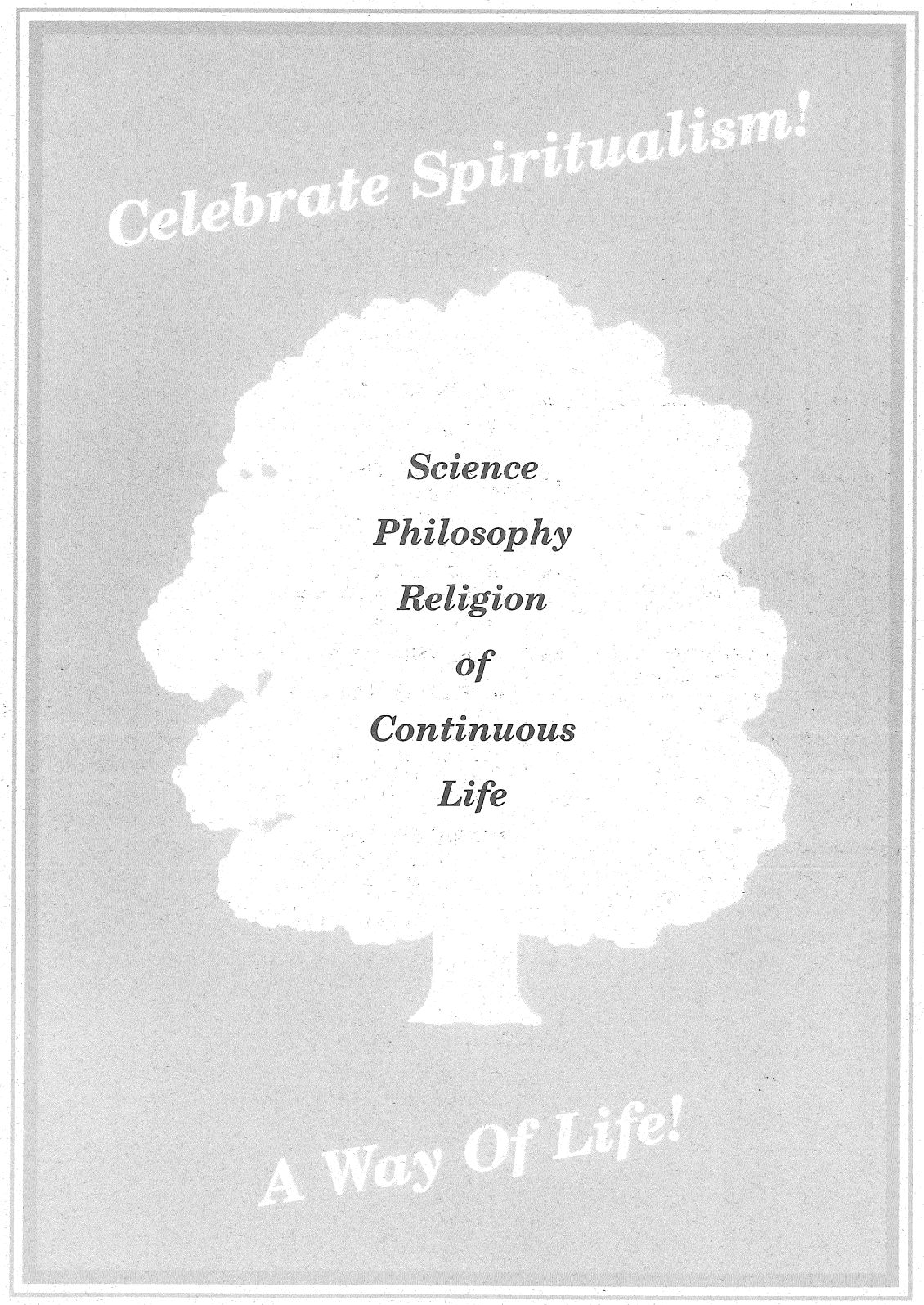
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A Way Of Life!

BY THE REV. SANDRA PFORTMILLER, NST

Have you ever thought of what your life would be without spirit communication? The thrills of phenomena, the guidance and inspiration of our higher helpers, the excitement of a new understanding, and the touch of someone from the Etheric Plane are special aspects of life as a Spiritualist. Our church and Spiritualism has become our passion.

When we first began attending worship services, the messages were what attracted us. It was wonderful when we received information from a medium that proved our loved ones continue in the next realm and that they love us still. We shed many tears of joy. As we continued to attend NSAC churches, we discovered that Spiritualism is so much more, and its philosophy became our way of life.

It seems as though all events in our lives have more meaning since we know that all life is interconnected, that all life is of God, that life is progressive, and that the life we live today influences the life we will experience tomorrow. Spirit teachers have led us to an understanding of Natural Law which forms the basis of a soul's path for living, for love and worship. We think differently than we used to. The decisions that we make are often weighed to see if they follow Divine Law; prayer is sent out frequently throughout the day; affirmations help us reprogram our thoughts, so are used while driving or standing in line at a store. Now no one would call me a saint, far from it, and there are times I forget all that Spiritualism has taught me, and then have to regroup, but the down times have become fewer and shorter in duration than they used to be. This tells me that I am growing and putting what I'm learning into each day and into life's lessons.

Recently a gentleman, who occasionally attends our church, mentioned that we were a positive thinking church, but that maybe we were a bit like Pollyanna in our thinking, always seeing the good, blindly optimistic. He felt it was as important to know and define the enemy, and that by understanding the enemy, we could prepare ourselves—he didn't say for what.

The Pollyanna label has been placed on me many times in my life, and it used to upset me. Now I believe that thoughts are things, and if I optimistically believe that Infinite Intelligence has a purpose for all life, that life follows my thoughts, that there is no enemy, that life is good, then that is how life will be. While I look for the silver lining in life's happenings, is it a contradiction to also send prayers to those who seem to stir up trouble, and to surround myself and my loved ones with White Light?



The Puritans, then many of our parents or grandparents, who survived the great depression, taught us that life is hard, and we must work hard in order to be blessed when we die. Some of us do not know how to do anything but work. Divine Law teaches us to balance our lives with pleasure, relaxation, education, prayer and meditation, along with work.

Spirit informs us life should be joyful, easy and fun and this is something that can be accomplished at the same time we are reverent. We tend to make life complicated; to look for perfection and are disappointed when this falls short. Spirit is love and this is joyful. When we incorporate this way of living, we are letting God be in charge. Our egos make it harder than it needs to be, but when we flow with the guidance of Spirit, life seems to move gracefully forward. The wisdom of God will propel us every moment that we are open to receive the blessing, always toward that which is the best for the soul. God is ready, willing and able to bring to us our desires and needs.

Each of us is in the physical expression to grow in our understanding and to become more loving. This is something that Spiritualism helps us to do. The churches and camps of Spiritualism have brought people together to create an extended family of support and sharing. Many find that each time they are away from the church for a short period of time, they miss the energy and the people. Have you heard people comment that when they go to church, life seems to go easier that week, but when they miss the service, their energy is lower and life seems a bit more hectic.

Our beliefs set boundaries and limitations. We choose. Our beliefs keep us separated from others through our internal dialogues. We each have personal dramas, life stories that revolve around a theme. We create what happens to us in accordance to the inner beliefs, and the themes are repeated again and again until we decide to progress or change. Spiritualism helps us to be transformed by renewing our minds with positive, loving energy and truths. It is a supportive religion.

Continuing our growth is very exciting. So often during a Spiritualist gathering you will hear someone telling a story of some phase of mediumship they just experienced, or how they were touched by Spirit, or of an enlightened meditation. The

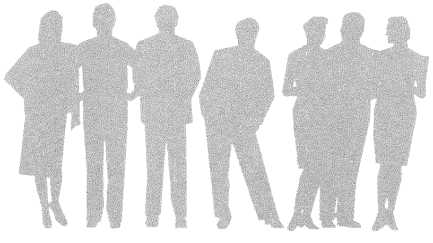
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message is expansion and openness to the Higher Realm which lifts us up and encourages us and others to strive to become more spiritual. Being spiritual is being loving.

Being loving is to accept yourself as you are right now, accept others as they are right now and accept life as it is right now. This acceptance promotes personal responsibility for yourself and allows all others their own personal responsibility. Spiritualism's Seventh Principle is "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." Judgement is an obstacle of love, so try to work with the Golden Rule, "Whatsoever ye would that others should do unto you do ye also unto them." Spiritualism's Sixth Principle.

An ultimate challenge of Spiritualism is to create your own world. To fill your life with joy, follow the Declaration of Principles, have trust in the Infinite Source of Life, trust that you are guided and know that with God all things are possible. As you create everyday, remember not to take life so seriously, rather look at what has gone amiss as a stepping stone to move you forward. Often, as we look back at what seemed so terrible yesterday, we can see humor in it or we can see that our soul learned from the experience. Value all life and know it is guided, so just be. Just be who you are, and be the happiest, best you that is possible. Success and growth is caused more by mental attitude than by mental abilities. C. K. Chesterton wrote: True contentment is the power of getting out of any situation all that there is in it. Spiritualism helps us to enjoy the adventure of life viewing it as a growth process.



When people begin to practice the tenets of Spiritualism and Natural Law, their whole life alters and with the inner transformations there comes outer transformations. They begin to have a softer appearance and a happier glow. They are concerned for others, and act as if all life has value. As we become a self actuated person, people see the outer happier facade, but also recognize the different attitudes and actions. Others are experiencing our spirituality as our inner light begins to shine brighter. We are connected and part of the Great Divine Light which is not found outside us somewhere, but within each soul. Spiritualism helps us expand this Light through prayer, meditation and sharing love and truth.

As we grow with the Spiritualist Philosophy we find it is not occasional thoughts and actions put into practice on Sunday, but an every moment way of living, growing and becoming. Yes, Spiritualism is my life and my passion.

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GRATITUDE DAY

NSAC Bylaws, Article XVI, Sec. 4:

"The Fourth Sunday in March in each year shall be known as *Gratitude Day*; chartered and church societies shall hold a special service in honor of the founding of Modern Spiritualism and of the workers who have devoted their lives to the cause, and shall take up a special love offering for the *Spiritualist Benevolent Society*."

After devoting their life's work to the cause of Modern Spiritualism, it is sad but true in some instances, that these wonderful people have suddenly found upon retirement that they are existing on limited funds. These many times allow for a bare existence. This state has fallen not only on some of our Pioneers of the past but upon some of our members and workers currently. In an effort to help these individuals, the NSAC delegates passed the above Bylaw many years ago. This once a year request for donations for the **Spiritualist Benevolent Society** builds a designated fund for the purpose of sending a monthly stipend to those members and workers of the NSAC who have been brought to our attention and are in need of aid.

As there are several people who at this time are in need of this remembrance, we do ask your continued support for this very worthwhile project. On **Gratitude Day**, as you celebrate in your church the founding of Modern Spiritualism, please remember those in our organization who have given so much to each of us with their time and effort, and help us to give them a token thank you for all they have done.

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The Sounds Of Hydesville

A Sophisticated Cosmic Plot or Simple Coincidences?



BY ROBERT EGBY, New Jersey

On March 31, 1848, the veil was broken between two worlds. A seemingly frustrated Spirit of a murdered peddler in the World of Spirit finally got someone to talk, and it happened in the little hamlet of Hydesville, then some 20 miles out of Rochester, New York State. The events that happened that night, March 31, 1848, and thereafter are known by every student of Modern Spiritualism around the world.

What happened at Hydesville bridged the two worlds—the physical Earth and the World of Spirit. Communication between humanity and departed loved ones and friends was not only possible, but could be proved scientifically through repetition. But were the events at Hydesville planned? Was it a sophisticated cosmic plot, or were the events simple coincidences.

Did someone high in the Spirit World suggest to a group of intelligent, knowledgeable scientists and philosophers on the Other Side: "It's time to raise the level of spirituality on Earth. It's time to have two-way conversations. Come up with something."

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle in *The History of Spiritualism* says that according to the flood of early messages "the whole system had been devised by the contrivance of a band of thinkers and inventors upon the Spirit Plane, foremost among whom was Benjamin Franklin."

