, people and places that happened at the exact time of the experiment. This information cannot be accounted for by traditional means.

Some OBEs occur under the influence of drugs (i.e. during surgery). Reported OBEs are probably a fraction of those occurring, as many may have these experiences but not recall them. Since the phenomena is wide spread, it offers good possibilities for study. Self induced OBEs are obviously better subjects of study, as chance is eliminated.

Research on **Near Death Experiences**, (NDE) has been going on for quite awhile, especially since Dr. Moody, and almost simultaneously Dr. Kubler Ross first reported their research. Dr. Moody's book, published in 1975, titled *Life After Life,* is a classic work.

Independent Voice Phenomena involves all *audible* voices and can be heard by many people at the same time. It is either heard directly or with the aid of a trumpet that amplifies and directs the sound. Unlike clairvoyance, where only the medium is conscious of the voice, independent voice is objective in nature. Unfortunately this is an easy phenomena to fake and close attention to the message itself must be given to judge the value and/or truth of the information received.

Currently many experiments are being conducted with the recording of voice on tape recordings. This area of investigation (**EVP – Electronic Voice Phenomena**) is relatively new. A group to study this phenomena was begun by Sarah Estep around 1986 (then continued by Thomas and Alisa Butler in 2000), and the EVP Association has members around the world. Sarah Estep published her results in 1988 in a book, *Voices of Eternity*, and a quarterly newsletter is sent to members with information, suggestions and results the members are experiencing. EVP appears to be a modern form of direct voice phenomena.

Questions & Answers

By A. J. Davis from *Thoughts for the Age (1872).*

Q **Has every one a part to perform?**

A Yes; a part of his (her) own, assigned by Nature, a part in which he can excel, be happy and become distinguished.

Q **Why do you say "assigned by Nature"?**

A It is; it is stamped upon his (her) constitution; it slumbers in his or her bones, lives in the muscles, breathes in each element, ripples through veins and arteries, mounts to the brain, the throne of his (her) organism.

Q **Is it important to unfold this natural part?**

A It is the only character a man (or woman) can sustain with happiness to himself or benefit to others.

Q **What does the spiritual doctrine teach?**

A That the inmost man (woman) is spirit which flows through the nerve sensations; which contracts and expands muscles, which causes blood to throb through the body, which thinks and reasons, which feels nobler than forms, forces and things about it, which teaches the individual to recognize something higher, and by which we are taught to help in drawing the burdens of society.

Spirit is the invisible presence of the Divine in the visible human.

"Harmony is the guardian angel of universal Love"
– A. J. Davis



Attitude Determines My Day

– Author Unknown

I woke up early today, excited over all I get to do before the clock strikes midnight.

I have responsibilities to fulfill today.

I am important;

My job is to choose what kind of day I am going to have.

Today I can complain because the weather is rainy, or I can be thankful that the grass is getting watered for free.

Today I can feel sad that I don't have more money, or I can be glad that my finances encourage me to plan my purchases wisely and guide me away from waste.

Today I can grumble about my health, or I can rejoice that I am alive.

Today I can lament over all that my parents didn't give me when I was growing up, or I can feel grateful that they allowed me to be born.

Today I can cry because roses have thorns, or I can celebrate that thorns have roses.

Today I can mourn my lack of friends, or I can excitedly embark upon a quest to discover new relationships and rekindle old ones.

Today I can whine because I have to go to work, or I can shout for joy because I have a job to do.

Today I can murmur dejectedly because I have to do housework, or I can feel honored because the Lord has provided shelter for my mind, body and soul.

Today stretches ahead of me waiting to be shaped, and here I am, the sculptor who gets to do the shaping.

What today will be like
is up to me;

I get to choose what kind of day
I will have!

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the difference between maturity and old age, of life and death. For now the animation and life was all in the astral body, and the physical had entirely stopped the restless moving, was entirely oblivious to all reflexes, and death seemed imminent. The pulsation of the cord had stopped. It was less luminous and was shrunken. But the attachments were still complete.

Even as I looked at it, I was astonished to hear an external voice softly whisper in my ear: "Only twelve minutes more!" I communicated this to the family and sat expectantly waiting, watch in hand. I watched the cord at its point of emergence from the physical body. I looked at the various strands of the cord as they spread out, fan-like, at the base of the skull. I saw the strands sever and snap, one at a time. Each strand snapped and curled back as would a taut wire if it was suddenly cut. I saw these strands snap one by one until only one strand connected the cord to the body. I glanced at my watch. The twelve minutes had gone by!

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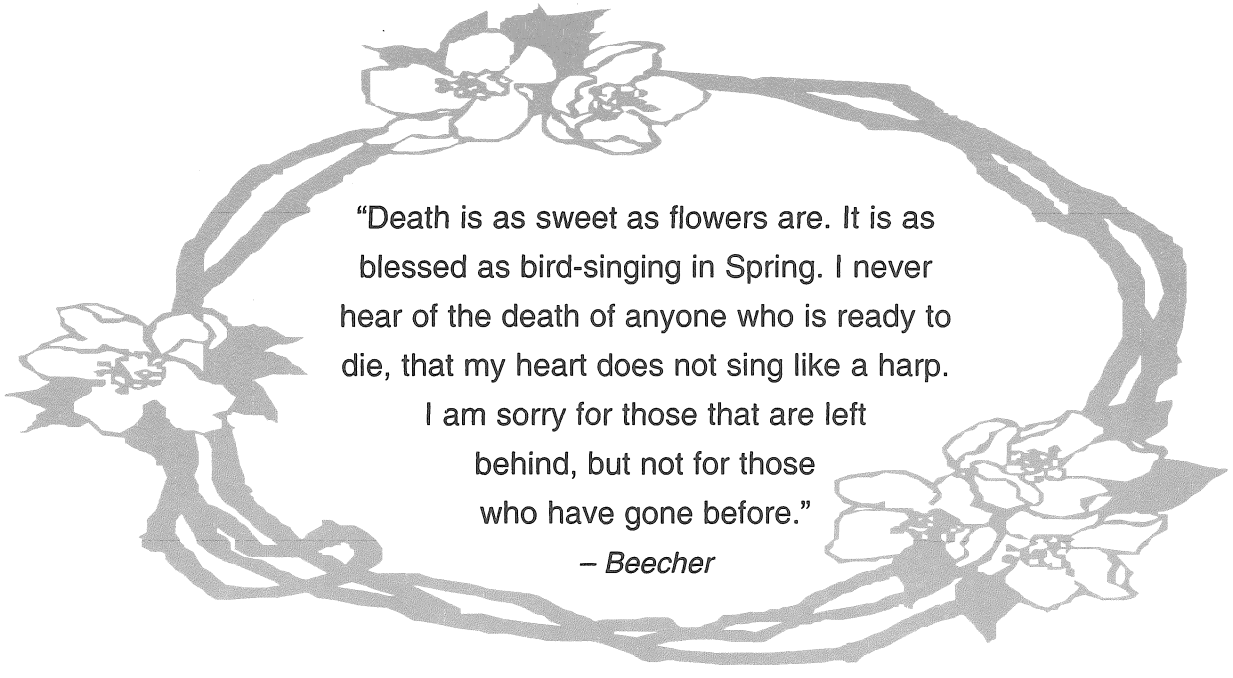
The final severance was at hand. A twin process of death and birth was about to ensue. I watched expectantly and anxiously. By spiritual vision I saw, symbolically I am sure, a pair of golden shears. These shears opened and closed. The last connecting strand of the Silver Cord snapped, and the spirit body was free! This spirit body, which had been supine before, now rose and stood upright behind the bed, where it paused momentarily before commencing its upward flight from the room. As I looked at this radiant, luminous apparition, the closed eyes opened and a smile broke upon the radiant features. Animation was there. A newly awakened life looked at me with a nod of recognition. Then she gave me a smile of farewell. then this spirit form vanished from my sight. She looked the same as she had before death, but now a vibrant, vital, younger person smiled at me; she was a person in her prime and not one who could possibly be seventy-three years old.

