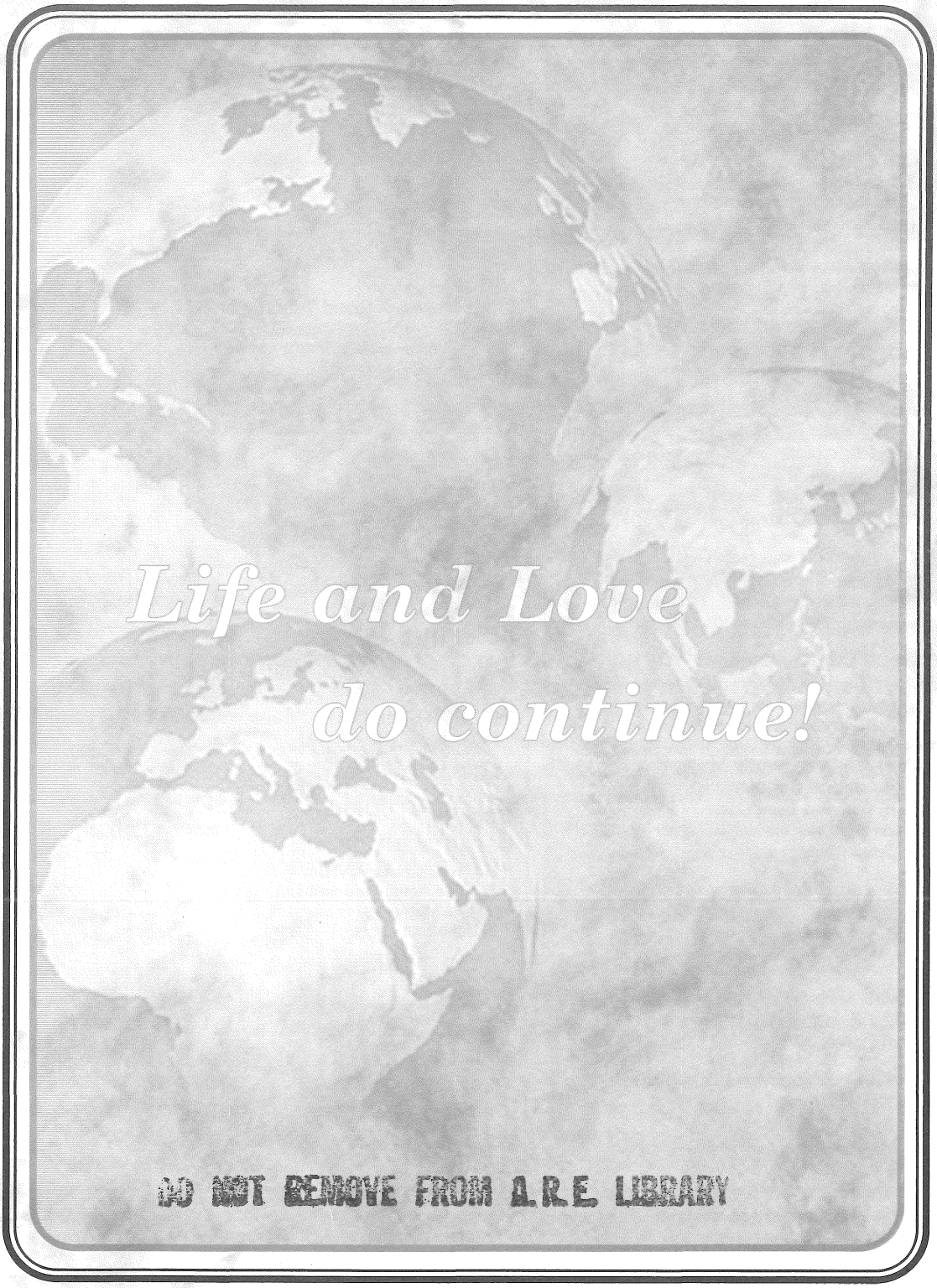
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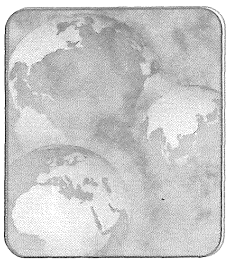


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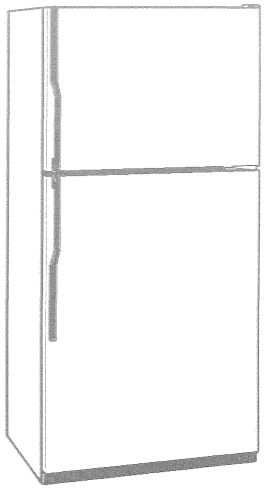
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"It's Daddy"

ADC/NDE Revisited

BY THE REV. SANDRA PFORTMILLER, NST

Two special loved ones made their transition to the Spirit World and communicated with me shortly after their physical death, to definitely prove that life and love do continue. This is called after-death communications, or ADC. Allan Botkin wrote: "The bond between the living is love, but when a loved one dies, the bond is pain." The grief process flows through intense emotions and vacillates between anger, guilt, sadness, blame, and even rage. ADCs help the survivors achieve a level of acceptance of their loss so they may work through their grief and go on with their lives.



Back in 1969 Elisabeth Kubler-Ross wrote *On Death and Dying* and in 1975 Raymond Moody wrote *Life After Life*. These books helped interest the public in the experiences of those who come close to death. Near-death experience (NDE) researchers conclude that most of the people report wonderful, life changing spiritual experiences from their NDEs. Research has also found that after-death communications are very similar to near-death experiences except NDEs occur as one approached death, and ADCs are encounters of another who has already died. In either case the deceased appears radiant, healthy, peaceful and serene. The feeling is somehow transmitted from the deceased and is so pleasant that people cannot completely relate their understanding with words. This awareness is very healing.

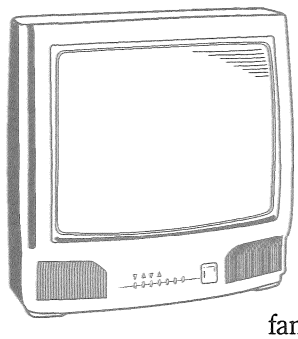
My eleven-year-old son died suddenly in 1976 and I was devastated. So a few mornings later, when I heard him call my name while I was in the shower, I thought I was loosing my sanity due to my grief, but then other phenomena began to happen. Things would move, or disappear then reappear; the house resounded with strange noises; I perceived light touches and thought I felt the presence of my son. The blessing of his death is that I searched for answers to these and other happenings, thus my spiritual journey began. If he had not left the physical plane, I wonder if I would have begun my search for greater awareness and have found Spiritualism.