Franklin (1706-90) was an American printer, author, publisher, inventor, scientist, public servant and diplomat. He helped draft the Declaration of Independence.

Emma Hardinge Britten, known to many as "The Greatest Propagandist for Spiritualism," wrote in her two volume book *Modern American Spiritualism* that from the first working of the spiritual telegraph, spirits claimed that "this method of communion was organized by scientific minds in the spirit spheres."

Was this indeed a sophisticated cosmic plot that achieved a dynamic breakthrough on March 31st, 1848? If so, where did it start? Who were the earthly participants, and how did they come to play their roles?

Did the scenario start in 1843 with the Bell family? John Bell and his wife inhabited the Hydesville house from 1843-1844. They were in residence when the peddler, Charles B. Rosna, was murdered sometime in 1843.

Who was this Charles B. Rosna? M. E. Cadwallader in "History of Hydesville" describes Rosna as a peddler, and adds: "He was a man about thirty years of age, dressed in a black frock coat, light trousers and vest, and carried with him a pack of goods containing dress material and other draperies." Rosna stayed the night with the Bells, and was never seen alive again. Shortly after, persistent, heavy, frightening noises manifested all over the house. It finally drove the Bells away. The Sounds of Hydesville had begun.

The Weekman family came next. They simply occupied time in the Hydesville scenario. Their stay was short, mainly because of the frightening sounds.

The next family was Mr. and Mrs. John Fox and their daughters, Margaret (15) and Kate (12), and they were the ones who first communicated with the spirit of the murdered peddler. A small coincidence: The heavy frightening noises assumed the character of slight knockings—rappings, as they would be called.

The period between the murder in 1843 and the breakthrough in spirit communication in 1848, was roughly five years. This is the period of the main scenario.

Now, let us observe a supporting chain of coincidences. A short distance away in Poughkeepsie, also in New York State, a young teenager with little education was about to be inducted into Mesmerism, an altered state of consciousness technique developed by Austrian physician, Franz Anton Mesmer (1734-1815).

In trance, the 17-year-old Andrew Jackson Davis discovered clairvoyance and the ability to see diseases and sickness in people. The year was 1843. The Hydesville

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breakthrough was still nine years away. One day Davis was suddenly and mysteriously transported into the Catskill Mountains, 40 miles from home, where he met the spirits of Galen (129-210), the Greek physician and philosopher, and Emmanuel Swedenborg (1688-1722), the Swedish scientist and mystical thinker whose revelations of the Spirit World stunned readers for centuries.

The encounter changed young Davis' life, and he started to lecture publicly on the wonders of the Afterlife which paved the way for public acceptance of Modern Spiritualism. Thus, some people called him "John the Baptist of Modern Spiritualism," while others named him the "Father of Modern Spiritualism."

Were Galen, Swedenborg and Mesmer, on Ben Franklin's cosmic team, working on the Hydesville revelation? The first two—highly probable. Mesmer? Definitely yes.



Franklin knew Mesmer very well. The Austrian mystic and physician had been practicing with "animal magnetism," which he believed, permeated the universe. In his salons in Paris, patrons claimed he brought remarkable cures to ailments. He put patients into a trance, which was dubbed "Mesmerism." The medical fraternity pressured the French government to ban Mesmer's activities. In 1784 in Paris, a Royal Commission concluded its inquiry into the activities of Franz Mesmer. Benjamin Franklin was a member of this Commission which reported that Mesmer had indeed effected many cures, but attributed them not to animal magnetism but to some, as yet unknown, physiological causes.

Coincidence? There's more. Mesmer knew Franklin as well. One of Ben Franklin's ingenious inventions was "The Glass Armonia," a strange musical instrument that played "eerie" and relaxing music, similar to the rubbing of rims of wine glasses filled to different depths. Ironically, Franz Mesmer had used one to relax his patients since 1770.

Although Mesmer died in 1815, his work lived on, and various practitioners and teachers in Europe and North America taught Mesmerism or animal magnetism which became the forerunner of today's hypnosis. That is how a practitioner named Mr. Livingstone casually magnetized 14-year-old Andrew Jackson Davis.

Coincidences abound in the events and personalities leading up to the "The Sounds of Hydesville." The family of John Bell were the occupants of the house at the time Charles B. Rosna was murdered. It was never proved that John Bell murdered the peddler, but somebody did cut the poor man's throat and bury the body behind a cellar wall. Part of the skull was found in 1848, and the complete remains were discovered in 1904.

"The Sounds of Hydesville": Let us examine them. John Bell: The name itself conjures sound. Franklin had an affinity with the word "Bell." He was proud of an invention called Lightning Bells, a contraption that would jingle when lightning was in the air.

"The Sounds of Hydesville": Consider the name Charles B. Rosna. A strange name to say the least. United States Genealogical records show no such person. Rosna was supposed to have had a wife and several children, but in spite of lengthy searches, no one ever found them. In fact, the name Rosna is so rare, it doesn't appear as a family name in US Social Security Records at all.

Strangely, Rosna is an anagram for Sonar—an apparatus which locates submerged objects by emitting high-frequency sound waves and registering the reflected vibrations. Sonar was used extensively during World War II for detecting submarines under water. The system, much more sophisticated, is still used to this day for tracking submerged objects. The name stems from the initial letters in SOund NAvigation Ranging. The noises were called "pings." Some critics might say that Sonar came almost a century after Hydesville and Charles B. Rosna.

True, except for one small but significant point. The word Sonar also stems from the Latin *Sonare* which means to sound, and Rosna surely made sounds at Hydesville. Would Ben Franklin have known and understood this? Naturally! Ben Franklin was seven-years-old when he was sent to a Latin school to become a preacher. He was the head of his class. Franklin was also known to have had a mischievous sense of humor, a faculty he took with him into the Spirit World.

All this raises some intriguing questions.

If Hydesville was indeed a Cosmic scenario conceived and arranged in the Spirit World, at what point did it start? With the cosmic awareness of Andrew Jackson Davis? With the arrival of the Bell Family at the Hydesville Cottage? With the arrival of the peddler who subsequently became the key player in the scenario? Hardly, it had to have started years before.

Some 300 miles away in Vermont is the town of Putney. The year is 1810. A 36-year-old physician with a very lucrative practice, flabbergasts friends and patients when he uproots himself and heads west to the forests of western New York State. With insufficient people to mount a medical

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FAVORITE SAYINGS TO LIVE BY

"You are never given a wish without also being given the power to make it come true."
– *Richard Bach*

"Speak what we feel,
not what we ought to say."
– Shakespeare, *King Lear*

"The Laws of God make everybody one.
The important thing is to live through
the heart, and to be of service
and care for one another."
– *Dolores Cannon*

"If our full capacities go with us beyond
the grave, we must be able to...
communicate and receive
communications."
– *The Science of Mind*

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Humor to put you in Good Spirits . . .

"Having a little inflation is like
being a little pregnant."
– *Leon Henderson*

"One learns to keep silent and
make one's own confusions."
– *C. Otis Skinner*

"Never argue with the doctor—
he has INSIDE INFORMATION."
– *Author Unknown*

"Gather the CRUMBS OF HAPPINESS
and they will make you
a **loaf of contentment.**"
– *Authur Unknown*

THE SOUNDS OF HYDESVILLE

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practice, the doctor sets up a tavern. Eventually, he prospers and clears land in a place which will later reflect his name—Hydesville. The physician was Dr. Henry Hyde, and it was his son who rented the cottage to the Bell Family, and subsequently, to the Weekmans and the Foxes. But, no one has ever explained what prompted Dr. Henry Hyde to uproot himself and head for the wilderness.

Does the Hydesville site have special energies—perhaps a psychic vortex? In *Modern American Spiritualism*, Emma Hardinge wrote: "From the first working of the spiritual telegraph by which invisible beings were enabled to spell out consecutive messages, they (the spirits) claimed that this method of communication was organized by scientific minds in the spirit spheres; that it depended mainly upon the conditions of human and atmospheric magnetisms. They referred to the house at Hydesville as one peculiarly suited to their purpose from the fact of its being charged with the aura requisite to make it a battery for the working of the telegraph."

Emma Hardinge added that they called this aura the "life principle," which was another term for Mesmer's "Animal Magnetism."

So, the scene is set. The Bells arrive. The peddler, Charles B. Rosna, makes his entrance and is murdered. The sounds start in the tiny cottage. The Weekmans come and go. Then comes the Fox Family. Were they hand-picked by the cosmic planners? Naturally. Their entire background was psychic. The young girls, Margaret and Kate were descended, on their mother's side, from a variety of relatives with "second sight." The Fox girls were very much aware of psychic phenomena, and were able to respond promptly to "The Sounds of Hydesville" with those famous words: "Only look, mother! It can see as well as hear."

Contact! The cosmic work team in the Spirit World must have been jubilant. What happened next on Planet Earth is history. Spirit communication was on its way.

One curious point: Once he had made contact, and explained in detail what had happened to his earthly body, Charles B. Rosna disappeared. He no longer made contact from the Spirit World. Many people including reporters searched for the Rosna children. They found nothing. Some claim Rosna was a spirit guide, a teacher, assigned the task by the Franklin team to be one of the key players to open the doors between the two worlds. Galen, Swedenborg, Mesmer, Davis, Dr. Henry Hyde, Ben Franklin, Rosna, and the Fox children, all played their parts, consciously and unconsciously, in "The Sounds of Hydesville." ♦

Journaling...What Should I Say?

BY DR. MARY B. ANDERSON

I've been journal writing for probably 20 years. Sometimes I've saved them, and sometimes I've destroyed them. In any event, journal writing has helped me deal with life's intimate issues in a way no other method can compare. It has been useful to show me repetitive challenges that need to be healed.

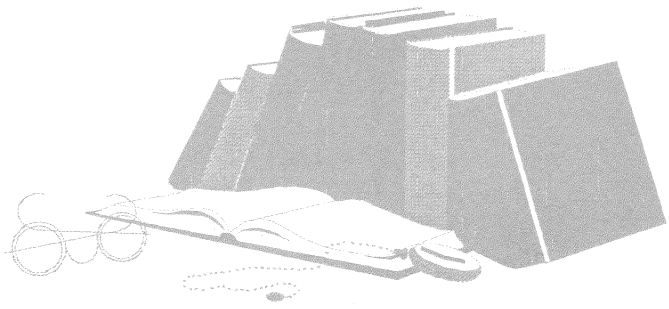
Instead of the traditional "Dear Diary" approach, I address my entries with "Good morning, Father." Father denoting for me that creative Power which I call God. Sometimes, the Father is no more than just a friend I can tell my troubles to. In the beginning when I started journaling, it seemed like all I could think was everything that went wrong in my life, forgetting or maybe not even knowing, that we individually have the power to create.

As the years went by, the habit of journaling started to take a new turn. I found, as I continued to express the apparent reality in my life, my approach changed to unite Divine Spirit to direct me with Innate Wisdom and guidance.

I'll share the method I use and have taught to many of my students and patients. Outcomes have brought forth many positive life transforming insights.

1. Find an uninterrupted time. I choose very early in the morning. It's the best time of the day for me. It sets the pace. Make time, even if you say you don't have the time. Make it a priority. It seems like priority items find the time. I spend about an hour or longer daily. It's the best time investment you'll ever make.

2. Start by reading something inspirational, like a book you have been promising yourself to read. Play a tape of music suitable for meditation. After reading for about 15 minutes, close the book and go into meditation for 15-20 minutes. Stay in the silence uniting with the Oneness of the Infinite Intelligence moving into an altered state of consciousness. When your meditation is over, immediately go into your journal.



3. The first thing to write into your journal is a few lines of what your inner experience just felt like. Capture that feeling in words. This is powerful because it allows your innermost self to express from your God self. You are now recognizing and uniting with the Oneness of the Infinite Intelligence.

4. Next, write out what is on your mind. What's going on in your life? For example: events, your feelings toward them, your challenges or whatever comes to you. Think how you handled the situations you just wrote about. Where could there have been improvement? Don't forget to write about the good stuff too! Express your goals. It's your life. It's private!

