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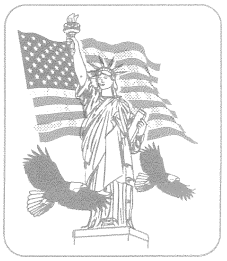


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Today's Oneness!

Freedom *and* Patriotism...

BY THE REV. SANDRA PFORTMILLER, NST

You learn Natural Law through the evolution of your own spirit. You learn first of all to discard all that which is false, all that which makes your reason revolt, all that which is not inconsonant with the love and wisdom of the Great Spirit. Before you learn, you must unlearn. You must discard all that which hinders your minds from thinking as they should do.
– Silver Birch

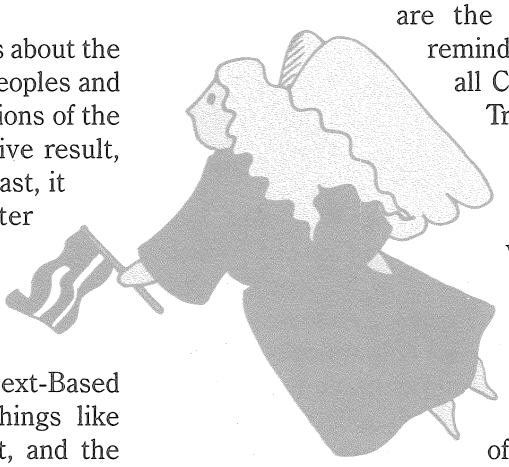
Humanity is releasing their misconceptions about the division of national, tribal and religious peoples and after "911" realizing that we are all creations of the One Great Source. This is a good thing, a positive result, that while it cannot correct the mistakes of the past, it can guide humanity into a future of greater understanding and compassion for all.

Americans are still displaying patriotism and several national surveys have found an increase in appreciation for family, home and church. Ellen Moore, an analyst with the Context-Based Research Group, said, "People are choosing things like having family dinners in, rather than going out, and the reason is to get back to the core values." Another survey group, Yankelovich Partners, found "three-fourths of the people interviewed said they were spending more time assessing what really works in their lives."

The terrorist attacks on the United States were life-altering experiences, causing people to look at what was really important in their lives. Family and friends are getting more quality time, rather than being fit into spare moments. We have found that it isn't the things in our lives that make us happy, but the people we surround ourselves with. Most of the time it isn't dramatic changes that we are seeing, but small changes, new choices, possibly a slower pace in life and a greater appreciation of what is good, the blessings we do have in our lives.

We each feather our nests in different ways, but as we share our space with others, we make our house a home. As spiritual beings we know that to evolve, to be happy, to learn truth, we must include a higher understanding. The great thinkers of past and present claim that harmony begins within and with love. No matter what we do, if we have love as the basis of our motives, we will be honoring the values we wish to project. Without love, we are misguided.

Now sending love to those who hate us is not always an easy or an accepted practice. The September events shook us all from our stance and knocked us out of our complacency. Often our conscious mind rebels and fights this idea of sending love to those who have hurt us. Is it all about us? The times when our anger against others arises are the moments that we need to remind ourselves of the Oneness of all Creation, that all life is of God. Try a small experiment today. Notice how many of your sentences you begin with the word, "I." "I think, I need, I want, I went." We are so self-centered that we often forget the world has a life apart from our particular views. This separates us from others, wears on our sense of unity and keeps us alone.

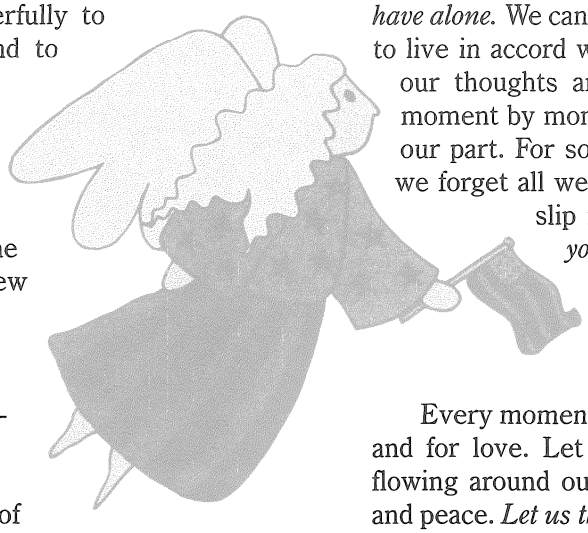


Meditation and quieting the outer expressions of thought help us to receive inspiration. Each time we are inspired, we are tuned into some intelligence that is of higher vibration than we are. If we do not take the time to be still, we are hardly able to hear the message that our spirit helpers want to teach us. Growth of the soul rarely has to do with the power of reasoning, for it is not mental capacity, but love capabilities. Can you send spiritual love to those you dislike or fear? We know the Law of Vibration and the Law of Cause and Effect, so as we are able to send out a loving energy, so will we assist our planet and everything on it. Our souls are intimately connected with all life, thus all life is the product of each vibration. One cannot exist without the other energies, for the Divine Source created everything for a purpose. We are One, even though we are many, thus because we are a part of the whole if we try to destroy another we ultimately hurt ourselves.

We need not accept or condone negativity, yet we cannot change the world all at once. Each one of us can help though,

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through prayer, through sending positive thoughts, through speaking kind words, through knowing the divine is in all—Infinite Intelligence expressing. Silver Birch said, *True religion is to serve your fellow man wherever you can.* Begin right around you to help the world with your smile, your touch, your tolerance, your compassion, your kind words, your service. Jesus said, *The kingdom of God cannot be divided against itself.* God is One. This means as long as we seek to hurt others, we will be hurt also—it is the Law. It also works wonderfully to return to us the love we send to others.



This month we celebrate freedom. True freedom, true liberty has love and a cosmic truth behind it. When the Pilgrim people came from across the seas to a new country so they could worship God in their own way, the strong-minded members of their organization soon determined what was the way to worship God. This is not freedom, but a new form of bondage. Ernest Holmes wrote: *In studying one system of thought after another that has transpired in the last seven thousand years of human history, I have noted how extremely difficult it is for the human mind to conceive liberty without license, without egotism; and we can only give birth to freedom when we have conceived liberty.*

On July 4th, 1776, a small group of brave men signed the Declaration of Independence setting forth ideals to guide the new country. *We hold these truths to be self-evident: That all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; that, to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.* I am sure God guided these Founding Fathers and played a role in the formation of this country. It is up to each of us to continue to carry out these ideals, every day.

On Independence Day we symbolically celebrate our freedom in America. This year it will have a deeper meaning and we will tenderly and prayerfully give thanks for our less than perfect freedom. Yet, we can dream, visualize and project a strong, compassionate, sacred country. Transformation always begins with self, then spreads to others, then spreads to the whole. This sacred energy is beginning to emerge and be recognized. The Creative Energy of the Divine is being accepted and projected. Spirituality is a quality to be nurtured, lived and shared. There is a desire, that seems to be growing, to be a more inspired being, to be a creative source, to express greater love and compassion. Spiritual values and experiences are no longer deemed weird. As we are each an example and a teacher by the lives we lead, we can educate others in the process of growth.

Jedediah Purdy claims, *There is nothing good that we can have alone.* We can try to live from the inside out; we can try to live in accord with Divine Law; we can work to change our thoughts and our behavior; we can strive to live moment by moment with love and then we will be doing our part. For some reason we have odd moments when we forget all we know, our faith takes a little dip and we slip in a hole. *Jump out and begin again, for your life is an opportunity to share your own unique perspective.* Discover your gifts that the Creator has given you and know that as you use your light, more light will be given to you.

Every moment is an opportunity for growth, for service and for love. Let us visualize a ribbon of light and love flowing around our planet Earth, bringing true fellowship and peace. *Let us think of our connection to all humanity and praise Spirit for the Oneness of all Life.*

Tomorrow's Wake

by Bernice Ketchum

What kind of a wake
Did I make today
As I passed along Life's way?

My secret emotion
Set into motion
Waves
That soothed
Or disturbed.

I make a wake
Wherever I go
The thoughts I hold
Today
Will make
Tomorrow's wake.

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"There is more to life than increasing its speed."
– *Gandhi*

America The Beautiful

BY THE REV. MARILYN AWTRY-SMITH, NST, Florida

We believe that this nation was ordained and founded
by a Divine Plan, for the express purposes,
having for their object
the enlightenment and upliftment of Humanity.
– Excerpt from the Spiritualist Loyalty Pledge

...America! America! God shed His Grace on Thee! Oh, how lucky we are to live in the land of the Free and the home of the Brave. Oh, how lucky we are to be Americans. And, how proudly we display the symbol of our country, the American Flag.

In these current times, we see the Red, White and Blue flying proudly in the breeze at door steps, on cars, on lapel pins, various forms of clothing and just about everywhere the beam of the eye may rest. It is a projection of the feeling down deep in the hearts of Americans. Yet, how sad it is that it took a tragedy such as "911" to remind us how much America—the land of the free—means to each of us. While it is sad it took such an event to turn the mind of men and women back to their spiritual being, perhaps it is true that God works in mysterious ways His wonders to perform.



Each of us, whether distant or close to downtown New York City, felt the wound imparted on our country and on our fellow countrymen. It brings to mind the words of John Dunne, "No man is an island unto himself, every man is a part of the continent, a part of the main. Any man's death diminishes me." We are all a part of that divine spark of life and therefore feel each other's joys as well as each other's pain.

Not only am I proud of my fellow Americans and their response to the call but Oh, so very proud of my Spiritualist brethren. Why? Because we demonstrated our understanding of the Laws of the Infinite, the Natural Laws that control and operate everything that is in existence. Because we know that the personal identity of the individual continues after the change called death, we were able to send a wave of positive energy throughout the universe. In our awareness, many of our churches, circles and individuals immediately on hearing of the attack on America turned to the Infinite for guidance. Throughout our land, Spiritualist circles and churches joined hearts and hands in sending the spirit of those whose earth-life ended so traumatically into the loving hands of the spirit forces standing by ready to welcome, aid and comfort them. Many of us took time for our own planned lives to give counsel and comfort to the bereaved. Many of us took time from our own planned lives to give counsel and comfort to the bereaved. Many of us who could help in no other way, sent contributions to the various organizations. Yes, that which often times we recite in rote, took on a fresh meaning, "Whatsoever ye would that others should do unto you, do ye also unto them."

