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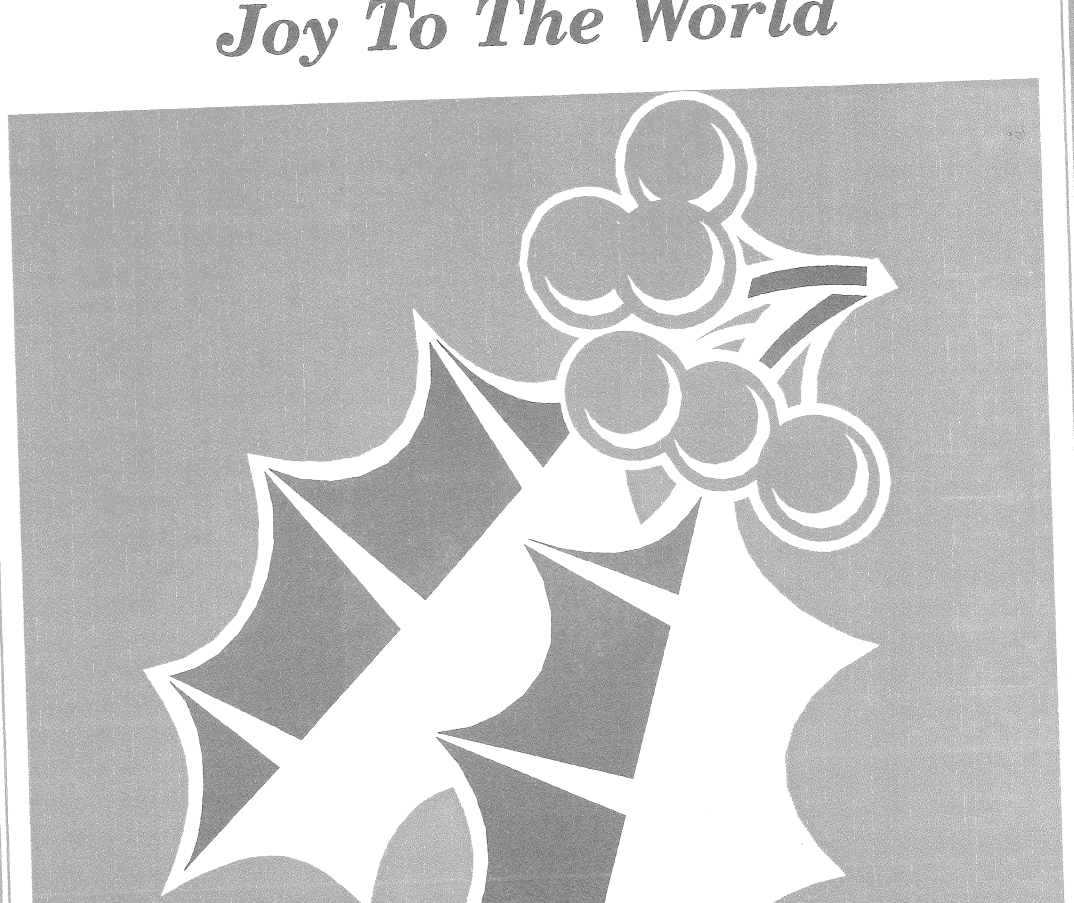
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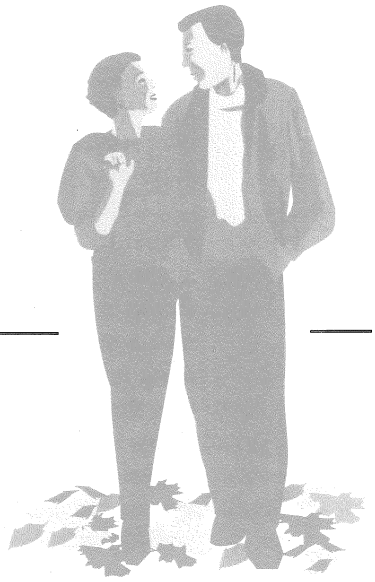
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My Intent Is To...

BY THE REV. SANDRA PFORTMILLER, NST



This Sunday morning Church was beautiful with its holiday decorations. It was quiet and serene, with music playing softly, when a woman stumbled into church loudly saying, "I am sick to death of all the crazy driver's in Phoenix." Hum, look at the energy she just sent into the ethers, and with great force due to her frustration. I know she disrupted the mood of the moment we were working to create for our morning worship service.

The words **I am** are very powerful. **I am** (followed by a description of our belief) is a statement of our being. What are you sending out? I am vibrant and healthy, or I am getting old, with all kinds of aches and pains. Each time we say **I am**, and whatever follows, it is broadcasting our conception and our intention. Through Natural Law, this energy is created to return to us this conviction. Think of what the woman in church had sent out with force—sick to death. She really did not intend that, but we know the Law does not judge good or bad, it responds.



What is your intent in life? Is it to grow spiritually, to become more intuitive? Maybe you want to be more accepting and loving of life, or to discover how you can be of greater service. We each, in our inner soul, have a purpose we have come to do for Spirit. Many of us have not taken the time to completely comprehend this inner knowing, yet Infinite Intelligence has encoded this understanding in our DNA so we will be predisposed in the correct direction.

No matter what our current conviction, we may be confident that our inner spirit, our intuition will gradually guide us on the right course. We, however, can maintain a steady upward path by using the Law and our intention to create a spiritual direction. When we put forth the effort to conceive treatments for our thoughts to create, then we can acknowledge our mind power and use it wisely.

So many of us live stress filled lives that are busy, busy. We assist others, serve and are eager to be of help, but we often neglect ourselves in the process. This personal neglect blocks a strong connection with the higher forces. When we have a healthy respect for ourselves, mentally and physically, we are more open to receive God's energy and to serve the Creator's will. I am a beautiful creation of God. I am here for a purpose and it is good. I am light and love. I am healthy, happy, whole, body, mind and soul. I am peace. I am joy.

The **I am** energy is right now, in the moment. It is not I was or I will be, but **I am** right now. Do not worry about what will come, for then you loose power and energy of the moment, but let your intention be to stay conscious of Spirit Energy each second of each day. Trusting the Great Source of Life to bring to you your highest and best takes away the fear of the future. It makes it a wonderful surprise to see what has been created for you, when you get your stress out of the way.

One way to begin the practice of using your intention to create for you, is to start before you even get out of bed in the morning. When you awake, thank God for another day and for all the good you will do this day. Use this wake-up moment to take some deep breaths and be grateful for your blessings. Focus on how your day will progress, and state that you will see the light and love in others, and share it in all your dealings. Affirm that you will move through your day with ease and grace, aware of the Divine in each activity.

Continue to breathe deeply as you get out of

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bed, taking in white light and releasing the gray toxins. Make each breathe a cleansing, renewing procedure, a blessing. Try to practice this deep breathing several times a day for a few minutes. Dedicate moments here and there to breathe deeply into your spirit and affirm your **I am**. This helps to maintain your positive intention.

Often, when we find ourselves with some pressure we hold our breath or breathe very shallowly. This creates inner stress, for the body thinks it is suffocating and tries to cope by moving into a stress mode. Our breath is our life force, so deep full breaths help the body to be balanced and the thoughts to be clear. Add spiritual intention, along with this deep belly breathing, and you will experience wonderful benefits in a brief period, for you will be activating your divine connection.

Many businesses, churches and groups have a mission statement to help keep focused and to allow others to understand their basic intent. Each of us might want to take the time to write a personal mission statement and then repeat it often to help program our inner sense with our desire. Some suggestions might be: My purpose is to create a joyful atmosphere of Love and acceptance wherever **I am**. My purpose is to smile lovingly at all life, at all humanity and all situations as I trust the Universe. My purpose is to share my understanding with others as I trust my intuition to guide me. My intent is to grow more aware of the Light in all life and celebrate the Oneness of the Divine connection. Make your mission statement simple and spiritual. If it is too long, you won't use it. You can also change it, refine it or create a new one from time to time.



When our intent in life is to be loving and to have a close connection with the Great I AM, then we will not be as overwhelmed by the events of the world or in our life that may seem less than positive. God is the sustaining force and fills us when we are present and open.

An editorial written several years ago shared these thoughts: *Be yourself, for that is your individual relationship with God. Be yourself, for that is all you can be in Truth. Be your "I." Love yourself enough to honor and trust your inner "I." Let the words you speak be in the feeling of the "Infinite I"—words of love, peace, unconditional acceptance, truth. Be yourself, for you are the "I Am's" creation and God expresses through you, as you. Know yourself and you learn of God. Spend time within and you spend time with God. Each moment with Infinite Intelligence, the all-loving Source, is a moment of joy, happiness, peace and understanding. What more can we want?!!*

We often think when we leave the physical we will be able to spend time with Infinite Intelligence, but the presence of the Divine is not a future possibility, it is available right now, this moment. God is all that is, and we are extensions of the Creator. Let us intend to feel this loving energy, the ecstasy and joy of Divine Spirit each day. It is healing and a boost to our evolution, for it moves us from the physical to the spiritual. Transformation happens as we surrender and trust the Divine Being and experience the Light within. As we desire to grow spiritually, we begin to weave loving thoughts into our consciousness, thus changing our soul's pattern. Growth brings healing, but requires change. We do not change until we intend and desire to change. If our intent is spiritual growth, work to make some change in your life each day to be more in alignment with Natural Law. Pray, meditate, affirm, visualize, be grateful, sing praises, assist others—these are all food for the soul. In the presence of God, there can be no lack. Most soul issues are based on fear of lack at some level of consciousness. Each time we are grateful for all the good in our lives, we acknowledge Infinite Spirit and open our awareness to the perfection of the Universe. Each experience of the joy of Spirit creates a greater intent and desire for more spiritual experiences, and we awaken to the truth of our being.

At the close of the day, or the close of the year, be aware of all the blessings you have received. Each night, let the last thing you do be to say thank you to God and reaffirm your purpose. Take a deep breath of white energy and exhale the grey toxins as you fall asleep with a spiritual feeling.

Our world is experiencing growing pains as it changes, and people are praying for peace, love and harmony for all humanity. God's love is constant, equally available for all to accept, a Spiritual Oneness. We begin individual awakening and understanding that we are not separate from each other or the Universe. Inner attunement guides us to love, which we want to share during these hectic times, so set aside some moments each day to remain centered on your purpose and intent. At this blessed season, let us give the gift of love to others, and intend this loving feeling to carry us into the New Year. We wish you a peaceful and blessed holiday season. ❄

THE MYSTIC MAP

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When we are with someone whom we love and trust, our heart is open. This openness brings opportunities for new awareness about old situations, new acceptance of difficult issues and it surrounds us with *hope* for the future. We are in love with the gift of life, with the anticipation of expecting that all is well.