The above phenomena were witnessed by me as an entirely objective reality. The spirit forms I saw with the aid of my physical eyes. The voices I heard were spoken as one human would speak to another. This did not occur to me as a fleeting vision, which would come and go with startling swiftness. The whole of this event covered twelve hours. I watched, commented, and moved about during the occurrence. One other person in the room was aware of other than physical forces; and, comparing notes later, we brought out veritable inferences.

Since the above was witnessed, other contacts have been made whereby I have conversed with and seen other spirit folk. But never has this experience been repeated, nor has such objective phenomena occurred which has covered as long a period of time.

But I am absolutely certain that contacts with the "next place of existence" can frequently be made, and that the contact can be a perfectly natural and normal occurrence.



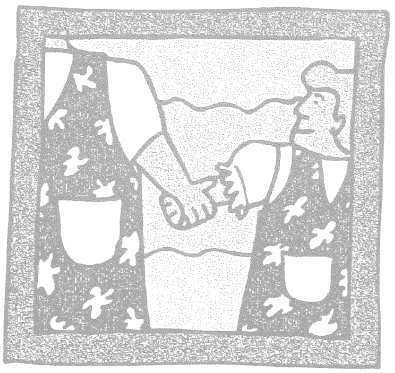


Using Our Gifts For Life's Lessons

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Quite frankly, there is a thin line between being preachy and being inspirational. We are all students and all teachers in this life experience on planet Earth. As such, we learn from each other. Isn't that wonderful?

Our gifts are herewith defined as blessings, the talents, the ability to communicate, insights, ideas, inspiration, and attitudes, which when used to their best advantage enhance our finances, health and relationships. Whatever we do in life, we can take joy in the quality of our effort. Whether we are bus drivers, shoemakers, sanitation engineers, ministers, teachers, or brain surgeons—no one is undervalued in the larger scheme of things. Where would we be without the sanitation workers? They are literally and consistently cleaning up our lives. I believe in the next realm of life all workers will be valued equal for the energy they put out. Not everyone who excels academically is exceptionally bright. Neither is everyone who succeeds financially, especially gifted, or talented. Motivation, inspiration, persistence and listening to the inner voice of the higher self is what compensates for what we don't have, and enables us to accomplish our goals.



Appreciation for each other is important. Really taking a moment to see each other, soul to soul, making eye contact with the people we come in contact with every day, noticing what they do for us as supermarket checkers, bank tellers, waiters/waitresses, mail carriers, bus drivers, etc., is part of sharing our gifts. We are companions of the road, the road of life, whether in our automobiles or not.

When we are literally in our autos as drivers or passengers, it is helpful to use the time in the car for an attitude adjustment. Getting into a spiritual consciousness by starting with positive affirmations, for our own safety, and the safety and well being of everyone on the road, brings one to a present moment awareness. This does not detract from the concentration needed to drive safely. Instead, it enhances it. One such mental affirmation: "Thank you Infinite Intelligence for protecting me and mine and all who are drivers, passengers and pedestrians. Thank you for taking us safely to our destinations and home again." If, as humans who are prone to hastiness or error, we make an error in judgment while driving, we can forgive ourselves as we would forgive others. Blessing ourselves and others enables us to focus on the moment without frustration, thus enhancing our safety.

On the subject of focus, try to direct your focus to what you **can** do with what you **have** and less on what you can't do. If there are physical, financial or other limitations in your life, why not take the challenge to find alternative ways of doing things and creative solutions to the problems that present themselves.

By relaxing and taking a deep breath, we minimize fear and frustration and allow the creative mind to take over. By opening ourselves to Divine guidance and instruction, there is almost always a way it can be done. Sometimes, it requires humility, that is, asking for and accepting help from others when it is offered—not always easy, if we are fiercely independent.

There are three gifts that cannot be taken from us:

Dignity: As children of a Divine Creator, we are not defined by illness, disability or life circumstance. If we hold ourselves in esteem, as the Creator views us and as we have a right to do, our dignity remains intact.



Love: the love of those that care about us, be it the love of biological family, friends, work associates or our spiritual family. This is the love that continues to be life-sustaining. It is the bond of love that continues even after the change called death.

Soul: Our souls are eternal, and forever remain intact, while at the same time are ever evolving in and expressing our individual oneness with Spirit uniqueness.

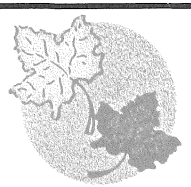
These are the gifts that allow us to use our special talents, interests, inspiration, and curiosity. The gifts that enable us to taste, sample, explore, express that which

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Positive Statements To Help Create a Positive Day.

Affirmations . . . OCTOBER 2001

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 My friend's light touches me and blesses me.	**2** Each day is filled with infinite possibilities.	**3** Compassion is returned as blessings.	**4** Allow the peace of Spirit to dwell in your heart.	**5** The Creative Spark within inspires us as we listen.	**6** People come and go, but family is forever. Bless them.
7 There are 365 days of new beginning each year.	**8** Each thought I send out I make vibrant and loving.	**9** "Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." – *Matthew 6:10*	**10** God loves us all and shares energy and inspiration with us all.	**11** Divine Spirit, thank you for all the wonders of this planet Earth.	**12** Let your light shine and glorify God.	**13** I accept a simple life of flowing to my Divine nature.
14 "Believe that you have it, and you will have it." – *Erasmus of Rotterdam*	**15** When we are willing and eager, our spirit forces join in.	**16** I am eternal, daily transforming as I travel my life path.	**17** "Happiness consists in the multiplicity of agreeable consciousness." – *S. Johnson*	**18** Welcome others with a genuine smile, and life will flow with good cheer.	**19** "There are so many things that I do not want." – *Socrates*	**20** Love is joyous emotion, made directly perceptible to the heart.
21 "The power of prayer is an ever-extending gift." – *Andrea Valeria*	**22** I quiet my mind to become aware of the here and now.	**23** "Trust the instinct to the end, though you can render no reason." – *Emerson*	**24** Blessings to all the leaders of our world. May they be truly inspired.	**25** Believe in something quite out of the ordinary, beyond the boxes.	**26** Learning is a wonderful adventure. "Each situation has its own language." – *Ibn Hisam al-Lami*	**27** Every relationship receives a unique approach.
28 Take some time to plan a new ritual.	**29** Enjoy a magical moment in nature today.	**30** I send a special prayer to all those in the Spirit World.	**31**			



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SAN BERNARDINO - Temple of Spiritual Truth, NSAC
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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.

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CHERRY VALLEY - Cherry Valley Spiritualist Camp, Inc.
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MICHIGAN CITY - Spiritual Science Church, NSAC, Inc.
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CLINTON - Mississippi Valley Spiritualist Assoc. Camp
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CLINTON - Sunflower Spiritualist Church
10 Mt. Pleasant Park; Mail to: P.O. Box 6, 52733-0006; Sun. Serv. at 10:00 a.m.; Co-Pastors, Rev. Harvey and Rev. Bonnie Horstman, NST; Secy., Rev. Bonnie 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
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BANGOR - The Harrison D. Barrett Memorial Church, NSAC
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HARTFORD - Pinpoint of Light Spiritualist Camp
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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.