5. After recognizing what needs to be refined by your reactions, circumstances or positive action steps, ask the Presence of the One Mind, which is God's Mind, to fill you with clarity in right decision making, utilizing the all knowing wisdom of Divine Spirit. Whatever attributes of the Infinite Intelligence you need to express more of in your life, ask for it to manifest, and accept it for yourself. Is it unconditional love, understanding, patience, wisdom, joy, harmony, prosperity? If you are not sure, ask for it to be revealed to you.

6. Next step, is to give thanks in your journal for the gifts of insight bestowed upon you and claim them. It's your inheritance from the Creator to receive them. Close your journal entry with a spirit of confidence.

Participating in life in this manner helps one to meet the daily challenges with a strength that comes from your Higher Power, which I like to call—"The Father or Spirit."

If you are fearful about what you write in your journal because you don't want anyone to read it, then destroy it afterwards. You really don't have to go back and re-read any of the stuff. The whole exercise is to write it out. Writing it out is powerful. It's not quite the same as just doing it mentally. Something happens when you push the pencil.

As a last suggestion. Do not share your thoughts in your journal with anyone. There are always people who will negate what you are doing. Gather your inner strength from Creative Mind, or your special guide, or the angels. Soon your life will bring forth a transformation as a result of asking Spirit to guide and direct you.

I challenge you to journalize daily. Remember, it takes 21 days to form a habit. Continue for a lifetime. May the Peace of the Divine Spirit be with you always. And so it is.

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

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

– Prayer for Spiritual Healing –

I ask the great Unseen Healing Force to remove all obstructions from my mind and body and to restore me to perfect health.

I ask this in all sincerity and honesty and I will do my part.

I ask this great Unseen Healing Force to help both present and absent ones who are in need of help and to restore them to perfect health.

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

Healers And Mediums

BY THE NSAC
HEALING CENTER



So often we hear the expression "Mediums and Healers" as though healing was not part of Mediumship. Spiritualist healers are mediums. They are working with their guides, spirit doctors and with Universal Energy to help someone in need. Our NSAC definition defines this: *A Spiritualist Healer is one who, either through his or her inherent powers or through Mediumship, is able to impart vital, curative force to pathologic conditions.*

The healer works in an energy of love and harmony between the spirit realm, the recipient, and themselves, with a knowing that all healing comes from the Great Source of all life, God. Some are magnetic healers who combine their abundance of life force with the curative vibrations received through mediumship to create a powerful healing energy. The recipient, through this energy flow, receives what is needed for transformation, and then must do their part to trust the healing force and accept the energy for a positive change.

We all "feel" for those who suffer, so it is a wonderful blessing there are people who desire to and are able to help others. Actually spiritual healing is not the prerogative of just Spiritualism, for there are many religions, tribes and races that practice spirit healing. It is age-old. Sharing healing energy is in accord with the Laws of the Universe which apply to all creation.

However, the Spiritualist healing medium learns a set of helpful guidelines. They go further than "faith healing," for they experience shared energy, and often commune with their healing guides. The healing medium works to purposefully attune to spirit helpers, to a higher energy, in order to become a conduit for the flow of the healing vibration, and to share love with the other person. They have come to an understanding not to limit the Divine Force, or to judge who may or may not be healed. With God all things are possible.

The more one practices their healing mediumship, the more aware they become of the higher spheres and their spirit band. Their growing attunement helps them further develop other "Gifts of Spirit," other mediumistic talents, and of course, greater personal understanding and growth. God Bless Our Healers! ♦

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.*

ForeSoothe

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1. Touch Your Left Ear

When driving at night on a country road in Wisconsin, I heard "Touch your left ear." No harm in that request! So I took my left hand off the steering wheel momentarily to touch my left ear. And then I heard, "I'll be dog-gone!"

A close friend, G.A., had passed over a week before. We believe my Dad and W.C., both in Spirit, were showing the newcomer how they can make contact with us who are in the physical.

2. Sweet Corn

We had been a long time in the North Woods, far from country where we could buy sweet corn at a farmer's roadside stand. My mother said the day we left that she hoped we could find some good sweet corn on the way home.

We started homeward only to find our favorite road was being repaired. We followed the detour which was crowded and the sun was hot.

I suggested we turn off on a side road to rest. Fifteen minutes of dozing made us new again and we drove to the next road to turn around. This turnoff was the entrance to the back yard of a farm home and there on the arm rest of an old weathered school room desk was a mound of beautiful sweet corn ready to be dropped into the boiling water.

We squealed at the sight and asked the farmer if he had corn to sell. "Take this," he said. "I just pulled the husks off. We were going to have it for dinner." We protested that we would be taking his food away.

"Oh, no," he said, "We eat it every night. Help yourself."

We did not know that the road repairs would put us on a country road. We just picked a lane for a brief rest and we just looked for a driveway to give us space so we could turn around. We were guided to the kind farmer who gave us beautiful, tender, fresh sweet corn for our dinner. Spirit had heard us and led us there. This was the best corn we ever ate—and the price was right!

3. Scrawny Deer

We were at the cabin when my mother was awakened from sleep by a vision of several deer outside the window. As she looked, a number of lean, scrawny deer came out of the woods and enveloped the beautiful healthy deer. Then the scene faded away.

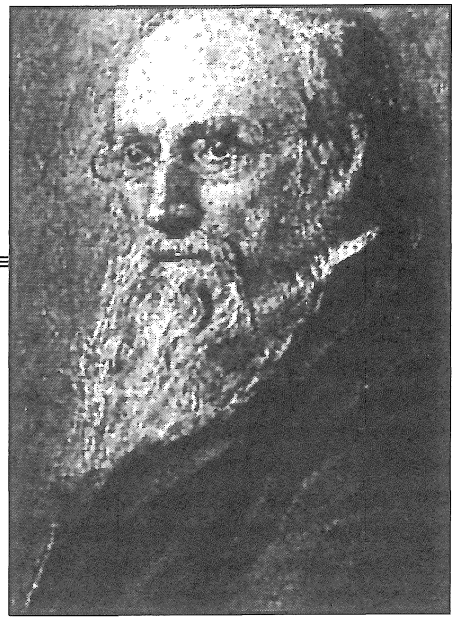
It was so real she stood up to see if the deer were still there. No deer were in the dim early dawn. She sat back on the bed. shocked and puzzled over such a scene. "What does it mean?" she asked the Spirit.

The voice said, "It means a couple of years of hard times."

That summer was followed by the stock market crash of October 1929.

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The Poughkeepsie Seer



Titles such as the "Father of Modern Spiritualism," "the Founder of the Children's Progressive Lyceum," "the John the Baptist of Spiritualism," and the "Poughkeepsie Seer" have all been applied to Andrew Jackson Davis, a forerunner of Modern Spiritualism. Born on August 11, 1826, as a youth Davis had an inquiring disposition, limited education, and little religious training.

At the age of seventeen, a mesmerist and phrenologist named Grimes, appeared in Poughkeepsie and lectured on Animal Magnetism. He attempted to put Davis under but was unsuccessful. Later a local tailor, Levingston, experimented with producing magnetic phenomena and tried it with Davis. The experiment was surprisingly successful with powers of clairvoyance exhibited. This began Davis' wonderful psychic powers. Levingston was so impressed he abandoned his prosperous tailor business and devoted his whole time to working with Andrew. Davis developed X-ray clairvoyance, clairvoyant powers to diagnose disease and trance. As time passed, all the great ideas that were poured through his brain in the "superior condition" became part of his own understanding.

At age 19, Davis began writing a book with Dr. Lyon as the mesmerist, and the Rev. William Fishbough as the scribe. The book, *Nature's Divine Revelation*, was the first and only book written under mesmeric influence by A. J. Davis. A couple other books are *The Magic Staff* and *Questions and Answers to Reocurring Questions.* In December of 1847, he began publishing a paper called *Univercoelum*. It was one of the first publications in America that talked about paranormal concepts, clairvoyance and trance phenomena.

On March 31, 1848, he recorded in his diary, "About daylight this morning, a warm breathing passed over my face, suddenly awakening me from a profound slumber; and I heard a voice, tender and yet particularly strong saying, *Brother, the good work has begun—behold a living demonstration is born."* Not long after this he heard about the communication that had begun at Hydesville, New York.

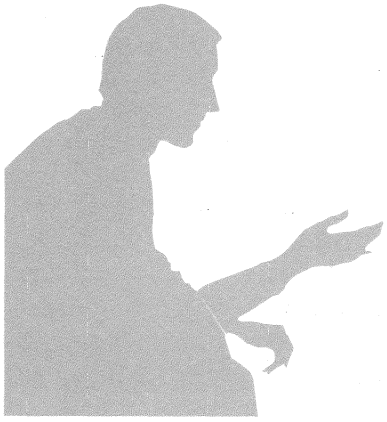
He claimed to communicate with Galen and Swedenborg and experienced a state of illumination. Spirit helpers gave Davis a wonderful motto or a symbolic staff to live by that is beneficial for all. *Behold, here is thy Magic Staff: Under all circumstances keep an even mind. Take it, try it, lean on it, walk with it and believe on it, for ever.*

He has been referred to as "the Father of the Spiritualist Lyceum" for he began the first Lyceum at Doddsworth Hall, in New York City, NY on January 26, 1863. A. J. Davis began the First Spiritualist Lyceum based on the teachings of children that he observed while astral traveling in the Summerland.

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"When God sends a man into the lion's den, He goes there with him."

Mediumship



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When mediumship is accepted as another aspect of the human condition and the understanding of the "cosmic dance of energies" that is the human condition is examined, it will be found that it is a part of the Laws of Life. It is natural. It is normal. It is enlightenment to another aspect of the human soul.

For the many who have approached the subject from the supernatural state of being, who have found themselves bogged down in mystery and mysticism, it is time to shed light on mediumship as the natural extension of all senses of life. We have five senses in our expression, and to add mediumship, we use our psychic sensitivities to add Intuition—the "I know" of understanding within the human psyche.

The science of mediumship cannot be found in the proof of continuous existence of the soul. Rather, it is to be found when science has proven the existence of a higher power Source (God—Infinite Intelligence—known by many names) within all creation.

In survey after survey done with a collected group of humanity, it has been found that the majority of people believe in an afterlife. Its form and substance, its conditions and expressions have different viewpoints, but its existence is never in question. Why, therefore, must we remain in the realm of proof of spirit? Humanity knows that point of knowledge.

Mediumship is wonderful! As a matter of fact, most of us would not want to see the end of the expression of our proof of spirit. But is mediumship the end all and be all of the Philosophy, Religion and Science of Spiritualism?

Come together with Science in the flow of life, the evolution of thought, the continuous existence of a soul in touch with the realities of the life on Earth and its continuation into another energy form. Be a part of the evolution of consciousness that is now showing itself to be a part of the life energies of all existence.

Are we learning to train ourselves to positive thought? Then we could be a part of the problems of finding good positive energies to manifest the realities of love, peace and harmony on our Earth Plane. They can only come from the frequency of Love, which operates on the higher frequencies of living in peace and harmony.

All thought is energy in motion. Be a part of the solution to world disharmonies and live in the higher frequencies. Understand them, use them and know that God (creation) exists in harmony with all life energies.

As we learn of mediumship, it too, must be a part of the higher frequencies. Put God back into life and all aspects you encounter.

By all means, use the energies of spirit to connect and bring peace and harmony through service to those in need. By all means make it a part of the Creator's plan, not the plan of negative dramas and traumas that are being played out in today's societies.

Open your hearts and you will open your organizations to the operations of love, peace and harmony instead of the human egos that drag down the work of God-centered individual thought energies. Respect each other in their work, know the power of love to heal and renew, and by all means, open to the spirit of love that guides and protects all life.

Mediumship for the sake of personal aggrandizement or power, is low on the scale of accomplishment for a lifetime of striving. Mediumship for the purposes of fulfilling God's energies on Earth, will bring greater rewards than all the power or image on Earth.

From the lines of a hymn: Wrong may rein a little season, doubt you not it sometimes will, Cherish faith in one another and love will triumph still.

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Dates to Remember



March 31, 1848, and September 28, 1893 are dates that Spiritualists should know and honor.