Then a couple of years ago, Daddy left the physical. He did not endorse what I believed, and maybe considered me a bit loony. So I was delighted, surprised and happy when he communicated with us. The first time I was absolutely sure it was Daddy, and not someone or something else, is when he said through a CB Radio "I am here!" A couple of weeks later he turned on the television in the closed and locked porch while I was talking to my mother on the phone. I wish I had a camera to take a picture of my Mom's surprised face and of the snowy screen, but I was in Arizona, and Mom and the TV were in Minnesota. She said, "What's going on here?"

I replied, "It's Daddy." My Dad was an electrician, so much of the phenomena involved electrical devices. Each time my Mom has phenomena, such as the refrigerator sounding like popcorn popping (we all love popcorn), or raps in the ceiling or on the wall, or things disappearing and reappearing, I say, "It's Daddy." And I feel uplifted—it is very therapeutic. One day Mom said to the refrigerator sound, "Bruce, cut that out, it makes me hungry." The popping sound stopped immediately—for a day.

Shortly after Daddy died, Mom thought she heard someone trying to break into her home one night. She sat up in bed and saw Daddy go out of the bedroom door and the noise stopped in a few seconds. She got up to look, but there was no one at the door or in the house. No one she could see in the physical or from the spiritual dimension, but this time she had seen him herself, if only briefly—"It's Daddy."

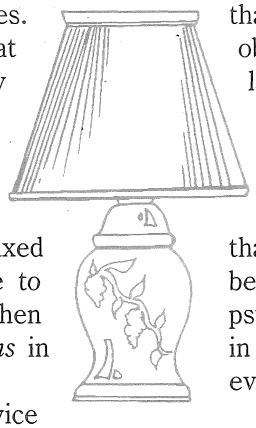
This kind of experience is not rare or new for people who are grieving, but in recent years research has brought ADCs to our attention with books and articles. In the October, 1992 issue of *TNS* I wrote an article about after death communications based on research furnished by Bill and Judy Guggenheim. In 1995 the researchers wrote *Hello From Heaven!* in order to share their findings. The Guggenheims did extensive surveys of generally healthy, normal individuals who had reported spontaneous spiritual encounters with deceased family or friends. They estimated as many as 20 percent of the population in America had experienced an ADC, a spontaneous contact with the departed where the deceased reached out to make contact with the living.



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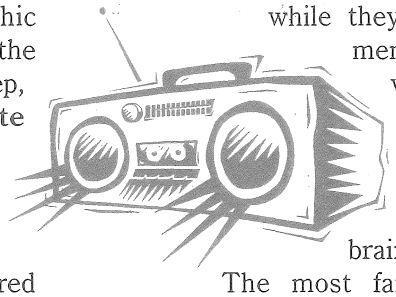
Some basic types of communication they found are: **Sensing the presence** of the deceased even though they are not seen or heard. **Hearing a voice** either with the physical ear or the spiritual ear. **Smelling an aroma or fragrance** that is associated with the departed loved one. **Visual experiences,** ranging from a transparent mist to absolutely solid materializations. **Visions** seen externally or internally, like looking at still or moving pictures. These usually include some form of two-way telepathic communication. **Twilight experiences** occur when the person is in the *Alpha state*—just before falling asleep, waking up or during meditation and prayer. **Sleep-state ADCs** are very common, but definitely different from dreams, being very vivid, logical and intense, like an actual visit from your loved one. **Out-of-body ADCs** occur during meditation or sleep and involve travel to the loved one's level or place. These have been compared to NDEs and include going through a tunnel and towards a light. **Telephone ADCs** are not as common. People tell of receiving a phone call from the deceased while they are awake. **Physical Phenomena** is demonstrated involving unusual physical events perceived as happening because of the influence of the deceased. Bereaved people report lights, TVs, radios and appliances going on or off, objects being moved or disappearing and reappearing, doors being opened or closed. **Symbolic ADCs** which involve seeing or hearing something in the physical environment that is interpreted as a sign from the deceased, an example would be a butterfly, a song, a rainbow or some special symbol.

Research has shown that ADC experiences are much more prevalent than near death experiences (NDE), but also that there are similarities. Several authors and researchers now feel that ADCs can be induced. Raymond Moody, way back in 1992, experimented with inducing ADCs for those grieving by gazing into a mirror. This was based on a method of mirror gazing used by the ancient Greeks. He prepared the subjects to achieve a relaxed and receptive state and then mirror gaze to receive after death communication. Moody then published his findings in the book *Reunions* in 1993.



Louis LaGrand, a Distinguished Service Professor Emeritus at the State University of New York, has worked with the bereaved for over 15 years. He published a book *After-Death Communication: Final Farewells* in 1997 which supports the spiritual authenticity of ADCs. He wrote: "It is important to emphasize that the living person is not actively seeking to make contact with the deceased...Instead it is the deceased...who seems to reach out."

Recently grief work has received another procedure that has been used to induce ADCs. Back in the late 1980s, a therapist Francine Shapiro, was walking through the park trying to sort out some upsetting and recurring thoughts. She found herself spontaneously shifting her eyes back and forth and noticed the negative emotional charge was greatly reduced. She experimented with the technique, moved forward to controlled scientific studies and had remarkable results. The technique is now known as eye movement desensitization and reprocessing, or EMDR. A person moves his or her eyes in a particular rhythmic fashion while they are dealing with a traumatic memory, or grief. Exactly how it works is still being debated, but the results are astonishing, with most psychologists familiar with the procedure agreeing that it somehow increases the brain's ability to process information. The most familiar example of rapid eye movement is during sleep when we dream, REM.

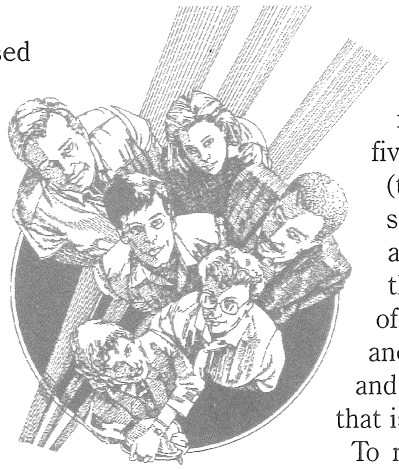


It has been found in grief work that when the feeling of loss is processed in this manner with EMDR, that anger and guilt associated with the death have vanished and acceptance is achieved by the patient. Allan L. Botkin was so impressed with these results that he focused extensively on EMDR with his patients. Some of his patients reported that during the process they believed they spiritually connected with the deceased person they were grieving. They claimed they saw or talked to the loved one and experienced resolution and a significant level of acceptance of the loss. "Many patients literally began the session in despair, and left feeling joyous. At first I believed that the EMDR had produced some sort of hallucinatory event, and that the results would not last. However, my attempts to obtain follow-up data indicated that the results did indeed last, and in fact, the results appeared to hold up over time in every case. Other clinicians have reported the production of similar spontaneous ADCs during standard EMDR Treatment, with similar therapeutic results (Parnell, 1996)." It is important to remember that one must be trained in EMDR in order to treat the bereaved as there exists the possibility it could trigger a psychotic reaction in those with severe mental disorders, or in someone where inadvertently a repressed traumatic event is uncovered.