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MEDFORD - Medford Spiritualist Church, NSAC, Chapel of Peace
Sunday Services held at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 147 High St.; 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.

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.

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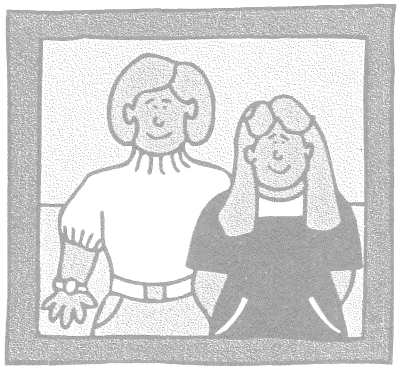
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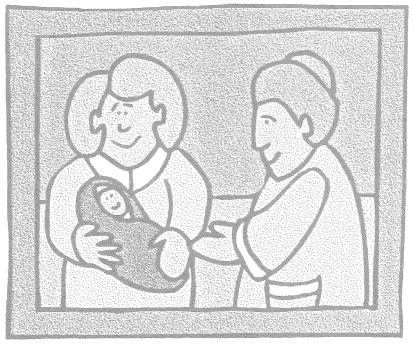
USING OUR GIFTS FOR LIFE'S LESSONS *(Continued from page 13.)*

we've never done before. Whether making a new recipe, taking an art class, learning about the computer, volunteering in a nursing home, or with children with special needs, or becoming actively involved with our Spiritualist work, we are using the best of what we've got.

When we bless ourselves by using our gifts, we are working to bless the greater good of humanity. We use our gifts as Spiritualists. With this Science, Philosophy and Religion of Love, we are inspired to take the "higher ground" in meeting the challenges and complexities of life. And one thing is for sure, we will never be bored in the process, because we are a colorful composite of people that comprise our Spiritual Family. We know that we can remove the "I can'ts" that are externally or internally accepted by us. Those "I can'ts" that are translated as I am incapable of doing this or that in my life, from the simple tasks to the complex decisions and problem solving that life requires for human beings. We often internalize problems, and our body responds accordingly.



As Spiritualists, we believe that **everything begins with thought**. Following from this reasoning, we self-design our specific illnesses and diseases, consciously or unconsciously, making our own happiness and unhappiness. We do this uniquely, not because we wish to suffer or because we deserve to suffer, but because these specific, tailor made diseases provide us with the specific learning opportunities which enable us to grow spiritually. God, or Infinite Intelligence does not bring illness upon us. God is Love. Infinite Intelligence, when we let It guide us and instruct us through our inner voice, enables us to transcend our limitations, our illnesses, even our pain, and often shows us how to eliminate them. So then, this is not a "blame the victim" mentality. It is empowering to know that what we create, we can uncreate if we are not happy with the result.



Using our gifts, the best of what we've got, means having humor in the face of adversity. If the only thing we have left, in what seems like an impossible situation, is humor, than let's laugh until we can see through the impossibility to that which is possible. We all can utilize the gift of music. It doesn't cost much to turn on the radio. Music is the voice of the soul. What kind of music is your soul listening to?

Using our gifts means allowing ourselves to rest. Finding that point of moderation, that point of balance between the extremes of doing too much or too little. The lesson of moderation which, we are all being given in one form or another, includes allowing ourselves to rest and sometimes choosing not to do a thing, setting one's own parameters and knowing we cannot be all and everything to everyone. If we spread ourselves too thin, everything suffers, qualitatively. Each of us is a child of Spirit, endowed with all the abilities to live this life qualitatively. The amazing thing is that for all we have in common, we are each unique.

Thinking first before doing is a lesson that can be applied to all areas of our lives. Thinking before we speak, so as not to hurt another person, intentionally or unintentionally. Consider sensitive ways to get your ideas across and to make yourself understood. Yes, the challenge of artful communication is a lifetime learning process.

Using our gifts as a Spiritual Family is recognizing the Love that connects us, the Love that enables us to get beyond differences of opinion and pettiness that occasionally occur. As in any family with people who love each other and work together, there will sometimes be differences of opinion, **but it is how we work through these differences of opinion that is important.** Blessedly, we know that we share the same Infinite Intelligence and the same Love substance that derives from Infinite Intelligence. Remembering that, it becomes easy to take joy in each other's thinking and accomplishments. **After all, since we are One, we share in each other's accomplishments and we shine in our own and each other's uniqueness. There is no competition.**

In conclusion, here is a quote from Nelson Mandela, at his Inauguration Speech 1994:

Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness, that most frightens us. We ask ourselves: Who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, fabulous? Actually who are you not to be? You are a child of God. Your playing small doesn't serve the world. There's nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people around you won't feel insecure. We are all meant to shine, as children do. We are born to manifest the glory of God that is within us. It is not just in some of us; it is in everyone. And as we let our light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others.

"Namaste," translated as: The God in me acknowledges the God in you.

SPIRITUAL HEALING REQUEST

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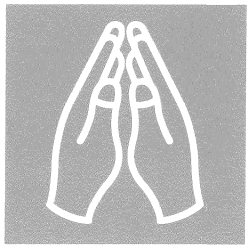
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The first week of each month the names received are compiled and sent to the NSAC Office for inclusion in the NSAC monthly mailing to all churches. Also many healers around the country receive the list. Because of the length of the lists an individual's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

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

– Prayer for Spiritual Healing –

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



Basic Healing Understanding

Characteristics of Healers

Notes from *Healers & the Healing Process*
BY GEORGE MEEK

1. A healer may be of either sex; of any race or color; and the person may or may not adhere to any organized religion.
2. Lack of formal education is NOT a barrier to development as a good healer—it may well be a positive advantage.
3. Healing abilities may be developed at any time of life, from adolescence to well past age 60.
4. Once developed, healing abilities need not decrease with age.
5. The recipient does not need faith in the healer. However, it seems to help if the patient has a strong belief system of his or her own.
6. The healer does not necessarily need to have physical contact with the recipient, but such contact may be of help in situations involving joints or the skeletal structure.
7. Some healers do not need to be in the immediate presence of the healing recipient.
8. The level of healing ability varies greatly between individual healers and is dependent on native abilities, desire for service (love), attunement with the cosmos, and experience with and understanding of human nature.
9. Some healers are more successful with certain types of ailments than with others.
10. Most, and perhaps all, of the healing "miracles" attributed to Jesus of Nazareth in the New Testament are daily performed in various parts of the world by the healers, collectively, if not individually.
11. No healer has a 100% success record with his or her patients any more than the best of Western medical clinics, but the healer often has success with patients who received no help from conventional medicine.

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What happened in OCTOBER throughout the years?

OCTOBER 1899

The first six **Declaration of Principles** were adopted. In 1909 the seventh and eighth Principles were added, and in 1945 the ninth Principle was adopted. There also has been various changes throughout the years to the Principles.

OCTOBER 1851

The birth date of **Dr. George B. Warne.** He was the vice-president for four years, and then became the second President of the National Spiritualist Association. He served for over seventeen years in this position with sincerity, a high sense of duty and honor. Dr. Warne began *TNS* and became its first editor.

OCTOBER 1852

Maria B. Hayden arrived in England and was the first American medium to introduce Spiritualism to the English by means of psychic lights and raps. Her mediumship interested many notables such as Professor DeMorgan and Robert Owen. Maria Hayden was a doctor of medicine, a talented psychometrist and an intelligent, educated and refined woman.

