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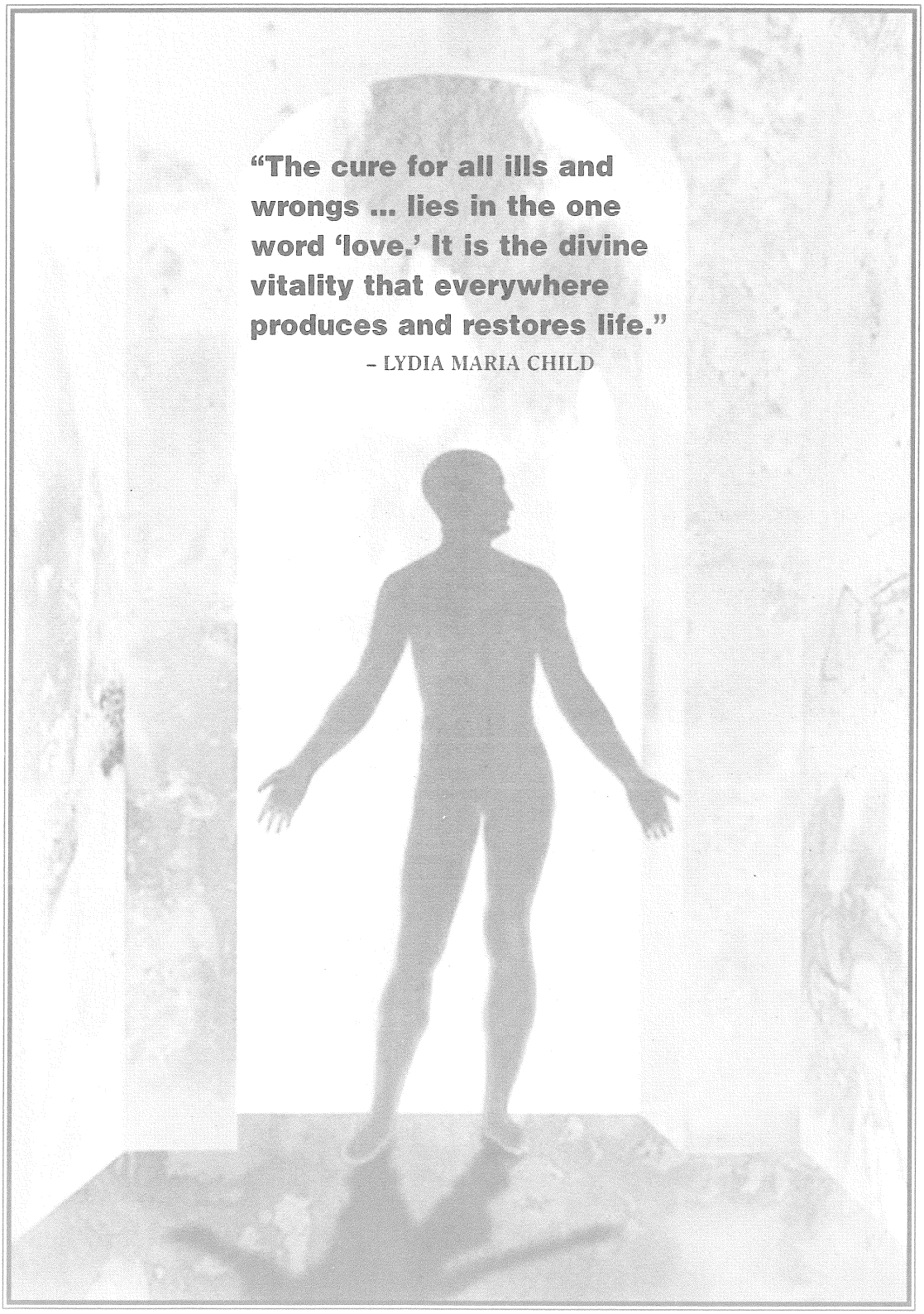
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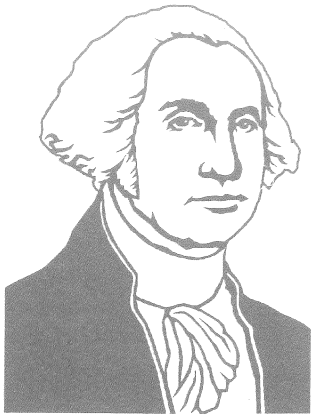
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Inspired Spiritual Leaders!

BY THE REV. SANDRA PFORTMILLER, NST

There is a neat song called, *I've Got Friends in High Places*, with the theme's essence about our wonderful spirit guides in the next realm, and that we are going to be with them someday. Each month brings reminders of something. February causes us to think of the Presidents of the United States (Presidents' Day) and of love (Valentine's Day), thus articles and editorials for this month often revolve around these subjects. It seems appropriate this year to write about a few of the Presidents and some of the great men and women born this month; to retell the story of how they experienced Spirit inspiration or communication; how they loved and helped humanity through their service and their wisdom. Would this be extra *high* energy if one of these spirit *friends* touches in?

The philosophy and inspiration of great souls do not die, but continue to encourage from the Great Beyond. Let us be grateful and acknowledge the wonderful contributions of just a few (born around February) who contributed to humanity and helped make our lives what they are today.

The first President of the United States has been called *Father of Our Country*, and history tells of the wonderful accomplishments of **George Washington**. George was born in Virginia on February 22, 1732. It was said he was a thoughtful child, not a brilliant student, but a person with innate qualities of a man of action and a leader. He is remembered for his "bravery, sense of justice, sound judgment and talent for organization, which he manifested early in life of this noble and noteworthy character, as a soldier and statesman." Spirit came to George Washington in a vision and told him the outcome of an upcoming battle and of the future of the United States.

Thomas Paine was a great man and great mind, born (almost in February) January 29, 1737. History relates a story that happened when he was a child, maybe about seven or eight years of age, with little advantage of an education for his parents were very poor. Anyway, he listened to a sermon "Redemption by the Death of the Son of God." After listening to it he left and went into the garden and revolted at the concept of making "God Almighty act like a passionate man that killed his son, when he could not revenge himself any other way." It was this that led him to believe a "system of religion that has anything in it that shocks the mind of a child cannot be a true system." The quotes are from *Thomas Paine*, by Ellery Sedgwick.

He later spoke of his belief in God saying, "The creation we behold is the real and ever existing Word of God. It proclaims His Power, demonstrates His Wisdom and manifests His Goodness. I trouble not myself about the manner of future existence—I believe, even to the point of positive conviction, that the Power that gave me existence is able to continue it in any form or manner He pleases." Paine abhorred cruelty and had a great sense of justice in writing for freedoms and protesting oppression in every form. His ability to analyze situations and reason through the problems was awesome and his logic is still fresh today. This inspired soul wrote: "It is only in Creation that all our ideas and conceptions of a word of God can unite. The Creation speaks a universal language. It preaches to all nations and to all worlds and this word of God reveals to man all that is necessary for man to know of God...We can see it in the changeable order by which the incomprehensible whole is governed."

A poet that was truly inspired and made the philosophy of Spiritualism glow in his poems was **Henry Wadsworth Longfellow**, born in Portland, Maine on February 27, 1807. He wrote of continuous life, of angels around us all, of living this moment, of unfoldment, and of a Universal Being within all life. Longfellow was a regular at seances. His works are beautiful to read, filled with truths and insights.

There is no death! What seems so is transition.
This life of mortal breath
Is but a suburb of the life Elysian,
Whose portal we call Death.

Sometimes when we do a transfiguration seance during our classes, **Abraham Lincoln** is seen, and we are most honored. Lincoln had undivided allegiance to the United States and worked hard to defend and secure the country's unity. I am sure he was selected by a Higher Force to be the sixteenth President during our countries troubled times for he was a man of vision, honesty, perseverance, determination, compassion, inner insight, and had a love for justice and freedom—a great Emancipator. He was a powerful humanitarian, remembered for his honesty, sense of humor, sense of justice and familiarity with Spiritualism and mediums.

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INSPIRED SPIRITUAL LEADERS! *(Continued from previous page.)*

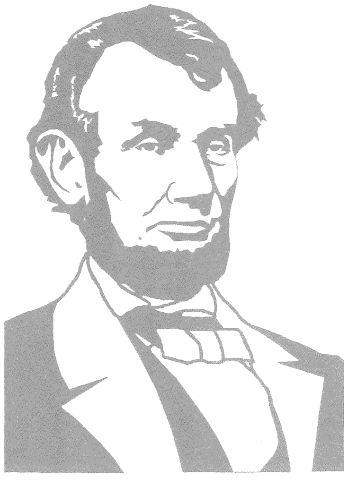
We have all heard many stories of Abraham Lincoln, born in the backwoods of Kentucky, on February 12, 1809, of his failures and successes. He was a lawyer with a valuable command of words, and a special ability in sorting out and untangling life's problems. The loss of a son, plus dreams and visions, helped open his interest in communication with the Spirit World, and he attended seances and consulted mediums. Once a man met the Lincolns at a seance and expressed his surprise. He said to the President, "I did not know that you were a Spiritualist, Mr. Lincoln."

The President replied, somewhat thoughtfully, "Well, every Religionist is more or less of a Spiritualist."