After-death experiences are very healing to the friends and family left behind. They demonstrate that their loved ones continue to exist; that they are peaceful, content, healthy and happy; that they will always love us; that life has a purpose and that we learn from our mistakes; that personal responsibility is so very important; that treating others with kindness, compassion and love is the way of a spiritual life. What I enjoy about the ADCs that have occurred in my life is the wonderful feeling of joy and contentment that come with them. I know that some day I will be reunited with all of my loved ones and say, "There's Daddy. I love you." ◈

Development, Spiritualism And Mediumship

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Development of mediumistic abilities is based upon meditation, visualization and participation of the students, teachers, and a spiritual influence. Development is for the purpose of attuning with a spirit source to form a working, loving partnership. This partnership is based on mutual trust and love, and is formed by the caring partners being compatible in body, mind, spirit.

While the spirit partner may have a project or work that they guide the medium to accomplish in their life, the medium must be a willing participant in this work. It can run smoothly and be understood by both partners as well as anyone else with whom they are in contact, only when both partners are in compatible operation.

There is a definite need for a good teacher to be also a part of the learning, developing and opening of one's mediumistic gifts. The teacher will lead the student to a spiritual awareness of all that is transpiring as well as suggesting exercises for strong, compatible attunement of spirit with spirit.

When the student goes a path of do-it-yourself psychic/mediumistic development, there are many influences (good and bad) that may distract and lead the student to ideas or theories that are unproven and misleading to the development of a good, strong, attunement connection. A teacher may have experiences to share, information to pass along that will enhance this project of mediumship/psychic development, as well as spiritual input.

When an individual has a talent or skill within, such as playing the piano, they find a good teacher to help them with the theories of the subject as well as practice to hone their abilities. Development of mediumship is also a talent or skill to be honed and strengthened.

A mediumistic connection to spirit does not guarantee a spiritual path, any more than a spiritual path can guarantee a mediumistic opening or awareness. Both situations are mutually exclusive and can be pursued either together or individually.

As the Law of Attraction works strongly with each partnership we form with the spirit realms, it is important to spiritualize our own soul and our approach to all that life offers. Then we can draw to our psychic/medium development the type of spirituality we wish to enhance within all aspects of our lives.

Psychic or medium development begins with the fact that we use five senses (sight, hearing, taste, touch, smell) in the material world to survive. We take these five senses, adding intuition, and "I Know" (this comes from the heart...it neither sees nor hears...it just knows) into another level of consciousness through the psychic (sensitivities) abilities. Each of us is capable of this attunement with another level of life (from spirit to spirit) and the psychic facet of our being is the part that is used to accomplish this exercise.

To make this a spiritual journey, we must personally be willing to understand how this opens our being (body, mind, spirit) to all life on many levels of existence and attunes us to the God of our own understanding.

We use the tools of our own consciousness, visualization, meditation, and affirmations, to make this attunement with God of our own understanding and with the ministering angels (the guides of mediums). Music, sound, mantras, etc. have all been tools of meditation to calm and focus the consciousness of the student.

Color, symbols, auras are all topics for study and awareness, but they also play a very large part in the development of our consciousness to the psychic/mediumistic skills. Each of us, in our partnership with our own spirit guides, will develop our own color and symbols for use during our demonstrations. They are personal connections that have meaning and significance to each medium-student as an individual.

The aura is a reflection of the body, mind/soul and spirit emanations of each individual and will change frequently with their thoughts and actions. The colors a medium sees around an individual will be for that demonstration only and can be used as a factor in a reading.

All life is vibration. The aura is the most effective method of sensitizing ourselves to vibrations of life, of other people, of spirit energy. When we know spirit is with us, we can begin communication.

By its definition, communication is two-way, if only one of the connection are communicating it becomes a monologue. We must be willing to express our needs, wants and preferences. In this way, we can design our connection with the guides of our mediumship, trusting in their reliability, honesty and defining what each of you wants from the partnership. The spirituality of our efforts affects every decision and every result. ◈

BOOKMARK

Love Never Dies

- A Mother's Journey from Loss to Love -

BY SANDY GOODMAN

This book tells of a Mother's emotional journey from the tragic death of her son Jason, through her grief and despair, to their reunion, to love. Sandy Goodman's relentless desire to maintain communication with her dead son led her to conclude: "Death is not an ending. Life is eternal. Love is immortal. There is no greater peace than finding that what you have feared the most does not exist, and there is no greater joy than knowing that love never leaves."

Jason's death began Sandy's spiritual exploration through her grief. Mrs. Goodman is now the founder, chapter leader and newsletter editor of the Wind River Charter (Wyoming) of the Compassionate Friends. Her book is published by: Jodere Group Inc., P.O. Box 910147, San Diego, CA 92191-0147. The following excerpt is from chapter 11.

Certainty

Last night,
in the glow of freshly fallen snow,
I felt for the first time in months,
...a sense of peace.
A feeling of wonder overcame me
and I looked around to see
if you were there.
Later, I thought to myself,
"Why did I need to look?"
I know, as sure as I know
how to breathe,
that you are with me always.
You are closer to me now
than ever before
and the only difference is
that instead
of opening my eyes to see you,
...now I must open my heart.

– Sandy, 1997

After-Death Communications (ADCs)

Organizing this book as I am, I may be giving the impression that everything happened chronologically. Death, grief, searching...one, two, three. ...Bim, bang, boom. ...That is not the case. The pain I felt, the searching, and Jason's contact with me all took place, and continues to evolve, concurrently. As I become emotionally stronger, Jason's energy seems to intensify. Or perhaps I become more receptive to contact as my emotions level out. Anyway, as I begin this chapter, I find it necessary to...go back to the beginning.