OCTOBER 8

We wish a happy birthday and a great year to NSAC Board member **the Rev. Catherine Snell, NST.**

OCTOBER 16

The birth day of **Noah Webster,** and **National Dictionary Day.** Can you imagine not being able to look up a word and find out the meaning. Thank you, Mr. Webster, for your valued work with words and their meaning.

OCTOBER 19

Birthday greetings are also in order for NSAC Board member **Sylvia Kincaid.** We hope you have a special spiritual year.

OCTOBER 24

Please pray for world peace and for a healthy planet today on **United Nations Day** and every day. Then do your part!



OCTOBER 31

Halloween traditions often began as attempts to ward off unsettling encounters with the beyond. Medieval Ireland used jack-o'-lanterns carved from beets or turnips to deter evil spirits. Folks in the Celtic lands put on masks on All Hallow's Eve so they would not be recognized by restless ghosts. If it is true that the veil between the two spheres of life is especially thin on this day, then take some time in the silence and commune with your departed loved ones.

SPIRITUAL HEALING

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12. The healing can take place practically instantaneously, but most often takes days and, in some cases, several weeks or months.
13. A profound, intuitive knowledge of human nature enables some healers to help persons who could not otherwise be helped.
14. Healers are almost invariably warm, loving people with a great concern for their patients. (Often the emotional make-up of the healer is in pleasant contrast to that of the people seeking help!)
15. It is probably difficult for a selfish, power, or money-hungry person to achieve a full potential for serving as a healer.
16. Some successful healers who became preoccupied or obsessed with ego, or money making, appear to suffer a decline in healing abilities.
17. The healer does not need faith in him or herself as a healer. The over-whelming majority of healers whose work has been studied in depth have a strong, personal belief system in a higher power—even if it is just being "simpatico with nature."

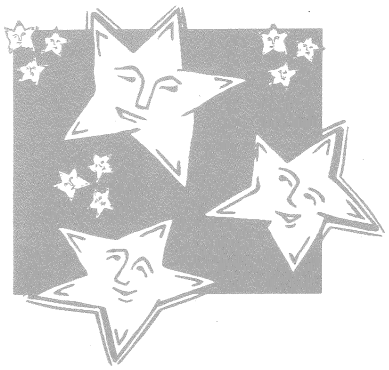
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"Thou glorious spirit-land! Oh, that I could behold thee as thou art—the region of life and light and love, and the dwelling-place of those beloved ones whose being has flowed onward, like a silver-clear stream into the solemn-sounding main, into the ocean of Eternity."

– Longfellow

Allegory Of The Cave

BY JERRY LINDBERG, ARIZONA



This article is about Infinite Intelligence and crossing over to the other side, the "upper world," if you please.

God, Infinite Intelligence, Supreme Being, Jehovah, Buddha—many names for a greater concept thought by different people.

- Where does the concept come from?
- Are we born with it? Taught it? Is it just tradition?
- What is God? Where is God?
- How can we know the Infinite?
- Why do we believe in a Supreme Being?

All good questions.

People have always known there is a Higher Power. They have strayed away from God on many occasions, sometimes to return and sometimes not to return. I have always felt that there is "something more" to life than what I can see and touch in my everyday life here on the earth plane.

I read a story in college, many years ago, and I haven't been able to get it out of my mind after all these many years. It tells of a fundamental truth—that there is a God, how we perceive the Spirit and where to find It. Also, that there is continuous life, where we will all be together after this thing called death.

The "Allegory of the Cave" was written by Plato, and is a **parable** written as a play in dialogue form, as was done in Plato's time.

Plato, a Greek philosopher, was among the first philosophers to introduce metaphysical theorizing. Socrates taught Plato, and Aristotle was a student of Plato along with many others.

Plato perceived an Infinite Intelligence (God) that was beyond our five senses in the Earth plane. A higher form of life and the source of all life. Plato called Infinite Intelligence (as we perceive God) the "Form of the Good" in his theory of the Forms.

He was one of the first to talk about "a God"; but this was not received well and he was virtually cast out of the community for his forward ideas; so, Plato wrote a parable, "The Allegory of the Cave" to record his ideas using a dialogue with Socrates telling Glaucon about the "upper world."

"Allegory of the Cave"

INTRODUCTION:

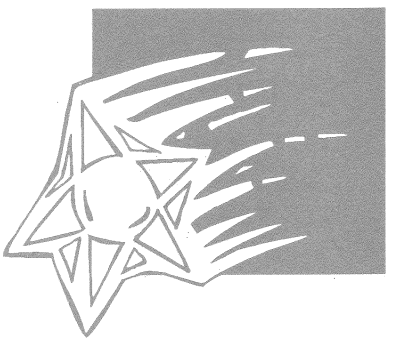
Aristotle inaugurated the systematic study of metaphysics and metaphysical theorizing, yet a variety of different theories about the ultimate nature of the world had been developed by earlier Greek philosophers. These are called the "Presocratics."

Plato, was famous for his "Theory of Forms," an account of a realm of abstract reality to be apprehended by the intellect—a realm 'above and beyond' the ordinary world of particular objects that we perceive by the senses. Plato's metaphysics is intimately linked to his theory of knowledge; he believed that in order to attain genuine knowledge we need go beyond the changing world of day-to-day particulars and grasp the timeless and unchanging universals of which ordinary objects are imperfect instances (thus, a particular beautiful object is only beautiful in a limited way—a mere copy of the Form Of Beauty, the "beautiful itself").

Plato compares the noblest Form, the Form of Good, to the Sun: just as the sun makes ordinary objects visible, so the 'Form of the Good' is the source of the intelligibility and reality of the Forms.

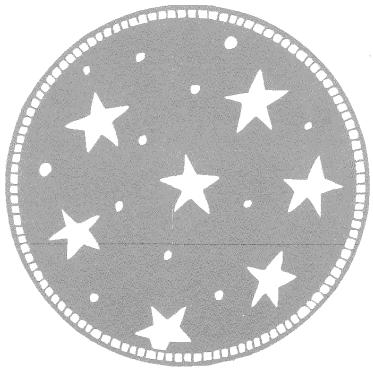
Plato suggests that ordinary everyday objects stand in the same relationship to the forms as shadows do to their originals. And finally, in his famous allegory of the cave, Plato compares the gradual ascent of the mind towards the Forms with a journey from darkness to light.

Within the Cave (the ordinary world of the five senses), most of us are like chained prisoners watching shadows thrown by a fire. We adopt our opinions second-hand, manipulated and controlled by others. But even if we get free and look around the cave for ourselves, we are still only operating within



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the ordinary visible world, the world of particular objects. We need to struggle upwards, out of the cave, into the higher world of universals, grasped not by the senses but by the intellect. Our eyes dazzled by the brightness, we first can look only at reflections in pools (perhaps corresponding to mathematical objects, which help the mind to move away from particulars and toward abstract universals); but eventually we will be able to turn our eyes to the light of the stars and finally the Sun itself.

The heavenly bodies here stand for the Forms, and the Sun represents the ultimate source of truth, the Form of the Good. In the upper world of Plato's parable, we are not dealing with ordinary visible light; illumination comes instead at an intellectual level, from the supreme Form which 'is the controlling source of all reality and understanding.' As always, Plato presents his argument in dialogue form: Socrates (representing Plato's own views) speaks first: the respondent is Glaucon.