As we approach the Fourth of July, perhaps it behooves us to reread our Loyalty Pledge. We must remember it is our duty, not only as Americans, but as Spiritualists, to support our country and labor to uphold its ideals to the Divine level upon which it was launched. Let our pathways always be led by the Spirit Beings of higher levels of understanding. It is our duty to lead others into the path of light, yet allow each to move at his own pace to the pathway of understanding. Let us be governed by the perfect Law and always attempt to keep balance and harmony in our every endeavor.

Perhaps as we celebrate Independence Day, let us think of the words of Abraham Lincoln in the Gettysburg Address, "That this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the earth." Those words certainly give us each a task and it is to do whatever we can, however we can. It doesn't require each of us to go to the battlefield. It is as simple as lending a hand to the downtrodden or depressed, giving a smile to each person we pass, contributing our abundance to others, daily raising our voices or thoughts to the wisdom from the higher spheres.

A picture flashes before my eyes...it is an island, the waves lapping on its shores, the breeze blowing ever so gently across the waters, and standing boldly with the torch of Liberty raised to the sky, standing ever so proudly is the Statue of Liberty. And, yes to thee we sing, "Long may our land be bright, With freedom's Holy Light, Protect us by Thy might, Great God our King." ☆

God Bless America

DESTINY
(Vital Design)

BY ELIZABETH HARRIS, DSNU, Canada



**You must realize there is an overall plan.
This plan has taken cognizance of every possible factor.
The blueprint is there. There is "relative free-will."
This allows man to hamper, delay, obstruct temporarily the Infinite processes. But man cannot halt them.
He cannot prevent the divine plan from fulfilling itself.**
– *Light* from Silver Birch

Since ancient times humankind has struggled with the thorny problem of determinism versus free-will. For without determinism and the predictability of our lives would be filled with chaos. But without free-will and the awesome feelings that go with it—the flights of imagination—the poetry—the creativity—we would languor in lethargy and boredom.

Although *determinism is part of destiny,* the word determinism is usually used for inanimate objects, while **destiny** is used for human beings.

That we have to die—this is part of our destiny. We can meditate on our lives; we can anxiously anticipate our death; we can be conscious of the fact that we never know when we will leave this earth, or how—does not all this refer to destiny?

Unfortunately the term *destiny* has been used and misused by Hollywood films so often that the word now conjures up ideas of inescapable catastrophes, secret doom or irrevocable ruin. True, the word destiny does mean "fixed fate," but it also means much more. The verb form of the word *destine*, is defined as *to ordain, to devote, to consecrate.* Destiny is related to the term "destination," which implies moving toward a goal.

These goals may be on a grand scale, like death, or a minor scale like finding gasoline in a gasoline shortage. But, in all cases, it is in **confronting** these things that our creativity emerges. For, although our destiny cannot be eliminated, nor can we erase it, or substitute anything else for it, we can, however, choose how we will respond to it.

We may postpone death slightly, by establishing good health habits, for example, or we may invite it by suicide; but all the while death stands there irrevocably waiting. We can cooperate with it, or we can rebel against it. Dylan Thomas' poem on the death of his father is an example of **encouraging and rebelling** against destiny, when he writes, *Rage, rage against the dying of the light.*

Also, there are earthquakes and volcanoes, called "acts of God" in insurance policies. We can choose to flee from the vicinity of earthquakes and volcanoes, or we can take our chances, remaining in the path of the eruptions. But we cannot escape the fact that volcanoes and other eruptions of the universe do occur.

Too, our destiny is expressed in our physical characteristics, like the color of our eyes and skin, the race we were born into, whether we are male or female, and so on. *Anatomy is destiny* is the famous saying of Freud.

One's talents—such as gifts for music, art, or mathematics are part of this. For example, the role of "talent as a form of destiny" is shown in a letter Beethoven wrote when he was twenty-eight and becoming so deaf that others *heard the shepherd singing, and I heard nothing.* And one can feel possessed by his/her talents. As J. W. N. Sullivan comments in his book, *Beethoven—His Spiritual Development: It is probable that every genius*

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becomes aware of his relationship with his genius. Even scientific geniuses, like Einstein, reveal the feeling of being possessed. A power seizes them of which they are not normally aware except by obscure premonitions. With Beethoven, a state of more or less unconsciousness must have been constant.

Again, destiny has thrown us into a family at birth that we did not choose, into a culture about which we knew nothing, and into a particular historical period about which we had no say. Bronislaw Malinowski talks of this problem when he says: *Free-will's emotional strength is due to the fact that human life, and the pursuit of happiness, depends on the means man uses to struggle with the environment, with other human beings, and with Destiny itself.*

Many persons call destiny our **vital design**—saying that destiny means destination—the direction each of us "senses" within ourselves, saying, *Our free-will is to realize or not—this vital design—which we cannot change—or erase—or substitute for something else*. The environment we live in, the outside world we face, and our own character as it has developed, makes the task easier or harder.

In this case, **destiny is the design of our lives** that we spend our years trying to find, seeking, groping, trying this job and that one, loving this one or that one, stumbling along in the darkness of our needs—sometimes with success and sometimes with failure.

This tendency, especially in North America, leads people to believe that they can change everything and anything, at any time they wish. That nothing is fixed, not even death, that they can remake their lives and personalities over a weekend.

This is a serious misconception of life and a contamination of it. This delusion is furthered by gurus who claim to have some transterrestial connections and have become so prized today in North America that they presume to tell people what their **vital design** is.

When the **vital design** is covered up, the sensitive person feels unreal, ungenuine, inauthentic. And, often *denial of our destiny* comes from insecurity—our dread of segregation—our fear and anxiety—or lack of courage to risk ourselves. It often seems safer to conform—to be like everybody else. The **vital design** then, is abandoned, and serious psychological problems soon surface.

However, we need free-will in our lives. We need the freedom of choice in making decisions. In this way we



can assume responsibility for our actions.

In a curious way, destiny and freedom are *opposites* that need each other—like day needs night, like summer and winter. For out of facing our destiny, making choices, making decisions, comes our growth, our possibilities and opportunities. In this way we spiritually progress.

Freedom and free-will does not mean that destiny is absent. For if there was no destiny to confront, no death, no illness, no fatigue, no limitations of any kind—we would never develop any freedom. **Even though they are opposites, they are still bound together.**

Freedom is sharpened and purified in the struggle with destiny. And this freedom that develops, produces the richness, the endless variety, the capacity to endure, the ecstasy, the imagination that characterizes us as conscious creatures—**free but destined.** And as Virgil said: *Each of us suffers his own destiny.*

However, even with free-will, our actions and decisions may be influenced by spirits from the Spirit World who are interested in our welfare. But, even though our actions may be influenced by spirits, we can never be forced to act against our will.

Too, to refuse to accept one's destiny has far-reaching consequences. The Ancient Greeks called this condition *Hubris—the sin of overwhelming pride—a person's belief that he performed great acts all by himself.*

Spiritualism makes **Vital Destiny** very clear when it teaches: "Even in the worst of a person's daily life, they are led unfailingly to where they are today. There are no chances—no coincidences—no miracles. The supreme fact about the whole of life is that The Law runs throughout the vast universe, and nothing and nobody is outside the operation of Natural Law. There is a plan—a blueprint, and no one can prevent the Divine Plan from fulfilling itself."

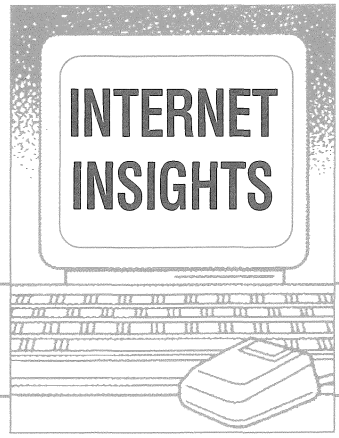
The beautiful poem of Longfellow summarizes Destiny:

Life is real! Life is earnest!
And the grave is not its goal.
"Dust thou art, to dust
returnest,"
Was not spoken of the soul.

Not enjoyment and not sorrow,
Is our destined end or way,
But to act, that each tomorrow
Finds us further than to-day.

Let us, then, be up and doing,
With a heart for any fate;
Still achieving, still pursuing,
Learn to labour and to wait.

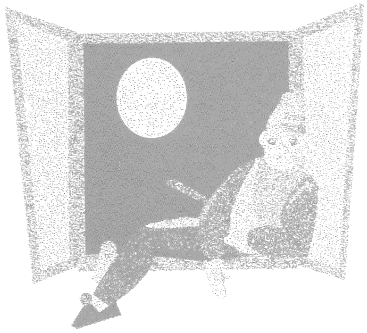
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God Gave Me Love

Consumed by my loss, I didn't notice the hardness of the pew where I sat. I was at the funeral of my dearest friend—my mother. She finally had lost her long battle with cancer. The hurt was so intense, I found it hard to breathe at times. Always supportive, Mother clapped loudest at my school plays, held a box of tissues while listening to my first heartbreak, comforted me at my father's death, encouraged me in college, and prayed for me my entire life.

When Mother's illness was diagnosed, my sister had a new baby and my brother had recently married his childhood sweetheart, so it fell on me, the 27-year-old middle child without entanglements, to take care of her. I counted it an honor.



"What now, God?" I asked sitting in church. My life stretched out before me as an empty abyss. My brother sat stoically with his face toward the front while clutching his wife's hand. My sister sat slumped against her husband's shoulder, his arms around her as she cradled their child. All so deeply grieving, no one noticed I sat alone. My place had been with our mother, preparing her meals, helping her walk, taking her to the doctor, seeing to her medication, reading the *Bible* together. Now she was gone. My work was finished, and I was alone.

I heard a door open and slam shut at the back of the church. Quick footsteps hurried along the carpeted floor. An exasperated young man looked around briefly and then sat next to me. He folded his hands and placed them on his lap. His eyes were brimming with tears. He began to sniffle.

"I'm late," he explained, though no explanation was necessary. After several eulogies, he leaned over and commented, "Why do they keep calling Mary by the name of Margaret?"

"Because that was her name, Margaret. Never Mary. No one called her 'Mary'."

I whispered. I wondered why this person couldn't have sat on the other side of the church. He interrupted my grieving with his tears and fidgeting. Who was this stranger anyway?

"No, that isn't correct," he insisted, as several people glanced over at us whispering. "Her name is Mary, Mary Peters."

"That isn't who this is." I replied.

"Isn't this the Lutheran church?"

"No, the Lutheran church is across the street."

"Oh."