Researched and named by Bill and Judy Guggenheim, an after-death communication (ADC) is explained on their Website as "an experience that occurs when you are contacted directly and spontaneously by a deceased family member or friend, without the use of psychics, mediums, rituals, or devices." The ADC Project originated in 1988 as the first complex research of after-death communications. The Guggenheims interviewed 2,000 people representing diverse religious, social, economic, educational, and occupational circumstances. They gathered more than 3,300 firsthand accounts from people who believe they have been contacted by a loved one who has died. Many of these reports can be read in their book, *Hello From Heaven*.

Contact from the other side can come to us in numerous forms. Electrical glitches, battery-operated devices switching off or on, items being moved from one spot to another, scents developing without a known source, temperature fluctuations, visual or auditory experiences, dream visitations and direct one-to-one communications are all portrayed in the Guggenheims' research.

We believe our first ADCs from Jason occurred on the morning he died, when the light went off and on in our bathroom and Jeremy's fan went off and on several times. Actually, that may not be entirely true. Something uncanny happened before that.

After being summoned to the hospital on the night this story began, we were dressing hurriedly when Dave asked me what time it was. I checked my watch and told him it was "two-forty-something." He held the watch up to his ear and then tossed it up on the dresser in frustration. "My watch is broken. It says it's *five-thirty-something*, and it's not running." The next day, when Dave checked his watch again, it was not only functioning, as in tick...tick...tick, but was displaying the correct time. Jason died at *five-thirty-something*.

I am not sure what this event meant. I do know that there are no coincidences.

Over the years since Jason's passing, we have had ADCs so frequently we see them now as commonplace. We say "Thanks, Jazz" and get on with our day. If we believe in an afterlife, why would we search for a physical

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explanation to, say, the television turning itself on? Would a service charge at the local electronics store be preferable to believing that your dad has stopped by to say hello? Again, we are afraid to think outside the box.

I know a woman who is raising a beautiful little girl in an atmosphere where death is thought of as simply a change to another form of being. One afternoon, the lights were flickering, pulsing, and just being generally weird. The young girl, thinking out of the box as most children do, walked into the kitchen and heard her mom ask, "Did you see the lights just now?" The daughter looked up at the lights, not missing a stride, and said, "Yep, but don't worry. It's just a spirit."

I want to share some of the "signs" we feel we have received from Jason. I anticipate that some of you will not believe these to be actual after-death communications, and that's okay. What makes an ADC so validating to the receiver is the feeling of warmth and love that washes over us when one occurs. If you are desiring a contact from someone on the other side, don't spend your time *thinking about* possible smells, electrical glitches, or slamming doors. Instead, stop and let yourself *feel*. I think you'll be surprised at the results.

Jason was buried after graveside services on a warm July morning. We released balloons at the end of the ceremony as escorts for Jason as he began his journey home. Stacey, a very close friend who was with us every minute of those first horrifying days, was in charge of passing the balloons out to those who had come to tell Jason good-bye. When the service began, Stacey had the strings of our four balloons wrapped firmly around her hand. At the appropriate time, when she started our way to deliver our balloons, she was surprised to see that one had vanished. When she later related this story to me, she said "When I looked up and saw only three balloons, I thought, *He would do this. This is just like Jason to steal a balloon from me."*

Becky, another very close friend from our hometown in Iowa, was with us through the first week of Jason's passing. When I think back to that day when she walked through our front door, I am belatedly astounded that she was able to put her life on hold, organize her home business for the time away, find her way through two huge airports, and fly nearly 1,000 miles. I only knew that she was with us, and that I needed her with us. So thank you, Becky. I now realize what a day that must have been for you.



Moving along, Becky manages a daycare center out of her home. Soon after returning from her trip to Wyoming, Becky was in her yard watching the numerous preschoolers in her care. In a brief moment of silence, she was startled by the sudden lights and bells of a toy fire truck sitting alone and untouched. The truck's light and bell had not worked before that moment, even when someone tried to trigger it. On another day soon after that one, Becky sat alone on her deck pondering the recent death of a sister-in-law, which triggered thoughts of Jason. A beautiful clear day was beginning to unfold, and Becky was surprised by the raindrops that began to fall from a cloudless sky. I know Becky well enough to know that she breathed a thanks into the void and smiled at whoever it was that was reminding her that love never leaves.

On a warm evening in September of that first year *after*, Dave and I had ridden our bikes along a pathway through our small town and had stopped to rest on Main Street. Dueling stereos, whistles, and roaring exhaust systems filled the night as carloads of kids sped past our solitary bench. We were three blocks from the building that Jason fell from, and although neither of us mentioned its ominous presence, we were oblivious to the activity and lost in *The Fog* while sitting less than four feet from the Saturday night traffic.

Suddenly, Dave broke our silent vigil by asking incredulously, "Where did these come from?" I glanced in his direction and saw that he was waving his arms around him as if he were being swarmed by bees.

Now, allow me to explain here that the balloons I mentioned earlier that were released at Jason's services carried thoughts of love. *After*, when I went to sit by Jason's Rock, I often blew bubbles (balloons are weather sensitive), sending them off with reflections of love. It became a ritual, and a bottle of bubbles sits at Jason's gravesite year round.

Totally baffled by Dave's swatting at thin air, I asked, "What? Where did *what* come from?"

"Can't you see them? Look at this! They're everywhere!"

Again, I asked "*What* is everywhere?"

"Bubbles...," he said. "There are bubbles all around us."

There were no bubbles visible to me, but I am absolutely certain they were very real to Dave. The look of awe on his face as he stood there batting at the air did not ensue from an unseen or disbelieved origin. Jason sent his dad bubbles. And I am certain they carried thoughts of love.

On another autumn night, I stood in the yard of the group home where we lived and worked and watched the leaves on a lofty tree flutter wildly for over thirty minutes. There was absolutely no breeze, and nearby trees were motionless. I was so fascinated that I called Dave out to look. He had no explanation for the phenomenon, but likened it to a tree full of butterflies,

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fluttering their wings in delight.

It was also during the first fall that Josh called me at work and asked me to listen to a message on the answering machine. Now, as much as I hate saying this, the voice itself can only be described as eerie. It didn't sound male or female, and it was irregular in tone and volume. The message itself was routine. "Hello. This is Cindy. I was just calling to talk to Josh. I'll call back."

Now you need to remember that Jason and Josh are twins. Anything they could do to each other to cause discord was done. For at least the past year, Jason had called Josh "Susie Q," and Josh had called Jason "Cindy Sue." There was never a follow-up call.