It was in this countries hour of tribulation that, as President, he turned for advice to the Spirit Realm. It was also on the urging from his supernal friends that he was inspired to write and sign the Proclamation which freed all men and women from slavery. Lincoln was a fine example of how a common man, using Spiritual Law and spiritual insight became a great man. He wrote: *There are no accidents in my philosophy. Every effect must have its cause. The past is the cause of the present, and the present will be the cause of the future. All these are links in the endless chain stretching from the Infinite to the finite.*

Another free thinker, **Horace Greeley**, was born in New Hampshire on February 3, 1811. He began reading at the age of three and became a child prodigy by age four when he could read any book put before him. He tried to break into the newspaper business at age eleven, but was told he was too young. Four years later he got his chance. At seventeen, he helped organize his towns the first temperance society, gave speeches, and at twenty headed to New York. He was a staunch promoter of humanitarian subjects such as better education, moral reforms, eliminating slavery, and eliminating the exploitation of the Indians. Horace became the founder and editor of the *New York Tribune* and greatly aided the Fox sisters by defending their mediumship. In fact, Greeley was the first caller on the Fox sisters after their arrival in New York, and he investigated the sounds and manifestations produced by the girls declaring they were not produced by any human being. He and his wife took Katy Fox into their household for a short time and she held seances for them where they communicated with their deceased son.

This American journalist and political leader has been called the "Abe Lincoln of Modern Spiritualism." For his fearless open-mindedness and investigation of the phenomena, he had the reputation of being extremely radical and was greatly criticized. Greeley was nominated for the Presidency in 1872 against Grant. He made a valiant effort, but had to withdraw during the latter part of the campaign because of the illness of his wife and her death on October 30. He followed her into the Spirit World a month later, November 29, 1872.



Born February 15, 1820, in Massachusetts, **Susan B. Anthony** was an outstanding woman, who all women owe a debt of gratitude. She began her crusade for woman suffrage in 1852 and wrote the suffrage amendment to the Constitution of the United States fifty years before it was adopted in 1920. She was devoted to a higher cause than herself to bring freedom to women. Miss Anthony visited Lily Dale several times, gave speeches from the platform and had sittings with P. L. O. A. Keeler, the slate writing medium. She believed in the afterlife and felt she would continue to work for the causes of women's freedom when she was not in the bodily form any longer.

On February 11, 1847, **Thomas Edison** was born at Milan, Ohio. Even from an early age he wanted to know how things worked and constantly asked many questions. His mother schooled him and encouraged his inquiring mind. This famous inventor was an investigator of phenomena. Thomas and his brother, even as young children, sat in seances for his family were Spiritualists.

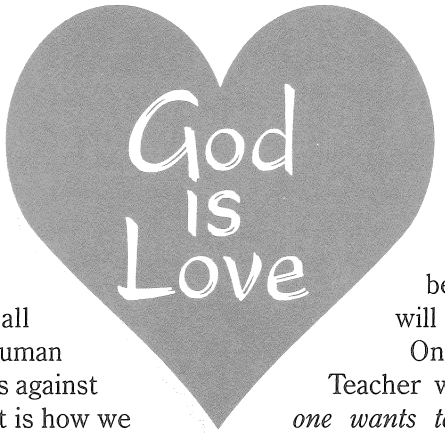
In 1920 he invented a "valve" to be used like a megaphone in order to increase the volume of a spirit voice and to register the effort of the phenomena behind it. Edison worked on a device to locate a frequency between long and short waves to be used with the radio frequency which would make a form of telepathic contact possible between the two worlds. We should all be grateful for his inventions, inspirations and untiring efforts for they have benefited our world in so many ways.

Each time we review the lives and works of famous men and women of the past, we realize our personal responsibility right now, not just to ourselves but to the human race. Greatness does not necessarily mean fame. We are taught by our spirit friends that all of us are needed and were created by God for a reason, therefore we all are great in some way. We grow as we serve, so take time to be inspired, then follow the inner direction gleaned. Our thoughts and actions live on—let them be words and works that inspire and spur others to greater achievements. By loyalty, honor, truth and justice, by kindness, love, caring, compassion and insight, the world will be better. Let our lives and our actions make our world a more spiritual place, so we will leave the planet a more peaceful environment for our having been here.

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GOD'S LOVE

BY THE REV. LOUIS POTTER, Nevada



God is Love. God radiates Divine Love to all creation. Infinite Spirit loves each one of us with our warts, scars, freckles, and our looks; the way we walk, how we talk, stand, sit or lie down, or whatever actions we do. Spirit is always there guiding all creation.

Infinite Intelligence's Love is an all encompassing, never ending Love. As human beings, in our growth process, we transgress against God's Natural Laws which are immutable. It is how we learn and grow, a way of progression toward understanding Universal Love.

We can feel Spirit's presence in many ways, always here for us, always caring. God gave each of us "Our Own Free Will" so we may progress. Because we have free will each of us must ask the Divine Light to guide us on our life's path. Then God's help comes heaped up, ten times running over in abundance.

Isn't this the way of a father when we ask our physical father for help? They try to teach and guide their children with love. One Universal lesson parents teach is to try to live by the Golden Rule, which is Spiritualism's sixth Principle in our Declaration of Principles. It states: *Whatsoever you would that others should do unto you, do you also unto them.*

In this life we find that we do not always like everyone. Occasionally there are people who seem to have the knack to irk us in some way. We have to try to bless that person and allow them to be, because God created them for a reason, and loves them as well as we are loved. Surround yourself and the other in White Light and let God take the action to harmonize the situation, to teach us our lesson, or to remove this person from us.

We feel the need for God's guidance, help and protection in every aspect of our lives. Would each of us like to feel that God protects us from any and all harm, from all unhappy conditions? Maybe, but as Spiritualists we understand we require a variety of lessons in order to evolve. Trust God.

The message that God has for us has been said in many ways by many great spiritual teachers and leaders throughout time and in various religions. It is still true today—Trust God, for God loves us, and we should love all life, which is of the Divine Creator. God's message is beautiful and simple. Trust God and you will experience growth and happiness.

One message of the Nazarene Master Teacher was: *That whatever one desires, whatever one wants to overcome, whatever one wants to do, according to your Faith in God be it given unto you.*

Sometimes we are afraid, as a storm tossed traveler on the sea of life; but if our faith is that God is in the eye of the storm, and that God never sleeps and is everywhere, then we can ride out the storm ridden waves of trouble. Besides Faith/Trust in God, we need faith in ourself, faith in our fellow Earth traveler and faith that all things are possible with God.

Personal faith has given individuals the power to do something others thought could not be done. There are a lot of people in the past generations of this country who did great things by having faith in themselves. George Washington led the fight against the British and won. Andrew Carnegie, Henry Ford, Lewis and Clark, J. P. Morgan are just a few who led this country into the 20th century. There were many noted men and women, including Spiritualists, who were free thinkers and worked for equality and rights for all. These people had faith that they could help make changes and accomplish their mission with God's help.

Fear is lack of faith, the opposite of Love. When we trust that God loves us unconditionally, then we need not fear the future, or fear that we can not overcome that which is unknown. Trust in God and in our God within banishes fear. This means you believe that your life, your work, and what you do is important both to God and to your fellow human.

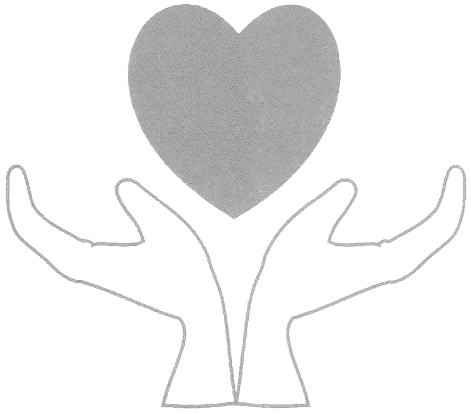
During the building of the Golden Gate Bridge, many men were scared because the structure was high above the

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A Love Story

Taken from "An Invitation to Prayer" by Rabbi Shoni Labowitz and Judith Gullev. The author of this story is unknown.

Once upon a time there was an island where all the feelings lived: Happiness, Sadness, Knowledge, Love, etc. One day it was announced to the feelings that the island was about to sink, so all repaired their boats and left.



Love wanted to persevere until the last possible moment. When the island was about to fall to the sea, Love decided to ask for help. Greed was passing by Love in a grand boat. Love said, "Greed, can you take me with you?" "No, I cannot. There is a lot of gold and silver in my boat. There is no place for you."

Love then asked Vanity, who was also passing by in a beautiful vessel. "Vanity, please help me!" "I cannot help you, Love. You are all wet and might damage my boat," answered Vanity.

Sadness was close by, so Love asked, "Sadness, let me go with you." Oh...Love, I'm so sad. I need to be by myself!" Happiness was there too, but she was so joyous, she didn't even notice when Love passed her by.

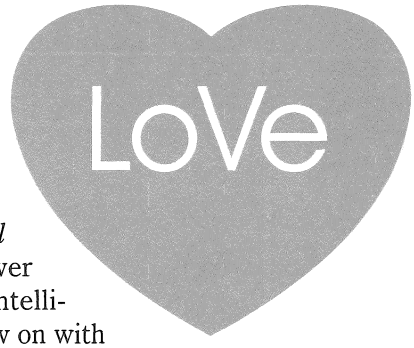
Suddenly, there was a voice, "Come, I will take you." It was an elder. Love felt so blessed and overjoyed, he forgot to ask the elder's name. When they arrived on dry land, the elder went her own way.

Love realized how much he owed the elder and asked Knowledge, another elder, "Who helped me?" Knowledge answered, "Time. It was Time." "Time?" asked Love. "Why did Time help me?" Knowledge smiled with deep wisdom and answered, "Because only Time is capable of understanding how great Love is." ♥

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water below. In fact, several fell to their deaths. A safety net was constructed of steel mesh and strung under the bridge. No more men fell to their death because of that net and the fear was gone. Faith in Infinite Intelligence is our safety net. One's work may be hard, and at times the darkness of discouragement may whirl around you with uncertainty about the future. Yet, once one realizes the safety net of God's love is there all the time, then they can proceed forward.