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Concepts and Thoughts:

The many, as we say, are seen but not known, and *The ideas* as known but not seen. In the realm that humanity lives, they perceive reality with the five (5) senses.

Sight is the most complex sense, for it requires an outside source of light, especially adapted to the purpose; for the eyes see nothing, and colors will be invisible, without light. Light is the noble bond which helps us see reality and beyond. To see clearly, the eye must have light from Infinite Intelligence, from "the Sun."

The *Visible realm* of Ordinary Objects, Images, Shadows, – form *Opinion*. The *Intelligible Realm* of Forms and Mathematical objects – form *Knowledge. "What if God were the Sun"* a book by John Edwards reflects some of Plato's philosophy.

The Story:

The cave: Now imagine a cave where prisoners are kept seated on a bench in chains where they can't move (not even their heads) and are facing a large wall. Behind them is a ledge, like a puppeteer's table, with a bright fire burning further back. Men are passing along behind the table, carrying all sorts of vessels, and statues and figures of animals made of wood and stone and various materials, which appear over the table; their shadow casts upon the far wall for the prisoners to see. Some of the men are talking, others silent. The sounds, echo off of the far wall; and, the prisoners think the sounds come from the shadows.

The prisoners believe that the shadows are reality, for they know no difference. To them, the truth would be literally nothing but the shadows and sounds of the images.

Free from chains: A prisoner breaks free of his chains and looks around the cave. He only sees the shadows; for the fire is bright and he can't see the other men. He still believes that the shadows are reality. But, as his eyes adjust to the brighter light of the fire, he can see the puppeteers and what is really happening. He tries to tell the others that what they see isn't the truth, but they won't believe him.

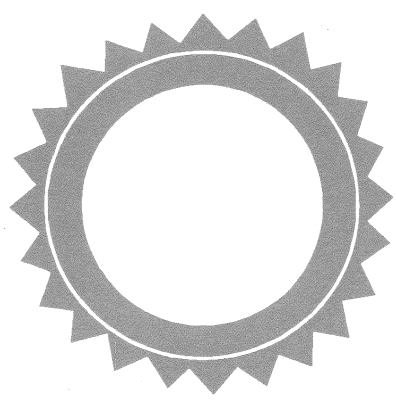
At this point, he has a better understanding of the truth; but, is still kept in the dim light of the cave; and, he yet can not see the "real truth" above (in the upper world).

Leaving the cave: The prisoner leaves the cave through a long dark tunnel winding upward to the upper surface with a very bright light at the end of the tunnel. When he first arrives, the light is so bright that his eyes hurt and he can't see anything of what is called reality.

He soon grows accustomed to the sight of the upper world. At first, he will see shadows best, next reflections of men and other objects in the water, and then the objects themselves. Then he will gaze upon the light of the moon and the stars and the spangled heaven, and he will see the sky and the stars at night better than by day (stars and heavenly bodies represent the other "Forms," the Form of Beauty).

Last of all, he will be able to see the sun, and not mere reflections of himself in the water, but he will be able to see himself in his own proper place, and he will contemplate himself as he is. And he now knows that the Sun is the Ultimate Source of the Truth, the "Form of the Good" (Infinite Intelligence); and, the source of all intelligence and life.

Return to the cave: The prisoner returns to the cave and tells the other prisoners of the upper world and real truth. The other prisoners don't believe him, for they know no other truth than the shadows on the wall. He could not see in the dark cave when returning from the bright light above; and, the "men would say of him that up he went and down he came without his eyes; and that it was better not even to think of ascending;



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Humor to put you in Good Spirits . . .

• A neurotic is the man who builds a castle in the air. A psychotic lives in it. A psychiatrist collects the rent.
– Anonymous

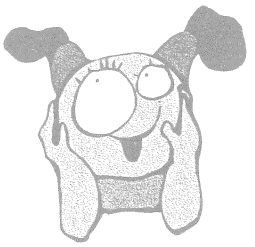
• Life is like a pocketbook; it's always full of change.
– Mona

• If you can't convince them, confuse them!
– Harry Truman

• I was drying dishes in my kitchen the other day and was startled when a magic Genie appeared out of a bottle I was drying. "What are you doing here?" I asked.
The Genie replied, "I'm having an out of bottle experience."
– Gene P.

• Teenager with nose rings, baggy clothing and spiked hair to a friend: "I don't really like dressing this way. But it keeps my parents from dragging me everywhere they go.
– Art Bouthillier in Woman's World

• You can't think and hit at the same time.
– Yogi Bera



• Logic is the art of making a mistake with assurance.
– Joseph Wood Krutch

• The earth could be the lunatic asylum of our solar system.
– S. P. Cadam

• There are some people that if they don't know, you can't tell 'em.
– Louis Armstrong

• "Halo: a greeting used by angels."
– Marvin Freedman with Steve Lawhead in "Campus Life," Reader's Digest

MONTHLY



FAVORITE SAYINGS TO LIVE BY



"What we call heaven and hell are not two places; they are the two ends of a ladder of values. We shall all stand somewhere on the ladder, where we deserve to be."
– W. R. Inge

"Spiritualism desires to present no creed or ceremony but rather to give to humanity a few principles that can be used as a theme around which to build the structure of life."
– Floyd Thornton

"Life is a state of embryo, a preparation for life. A man is not completely born until he has passed through death."
– Benjamin Franklin

"We live by rendering service to others, and civilization can be maintained in no other way."
– Sir Ernest Benn

"I call intuition cosmic fishing. You feel the nibble, and then you have to hook the fish."
– Buchminster Fuller

"Children may close their ears to advice, but open their eyes to example."
– Anonymous

"Once the game is over the king and the pawn go back into the same box."
– Italian Proverb

MEMORIAL FOR THE REV. JOSEPH H. MERRILL

Excerpts from the service conducted by the Rev. Sharon Snowman at Lily Dale, New York, on June 23, 2001.



MEMORIAL PLAQUE FOR THE REV. JOSEPH H. MERRILL.

Joseph Hartwell Merrill came into this life on January 16, 1903 at Norway, Maine, the son of Ella Mary (Porter) Merrill and Wiggin Lyon Merrill. After a full and vital life, Joe passed to spirit at the age of 98 on January 25, 2001. And there has joined his parents, a brother, Wiggin Jr., and the rest of his family and friends who awaited his homecoming.

BIBLICAL READING:

In the book of John, chapter 14, verses 1-4, the Master Teacher Jesus said; *Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Fathers house are many mansions. If it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again to receive you unto myself. That where I am ye may be also. And whither I go ye know. And the way ye know.*

Joe took these words very seriously. He often spoke of the many mansions in the Spirit World and cautioned that they may not be mansions but that which we have earned by our life's work, that following of the Natural Laws and of course the byproduct of these, the way we treat others. We may not have always agreed with Joe, but we do know that he did what he believed was best and worked all his life to help others in any way he could.

If his actions in life can be counted towards the formation of his spiritual home, it is very easy to picture Joe arriving in the Spirit World, and being shown his beautiful new home, and exclaiming in great surprise with a high pitched, squeaky voice, "For Me?" Of course, there is a little question as to how much time he will be spending at home and how much time he will be spending in visiting old friends, looking all around like a spiritual tourist, then communicating his experiences to those still on the earth plane.