"I believe you're at the wrong funeral, Sir."

The solemnness of the occasion, mixed with the realization of the man's mistake, bubbled up inside me and came out as laughter. I cupped my hands over my face, hoping it would be interpreted as sobs; the creaking pew gave me away. Sharp looks from other mourners only made the situation seem more hilarious. I peeked at the bewildered, misguided man seated beside me. He was laughing, too, as he glanced around, deciding it was too late for an uneventful exit. I imagined Mother laughing and at the final "Amen," we darted out the door and into the parking lot.

"I do believe we'll be the talk of the town," he smiled. He said his name was Rick and since he had missed his aunt's funeral, asked me out for dinner.

That afternoon began a lifelong journey for me with this man who attended the wrong funeral, but was in the right place. A year after our meeting, we were married at a country church where he was the assistant pastor. This time we both arrived at the same church, right on time.

In my time of sorrow, God gave me laughter. In place of loneliness, God gave me love. This past June we celebrated our twenty-second wedding anniversary. Whenever anyone asks us how we met, Rick tells them, "Her mother and my Aunt Mary introduced us, and it's truly a match made in heaven."

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What happened in JULY throughout the years?

JULY 1, 1833

The birthdate of **Juliette Severence, M.D.** She was a champion for rights and freedoms, an innovative female doctor that spoke, wrote and promoted positive changes and investigations. An avid Spiritualist, she lectured across the United States, sharing her clairvoyance, clairaudience and trance mediumship. Dr. Severence was the president of the Spiritualist State Associations in several states for various periods during her lifetime—Minnesota, Illinois, Wisconsin. She was a delegate to the 1883 formulative NSA Convention.

JULY 4

Independence Day, a national holiday in the United States, and a time to be thankful for our liberty, our freedoms, our beautiful country. *Praise the Pow'r that hath made and preserved us as a nation!* We pray for freedom throughout the world!



JULY 6, 1845

George Kates was born on this date. He entertained Spiritualism in his twenties and was a prominent worker throughout his life, touring the country with his wife Zaida Brown Kates. Both were outstanding platform workers. He was elected trustee of the NSA and then its secretary. The Kates were in charge of the First Spiritualist Church in Washington, D.C.

JULY 9

Happy Birthday to you, **the Rev. Sharon L. Snowman**. We pray this year will be a very uplifting; a year of spiritual growth and joy for you.

JULY 17, 1861

The U. S. Congress first authorized the use of **paper money**.

JULY 22, 1888

The day **Dr. Victoria Barnes** was born. This intelligent woman worked in the field of psychic research and was an active worker for Spiritualism. In 1938, she was appointed Superintendent of the Bureau of Education of the NSA, and in this position she wrote *The Advanced Course* for Ordained Ministers and for NST degrees.

JULY 29, 1860

Transcontinental telephone service became a reality with a call between New York and San Francisco.

JULY 30, 1860

Another fine Spiritualist woman was born in July, **Jennie Hagen**. Jennie was a terrific medium, demonstrating phenomena wherever she went. She was called "the Child Wonder."

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INTERNET INSIGHTS

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Lessons

There was a very special teacher in high school whose husband unexpectedly died suddenly of a heart attack.

About a week after the death, she shared some of her insight with a classroom of students. As the late afternoon sunlight came streaming in through the classroom windows and the class was nearly over, she moved a few things aside on the edge of her desk and sat down there. With a gentle look of reflection on her face, she paused and said, "Before class is over, I would like to share with all of you a thought that is unrelated to class, but which I feel is very important. Each of us is put here on earth to learn, share, love, appreciate and give of ourselves. None of us knows when this fantastic experience will end. It can be taken away at any moment. Perhaps this is God's way of telling us that we must make the most out of every single day."

Her eyes beginning to water, she went on, "So I would like you all to make me a promise. From now on, on your way to school, or on your way home, find something beautiful to notice. It doesn't have to be something you see—it could be a scent—perhaps of freshly baked bread wafting out of someone's house, or it could be the sound of the breeze slightly rustling the leaves in the trees, or the way the morning light catches one autumn leaf as it falls gently to the ground. Please look for these things, and cherish them. For, although it may sound trite to some, these things are "the stuff" of life. The little things we are put here on earth to enjoy. The things we often take for granted. We must make it important to notice them, for at any time...it can all be taken away."

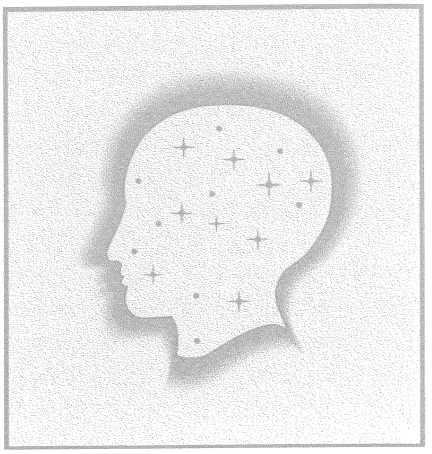
The class was completely quiet. We all picked up our books and filed out of the room silently. That afternoon, I noticed more things on my way home from school than I had that whole semester. Every once in a while, I think of that teacher and remember what an impression she made on all of us, and I try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

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

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Spiritualism's Heritage

BY THE LATE REV. DONALD H. HADDICK, NST



Editor's note: The Reverend Donald Haddick, NST, pastor of the Golden Gate Spiritualist Church in San Francisco, made his transition to the Spirit Realm on April 10, 2002. He was active in the Religion of Spiritualism for much of his adult life, studying Spiritualism with the Rev. Florence Becker, founder of the Golden Gate Spiritualist Church. He attended State and National Conventions, serving on many committees, and on NSAC Service Clubs Boards. The following is an article he wrote for the August 1986 issue.

The Religion of Spiritualism, with its scientific basis of investigation and analysis of the manifestations and facts from the spirit side of life, offers to mankind a rich and glorious heritage of beauty beyond all compare. The philosophy of Spiritualism embraces the continuity of life and the immortality of the soul, like all other religions, yet remains the *only* religion to offer scientific proof. The supreme glory found in communion with our loved ones in spirit tells us of their life there, free from everyday requirements of the mundane, being rich with opportunities for pursuit of all manners of enlightenment and service to universal needs. Spiritualism's heritage thus becomes the Universal Religion, because it is the epitome of mankind's greatest aspirations of all time.

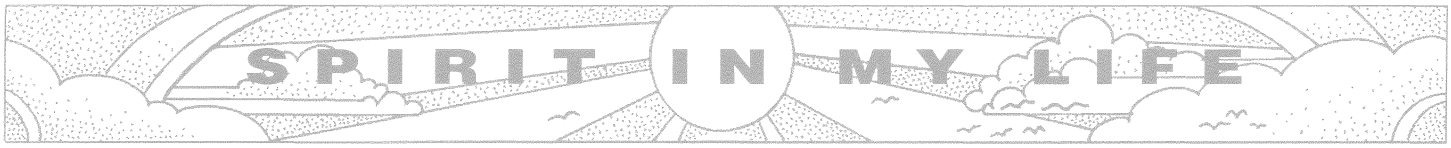
The amalgamation of Science and Philosophy in the Religion of Spiritualism offers to every sincere seeker of Truth the opportunity to know themselves, their spiritual nature and their oneness with all humanity. The teachings of Spiritualism proclaim that God, Infinite Intelligence, pervades and controls all of the universe, is without shape or form, is impersonal, omnipotent and omnipresent. Spiritualism teaches we, as the embryonic expression of Infinite Intelligence, possess all of the spiritual attributes of the Oversoul, less only in quantity, not quality.

Spiritualists endeavor to exercise this understanding of that supreme quality of all good, of all love, yea Godliness. Spiritualists endeavor to exercise the will and accentuate the positive by being constructive in thought, act and deed, thus leaving no time or room for the negative and destructive. How timely it is to have this center of power for good when it seems that we are living in a world that seems bent on self destruction. The need for Spiritualism's heritage of *peace, poise and tranquility* is greater than ever before. I think that all Spiritualists know that we are equal to the task of meeting that challenge. Remember, where there is a *will*, there is a way. We can and will rise to the occasion.

The employments of spirit in God's heavenly abode have added so much to man's life on earth that it defies the imagination to comprehend the full scope. The old saying, "as on earth, so in heaven," truly tells the story of Spiritualism's heritage. It matters little whether we study the many advancements made in the vast fields of technology, travel, communication or space. All have been found to have their roots in the studies first made in the world of Spirit. Many of those employments involved deep and prolonged investigations into the universe and the utilization of the spiritual aspects of the Laws of Nature to enhance and foster the spiritual growth and progress. All of the studies and research of centuries led to an understanding of the spiritual Laws of Nature and made it possible for spirits to produce the raps at Hydesville. Every Spiritualist is familiar with that event that opened the very floodgates of physical phenomena that followed with apportism, levitation, etherialization and materialization, independent writing, the moving of objects and the playing of musical instruments without physical contact, trumpet mediumship, slate writing, spirit painting, trance, spirit photography and transfiguration—all being used by spirit entities in accordance with the Laws of Nature. These phenomena we understand and enjoy to the fullest their purpose of proving the continuity of life after physical death.

When the advent of Modern Spiritualism dawned with the announcement from the Spirit World that, "they came to unite all mankind in harmony," it spelled doom to the eternal darkness of ignorance, superstition and misunderstanding. Our pioneers labored diligently and long that we could enjoy all of the benefits of this rich, gloriously beautiful and all

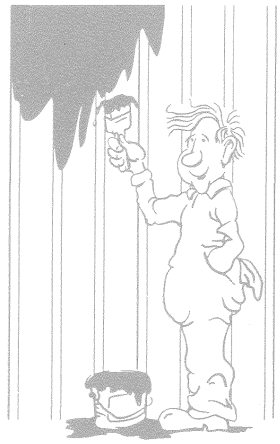
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***Spirit In My Life** is a monthly column for each of us to share something that has affected our lives where our spirit friends are involved. We all have a story, let us hear yours.*

Painting The Hallway

BY VINCENT GUGLIELMO, New York



Years ago, when my daughter went off to college, I had mixed feelings about her leaving home. I was happy that she was growing into a self-sufficient, young woman and I was glad that my wife and I were finally able to reclaim our den, but the greater part of me experienced pangs of separation. I was surprised that I felt this way because I knew that the love connection between us could never be broken. I was also aware that change is part of life. In spite of knowing this, I felt like I was waiting for something to happen to fill the void that I thought existed.