Knowing that we are safe implies knowing that we are divinely guided and that there is a *mystic map* within each one of us that is always guiding us, showing us the way. But our inner light must be burning, the flame must be brilliant enough for us to know the message in our hearts. Our hearts must be open so that we can trust. When we are still, when we trust, this inner light of the Great Spirit feels illuminated. We no longer live in indecision, but in the knowing—in the light of Spiritualism. The native peoples say that we have our feet on the *red path* and the walk is beautiful. How do we find that path? Who will guide us?

Jesus, the Christed one, is one way. As Spiritualist we believe that Jesus was a great prophet and healer. Jesus was born and we celebrate the birth; we celebrate the giving of the knowledge of and about *love* that Jesus brought forward on the Earth. Instead of having no expectations of God, Jesus brought us the expectation and the belief that we are loved from the other side. The Bible gives us structure by which to live our lives. The simplicity of the Ten Commandments speaks clearly. How many of us are able to live by these rules of conduct that bring us closer to the heart of the Great Mystery? How long does it take to develop the integrity, the desire, the yearning to live close to the heart of the Great Spirit?

When we strive to live each day with an open heart, we discover within us the Mind that governs everything. We are continuously becoming; we are continuously being created. We can choose to drift within the events that are going on around us or we can choose to interact. We can choose to cling to that which no longer serves our lives or we can choose to let go, even when it hurts.

When we are open to progress in our lives, when we plan and work toward it, there is a response. Often we can hardly believe the unfolding; yet believe we should, because we participate in the creation of our dreams. When we dare to expect increasing unfoldment of energy, creativity, and love in our lives, it *does occur*. Listen to the Inner Presence for guidance and inspiration, and it will come forward. Then you can decide when to act. Spiritual experience comes in the stillness of the Soul, when the outer voice is quiet. It is a quickening of the inner person to an internal reality.

When was the last time that your Soul quickened in response to making a connection with the Spiritual side of life? Think and remember, for this is when we grow deeper into Spirit, becoming more ourselves. Jesus taught us by example to live our destiny. Focusing on the desire of our heart to experience our own divine essence allows the natural process of divine awakening to occur.

Jesus came forward in the world as a teacher. Using his life as an example, Spiritualists can draw courage and strength from the structure offered through his teachings, from His courage when confronted with difficulties, and from His Love which still shines upon each one of us here on Earth. Today, let us be grateful for his ongoing presence as we celebrate his birth and the joy that his life continues to bring to each person who lives with an open heart. Jesus is available; *I know this because I've experienced His presence four times in my life.* I asked and he came forward when I was in need. There is *always help available for the asking.*

Each person's mystic map is different, but each person can access help from the spirit side of life. Jesus is not the only available resource, but He is an important one because his message is clear, it is long-lived and it is based in *love. The light that fills us internally can help to illuminate your path as you study your own mystic map.* May you find the *mystic map of your own life within you during this holiday season.* ❄

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Rainbow

BY FRANK EDWARD ESTES
A Chapter from a self-published book.

MEDITATION

Neither Spirit nor anyone else may interfere in your life and make decisions unless you request it. You are the creator in your life. You create your world and its realities. Nothing is impossible. Many things are improbable, but everything is possible. Nothing in life is free, for every action or event in your life requires a response. The choice is yours. There is no such thing as luck or coincidence. Everything in existence has a purpose and reason for being. You cannot change original creation. You may create using the physical realities of original creation. Whatever power was used in the beginning, you are endowed with those same powers. You are one with and a part of all that exists and you need to co-exist. All things are of a triune nature, animate or inanimate.

There is nothing new under the sun. You do not need answers as much as you need questions. There is no such thing as a stupid question; if you do not know the answer, then the question is not stupid. Seek a new way to think, you can not find peace or tranquility outside of self. Develop creative thought. Look within.

There is a seven-year cycle, when your body creates or regenerates itself, in every cell and tissue. At the end of this cycle you are a product of all that you have eaten and thought. You are in control.

The following are seven affirmations or Laws to help your creative process. During the meditation, visualize climbing three steps and pause while you read an affirmation. The three steps represent the triune essence of your being—conscious, subconscious and super conscious, or body, soul and spirit, or physical, mental and spiritual—whichever you prefer to call them. There are a total of twenty-one steps and seven affirmations. See yourself walking or climbing the steps to your control center in your mind. When you reach that level, whatever your action is will become a part of you. Let us begin: Take three deep breaths, visualize going up the steps numbered: one, two and three.

• **Affirmation:**
Tomorrow never comes; today is the day to start anew. Tomorrow is a conjecture of the mind, today is the here and now. I am the miracle I have always sought. I am a unique and rare being. There is no other quite like me. I will from this day forth, (my red-letter day) be the me I have dreamed of and I have used the power of motion. I must start today, here and now, to be the me of my dreams. I am the only one that can change me. I will count the days, and each day I will be a better me. I have the power and will to change me. I have taken the first step.

Visualize three more steps: four, five and six:



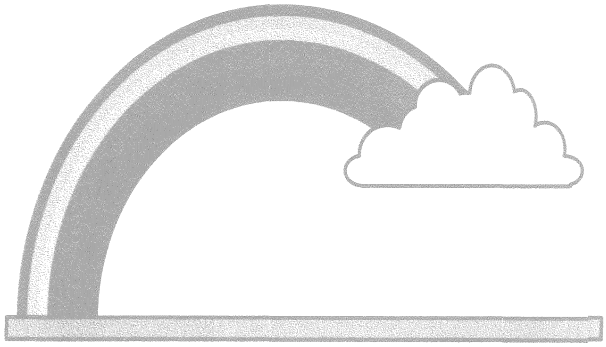
• **Affirmation:**
Yesterday is what I thought I was. Tomorrow is a dream that never comes. I will take the second step now (an orange step, an orange day) a day of me giving me; the image of what I want to be. Each day I will take a step closer to what I want to be. I now release the me I was and make room for the me I want to be. Each day, with each step, I will be a better me. Each day I will have a better dream of me. I am here and now in my orange day of my life and I am a better me. I have used the power of contraction. I have taken the second step.

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Visualize three more steps: seven, eight and nine:

• **Affirmation:**
I will take the third step, and I have created a new one on my yellow day. I can feel the golden love of me, my third day in the here and now. I have used the power of expansion. I can see the dream of what I was and I can see the dream of what I want to be. I am a trinity of me. Yesterday I was the Father of what I am today. Today I am the son of what I was, and I dream of being the spirit of what I will be. I am here and now, the creator of my own reality. I have taken another step; I now release the me I was and make room for the me I want to be. I have taken the third step.

Visualize three more steps; ten eleven and twelve:



• **Affirmation:**
I will take the fourth step today. On my green day I have used the power of space. I release the me I was and make room for the me I want to be. I have the power to move and to love and understand what I have done. Yesterday vanished with the thought and dream of what I want to be today. I have taken a fourth step, to proceed and to make room for a better me. One that I will understand and know and love. I know and understand and love the trinity of me. I have taken the fourth step.

Visualize three more steps: thirteen, fourteen and fifteen:

• **Affirmation:**
Today I will expand and I will use the power of radiation. I will be a better me on my day of blue. I am not as good as I want to be; I will expand my mind. I have used my red day to move toward what I am today, I used the power of motion. On my orange day I gave me the power to be what I dreamed of being, I used the power of contraction. On my yellow day I created a new image of my reality and the trinity of self, I used the power of expansion on my third day. I have used the power of space on the green day. I allowed myself the room to understand my nature, what I am doing and to be what I want to be. Today is my fifth day. I can hear my mind saying this is what I am, and what I am doing because of the radiation and the vibration;
I am here and now. I am the creator of my own reality. I am a trinity of being. I am the nature of my trinity and I understand. I release all that I was for what I have become. I have taken the fifth step.

Visualize three more steps: sixteen, seventeen and eighteen:

• **Affirmation:**
This is my day of INDIGO, my sixth day and I have used my day to see with my mind what I have become and what I have been. I can see all these things, for I have used the power of mind, of cohesion to create and hold all that I am today. I have used: **(1) The first power, the red power of motion. (2) The second power, the orange power of contraction. (3) The third power, the yellow power of expansion. (4) The fourth power, the green power of space. (5) The fifth power, the blue power of radiation. (6) The sixth power, the indigo power of cohesion.** I can see that I am here and now; I can feel the space of my being; I can know the love of what I am; I can touch the being of my mind; I am here and now; I am the creator of my own reality; I am a trinity of being. I have taken the sixth step.

Visualize three more steps: nineteen, twenty and twenty-one:

• **Affirmation:**
This is my day of purple, the seventh day, and I love what I am and what I have become. I know all the powers of creation. I have used them to make my world and its realities. My dreams are now of what I want to be and do. I am the spirit of my dreams. I have taken the seventh step, a purple step and I love what and who I am and all that I have and will use. I have used the power of love and the following: (1) The red power of mind of motion. (2) The orange power of mind of contraction. (3) The yellow power of mind of expansion. (4) The green power of mind of space. (5) The blue power of mind of radiation. (6) The indigo power of mind of cohesion. (7) The purple power of mind of love.

I am here and now. I am the creator of my own world and reality. I am that which is now. I am that which will be. I will use all that I have learned of the auras, and the powers will blend to become the beautiful white light, because we will be in spirit. The colors of the powers are the same as a rainbow and are a physical sign of GOD'S love. You are now in the control room of your mind. Use the screen of your mind to picture your dream of tomorrow. View what you are now and what you were yesterday. Herein is the answer you seek. You alone can see the results and know what you must do. Write the answer of the screen of your mind and keep it there for easy review. Now it is time to return to your conscious awareness. Count backward as you descend the steps from twenty-one to one. You now have a method and formula to be in complete control of your life.

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Holiday Greetings

We wish you love, light, gratitude and all of Spirit's many blessings.
Plymouth Spiritualist Church, Rochester, NY.

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• *Know Thyself*

Inscribed on the Greek temple of Delphi are the words, "Man, know thyself." This is a reminder that many of us do not know our inner selves. St. Augustine said that men and women pass by themselves, "the crowning wonder."

By not knowing ourselves, we lack self-knowledge and substitute ideas that are not true to make up for what we do not know. Then we become our own worst problem. When we do not know ourselves, we cannot recognize the divine thread of self-consciousness that flows through each of us. It is infinite and all-encompassing, but we cannot truly know its presence. We cannot know the "peace that passeth all understanding" because we fail to understand what we are all about.