Joe had said that he didn't want anyone to be sad at his passing. Instead he wanted all of us to be reminded that he had lived a full, active and adventuresome life. That he truly wanted to go home, and that we should rejoice and celebrate in his new found freedom and his new and glorious eternal and everlasting life. He especially liked the words "eternal" and "everlasting." When he said them he had a twinkle in his eye which would lead you to wonder just what he had already planned and what he was going to be up to. I was never brave enough to ask, as I always figured that I was better off NOT knowing.

It had been said that "Some people write their name large in the book of earthly accomplishment and some come into this expression and leave again making no apparent mark or record." For many, the accomplishments of this world are temporary, but for Joe, his accomplishments were as many, and shine, as the stars in the evening sky. In looking over his life, I doubt that there was anything he didn't try or get into. From his tour in the armed services, to being an accomplished artist, sculptor, photographer, musician, author, speaker, an eloquently and well versed statesman for the Religion of Spiritualism, a humanitarian, President of the NSAC, Ordained Minister, and the list could go on and on.

There are those people in life who seem to fall into a category termed "Born Leaders." Joe was such a person. Several things were of great interest in his life which set the stage for others to follow even as a young man. I have been told that Joe was the first serviceman to ever have Spiritualist listed on his dog tags as his religion. He was responsible for placing the first American Flag in a Spiritualist Church. As a young man, he was a member of the NSAC Junior League and served as one of its spokespersons. While a member, the Junior League became very involved in the Townsend Movement, which was one of several precursors to the formation of Social Security. Joe, along with many others from all over this country, traveled as representatives of the Townsend Movement. Once Social Security formed under the efforts of Franklin D. Roosevelt, Joe, again traveled for the Junior League and Social Security speaking to groups of people and helping them to complete the forms to apply for their Social Security.

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Joe did not believe in Reincarnation, but he once told me that if he had been wrong in this concept all his life, which he said he very seriously doubted, that he wanted to come back as a race car driver. And for those of you who personally knew him, he had a touch of that in him already. To each of us, Joe was different things, to the NSAC as a whole, he was, and will always remain, Papa Joe. There are many who still hold and keep the buttons passed out at one of the NSAC Conventions which had a picture of the then NSAC President, the Rev. Joseph H. Merrill, that simply read, Papa Joe. With all of this, and so many, many more things that could be said, let us just say of him that he lived and experienced life to its fullest and that he was of all things, a beloved friend to all. Joe left his mark within all of us, and for that we are ever grateful.

Joe wanted so much for the National, for Spiritualism in general, and for all religions to come together in harmony, peace and unity. To express not so much their differences, but to see their affinities. That all people should know the glorious truth of this religion—that there is no death. He reached for everything, totally rejected very few things, searched for what was right, and followed his own star. Sometimes he became opinionated, sometimes not and at times things were just simply left to question. There were times when he said he felt like the last of the dinosaurs, and that what he dreamed for everyone was impossible, but he kept going, and he reached further. That may well be why one of his favorite songs was the *Impossible Dream* from the *Man of La Manchia*. I would often go by his house and hear him playing this song on his organ.

Joe was adamant that since there was no death, that when he arrived in spirit he would be completely healed in every way and all set to begin a very active and productive spirit life of learning and experiencing everything in sight or out of it. He firmly believed that there was no death, and expressed the transition from a physical existence to the world of spirit as simply going from life to continuous life. From life to life. He said it so factually and in such a casual manner that it made you wonder why anyone would ever think to question the matter.

One of his goals when he arrived in spirit, was that he wanted to speak to the great religionists of the world who resided there to inquire as to what they were thinking? This would fit very well into his personality, as Joe was always speaking to clergy of other denominations in an ecumenical manner and trying to formulate a common ground for everyone to find amiable discussions on all forms of religious matters.

He served as President of the International Spiritualist Federation, an international conclave of Spiritualists, and to the time of his passing held membership in that organization. It is the purpose of this organization to bring together like minds from the Religion of Spiritualism for the advancement and promulgation of the Science, Philosophy and Religion of Modern Spiritualism. He was highly instrumental and the key motivating force in organizing group meetings between leaders of the various Spiritualist organizations within the United States. These were stylized in an effort to promote harmony, accord and a definite working relationship between the various Spiritualist organizations and Independent churches for sharing concerns and information. It didn't matter how large or how small an organization or church was, they all had a voice and all could benefit from each other.

We have each seen signs of Joe's "Dream" and seen the formative ecumenical steps he had taken to bring this dream into reality through his work with these organizations. The dream now passes on to us and with his guidance, we know we can see it through. Joe left us with a great legacy, and great strength to carry us through the work that lies ahead. And a fervent prayer for some form of unification of all of the Spiritualist organizations for the benefit of humanity as a whole.

We have been privileged to know Joe, the Statesman, the religionist, the artist, the dreamer, and best of all, we have been privileged to see a small part of the one we loved. The inner understanding of Joe which we all possess, is our own precious knowledge of him, it is personal to each of us as we all saw a different side of Joe. This memory which lives on in each of us, is our gift from Infinite Intelligence, so that we may have that much of his life to hold dear to us and to serve as a guide and inspiration.

Let us know in our hearts that Joe, like millions before him, has passed to a wonderful new life immortal. That he still loves us just as much as we love him. That he will never forget or leave us any more than we could forget or leave him. His joy, his laughter and his smile still shine for us. His spirit will never pass from our memories and his light and love will always surround us.



Life, here, has been a great adventure for Joe. Again, it has been said: "It is certain that the one who has never sought to live their life fully, who has never sought to venture into strange and novel experiences, has missed much of the pleasure of living." Rest assured, from his life and work, Joe didn't miss anything, and he has only opened the door to the grandest adventure of them all in a new land, a new place and a new beginning. Our prayer for Joe is that he may be blessed with a "Blue Sky Day"—forever.

MEMORIAL

MEMORIAL TO
THE REV. JOSEPH H. MERRILL
January 16, 1903 – January 26, 2001



The auditorium where the service was held.

A joyous celebration of the life of Rev. Joseph Hartwell Merrill, was held at 1:30 p.m. in the auditorium at Lily Dale, New York, June 23, 2001. Following the invocation by the Rev. Sharon Snowman, NST, the Rev. Lelia Cutler, NST, accompanied by Mr. Fred Brown, sang a beautiful rendition of *There is No Death*.



Left to right: George Domby; Rev. Sharon Snowman, NST; Rev. Lelia Cutler, NST; Rev. Larry Clark, NST.

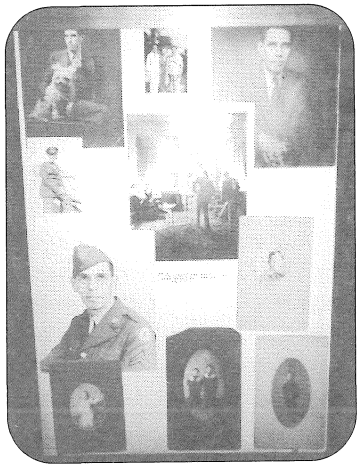
Ms. Snowman paid tribute to Joe with the reading of his favorite poem, which we had enjoyed hearing him give over the years, *The Law* by Mary March Baker and his favorite biblical reading John 14:1-4. She cited his many talents as artist, sculptor, photographer, musician, author and speaker, as a humanitarian, Statesman for the Religion of Spiritualism, Past NSAC President and Ordained Minister.

She spoke of his many dreams for the religion and that "at times he felt his dream was possible and at others, he wasn't so sure. He was the Don Quiote chasing his windmills and we often wondered what would happen if he ever caught one." In his memory, George Domby accompanied by Carleton Weber sang *The Impossible Dream*.