What happens when we trust Spirit? The old and true saying that God does help those who help themselves comes to life. The Universe does this according to Divine Law for as we work to guide, protect, grow and develop, the Law returns to us according to our belief, our efforts and our intentions. Trusting and praying to God for guidance in any situation, draws the light of understanding that Infinite Spirit is always there for each of us.



Jesus taught: *Everyone that asks God receives, everyone that looks for God's help finds it, and everyone who knocks on God's door in prayer, the door shall be opened.* There is power in trusting Infinite Intelligence that you can draw on with prayer and meditation and living in accordance to Natural Law. Faith in Divine Power gives that sure feeling that Spirit is with you and that you are indeed guided. Be happy for this blessing of Love.

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A Loving Practice

BY GERALDINE GUGLIELMO, New York

Love is the source of all energy to create and connect. When we act with a connection to the heart, even the most difficult things in our life can be meaningful and rich. When we let go of our battles and open our heart to things as they are, we come to rest in the present moment. This is the beginning and the end of spiritual practice. Only here can we find the love that we seek. Love in the past is simply memory, and love in the future is fantasy. Only in the reality of the present can we love, awaken, and find peace, understanding, and connection between ourselves and the world. When we come into the present moment, we discover a greatness of our own heart that can include the happiness of all beings as inseparable from our own. When we let ourselves feel the fear, the discontent and the difficulties we have always avoided, our heart softens. When we allow ourselves to be touched by the pain of life, the realization that we can do this and still survive helps us to awaken to the greatness of our heart. With wise understanding, we allow ourselves to contain all things, both dark and light, and we come to a sense of peace. This is not the peace of denial or of running away, but the peace we find in the heart that has rejected nothing and touches all things with compassion.

I work at home and my contact with the office is through a woman with whom it is difficult to work. She does not bring out the best in any of her co-workers. I have felt frustration whenever I had any dealings with her, and it has been a struggle to say the least. I eventually realized that this woman carries a lot of fear. When I interact with her presently, I know that "Now" is the time to apply what I have learned and to have an open heart toward her. I make a conscious effort to speak to her without any attitude about her that is based on the past or of any expectation of her changing. Any dealings I now have with her, I do so from love. When we finish our conversation and I hang up the phone, I'm not angry. Don't misunderstand me! While I'm talking to her I have one hand over my heart, to connect to my heart energy, and I consciously bring the spirit of wakefulness and loving-kindness to this present moment. The anger and frustration that had been there for so long began to disappear. I stopped reacting from the past, and I stopped trying to change "what is." Our vibration together changed to a peaceful one. This spiritual practice is one on which I will consciously work because I want to keep that pure, clear space of consciousness that is naturally filled with peace, clarity, and connection. These qualities show our fundamental goodness and our true home.



Through stopping the war within, we can embrace our own grief and sorrows, joys and triumphs. With greatness of heart we can open to the people around us, to our community, to the social problems of the world, to our collective history. With wise understanding, we can live in harmony with our life through the principles of Universal Law, the truth of life. In the end, we discover that to love and let go can be the same. Neither seeks to possess. Both allow us to touch each moment of this changing life and allow us to be here fully for whatever arises next.

What matters is love. We need only to practice loving. It can be very difficult at times when the "big" challenges confront us, the times when "our buttons are pushed." Because we have been given free will, we can choose to be vigilant in our practice and after awhile, we may be surprised how easy it can be and how it will brighten our day, our LIFE. We need to love all people, not only those who are in our life, but people everywhere. At this difficult time we are experiencing nationally, it is especially more difficult, like holding in the love vibration the divine essence of those who do not wish us well. Let us try to separate their true being from their behavior.

The longing for love and the movement of love is underneath all of our activities. The happiness we discover in life is not about possessing or owning or even understanding. Instead, it is the discovery of this capacity to love, to have a loving, free, and wise relationship with all of life. Such love is not possessive, but arises out of a sense of our own well-being and connection with everything. Therefore, it is generous and wakeful, and it loves the freedom of all things. Out of love, our path can lead us to use our gifts to heal and serve in many ways, to create peace around us, to honor the sacred in life, to bless whatever we encounter, and to wish all beings well.

Spiritual life may seem complicated, but in essence it is not. We can find a clarity and simplicity, even in the midst of this complex world, when we discover that the quality of heart we bring to life is what matters most.

Our spiritual life can open a dimension of our being where each person we meet can teach us, and whatever we touch becomes gold. To do this, we must make our very difficulties the place of our practice. When we decide to do this, our life becomes not a struggle with the idea of success and failure, but a dance of the heart. It is all up to us.

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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.

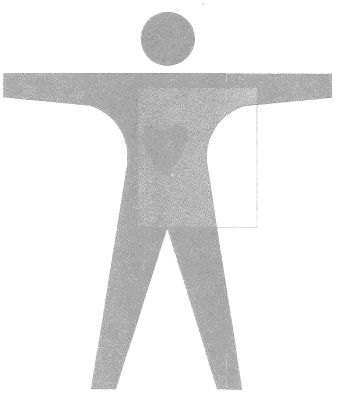
I put my trust in the love and power of God.

God Has Given Us Love!

BY THE NSAC HEALING CENTER

During Healthy Heart Month, we think of Valentines and of Love. God is Love and shares this beautiful energy with each of us. Love, unconditional Love, can resolve and dissolve life's discomforts, especially when we trust Spirit's Love and Light. Each soul is a radiating center of God's Light and Love, accepting and releasing according to our belief, openness and understanding. Love lifts our souls, heals the body and spirit and is our relationship with the Infinite, with our Spirit Friends and our Earthly relations. Life is a process of giving, of receiving or of holding back Love. As we Love ourselves and others, so do we experience God, so Love is our responsibility and our way to grow.

Our spirit teachers and guides come to us in Love. They never issue commands, but encourage us, waiting for us to open our hearts and minds to a higher teaching of Love. Great art and music, wonderful inventions, inspirational literature, healing procedures have all been whispered into the ears of those who will listen. Most great thinkers, inventors, creators and artists admit that they were inspired from a higher Source. Through Love for humanity our spiritual helpers are with us, we are never alone.



We, too, can be guided and inspired as we listen and as we open ourselves to the healing, creative energy of Love. The greatest advancement or healing takes place when we quiet the ego and understand that it is not our achievement, but that all things come from God.

Love is the harmonizing principle in life, helping to bring balance, joy and positive energy into our being. When Love is the guiding intention of our mental, it flows through the spiritual—inspiring, it flows through the physical—healing. Love is more than caring or affection, it is a soul quality, it is an expression of God. We are connected in life and afterlife through the energy of Love.

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Natural Law and Evolution

BY RON MEISSNER, Arizona

The great teachers taught the most complex things in simple terms. They taught that there is one transgression in life, and that is selfishness. They also taught that there is ONE truth. The ONE truth in life is that God, Infinite Intelligence, Infinite Spirit is the greatest of realities and does exist. You can use different terms for God, but you cannot change the true Source of all truth. From this one Source flows all truth, the eternal principles that we call Natural Law. Infinite Intelligence is the cause and Natural Law is the effect. This is the Source of the Law of Cause and Effect.

The mystique of accepting unexplained phenomenon as "paranormal" is rooted deeply in our history. In the absence of knowledge, we invent words and make predictions or theories to describe events that are beyond our understanding. Two such all encompassing words are miracle and paranormal. Now let's make this perfectly clear, there is no such thing as a miracle or paranormal, but there are immutable Universal Laws in existence. These Laws can explain every phenomenon in the cosmos.

No religious teacher, scientist or student has ever discovered a new Natural Law. There are no new discoveries in science, philosophy or religion. That is because we only open to the Laws that already exist and are awaiting our understanding. All the Natural Laws of science or religion that exist are re-discovered, for all the Laws of Nature existed long before we ever did. This is a truth that scientists cannot explain and cannot ignore.

Many famous scientists have asked the all important question. What is the source of the Natural Laws? All scientific laws come from a source that science has no explanation for. The study of science is often one dimensional and limits thinking.

Since there is one Source for truth, then Natural Law that applies to Science, Philosophy or Religion originates from this Infinitely Intelligent Source. Spiritualism teaches that Science, Philosophy and Religion are one study.

The ancient Greeks taught that knowledge itself is like a secret we keep from ourselves. When we study a subject, we uncover truths we did not recognize before. Each time you expand your conscious awareness by reading a book, learning from a lecture or by learning new truths from your spirit guides, it is like removing a veil. As we acquire spiritual knowledge, we build conscious mental bridges to the spiritual planes of existence. It is in its simplest terms, an expansion of consciousness, and once our consciousness is expanded, it will not again return to its former smaller size. We are forever changed.

Evolution is a Natural Law, and the evolution of your consciousness is in reality, the truest form of evolution. As we take our journey through life, learning lessons appropriate for our progression, we take evolutionary steps in consciousness, just as a baby takes evolutionary steps in learning how to walk. By looking at our own evolution this way, we can recognize that the journey is the destination, a daily path of evolutionary steps that expand our conscious awareness. You are right where you are supposed to be on your evolutionary journey.

Did you ever hear the saying no one else really teaches you because you teach yourself. You decide whether to open a book, go to a class or to open your mind to new teachings. You are your best teacher.

We wear this garment called the physical body for a brief lifetime, compared to an enduring eternity that awaits us. Within this physical shell we have chosen to live in, we learn lessons that can help us progress more rapidly, both now and on the other side of life.