A friend gave me a little card that had the following saying written upon it: "When one door closes, another one opens...but these hallways are a drag." Contemplating this, I realized that I was experiencing a combination of feelings: there was sadness about letting go of the past and anxiety and hope concerning the future. Truly, I was not living in the present. I was in the hallways of life, first looking back, then ahead. These thoughts created feelings of emptiness.

What I decided to do was to throw myself into an activity that would express myself in the present moment. I literally began "painting the hallway." It needed to be done and I was more than eager to tackle the job. It was good therapy. I found myself remembering the house painting and car-waxing scenes from the movie called "The Karate Kid." When I had seen the movie, my initial thought about these actions had been something like the following: "Gee, he's really pulling the wool over that kid's eyes just to get some work done around the house. AND, where can I get that kind of help in MY home?" The film now took on a different meaning. I was the Karate Kid, staying in the moment through conscious actions, sort of like "Tai Chi for the Homeowner." I began taking on other projects that required working in the basement shop. While there, I occasionally noticed a hint of the familiar smell of cigarette smoke. That was a sign that my mother-in-law's spirit was present, watching me at my projects. When she was on the earth plane, she enjoyed working around the house and was the only woman I knew who owned her own set of "Handy-Man" books. Quite ahead of her time back then!

In Spiritualism, we have discovered that the personality continues after the change called death, and that certainly was the case here. I felt her around me and sensed her enjoyment at watching the projects being done. While we were communicating with one another, I had a greater sense of the present moment and of the eternal. Spirits live in eternity and it is always the present moment for them.

The projects continue, but they are no longer called projects; they are called "Expressions." They have helped me to feel my aliveness through living in present time. In a home circle, a séance room, or wherever contact with spirits is made, it is a reminder that life is eternal and complete. Let us allow ourselves to become increasingly aware of this through expressing our presence Now!

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encompassing heritage. We know that it is ours to use and make our own, only so long as we do not try to hoard it away and try to keep it for ourselves. We can only serve as its custodians, trying to increase its brilliance and luster as we share and pass it along to others.

How very comforting is the assurance that life is continuous, physical death being not the end. To the one who has not known, it brings ease to the pang of separation, which is then proven to be only temporary. The alleviation of this pain and suffering has been a great boon to humanity.

The fine art of spiritual healing must be included with all of the phenomena. With the help and direction of doctors in spirit, use of magnetic, suggestive, spirit and absent healing has been found to go beyond the treatment of symptoms direct to the cause. These results are being acknowledged today by the medical profession. ☆

The Spiritualist Beatitudes

BY THE REV. JOHN E. ROTHAMEL JR., NST, Maryland

One of the greatest manifestations of Spiritualism's Science, Philosophy, and Religion which occurred on this physical plane is that of our brother, teacher, friend and guide, Jesus. Whether Jesus was an individual person, a composite of various men and women, or a collective of stories from long ago is not the issue. We respect his teachings and even more so, his demonstrations of Natural Law and spirit manifestations.

Jesus is quoted as saying: "No one comes to the Father except through the Son." Some religious faiths have taken this to mean that one must accept Jesus as savior in order to reach heaven. As a Spiritualist, I offer a different view—no one will truly know God unless we live and express the teachings of eternal, Natural law which Jesus resurfaced to our conscious attention. It is his teachings on Natural Law and not just the man which are important.

Jesus often is quoted as having given the Beatitudes during his Sermon on the Mount. These are wonderful words, and marvelous teachings to examine and place into the perspective of the Science, Philosophy and Religion of Spiritualism, with respect to our knowledge of Natural Law.

Blessed are the poor in Spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Humility of Spirit allows one to manifest an undaunted, unaltered, and uncolored expression of Spirit. Such an expression yields an understanding of the love that Spirit offers, an awareness that all difficulties can be overcome, and also a knowing of the Spirit World. The pathway to humility of Spirit is meditation, self-introspection, and service to others. The goal is to raise our vibration to the highest frequency possible through the simple act of Living. **The Natural Law of Vibration—the truer the expression of Spirit, the higher the spiritual vibration.**

Blessed are they that mourn; for they shall be comforted. The expression of Infinite Spirit is eternal. We as expressions of Infinite Spirit are eternal. There is no death and there are no dead. Communication between the two worlds is possible and has been proven. Mourning a loved one is an expression of love. However, it is part of a cycle that shall come full circle with the reuniting of loved ones in the World of Spirit. **The Natural Law of Life and Love—life is eternal; life is love; love is life.**

Blessed are the meek; for they shall inherit the earth. Gentleness of Nature, of expression, of action, of understanding, of love, of desire, and of thinking are paths to spiritual harmony and balance. Living with gentleness and harboring no ill will yields Heaven on Earth. It is a life lived with the highest and best for all in mind and deed. **The Natural Law of Abundance and Harmony—all needs are supplied when living in harmony.**

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness; for they shall be filled. Those who search for a greater understanding and a greater expression will find it. Living for the right is allowing the expression of Infinite Intelligence and the expression of your own spiritual nature to manifest freely as a guide to life. Consciously choosing to do the right thing because it is the right thing to do is the journey toward truly living harmony with Nature and within Natural Law. **The Natural Law of Progression and Desire—all souls progress upward as driven by desire to progress.**

Blessed are the merciful; for they shall obtain mercy. Receiving back that which we have given without condition or thought of benefit is mercy and is the essence of the Golden Rule. Assistance with physical needs, assistance with mental peace, assistance in giving love and assistance in withholding judgments. Understanding that we could just as easily be in the same situation as the other person and having more than empathy, but empathy with action is needed. **The Natural Law of Compensation and Retribution—a form of cause and effect.**

Blessed are the pure in heart; for they shall see God. Expressing unconditional love is expressing the Infinite, and expressing the Infinite is the expression of unconditional love. Purity of heart is unconditional love. **The Natural Law of Love—Infinite Intelligence is love; Love is Infinite Intelligence; Love is the source sustaining all life.**

Blessed are the peace makers; for they shall be called the children of God. Offering physical, mental, emotional and spiritual peace is a blessing. Comfort in word, deed, and thought are acts of unconditional love—the totality of the lessons of light received from Spirit. Healing through Spirit; healing through a spirit message; healing through a sermon; healing through a hug, a card, a letter, or a phone call—all are ways to offer peace. Balance and centering are peace.

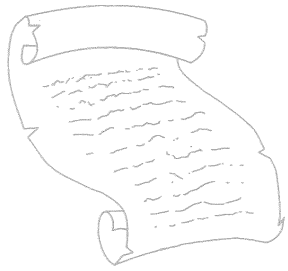
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Federation of Spiritual Churches and Associations, Inc.

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Rochester, New York
July 6, 1948

As an expression of our united belief, we the representative Spiritualists of the world, meeting in the city of Rochester, New York in World Conference do declare ourselves as follows:



(1) World Spiritualism abhors war in any form and supports every effort by any nation or group of nations to maintain peace in the world.
(2) World Spiritualism condemns racial prejudice and unfair discrimination wherever found.
(3) World Spiritualism condemns and brands as mediaeval the death penalty (capital punishment) and heartily commends those States and Nations who have abolished this barbarous practice.
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(5) World Spiritualism advocates planned parenthood and the widest dissemination of sex and hygienic knowledge to the end that poverty and social diseases may be eliminated.
(6) World Spiritualism denounces the cruel and heartless custom of designating any of God's children as "illegitimate" because of the circumstances of its birth.
(7) World Spiritualism recommends that all so-called "hopeless" cases of illness be submitted to one or more spiritual healers before pronouncing the patient as incurable.
(8) World Spiritualism recommends the inter-change of students between the colleges and schools of the nations of the world to the end that foolish local prejudices be broken down by a the simple expedient of young people living and learning together as citizens of the world.
(9) World Spiritualism demands freedom of religious **thought and expression** as the cornerstone of all lasting good in the world.

"In Essentials, Unity – In Non-Essentials, Toleration"

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THE SPIRITUALIST BEATITUDES

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Spirit, Infinite Intelligence is love Working with Spirit is always an expression of love. **The Natural Law of Correspondence—as above, so below.**

Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Those who choose to live by transgressing Natural Law may chastise or judge us for our choice to live within it. Staying centered in Natural Law and in a knowing of Spirit is the achievement of a state of Heaven. The word righteousness has been greatly over used and has become somewhat pious in its more common meaning and usage. Think of the word as meaning doing the right thing for the right reason without personal gain; of choosing to do the right things even though it is sometimes the more difficult choice; and of taking the highest and best course for everyone involved even if it may not set well with us. Living right for right's sake, including not judging those who would judge us, is living in accordance with Natural Law. Live and let live; live by example; find strength in knowing that by striving to live in the light of Natural Law, we are truly expressing God on this Earth. But more importantly, we are expressing our own true nature as Spirit. **The Natural Law of Cause and Effect—we receive according to what is put out.**

Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works... We are an expression of the Infinite Spirit and cannot hide our true nature. We emanate light whether or not we realize it. Our light can be seen, if not by those here in the physical world, by those in Spirit. We cannot hide our true nature, therefore, we must acknowledge our divinity and our co-creatorship with Infinite Intelligence. The purpose of light is to illuminate and to shine upon all who come in contact with it. The purpose of Spirit is to illuminate oneself through self-introspection and growth, as well as through contact with others. This is our purpose and our obligation. **The Natural Law of Attraction—like attracts like is evident in both this and the Spirit World.**

May my interpretations of the Beatitudes shed some light and new understanding on the principles of life as well as on Natural Law. ☆

Positive Statements To Help Create a Positive Day.