The challenge of peace and happiness is still before us and our real life's work is the discovery of self and the exploration of true inner reality. Self-awareness is the establishment of a working relationship between the intellect and the inner reality, or spark of Infinite Intelligence. The attempt to know oneself begins with the mind and all its thought processes. Mental effort is required and must be continued with consistency and commitment.

True insight begins with self-understanding. As we strive to know ourselves, the deeper and often hidden meanings of our actions becomes apparent. Let us each aspire to greater awareness, to greater self-knowledge and to learn to contemplate where we have been, where we are going and where we want to go. As we learn our capabilities, our limitations and our potential, then we realize and accept past mistakes and let go of them. We begin to like ourselves. Application of our talents generates real self-worth, competency and well-being. We gradually learn what is right and healthy for the body and then do it, leaving the soul free to reveal itself. Awareness and self-realization are a lifelong project.

Meditation is a way to know ourselves better, as the main goal of meditation is self-knowledge. Meditation helps us to reacquaint with the indwelling divinity that some of us have lost sight of. Through meditation we can gain greater efficiency and peace.

The intellectual meditation method uses will and direct thought processes to transcend themselves. The emotional path to meditation encourages an opening up and expansion of the emotions where love, unselfishness and caring find ready expression. Physical meditations like Hatha Yoga and Tai Chi emphasize the use of the physical body. Action and meditation teaches that perception and one's relationship to the world can be enhanced through the performance of skills like aikido and karate. The structured meditator may use some type of breathing technique while the unstructured meditator just concentrates on one subject to the exclusion of everything else.

During meditation, one experiences a period of relaxation. Tensions leave the body and awareness becomes acute. Some people use a mantra and a sense of withdrawal from one's environment is realized. At first, meditators may experience a wandering mind, then other times there is a false sense of achievement. Meditation must be practiced, for enlightenment doesn't happen quickly.

Two main ingredients of meditation are centering and concentration. Psychic phenomena is not encouraged as part of basic meditation, as it can distract the student from the real goal and benefits of meditation—to know oneself and to help oneself grow. Meditation can help with mundane problems such as weight control, marriage problems, the everyday challenges one meets, and even poor health. It forces our mental-spiritual selves to expand, to take a new and higher view of reality. It produces a deep state of relaxation for the physical body and lowers anxiety so often expressed through physical tension.

After meditation, one usually feels renewed strength and increased energy. As we meditate more, our less desirable attitudes and opinions change, slowly becoming nobler and truer to an authentic spirituality. We begin to treat our fellow beings in the way we would like others to treat us. Our actions change and we become truly better. Meditation serves each person differently, with limitations that only ourselves establish. To settle the unrest, and soothe the troubled brow, turn within. Meditate and discover your true life, your true self.

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SPIRIT IN MY LIFE

***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.*

FEEL BETTER!

BY THE REV. CATHERINE WELCH, MICHIGAN

When I was five years old, my Mother became very ill. I remember laying in the bed beside her all night with my hand on her forehead. When morning came, Mother arose from her bed and told me how much better she felt and that it was from my cool hand on her head during the night which showed how much I loved her and made her feel so well. Her words to me that day after breakfast have stayed with me to this day. She said, "the greatest gift we can give to each other in this world of ours is deep, abiding love, comfort and understanding, and this my dear daughter is what will heal the world." Well, I was only five years old and didn't quite understand then what that all meant, but for some reason I just felt I wanted to help people "feel better," from then on.



As I look back on my life now, I can truly see how I was guided, guarded and protected by loving spirit guides and teachers to fulfill that "feeling" and follow the path I had chosen as a child, even though I did not realize it at the time. Eventually, I was led to work in a home with brain damaged children, nursing homes for the elderly, then back to school to become a L.P.N.

Forty-five years ago I was "led" to a Spiritualist church, where my sister and I became members. We had wonderful teachers to sit and unfold our mediumship and healing abilities.

In 1995 I retired from the hospital I worked at after 26 years of service, and have really found, what my Mother told me so many years ago is really, really true! I have worked as a healing channel with hundreds of people who did not know that I was a commissioned healer. They only knew that I loved them, cared for them, and comforted them!

This coming year of 2002, I will celebrate 30 years as a commissioned healer through the NSAC, MSSAC, 25 years as an ordained minister, and 31 years as a certified medium where the motto of the medium is: "to bring hope to all, despair to none." I am certainly thrilled, happy and grateful to have SPIRIT IN MY LIFE!

HEALING RECOVERY

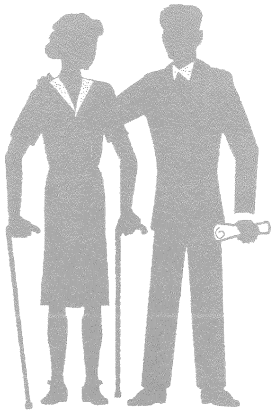
BY MARY ELLEN HORSTMAN, IOWA

On October 30, 2000, the day was cloudy, with a hint of Fall in the air. From the very start of that day things were not going as I figured they ought to go. My outlook was much like the weather, anything but good.

The fuse on my temper was growing short and finally I blew up. I turned on my Spirit Guide, blaming him for everything that I figured was wrong. It wasn't his fault that I wasn't getting what I wanted for my house, but my own fault for not listening to what he had been telling me.

I was still angry and feeling let down when my daughter and son-in-law showed up to do some work on a fence, which ran around the acre of ground on which my house rested. As I lived in a rural place, a fence had to be in place around my property before it was sold. Knowing that I was in a foul frame of mind they went right to work.

It started to get close to the time when I should put my hurt aside and find out what the two of them would like for supper, as I knew they would not be eating until after seven when the work was done. I went outside to talk to Linda for a few seconds, then went around to the back yard to talk to her husband, Jim. As I had finished my conversation with him, I turned to go around to front of the house, and found myself laying face down on wet leaves and grass.



The next thing I heard was Linda, asking if I was okay, to which I answered by stating that the back of my neck was swelling, but wasn't hurting. By that time Jim had gotten there and was bending over me. The two of them got me on my feet and with their aid I walked to the car, thankful they were there to help me.

They helped me into my car. Linda called the hospital to tell them I was coming in. Jim drove and Linda sat beside me to make sure I would be all right until we arrived at the hospital.

At the hospital I was taken in all haste to the emergency room, then the X-ray room were my neck was X-rayed. From there, I went into another room where I was placed

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What happened in DECEMBER throughout the years?

DECEMBER 1843

Charles Dickens' famous story, *A Christmas Carol*, first appeared and has been a perennial source of inspiration at this time of year ever since. Let us pray for a transformation for all the "Ebenezer Scrooges" of the world, that they may be filled with remorse and resolve to change and demonstrate the true spirit of Christmas, which is love.

DECEMBER 10

Hanukkah, the eight day Hebrew Festival of Lights begins today. The Jewish people commemorate the victory over the Syrians and the rededication of the Temple of Jerusalem.

DECEMBER 11, 1847

On this date, 154 years ago, the **Fox Family** moved into the Hydesville, New York, cottage they had rented until their own home could be built. Not long after, March 31, 1848, the young girls Margaretta and Cathie received recognizable communication from the spirit of the rapper, Charles Rosna. This was positive proof that we never die, for life is continuous and Modern Spiritualism and mediumship became known.

DECEMBER 21

Winter Solstice, the shortest day and the darkest day of the year. Yet, we know that out of the darkness begins the new light, out of the void began creation. As we notice the holiday illumination, let us not forget the darkness, and support ourselves to lighting each corner of our soul. Let us also send light and love to all corners of our planet, to unite humanity, all religions, all nations.

DECEMBER 24

NSAC Board member, **Marrice Coverson**, celebrates her birthday on this day. Please think some good wishes for the holiday birthday girl.

DECEMBER 25

On this day, the birth of **Jesus of Nazareth** is honored, the Feast of the Nativity. Jesus demonstrated the Gifts of Spirit, taught about God's Love and Law, and lived his message. Christmas Peace to one and all.

DECEMBER 25

Kwanzaa celebrates African American history and revolves around a set of seven principles which focus on traditional African values of unity; self-determination; collective work and responsibility; co-operative economics; purpose; creativity; and faith.

DECEMBER 31

Remember, today and everyday, to take some time to send prayers for world healing and use the **World Healing Meditation.** As the year ends, visualize the new year to be filled with peace and harmony. Let us sing *Auld Lang Syne*, a cross-cultural song which honors past memories, old friendships, everything in life that is good and wants to be remembered. ❄



SPIRIT IN MY LIFE

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into a machine and my neck was scanned for neck injuries. I was then taken into a room to spend the night. The next morning I would go to Dubuque, Iowa, where I would be treated for a neck injury. In the emergency room, in that hospital, three doctors looked at my neck and all told me that I would be wearing a halo, but it would be three or four days before I would get it, as it had to be made to order for me.

Once in a room, I had time to reminisce about the events of the day. I scolded myself for not putting protection around me that morning or throughout the day. Usually, putting protection around me before getting out of bed in the morning is the first thing I do. The doctors had told me to be careful of walking on the gravel, as I could easily fall and break my hip or neck. That October day, for some reason, I did not put spirits' protection around me. The doctor told me I would have to wear a halo for eight weeks, then a collar for another eight weeks, last I would do physical therapy at a local hospital for six weeks. It would be a year before I would be over the neck problem.

Something wonderful started to happen with my neck injury. It was healing faster than normal. The doctor was very pleased with the healing. He was surprised at the speed with which it was healing. I told him I had some special help from some special people who took time to send me healing through prayers and meditation, and that it was doing its job. In six weeks the halo came off, then six weeks later the neck brace was removed, then I went to physical therapy for only three weeks.

These things could not have taken place without the tender loving care I received from my care givers, and from my son, Harvey Horstman, and his wife, Bonnie. From them, I also received hands on healing. Then there were many who prayed and sent absent healing.

For all who sent me healing, I would like to thank each and every one of you, for without your prayers and hands on healing, I would not have recovered as fast. Spiritual Healing and physical healing does work together and can bring about recovery, I know it for a fact. ❄

And I Will Do My Part

BY ELIZABETH HARRIS, DSNU

In facing his illness, Hadrian said: *"To contrive with my body, to impose my wishes on it, I devoted as much art as I had formerly employed in regulating my life, in building the being I am, and in embellishing my life."*

There is a common illusion in society today that medical technology is wiping out one disease after another—and that we need only wait—hoping that if we live long enough, medical science will come up with a cure.