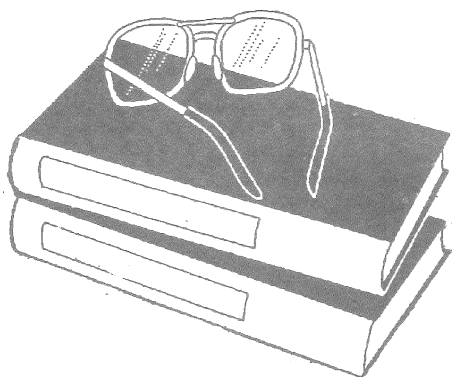
Time gets a bit foggy for me here, but I believe that it was late in the first winter *after*, when Jason came to validate an earlier message he had given us. When you read about Lynn's mediumship reading in the next chapter, you'll understand my reference to validation.

It was a snowy afternoon and I had taken advantage of an empty house by lying down for a nap. I had been asleep for less than thirty minutes when I was awakened by the bang of the bedroom door slamming shut. Since there were no windows open to create a draft, and all pets were sleeping in the room with me, I got up to investigate. As I entered the living room and noticed the smoke from a candle that had obviously just been "blown" out, I immediately knew that Jason had decided to validate the message from nearly six months before. Again, I thanked him, and went back to my nap.

During these first few months, I remained ambiguous. I struggled constantly with confirming my son's existence on the other side while at the same time wanting him back. I was in *The Fog* and spending all of my energy on survival. I noted the signs from Jason and filed them away for another day. The only thing that would have eased the pain at that time was if someone had walked in our front door with Jason in tow, explaining with great embarrassment that a mistake had been made.

The first spring after Jason died, a beautiful purple flower grew in the middle of a row of yellow irises. I have been unable to identify the flower, and it has not grown there since. Hollyhocks that were white last year have bloomed purple this summer. This week, as I am writing this paragraph, another so-far unidentified purple flower has sprouted in our backyard garden.

This year on Mother's Day, I was sitting at my computer when I was



flooded with the scent of flowers. I searched for the source to no avail. An hour later, I entered a chat room and was immediately sent a private message by Micki, a medium I had recently met.

"Did you get flowers for Mother's Day?" she asked.

"Nope, why?"

"Well, as soon as your nick showed up on my screen, Jason popped in and showed me a bouquet of multicolored flowers," she replied.

"Oh. Hmmm...maybe he was just giving them to me now."

I thought no more of it until I went to bed. Five minutes after falling asleep, I woke up with a start, a thought throbbing in my head. *The flowers Jason had that Micki saw...that was what I smelled.* It was my Mother's Day gift.

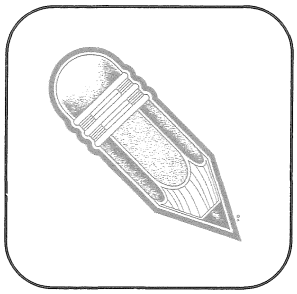
Just this past week, I went to trim around the roses at Jason's Rock. While there, I talked to him and told him I needed a sign. It had been about three weeks, which seems to be my limit. I also told him that if it was going to be a song on the radio (he is very good at this), to make it one that depicted him talking to me rather than my talking to him.

On the way home, I began smelling the same overwhelming scent of flowers. It became stronger and thicker and lasted as long as it took me to drive about a mile. Just as the scent disappeared, a song came on the radio that I often listen to when missing Jason, but one that I had never interpreted as a message from him to me. The song was Garth Brook's *When You Came Back to Me Again,* and when I heard the lyrics, I knew Jason had heard my plea loud and clear, answering me with "In a song...I'm reaching out 'til we reach the circle's end."

After crying through that one and telling Jason thank you, another song had already commenced. This one was Jason's favorite "getting crazy" song, Mr. Brooks' *Friends in Low Places*, and of course it made me smile.

Jason has tossed our television remote from the buffet to the floor five feet away, and has left us dimes in peculiar locations. I found one in the bathtub, Jeremy found one in his sandal the day after I explained about Jason sending dimes, and Dave has found them on the armrest at the shooting range and in a clearing where he camped in the middle of a mountain range. Jason has turned on water faucets, flipped through channels on both our television and the radio in our vehicle, and rocked an unoccupied chair. These are the little things. These are the things that made us think "hmmmm" and then wonder if it really *is* him. However, I decided early in my journey that whenever there was the slightest chance of Jason being involved in an event, I would tell him thank you. Better to err on the side that feels good than to miss an opportunity to acknowledge my child.

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The Practice and Application of Phenomena

There is a responsibility that exists with mediumship for both the sitter and medium. This involves the sincere, honest, responsible and open-minded attitude of both persons to achieve positive and meaningful results. Everything that happens in the presence of a medium is not necessarily significant and the sitter must use common sense to distinguish between possible explanations and things spiritual. Mediumship is both a gift and a development. Each person has some kind of inherent psychic tendency and it may be developed with study and practice.

There is a difference between a psychic and a medium. Those who display psychic-medium tendencies do not depend on spirit. Whereas an advanced medium may combine a psychic ability with the spirit mediumship to be of greatest service to mankind. The medium has an ethical responsibility to be honest and serious in the approach to mediumship. Conscious dishonesty is fraud. The medium also needs to avoid coloring the message and avoid an unconscious dishonesty by hard work and co-operation between medium and spirit entities. The honesty extends to the sitter as well to be prepared mentally and spiritually.

It is okay for a medium to say "I don't know" rather than guess what might be true. It is also important to remember that mediums are not counselors, unless properly trained and certified, and are to remain within their areas of ability. A strong desire to succeed can produce a loss of connection and confusion for everyone. Mediumship is supposed to be an assistance and any form that does not contribute to personal unfoldment or growth should be rejected.

Mediums must recognize the personal responsibility for what is spoken and not to blame others. Failures or disappointments should be balanced with the thought that communication with spirit entities brings joy and upliftment with a triumph over self limitation. Spirit will come to the aid of all who are deserving. Education is an important ongoing part of mediumship. Education is growth and growth is progress.

Some seek a medium for knowledge, while others to re-establish a personal contact with a lost loved one. Knowing that they are progressing with their spiritual lives can bring great comfort to the bereaved. Seeking comfort is the greatest single reason for seeking the services of a medium.