An ocean of infinite and eternal knowledge does await our re-discovery, therefore how we focus our thoughts and consciousness is the key that unlocks the wisdom of the ages. As you focus your mind on learning truths, you uncover secrets that have been waiting for your re-discovery. The more the mind knows, the more the soul grows.

We control our destiny by the knowledge we chose to acquire in our lifetime. Choose wisely!

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The Material Universe

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Variety's the spice of life,
That gives it all its flavour.
– William Cowper (1731-1800)

A teeming, surging varied incredible life is bursting over Earth as never before. Many call this a "planetary burgeoning." Although we see a startling acceleration—in some cases an explosion—no one knows how far in the future is Earth's zenith of life or evolution. Nor can one predict the peak of body or spiritual development. Where will it end? *This is the grand mystery and the grand adventure for all of us.*

Moreover in this lavish ferment, these units of molecules, cells, organisms, plants, animals and their families, colonies and nations, somehow mingle and overlap and interact without ceasing, often fighting with each, always competing for supremacy without losing their identity, continuously developing new species with new identities as evolution progresses.



What then is material life's true nature, we ask. And is there a definable limit to life on this planet? How is life tied to consciousness? What holds body to mind? And, what is death? Is it an end?—or—is it a phase of life?

Spiritualists have made numerous studies of these fascinating topics, and when we turn our attention to this warm maternal Earth and ponder on the mysteries found there, we are aware that there is something intangible—an energy behind all life, behind all matter. It is **an unknowable Intelligence that somehow exists behind the creation and maintenance of all body, all mind and all spirit**—not to mention behind every other known wonder of the Universe. We can call this essence Infinite Intelligence.

Let us look now at this abounding mass of life, this material universe, and turn our eye to the visible life, to take its measure and see how it works. When we do this, we are astonished to find enormous variations and individual differences. And, we realize that it's the vast variety of life which gives living its flavour and adventure.

For example: among adult humans, some weigh 200 times more than others, and cover as wide a scope in size as found in the dog species—which includes both Chihuahuas and Saint Bernards. The heaviest human being who ever lived was Robert Earl Hughes of Monticello, Illinois. He died in 1958 at the age of thirty-two a few months after being weighed, before witnesses, at 1069 pounds. This is considered about normal for a six-year-old elephant. While the lightest human on record was Zuchia Zarate, a 19th century Mexican midget 26 1/2 inches tall, who weighed 4.7 pounds at maturity.

As for the human capacity for drastic physical change, the record might go to the American circus "fat lady" known as Dolly Dimple. At age fifty-eight, she weighed 555 pounds. She quit her job, and in 14 months under close medical care, slimmed down to 120 pounds.

We usually don't think of skin, which one easily sloughs off, as a vital organ. But skin is the largest and the most versatile organ of the body. It holds our liquid flesh (two-thirds water) in one piece and shields it against crippling blows, microbe and chemical invasions, heat, cold and searing ultraviolet sun rays. At the same time, it regulates

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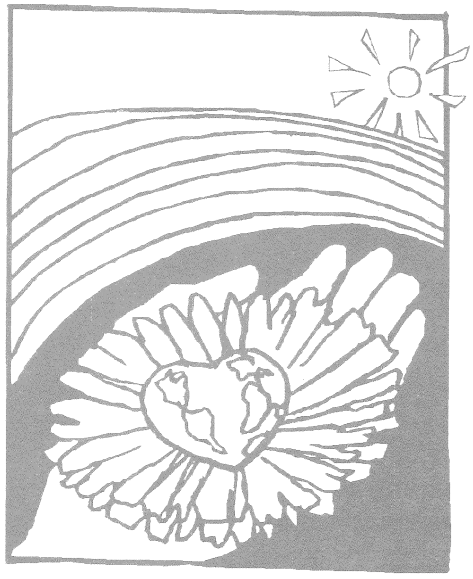
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blood flow, excretes water and houses the sense of touch.

The same tissue that becomes skin becomes in other places and in other animals, hair, nails, scales, claws, hoofs, horns, quills, beaks and feathers.

The full variety of skin is awesome and can't be appreciated without studying it microscopically. Then it is apparent that every part of the body is seen to be covered by skin of different specialized texture: every individual possessing unique fingerprints; and pore patterns, with two million hair and sweat glands; with surface nerves, blood capillaries, or in small creatures without lungs like the earthworm—a sieve-like velum that "breathes" oxygen directly to the blood.

Humans very likely live longer than any other mammal, including whales, but they have serious rivals among vultures and condors and certain eagles.



Animal longevity seems to vary in direct proportion to body size, with cold-blooded creatures outliving warm-blooded ones. But there are many deviations to this rule. For example: cats live longer than dogs—birds live longer than other animals their size—queen ants have lived 19 years—cicadas 17 years—many small reptiles, 30 years or more—and toads up to 54 years. Bats live three of four times as long as mice their size. But it is the large tortoises that hold the record for age among animals. The oldest documented patriarch of all being Tu'imalila, the tortoise reported to have been given to the queen of Tonga by Captain James Cook in 1772 which died in Tonga in 1966—after living more than 200 years.

Trees usually outlive animals, and some of them last more than 20 times as long. It has been established that pines in the White Mountains of California lived over 4600 years having started from a seed just before the pyramids of Egypt were begun.

The life expectancy of prehistoric man is estimated to have been 18 years. But, under the civilizing influence of the Roman Empire it rose to 22 years, in England in the Middle Ages to 33, in America in 1900 to 47, while India and other poor countries were still floundering under a life expectancy in the 30s. Western Europe, Japan, Australia, Canada and the United States have raised theirs to 70 years, mostly by improving the science of resisting diseases. Even dogs in North America have doubled their life expectancy from 7 years in 1930 to about 14 years now at a rate faster than humans.

Aging is the time when body cells die off faster than they can be replaced. So far, medical science has discovered little about how to control this inevitable process. Nor can medical science reverse the inescapable course.

Aging begins at the age of thirty, when organs, one after the other, begin to wear out. It has been established that in the body of an eighty-year-old man, 50 million cells are dying off each second, while perhaps only 30 million new ones replace them. Muscle has lost 30 percent of its former strength, the brain has shriveled 10%, nerve trunks have shed 25% of their fibers, each breath uses 50% less air, each heartbeat pumps 35% less blood, the blood absorbs oxygen 60 percent more slowly, and the kidneys have sacrificed half their efficiency to help other organs worse off than themselves.

Yet, it is an awesome thought that this human body will continue to function through all this change, deterioration and serious adjustment. It speaks for the wonder and magnificence of this impressive organization called the physical human body, which contains 100 organs, 200 bones, 600 muscles, trillions of cells and octillions of atoms. It speaks, too, for the magnitude of God.

It was once believed that human cells were immortal—and that aging was the result of the accumulation of toxins in the intestines. In the view, aging was curable. But, studies of human cells by medical scientists in the Children's Hospital in Oakland, California show that cells are not immortal. The experiments showed, too, that cells have a very definite life span.

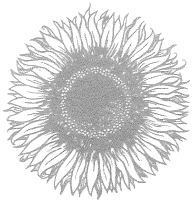
The aging process has long intrigued biologists, too. And through the studies of medical scientists as well as biologists we must accept the fact that aging, in all living creatures, is inevitable, irreversible and incurable.

We can say then that physical life has a span, an amount, a measure, a definable limit, and all the advances of medical science—all the striving to avoid this experience—won't erase or reverse this process one iota.

However, this fleeting span of life on this beautiful mysterious planet of ours is a magnificent adventure, and the boundless variety found here gives this mortal life of ours its spice and flavour.

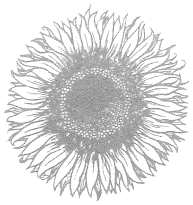
There is mystery in this Universe
Not only somewhere, but everywhere,
And far, far beyond the scope of man's feeble
Capacity to comprehend. Hence the mystery,
The abiding, pervasive unknowability,
That many call by the name of God.

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– Bylaw Amendments –

Adopted at 2001 Convention



Article II, Section 2, Principle #8

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

Article IV, Section 10, 11A, 14, 16

(Replacing "Renewal" with "Registration")

Section 10. **Annual Registration Fee for Ordained Minister.** Annually, an Ordained Minister shall submit with the Ordained Minister's Annual Report:

A. Under the jurisdiction of a state association, or a direct charter church society, fifty dollars ($50) payable by August 1 of each year.
B. The state association or direct chartered church society collecting the fees will retain ten dollars ($10) and forward forty dollars ($40) to the NSAC Secretary postmarked no later than August 31 of each year.

Section 11. **Certificates, Degrees and Commissions held by Ordained Minister.** All certificates, degrees and commissions held by an Ordained Minister shall be considered permanent and exempt and having no annual renewal fees during the validity of the Ordination with the NSAC if:

A. The Annual Registration Fee for Ordained Minister is paid.
B. Membership in good standing in a church society is maintained.

Section 14. **Exemption for One-Half (1/2) Annual Certificate Registration Fees.** Any Ordained Minister, Licentiate Minister, Certified Medium or Commissioned Spiritualist Healer shall be eligible to pay one half (1/2) of the Annual Registration Fee is the person has:

A. Reached the age of sixty (60) years and has held one (1) or more certificates for twenty-five (25) years, or
B. Reached the age of sixty-five (65) years and held at least one (1) or more certificates for twenty (20) years.