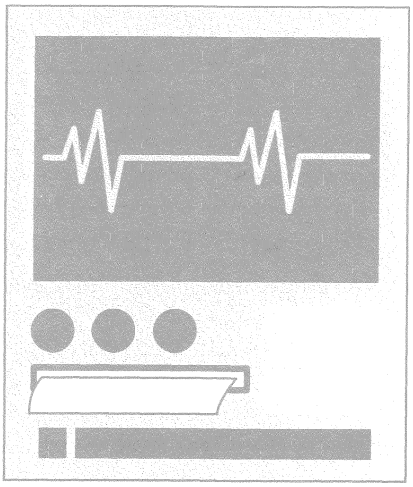
But this misconception rests on a serious misunderstanding of the functions of illness and health. As Dr. Robert Rynearson in *Journal of Clinical Medicine* recently said, *Physicians must resist the idea that technology will some day abolish disease. We have to cure ourselves of the itch for absolute knowledge and power.*

Not only do doctors, but people, too, need to rid themselves of **the illusion** that medical technology and medical doctors will save them—that they can cast aside their own responsibility for their health—and give it over to another. This is a disastrous delusion.

There is no doubt that as a race we are getting healthier—but the possibilities of illness get proportionately greater at the same time. There are just as many people consulting doctors today as there were fifty years ago. But what has shifted are the kinds of illnesses—from infectious diseases, which attack the person from the outside; to internal disease like heart attacks, hypertension, and strokes, which are related to anxiety and stress. The latter are the greatest killers of our day.

Moreover, disease is not meted out by an angry God—it is NOT "bad luck" nor "fate," nor is it an enemy. In fact, disease can be a blessing in disguise. For it can force a person to take stock of his/her life and to reform his style of living.

Nor is pain an enemy, for pain is simply a signal that something is going



wrong. As Norman Cousins writes: *Americans are probably the most pain-conscious people on the face of the earth. For years we have had it drummed into us—in print, on radio, over television, in everyday conversation—that any hint of pain is to be banished as though it were the ultimate evil.* He goes on to show how leprosy is such a dreaded disease because the affected person looses the sense of pain, and has no signal to tell him how and when to take care of the affected parts.

In a curious way, pain and pleasure are related. In fact, we can say that one depends on the other. Even the Ancient Greek Plato wrote about this when he said: *How strange appeared this thing that men call pleasure. And how curiously it is related to its opposite—pain! The two will never be found together in a man, and yet if you seek the one and obtain it, you are almost bound to get the other as well. Whenever the one is found, the other follows up behind.*

Spiritualists call this the Law of Polarity saying: *We will not escape the difficulties of earthly life because they are essential to our evolution. We must have the polarities that life offers, because if it were only monotone there would be no appreciation. We must experience the storms of life in order to appreciate the sunshine.*

For, pain makes us sensitive of life. And in running away from pain we lose our vitality, our capacity to feel, and even to love. This is not to say that pain is a good thing—for it's not—but pain and the relief from pain go together. It's the two sides of the same coin. Without pain we would become a nation of zombies. In adversities we find ourselves.

Taking responsibility for our health has remarkable consequences. For various studies have shown that the struggle between health and illness is a source of creativity. The British doctor, George Pickering, gathered data which he put into a book called *Creative Malady*—describing *Illness in the Lives and Minds of Charles Darwin, Florence Nightingale, Mary Baker Eddy, Sigmund Freud and Elizabeth Browning.* Each one, Dr. Pickering points out, suffered severe illness, and met it responsibly—musing that when one is put to bed in pain—this is an ideal condition for creative work—

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freedom from intrusion—freedom from the ordinary chores of life.

It is not by accident that so many of our greatest persons have struggled with disease all their lives. Noting the large number of important creative people suffering from various illnesses, an eminent psychiatrist recently wrote: *The way of life of the genius—the intensive work—the unquenchable enthusiasm—the fire in the brain—puts too much of* ***a strain on the balance****, and hence the individual becomes ill as a necessary way of withdrawing into himself for a time.*

Illness and health are delicately balanced in each other. And taking responsibility, as far as one can, restores the balance when it has gone awry.

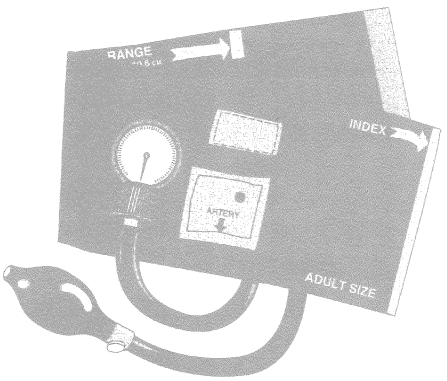
Norman Cousins' book *Anatomy of an Illness* describes his own extraordinary illness and cure. Possessing an incredible will to live, he asked himself the question: *If negative emotions produce negative chemical changes in the body, wouldn't positive emotions produce positive chemical changes? Is it possible that love, hope, faith, laughter, confidence, and the will to live have therapeutic value?*

The story of Cousin's miraculous cure from a medically diagnosed "incurable" disease is a rare documentation describing how one individual **asserted his responsibility** in confronting his own destiny. And Spiritualists say too, as Norman Cousins said: ***Spiritual factors are no less vital than practical ones.***

Too, one can, in the same fashion, cope with disabilities. The great English medium and healer, Ursula Roberts, in describing her childhood illness in *Living in Two Worlds* wrote: *I became a child invalid with a tubercular hip, which placed me into the care of a Hospital for Sick Children. I can recall my absolute determination to overcome the limitations imposed by my crippled legs—to get rid of the hated crutches with which I had been forced to walk, and not to let my lameness interfere with anything I wanted to do.* ***That determination stayed with me for the whole of my life—a quality of determination which evolved into tremendous inward strength.***

Inevitably I was a lonely child, unable to fit into the accepted pattern of life. How much of my early life was shaped by the influence of the Spirit World can never really be known, but the ability to be alone, which was enforced in childhood, has led to an ease in meditating, essential to the strengthening of good mediumship.

I am still crippled by one leg shorter than another, and after the attention of many spiritual leaders, my physical infirmity is still unhealed, but I will say to you, "Whatever is wrong with you, accept it for the time being and know that one day you will come to see it as ***a blessing in disguise****. Indeed, one day you may even be grateful for your disability, for it may teach you things you didn't know.*



However, there will be little health improvement unless the ill person assumes responsibility for his or her own well-being. The last line of the Spiritualist Healing Prayer is quite specific when it says, **and I will do my part.** And, as Dr. Rene Dubois says; ***Recovery depends on the mobilization of the patient's own mechanisms of resistance—emphasizing time and again the "vis medicatrix naturae"—the healing power of nature.***

A relevant story on the healing power of nature has been recorded by the American psychologist Rolo May, who wrote: *When I was in bed for several years with tuberculosis, before there were any drugs for treating the disease, I made an important discovery. As long as I gave myself over to the physicians, trying to follow their suggestions at every point, I did not improve. But when I realized that the disease was in ME, not my doctors, I saw that I would have to take* ***responsibility for my cure****. This meant experiencing more personal anxiety and more guilt feelings since I had to acknowledge that my own previous lifestyle was a central cause of the disease. But admitting this was a boon. I then instituted a program for myself. I learned to listen to my body, to rest when I needed rest, to exercise when I felt the strength to do so. I learned to use the words "we cure" rather than "we are cured." I then began to get better.*

The eminent biologist, Dr. Bernard Grad learned the curing power of nature and taking responsibility for his cure while bedridden for sixteen months with tuberculosis, and staying on at the sanitarium for an additional sixteen months recuperating and learning to be mobile again. It was at that time that he began to conjure up the sense of being alive and of the pulsating Universe. He said, *While still confined to bed, I felt the ebb and flow of energy into and out of my body with corresponding effects on my sense of well-being.* Having sensed the unseen healing energies of nature, Dr. Grad went on to become a biology researcher at McGill University, Montreal, and spent the remainder of his life scientifically proving that the "laying-on-of-hands" does effect cures.

As Andrew Jackson Davis said: ***Disease is not a thing, but simply a condition to be altered...****a revolutionizing ordeal, and in this sense should be regarded as a blessing and sustained with patience.* Taking responsibility for our health has far reaching consequences. Untold wonders unfold when we say, **"And I will do my part."**

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Positive Statements To Help Create a Positive Day.

Affirmations . . . DECEMBER 2001

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Lift up your voice and sing a song of Joy.
2 God has a plan and a purpose for each one of us.	**3** Contemplating Spirit helps satisfy a hungry soul.	**4** The touch of Spirit is with you always.	**5** When Spirit comes to you, take time to listen.	**6** If God is for us, who can be against us?	**7** "A man is only rich in proportion to what he can let go of." – Thoreau	**8** God has equipped me to meet life's challenges.
9 "Perfection comes when you use your mind as a mirror." – Chuag-Tse	**10** Transformation is a lifelong process.	**11** Infinite Spirit, thank you for this joyous season.	**12** God's message is eternal life, eternal love.	**13** "Create in me a pure heart, O God." – Psalm 51:10	**14** "The greatest peacefulness should come as you breathe." – Tantric teaching	**15** See Spirit at work in the world around you.
16 Lessons of words are not as powerful as lessons by example.	**17** "A good laugh and a good night's sleep cures all evils." – Irish Proverb	**18** "The powers that are in all things sing within me also." – Hermes	**19** Pray for all creation; pray for harmony and love.	**20** Eternity lives in us now and always. What a blessing!	**21** "Peace is when time doesn't matter as it passes by." – Maria Schell	**22** Goodwill is a way of life; it begins with you and me.
23 "He who kisses the Joy as it flies, Lives in Eternity's sunrise." – W. Blake	**24** Bless all the children, and our child within.	**25** Let us come into the presence of God today and be thankful.	**26** Your life may be the only goodness another may see.	**27** "Faith without deeds is dead." – James 2:26	**28** Keep on keeping on. Spirit is always with you.	**29** Work for Spirit through kindness to others.
30 Out with the old. In with the new!	**31** "There is no road towards peace; peace is the road." – Gandhi		***Spiritual Greetings To All!***			

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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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ORLANDO - Spiritualist Church of Awareness, NSAC
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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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HARTFORD - Pinpoint of Light Spiritualist Camp
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MADISON - Madison Spiritualist Camp
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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. Church services at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Tues., Thurs. and Fri.; Sun. Pot Luck 5:00 p.m.; class Mon. at 7:30 p.m.; Message Circles Wed and Sat. at 7:30 p.m.; Workshops/seminars Saturday. 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., Patricia Wallace, 124 Spring St., Gardiner, 04345, e-mail: PMICH619@aol.com.

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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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 9th till Labor Day weekend; Camp phone (860) 439-1395; Sun. Serv. 2:30 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, 12 Butlertown Rd., Waterford, CT 06320, (860) 439-1395. Prior to season call or write for a full program.