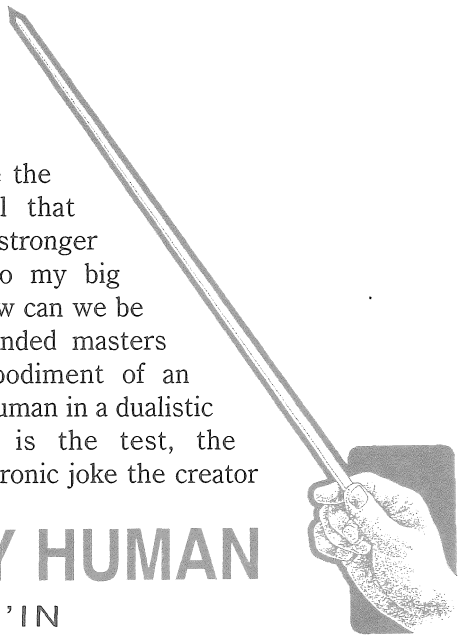
Some cautions between sitter and medium are not to rush the results and be impatient, and not to put words in the mouth of the medium, for it is difficult for spirit to correct the mistake. Another caution to the sitter is to not become dependent on a medium so as to not lose the ability to think and make decisions for themselves. Spirit entities are not infallible and the sitter needs to be aware of the spirit qualifications.

Ego is an issue that exists in mediumship and those subject to ego would not likely say "I don't know." Also, famous persons as guides are possible but not likely, so these guides may serve the ego of the medium. Common sense and keeping an even mind are stepping stones to successful mediumship. Sincere honest responsibility are essentials to mediums and sitters alike.

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"You will never find time for anything.
If you want time, you must make it."
– Charles Buston



BEING MASTERFULLY HUMAN

BY ALUNA JOY YAXK'IN

"Life is not about being a master in a human body, but being a human masterfully!"

Who said that if you lived consciously nothing bad or challenging would ever happen to you? Who told you that you would never get sick, have a lover leave you, have a loved one die, have a car accident, or make a bad choice, huh? Who ever said that walking the spiritual path would be a piece of cake, easy as pie? Come on now, stand up, and let's take a look at your life, because I could use a good example to follow.

When a friend asks you how you are, do you hide the fact that, that day you might feel miserable? Do you respond to your friends by saying "Hey I am great, it's all perfect"! Why do we hide the truth and hide ourselves from each other. Why are we so afraid of being judged for being human, for having a down day. How often have you felt like eating a pint of ice cream and hid the carton at the bottom of the shopping cart away from the curious eyes? Why is it that we do not allow each other to be human with all our amazing qualities and frailties? Where is the non-judgment, the compassion, and why would having human vulnerabilities mean you're not on a spiritual path, not heading for spiritual graduation?

Welcome everyone to Human Mastery 101. I'll have to say that at times I felt I was not getting good grades in this class. In fact sometimes I felt like I was failing altogether and wishing I could drop the course. Guess I have been judging myself. But the fact is that if you and I are in a human body, we are not getting out of this class without a few major challenges, illnesses and bad choices. And Yes, we will get judged for these at the very time we need support. So what do we do, we try harder to be perfect and work harder to hide our human vulnerabilities. But soon the law called being human rears its multi-faceted head and takes us down another peg, another rung of the ladder, with the next challenge. Sometimes don't you wish you could stick your head in the sand.

From the world's major religions to New Age thought, we have brought into the subtle program that we must be perfect, live a balanced life to warrant a graduating degree in Human Mastery 101. The paradox is our world is a world of polarity, not neutrality. Being balanced 100% of the time in this reality really means you are stuck, not growing, or dead. If you think your life is balanced all the time, you are in denial, and running as hard as you can from the challenges chasing you down. But guess what? The conflict and challenge that we are embarrassed to have in our lives, or try to avoid, are the very spiritual fuel that makes us all grow stronger toward Mastery. So my big question here is how can we be super human, ascended masters and the pure embodiment of an angel while being human in a dualistic world? Now this is the test, the challenge, and the ironic joke the creator has given us to figure out. And I don't have any answers myself yet.

Well, like I said before, I need a good example to follow. If it is possible to be masterful in this dualistic world, then surely there is some example of this happening in history. So I compiled a quick list of those I felt are top shelf, got the Grammy, the Oscar, really did it right in their life. Off the top of my head I thought of Jesus, the Dalai Lama, St. Francis, Martin Luther King, Mahatma Gandhi, Joan of Arc and Mother Theresa.

I began at the top of my list with Jesus, a master teacher of love and compassion. But didn't he create a situation in his life in which a good buddy, one of his own disciples, betrayed him and this betrayal cost him his life and at the hand of his own people? Hummm. Wow, he must have really been out of balance the day they hung him on the cross. Why did he attract that to his life? Okay...next one.

His Holiness, The Dalai Lama, is a beautiful being with the purist of hearts and the most beautiful teaching of love and compassion. There is hardly anyone on the planet he has not touched thanks to modern media. But yet with all his sincerity, ceremony, sand mandalas, political clout, Nobel Peace Prize and an entire lineage of incredible power, he could not save Tibet and still cannot save his people from daily torture. Hummm...Did he forget to meditate the day the Chinese took over Tibet? Did he mess up one of those sand mandalas creating/attracting to himself such a horrible outcome? Next...

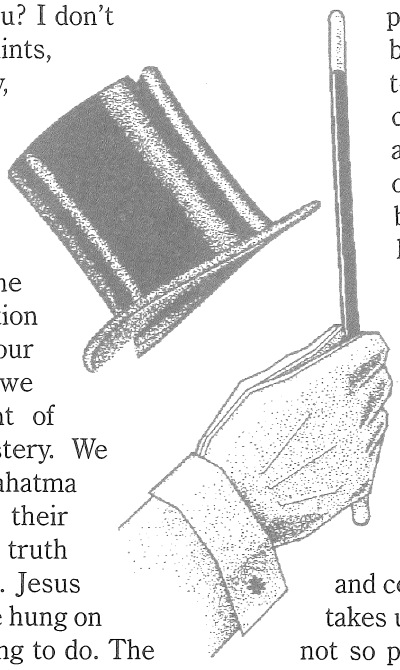
OK, let's look at those who taught and lived non-violence—Martin Luther King and Mahatma Gandhi. Oh yeah, they both attracted violent murderous deaths. Now how did that happen? Gandhi freed India and Dr. King freed the African Americans from racial segregation, but they

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both got a fatal bullet. Now that doesn't seem right does it? Joan of Arc...granted she seemed a little strange, lead by intense visions from spirit, but she won great battles for France...Oh yeah...they burned her at the stake as a witch. Mother Theresa, now how about her? She gave up all personal desires to heal the poorest of poor, but she got sick and died. And St. Francis gave up everything for peace and love and was never accepted for it in his lifetime and lost what little he did have.