Section 16. **Exemption for Annual Certificate Registration Fee.** Any Ordained Minister, Licentiate Minister, Certified Medium, or Commissioned Spiritualist Healer who has reached the age of seventy (70) years shall be exempt from payment of any Annual Certificate Renewal or Registration Fee. The exempt person shall file an Annual Report with the NSAC Secretary, and/or the state association secretary postmarked no later than August 31 each year.

Article V, Officers, Section 2 and 3

Section 2. **Election Groups.** These officers shall be elected, along with five (5) trustees, by a majority vote taken by ballot, or voice vote if there is only one nominee, of the delegates at Annual Convention, in three (3) groups as follows: President, and two (2) Trustees; Vice President, Secretary, and one (1) Trustee; Treasurer and two (2) Trustees. The term of each group is for three (3) years or until their successors are elected.

Section 3. **Election Group Schedule.** At the convention of 2001 the election schedule was established as indicated below: Thereafter all terms for officers and trustees shall be for the full three (3) -year term or until their successors are elected in line with established groups.

2001	Vice President (3)*	Secretary (3)	Trustee (3)	Trustee (2)
2002	Treasurer (3)	Trustee (3)	Trustee (3)	
2003	President (3)	Trustee (3)	Trustee (3)	

(* Number in parentheses indicates number of years)

Article VIII, Charters, Section 6

(new section #6 with remaining sections renumbered)

Section 6. **Transfer of Affiliation.** A religious Spiritualist society desirous of transferring to the NSAC will provide the following to the NSAC Board.

A. Letter of intent with a copy of the society's membership meeting minutes which indicate the desire for this change.
B. Current Charter (copy or original)
C. Completed application for charter
D. Appropriate NSAC Charter Fee
E. Completed NSAC Application for Membership for each member of the society
F. And has met the prerequisites for a NSAC church society charter.

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Article XIII, Authorized Exponents, Section 6

Section 6. **Reinstatement of Certificates:** Cancelled or surrendered certificates may be reinstated with the following stipulations:

A. Application for reinstatement is approved by the applicant's church society.
B. Following a review by the NSAC Board, re-examination and, or additional education may be waived if the candidate meets the educational requirements, or equivalent, of the NSAC.
C. Payment of three (3) years fees for each certificate, or for ordination which will cover all certificates being reinstated.

Article XIII, Authorized Exponents, Section 12

Section 12. **Ordained Requirements:** An NSAC candidate for Ordination as a Minister of Spiritualism shall satisfy the NSAC Board of the following:

A. Has obtained their Licentiate Minister Certificate, completed the NSAC Approved pastoral Skills course and has satisfied one or more of the following:
   (1) The NSAC Board has received twelve (12) satisfactory affidavits for participation in a worship service: Six (6) as speaker/sermon and six (6) for chairing of a worship service.
   (2) Has held the position of Pastor of an NSAC church for a minimum period of two (2) years.
   (3) Has satisfactorily documented two (2) or more years of service in the area of a Licentiate Minister including lecturing, chairing worship services, conducting workshops or classes.
B. Has satisfactorily completed the required educational courses of this Society for Ordination and satisfactorily completed an NSAC approved pastoral skills course.
C. Has completed and submitted the Application for Ordination to the board having immediate jurisdiction.
D. Appears in person before the NSAC Board for oral examination and satisfactorily fulfills the requirements of educational training, ability to teach, and special knowledge of the Science, Philosophy and Religion of Spiritualism.

Motion adopted by Delegates with reference to Article XIII, Section 12:

That this bylaw will apply to anyone who receives their LM following this convention. LMs who hold a current LM certificate may follow either procedure, meaning pre, or post convention (bylaws) up through the time of the 2002 NSAC Spring Board Meeting.

Article XIII, Authorized Exponents, Section 28

Section 28. **Transfer of Certificates from Other Organizations.** Members of other independent Spiritualist organizations holding certificates, commissions, or ordinations, may submit to the NSAC Board an Application for Certificate Exchange. The applicant shall provide:

A. For Transfer of certifications from organizations whose educational system has NOT been determined to be equal to NSAC educational requirements
   (1) Completed NSAC membership application for future NSAC church membership.
   (2) Letter of recommendation from a NSAC church society
   (3) For Certified Medium and/or Spiritualist Healer Commission, testimony in the form of not less than six (6) affidavits from different persons attesting to the Medium's ability to demonstrate evidential and edifying spirit messages or physical phenomena, or the healer's ability to cure or relieve serious ailments. The attestor's signature shall be notarized or witnessed by two (2) officers which may include the pastor of the church. *(Use of the NSAC Mediumship Affidavit or the NSAC Healer Affidavit currently in use at the time of obtaining the affidavit is required.)*
   (4) Copy of all certificates to be exchanged
   (5) Appropriate application fees
B. For transfer of certificates from an organization whose educational system has been determined to be equal to NSAC educational requirements and no further exam is required:
   (1) Completed NSAC membership application for future NSAC church membership.
   (2) Letter of recommendation from a NSAC church society.
   (3) Copy of all certificates to be exchanged
   (4) Appropriate application fees
C. For individuals from other organizations who have completed all the requirements of that organization but have not received ordination solely due to the need of a calling from a church, that proof of eligibility for ordination and comparable education studies, that ordination be granted upon satisfactorily completion of an oral exam by the NSAC Board.

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Positive Statements To Help Create a Positive Day.

Affirmations . . . FEBRUARY 2002

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Let Spirit be in every thought and every action today.	**2** God loves me and loves through me.
3 Caring for myself is a message of appreciation to God.	**4** I hold positive desires in mind as a blueprint for the future.	**5** God is interested in our inside grace more than our outside space.	**6** "It is not enough to lift the weak, one must hold him up afterwards." – *Shakespeare*	**7** Each morning I am renewed with the light of Spirit.	**8** "A true friend is the best possession." – *Benjamin Franklin*	**9** Anything I can dream is possible with Spirit.
10 "Let us learn to see as God must, with a Perfect Vision." – *SOM*	**11** "Welcome tomorrow with good humor." – *Robert Browning*	**12** "Who has a lot is not rich, he is rich who gives a lot." – *Erich Fromm*	**13** I release and let go of worry, to allow greater Spirit into my life.	**14** When you practice love, it shows in so many ways.	**15** "Sometimes, simply by sitting, the soul collects wisdom." – *Zen Proverb*	**16** We do not need to be informed so much as to be reminded.
17 "Kind words can be short and easy; their echo, infinite." – *Mother Teresa*	**18** I lift my thoughts to God and this guides me.	**19** "Nothing really sets human nature free but self-control." – *Paul Bottome*	**20** You experience the elements according to the clothes you wear.	**21** Imagination is essential, inspired and the beginning of newness.	**22** "Passion is a cosmic force, like gravity." – *Amado Nervo*	**23** I honor the presence of God within me.
24 When we love a lot, we forgive a lot.	**25** My body is a temple for Spirit.	**26** My prayers and meditation nourish my soul.	**27** God's love links me to others.	**28** With Spirit, Creative thoughts become reality.		



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

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

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ORLANDO - Spiritualist Church of Awareness, NSAC
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CLINTON - Mississippi Valley Spiritualist Assoc. Camp
P.O. Box 75, 52733-0075; 2002 Camp Season, 7-6-02 thru 8-18-02; Rev. Bonnie Horstman, Secy., NST, (563) 242-8460.

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

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

ONSET - On-I-Set Wigwam Co-Workers Spiritualist Camp
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FEBRUARY 1

Best wishes for a great birthday to NSAC Board member, **David Saunders**.

FEBRUARY 8

Commemorates the death of **Buddha**, called Nirvana Day.

FEBRUARY 8, 1795

Nathaniel Potter Tallmadge, was born in NY, graduated with honors at the age of twenty from William's College, MA, became a lawyer at twenty-three; in 1828 was elected to the NY Legislative Assembly, then a U.S. Senator. Later he was a Judge of the Supreme Court of NY and then was appointed the Governor of Wisconsin which at that time was a territory. Tallmadge investigated Spiritualism to help his friend, Judge Edmonds, who had been attacked by newspapers because of his beliefs. He became a great advocate for Spiritualism. His daughter became a medium, who while entranced played classical and popular music, even though she had no technical knowledge of music. He also received direct writing from Spirit and phenomena. Tallmadge organized a written document to be presented to the Congress of United States with 13,000 signatures for the movement of Spiritualism.



FEBRUARY 8, 1861

Seven Southern states, with Jefferson Davis as president, set up a Confederate States of America. They captured federal arsenals and forts in the South and the friction between the North and the South magnified. The **Civil War** broke out in April when the Confederates fired on Fort Sumter in Charleston, SC. By May, 11 states had seceded. President Lincoln called for 75,000 volunteers, blockaded Southern ports and the Civil War was underway.

FEBRUARY 14

Share love with all you meet. Send love to any you know. Pray for love to surround the world. Love yourself. Love God!