We remember March 31st, 1848, because it was the evening the Fox sisters began communicating with the persistent and noisy spirit of the murdered peddler, Charles Rosna. While phenomena and spirit communication have been recorded since the beginning of the written word, the mediumship of Katie and Maggie Fox developed into an organized form of spirit communication, called Spiritualism.

Another important date is September 28th, 1893. Spiritualists from around the United States gathered in Chicago, Illinois, to explore the desire and need for Spiritualists to band together. This was the organizational Convention of the National Spiritualist Association of the United States of America. Harrison D. Barrett was selected as the first president.

So much has happened since these two events. The spirit teachings that have been received from the higher realm have enriched our lives and shown humanity the pathway to growth and the truth of continuous life. Growth experience in the physical expression creates blessings for us when we graduate to the Spiritual Realm. ♦

What happened in MARCH throughout the years?

MARCH 15, 1852

The birth date of **Maude Lord Drake**, a foremost materializing medium. She began her mediumistic work as a teenager and continued her demonstrations throughout her lifetime. She was a psychometrist that worked with Professor Buchanan. She predicted the Civil War and the San Francisco Earthquake.

MARCH 17

St. Patrick's Day—be still and see if a Leprechaun or a Nature Spirit will whisper to you.



MARCH 20, 1833

Daniel Dunglas Home was born on this date to become one of the most studied, traveled and attested mediums of all time. He practiced his mediumship in America and abroad for thirty years and did not accept money for his demonstrations. He was a physical medium noted for elongation, levitation, daylight sittings, and scientific testing.

MARCH 20

The **First Day of Spring**, the renewal of nature and the cycles of Earth.

MARCH 23, 1822

The birth date of **Dr. James Martin Peebles**, a world traveler for Spiritualism. This "World Missionary-at-Large" traveled around the globe seven times, spreading the good news of continuous life. Peebles was a voluminous writer, author of many books and the editor of the *Banner of Light*.

MARCH 28

Passover, the Hebrew commemoration of the end of slavery in ancient times and the flight from Egypt. Moses was guided by Spirit to bring this Exodus to pass and free the Hebrews.

MARCH 31

Easter Sunday, the Christian celebration of the risen Christ and eternal life.

MARCH 31, 1848

The Advent of Modern Spiritualism. Many thanks and blessings to the Fox family and the early Spiritualists for their courage, persistence in the face of hardships, and for their fine mediumship. Their stories encourage us to contribute to the Spiritualist Benevolent Society on **Gratitude Day**, in order to help retired workers who may require some additional assistance. Blessings on all Spiritualists! ♦

Positive Statements To Help Create a Positive Day.

Affirmations . . . MARCH 2002

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 I promise myself to practice prayerful thinking today.	**2** As we become aware we recognize our responsibilities.
3 Because life interconnects, I will work to be kind to all life.	**4** Today I walk in peace, trusting the Divine Will.	**5** "Awareness requires a rapture with the world we take for granted." – S. Zuboff	**6** "Greet the unseen with a cheer." – Robert Browning	**7** I will not dwell on the past except to forgive and to look for the lesson.	**8** Evolvement is not of the physical, but through the mind and the heart.	**9** "A moment's insight is sometimes worth a life's experience." – O. W. Holmes
10 A large step toward wholeness is through forgiveness.	**11** I experience reverence for all living things.	**12** All upset includes some fear or anger, which is the opposite of love.	**13** "We need a reason for speaking, we need none for keeping silent." – P. Nicole	**14** Consider what your beliefs and opinions have made you into.	**15** "We know what we are, but we do not know what we can be." – Shakespeare	**16** "It is easier to forgive an enemy than a friend." – William Blake
17 Today, I will work to create joy and love in all that I do.	**18** Surrender to God and put your trust in His wisdom.	**19** "I am an idealist. I don't know where I am going, but I am on my way." – C. Sandburg	**20** We come to awareness by levels each time we alter our thinking.	**21** Today, I take advantage of the wonderful opportunities of life.	**22** "There are times when we have to protest." – *The Mighty Sparrow*	**23** Right or wrong, we measure others by ourselves and our beliefs.
24 "We have a choice: to plow new ground or let the weeds grow." – Westover	**25** God is all infinite possibilities of our existence, of all existence.	**26** "All that we do is done with an eye to something else." – Aristotle	**27** "A half truth is a complete lie." – Yiddish Proverb	**28** Visions of beauty held in your thoughts can change your life.	**29** I am filled with Light, so when I go within, it is not dark.	**30** A spiritual thinker acts, but does not compete.
31 Bless all Spiritualists in the physical world and in the Spirit World.		**Celebrate Spiritualism!**				

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457 Grass Valley Hwy. #7; Mailing address: 461 Grass Valley Hwy., #19, 95603; Sun. Serv. 10:00 a.m.; Fri. All Message Serv. 7:00 p.m., except last Fri. of month; Pastor, Rev. Louis Potter; Pres., Pauline Conrad; Secy., Evadell Sordelet, (916) 481-8729.

MONROVIA - The Spiritualist Church of Revelation
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149 Clinton St., 94062-1515.

SACRAMENTO - Central Spiritualist Church, NSAC
2500 Marconi Ave., Suite 209, 95821-4855. Mailing Address: 4800 Auburn Folsom Rd., #63, Loomis, 95650-9328; Sun. Serv. 10:00 am.; Classes - first Tues. of the month 7:00 p.m., last Tues. of month Healing and All Message Serv. 7:00 p.m.; Pres., Denise E. Bell; Pastor and Secy., Rev. Sandra G. Dawson, NST., (916) 652-4568; e-mail: rdawson@jps.net.

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

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

SAN FRANCISCO - San Francisco Spiritualist Society
1832 Buchanan (between Bush & Sutter); Church phone, (415) 927-2139; Sun. Serv., 6:00 p.m.; Pastor Rev. Barbara Thurman, (415) 924-1106; e-mail: sfspiritualist@yahoo.com; All mail to Secy., Rev. B. Thurman, 200 Marina Vista, Larkspur, 94939-2144.

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

SANTA BARBARA - Summerland Spiritualist Church of The Comforter
1028 Garden St., 93101; (805) 965-4474; Pastor, Rev. Sandi Cook, NST, e-mail: guide01@gte.net; Sun. Healing Serv. 10:30 a.m., Devotional Serv. 11:00 a.m., Wed. Message Serv. 6:30 p.m., Unfoldment Classes Sunday, Monday 1:30 p.m., Thursday 7:30 p.m.; Call for information on the Rev. Foard Memorial Library.

• COLORADO •

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Forte Music Academy of Music, The Market Place at Ken Caryl, 10143 W. Chatfield Ave., Suite 15, (303) 797-7227; Sun. Healing & Meditation Serv. 9:30 to 10:15; Worship Serv. 10:30 to 11:30; Spirit Greetings 11:30 to 12:00; Beginning Spiritual Awareness and Advanced Unfoldment Classes are offered; Licentiate Minister, Dorothy M. Haskins; Pastor, Patricia J. Haskins-Schott, (303) 973-9993; **All mail** to: 6457 S. Xenon St., 80127; Internet site: Go to www.spiritual-awareness.org.

• CONNECTICUT •

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2 Moore Court, 06320; (860) 440-3150; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m., Thurs. All Message Service 7:30 p.m.; Pres., Rev. Lynn Gaffin, 70 Dell Ave., #B5, 06320; Secy., Constance A. White, 51 Riverview Ave., 06320; email: cwa@pocketmail.com.

NEWINGTON - The Church of The Infinite Spirit
Masonic Temple, 80 Walsh Ave., 06111; Sun. Serv. 10:30 – 12:00 on Sept. 9 & 23, Oct. 14 & 28, Nov. 11 & 25, Dec. 2, 16 & 30; Year 2002, Jan. 13 & 27, Feb. 10 & 24, Mar. 10, 24 & 31, Apr. 14 & 28, May 12 & 26, June 9 & 23; Closed July & August; Pastor, Allen Noddin, 174 Daley St., Forestville, 06010, (860) 582-7385; Licentiate Minister, Joyce Barlow, 183 Loomis Drive, Unit 101, West Hartford, 06107, (860) 561-1489; Pres., Mary Ann Noddin, 174 Daley St., Forestville, 06010, (860) 582-7385; Secy., Joan Wooster, 101 Leffingwell Ave., Waterbury, 06710, (203) 574-2017.

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June 16 - Sept. 11. Services, Sundays at 2:30, Tue., Thur., Sat. 7:30. For a program listing all Summer activities write to: Acting Secy. Susan Ferency, 12 Butlertown Rd., Waterford, 06385.

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

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

WILLIMANTIC - The First Spiritualist Church of Willimantic
268 High St., 06226, (860) 423-5774; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m. Sept. thru May; service twice a month June, July, August. For more information, please call the church; Healing Service Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. Sept. thru May; in Summer a Healing Service is held on the Thursday after there has been a Sunday Service; Pastor, Joyce Orcutt, 133 Wales Rd., Andover, 06232, (860) 742-7846; Licentiate Minister, Clinton Cady, P.O. Box 67, 06226; Pres. & Secy., Renee Provost, P.O. Box 370190, W. Hartford, 06137.

• DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA •

WASHINGTON - The Church of Two Worlds
3038 "Q" St., N.W., 20007-3080, Phone (202) 333-5114; Web: TwoWorlds.Org; email: Info@TwoWorlds.Org; Sun., Healing 2:00 p.m., Serv. 2:30 p.m.; 3rd Wed.: Healing 7;30 p.m., Message Serv. 8:00 p.m.; Fri.: Unfoldment Class 7:30 p.m.; Pres., John E. Rothamel, Jr., LM, NST; Secy., Robyn A. K. Rothamel (410) 590-9187.

• FLORIDA •

ORLANDO - Spiritualist Church of Awareness, NSAC
3210 N. Chickasaw Trail (P.O. Box 571043, 32857-1043), (407) 678-3688 Please leave message; Sun. Adult Lyceum 10:00 a.m., Sun. Serv. 10:30; Wed. Serv. 7:30 p.m.; Healing, Lecture, Messages at all services; Co-Pastor and Pres., Rev. Jean Kerr Lerch, NST, 335 Piney Ridge Rd., Casselberry, 32707-3805, (407) 834-5378; Co-Pastor and Treas., Rev. E. Ann Otzelberger, NST, (407) 826-0807; Secy., Stacy K. Davis, 10509 Jepson St., 32825-6606, (407) 658-7624.

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CHERRY VALLEY - Cherry Valley Spiritualist Camp, Inc.
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CHERRY VALLEY - Christabelle Spiritualist Church
8002 Service Rd., 61016; Healing Serv. each Sun. 10:30 a.m. followed by Worship Service at 11:00 a.m. at Cherry Valley Spiritualist Church. Serv. every Sun., Mid-October thru May; Pres. Kenneth Boesen, (815) 626-5716; Secy., Martha Witt, 1204 Game Farm Rd., Yorkville, 60560-1141, (630) 553-2517.

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CHICAGO - Spiritualist Church of Truth
6343 West Cuyler (1/2 block north of Irving Pk.) 60634; Serv. 2:45 p.m., Healing, Lecture, Messages every Sunday; Pastor & Pres., Rev. Florence Heyward; Secy., Judith Galar, 4050 N. Oriole Ave., Norridge, 60706-1117, (708) 452-8754.

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6146 S. Ashland Ave., 60636, (312) 436-0366.

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GARY - First Spiritualist Church, Inc., NSAC
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INDIANAPOLIS - New Dawn Spirit of Light Church, Inc., NSAC
3637 W. 10th St., 46222-3376; Sun. Serv: 11:00 a.m. Healing - 11:30 a.m. Worship and Message Serv. - Kids Time 11:00-11:30 a.m.; Wed. 7:00 p.m. Development class; Every 5th Sunday All Message Service, covered dish dinner; Secy., Marilyn Smith, (317) 291-9550; Pres. & Lic. Minister, Mildred Schlagel, (317) 291-0799.

MICHIGAN CITY - Spiritual Science Church, NSAC, Inc.
314 W. Coolspring Ave., 46360, (219) 874-6002; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m.; Pastor & Pres., Rev. Ruth Novak, (219) 872-6621; Asst. Pastor, R. Bianchi, L.M.; All corresp. to Rev. Ruth Novak, 7008 W. U.S. 20W #7, 46360; Secy., Victoria Coar, (708) 889-1678.