Affirmations . . . JULY 2002

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Meditation helps to purify my mind and heart.	**2** I am grateful for the love and companionship of my pets.	**3** When I touch in with Infinite Spirit, my thoughts are transformed.	**4** I am proud to be an American and grateful for my freedoms.	**5** I appreciate all of Spirit's blessings and gifts in my life.	**6** It is our nature to feel compassion for others and their needs.
7 The Creator and Sustainer of all life, continues to bless us each day.	**8** There is a Divine solution to all life's problems.	**9** Spirit is my loving, guiding energy, and I am open and receptive.	**10** We have the right to choose or change what we wish to experience.	**11** Waiting for things to be perfect is a way to avoid making changes.	**12** "God gives to everyone what the self believes to deserve." Roland Giguere	**13** My family, friends and acquaintances are precious gifts of God.
14 A turtle makes progress only when it sticks its neck out.	**15** "Everything that has been is eternal: the sea will wash it up again." – Nietzsche	**16** "Love is a cosmic force whose sweep is irresistible." – Holmes	**17** "...The meditation of my heart shall be of understanding." – Psalms 49:3	**18** Wonderful spirit helpers are always beside you on your chosen path.	**19** When I touch Divine Spirit I experience Love and Joy.	**20** My transformation in life is God-partnered, inspired, and full of possibilities.
21 I choose! I desire! I intend! I think! and so it is.	**22** "Pure Spirit exists at the center of all forms." – SOM	**23** The presence of Divine Energy is in the midst of all life.	**24** With God there is power—Nothing else has power.	**25** "Trusting in Divine order, I accept circumstances as they are." – Unity	**26** Love unites us forever by a sacred bond, even when we are separated.	**27** My primary responsibility in life is to grow in love.
28 "I envision perfect peace for all that inhabit our precious Mother Earth." – Wrenfeather	**29** I am an emissary of peace and a soul of God. There is oneness of spirit and life.	**30** "Throughout your meditations, keep the sun of your awareness shining." – T. N. Hanh	**31** Praying without ceasing is to be on the affirmative side of life.			



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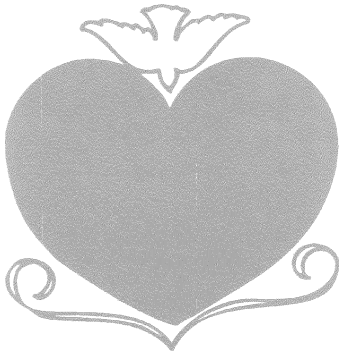
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Give Love

BY LAURA LEE PERKINS, Maine

The love we give away is
the only love we keep.
– Elbert Hubbard (1859-1915)



What do others see when they look at you? Do they see a rested, calm, peaceful person or do they see a tired, lonesome person who feels stressed and without much hope for a better future? What do we each give off as our own personal message about ourselves and how does the way that we are in the world express our spiritual beliefs? Are we each willing to make changes in the way we interact with others? Are we willing to step forward in love and let others know that we hear what they are saying, that we understand what they are feeling? Are we truly willing to forgive at every level?

When horrendous deeds are carried out such as the New York City, and Washington, D.C. bombings, do we say that the guilty persons are terrible, or do we say that there are people who are in pain and need love? If a person inflicts pain on others (and who hasn't done that), does that give others the right to inflict pain back, and, if it does, what is it that can help to break the cycle?

The love we give away is the only love we keep. Working to lessen and to eventually eliminate prejudice, anger, mistrust, and hatred is about working to bring ourselves into closer alignment with our high power. It is about working to present more love in the world, about expressing compassion to those who deserve it least.

A beginning step might be to *really listen* to others as they talk. Did you really listen to each person who spoke to you today? Did you offer feedback? Did they truly feel heard?

As each one of us is filled with a sense of expanding love, this love expands out into the world. What would happen in each of our homes, our churches, our schools, our governments, our lives if we approached each interaction from a position of love? Love allows life to flow freely; we each would stop trying to control where life is going and allow it to flow.

This does not mean that we stop trying, that we lie down and wait. It means that we keep creating, keep moving forward in the directions that we each want to go, while allowing Spirit to guide and mold the process. This brings increased experiences of synchronicity into our daily experience. Days become more interesting as we allow life to take its own course. We are more productive and enjoy the process as we are greeted with mysterious events which we never anticipated.

The love we give away is the only love we keep. When we each respond in ways that are filled with love, we make contributions to the world that meet the world's needs and our own needs at much higher levels. Things flow smoothly, work in better balance, and creativity is able to function at a higher level to solve the world's problems.

Seek and you will find. Look within your own heart for fulfillment, for it is only when we take care of ourselves that we can nurture others. It is only when we love ourselves that we can infuse others with love. If living one's own life is difficult, then living with another person will be incredibly difficult. Why? Because relationships are the greatest challenges that we face as human beings.

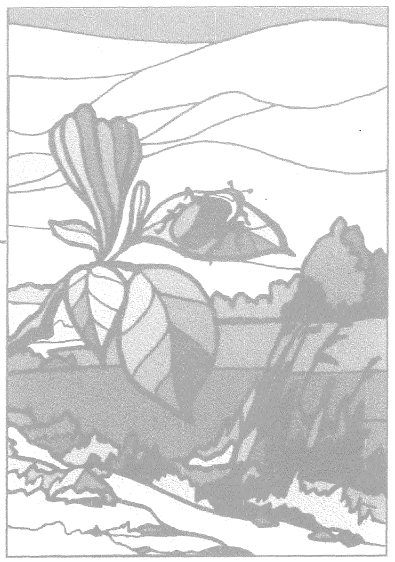
The love we give away is the only love we keep. When we live life expressing love, we live a life that is infused with passion which works like a magnet to create more wonderful experiences.

Passion ignites the love we feel and the fire warms others. The energy of love that we emanate changes everything around us for the better. Person by person, moment by moment, we can change the world. All of the inner reserves of LOVE are easily accessible, but it requires spending a few moments each day outside of the swirling demands of daily life. It requires that we understand and appreciate the value of time alone, of meditation and prayer, and of expressing gratitude back to the Source of our very existence. May you be filled with the joy of giving and receiving love in ways that are passionate, heart-connected and rewarding. The work begins within.

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A Journey To A Far Country

BY THE REV. TOM BUTLER, NST, Nevada



You are about to embark on a journey to a far country. The people there live differently from that which you are accustomed. They speak a different language and their customs lead them to value different things.

You are not worried about these differences though, because you know a little about the far country. You have read books and you have spoken with people who have been there. You have even taken a short course in their language.

You have also taken care to have your house in order. You have all of the necessary emergency numbers and you have arranged for your bills to be paid. Who knows, you may decide to stay a while longer than planned, and you certainly do not want to leave your family and friends with unexpected problems. Everything is ready and you are looking forward to an exciting journey.

Okay, now focus your attention on the feeling you have from being well prepared for such a journey. Think of how sensible it is to take the time to learn all you can about your destination before hand, so that you will have the greatest opportunity to gain from the experience. Having your house in order also makes good sense. After all, should something happen to you, your loved ones will be under enough stress without having to worry about what to do with your estate. It is very smart of you for thinking of that.

Now, try to imagine that you might soon take the voyage of death. (This is just an exercise, so please do not let this program your behavior.) As a Spiritualist, you know that your demise is not an end of your existence, but that it is really a transition to a different aspect of reality—a journey of sorts. So, are you prepared? Have you learned all you can about physical passing and what people think it is like in your future home? Have you even thought about your death? The tragedy of "911" encouraged us to put our affairs in order.

I define the process of dying as a natural and probably necessary transition out of this lifetime and into a new situation with new opportunities for experience. There is a certain level of self-awareness associated with our physical body and it, as an entity, dreads death. The body's dread of death influences our thinking and we must work hard to separate ourselves from these primal fears. We are not our body. So while in "death," our body may experience an end of sorts, we as Self, are truly preparing to embark on a journey of discovery to a far country. We will leave our body, which is our house, behind as we do.

Have you taken the time to learn what to expect? Have you made any decisions about when you are no longer here? As a citizen of our western culture, your answer is probably "no." Not just no, but more like a, "I don't want to think about it, no." You might think of death as a disaster in your life that will wreck everything. After all, we are conditioned by our culture to fear death as a terminator of all that is good in this world. We are taught well, and even though we may profess a true and deep conviction of our immortality in the Declaration of Principles, we often continue to hold those old fears close to us in our worldview. They are so difficult to ignore.

So let's take a closer look at their fear. The fear of dying is not simply a fear of not being alive, it is actually a complex of fears, each element of which can be managed so that your overall sense of fear may come to be an honest anticipation for your eventual future.

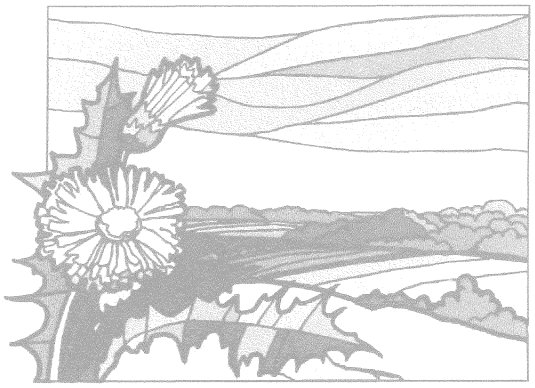
The Body's Fear of Death. Perhaps the best place to begin is by taking a closer look at the fear our body holds about dying. We are in a symbiotic relationship with our body. But our body is a physical thing while we are more of spirit. Without the help of our body, we could not enter into and remain in this physical reality, our body is our earth suit. We, as Self, are so closely entangled with our physical body in this symbiotic relationship that it is very difficult to

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know what of our behavior is driven by our good judgment and what is driven by our body-consciousness. At the very least, we know that our body cries out against pain, suffering and death. If we cannot distinguish them from our Spirit self, then they will make us afraid of physical death when we should not be afraid.

Just as you have learned to override the instinct of your body-consciousness to reproduce at will or kill for food, you can learn to override your body's other instincts as well. For instance, you can learn to acknowledge and respect your body's fear of pain without surrendering to its urge. I say "respect," because you are really a guest in your body's world. In many instances, your body knows best about things related to its care and feeding, but sometimes, it is a little too aggressive. There are numerous reports that it is effective to take time and talk to your body. For instance, there is one doctor who claims success treating back pain in patients, basically by teaching the patient to tell their body to stop hurting. By acknowledging the pain, thereby satisfying the purpose of the pain, and then asking their body to stop sending that pain as a warning, they are sometimes successful in stopping chronic back pain. The key seems to be to convince the body that you no longer need that pain warning.



Loss of a Loved One. There can be little doubt that your leaving the physical will change everything for you and those who are close to you. However, for your loved ones, it will not be much different than if you were moving far away for a new job. Either way, your direct influence would be out of their lives, to be replaced by memories. More important to you, is the fact that they gradually adjust to your absence. As they learn to do for themselves all of those little things you do for them now, they will think of you and thank you—but they will learn to do those things for themselves.

Inability to Enjoy Favorite Things. Once the initial sorrow of loss has moderated for your survivors, you are the only person who can make a strong case for a sense of loss in death. You will no longer be able to do the things you take for granted now—at least not in the context of this lifetime. However, our friends on the other side tell us that the transition of the physical are the seeds of new interest and greater understanding. I can think of no instance in which a nonphysical entity has complained about not being able to remain in their previous lifetime. Yes, they have said that they miss their loved ones or certain experiences associated with physical life, but they have not said so as an expression of great loss.