SALEM - First Spiritualist Church of Salem
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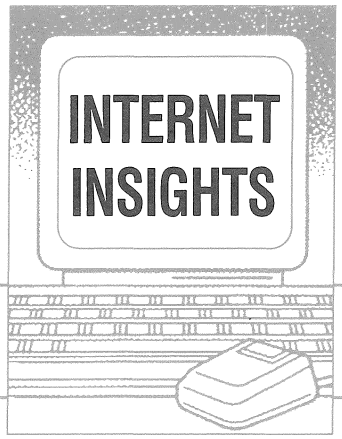
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Dear Editor

Submitted by Bill Weber

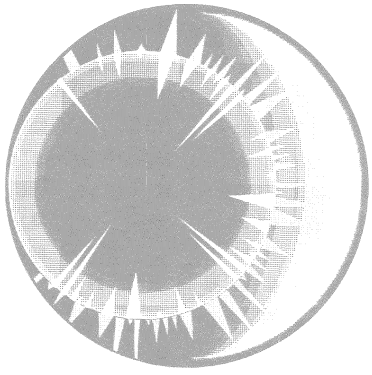
The following is a play on words pertaining to the famous Sun editorial "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus." Notice how, slightly edited, this heartfelt message still rings true! Enjoy, Bill.

Dear Editor:

I am a material skeptic and I do not believe in the afterlife. Some of my scientist friends say there is no Spirit World. But one has said "If you see it in ***The Sun*** it's so." Please tell me the truth, is there a Spirit World?

Virginia O'Hanlon
115 West 95th Street

Virginia, your skeptical, scientist friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except what they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their material minds. All physical minds, Virginia, whether they be scientists or others are limited by the physical incarnation. In this great universe of ours humankind is a mere insect, an ant, in intellect, as compared with the boundless world about, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.



Yes, Virginia, there is a Spirit World. It exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the physical world if there were no Spirit World! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal Light with which humankind fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in the Spirit World! You might get your scientist friends to hire men to observe all EVP experimenters, but if they did not hear the Spirit World coming through, what would that prove? Nobody sees the Spirit World, but that is no sign that there is no Spirit World. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men or women can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the physical world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart.

Only metaphysical occurrences such as EVP, ITC, ADCs, mediumship and other paranormal human experiences and heartfelt human emotions created through birth, death, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this physical world there is nothing else more real and abiding. This physical world is the illusion, Virginia.

No Spirit World! Thank God we live, and live forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, the Spirit World will continue to make glad the heart of humankind. We grow in the physical world

It's The Medium

BY THE REV. JESSE JAMES, JR., INDIANA

The question has been asked many times, why are the churches and camps not increasing their members? Why is attendance at some of the churches going down? Is it the fault of the NSAC Board? Is it the individual churches fault? Is it the medium? What kind of workers are demonstrating during your message services? What do you have, psychics or mediums?

Let us look back to early Spiritualism at our churches and camps. They were well-attended in past years, so was there something there to attract the people to the services that is missing today? Their services were conducted about the same as they are today, so what has happened?

The services had songs, healing, lectures and demonstrated spirit communication. But most of the mediums were trance channels and they worked closely with the Spirit World. What they received was not clouded by the mind of the medium. Communication was direct with no interference. It is true some were physical mediums and this attracted interest, but the same God Spirit that worked through them is working through us now. No change, the same energy, the same Infinite Spirit, but why are we not getting the same results?

Back to the basics is what is needed, back into the silence. The early mediums knew the importance of prayer, meditation, and concentration. They knew how to be patient. The only way God can speak to "man is through man." We must prepare the very best channel for the Spirit World to use. Many churches are allowing people to work on our platforms who are not mediums. Just because you can see, hear, or feel does not make you a medium. It just says you have psychic ability, which everyone has in a lesser or greater degree. All mediums are psychic, but all psychics are not mediums, for they are not working with the Spirit World. There is a difference.

Spiritualism proves survival and the only way this can be done is when our mediums are in touch with those in the Spirit World. Take a good look at our churches and what kind of messages are given. Are they survival messages, or are they the kind: "You will sell your house." or "You are going to be married." or "The right man/woman is coming." You all know what kind of messages I am referring to.

Most people that are attracted to Spiritualism leave a system, a dogma, or creed, and they come looking for another system. Sometimes they come out of one thing and then want to change Spiritualism into what they just left—it will not happen.

Back to the basics is what is needed, back into the quietness, to attunement within. When this has been corrected, then you will see the attendance increasing. We Spiritualists give much to the people who attend our services. We must do more.



Most people believe there is life after death, but not everyone believes in communication between the two worlds. We must educate the public about our Science, Philosophy, and Religion.

In 1971, I went with a group to England and we stayed in Arthur Findlay Hall. The Rev. Gordon Higgonson was our instructor for 15 days. The first night we were invited to a clairvoyance demonstration, and there were over 500 people there. For one hour Mr. Higgonson linked and spoke with only three people. The next day I asked the question, "Why didn't he reach more people?" His reply was that his sole reason was to prove survival.

I then asked the question, "What if that person had a problem?" He replied, "Then that person should get a private reading." He went on to say, "If I was at a church, then I would give one survival message, and then I would use my other gifts."

We need to pay more attention to our message services. Are we following the prompting of the spirit, or are we letting the public sway us into doing psychic readings? There is little communication. We are not fortune tellers. We are a religion, not a psychic center or a future informational bureau.

Many people come to our classes with psychic abilities. They often come from other churches with the ideas that are not in accord with NSAC teachings. If we allow these individuals to do message work without medium's training, because of their psychic ability, this may cause problems.

They must be taught our way, our philosophy, and be tested to make sure they are working with the Spirit World. It takes a lot of training to become a medium, there is no instant mediumship. Some may not like this, but remember, mediums represent our churches, our organization. We must have workers at our podiums that will attract the public to come. A good strong medium can do that, not once a month, but at every service. The Spirit World is in need of channels to bring the physical mediumship back in its fullness. We do our part by preparing our student's mind/soul, body and spirit.

Some feel that Spiritualism today is striving to present to the world a new face in order to achieve a general accepted respectability. This new projection, new image, has little regard for the dark room. Are the days of physical

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phenomena numbered, and the physical medium virtually extinct? Is an era perhaps nearing its end? One cannot help but think of all those wonderful mediums of yesteryear whose names are stamped into Spiritualism's history. Many of them co-operated with the great scientists to prove the Spirit World's existence, and that communication between the two realms is a fact. In those now far off days, giant strides were made by great men such as Crawford, Barrett, Crookes, Myers, and a host of others, who gave us the terms we use today. Words such as ectoplasm, rigid rays, unknown forces. More important, through scientific testing of the mediumistic ability, the claims of Spiritualism were proven to have a basis in reality.

I believe that we have decided to settle for the easy life and tend to shy away from open controversy which physical mediumship often promoted. Sadly, the death of physical mediumship appears to be imminent, due to our lack of interest, and lack of patience to develop. Today, even more than yesterday, this contribution to the human race has a great and important role to play. Every means at our disposal must be used to prove to non-believers that the soul does not die, but moves on to continue in a higher realm.

Consider the great interest aroused by psychics like Uri Gellar. He is the man from England who gave demonstrations of bending spoons. Compare his form of phenomena with that of the direct voice or materialization—there is no comparison. I strongly urge the leaders of our movement to take every possible step to develop and breed a new generation of physical mediums of whom Spiritualists as a whole would be proud.

Where do we go from here? The new Millennium has begun, will Spiritualism survive? I say YES. Spirit Communication has always been, since the beginning of time and will always be. People are more open to making a conscious contact with their guides and spirit helpers. Each person can be their own medium if they practice the silence. The veil that separates the two worlds is thin and will be lifted so everyone will be able to communicate. Let us teach our young people to be true to Spiritualism and to carry its banner of communication. We must set a good example now. Let us continually study together, repeat our beliefs, and unite in love, for we have a beautiful religion.

Medium's remember, your mediumship is very special. God gave it to you to develop and use for good. Never let anyone misuse your abilities. Your mediumship, whether it is speaking, healing, trance, clairvoyance, phenomena, or whatever form, is sacred. It is through your abilities that God manifests the world of truth to humanity.

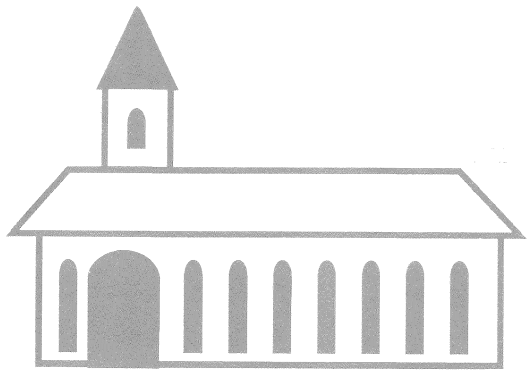
Even if you already are a medium, work to increase your attunement, to teach others and to practice or demonstrate the principles of Spiritualism. Jesus, the Christ, demonstrated the gifts of Spirit. This great mediator practiced all the fundamental principles of Spiritualism and taught:

1. The existence of a Supreme Power
2. Life continues after death of the physical
3. Communication with Spirit loved ones
4. There is power in prayer and healing
5. Communication through a seance
6. Communication through psychic readings

If people would be open, they might understand that God has given humanity Spiritualism to explain the so-called miracles of their *Bible* and other sacred works; to better understand the works of the masters and other teachers and prophets. All through the ages, the power of the spirit has moved through the people, the priests, the prophets, and that same power is moving through you and I. Let us work more with Natural Law in order for our demonstration to be of the highest. Let us be quiet, go in meditation to the mountain top as Moses did when he received the Ten Commandments in a pillar of cloud that was ectoplasm. Jesus talked to his guides, Moses and Elias—let us talk with our guides.

We must be patient and wait for the Spirit chemists to work on our chemistry within our bodies. Did you know that Daniel, Paul, John, Peter, and Ruth were all trance mediums? They were sensitive to the Spirit World. Our pioneers and our modern day mediums demonstrate the same phases of mediumship that are related in the *Bible*—trumpet, materialization, healing, psychometry, apports and transfiguration. We are all voices for Infinite Spirit. Spread the Good News of Spiritualism, the Good News of Communication. Let us open our hearts and minds to share the truth of Jesus' lessons, that the works He did, we will be able to do and even greater works.

Go back to the basics, back to our studies, back to the home circle, back to the silence to work in unity with others and with the Spirit World. Be proud of your religion, and to say **I am a Spiritualist!** Spiritualism is YOU, and you are needed. Continue to listen to that inner voice and follow your inner light until you become that light. The doorway of communication is always open, but we have to be ready and willing to communicate. ❄



The Aspects Of Prayer

BY THE REV. RUPERT SIGURDSSON, NST, MAINE

Since the earliest days of humanity, a search for a higher power has been sought after. Some power that will help us in our struggle on this earth plane to improve our lives and supply our needs. This was probably the beginning of the practice of prayer.