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CLINTON - First Spiritualist Church
5416 - 6th Ave. So., P.O. Box 123, 52732-0123, (319) 243-3233.

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

HARTFORD - Pinpoint of Light Spiritualist Center
Mail address: R1, Box 91, Canton, 04221; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m., followed by a potluck lunch; Classes Wed. 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
Located at Lakewood Village, Rt. 201, six miles north of Skowhegan, ME. We meet July 10th through August 11. Schedule to be announced. For information, contact President John Davidson, 74 Central Ave., Waterville, 04901, phone (207) 877-2204; e-mail jdavidson@panax.com. There are no accommodations for the general public for rooms, camping, or meals. There are plenty of locations in the surrounding area.

NORTHPORT - Temple Heights Spiritual Camp Assoc.
Shore Road, Northport on Penobscot Bay; Camp session is from mid-June through the Sunday after Labor Day. A different featured medium each week. 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., Graham Connolly, (207) 655-6673.

• MASSACHUSETTS •

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

ONSET - On-I-Set Wigwam Co-Workers Spiritualist Camp
Season opens June 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
34 Warren St., 01970; Sun. Early Serv. 5:30-6:00 p.m.; Lunch break 6:00-6:30 p.m., Healing & Evening Serv. 6:30-8:00 p.m.; Telephone for weather cancellations, (978) 745-2098; Church season is Sun. after Labor Day - June; Pres., Bradley Gosselin, 147 Sylvan St., Danvers, 01923 - (978) 774-1571, e-mail: BGoss92409@aol.com; Secy., Nancy L. Karolides, 144 Boston St., Middleton, 01949, (978) 774-4048.

REHOBOTH - First Spiritualist Church of Brockton, Inc., NSAC
Services held at Agawam Grange Hall, Junction of Routes 44 & 118, (12 min. from Providence, RI); All mail: Linda Kent, Secy., P.O. Box 206, Swansea, 02777-0206; Healing—Devotional Service—Spirit Messages; Services Sun. 10:30 a.m.; Unfoldment Classes Sept. through May; Mediums', Special Classes, and Seminars. Please consult the Web at www.fscbrockton.homestead.com; e-mail: lynnkent@spiritmedium.com, or Toll Free: 877-568-7315.

SPRINGFIELD - The First Spiritualist Church of Springfield, Inc.
33-37 Bliss St., 01105, (413) 732-1234; Worship Serv., 2nd Sun. after Labor Day until last Sun. in June at 10:30 a.m.; Development classes Wed. at 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. John F. Sullivan, P.O. Box 392, Worthington, 01098 - (413) 238-4495, e-mail: jsulli1942@aol.com; Pres., Tom Ruelke; e-mail: bigrock@adam.cheshire.net; Church web-site can be found at www.masslive.com at the community link.

• MICHIGAN •

MICHIGAN STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOC. OF CHURCHES
Pres., Marcia Hyatt, 4161 Buckingham, Detroit, 48224-3538; Secy., Marjorie Elaine Weichner, 8022 W. Chain Lake Rd., P.O. Box 89, South Branch, 48761-0089, (989) 257-4133.

CHARLEVOIX - The Golden Rule Spiritualist Church
07444 Old US 31 North, 49720-9422, (231) 347-9601 or (231) 347-7916; Sun. Serv. 10:00 a.m., April thru June, and Sept. thru Nov. - we may have services in the colder months, but please call ahead to confirm. (No "church" services during July and August because our "camp" operates in the same location.) Located halfway between Petroskey and Charlevoix. Turn on Murray Road and immediately turn right on Old 31 N - go 8 tenths of a mile on the left; Pastor, Rev. Cosie Allen, NST; Website: www.churchseek.net/church/goldenrule.

CHARLEVOIX - Northern Lake Michigan Spiritualist Camp
Please see Golden Rule Spiritualist Church listing for contact information,

driving directions, and website address: Open July and August for Sunday services at 10:00 a.m. and Wednesday services at 7:30 p.m.; Potluck follows Sunday service and bonfire with snacks follows Wednesday service; Classes, circles and readings/private consultations available. Pastor, Rev. Cosie Allen, NST.

FERNDALE - First Spiritualist Temple of Detroit
2724 Goodrich, 48220; Sun. Serv. 8:00 a.m.; Secy., Diane Smith.

LESLIE - Flower Memorial Spiritualist Church
West Bellevue at High St.; Sun. Lyceum 11:00 a.m., Church Serv. 10:45 a.m.; Pres., Dennis Goddard; Secy., Coleen Goddard, 6818 Kingdon, Halt, 48842-2108, (517) 694-8107.

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

ROYAL OAK - First Spiritual Temple
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That wasn't an area of thought that I could comfortably dwell upon because deep inside I still felt the same. Was I ready to be a shining example of the Religion of Spiritualism? Could I do it justice? Looking back, I thought that by the time I reached THIS point all the doubts would be gone.

Through the years of study and preparation my mentors always encouraged me to "just keep going." I had fallen back upon this theme so many times during the process of working towards my goal that it had become a habitual thought whenever doubts arose. On the day of my Ordination, I used those words like an affirmation. "You can do this, you're ready."

Mostly what kept me going that day was trust. Trust in the process. Surely Infinite Intelligence and my spirit guides wouldn't have supported me so strongly throughout the years if they didn't feel I could measure up to the position. Whenever doubts about my effectiveness got too strong, I would try to imagine my life without ministry work and the doubts would subside. I couldn't imagine not moving forward. This was the way my day of Ordination felt to me. I was happy that I got to this point and at the same time thinking that I wasn't truly ready. After studying for so many years, I felt as if I wanted to study some more. The culmination of the process arrived too quickly it seemed, and I wanted to slip back into my safety zone of studying so I could "one day" become a Spiritualist minister. Trust, trust, trust was the best I could muster. I trusted my teachers, God and spirit more that day than I trusted myself.

One year later trust remains my cornerstone. The doubts about my spiritual readiness to assume the position have quieted. I've gotten somewhat used to the feeling. There are times when I'm trying to help a person and I'm not sure if my guidance has hit their mark. The ministers with more experience than I, tell me that they feel the same way sometimes. Education, study and preparation have not ceased. Neither has the mentoring process. I've come to learn that Ordination is just another step upon the road to progress. It's the end of a process to achieve one educational goal that simply opens another door to another. There is still much work to be done. Growth is an evolution, subject to a series of actions, a continuum.



I have written this paper to help those of you following in my footsteps. Here are some of the things that I've learned this past year. I'm still most definitely me. The title of Reverend before my name doesn't preclude me from continuing on with my personal spiritual growth. The day of Ordination was another stepping-stone along the way. Being a minister is a huge personal commitment to do one's best. By this I mean that doing one's best to help others isn't all that it's about. Being a minister also means that you accept your own responsibility to do whatever work is necessary to keep trying to improve yourself. As far as I'm concerned, inner work is the foundation to a successful ministry practice. During the course of my first year as a minister, there have been opportunities to perform marriage ceremonies, funerals and other services in an "official" capacity. Even though I studied to prepare for those events, I still was nervous. It's okay to be nervous, just don't be more nervous than the bride and groom.

The first year has been a good one. My personal learning curve still continues. The lessons and challenges I meet along the way aren't any easier just because I'm a minister. The biggest difference now is that I have more knowledge to meet those challenges with the tools of understanding that the teachings of Spiritualism provide. It is still up to me to put my education to use. Sometimes it is frustrating when I miss the mark for others and it is still painful when I miss the mark for myself. Early on, when I first began studying Spiritualism formally and taking classes, one of my mentors said, "You are not the Messiah." You cannot be all knowing. You will not have all the answers all the time. She was so right! In the course of trying to help others and myself, there are times when I fall short. It is during those times that I revert back to the old standby theme; trust and I just keep going.

I hope this has helped those of you who are considering ministry work. The road is not an easy one. Then again, I have not found anything else so rewarding. Once in a while, someone comes to you and says, "Thank you, you really helped me. Your words touched me deeply and have made a difference in my life." That's what it's all about. You won't be a Messiah, but you will be able to help some along the way. I've found that that is good enough. There are people out there that need the special input that only you can offer. I truly hope that you will just keep going and when your day of Ordination arrives it will be a day of celebration not only for you, but for all those lives you have yet to touch. ♦

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True Esoteric Traditions

Exerpts from Chapter Six—Laws of The Physical Universe from the viewpoint of the Rosicrucians

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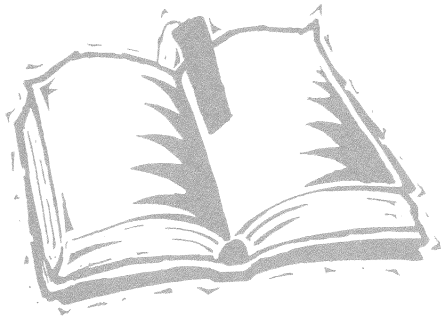
Spiritualism and our Declaration of Principles teach that we are guided by God's Laws. One chapter in this thought provoking book looks at Cosmic Law from the viewpoint of the Rosicrucians (AMORC). It is a long chapter so we were not able to use it in its entirety due to space considerations. Something about each basic law is included, but we had to set aside the lengthier explanations. The discussion of the Laws by Mr. Palmer is very interesting for those who wish to study further.

The whole body of knowledge assembled by Francis Lord Bacon and known as the Scientific Method is the search for these laws and the vast amount of knowledge that can be derived from the implications drawn from these laws. Most of these laws are quite familiar to the serious college student. There are exactly 33 steps that the student upon the path must climb to go from the outer darkness to the inner light.

The 33 laws taught in AMORC were:

1. **Law of Magnetism:** Magnetism is the power to attract, in either the physical or the psychic realm. Everything that exists has polarity of negative and positive. The ultimate duality in nature is male and female. This law is often misunderstood in relationship to God. Many people think that there are two gods in the universe; a good or positive god and a bad or negative god named Satan.

2. **Law of Motion:** Every body continues in its state of rest or of uniform motion in a straight line except as it is compelled by force to change that state. Every action has an equal and contrary reaction. Everything in the universe is always in motion that never ceases. God creates thought; thought creates energy; energy creates motion and matter, and motion controls the physical universe we see around us.



3. **Law of Vibration:** Electrons are of two kinds: those vibrating at an even number per second and those vibrating at an uneven number. The even vibratory force manifests in the female of the species and the odd or uneven vibratory force manifests in the male. The higher a person has evolved in the level of his or her consciousness, the higher the rate of vibrations will be. The man, Master Jesus the Christ, achieved the highest rate of vibrations yet known to man. Time is also measured by vibrations. The length of the second is the amount of time it takes a hot celcium atom to vibrate 8,192,631,770 times...

4. **Law of Gravity:** Gravity is the force that tends to draw all physical bodies in Earth's sphere toward the center of Earth. Presumably, this same law applies throughout the universe...

5. **Law of Chemistry:** Chemistry is the science dealing with the composition and properties of substances and with the reactions by which substances are produced from, or converted into, other substances.

It has been said that the Rosicrucians had the knowledge to transmute base metals into gold. Many Rosicrucians have been persecuted by

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political leaders in an effort to obtain this knowledge. The highest operation of this law is the conversion of the objective and lower man into the subjective and Christ-like man.

AMORC teachings were that all matter in the universe is composed of 144 different elements. Only 90 elements have so far been found in nature and another 19 synthetic elements have been created for a total of 109 elements. If AMORC teachings are correct, there are still 35 new elements out there some place waiting to be discovered.

6. **Law of Energy:** In the physical dimension, energy is usually thought of as light, heat, electricity, and electromagnetic radiation. But the largest field of energy in the universe is thought. Actually, energy in the physical dimension emanates from thought...

7. **Law of Attraction:** Unlike polarities attract each other and like polarities repel each other. The law of attraction is the tendency or force through which particles are attracted or drawn toward each other; the inherent tendency is for bodies to approach each other, unite, and resist separation.

Man needs, and seeks, union with God. The idea that man can fall from grace is an incorrect interpretation. Once man knows God, he can never again not know her.