FEBRUARY 28, 1859

W. A. Mansfield was born on this date. He was one of the first slate writing mediums and through his evidential mediumship, people were convinced that life was continuous. His method of spirit communication was demonstrated before thousands of people and brought many to Spiritualism. ♥

• Resolutions adopted at the 2001 NSAC Annual Convention •

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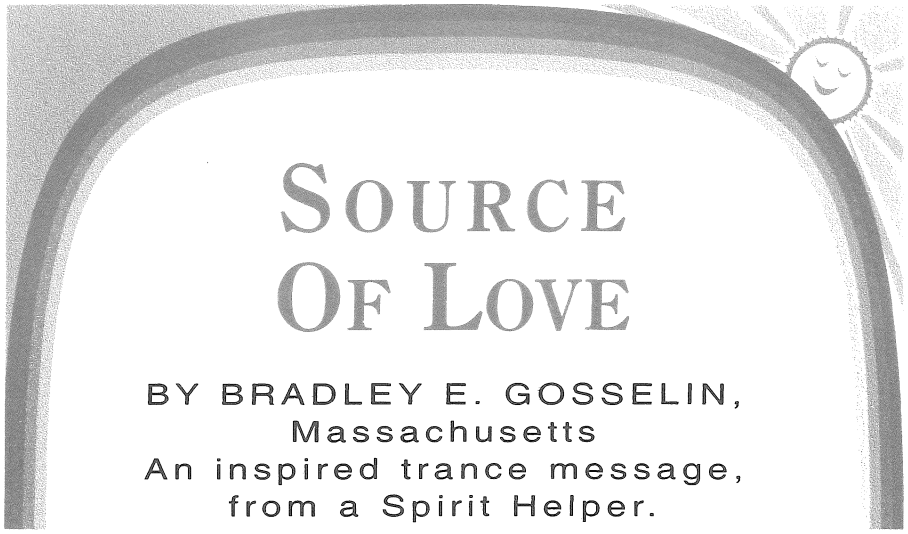
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SOURCE OF LOVE

BY BRADLEY E. GOSSELIN,
Massachusetts
An inspired trance message,
from a Spirit Helper.

Sometimes people do not understand that which comes from the Spirit World. As spirit helpers, we send messages in many ways through thoughts that we influence, through the ideas that we influence. We do not direct, but we do influence. It is always up to each individual how they react to our influence, how they accept our influence and how they choose to use our influence. We do not tell, we do not insist, we only ask that you listen.

We ask that you listen to that which we bring from the Spirit World. We ask that you listen to that which is inside yourself, that which you brought from the Spirit World, for your spirit, when it entered a human form, brought with it many of the things of the Spirit World. Many of those things become hidden or recessed within because your culture teaches different things, very different from what you learned in the Spirit World.

You come into this life with love, but you learned not always to trust physical love. You learned to not always trust yourself, your loved ones, your friends. And, this is unfortunate for it is within trust that one learns to love. Unconditional love comes from the Spirit World. It's to be used in many ways. It is to be used in your actions, in your manners. It is to be used in the love that you should share, that you must share with others. That is the way of the Spirit World and that is the way that we would like to see in your world. Love one another, it's very rewarding.

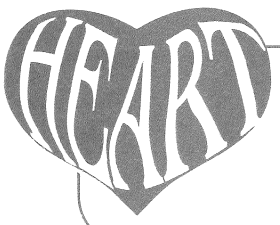
Often humans are afraid to show that love, afraid of being hurt, afraid of not looking strong. The subconscious mind contains many things, many ideas, many thoughts that emanate from the spirit within, that emanate from the Spirit World without, but most of those things are overshadowed by the conscious mind. The conscious mind is often used as a reaction and not as a proaction of life.

Learn to be positive, to go forth with love. Practice love, share love, and use love in the way it is meant—to be shared, to be shown and to be unconditional. Love should show in your eyes, in your face, with your smile, with your touch, for it is this caring and compassion that we share in common—the Spirit World to your world and from your world to our world.

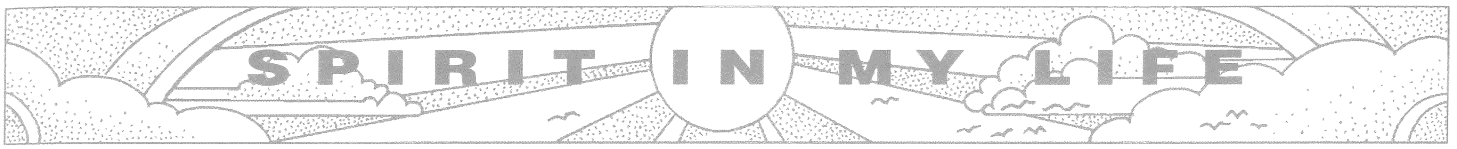
Send out loving thoughts, and love will return!

Peace and Brotherhood

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"Speak from thy heart, thy soul is listening."
– Carol Kramer



***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.*

Remembrance Of Beauty

By ANTHONY LaRUSSO, California



Recently I became a film student. This has become an enlightening path especially being a friend of Spiritualism and someone whose eye is open towards the deeper meaning of symbols.

The world of film is all about filling the frame, making the story, and shooting it from several different perspectives. And, as I've discovered, if you don't "light" things correctly, you will have unusable product. If you don't "mic" things correctly, you will have an unusable product as well. There's a host of things that need to be done, and really you're going to need a crew.

To attract a crew, you're going to have to believe in your vision. You're going to have to know what it is. So you're probably going to have to have some skills and be educated somehow. But who wants to work with someone who doesn't yet know how to do things? So how do we learn things in life?

Everyone learns differently. And I think so many people want to learn in a private manner. That's what I've observed. When you raise your hand in class and ask a question, you let everyone else know that you don't know something. Gee, do you think they want to be your crew now? Hmmm. But I maintain that courageousness and clarity are most attractive and draw quality energies to you.

On a no-budget film set, one of the ways a story can be made fascinating is by color. You may not be able to afford the Taj Mahal or a huge cast. But, you can have colorful costumes, and you can shoot a meaningful interaction against a colorful wall or a beautiful sunset. Or, maybe you have a horrible background, but what you shoot is a close-up of helping someone else out, really listening, volunteering to be there, like we've seen in New York on television recently. You work with what you've got and you find a way to bring something to it. What the beauty is, is the effort that we have made in our stories of life.

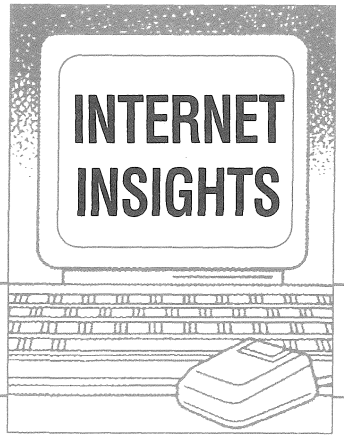
Spiritualism talks frequently about the *story* of our life—the story that we're creating. There's a song *I Love To Tell The Story*. When I sing that song, I remember how "unreal" this plane of existence is. Just as you remember the unreality of things when you're in the editing room pasting several takes and angles together into one scene, to get an audience to believe it's all happening at the same time. Pshaw! If we remember the impermanence of this plane, maybe we can have more fun with juggling around the various elements of our life.

One of the things that Spiritualism has taught me is how to interpret better the symbols around me. Simply by listening to the way mediums give their messages—concentrated pictures, heightened moments, observation of feeling, texture, detail—I have embarked on a path of education of real community. When someone shares with me how they receive messages, I learn how to look for messages, and how to listen better. Messages are all around us in our lives.

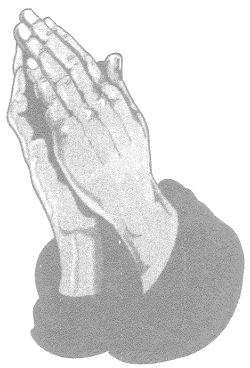
As for a crew for our work, a crew is all around us, also. Which one of us here hasn't wanted help in our lives? What I find so uplifting about Spiritualism is the affirmation that there are spirit energies speaking to us. We begin to see things from a different perspective. One of the things most valuable about communicating with the so-called dead is that they have spent time on this plane and they now don't have that physicality and perhaps some of the associated fears and hesitations that can be associated with losing that physicality. I don't mean to romanticize the dead. There's a lot of people I wouldn't want to invite in my house. It is up to you in your silent meditation to ask for the quality of the crew that you so desire.

Recently, with the September 11th events, my consciousness has turned towards dealing with war by asking assistance from those that have been through it. That maxim about those that do not know history will be destined to repeat it, strikes me most recently in my life. History was my least favorite subject in school, and I just

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A Test



Take this little test and see what you think.

1. Name the five wealthiest people in the world.
2. Name the last five Heisman trophy winners.
3. Name the last five winners of the Miss America contest.
4. Name ten people who have won the Nobel or Pulitzer prize.
5. Name the last half dozen Academy Award winners for Best Actor and Actress.
6. Name the last decade's worth of World Series Winners.

How did you do?

The point is, none of us remembers the headliners of yesterday. These are not second-rate achievers. They're the best in their fields. But the applause dies. Awards tarnish. Achievements are forgotten. Accolades and certificates are buried with their owners.

Now here's another quiz. See how you do on this one:

1. List a few teachers who aided your journey through school.
2. Name three friends who have helped you through a difficult time.
3. Name five people who have taught you something worthwhile.
4. Think of a few people who have made you feel appreciated and special.
5. Think of five people you enjoy spending time with.
6. Name a half dozen heroes whose stories have inspired you.

Easier?

The lesson?

The people who make a difference in your life aren't the ones with the most credentials, the most money, or the most awards. They're the ones who care.

Subject: 57 cents



A sobbing little girl stood near a small church from which she had been turned away because it *was too crowded*. "I can't go to Sunday School," she sobbed to the pastor as he walked by. Seeing her shabby, unkempt appearance, the pastor guessed the reason and, taking her by the hand, took her inside and found a place for her in the Sunday School class. The child was so touched that she went to bed that night thinking of the children who have no place to worship Jesus. Some two years later, this child lay dead in one of the poor tenement buildings and the parents called for the kind-hearted pastor, who had befriended their daughter, to handle the final arrangements. As her poor little body was being moved, a worn and crumpled purse was found which seemed to have been rummaged from some trash dump. Inside was found 57

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couldn't read about war or watch movies about war in any capacity. As an adult, I am now reaching out to ancestors that went through WWII, the Depression, the famine in Ireland, all sorts of tribulations, and somehow they managed to bring love and find beauty in the midst of all these things. I want to learn those things and respect the wisdom that has already been learned. I want to pass it on.