Some of us have been taught, as children, to make prayer a regular part of our lives, regardless of the church our parents belonged to. But what do we mean by prayer? What do we expect from prayer?

Prayer can be in many different forms; it can be the old time method of prayer before going to bed, as we were taught as children. It can be in the form of meditation while taking a quiet walk in the country, by a lake or the seashore. It may be while using self-hypnosis, reaching for a deeper state of meditation. Prayer has many variations, but all have the same purpose, to make contact with that higher power we call Infinite Intelligence (others may use many different names, but with the same meaning).

What are the reasons we still pray? What is our motive? Is it to make a request to that higher power? Have we carefully thought about that request? Is it for something material, or for better health for others or us? If we received our request, is it good for us? Is it something we really need? Is it good for those around us, or would it put a burden on another? All these things should be thought out, carefully considered, before making a request. How many times have you wished or prayed for something, then finally, when you received it, it was really not what you wanted? That is why it is so important to know what you want or need, because you will probably get it, whether it is helpful to you or not.



There is also another area to be considered. Nothing is free, everything has to be paid for in one way or another. Are you willing to give some form of service for the purpose you are praying for? Natural Law states, "Just Compensation for Just Labor." This clearly tells that there are no free rides, everything balances in one way or another. If you want greater love, you must be ready to give it. If you want a new car, you must give some service to pay for it. When you pray for something, you must be ready to accept any opportunity that comes your way that will lead you in the direction of your request.

When you don't get results from your prayers, what is wrong? Years later, when you look back, you may see that if your prayer had been answered, it would have directed your life in a direction that would not have been the best for you, and you may thank your guides for blocking it. Or, you may not have been prepared or able to give service for your request.

So, when you pray next time, give your request very careful consideration. Is it really good for you? Does it harm others? Do you really want it? And most important of all, are you ready to give service for it? If it is yes to all the above, you will surely have your prayer answered. ❄

FAVORITE SAYINGS TO LIVE BY

"To the poet, to the philosopher, to the saint, all things are friendly and sacred, all events profitable, all days holy, all men divine."

– Ralph Waldo Emerson

"Kindness with words creates confidence. Kindness with thoughts creates profoundness. Kindness with giving creates love.

– Abraham Lincoln

Pathways

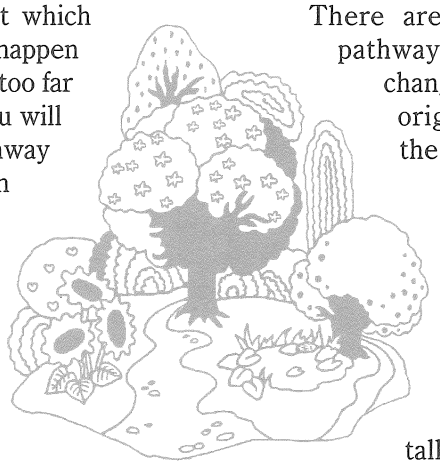
BY BRADLEY GOSSELIN, MAINE
A Trance Message

When you began your journey on the Earth plane, your soul came with inner thoughts of where you were going, with ideas of what you would be doing. Each soul comes by choice, to walk a particular path. The idea of what path to walk was formed before soul entrance to the Earth Plane, but upon arrival to the Earth Plane, the idea of this journey may be altered because those things around you change.

As things change, you become aware of direction variances between what you wish and what you must do. It is not always what you wish to do, and it is not always what you must do, but these are choices that you make.

As you make each choice around a situation, the pathway changes. For with each choice, a new direction opens. As each pathway opens, it reveals to you that which you are seeking, but it is always that which you are seeking at that time and at that place. The choice once made is fulfilled. The choice can be changed as the situation changes, but the pathway remains the same. The goal that you wish to achieve remains the same. Where you will end up remains the same.

How you get there is not always the way you planned, for as each day starts, something new enters your life, influences your vibration, affects your consciousness. And, as these things happen, your perception of where you are and where you are heading, changes. Your perception changes, your ideas change, your thoughts change, your desires change, but your soul's goal remains the same. Whether you realize that it is the same goal, is not as important as how you get there. There are many pathways that will end at the same point. There are many roads that lead to these pathways, and each one and each choice is made by you. Each decision is made by you. You can not always expect that tomorrow you will do something, because it is today that you must do that which will lead to what will happen tomorrow. Never plan too far in advance on what you will do, because the pathway between now and then can change. Our pathways are not straight lines, there are turns, there are curves. The pathway goes up hill. The pathway goes down hill. It goes to the left, it goes to right. It goes over the water, it goes over desert. No matter how many twists and turns, and ups and downs along the pathway, the end, although not in sight, is always the same.



You will end up where you are supposed to end up. You may not realize this as you travel the pathway, but remember you are always where you are supposed to be, when you are supposed to be there, and for the reason that you are supposed to be there.

At each turn in life, you make a soul decision. Sometimes the decisions are small. Sometimes the decisions are large, but they are all decisions and they are all made by you. That is why they are called choices. Each choice could lead you off of the main path to another path and you may go off that path to still another path, but all paths that you take lead back to the main path which is the path of life your soul has chosen.

The goals that you set for yourself will be met. How long it takes to meet these goals changes. There are things along the pathway that cause these changes. You may have originally come with the idea that you would spend a short time on the Earth Plane, and yet, you find that you spend a very long time, or the reverse might happen. When we talk about a long time or a short time on this pathway, we talk in terms of time on the Earth Plane, for as you know, in the Spirit world there is not time, there is no space. So, as you travel, remember you may not know what your goal is in your conscious mind. You may not know what your goal is in your heart, but your spirit knows where it is headed. Your spirit knows where it will end up. That is why it is important that we look within, for it is within that we find the spirit. It is within where we find the answers. It is within that we find the goal.

Peace and Brotherhood,
One Feather

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

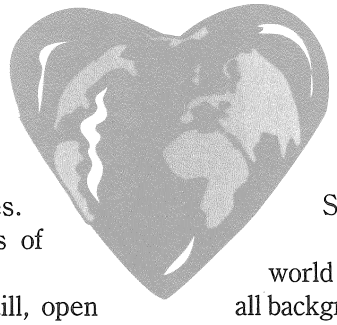
– Prayer for Spiritual Healing –

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.

Joy To The World

BY THE NSAC HEALING CENTER

Sometimes during stressful, difficult or busy times we forget that God's desire for us is that each moment be filled with JOY. Each emotion we experience that is contrary to that, is a moment we have forgotten God's Unconditional Love.



Love is joyous and the highest expression of consciousness. The joy we spread to others, multiplies and continues. We each are messengers of the Creator's Love.

Often, we become still, open our spiritual energy centers to clear the daily physical vibrations. Then in the quiet of our inner, higher self, we can visualize our desires and send them into the ethers. We can image, with feeling, a smile on every face on the planet, see joy and fellowship for all humanity. We know that with God, all things are possible. Therefore, let us pray for and visualize peace, joy, harmony and love for all souls living on the planet Earth. As we do this, we are doing our part to help create and transform. Heartfelt love and joy that we send out are healing vibrations.

At this Holiday Season, let us often envision joy, sing about it, accept it into our lives, and project it to all living things. "Joy to the World, all the Boys and Girls," All the Men and Women, and to the Planet Earth. **Spiritual Energy** seems to draw so close to the Earth at this time of year. Remember to: Work to feel this Divine Loving presence in everyone and everything. Invite the Light, Love and Truth of God to be evident each moment of your day, each moment of your life. Take time to listen within, to experience an inner peace that accompanies the Oneness with the Divine Source of All That Is.

The human family of the world – all religions, all nations, all backgrounds, all creeds, all ages – have joined together for the past seventeen years on December 31st for a **World Healing Meditation**. This meditation was conceived by John Randolph Price and he described it as an "opportunity as individuals...to begin to heal and bring our planet back into harmony and balance..." Every prayer counts. Globally millions participate to spread Love, Light, Peace, Harmony, Oneness and Spiritual Energy. This International prayer time brings an affirmative energy of blessing to our earth plane and all life on this planet and it then flows into the Universal Ethers to return to the sender according to the wonderful Laws of God. Have a happy, healthy, loving Holiday and project this joy and peace into the New Year. Blessings to You and Yours from all of us at *TNS*.

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Meditation And Our Triune Nature

BY MARY B. ANDERSON, CALIFORNIA

Have you ever considered how our mental and physical health inter-relate? We must understand that we are body, soul/mind and spirit, and that we cannot separate this threefold nature of our being.

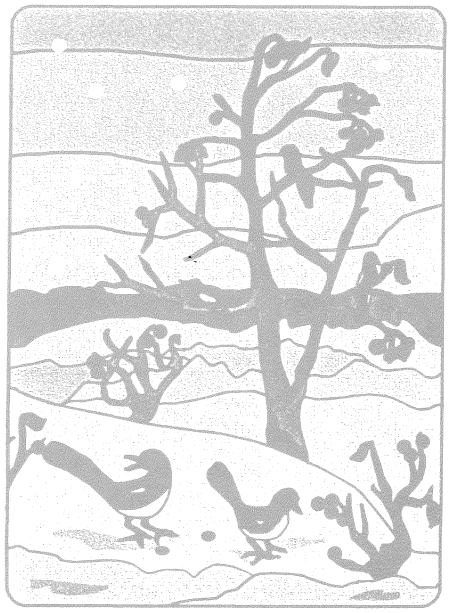
Research into the biochemistry of our physical started with a breakthrough of what happens to us when stress takes place. Stress can come from any number of reasons, either positive or negative. Hans Selye describes this in his famous research called the "General Adaptation Syndrome" (GAS). The first reaction to stress acts as an alarm to our body, followed by resistance or adaptation. If stress is allowed to remain and exhaustion is experienced, the body's ability to cope deteriorates and sickness, disease, and even death can follow.

Our mental health is affected by our hormonal and nervous systems. The GAS effects the regulation of hormonal secretions which in turn stimulates the adrenal cortex, which lowers our resistance compromising the immune response, followed by a physical set of symptoms that we are all familiar with: increased acid production which leads to ulcers. One of the largest pharmaceutical markets today is the manufacturing of drugs related to "acid production." Watch television for a short period of time and the advertisements will convince you. Mental stress ads like: "Ask your doctor if you may need Prozac" is moving some into the aspect of questioning their well-being.