8. **Law of Creation:** Creation is the act of bringing into existence all of the world, the universe and everything in it. God thought; therefore, everything is. As Descartes said, *"I think, therefore I am."* Man, too, has the power to create, and the evidence of that creation is the culture around us.

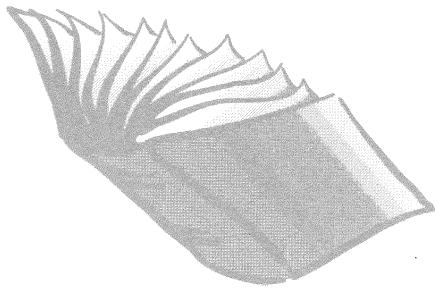
9. **Law of Polarity:** Polarity is the predominant quality of the vibratory rate or number of an electron, atom or molecule. Positive polarity is due to the expanding quality of the vibratory rate. Negative polarity is due to the relatively arrested or receptive quality of the vibratory rate. Positive polarity is usually thought to be male, and negative polarity is usually thought to be female...

10. **Law of Division:** This law expressed best when cells split and divide, thus forming new cells. This law also operates in the world of man. Families, businesses, and other man-made institutions tend to obey the same law.

What causes the law to operate? Perhaps the rate of vibration gets so high that it cannot be contained in the same material, and division becomes necessary. At the transition or death of a human being, it is thought that the vibrations of the person increase so much and become so high that he or she cannot remain in the physical body. This is the cause of death. For the physical body, from dust back to dust; for the Soul, from God back to God.

11. **Law of Light:** Light is that which makes it possible for us to see. It is anything that emits, or is a source of, visible energy. God thought, and then that thought changed form into spirit, and then spirit changed form into energy. One form of energy is light. Energy, or light, then changed form into matter.

The world of matter that we live in is the lowest form of existence possible. Our physical bodies are composed of such matter. But inside that physical body, while we are alive, resides part of the thought of God, which is man. Everything in the universe shares an equivalence of some kind. Trying to discover these equivalences is the task assigned to man.



12. **Law of the Circle:** The circle is the symbol of the universe. It represents the continuity of life, and it is the ideal of harmony and proportion. The law operates in the subjective realm as well as the objective or physical realm. It is often said with truth that: All that goes around also comes around.

13. **Law of Self-Preservation:** Self-preservation is the preservation of one's self and physical body from danger, injury, or death. It is the urge to preserve oneself. It is regarded as an instinct. It includes the creation of positive psychic energy around one's self to protect one's self from physical, mental, emotional, or psychic attack in any negative form.

It is often said, erroneously, that the urge in man for self-preservation is man's highest urge. Many men and women have voluntarily given up their lives to protect loved ones. Even if Master Jesus the Christ did surrender his life voluntarily for others it would be no more than many other people have done. Master Jesus was a unique man but not for that reason.

14. **Law of Transition:** Death, or transition, is the separation of the soul from the body. It neither destroys nor annihilates the soul or the body. Both continue to express themselves on different and independent planes; the body expresses on a physical plane, and the soul on the plane of Cosmic Consciousness. The universe is so constructed that what appears to be an end is always only a new beginning.

15. **Law of Incarnation:** Incarnation is to be made flesh, or be endowed with a human body, or to have appearance in a human form. In order for the human soul to enter a human body at birth, as taught in both

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AMORC and in the **Bible**, with the first breath of life it must lower its vibration to the point that it can reside and manifest on the physical plane of existence...

16. **Law of Immortality:** Immortality is the condition or quality of being immortal or exempt from death, annihilation, or unending existence.

Man is, in fact, immortal and will live forever without end. There is nothing man can do to change this. Fear of death, or fear of loss of consciousness, comes from a lack of knowledge and understanding of the nature of things. It comes from a lack of exposure to, or understanding of, the teachings of Master Jesus the Christ...

17. **Law of Will:** Will is the God-given ability of man to use the power of God. God willed that the universe and man should be and it was so. Man, too, can will things to be and they will be, commensurate with man's level of development of consciousness and realization. The man, Master Jesus the Christ, is the best example of the development of consciousness, and therefore of will, in the human species up to this time.

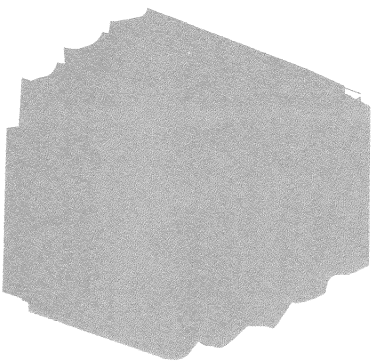
The true gift of God to man is the freedom and power of will. With it man can and does do many things both good and evil. In exercising his free will, man creates Karma, and the Law of Compensation must be paid in full, every last cent, without exception. The most beautiful teaching of all time is that realized and taught by Master Jesus: that the Law of Love can satisfy and fulfill the Law of Compensation. Man must learn the Law of Love and how to use it, just as Master Jesus did. Man's assignment on Earth, and in the universe, is to learn the will of God and bring his own will into harmony with the will of God.

18. **Law of Cycles:** Everything in the universe operates in cycles. One example of a cycle is the period required for the revolution of the moon's node, which is about eighteen years and eleven days, after which eclipses usually return in a similar order. Other examples, are the period of 28 years, after which the days of the month again fall on the same days of the week; and, the period of nineteen years, at the end of which the new moon reappears on the same day as at the beginning of the cycle. Perhaps the ultimate cycle will be when the entire physical universe implodes back to the thought of God and ceases to exist...

19. **Law of Life:** Life is motion or action, and reaction or evolution. It is throughout all creation. It has the two aspects of matter and mind. When the Vital Life Force enters the physical body it has life. Likewise, when the Vital Life Force leaves the body, there is transition or death.

The Law of Life is the principle that a man can become an individual concentration of energy. It is the **I Am** presence. **I Am** is the lost sacred word. I Am the truth and the light. I Am the resurrection and the life. I Am that I Am.

20. **Law of Cause and Effect:** This might be called the Law of Causation. All causes have multiple effects and all effects have multiple causes. Science is now at the point where it hopes to prove that there are situations where this law is invalid. Some scientists are suggesting that the Law of Causation may not be universally true. But at this time the law remains valid.



21. **Law of Compensation or Karma:** For each action there is an equal and opposite reaction. For each sorrow or joy we bring to others, we shall have experience in like degree and manner at the appropriate time, so that the lessons to be gained will teach us our error and increase our understanding. Master Jesus the Christ tried to teach man how to satisfy and fulfill the Law of Compensation by our forgiving the sins of others, and more importantly, by forgiving the sins of one's self...

22. **Law of Assumption:** Any person for proper moral purposes can assume the personality and identity of another person and in the process expose the consciousness of the other person to truth. That person may then accept or reject such truth as he desires in the exercise of his own individual free will. This is what happens in meditation or prayer when a person whispers to or prays for the illumination of another. It can and does work.

23. **Law of Continuity:** As is the inner, so is the outer; as is the great, so is the small; as it is above, so it is below; if truth is true, then it is always true...

24. **Law of Transmutation:** Transmutation is the changing of one thing into another. It is the conversion of one element into another or the possible conversion of base metals into gold and silver by alchemy. It is the transmuting of our bare physical natures into the highest ideal expressions. It is also the transmuting of our desires and thoughts into living spiritual ideals. This is exactly the lesson that Master Jesus the Christ tried to teach to man. Master Jesus did it, and therefore, by the implication of inductive logic, man, too, can do it.

25. **Law of Thought:** Everything that exists on the physical level of

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existence emanates from thought. The physical universe emanates from the thought of God. On Earth, everything that is, was first conceived in the mind of man. For example, in the physical dimension, a man conceives in his mind a rocket to go to the moon. It will take months or even years for this conception to actually come into being, but his thinking creates reality.

But on the higher levels of existence where there is no time, the thought and the actualization of the thought happen simultaneously. We all are as we perceive ourselves to be. There is only one mind in the universe and that is the one and only Universal Mind which is both the mind of God and man.

26. **Law of Transfer of Thought:** The Law of Thought and the Law of Transfer of Thought share some similarities. This law states that energy can be created by the power of mind through thought and thus transferred from thought to energy. Creation can be a continuous process from the mind of God or even from the mind of man. Since man is created in the image of God, man, too, has the potential capacity to transfer his mind from thought to energy and, of course, from energy to matter.

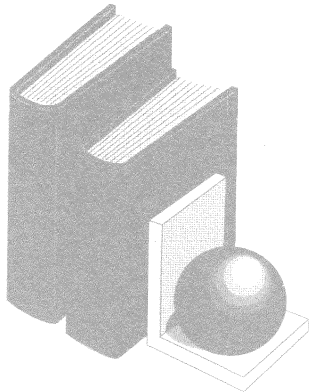
Thus, it is physically possible for man to create matter with his mind. To be sure few people have evolved to this level of knowledge but surely many would agree that Master Jesus the Christ may have possessed such power. And by inductive logic, if Master Jesus could do it, all others might do it also when they are sufficiently evolved.

27. **Law of Harmony:** Harmony is the concordance of vibrations. Life is harmony and harmony is joy. The figure three is the representation of complete harmony and represents the unity of opposites in nature. The law of harmony is a cosmic law and might be called the voice of God.

28. **Law of Evolution:** Man evolves upwards in a spiral. Man studies and learns lessons or laws on one level and then, as he goes ever higher in a spiral, he will encounter those same lessons and laws to be learned yet again, but this time on a higher level...

29. **Law of Trinity:** There is only one God, not three. The one True God does manifest in many ways. Most apparent to the human species are the three most important ones, in which God manifests as wisdom, as intelligence, and as love. The ancient Egyptians worshiped a trinity of gods, as do the Hindus and Christians yet, to the present day. The Christians call this trinity the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. But there is only One True God, not three. Master Jesus the Christ was indeed the most godly of all men who ever lived, but a man he was indeed. He certainly was not the One True God of the universe...

30. **Law of Balance:** The law of balance requires that man keep a balance between the physical dimension and the spiritual dimension. In order for the physical body to be healthy, the mind must be healthy. For the mind to function at its highest and best level, it must reside in a reasonably healthy body. Man incarnates and is born into this life in order to learn. One of the things to be learned is balance...



31. **Law of Unity:** Unity is concord or agreement or harmony. It is the quality of being one in purpose, sentiment, affection, or the like...

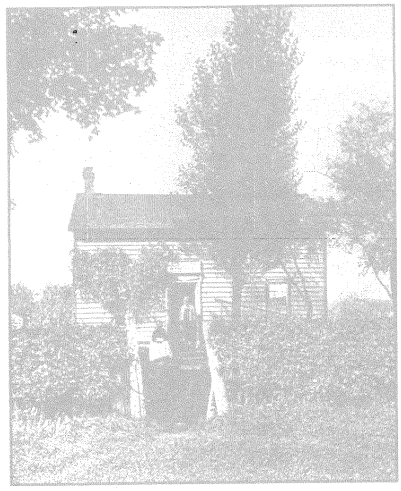
32. **Law of Oneness:** There is only one **Soul** in the universe. This is the soul of God and also the soul of man. This is the one thing that all men share with each other and that all men also share with God.

33. **Law of Love:** Love is God's benevolent concern for mankind and man's devout attachment of God. It is the feeling of benevolence and brotherhood that people should have for each other. Love is not just an emotion, it is also the highest vibratory frequency of psychic energy. It actually creates a field of energy...

Science has yet to prove the existence of this law, but every human being who has ever loved knows the feeling and knows for sure that it does exist. True love is totally impersonal. It would be well to remember that the Law of Love is a law of the physical universe and that it operates according to known principles. Master Jesus the Christ knew these principles and spent his life trying to teach them to man.

Master Jesus had a monumental problem in that he was trying to describe to man things for which there were no known words to describe. How do you describe the beauty of a rainbow to a person who is totally color-blind and has never seen color? The answer is: Only with the greatest of difficulty.