The Pain of Dying. One of the most common questions asked about a person's death is if they suffered during the process of dying. I think we all dread the possibility of a painful death. I think I can explain away just about all of our fears of dying except for this fear of pain. Even if the fear of pain does come from our body-consciousness, it becomes very personal if we, as Self, actually feel pain.

First, as I have, some of you may have experienced sudden and traumatic impact on your body. When this happened to me, all I remember is the approach of the accident and waking up on the way to the hospital. I did not actually experience the accident. Many people report the same gap in their awareness during an accident. I believe that our Self is capable of stepping away from the body during such events, and that it does not return until the trauma has subsided. It seems that the odds are that you will not experience the pain if you should choose to transition this way.

You may have observed that some people experience a prolonged and escalating illness that eventually leads to their transition. There are of course many people that experience a chronic illness and eventually recover just fine. However, others do not, and when I have tried to look at the larger picture of their lives, I have often been able to see that there seemed to be some sense in the method of their transition.

Since the Self and the physical body are so very closely entangled, separating the two is no trivial matter. For a person to deliberately leave their body for good is very difficult. If a person does decide that it is time to go on, it seems that pain and discomfort over a period of time is one of the ways a person can disentangle themselves from their body. It seems that a long, chronic illness can be an effective way of forcing a transition when the alternative of having a convenient accident or committing suicide is not acceptable.

Maybe we should reevaluate our feelings about such forms of transition. We should still be compassionate for the person who experiences such transitions, but we might encourage the person and their loved ones to honestly consider such possibilities. This is something that seems taboo in our society today, but just imagine the difference in attitude if the dying person were to think of their process of dying as a completion of their decision to move on. Perhaps they have completed their life purpose and are simply being held back from going on to their next project by an otherwise healthy body.

Finally, it is worth remembering that this is a very good time to experience a slow transition. Modern medicine is able to provide considerable relief from pain. Just think of

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the old tradition of taking your blanket and going off into the wilderness to die. We are able to make our people so much more comfortable during the transition today. The pain of injury is real and often present during recovery from an accident. Any burn victim will attest to how great pain can be. But modern medicine does help and people do suffer much less than in the past.

The Fear of Leaving. I suspect that the fear of leaving is people's greatest fear of dying. I believe that most people are not actually afraid of being dead or even the pain of dying, they fear being gone. Perhaps it is because a person's sudden death today would leave so many obligations unfulfilled and so many people left in awkward situations. Most families divide the work in the household by area of ability or time. For instance, one person will usually take care of the household finances. Should that person unexpectedly leave, for any reason, would there be someone else in the family who would know what to do? Does your spouse know where the key is to the safe, or safe deposit box?



The NSAC Pastoral Skills course includes the point that people need to have "The Talk" about death and dying. "The Talk" is the answer to your fear of leaving because of transition—sudden or expected. Could the fear of leaving be why sages will tell people to "live each day as if it is their last," or to "be in the moment"? If you keep your house in order by keeping a current will and making sure that your obligations are provided for if you will be unexpectedly called away for a time, then you can trust that the burden of your transition on others will be minimal. Talk with your loved ones about the possibility that you or they may be called away from the normal routine for some reason. For instance, what would your family do if you were unexpectedly asked to go overseas for a three-month stay? You have to leave tomorrow. What would your family need to know? What are the chores that they would need to take over? Talk about these things. Talk about the possibility that a tree could fall on your hammock while you are relaxing. What then?

I recommend that you establish the habit of writing instructions for whatever you do around the house. Keep them in a place that is accessible to everyone in the family. Write down bank account numbers, and life insurance policies. If you have stray credit cards that you never use, either close them or make sure that the details are in that safe place. If you are ill, be aware of unfinished work and do your best to keep it to a minimum.

Do not be preoccupied with these things, but you can reduce your fear of leaving by occasionally having "The Talk" and by routinely reviewing your estate. When you transition, you should be able to do so with a clear mind about what you leave behind so that you can enjoy the journey.

After coming to terms with your fear of dying, and making preparations for the future requirements, then it seems appropriate that you learn a little about where you are going. The journey of transition takes you to a country that is supposed to be beyond a veil of forgetfulness.

We can't know everything about the far country, for the veil behaves like a gatekeeper, through which information passes only to those who have learned to ask and listen. While there may be no experts here to guide you, we actually know quite a lot about the other side and it is important to learn all we can about these things before making the journey.

As you research, do not look in the *Bible* or any other religious text for this information. Look to the volumes of channeled material, such as *Seth Speaks* by Jane Roberts. The NSAC bookstore has many useful books on the subject. You can find some of my beliefs and essays that explain my views at http://ethericreality.tripod.com. I definitely accept the prediction that we see a tunnel and a light to go toward. It is very important to "go to the light." Once I have checked in on the other side, so to speak, I expect to make an effort to continue to work to bridge the veil between the two worlds.

I feel we take emotions, interests and memories with us, however, not the same motivations. Think about how much of your life is oriented around goal achievement. If you subtract the desire to have a good house and replace it with the understanding of what a good home is, then you will understand more about my belief of life on the other side. A house is a thing with a lot of ego attached to it. A home is a feeling of security and family. I believe emotion centered concepts like "home" will go with us, while object centered concepts like house will lose their significance.

Above all, do not transition with a preconceived notion of the next realm, unless that is what you want to find. Be open minded and go with love and gratefulness for the opportunities to learn that you have had in your physical life. Going in fear will complicate your adjustment—so will expectations. Above all, look with excitement for new experiences and always remember that you are an immortal Self. Life is good and there is no reason to think that it ends just because you will be taking a journey to the far country.

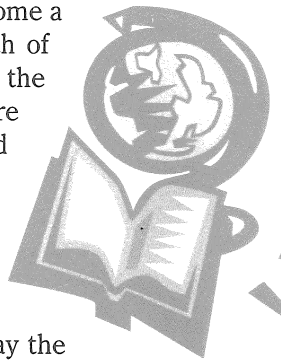
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Even God's Gifts Require Study and Practice

BY THE REV. RUPERT SIGURDSSON, NST, Maine

There has never been a time on our Earth, according to history, that its population has not needed some form of healing. Archeologists have found that the human being was operated on many thousands of years ago and spiritual healing was also well accepted. Today, the medical profession is realizing that the power of prayer, meditation and spiritual healing has a great effect on the progress of hospital patients.

We all have the potential to be and do many things, but most of us have neither the time nor the opportunity to develop more than one or two skills during our earthly life. Many mediums in the church make these statements: "You should be a healer. All of you can be healers. You should be up on the platform, you can give messages. Everyone is a medium, you should be up here with me, etc." There may be some truth to the statements, for the person may have some natural ability, but before one can become a Healer, Medium or Speaker, there is a long path of study. Workers have to be well informed on the subject and have many hours of practice before they should get up in front of a congregation and practice their gifts.



Have you heard these statements from someone on the platform and it made you cringe in your seat, especially if you were conducting the service or class? My answer to this is, that all have hands, but how many can play the piano well? Some can tinkle on the piano, but how many play really well and have spent the many hours of practice that is required to become a professional? This goes for all skills. If you question this, ask one who can play an instrument in your congregation.

The following statements in the *Bible* mention the gifts of Spirit. First Corinthians—Chapter 12:1-11.

- *Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant.*
- *Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.*
- *And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord.*
- *And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all.*
- *But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.*
- *For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;*
- *To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;*
- *To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:*
- *But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.*

It is true that a development circle or class will assist the development of those that have latent talents or gifts as the *Bible* states. Sometimes these gifts have been suppressed by parents that have discouraged seeing spirit friends in childhood, or any mediumistic or psychic ability. There are many others who have their gifts in other fields. They could sit in a developing circle for years and not become a medium.

The reason for a medium's message statements at the beginning of this article might be to encourage, to keep the church congregation or class coming or just showmanship, but it can mislead and create imagination which the person believes is mediumship, or give a false sense of ability. When they try platform work too quickly, it hurts Spiritualism and they make a fool of themselves. I have seen this happen several times over the years.

Before being on the platform, a Medium or Healer needs to be tested in the class or circle. A Healer needs to have been able to direct the healing energies from spirit to the point that a person can recognize a definite health improvement. This is why I stress the need for certification in whatever spiritual field the person may choose.

At times a Medium may be told from spirit that a person has the ability to be a Healer or Medium, but at the same time they should be informed that study and practice are necessary before they can get up in front of the congregation. Not as I have heard "you should be up here now and give messages, or, all of you can heal, just come up and take a healing chair. You can heal."

Mediumship and Healing are wonderful gifts and as with all skills, they carry a great deal of responsibility, not to be jumped into lightly and without proper training, study, practice and dedication to giving your all.

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The Blame Game

BY MIRIAM BOSTWICK

More On The Conquering Soul, The Key to Understanding Spiritual Psychology, by Miriam Bostwick.

As we evolve spiritually, the use of Spiritual Laws help us grow and free the personality from its own limitations. Miriam Bostwick's fine book helps us to recognize the mental games we are often playing in order that you may "rise to levels so you can see the truth for yourself." A fine book to help guide us in our growth and development. Publishers: Robert D. Reed Publishers, 750 La Playa St., Suite 647, San Francisco, CA 94121. Available from NSAC Bookstore.

The Blame Game

Key Players:
Sense Functions:
Blame, Denial, Delusion, Justification

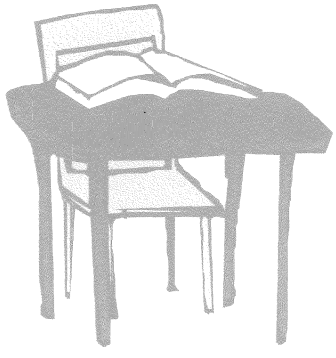
Counterbalancing Soul Faculties:
Acceptance, Conscience, Courage,
Effort, Honesty, Personal Responsibility

How the Game is Played:

The Blame Game is played when we deny personal responsibility and delude ourselves into thinking someone or something outside ourselves is to blame for our experiences in life, and we offer justification to support our delusion.

Blaming Outwardly

A great failing of ours is to place the blame and responsibility of life's experiences outside onto someone else or something else. This is one of the greatest delusions ever created by the human mind. Each time that we permit our mind to entertain the thought that something outside us is bringing us peace or is causing us grief, or is bringing us happiness or causing us sadness, or anything else, we are permitting our mind to entertain the type of thinking that is sinking our eternal soul deeper into the bondage of ignorance and despair.