The symptoms related to stress not only affect our physical, but also our mental health. In more recent years the emphasis placed on our health appears to be moving into a compounded direction: body and mind. More and more scientific information is being published to link the effects of stress on how mental and emotional outlooks play a role in this inter-relationship. Stress management seminars are being incorporated into business and corporate worlds, health clinics, and also holistic retreat centers. In my opinion, without the third component of spirit, there can be only temporary satisfaction. There is a part of us that "knows that it knows" and has not been measured by science. It can only be experienced in the silence of meditation. The effect of meditation, however, can be measured, e.g. changes in respiration, heart rate, nerve conductivity, and hormonal secretions. These have an effect on moods, enthusiasm and motivation for life, coping with challenges and the awareness to recognize physiological changes and to make decisions with clarity.

Many techniques in stilling the mind in meditation have released fears and attachments revealing the impermanence of these issues to discover what is permanent. It is our relationship to our inner self, an aspect of the God Self.

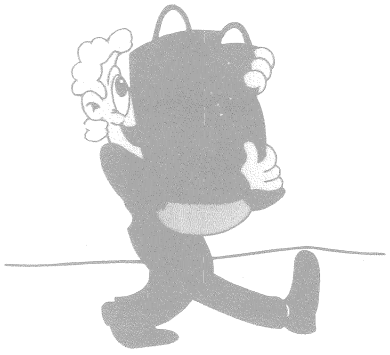
Meditation teaches a way to perceive events with a healthier attitude. Not one of denial, but an attitude that is empowering by self-discovery.



Experiences from this frame of reference allows one to handle life's various crises and challenges with a deeper understanding.

Quieting the mind through meditation regularly carries over in the course of the day with a clearer insight. With this balanced awareness, it has a positive effect on the mind. Our mental attitude allows us to make healthier choices with regard to caring for our physical well-being.

The place to start, in the relationship of how the mental and physical interrelates with meditation, is where you are right now. By developing each aspect of body, mind/soul and spirit, our innate knowingness will guide and direct us to follow our inner most intelligence. When one chooses the spiritual path, there is an intuitiveness that begins to cultivate. Ultimately, every movement experienced mindfully becomes a meditation resulting in lighter and freer self. The body image resonates with the meditation experience. ❄



Joy At Christmas

BY PATRICIA WALLACE, MAINE

The lights from the store fronts reflected on the new fallen snow, mingling with the gleam from the street lights, as Joy passed beneath them. The snow glistened, sparkling as if with magic. Pure, white and fresh. The first really big snowfall of the season, heralding in the Christmas season.

But Joy just kept walking, her head bowed low, not against any wind, for it was truly a beautiful night. Peaceful and with that special quiet that the first snowfall brings. The type of quiet that comes from within. There was plenty of noise surrounding that stillness, for as Joy passed each store, strains of Christmas carols filled the air. But Joy just kept walking.

She didn't notice how her feet kicked the light fluffy snow aside. She didn't notice other shoppers as they passed her by, and they didn't notice her. They would pass by, talking and laughing with each other, never noticing the lady in the soft brown winter coat. They never noticed anyone else. They were lost in their own world. It was almost as if she didn't exist. Joy just kept walking.

In her hands, she carried several bags filled with gifts for those she loved. And she was mentally going over the list of presents still to buy. Gifts for the special people in her life. People she dearly loved and were there for her. Why did she look so sad?

She stepped down from the curb without ever lifting her head. A hand grabbed her and pulled her back. A close call. The truck would not have been able to stop, and she would have been hit. She smiled warmly at the man who had saved her, thanked him quietly and moved on.

The angel on cloud seven looked at his companion, slapped himself on the head and said, "What's the matter with her? Could she see that her life was almost ended in that instant? Didn't she care?"

"She is a hard one, I'll agree." The other angel said. "I don't know what else we can do to reach her. It seems like we have tried everything. We have tried talking with her; showing her the beauty of the world around her; putting people in her life at just the right times; whispered to her in the wind; spoke to her in her dreams. It really is hard to reach her, that's for sure."

"Well, we can't give up." The first angel said sadly. "We never give up. But how are we going to reach her? She just doesn't believe in angels and guides."

"Heavens!" Was the reply. "She doesn't believe in living either!!! Just look at her. This is supposed to be a glorious holiday season. Do you see any joy in Joy? She looks like she doesn't care about all those gifts she is getting to share with people she loves. She is just buying because it is expected. Where's the fun in that? And she is so concerned with how much she is spending that she cannot see what is really fun about shopping. If she would only realize the uniqueness of each individual on her list, she could let her imagination soar and find just the right gift. It doesn't take a lot of money."

"Well, let's see what we can do." Angel number one nodded and the music in the shop that Joy was passing began to play *Joy To The World*. Joy just kept walking.

From the next store came strands of *What Child Is This*? Joy just kept walking. As she passed the next store, she vaguely heard *We Wish You A Merry Christmas*. But Joy just kept walking. The angel smiled and then giggled at the startled faces of the passer-bys as they heard the music coming from the next store. Loud and clear the words *Jeremiah was a bullfrog, was a good friend of mine, never knew a word I said but he helped me drink my wine...Joy To The World...all the boys and girls...joy to the fishes in the deep blue sea and joy to you an me!!!!!*

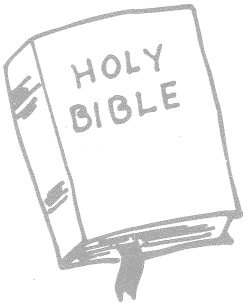
Joy stopped. Then she smiled. A light came on inside her head and reflected out. As she looked at others stopping and laughing, she joined in. She laughed and she laughed, so hard that the tears ran down her face. Tears of sadness, tears of pain, tears of frustration, tears of sorrow and finally, tears of joy. She looked around her at the bright lights. She looked at the many shoppers who were also looking around. It was as if someone had turned on a light and they were all there to see...to see that they were alive and it was wonderful, it was Christmas.



The angels were jumping up and down and hugging each other. Smiles as big

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Humor to put you in Good Spirits . . .



BIBLE QUIZ

You won't win a million dollars answering the following questions, but you may get a chuckle or two after reading the answers. This was found in a Lutheran Church Bulletin.

Who was the greatest female financier in the Bible?
A. Pharaoh's daughter. She went down to the bank of the Nile and drew out a little prophet.

What kind of man was Boaz before he got married?
A. Ruth-less

Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible?
A. Samson. He brought the house down.

What kind of motor vehicles are in the Bible?
A. God drove Adam and Eve out of the Garden in a Fury.
A. David's Triumph was heard throughout the land.
A. Honda...because the apostles were all in one Accord.

Who is the greatest baby sitter mentioned in the Bible?
A. David. He rocked Goliath to sleep.

Which area of Palestine was especially wealthy?

A. The area around the Jordan. The banks were always overflowing.

Where is the first tennis match mentioned in the Bible?
A. When Joseph served in Pharaoh's court. ❄



JOY AT CHRISTMAS *(Continued from previous page.)*

as rainbows on their faces. Sometimes you just have to do something so unexpected that people take notice. It is not always easy being an angel/guide.

People get so wrapped up in their own lives, in their perceived troubles, in their struggle to survive and be noticed, that they don't look around and notice the others in their lives. Really notice. They don't notice the tiny ways that spirit guides have of helping. They don't even think to ask for help. Have people forgotten how to pray? Every person on Earth has their own drama they are living, though be it small or large. To them, it is important. **But**, do we **know** what is important? Really important?!

Ask the angels!!! They have been trying to reach every one of us. Trying to get our attention. They have been there all along, trying to teach us what is really important, but have we been listening? Or have we just kept walking blindly through our lives like Joy? There is only one thing the angels have desperately been trying to teach us...**one thing**, but oh, so important. That one thing is the gift we each have. A gift that in too many instances is not being used; a gift that increases the more we give it away; a gift that would free us from our sorrows, enliven our joys and bring us peace. That gift is love. The gift of Unconditional Love. The Creator gave us, each of us, His Unconditional love, so now we all possess this gift. We all have it, but do we all share it?

This is the season for giving gifts. Give the greatest gift of all! ❄

SAME OLD CELEBRATION

BY THE REV. CHARLENE KLEINSCHMIDT, NST, NEW YORK

Many question if Spiritualism's celebration of the Christmas holiday is hypocritical, not understanding that Spiritualists celebrate the birth of every child as spirit, as a spark of the Creator. Some feel we should we do away with Christmas trees, parties and plays in our churches? I certainly hope not. I have a dear friend, whom epitomizes Spiritualism in the best way, yet, she does not join NSAC and prefers another organization that embraces Jesus. One evening we were having a discussion of our differences when I remarked, "I'll never understand you. On one level you know the truth, yet you still cling to opinions that seem in opposition to what you say."

I will never forget the expression on her face when she replied, "Charlene, some of us just aren't ready to give up that Jesus thing!" I reminded myself we have no right to insist on people subscribing to our views. If they choose to be among us because they share our views or some of our views, fine. If they are in a different place, we should not be pushing them to see things our way.

Most of us come from very orthodox backgrounds and Christmas can be a pulling toward old viewpoints. As with many of us, I was always active in the religion I was affiliated with at the time. When I was first divorced from my daughter's father, a lady asked her about her religious beliefs. My daughter was all of six at the time and she replied, "When we were with my Dad, we were Catholics. Now, we're with Mom, we're Presbyterians. I figure when I grow up I'll be Jewish."

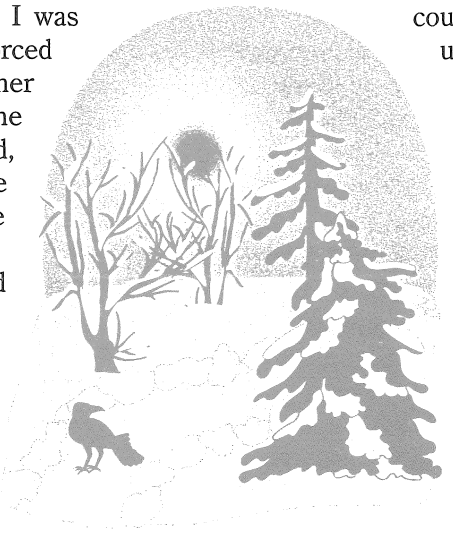
When I became a Spiritualist I realized I had finally found the religion that mirrored my own ideals. As staunch as I am in my Spiritualist opinion, I still enjoy the fun and excitement of Christmas preparations and feel uplifted by the love of the season.

It is a wonderful time to teach others their true heritage as children of God. A couple suggestions are: Plays based on the celebration of all children as spirit can be rewarding. Researching how others handle this time of year and then present this to the children and adults in our lyceums, followed by a discussion of their feelings about the ways others celebrate. A discussion in Lyceum or classes about the commercialism surrounding the holidays can lead to firmer understanding of the truth, as we view it.