Learning these laws of the physical universe was mandatory for all students on the path from ignorance to understanding. It remains a requirement unto the present day. It would be well to remember that under the Law of Unity, all things of the universe are united and all these laws would then be merely different expressions of the One Supreme Law: the Law of Love. So may it always be. ♦



A Brief Overview

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It was on March 31, 1848, in the western New York State community of Hydesville that two little girls, Maggie and Kate Fox, started the modern day concept of communication with the Spirit World. Miles away, on the same day in Poughkeepsie, New York, a renowned spiritual healer and free thinker had a vision of Spirit informing him that "It has begun." He was Andrew Jackson Davis the "Father of Spiritualism."

For years strange things happened in the cottage in Hydesville. Strange rapping's on the door or in the rooms of the house. The knockings were typically more pronounced at night, however on the night of March 31, it was clear to the Fox family that something was very different. The youngest daughter, Katie, was more amused then alarmed and shouted out, "Here, Mr. Split-foot do as I do." She then made a given number of motions with her hand in the air. A corresponding number of knocks were immediately rapped by the invisible guest. Mrs. Fox continued to interrogate the guest by asking it to tell her how many children she had and their ages. She worked out a way to communicate with the guest using raps as an alphabet.

The Fox sisters discovered the rapper was a peddler named Charles B. Rosna. Years before, when the house was occupied by another family, a peddler had visited the home. While his visit was documented—his departure never was. A peddler's bag, human bones and locks of scalp were found under the dirt in the basement, and many years after the Fox sisters had died, behind a fake wall, a human skeleton was found.

Charles B. Rosna shared the experiences of the after life with the world and truly Modern Spiritualism began. The Fox sisters then continued to share the knowledge they had learned from Rosna and other spirit entities began to demonstrate the workings of Spiritualism to the masses.

The opening of communication with the "other side" has given many of us the peace we need to know that those we love are indeed in a better place, still learning and developing into the perfect person Infinite Intelligence (God) has given us all the ability to become. Spiritualists and Spiritualism do not provide a static definition of the Infinite Intelligence, but, allows us, as an individual, to define our own Infinite Intelligence, be it God, or other Higher Spiritual Source. Spirit has let us know that our existence and personal identity continues after the change some call death.

As Spiritualists, we are guided by principles that we live by. We know that living by Infinite Intelligence's Natural Laws we will have a life of happiness and abundance. We affirm that communication with the "so-called" dead is a fact, scientifically proven by the phenomena of Spiritualism. This phenomena being the communication with spirit by mediums.

Today, many have proven themselves communicators with the other side. They are called Mediums. A Medium is a person whose organism is sensitive to vibrations from the Spirit World and through whose instrumentality, intelligence's in that world are able to convey messages and produce the phenomena of Spiritualism. It is with their help we have learned our loved ones are always with us. The emotions and feelings they had for us in this world they have taken with them to the next. We have also learned that those on the other side have all the help available to them to expand their feelings of love and oneness with us and Infinite Intelligence.

Many people have asked me what is it like on the other side? Is my loved one happy? Do they know how much I love and miss them? The answer to all these questions are YES! When we leave this world and drop off the garment of life, we become our true self, which is spirit. We know that we are souls merely using the body for a short while. The body is important for our development because while in it we learn many lessons we couldn't learn without it. It has been told to me that the physical body gives us more opportunity to experience the different elements of Love—physical, emotional, and spiritual. While in the spirit, the lessons we haven't learned on Earth are still waiting for us to learn in the new world, but because of the lack of the physical body it makes them more difficult. Learn to love as much as you can on this plane, and it will raise your vibration on the next.

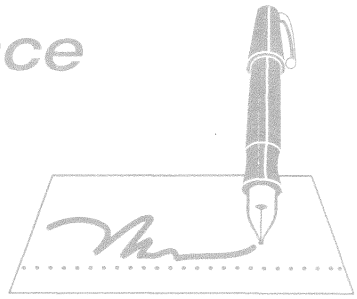
The Spirit has taught us, through physics, that we are all vibration. The world is in constant movement. Physics reminds us that energy cannot be destroyed, only changed. The energy of our essence or soul can not be destroyed, it can only change into something else—SPIRIT.

Spiritualist communication with those in the Spirit World demonstrates there are no dead and gives us the proof of continuous life and continuous love. As Spiritualists, we find many ways to meet with our loved ones. We learn to see and

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Expressions Of Infinite Intelligence

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Our second Principle states the following: "We believe that the phenomena of Nature, both physical and spiritual, are the expression of Infinite Intelligence." Being part of this expression, we may sometimes wonder if we have any control over what happens to us, thinking perhaps that we are merely puppets of the universe created by a Higher Being for Its own amusement. People who believe that we are formed as free-willed co-creators also have an awareness of the component of personal responsibility. I have come to learn over the years that co-creation is performed within myself. I believe that we are all responsible for creating primary reality within, working vibrationally. Secondary reality exists outside. It is similar to tuning up a car. If the car is tuned correctly, it runs better. You may think that you have no control over driving conditions, but if the car is operating in tip-top shape, it is less vulnerable to outside forces and the ride can become more enjoyable.

About 20 years ago I saw a movie by Woody Allen called *Interiors*. It was like no other movie he had done before because it was the first obviously serious film he had made. Most of the story concerns a matriarch, played by Geraldine Page, and the interactions between her and the members of her family. The character is an interior decorator by profession and her perfectionistic, controlling approach to her work is a metaphor of her life. The family get-togethers are far from taffy pulls, but more like psychological tugs-of-war. Encounters with one another become a series of love-hate situations, with which some of us can unfortunately identify. She tries to control secondary reality because her sense of well-being is dependent upon the fulfillment of her desired outcomes. Ultimately, her husband becomes intolerant of her understated, ominous presence and replaces her with a colorful woman who is the embodiment of "What you see is what you get." This other woman, who takes most of the guesswork out of a relationship, is a refreshing change. The matriarch's reaction to this loss and ultimate rejection by her husband is suicide. It is unfortunate that someone who was in such great need of a vibrational change believed that the road to happiness was through construction of highways that suited herself. When the projects failed, she destroyed the vehicle of herself.

Each one of us is an expression of Infinite Intelligence and we have been given free will and the tools of the universe to express our individual self. We must work at all costs to embody the truth that we are complete and perfect just as we are, and that life is meant to be a joyful, expressive dance. Living this truth frees us from trying to control people or situations as if our life depended upon it. Because of this, I believe that our most fundamental responsibility is to our inner space. We must become more aware of our interior life, of our every thought. It is of primary importance to know our intention at all times and to be honest about it. Our intentions and thoughts generate energy and emotions. These create our spoken words and fuel our actions. We need to remember that our interactions with one another can be grist for the mill to dislodge ourselves from delusions that contaminate our thinking and imprison us. If we construct our interiors to contain truth, love and compassion, the material world becomes a toolbox of our human experience to express the highest and the best that we can offer. When we do this, we have become instruments of love and healing, the highest expressions of Infinite Intelligence.

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feel within us those whom we have lost from the physical world. Each one of us has the capacity to communicate with the Spirit World. We don't due to lack of desire, lack of practice, or failure to recognize when communication actually occurs. Spiritualism also shows us that the physical loss of someone doesn't mean the end of a relationship with that person. Healing often comes from a continued relationship with those that have passed on to the Spirit World. The opportunity for forgiveness is never closed. Relationships are never ended.

This communication is difficult, and many seek Mediums to assist with this transfer of information. A Medium's answers to questions about someone who has passed are sometimes difficult to formulate, for our words cannot describe adequately the special peace, the beauty and harmony of colors, the etheric music and the loved ones and spirit guides dwelling in the Etheric Plane.

Spiritualism is important to those who have just lost someone to the spirit or who may be nearing the end of their physical life. Spiritualism helps friends and family receive the proof that death is only of the physical body and the personality of the loved one lives on and can be contacted through mediumship and love. This proves to us there is never a need to feel lonely as we can always be assured that spirit is with us.

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The Daffodil Principle

– Author Unknown



Several times my daughter had telephoned to say, "Mother, you must come see the daffodils before they are over." I wanted to go, but it was a two-hour drive from Laguna to Lake Arrowhead. "I will come next Tuesday," I promised, a little reluctantly, on her third call.

Next Tuesday dawned cold and rainy. Still, I had promised, and so I drove there. When I finally walked into Carolyn's house and hugged and greeted my grandchildren, I said, "Forget the daffodils, Carolyn! The road is invisible in the clouds and fog, and there is nothing in the world except you and these children that I want to see bad enough to drive another inch!" My daughter smiled calmly and said, "We drive in this all the time, Mother."

"Well, you won't get me back on the road until it clears, and then I'm heading for home!" I assured her.

"I was hoping you'd take me over to the garage to pick up my car."

"How far will we have to drive?"

"Just a few blocks," Carolyn said. "I'll drive. I'm used to this."

After several minutes, I had to ask, "Where are we going? This isn't the way to the garage!"

"We're going to my garage the long way," Carolyn smiled, "by way of the daffodils."

"Carolyn," I said sternly, "please turn around."

"It's all right, Mother, I promise. You will never forgive yourself if you miss this experience."

After about twenty minutes, we turned onto a small gravel road and I saw a small church. On the far side of the church, I saw a hand-lettered sign that read, "Daffodil Garden."

We got out of the car and each took a child's hand, and I followed Carolyn down the path. Then, we turned a corner of the path, and I looked up and gasped. Before me lay the most glorious sight. It looked as though someone had taken a great vat of gold and poured it down over the mountain peak and slopes. The flowers were planted in majestic, swirling patterns—great ribbons and swaths of deep orange, white, lemon yellow, salmon pink, saffron, and butter yellow. Each different-colored variety was planted as a group so that it swirled and flowed like its own river with its own unique hue. There were five acres of flowers.

"But who has done this?" I asked Carolyn.

"It's just one woman," Carolyn answered. "She lives on the property. That's her home." Carolyn pointed to a well-kept A-frame house that looked small and modest in the midst of all that glory. We walked up to the house. On the patio we saw a poster. "Answers to the Questions I Know You Are Asking" was the headline. The first answer was a simple one. "50,000 bulbs," it read. The second answer was, "one at a time, by one woman; two hands, two feet, and a very little brain." The third answer was, "Began in 1958."

There it was. The Daffodil Principle. For me, that moment was a life-changing experience. I thought of this woman whom I had never met, who, more than thirty-five years before, had begun—one bulb at a time—to bring her vision of beauty and joy to an obscure mountain top. Still, just planting one bulb at a time, year after year, had changed the world. This unknown woman had forever changed the world in which she lived. She had created something of ineffable magnificence, beauty, and inspiration. The principle her daffodil garden taught is one of the greatest principles of celebration. That is, learning to move toward our goals and desires one step at a time—often just one baby-step at a time—and learning to love the doing, learning to use the accumulation of time. When we multiply tiny pieces of time with small increments of daily effort, we too will find we can accomplish magnificent things. We can change the world.

"It makes me sad in a way," I admitted to Carolyn. "What might I have accomplished if I had thought of a wonderful goal thirty-five years ago and had worked away at it 'one bulb at a time' through all those years. Just think what I might have been able to achieve!"

My daughter summed up the message of the day in her direct way. "Start tomorrow," she said. It's so pointless to think of the lost hours of yesterdays. The way to make learning a lesson a celebration instead of a cause for regret is to only ask, "How can I put this to use today?"

HOPE THIS WILL INSPIRE ALL OF YOU TO START OVER OR KEEP GOING! ◆

Spiritual Gifts

BY ELIZABETH HARRIS, DSNU, Canada



You fulfill yourself by utilizing the gifts of the spirit which have been bestowed on you.
– Light from Silver Birch

Do we know the gifts of the spirit which have been bestowed on us? Have we really thought about them. For each and all of us have been given, at the very least, one great spiritual gift to use to fulfill ourselves and apply in some useful way.

If we don't already know the answer, how can we discover it?

To find the answer, we will have to set aside some regular time to analyze our own personality. Then we can take a sheet of paper and make two lists—one with our strengths on it—the things we're good at and the things we're equipped to do—and another list with our weaknesses. For example—do we like working with computers or are our gifts people-related? Are we interested in health and general social conditions or do we have a flair for administrative work, organizing or advertising? Are we physical or mental people?