We seem to have no problem in accepting responsibility for what we judge to be good experiences in our life. We only seem to have difficulty in accepting responsibility for the disasters, the struggles, the pain, and the suffering that we have at times.

When we blame outside, we not only reveal our denial of the basic demonstrable principle of personal responsibility, we also reveal our great need to "dump" our self-concern onto others and to try to control people and things outside our life, for we are yet not willing to face the need to control the thoughts that are going on inside. Therefore, when we blame our families, our friends, the politicians and everything around and about us for our problems in life, it is a very clear and evident demonstration that we are trying to control the very things we are blaming for our problems.

In his teaching, one spirit teacher gave many affirmations, such as this one: *"Help me, God, for I want to be fully aware that this is my thought. Because it is, I know I can change my thought."* We then realize that someone else does not have a ball and chain around our neck. We have it around our own neck. We alone can take it off. Since it is our thought, we can do something about it. As long as we keep blaming someone else for our problems, we will never be free.

"When you stop blaming outside,
you will start growing inside."

The Delusion And Deception Of Blaming Outside

It is delusion—an error in our thinking—that blames anything outside for our so-called problems that are inside. The problems are the direct effect of our willingness to change our attitudes in life. Blame instead our lack of effort in applying the Law of Personal Responsibility. What is so distasteful about the ability to respond? It takes more effort to "squeeze" out of taking responsibility than to accept it.

That Law of Personal Responsibility means very simply the acceptance—willing, joyful acceptance—that whatever happens to us as individuals is directly and personally caused by us. Spiritual philosophy teaches that Like Attracts Like

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and becomes the Law of Attachment, so whatever we find ourselves attached to, like kind exists within our own mind.

The delusion and deception of blaming outside is the pride's way of preserving its image. Justification then defends the deception of pride. Attachment occurs when the magnetic field of the subconscious mind clings to its delusions of blaming outwardly. In other words, justification is defending our own devices for the glory of self. The mind is quick to point out the faults of others but cannot see that others are mirrors of our own levels.

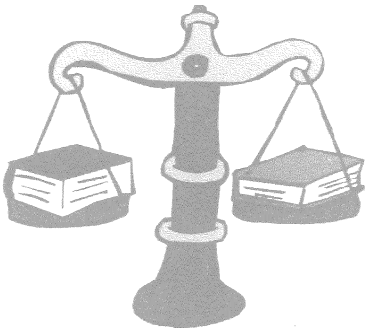
Freeing Self From Emotional Attachments

People who stay in self-pity justify, making no effort to change their own thinking. It is an actual choice of the mind. Self-pity must first deny personal responsibility. Following denial, you blame outside for what is going on inside your head. Therefore, you must eliminate justifications in order to face personal responsibility for your own experiences. Honesty is the absence of justification. It takes honesty and courage to say, *Hey, I did that. Let me look at myself.* Free yourself from emotional attachment by declaring the truth that *I and I alone am personally responsible for this feeling. Everything that is happening to me is happening within me. I no longer give credit or power to this thought in my universe.* Become aware of your emotional attachments and the feeling of pain and pleasure these attachments bring, and declare that truth. Whenever you stop declaring the truth, you then want to become aware of the first thought entering your consciousness because that is the level that asked you to stop declaring the truth.

If you are sincere in your desire to free yourself, the personality will start going to work. Use the personality to free yourself. Educate the personality to serve the purpose of bringing freedom in life. The personality can take you to hell, but your personality can be educated to bring you back up again. The personality denies the truth when it goes down to the depths of hell. But it is hell that will free you. When you have had enough, you will make the necessary changes in consciousness. *"The reason we are freed in hell is because the experience of that guarantees our seeking freedom from it, which is known as heaven."*

Taking Charge Over All Creation

What you serve (the thought forms) are not interested in any payments you have to make for having served them. However, you cannot do anything about what you are serving until you know who or what you are serving. Your divine birthright is to take charge over all creation, all of nature, and all of the creations of your mind. You weaken your authority over creation when you blame outside and the day comes when it does to you what it wants to do. Stop fighting the "children" (the thought forms) you have created. Start accepting the truth that you alone have created them. To say that you accept that truth and then place blame on another outside your own sphere, is to deny the truth you claim to accept. To blame what has been for what is, places you back in the bondage of yesteryear, the very place you are trying to free yourself from. You are here on this earth plane to free yourself. You are not here to please or serve those forms of creation, whether they are your thought forms or someone else's.



Because thought is a created form in a mental substance and has the intelligence of its creator, it returns as a child or an adult, and it knocks at the door of your consciousness and it asks to enter. If you permit your mind to tell the experience that its home is elsewhere by blaming another for your experience in life, then what you are doing, in truth, is sending that intelligent form, which you alone have created, out into the universe to wander. So it wanders out into the universe and it gathers up substance of like kind, and it returns to you and knocks louder on the door of your consciousness. And it shall continue to return until you accept the simple truth that you gave it birth. Because you gave it birth, by accepting responsibility for the birth that you gave it, it can die.

How We Come Under The Control Of Others

If we are honest and look at one day's activity, more often than not we will see that we blame outside more than we accept blame. We must make the effort to become aware of how many times our mind blames outside for what is going on inside, for that is where spiritual growth really begins. When our minds blame outside—blame others—we come under the control of others. By putting the blame outside, we have let ourselves become helpless victims. This delusion, based on judgment, keeps us in "hell." Do not be the victim of games of others. They are first inside us.

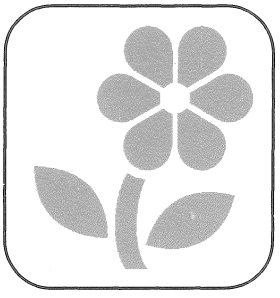
No soul wants to be controlled by another person. There is an inner sensing, an inner freedom within our soul that makes great effort to keep us as free as it possibly can. But when the vehicle through which it expresses (the personality) directs the cause of any experience outside to another, we are bound by the other's vibration.

Silence Supports Justifications

Remember, when we hear someone blaming outside for the problems inside and we do not speak up, then by our silence, we are supporting that illusion. It not only has an effect upon us, it has an effect upon the universe. It has a special effect upon the one who hears and experiences the illusion. By a law established, it has come to us to be corrected, to be illuminated, to be transformed into the

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



Each month ***The National Spiritualist*** *will feature the writing from a student who is currently taking the education course from the Morris Pratt Institute. Featured this month is an essay written by* ***Ron Nagy*** *of Getter Memorial Church, NSAC, in Allentown, Pennsylvania.*

Mediumship is an integral part of Spiritualism. Spiritualism is the only religion that bases its belief on the continuity of life and that the personality continues after the change called death. Mediumship demonstrates that belief.

Mediumship did not start with the Hydesville Rappings. These New York events were the beginning of modern Spiritualism. Mediumship has been recorded throughout history, starting with the Greeks in 1000 B.C. The Greeks consulted the oracles. The Roman mediums were called soothsayers. Kings and Queens had personal mediums.

During the dark days of the 15th century, communication with the dead was a crime punishable by death—except the priests were allowed to communicate. In the 1600's mediums were classed as witches and burned at the stake. These were some terrible years.

The definition of medium, according to the NSAC: "A Medium is one whose organism is sensitive to vibrations from the Spirit World and through whose instrumentality, intelligences in that world are able to convey messages and produce the phenomena of Spiritualism."

There are many other definitions of a medium which could lead to confusion. It all depends on what your background is in relation to science and religion. Most times the terms medium and psychic are used interchangeably by the general public.

A psychic only tunes into vibrations. A medium can use vibrations and spirit contact. All mediums are psychic, but not all psychics are mediums.

There are mental mediums and physical mediums. Some people can do both. A mental medium is dependent on the impressions of the mind. A physical medium produces phenomena with a chemical reaction of the body.

The mental medium relies on the impressions he/she receives, and translates those impressions into words that can be understood. The mental medium must be subjective and be careful they do not color the message with their own personality.

The physical medium, which is the rarest form of mediumship, expresses their mediumship objectively. Objectively, because the phenomena they produce can be seen by the recipients and perceived by the five senses.

A medium is influenced directly by mental/moral, physical/psychological and Natural Laws of the universe. Vibrations attract the Spirit Helpers—like attracts like, vibrations are magnetic in nature.

To be able to advance in spirituality, we must avoid depression, keep ourselves organized, don't worry, and allow our minds to be free and receptive. It is also important to practice being loving.

The medium's physical, mental and spiritual health are important factors in development. Production of phenomena could be exhausting and they should keep themselves in good bodily health. Some health tips are proper rest, eating very little red meat or total vegetarianism, fresh fruits, a lot of pure water, and balance in everything you do.

We can change our rate of vibration consciously or unconsciously by what we eat or do, and consciously by our thoughts or mental state. The essential purpose of mediumship is the same today as it has always been—to prove the continuity of life. Mediumship allows human kind to see the Natural Laws of Vibration, Attraction, Continuity and Love in action.

Mediumship properly demonstrated teaches us about spirit, the Spirit World; to learn about life so we may prepare ourselves as we grow on the earth plane.

There are many examples of mediumship in the *Bible*. These examples in the *Bible* are what we base our mediumship on.

Unfoldment is development. We are in a continual stage of developing. Before one decides they want to become a medium, they should decide why. It is not for self-gratification or personal vanity or the person could inevitably call down the resultant penalties of physical and mental deterioration. Some guidelines to keep in mind when deciding a mediums way of life are: You should use mediumship for a serious purpose and not play games. Always use common sense and keep a level head. Do not surrender your reason—elevated spirits do not require mediums to surrender their reason. Be wary of celebrity spirits and dictatorial theories. Use humility and do not allow a love for approval and desire compromise your integrity. Avoid extremes and always continue your desire for self-improvement.

A home circle is one way a medium, or potential medium, can improve his or her skills and gain perception. A home circle is a group of like-minded people, harmonious, earnest, and sympathetic people, all striving for the same goal—development and spirit contact.

A home circle is made up of about nine people, both

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truth. Because it has come to us in keeping with the law, we bear the personal responsibility to speak up.

Listen when a person uses the word "but" to justify extenuating circumstances beyond his or her control. The person has denied personal responsibility and, in that instant, descended in consciousness. Also, when someone starts justifying, be aware that you are dealing with self-deception. Prepare yourself that in your own weakness you do not come into rapport with the justifications being offered, and that your armies of thought forms do not join forces and you both go under.