Decorating the church can be a wonderful party with everyone sharing in putting a little brightness and cheer into the holiday decor. It's also a great opportunity for older members to become acquainted with the children as they work together. Singing carols from our hymnal blends our truths with memories from childhood in a way that honors our past, gives expression to our present and allows us to dream of a Utopian future when we can all ring out the false and ring in the truth of our lives.

Recently, the post office announced a new series of religious stamps to represent more than the Christmas stamps with which we are familiar. These stamps will represent many religions. Spiritualism is not yet among them, but won't it be great if some day it is. This can be done, not by throwing out celebrations people love, but by celebrating who we are as Spiritualists. By vocally working toward recognition as a major religion.

The Rev. Paul Spencer used to tell a great story. When he first came to the church, they had a 40 watt bulb in the light over the outside stairs. He just couldn't understand why they would use so little light when someone might be hurt trying to get up the steps. He replaced the bulb with a brighter one and the pastor at the time rebuked him, "What did you think you were doing? These people don't want their families and friends to see them coming in here!" The dim bulb was replaced, but when Paul became pastor, a bright light was put there again.



That is what we all need to do, make our churches a bright light in the community. This time of year people sometimes question their religious ideas. Let us welcome all who come to our churches with traditional decorations, then introduce them to wonderful new views of themselves as spirit. This Holiday Season let us celebrate one another and share in the joy of knowing the truth of ourselves as expressions of the Infinite. ❄

Things To Think About

BY MERRY BROWNE

"It's very obvious, indeed,
But always merits mention,
The smallest good deed is far better
Than the greatest intention."

—

"There is no happier thing to greet
When it runs to meet us,
Gratitude that's swiftest is
Also sweetest."

—

"To Live and Help Live
is to Allow,
To Love and Help Love
Is to Assist."



"Each day
is a new page of the diary
of Life."

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"Laughter
is the bubbling champagne
of the heart."

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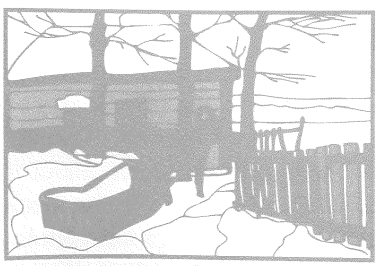
"Status symbols are poor excuses
for values."

—

"Silent smiles speak volumes
to lonely hearts."

"Compassion"

Compassion's non-existent,
Stillborn or still asleep
Until all its promises
It can duly keep,
Compassion's not compassion
Until it's learned to weep.





"The Happy Wending"

The Plan of Life is evolving mind,
Laws and consequences,
And that obedience is the sole
Order of its defenses.

Now that you know how life works,
Your problems have solution,
Choose to obey life's laws, my friend,
And you're into self-evolution.

The long hard road is behind you
You've finally hit your stride,
Roses are ready to bloom now,
Relax and enjoy the ride.

Augusta—A Year In Review

Augusta (Maine) Spiritualist Church, 2000-2001.

Membership has increased by seven since last year at this time, giving us a current membership of 44, with six more receiving the Hand of Fellowship in September, bringing our total to 50!! We are growing!! It is wonderful to see so many new faces and to share our love of Spirit with them.

Several events that were held over the past year included our annual Christmas Party, a church picnic, a surprise birthday party for the Pastor, Earl Wallace, by members of the church, as well as a **Renewal of our Dedication to Spiritualism and Infinite Intelligence** in March. This year at our Renewal, we also honored several members who have served Spiritualism for 20 years or more: June Conley, Leo Flagg, Merlon Cole, Marilyn Bushness, and Tom and Agnes Haldane. Also acknowledged was our Pastor, Earl Wallace, for serving Spiritualism for 27 years. He was unaware that he would also be receiving a certificate from the membership (although we sometimes wonder if anything is a secret when mediums are around).

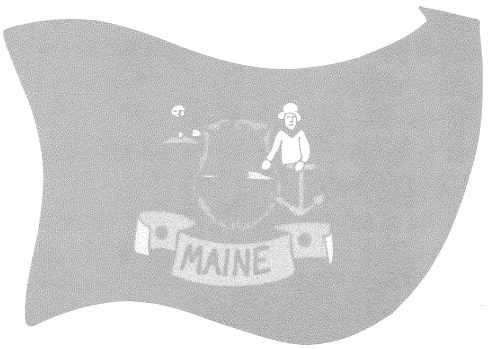
We were honored to have the **Pastoral Skills Class** attend our church services. The class was held at Pin Point of Light Spiritual Center in July, 2000. The Rev. Cosie Allen, NSAC, her husband, and several members of the class, "observed" our church service as part of their curriculum. We were very pleased to have all of them visit with us. We are now looking forward to participating in a Pastoral Skills Course to be held at Temple Heights Spiritual Camp in September 2002. We definitely encourage our students to apply themselves toward certification.

Our **Medium's Day Fairs**, which are held the last Saturday of April and October each year, were both successful. Eleven mediums helped us raise over $2000, which helped to cover the cost of the painting of the outside of the church. Last year we had the inside painted, and we now are in the process of completely rewiring the church.

This year, nine people received their Certificate of Completion in May, after completing a 6-month **Development Class** taught by Pastor Earl Wallace and his wife, Pat. This class requires commitment every week for six months, and along with lessons in class, the students must complete their homework, be prepared for pop quizzes and tests, and pass the final exam. We are pleased to have such dedicated people in our church family.

We have had anywhere from 20-30 people participating every week for our Thursday night **Spiritual Awareness Classes**. Pastor Earl L. Wallace, Patricia Wallace, and Gary Mascher are the regular teachers, with an occasional guest speaker. We teach a variety of subjects that we hope will open the eyes and minds of members and friends who attend regularly. This is a wonderful opportunity to invite the community to join us, giving them the chance to get to know what Spiritualists are all about. Unconditional love is our main theme. Many new members come to us from this class, and we certainly welcome them.

The MSSAC Mass Meeting was held May 19th at the Augusta Church as a joint project with the Portland, Bangor, and Temple Heights churches helping us. We were pleased to welcome members from churches in New Hampshire, Connecticut, and Massachusetts. The comments we have heard since have been positive and encouraging. John and Mary Lou Baumhoff served as mediums, along with our Maine mediums, as well as conducting a workshop on Mediumship and Healing. Judy Garbow facilitated a workshop on "Speaking with your Angels." We thank them for their participation. We also had a bean and casserole supper. Funny how there is always more than enough food to go around! It has been suggested that a fund-raiser for MSSAC could be held each year, especially now that we are offering a scholarship to MPI students in Maine. This was a very pleasant, bonding day, working together as a team with the other churches of the Maine State Spiritualist Association of Churches.



We had a large group attending our weekend at Temple Heights this August; we had 14 spending the night, and 18 attending the workshop and circle given by the Rev. Ann Otzelberger. Members really look forward to this weekend as another way to bond closer friendships with other members and non-members who have been in our classes. What a wonderful way to spend quality time in love with others and in such a beautiful peaceful setting. We started this "tradition" three years ago and truly look forward to it for months. We were also pleased that spirit led Jerry and Kathy Eagan from Connecticut to Temple Heights, joining us for our weekend. We enjoyed their company and making new friends.

If you have never attended Temple Heights Spiritual Camp, overlooking the Ocean in Maine, you may wish to consider this as a church outing. Temple Heights has a wonderful special spiritual essence about it that is hard to find. What could beat sitting on the deck, watching the sailboats go by, talking and laughing with loving friends?

– Patricia A. Wallace, Secretary

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Reports From Maine

August 23rd we held our annual membership meeting at Temple Heights Spiritual Camp in Northport, Maine. A smooth and loving meeting, sitting among the age-worn wooden seats with the feeling of spirit there with us, guiding us towards another year of work, friendship and harmony. Such a peaceful setting. For any who have not visited us at the camp, you have missed a beautiful view, as well as many wonderful workshops! We truly thank all the visiting and Maine mediums who help us spread the love of Spiritualism to the surrounding communities.

The Board of 2002 is as follows: President, Pam Strickland; 1st Vice President, Earl Wallace; 2nd Vice President, Carol Fricke; Secretary, Pat Wallace; Treasurer, Jean Bower; Directors, Merlon Cole, Madelaine Coombs, Graham Connolly, Diane Kimbal, and Vaikko Allen.

Our summer camp season has come to an end, successful once again to all who gave so lovingly of their time and gifts. But!!! We are looking for mediums who wish to serve our camp next year, 2002. We are open from Mid-June to Labor Day. We need several mediums willing to serve a week; services, a class, workshop, and private readings. If you think you would enjoy spending time in Maine, overlooking Penobscot Bay, soaking up the sunshine and making new friends, please let us know soon, as we will be working on next year's schedule. For more information, e-mail THMaine@aol.com or contact Pat Wallace, 124 Spring St., Gardiner, Maine 04345. ❄

• 1099 Tax Form for Churches, State Association and Camps

A quick reminder that Churches, State Associations and Camps must file a 1099 tax form for speakers and workers who have received $600.00 or more last year as payment for their services to your organization. This form should be given to the individual before January 31st with a duplicate copy of this form, and the 1096 companion form, filed with the Federal Government by February 28th. You only need to file this report if you have paid someone $600.00 or more during the year. Check with your accountant if you have any questions. ❄

In Memory



It is with heavy heart that Church of Two Worlds announces the passing of Mrs. Arlie Maude Chalfant. Maude served our church for 34 years as a board member, Music Director, pianist and Medium. Many recall her unique inspirational piano performance which she called her "Psychic Solo."

Maude was instrumental in preparing for special programs and observances. Her sermons included enlightening quotations. She worked for many years in the U.S. State Department and implemented several global government programs that are still in use today.

Maude had recently moved to Washington State to be with her sisters. Church of Two Worlds conducted a Memorial Service for her on Sunday, September 16, 2001, to remember her, to send her good wishes in Spirit. While we mourn the loss of her physical presence, Spirit rejoices in her arrival. Maude, until we meet again, adieu!

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• Book Mark Update

The October 2001 issue of *TNS* was our first month of a new Column, BookMark. We did not think to put in how you could find this book, *A Psychic in the Heartland–The Extraordinary Experiences of a Small Town Doctor,* by Bettilu Stein Faulkner. To order a copy call 1-800-839-8640, or go on-line to www.1stbooks.com or Amazon.com, or order through Border's Bookstores. This true account of Dr. Riblet B. Hout—who led a "secret" life as a student of the paranormal, who had knowledge of the existence of another world, who talked with the spirits that he saw, who traveled out of body—is told in an insightful storytelling fashion that makes for enjoyable, affirmative reading. ❄

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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.

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



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