Everyone talks now about opportunities of closeness. The recent events have jolted us into remembering the temporalness of this plane. It is the one good thing everyone seems to agree about, that reaching out to people and showing your feelings of love and connection is important to do, not later, but now. The truth is, it's always been important to do NOW. Just ask any of your ancestors on the other side.

Sometimes I am sad about missed opportunities of closeness. I am sad that my grandmothers passed away without me really caring to connect with them and listen to their stories about what they learned. So, yes, I believe Spiritualism is a comfort—to know that I can still speak to them if I want to, if I request that communication and listen with an open heart.

Now I'm not suggesting that everyone become a filmmaker. Matter of fact, I actually discourage it. No, I'm joking. Go for it and see if you want to do it. I'm sure that's the worldly wisdom that would be imparted in so many words if asked, for any kind of occupation, and any kind of endeavor we set our sites on. Being in a classroom is humbling, but I enjoy it. I love the lessons, learning, but it is challenging the process.

It's true that life is a classroom, but at least in my City College class, I know who the teacher is, who I've agreed to let teach me, and I know that my job is to listen. A message from spirit is the same kind of classroom. It's so humbling. In that moment you have opened yourself up to wisdom and you have agreed to listen. So listen!

There ARE spirits who have passed on who have been through many of the same kinds of lessons we are going through. We truly honor spirit by asking for help. Our success is really everyone's success, even spirits.

We really want to be able to give our gifts, let gifts flow through us, and spread in all ways manifestations of love. Remember that you are creating your life story—so find meaningfulness and bring beauty to what you're creating. You do a tremendous honor to spirit by consciously allowing them to help. You add to the success of their mission. And of course, your mission is greatly helped as well. After all, in the very big scheme of things, our mission is one and the same, isn't it? ♥



"To love another person is to see the face of God."

– Victor Hugo, *Les Miserables*

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cents and a note scribbled in childish handwriting which read, "This is to help build the little church bigger so more children can go to Sunday school." For two years she had saved for this offering of love. When the pastor tearfully read that note, he knew instantly what he would do. Carrying this note and the cracked, red pocketbook to the pulpit, he told the story of her unselfish love and devotion. He challenged his deacons to get busy and raise enough money for the larger building. But the story does not end there! A newspaper learned of the story and published it. It was read by a realtor who offered them a parcel of land worth many thousands. When told that the church could not pay so much, he offered it for a 57 cent payment. Church members made large subscriptions. Checks came from far and wide. Within five years the little girl's gift had increased to $250,000.00—a huge sum for that time (near the turn of the century). Her unselfish love had paid large dividends. When you are in the city of Philadelphia, look up Temple Baptist Church, with a seating capacity of 3,300, and Temple University, where hundreds of students are trained. Have a look, too, at the Good Samaritan Hospital and at a Sunday School building which houses hundreds of Sunday scholars, so that no child in the area will ever need to be left outside at Sunday school time. In one of the rooms of this building may be seen the picture of the sweet face of the little girl whose 57 cents, so sacrificially saved, made such remarkable history. Alongside of it is a portrait of her kind pastor, Dr. Russel H. Conwell, author of the book, "Acres of Diamonds."—a true story.

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ISLAMIC SPEAKER, NIHAD AWAD

BY DEAN GILL
Center for Spiritual Enlightenment, Falls Church, Virginia

The Center for Spiritual Enlightenment is a caring and loving community. Following the horrendous acts of terrorism, it is important for all Spiritualists to band together even more closely for strength, unity and mutual support. To address this spiritual cause, the Rev. B. Anne Gehman, Pastor of the Center for Spiritual Enlightenment, has invited speakers to impart insight into other spiritual pathways, specifically, Buddhism, Islam, Hinduism, Christian Mysticism and Native American Spirituality. This excellent article summarizes Mr. Nihad Awad's speech of October 7 at the Center regarding Islam.

On October 7, 2001, the Center for Spiritual Enlightenment, NSAC in Falls Church, Virginia hosted Mr. Nihad Awad, the Executive Director and co-founder of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR). CAIR is the largest Muslim civil rights organization in North America, working in public education and policy areas on issues germane to Muslims in America. Mr. Awad spoke for approximately 50 minutes, providing a thumbnail sketch of the core tenets of the Islamic religion as well as discussing timely issues arising from the tragedies of September 11. Later, he fielded questions from the congregation.

Mr. Awad began his presentation with an humble assessment of his own expertise on the issues, as he readily reminded the group that he is a civil engineer by training, not a theologian. Rather than provide a definitive description of Islam, Mr. Awad's purpose was to provide an orientation regarding the basics of Islam. In light



Speaker Nihad Awad addresses the Center for Spiritual Enlightenment, NSAC

of recent events, he commented that when terrorism is perpetrated against abortion clinics, American society understands that it is the action of extremists—not an action inspired by the overall position of Christianity or views held by most individual Christians. Not so for Islam, according to Mr. Awad. In America, Islam is so poorly understood that Muslims must come out and publicly separate themselves from the work of extremists, as the religion is easily painted by the broad-brush strokes of ignorance and stereotyping.

Mr. Awad continued with a brief description of his life—beginning in a Palestinian refugee camp in Jordan, a university education in Italy, wending through Minneapolis, Minnesota, and culminating in his current position at CAIR. As he stressed the universality of Islam, he cited his own family (his wife is American-born) as an example of the inter-connectedness of the world. He noted how his children have cousins who are Muslim and Christian, living in the U.S., in Europe, and the Middle East. They have cousins who are in the military, daily maintaining the no-fly zone in Iraq, and other cousins who yet languish in refugee camps in Gaza and the West.

Next Mr. Awad delved into the core tenets of Islam. The word, Islam, itself is a derivative of the Arabic *salaam*, which means peace. He noted how antithetical to Islam were the actions of September 11. He then went on to describe the five pillars of Islam: an oath attesting that there is no god but God, and that Muhammad is his messenger; organized prayer five times a day; *zakat*, or alms to the poor; fasting during the month of Ramadan; and the *haj*, or pilgrimage to Mecca. As he discussed each of these core pillars, Mr. Awad stressed the commonality Islam has with Judaism and Christianity. Not only was Muhammad the messenger of God according to Islam, so too were all the prophets of the Old Testament, as well as Jesus.

Mr. Awad also sought to clarify some common misunderstandings about Islam; chief among them was his discussion of the term *Jihad*. According to Mr. Awad, a *Jihad* is totally mis-translated to English as "holy war." Rather, a Jihad is a noble cause — any noble cause. The most noble cause or Jihad, according to Mr.

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ISLAMIC SPEAKER, NIHAD AWAD *(Continued from previous page.)*

Awad, is the internal struggle each of us engage with our own character and behavior to live pure and good lives. The events of September 11, said Mr. Awad, were the results of a perverted *Jihad* perpetrated by a small band of extremist thugs who on that day not only commandeered several airplanes, but also "hijacked Islam" from the millions of adherents world-wide who openly and plainly condemned the terrorist acts. However, as Mr. Awad described his personal audience with President Bush at the Islamic Center in Washington, D.C. on September 16, he explained how he urged the President to revisit American policies that enrage and infuriate many in the Muslim world. Mr. Awad believes that removing these core policy-driven motivations will stymie attempts by extremists to foment hate against America, and head off the creation and nurturing of future suicide bombers.

During the question and answer period, Mr. Awad fielded questions on issues ranging from the Muslim view of forgiveness to honor killings of women in predominantly Muslim countries. When asked about the Islamic pillar of charity, and why many Muslim nations seem to have dramatic social divisions between the hyper-rich and desperately poor, Mr. Awad commented on how most Muslim nations exist under despotic, unjust conditions. Underscoring his answers to questions was the notion that a clear distinction must be made between the Islamic religion and the cultural context where the Muslim faith tends to reside. Honor killings and female circumcision are examples of horrific practices that predate the advent of Islam, and are totally and unequivocally un-Islamic. According to Mr. Awad, Islam views men and women as equals, although with distinctly different roles in society. Mr. Awad elicited smiles and chuckles as he confessed that in his family, it is his wife, and not he, who is in charge.



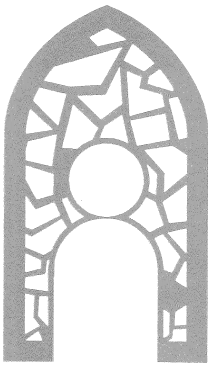
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Led by Dr. Wayne Knoll, Mr. Awad received a standing ovation from the Center for Spiritual Enlightenment members and guests, and was enthusiastically engaged for further discussion during post-service fellowship. Mr. Awad closed his presentation with the desire to speak again—but hopefully, under dramatically different worldwide circumstances.

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Hope is the thing with feathers–
That perches in the soul–
And sings the tune without
the words–
And never stops at all–
– Emily Dickerson

Things To Think About

BY MERRY BROWNE

• LOVE



When Ancient sages taught that Love is the only Law of Life, they knew the individual Laws, which are the commandments, sum up to Love. This type of Love is the high command of the Creator and it is a beautiful one. There is also love on the personal level and when it is combined with Universal Love for all, it is almost beyond believing and very akin to bliss. The following is my ode to it.

"Love"

Love need not embrace me
Nor try to kiss away my tears,
All I need is love beside me
Through the years.