So who said if you are a master you do not attract any bad, challenging or hard situations to you? I don't get it. If we think these souls are saints, masters and great examples to follow, then why do we judge our friends for having a frail moment, week or month? And why do we judge ourselves just as badly?



Do you know what makes one a master, an angel or saint? It is not the absence of challenge, but the right reaction to challenge that makes us masters of our human existence. If we act doing what we know is right, unconditionally in light of difficult challenges, this becomes mastery. We honor Jesus, Martin Luther King and Mahatma Gandhi, His Holiness and the rest for their enlightened behaviors based on their truth principles. This is why we honor them. Jesus taught love and non-judgment even while hung on the cross. Now that had to be a hard thing to do. The Dalai Lama still smiles and practices non-violence and compassion even though the Chinese today still torture his people. Martin Luther King and Mahatma Gandhi both doubted their teachings, wondering if the world was ready for what they had to offer, yet continued. They acted the best they could, with what they had to work with, based on their truth principles.

How can we live perfectly balanced lives when so much of the population is waging war, suffering, and hungry? If we think we can separate ourselves from the collective and become masters over the material world, well think again, unless you are a monk in a cave in the Himalayas. Even then, you would be challenged by yourself and by the elements. We are each capable of Amazing deeds and actions, but are we being a little idealistic and maybe not very authentic to think we can avoid the changes and challenges that happen in this crazy world. Maybe if we want to pass Human Mastery 101 it is as simple as reacting with love when faced with hate; when faced with anger react with peace; when there is judgment react with compassion.

Life is not about being a master in a human body, but being a human masterfully! Maybe our challenges are masterful tests so we have the opportunity to put into action the truth principles we personally believe in. Maybe, just maybe, the greater the test we attract, the stronger we are and the closer we are to passing final exams. So if you are having a bad day, bad week, bad life, hey, get over it. Own it, and decide to act rightly to the best of your ability with what you have and learn from the experience. And if you mess up...again...**forgive yourself** and go on. Remember, no one out there is getting life right all the time even though some would like you to think so.

We are not superhuman, at least not all the time. We get tired, feel ill, angry or sad. It is part of living in a dualistic world. On good days we are all heroes, masters, saints, and angels, and these are great days to be honored and celebrated. But remember to honor the courage it takes us every day to face our lives when the picture is not so pretty. Celebrate the growth when we are sick, lonely, lost, angry and sad. Hey, it IS all perfect, if you own the beautiful fact you are human and a master, an angel, a saint all wrapped into one very human body in a very wacky world. Oh and by the way, everyone passes Human Mastery 101...because God never judges you.

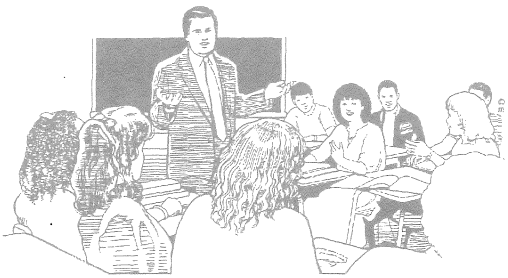
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"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them."

– Laurence Binyon (1869-1943)

Love The Motivating And Connecting Force Within The Principles



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Was it Michelangelo who said, "The statue is already in the marble, just waiting to be released?" Likewise, though not unequivocally stated or implied, Love is hidden in the NSAC Declaration of Principles, just waiting to be explained and declared. We know that Spiritualism is practiced from a loving perspective, as a loving religion. So then, let us consider the following interpretation of how Love is connected to each of the Principles.

• Principle No. 1: We believe in Infinite Intelligence

Infinite Intelligence is the term we use, as Spiritualists, to refer to God. It is the One Infinite Mind in which we are all connected. We will often hear in our sermons that "God is Love." We read in the *National Spiritualist Summit* that "God is Love." The *Spiritualist Manual*, which is the basic teaching of Spiritualism states that "God is Love." We sing about Love in our hymns every week. Therefore, within being a Science, Philosophy and Religion, Spiritualism is all about Love. As a Philosophy, Spiritualism includes logic, so then, let us reason, deductively about love in our Principles:

We believe in Infinite Intelligence. We believe that Infinite Intelligence is God. We believe that "God is Love." Therefore, we believe that Infinite Intelligence is Love. Furthermore, we believe that Infinite Intelligence is All-knowing and All-loving.

• Principle No. 2: We believe that the phenomena of nature, both physical and spiritual, are the expression of Infinite Intelligence.

It has been established in the above logic following Principle No. 1 that Infinite Intelligence is Love. Therefore, all that we observe in the manifest Universe and all that we are blessed to perceive on the spiritual levels are created and sustained by Love.

• Principle No. 3: We affirm that a correct understanding of such expression and living in accordance therewith constitute true religion.

What is a correct understanding? It has been established in the above logic of Principle No. 2 that all in the manifest and unseen Universe has been created by Love. We begin to see others and ourselves as created in and of this Love. So then, living with an appreciation and reverence for this Love, which is God; being motivated in our aspirations and actions by this Love; striving to emulate this Love in all of our interactions with others; and keeping a loving respect for the health of the planet is living our religion in its purest sense.

• Principle No. 4: We affirm that the existence and personal identity of the individual continue after the change called death.

It is the Love phenomenon that transcends the grave. When mediums bring in messages from those who have departed from this earthly realm, it is so evident that Love is the underlying motive that inspires their work; that enables them to lift our consciousness, so as to be a conduit through which the messages from Spirit come through. It is, also, apparent that what comes through from the departed to those in the earth realm, is that undying Love which prevails beyond the change called death.

• Principle No. 5: We affirm that communication with the so-called dead is a fact, scientifically proven by the phenomena of Spiritualism.

Love and Science are not mutually exclusive. In fact, they compliment each other. Mediums do their best work, bringing in evidentiary messages, by attuning themselves to the Love consciousness. This produces results that, like any good scientific work, are observable, verifiable and reproducible.

• Principle No. 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."

This is not talking about acting upon or being motivated by fear, that if we don't do the right thing, God knows what terrible thing will fall upon us. The highest morality is that which is motivated by Love. Doing good for the sake of good, because this is acting with our true nature. Let us be

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inspired by Louis Armstrong's song, *"What a Wonderful World."* Can we imagine what a wonderful world this would be if our actions were motivated by Love and our reactions were tempered by Love?

• Principle No. 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.