The service continued with a touching tribute written by his friend, Ms. Muriel Karolides, in honor of his 98th birthday.

"As down the path of Life you trod
It was in youth you found your God.
T'was in the beauty of the arts,
Photography and music were parts.
You danced and sang in harmony,
Your lectures always a thing of glee
You gave your years in leadership
As wisdom flowed from out your lips
When you move to that other world
You'll find a Golden Flag unfurled
Upon it printed words will say
'Welcome friend, you paid your way.'
You gave your all for man to know.
You pointed out the way to go.
So on this special day of birth
I want to say 'many know your worth.'
This world is a much better place,
for the spot God gave to you, to grace."

The Lily Dale Spiritualist Church Choir, accompanied by Lillian Farnham sang *Beyond the Sunset* preceding the eulogy given by Joe's "adopted son," the Rev. Larry Clark, NST. Mr. Clark regaled us with wonderful stories of Joe. Among them he spoke of a time when he had been troubled and had called Joe to tell him he was thinking of taking his car up on the hill and driving into the lake. Joe replied, "For heaven's sake, don't hurt the car! I need a new one." and hung up! He said it was the best thing that could have happened, because by the time he finished laughing, the dark thoughts had passed. He mentioned Joe was not known as a chef, and having watched several others, Joe decided it wouldn't be so hard to fix spaghetti. He was doing fine until he drained the spaghetti in the sink, left it there and poured the sauce over it! Larry stated when Joe told him he was the son he had never had, he was so proud because Joe was a great man who gave so much to the world. He also made known the fact that Joe was privately a quiet man who never felt he did enough. He cited Marian and Roger Laws and said shortly before his own transition Roger had written "there has never been a greater teacher than Joe Merrill." He concluded his remarks by saying "When you look up at that blue sky, remember Joe, for he always found his



One of the two posters; the middle picture is of Joe when he took Eleanor Roosevelt's picture at the White House. Also on the table with the poster were plaques and his many citations.

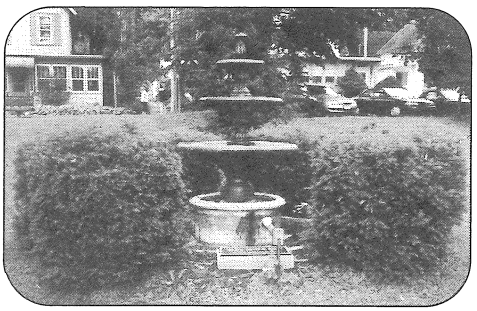
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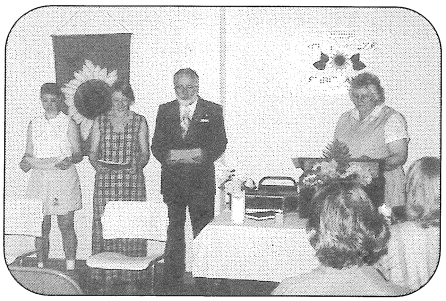
The service drew to a close with the reading of *Beyond*, written by Ella Wheeler Wilcox, and benediction followed by a presentation of military honors by the Cassadaga Post of the American Legion.

Following the service, a lovely reception, under the leadership of the Rev. Beverly Burdick-Carey, hosted by the Lily Dale Fire Auxiliary and Lily Dale Spiritualist Church, was held at the firehall. It was wonderful to see so many of Joe's friends from around the country join together to celebrate his remarkable life.



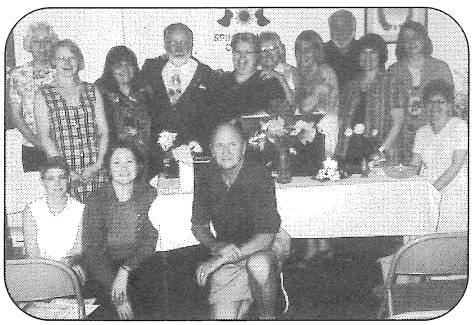
Joe's stone in front of the fountain in the park across from where he lived. His house is the first one behind the trees and cars.

MINNESOTA DEDICATION



Left to right: Pres. Sue Anderson; Vice Pres. Mae Clayton Hornberg; Secy. Rev. John E. Young; Rev. Joyce Young, MC.

On June 1st, 2001, The Third Spirit of Life church rented Suite 170 in the 21st Century Building in Rochester. A Church Dedication Service was held June 18th to bless the space and enhance the spiritual energies. The Rev. John E. Young, NST, acted as platform chairperson and provided the healing service meditation. Kathryn Cassel performed a beautiful vocal solo, "Bless This House." The dedication ceremony by the Rev. Joyce Young, NST, included church officers and congregation participation. Officers present were Sue Anderson, President; Mae Clayton-Hornberg, Vice President; and John E. Young, Secretary.



Congregation at Dedication Service in Rochester, MN.

With access to this space at all times, the church will have an opportunity for extra activities, classes, meditation, circles, etc., available to members and the public.

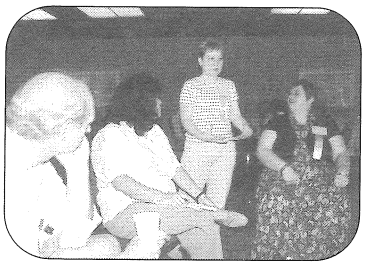
CSSA CONVENTION



CSSA Board of Directors: (L-R) Mary Munnerlyn, Evie Sordelet, Teddie Harringer, Paul Cook, Rev. Sandra Cook, Gerald Keane, Anne Rafferty, Rev. Del Lauderback, Melissa Austin.

The 106th annual convention of the California State Spiritualists Association took place in Oxnard, CA, on June 22-24, 2001. Twenty-three delegates and nine board members, representing seven state-affiliated churches were in attendance. Business of the convention took place Friday through Sunday, and church services on Thursday and Saturday evenings were well attended. A hospitality suite with a balcony that overlooked the harbor was available for socializing after the evening church services, snacks and beverages were provided by the Southern Council.

Delegates were treated to two workshops during the convention. The first, given by the Rev. Barbara Thurman (NSAC President) entitled, "Phases of Mediumship: What are They?" was a slide presentation describing mental and physical phases along with old photographs showing demonstrations during séances. Other phenomena, including silk precipitation and slate writing, and photos of exhibits at the museum in Lily Dale, NY, were passed around the room for all to view.



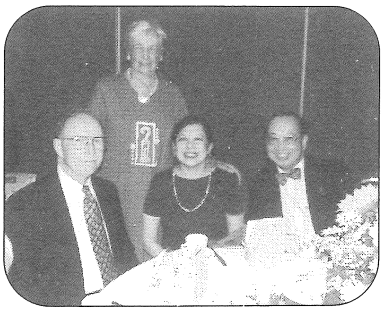
Teddie Harringer moderates a discussion group during her convention workshop.

The second workshop was presented by Teddie Harringer (CSSA 2nd Vice president) entitled, "Nurturing the Church: Sharing Ideas on Marketing, Volunteerism, and Education that will Carry Spiritualism into the 21st Century." The delegates divided into three circles for each topic to brainstorm ideas, with Teddie as moderator. The Rev. Delaney Lauderback commented he was "very inspired" by the discussion on education. Later, the top five ideas from each circle were shared with the delegates at large to take home to their perspective churches.