Love need not always pace my footsteps
Though his presence is most dear,
As long as I can see his shadow
Telling me he's near.

Love need never be my servant
Nor my Lord to make me whole,
It is enough that love is mated
To my soul.

Whatever else you be—be Loving!

Love is life's Embroidery.

Attempting to regain our equilibrium from the shock and aftershocks of September 11th, we hear people say we're growing to a new awareness of our common humanity and the need to consciously connect and stay connected. The new norm will be a move from human to humane, from self-serving to serving others, a great transcending of the old normal to the new. And out of this chaos shall come order of a kind before unknown to mass society that proclaims, *Let there be peace in all the world and let it begin with us.*

If you should ask me what race I am, I will reply—the Human Race. If you ask what religion, I will say "The Golden Rule," which is the core teaching of all religions. This makes me your sister whether you like it or not, because there is only one parent, the Creator, and we are all His kids. Think About It!

My own study of psychology began in 1950 and my love of the study of the mind has not diminished, in fact it increases with time. I am delighted at the current trend to examine the relationship of behaviors not only with life experiences but with states of health as well. The University of California at Davis, California is conducting a research of these relationships and it is being found that gratitude results in an overall well-being of both health and life experience which resulted in their being more altruistic, as well.

• POETRY

"The Finding"

Find someone who has grown weary,
Lend a helping hand,
Find someone caught in confusion,
Help him understand,
Find life's all too many storms
And in silence softly, gently
hold him in your arms,
Look for those outside the sunshine,
Look for those to bless
If you would in your own searching
Find your happiness.

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Humor to put you in Good Spirits . . .

• What makes life 100%??

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THINGS TO THINK ABOUT *(Continued from previous page.)*

"Question"

What purpose has life
If not for the caring,
What use is Love
If not for the sharing,
What good is anything
In part or whole
That lives without Heart
and dies without soul?



"The Servant Leader"

One who gives with no thought
of return
may seem like a fool
to those yet to learn
that this is a heart
most worthy of
respect—It's a soul
who has learned how to love.

The Lesson Of Oneness!

BY JUDY MERRILL, DSNU, Canada

In the aftermath of the events of last September, which affected the whole world in its horror and violence, now is the time, more than ever, to draw together as one society, one humanity—Oneness under God. We have known and spoken of our God as a loving God to all who would hear. Often people question life and that tragedy can happen in a caring world.

Spiritualism has long discussed why their services were not well attended and why many people don't even know what we have to offer. What are we offering? Openness and growth have been our effort, but have we succeeded in reaching a needy society with this message? What can we do in this climate to reach out and enlighten and draw to us those that are seeking comfort in their loss; those that are lost in their understanding of life; those that just need to hear there is more to life than what has gone before?

Spiritualism has always offered comfort to the grieving, yet it is the famous (John Edwards, *et. al.*) who get the publicity and credit for this talent. How can we reach out to these people and tell them of the continuous existence of human life? Let's suggest to our congregations that their tithing or contribution for the next worship service is not material goods, but to bring a friend to see what we are about, to bring someone to perhaps join in on our message.

Recently a writer asked about Spiritualism for an article and wondered about the psychic messages that our congregations hear each week. One thought was: could we exist without the demonstration of the psychic/mediumship as Spiritualism? My response: yes, we could, but we would be missing one of the most interesting parts of Spiritualism.

There is a message of spirit to be explored in Spiritualism (the base word of Spiritualism is Spirit) and the psychic/mediumship demonstration is meant to enhance and prove this point. There are also other and more scientific methods to prove the existence of spirit. Perhaps we should be exploring all the possibilities instead of getting caught up in this one direction.

Do we hear our speakers discussing Spirit in all their talks? How prevalent is Spirit in the lives of our congregations? Are there avenues to pursue that would enlighten us about the Spirit in all life, in all living things?



The discussion and understanding of Spirit would be the direction to prove the oneness of all life. It is the same God Spirit in each of us that needs to manifest that Spirit in our affairs to change all that is happening in our lives.

The power of thought, the power of prayer, is the working of Natural Law in this Oneness to impress and enlighten all those who see the God of their understanding as vengeful or war-like. That is not the Loving God of our understanding and the more we spread Love the more others will understand that Spirit is life.

All that happens in our world is a catalyst to make changes. Can we wake up to this call and turn our consciousness from material thoughts and pursuits, in a limiting world picture and make them of a spiritual nature which is eternal.

When one abusive word or deed is uttered anywhere on this Earth Plane, it can be felt in the heart and mind of all caring people throughout the world. That is the lesson of Oneness, that is the pursuit of God in all things. God is Spirit! God is all Spirit Energy on this plane, and on all planes. God is eternal, as is our spirit.

This makes all life on earth spiritual and of Spirit. Be a part of the progress of this thought, be a part of the growth of all life through spirit. That is our mandate, that is our life, be a part of the living. ♥

Life's Pathway

By Emily Matthews



At times, life's path
seems filled with things
that make the going rough,
And we wish there were
a smoother road,
for we feel we've had enough.
But, if we pause a moment
and remember Who's in charge,
The hills that loom ahead of us
no longer seem so large,
And every rock before us,
when we know we're not alone,
Becomes, not just a stumbling block,
but one more stepping stone.



FAVORITE SAYINGS TO LIVE BY



"The everyday kindness of the back roads more than makes up for the acts of greed in the headlines."
– Charles Kuralt,
On The Road With Charles Kuralt

"I swear I think now that every living thing, without exception, has an eternal soul. I swear I think that there is nothing but immortality."
– Walt Whitman

"To Desire is to obtain. To Aspire is to achieve."
– Unknown

"Treat people as if they were what they ought to be and you help them to become what they are capable of being."
– Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

"Churches are a bridge to God, but many people get stuck on the bridge!"
– Unknown

"The Universe is always on purpose, with every fold unfolding."
– Karen Tisler

California Charter

The Spiritualist Chapel of the Pines Dedication Ceremony.

The Spiritualist Chapel of the Pines received their Charter from the NSAC, October 11, 1981.

As the Church was first held in a small building on Luther Road, it was hard to have room for more than 12 persons. It was decided to wait for the Spiritualist Chapel of the Pines to find a larger hall to meet in to have a Dedication Ceremony.

As time went on, the Chapel of the Pines moved from Luther road to a Quonset building at Highway 49 and Lincoln Avenue. From there, the Spiritualist Chapel of the Pines made two more moves before settling in the place we are now meeting in Auburn, California.

The November Monthly Program announced a Church Dedication Ceremony for November 11, 2001. The congregation for the Sunday Service and Dedication Ceremony was well attended by members and visitors. The Rev. Louis Potter, Pastor, being able to drive down to Auburn from where his wife and he live in Gardnerville, Nevada, was grateful that it did not snow on Highway 80 over the Donner Summit this weekend.

With the help of the Church Board, the Rev. Louis Potter gave the Dedication of the Spiritualist Chapel of the Pines. The Church Directors read the answers to the questions.

Directors present were George Brenner, Assistant Pastor; Pauline Conrad, President; Evie Sordelet, Secretary; Christine Becker, Grace Carter, Helen Brenner, Directors.

The Dedication Ceremony came after Chairperson, June Kilmer, opened the Sunday service with a salute to the Flag. The opening song, *America The Beautiful*, was most appropriate for the Dedication Ceremony to follow the Reading of the Principles.

After the Dedication Ceremony, Ed Kilmer gave one of his fine lectures on the word fear, and how the spirit teachers are there to help us overcome anxiety and fear. Message greetings were by Viretta Feiro and Louis Potter.

Chocolate cake, cookies, crackers and coffee were served after the worship service in the refreshment area.

This is where everyone seems to gather after the service is over, and there was lots of friendly talk among our members, as some are not always in attendance.

The Spiritualist Chapel of the Pines sends a wish to all NSAC Board Members and Churches for all the best for the coming season.

♥ ♥ ♥

Visitor in Virginia

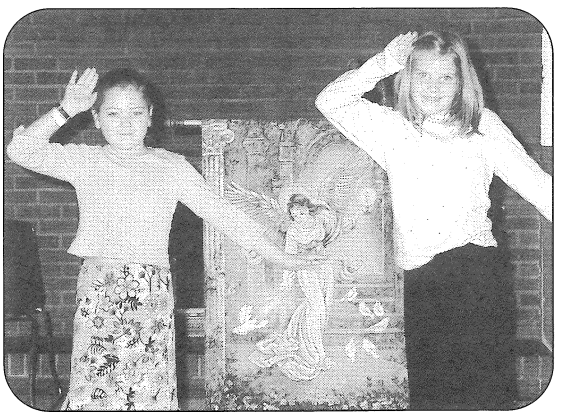
Emmy Chetkins Addresses The Center for Spiritual Enlightenment, Falls Church, Virginia

The Center for Spiritual Enlightenment was fortunate to have Emmy Chetkins from Lily Dale, New York as our speaker for the November 11 Sunday service. Emmy is the founder of the Church of the Living Spirit in Lily Dale. Her address on the topic of healing was both informative and stimulating, enjoyed by members and friends of the Center. She reminded some in the congregation of the Spirit filled speakers of the past.

During the service, Emmy's eight-year-old granddaughter, Caitlin was joined by the Rev. B. Anne Gehman's eight-year-old granddaughter, Rachel for a stirring duet of *America The Beautiful*. ♥



Emmy Chetkins and Rev B. Anne Gehman, and granddaughters, Caitlin and Rachel



Rachel and Caitlin lead the congregation in singing "America the Beautiful"

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  Two Week Session
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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 soul here or hereafter.

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



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