Then we must put down on paper our deepest allurements. In other words—all other things being equal, what do we most enjoy doing? What turns us on? In this way we can discover our most important gift. And, by listening to the innermost promptings of our deepest likes and dislikes is the way to discover the spirit of Infinite Intelligence's voice within us.

When we listen to the voice within and discover our secret, or not so secret, gifts and talents, we will find that what is expected of us all boils down to love Infinite Intelligence, one's neighbor and one's true self.

We may find it to be our love of music and a wish to share it, our love of order and management, our desire to teach or heal, fellowship with our fellow man/woman, community service or countless other things. Or, it could be simply a desire to be a very good spiritual medium. All these things are spiritual and by involving ourselves in them, we will fulfill ourselves.

Spiritual gifts, spoken of in Biblical times are applicable today: "There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are varieties of service, but the same Spirit." There are many forms of work, but all of them are the work of the same God. In each of us the Spirit is manifested in one particular way, for some useful purpose.

One has a gift of wise speech, while another can put the deepest knowledge into words. Another is granted faith, another gifts of healing, and another miraculous powers. Some have the gift of prophecy, and others the ability to distinguish true spirits from false, yet another has the gift of ecstatic utterances of different kinds, and another the ability to interpret it. But all these gifts are the work of one and the same Spirit, distributing them separately to each individual.

When we meet for a Spiritualist Worship Service, each of us contributes a hymn, some instruction, a revelation, an ecstatic utterance, or the interpretation. We also share love and friendship with each other. All of these must aim at one thing: To Build Up The Church.

Times change. They have changed since the first Spiritualist meetings took place in people's homes. Life was simple then, and only a good medium was necessary.

Now we have an organized legal religion to maintain. Not only do we have mediums, but we also have qualified healers, speakers, writers, educators, psychic artists and pianists. We have pastors with legal marriage rights. We have buildings where rent must be paid and furniture and appliances maintained. We have presidents, boards of directors, secretaries, treasurers, fund raisers and those responsible for out-reach programs to the community. The list is mind-boggling.

All these are done in the Spiritualist Churches on a volunteer basis. There is no doubt we are all doing our part to build up our churches and further Spiritualism.

We must remember that as everyone has gifts and talents, no one person is expected to do it all.

Let each of us make a list of our weaknesses and strengths and what we really like to do best, and encourage others in the church to do this exercise. For those in the congregation might be pleased and surprised at the talents and gifts they would discover lying dormant and unused within themselves. Others may decide to go to a local community college and learn about computers, office administration, creative writing, advertising, public speaking, etc., for they may have had secret urges to study these things.

Everyone has talents and gifts that could be put to practical use in our churches and they may be extremely happy to do so. Many people who attend Spiritualist churches are lonely and want involvement. They want the companionship of sharing, belonging and contributing. So, in many ways, it's a matter of discovering where talents lie and a person's willingness to share them.

The twenty-first century is here and Spiritualism isn't the simple religion it used to be. It will take organization, dedication, and all the talents it can muster to be able to grow, progress and keep up with the times. ♦

Ordination Service



Frank and the Reverend Kathleen Cribb.

The Rite of Ordination Service was held on December 9, 2001, for Kathleen Claire Cribb at The Memorial Spiritualist Church. The Rev. Lelia E. Cutler officiated, and Carol Brown presided over the service. After the reading of the authorization for ordination, Carol gave the invocation, which was followed by the homily presented by Lelia Cutler.

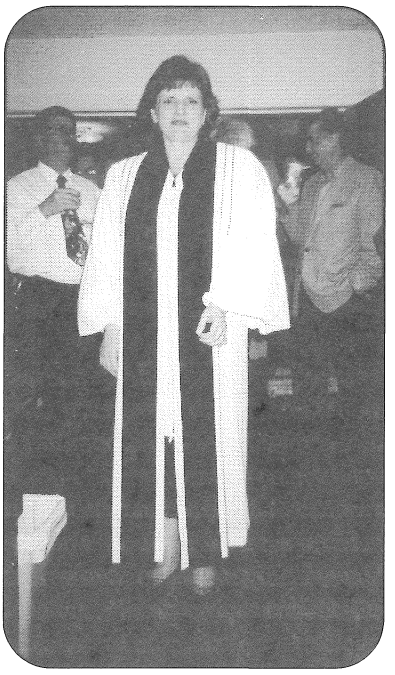
Carol Brown read "The Law" in honor of the Rev. Joseph H. Merrill, and a solo followed it by Lelia singing



The Rev. Lelia E. Cutler administering the rite of ordination to Kathleen Cribb.

"Flow Spirit Flow." The official address to the candidate, that included the promises from the candidate to uphold her ministerial duties, was followed by the presentation of her ministerial robe. Her husband, and greatest supporter, Frank Cribb, presented the robe with a story of his perseverance. When Kathleen sat down to watch a movie with him, and he thought she should be studying, he would watch a Civil War picture, "Gettysburg" which he knew Kathleen would not watch. She went up to the office to study. Frank watched that movie fourteen times. Frank also gave the history of the robe, which was bequeathed from the Rev. Cathreen Mannino, a friend of the church, through Lelia. We know Cathy watched with pride over the ordination service.

After the Charge, Fred Brown, president of the church, presented Kathleen with her Certificate of Ordination, and then everyone sang together, "Isn't It Wonderful What Spirit Can Do."



The Rev. Kathleen Clair Cribb.

The service was followed by a reception at the church. The sandwiches, fruit kabobs, meatballs, smokies, cake and other desserts and foods of all kinds, adorned pristine white tablecloths graced with beautiful silver candelabras (provided by a church member), and arrangements of purple and white flowers. The lavender bulletins (prepared by Beth Yates), napkins, and plates followed the theme of the purple velvet on Kathleen's robe.

The highlight was the fact that Kathleen's sister, who is a missionary to Indonesia, through the Overseas Missionary Fellowships program, was able to attend along with her mother, Frank's mother, and about 25 of their relatives from out of town. Kathleen gave her first lecture as an ordained minister that evening at the regular 7:30 p.m. service.

Linda Kent Interviewed

A *Sun Chronicle* reporter, Gloria Labounty, interviewed Linda Kent for its Clairvoyant Day in Rehoboth, NH.

Discovering Life After Death

First Spiritualist Church, with a new home in Rehoboth, puts emphasis on communicating with the Beyond.

Weekly church services at the Anawan Grange Hall

(Continued on next page.)

on Route 44 have aspects that people of various faiths would recognize.

There's a time of healing with a laying on of hands. There's a sermon given by a leader, and testimony given by congregants.

Then comes the difference.

A medium receives messages from people who have passed on and transmits the messages to people in the congregation.

This is a service of the First Spiritualist Church, a group of worshippers who believe in God or an Infinite Intelligence that is expressed through all of creation, a belief shared by most other religions.

But this church also believes there is no actual death, that life continues from the physical realm into the spiritual one, and that communication between the two realms is possible.

That belief is one of the founding principles of Spiritualist churches and proves that people live on after transition called death, said Linda Kent of Warren, R.I., a Certified Medium with the church.



For Linda Kent, the concept of life and death as one is a way of life.

"For me, it's a way of life," Kent said of what she described as her ability to communicate with the dead. "It has opened me to the ways of working with the spirit."

The public can get a sense of this church by attending its Clairvoyant Day in Rehoboth, NH. Nationally known medium April Sherrin will be featured, and several mediums from throughout New England will be on hand to provide readings and messages for $15...

The Clairvoyant Day serves as a fundraiser for the church, which dates back to the 1880s when a Spiritualist association was first formed in Brockton.

The congregation met in that city for most of its history until it moved to Somerset in 1995, then briefly to Seekonk before locating at the Rehoboth hall three years ago.

Besides being a Medium, Lynn Kent, as well as husband Brian, is a Licentiate Minister in the church, and Brian is also a Commissioned Spiritualist Healer. Raised a Roman Catholic, Lynn Kent explored various faiths while growing up and then turned to Spiritualism several years ago because of psychic experiences, she said.

"I went because I kept getting visions, dreams," Kent said.

She later became a Certified Medium through the National Spiritualist Association of Churches after taking a correspondence course on Spiritualism and receiving training. Now she regularly does readings at her church, and elsewhere on request.

According to Spiritualists, these readings consist of the transmission of messages from someone in the Spirit World. They are based on the belief that humans are spiritual beings and part of the divine, and that life therefore is continuous, and the consciousness never dies. When physical existence ends, the spirit graduates to the next plane of existence, and spirits can then help those living on the earth plane by communicating with them.

The National Association describes Spiritualism as a common-sense religion that has no creed or dogma and that urges its followers to keep their minds open to new truths.

Kent said Spiritualists believe in the *Bible*, but as a good teaching tool and not as God's law. Besides belief in God, in the continuation of life and in communication between the physical and spiritual realms, their principles include the Golden Rule, and belief in the moral responsibility of every individual.

Most people attend Spiritualist services or events like today's Clairvoyant Day because they feel the need to contact someone who has died, Kent said.

Kent said mediums all over the country have been busily trying to contact people who were victims in the September 11 attacks.

Kent is well aware of the skepticism surrounding Spiritualism. Many people come to services because they are doubters, she said, and often leave as believers because of the proof they either receive themselves, or that they witness.

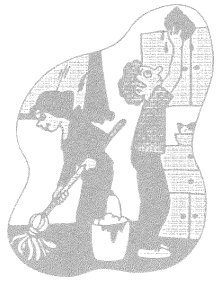
Many people still doubt that Jesus walked the earth, she said, but that doesn't deter Christians from believing in him.

"People can doubt us as much as they want," Kent said. "It does not bother me." ♦

"The natural healing force in each one of us is the greatest force in getting well."
– *Hippocrates*

Spring House Cleaning

– Author Unknown



Last Week I threw out Worrying,
it was getting old and in the way.
It kept me from being me;
I couldn't do things my way.

I threw out those Inhibitions;
they were just crowding me out.
Made room for my New Growth,
got rid of my old dreams and doubts.

I threw out a book on MY PAST
(didn't have time to read it anyway).
Replaced it with New Goals,
started reading it today.

I threw out childhood toys
(remember how I treasured them so)?
Got me a NEW PHILOSOPHY too,
threw out the one from long ago.

Brought in some new books too,
called I CAN, I WILL, and I MUST.
Threw out I might, I think and I ought.
WOW, you should've seen the dust.

I ran across an OLD FRIEND,
haven't seen him in a while.
I believe his name is GOD,
Yes, I really like His style.

He helped me to do some cleaning
and added some things Himself.
Like PRAYER, HOPE and FAITH,
Yes, I placed them right on the shelf.

I picked up this special thing
and placed it at the front door.
I FOUND IT—it's called PEACE.
Nothing gets me down anymore.

Yes, I've got my house looking nice.
Looks good around the place.
For things like Worry and Trouble
there just isn't any place.

It's good to do a little house cleaning,
get rid of the old things on the shelf.
It sure makes things brighter;
maybe you should TRY IT YOURSELF.

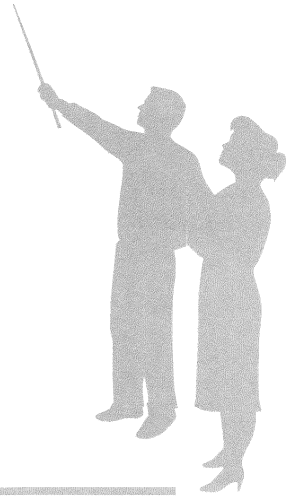
Things To Think About

BY MERRY BROWNE

• "Visible Question—Invisible Answer"

The Director of Research at The Institute of Noetic Sciences posed a question recently that is asked by many researchers of Consciousness. "Is the activity of the brain which can be seen by recording brain-waves on a machine, Consciousness?" It is a natural question for those who do not know that Consciousness, which is Spirit-Soul-Psyche-Mind within a body form, automatically manifests upon brain organ and the recorded so-called brain-waves are actually mind's thought-waves.

In an attempt to explain this, consider the following illustration. It is as "invisible hands" playing a piano making it "seem" that the piano is playing the music. ◆



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– Melvin Van Vlack

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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.

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