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Friday evening guests and delegates gathered for a delicious Banquet Dinner in a beautifully decorated room by members of the Southern Council. Tables were set with colorful sunflower arrangements that a lucky person sitting at each table would take home, and each guest received a scented candle and gift bag filled with goodies at their place setting. The Grand Raffle was a big hit with 21 prizes to be drawn. The first two tickets pulled were for our very own the Rev. David Burr! We all agreed he had the winning touch. The effervescent Virginia Gibson, from Church of the Comforter, was most delighted her ticket was drawn for a meditation-table water fountain. Other prizes included a cell phone, toaster oven, sunflower banner, gift basket, frames, NSAC glass cup plate, luggage, CD portable stereo, and, $25 and $100 gift certificates.



Delegates at the Banquet Dinner: (L-R) Joe Owen, Engeltie Lauderback, Carla and Sonny Gee.

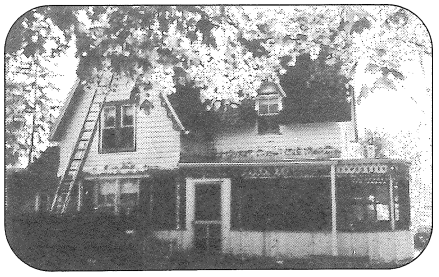
Everyone was in agreement that this was a most enjoyable convention. Delegates were in good spirits, socializing with members from other churches and helping each other with the business at hand. There was a real sense of community—a sure sign of great things to come for our member churches, our California State Association and for the promotion of Spiritualism.

FACE-LIFT AT CAMP



Before restoration.

The Medium's cottage at The Ladies Aid Society of Pine Grove had long lost its luster. In fact, if you asked anyone to describe it, they might have said, "It looks rather run down." Inside and out, the paint was faded and pealing. And, there was no amount of paint that would have helped the rotting boards of the wrap around porch that overlooks the grounds and water.



During restoration.

Last Fall, restoration work started and was completed this Spring. This Spring, volunteers were again hard at work putting in a flower and herb garden.

Thanks to the efforts of many volunteers, visitors to the camp this Summer will see the Medium's cottage and grounds surrounding it looking beautiful and inviting.



After restoration.

TRANSITION

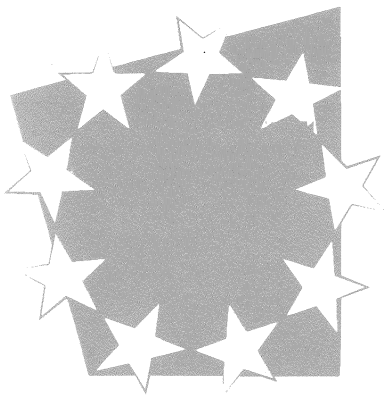


Rev. Dorothy M. Buss, NST

The Reverend Dorothy M. Buss, NST, made her transition on June 20, 2001. She had resided in a skilled nursing facility for the past several years. She was preceded to the Spirit World by her father, Walter; her mother, Sophia; her brother, Robert, and her sisters, Audrey and Grace. At her request, there was no service conducted.

Dorothy became an Ordained Minister on October 27, 1962 at the Burkett Spiritualist Church in St. Louis, Missouri. She was a National Spiritualist Teacher and Certified Medium. She transferred her membership to the Fifth Spiritualist Church of St. Louis when the Burkett Spiritualist Church closed. At the time of the transition of the Reverend Emma Ordrop, in 1970, Dorothy became the Pastor of the Fifth Spiritualist Church of St. Louis and continued in the position until May 1987. She continued to faithfully serve her church until 1995 when she became ill and could no longer attend.

Dorothy was a member of the NSAC Ministerial Association and the National Spiritualist Teachers Club. She served in a variety of positions on the club board and was its President for several years. She truly loved attending the NSAC Conventions, being active in the conventions and particularly seeing her friends.



and, if anyone tried to loose another and lead him up to the light, let them only catch the offender, and they would put him to death."

And Plato wrote: *This entire allegory, I said, you may now append, dear Glaucon, to the previous argument; the prison-house is the world of sight, the light of the fire is the sun, and you will not misapprehend me if you interpret the journey upwards to be the ascent of the soul into the intellectual world according to my poor belief, which, at your desire, I have expressed—whether rightly or wrongly God knows. But, whether true or false, my opinion is that in the world of knowledge the idea of good appears last of all, and is seen only with an effort; and, when seen, is also inferred to be the universal author of all things beautiful and right, parent of light and the lord of light in this visible world, and the immediate source of reason and truth in the intellectual; and that this is the power upon which he who would act rationally either in public or private life must have his eye fixed.*

We are all ONE WITH GOD. Affirm: **I am one with the infinite power and wisdom of God.**

God is always present to commune with us, to reassure us, to offer us comfort and hope.

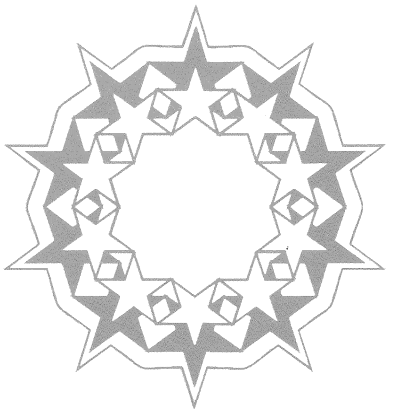
When you listen, God shares wisdom with you. As you pray, God listens. Infinite Spirit responds to every concern, for every prayer is answered.

Each day affirm: I am one with the infinite power and wisdom of God. These words encourage you to return your attention to the way and truth of Spirit within. In all you do, trust in God.

In closing, even though it's hard to conceive "the upper world" while on the Earth plane of objects and shadows; just know that there is another realm that we will ascend to and where we will have greater awareness in the Sun Light. We will be closer to Infinite Intelligence, and with others that have arrived before.

Spiritualism proves the reality of continuous life; and, that the existence and personal identity of the individual continues after the change called death. Have patience, for you all will arrive there in the "upper world" to be with the ones that have gone before you.

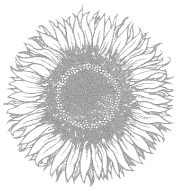
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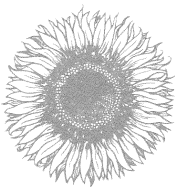




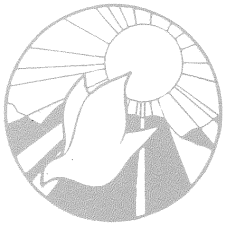
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When the hours of Day are numbered,
And the voices of the night
Wake the better soul that slumbered,
To a holy calm delight...
Then the form of the departed
Enters at the open door;
The beloved, the true hearted,
Comes to visit me once more.
– *Longfellow*

"Glorious indeed is the world of God around us
But more glorious the world of God within us
There lies the Land of Song;
There lies the poet's native land."
– *Longfellow*

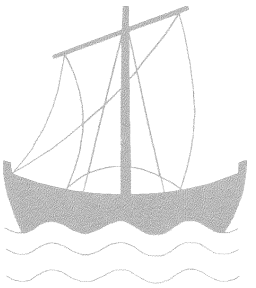
"And the poet, faithful and far-seeing,
Sees, alike in stars and flowers, a part
Of the selfsame universal Being
Which is throbbing in his brain and heart."
– *Longfellow*

The Set of the Sails

– *Author Unknown*

"One ship drives East and another West
With the self same winds that blow,
'Tis the set of the sails
And not the gales
Which decides the way to go.

Like the winds of the Sea are the ways of Fate
As we voyage along through Life,
'Tis the Will of the Soul
That decides the Goal
And not the Calm or the Strife."



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1. We believe in Infinite Intelligence.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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