The Voice Of Conscience Speaks

There is no person or thing that is in a state of perfection. There is a part, however, of all of us, known to us as the conscience, a spiritual sensibility with a dual capacity, knowing right from wrong. Every one of us has a conscience. When we are blaming outside for what we are really doing inside, we can only sustain and maintain that delusion for a certain period of time because it does wear thin. And the voice of conscience within us does speak to us.

Evolving To Acceptance Of Responsibility

Experiences are in truth the golden opportunities for the evolving soul. Face with a joyous heart the responsibilities in your life. Do not push them aside that they may rise another day in another way, ever calling you backwards. Face all of them today. The personality changes when it accepts that the cause of all things is within and no longer deludes itself by blaming outwardly.

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Humor to put you in Good Spirits . . .

A little child in church for the first time, watched as the ushers passed the offering plate. When they neared the pew where he sat, the youngster piped up so that everyone could hear: "Don't pay for me Daddy, I'm under five."

A little boy was attending his first wedding. After the service, his cousin asked him, "How many women can a man marry?"

"Sixteen," the boy responded.

His cousin was amazed that he had an answer so quickly.

"How did you know that?"

"Easy," the little boy said. "All you have to do is add it up, like the minister said: 4 better, 4 worse, 4 richer, 4 poorer."

A boy was watching his father, a pastor, write a sermon. "How do you know what to say? he asked.

"Why, God tells me."

"Oh, then why do you keep crossing things out?"

EDUCATION SPEAKS *(Continued from previous page.)*

male and female. A balance of the male/female vibrations and energies is ideal. The meeting should be held at the same place each meeting, in the same room. The meetings should be at least once a week or twice a week. Members should be punctual, and regular attendance is important. Why all this sameness? The reason is continuity with spirit. Our spirit friends get used to the regularity. Also, in my opinion, time is a consideration, for in the Spirit World, there is no time, there are just events, so each circle meeting is as if only one circle has been held. It takes spirit entities time to lower themselves to our vibrations so, I feel sameness over a period of time to us is like one EVENT to spirit.

The formalized group/circle is very similar to the home circle, except the group is larger and not as intimate. The formalized group should be used as a starting modem, then you get the information you need, meet the people you are supposed to meet. When you are well versed in the proper procedures, then find a smaller group or start your own with compatible members.

The independent method of unfoldment is when a student attempts on their own to unfold mediumship. I feel the independent method is not as desirable unless there are no other opportunities available. ☆

THE NATIONAL SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION OF CHURCHES
DEPARTMENT OF PHENOMENAL EVIDENCE

July 2002 Department of Phenomenal Evidence Report

BY THE REVS. TOM AND LISA BUTLER, NST

DPE Services. Since the NSAC Department of Phenomenal Evidence (DPE) will be new to many of you who read *The National Spiritualist Summit*, we think it would be appropriate to point out two of its features. The goals of the DPE are to publicize examples of paranormal phenomena that occur in Spiritualist churches, keep Spiritualists updated on news and research concerning paranormal phenomena and to educate the public about phenomena in the Spiritualist church. There is a DPE web site at: http://nsacphenomena.tripod.com/ for Spiritualists and the public to find information about phenomena. You can find a Phenomenal Evidence form on the site. Also, an email distribution service that is restricted to NSAC Spiritualists has been set up at http://groups.yahoo.com/group/nsacphenomena/. Members can send emails to everyone in the service with a single address. We would like to have at least one person from every NSAC church in the group so that information about phenomena can be shared amongst the churches. Let us know at phenomena@nsac.org if you are interested in participating.

Hypnotism. *Hypnotism is for real, scientists say after brain-scan study of volunteers*—an article by Steve Connor for the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Research by scientists from the Universities of Harvard and Stanford showed that hypnotized subjects used their brain subconsciously in a way not previously thought possible. David Spiegel, professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences at Stanford's School of Medicine, said that hypnosis is, "Thought to be something that takes away control from a patient, but it's actually something that enhances their own self-control. So you can teach people how to manage their anxiety, how to manage their pain and they are grateful for it." The Scientists who hypnotized a group of volunteers have shown that hypnotism induces a change in blood flow to the brain that cannot be explained by the power of suggestion. Hypnotism, they concluded is for real.

Templeton Prize. John Polkinghorne, an Anglican priest and former professor at Cambridge University, UK, has won the 2002 Templeton Prize for progress in religion. Polkinghorne specialized in work on sub-atomic particles before entering the priesthood. He said that he wanted to take science and religion with great and equal seriousness, seeing them as complementary to each other and not as rivals. The prize is the world's most lucrative annual prize for an individual, earning the winner £700,000 ($1 million). "Science studies, the processes of the world, while religion is concerned with the deeper issue of whether there is a divine meaning and purpose behind what is going on. Both pursuits are valid," Dr. Polkinghorne said, adding he never found a "head-on collision" between science and religion. From the BBC News.

Angels. In the online publication, *The X-Project Paranormal Magazine* article titled "Angels, an Objective View," David Russel states that a poll published in TIME magazine showed that 69 percent of the respondents believed in angels. Of those who did, 46 percent said they had a personal guardian angel. "Angelic encounters are sometimes life-changing, but always leave the person spiritually, physically, and emotionally revived, comforted, and less negative... Angel contactees usually describe an instance when things are so bad that they go to a solitary place to be alone. An angel then appears. Heavenly music and/or joyful music are heard and a warm, tingly light is felt. Sometimes, invisible arms are felt embracing the person in distress. Communication is usually telepathic, not always in words but emotion (like a transfer of positive energy).... There are numerous other angel stories which involve deceased loved ones visiting those they left behind to reassure the grieving of their well being after death."

An EVP Book. Friedrich Juergenson's out of print book *Sprechfunk mit Verstorbenen* (or in English, *Voice Transmissions With The Deceased*) has been translated from German to English. The English version can be downloaded for free at the Fredrich Juergenson Foundation web site www.fargfabriken.se./fjf/. Juergenson was a pioneer in EVP. He wrote regarding his first EVP contact, "I was outside with a tape recorder, recording bird songs. When I listened through the tape, a voice was heard to say, 'Friedel, can you hear me. It's mammy...' It was my dead mother's voice. 'Friedel' was her special nickname for me."

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Transition in Texas



The Rev. Garrett Herbold Scholtz of Seguin, Texas went home to the Spirit World on April 5, 2002. He was born on May 6, 1927 and had lived 74 years of a very interesting life. Garrett was the pastor of the Louise Scholtz Memorial Chapel in San Antonio, Texas and a fantastic medium. In his honor, the church is considering renaming the Chapel, Garrett Scholtz Memorial Chapel.

He was the pastor for Louise Scholtz Spiritual Church for over 42 years. He will be missed because of the many lives he touched with his ministry, for his giving of himself to others, but most of all his love for humanity. Spirit is saying, "A job well done."

Garrett Scholtz was a member of the San Antonio Masonic Lodge and its past master. He was a 33rd degree mason and gave of his time and energy to the community.

He was preceded in death by his beloved father, Herbert Herbold, and mother, Edna Herbold. He is survived by his brother, Nolan and Virginia Herbold, his sister, Ioma Mae and Louis Roe, and many nieces and nephews. One of his favorite memories was in raising his unofficial grandson, Shane Ottman.

A Memorial Service was held on April 13, 2002, with a potluck at the church social hall following. There was a fine turnout of family and friends there to pay their respects and say good-bye to a very special, spiritual man. ☆

POETRY

Talk Happiness
by Ella Wheeler Wilcox

Talk happiness. The world is sad enough
Without your woe. No path is wholly rough.
Look for the places that are smooth and clear,
And speak of them to rest the weary ear
Of earth; so hurt by one continuous strain
Of mortal discontent and grief and pain.

Talk faith. The world is better off without
Your uttered ignorance and morbid doubt -
If you have faith in God, or man, or self,
Say so; if not, push back upon the shelf
Of silence all your thoughts till faith shall come;
No one will grieve because your lips are dumb.

Talk health. The dreary, never ending tale
Of mortal maladies is worn and stale.
You cannot charm, or interest or please
By harping on that minor chord, disease.
Say you are well, or all is well with you,
And God shall hear your words,
and make them true.

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FAVORITE SAYINGS TO LIVE BY

"Among those whom I like, I can find no common denominator, but among those whom I love, I can: all of them make me laugh."
– W. H. Auden

"I only know that what is moral is what you feel good after, and what is immoral is what you feel bad after."
– Ernest Hemingway

"The meaning of things lies not in the things themselves, but in our attitude towards them."
– Antoine de Saint-Exupery

110th Annual NSAC Convention

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Theme:
Education Speaks For Itself

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The convention and lodging are both at

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Calendar of Events

Sunday, October 6th
10:30 am – Morning Service at FSCWA -
(Bus service will be available)
2pm to 4pm – Welcome Reception
7pm – Healing and Worship Service

Monday, October 7th
All Day – Seminar and Workshop -
Education Speaks for Itself
6pm – Banquet

Tuesday, October 8th thru Friday, October 12th
9am to 5pm – Convention Business Meetings
7pm – Healing and Worship Service
Followed by Club Meetings – everyone welcome
Tues., NST; Wed., Ministers;
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Banquet: Monday, Oct. 7th
Dinner! Music! Dancing!
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Reservations must be made by September 20th.

Choice of:
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- **Chicken Montrachet:** Breast of chicken with basil cream sauce, complemented with lemon pepper linguine & vegetables…**$29**
- **9 oz. Filet Mignon:** complemented with sauteed mushrooms, breaded onion rings, baked potato and vegetables…**$34**
- **Deluxe Vegetarian:** baked vegetable lasagna marinara, mushroom filled ravioli, grilled vegetables and portabella…**$26**
- *All dinners include soup, salad, dessert and coffee, tea or milk.*

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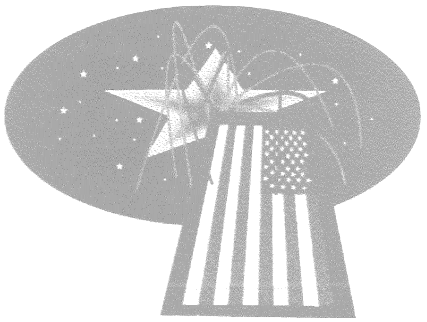
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1. We believe in Infinite Intelligence.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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