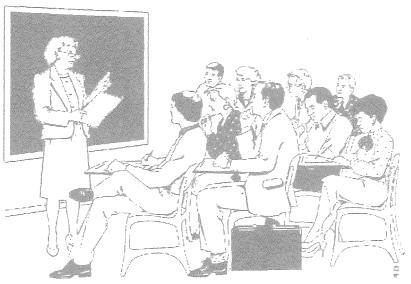
Moral responsibility is connected to the Golden Rule. Nature's physical and spiritual laws are all about Love, as before mentioned. If we are motivated by Love, so as not to interfere with our own happiness or another's happiness; if we see ourselves and each other as the "image and likeness" of Divine Love, we are then in harmony with the physical and spiritual laws of life. When we put out Love, Love is what comes back to us.

• Principle No. 8: We affirm that the doorway to reformation is never closed against any soul here or hereafter.

As Spiritualists we do not believe in hell, fire and eternal damnation. We do not believe in a punishing God. We believe in a God of Love. We believe that Life is an ongoing, eternal process. We believe that through the evolutionary process of life on the earth plane and beyond, that there will be many opportunities for us to evolve spiritually, and to become the perfection that we already are. The only thing that needs to be perfected in the awareness of what we already are. Now are we the perfect sons and daughters of Perfect God, made in the image of Divine Love.

• Principle No. 9: We affirm that the Precepts of Prophecy and Healing are divine attributes proven through Mediumship.

When observing the healers during Sunday Service, they look like loving angels ministering to those in their chairs. So, too, we can observe the joy of the mediums as they give comforting, uplifting messages that are motivated by Love. Both Mediums and Healers work as channels through which the Love Energy flows. As we open ourselves to this Love Energy, our gifts and "divine attributes" increase and we do better work.



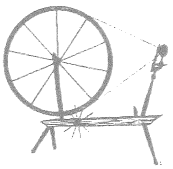
• Following the logic of consciously connecting Love to each of the nine Principles, it may be concluded that Love is the Motivating and Connecting force within these Principles.

For those new to Spiritualism, the love connection explains how Spiritualism is distinguished from other religions which are fear based. Furthermore, for those who are seasoned Spiritualists, it may provide an ongoing inspiration to keep the connection of Love to the Principles in conscious awareness.

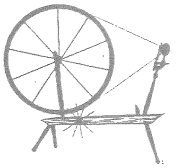
In conclusion, a citation from the *Spiritualist Manual*, (page 114, Reading on Wisdom and Love):

"Love is the fulfilling of the law.
Love is the greatest thing in the world.
Love is the greatest thing in the universe.
'God is Love.'"

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FAVORITE SAYINGS TO LIVE BY



"For one who has conquered the mind,
the mind is the best of friends.
But for one who has failed
to do so, his very mind will
be his greatest enemy."
– Bhagavad Gita

"There is not a single place in all the corners
of the world where God is absent."
– Omoto Kyo, Michi-no-Shitori

"Failing to plan is planning to fail."
– Benjamin Franklin

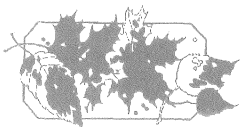
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8 There is wisdom in the silence.	**9** The challenges in life make it interesting.	**10** Each moment is an opportunity for love or fear.	**11** Harmony and peace are a melody of the soul.	**12** Affirmative thoughts are prayers to Spirit.	**13** Positive change is a series of small successes.	**14** I accept my abundance in all life.
15 My power is in the choices I make.	**16** The Golden Rule is my guideline for life.	**17** I believe nothing is impossible with love.	**18** My life situations reflect my inner consciousness.	**19** Love for everyone is my focus today and every day.	**20** My inner teacher is my consciousness.	**21** My soul longs for greater awareness.
22 My inner perception of love expands daily.	**23** Spirit's whisper brings joy and inspiration.	**24** My family members are my friends, too.	**25** I am never alone, I am connected to all others.	**26** I am motivated by ethics, serenity and quality of life.	**27** My five senses and my other senses guide my experiences.	**28** Intuition is guidance from a Higher Source.
29 I have reverence for all life, for all beings.	**30** Life is consciousness. Think about it!					



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• MAINE •

MAINE STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION OF CHURCHES
Pres., Graham Connolly, 66 Martin Heights, Raymond, 04071, (207) 655-6673; Secy., Betty Simpson, 715 Newburgh Rd., Hermon, 04401, (207) 848-2273; Treas., Jeanne Bower, 159 Northport Ave., Belfast, 04915, (207) 338-1355.

AUGUSTA - Augusta Spiritualist Church
P.O. Box 2492, 04338; Pastor, Earl L. Wallace; Secy., Patricia A. Wallace, 124 Spring St., Gardiner, 04345, (207) 582-6745; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Thurs. Awareness Class 7:00 p.m.

BANGOR - The Harrison D. Barrett Memorial Church, NSAC
114-118 Harlow St., (under Tesoro Restaurant); Sun. Serv. 10:00 a.m.; Secy., Betty Simpson, 715 Newburgh Rd., Hermon, 04401, (207) 848-2273, e-mail address is simpsonb@hermon.net. Church services may be canceled for the summer months or inclement weather. Please call the secy. for more information.

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

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

MADISON - Madison Spiritualist Camp
Located at Lakewood Village, Rt. 201, six miles north of Skowhegan, ME. We meet July 10th through August 11. Schedule to be announced. For information, contact President John Davidson, 74 Central Ave., Waterville, 04901, phone (207) 877-2204; e-mail jdavidson@panax.com. There are no accommodations for the general public for rooms, camping, or meals. There are plenty of locations in the surrounding area.

NORTHPORT - Temple Heights Spiritual Camp Assoc.
Shore Road, Northport on Penobscot Bay; Camp session is from mid-June through the Sunday after Labor Day. A different featured medium each week. Church services at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Tues., Thurs. and Fri.; Sun. Pot Luck 5:00 p.m.; class Mon. at 7:30 p.m.; Message Circles Wed and Sat. at 7:30 p.m.; Workshops/seminars Saturday. Accommodations with kitchen privileges available; for a program or information, call (207) 338-3029 (Apr.-Oct.) then (207) 338-4690, or P.O. Box 311, Lincolnville, 04849-0031; Pres., Pam Strickland, P.O. Box 93, Owl's Head, 04854, (207) 594-9038, e-mail: pstone48@aol.com; Secy., Patricia Wallace, 124 Spring St., Gardiner, 04345, e-mail: PMICH619@aol.com.

NORTHPORT - Temple Heights Spiritualist Church
Shore Road, Northport; Services 2:30 p.m. Sundays at Temple Heights Spiritual Camp from May to October and at Excelsior Lodge on the Shore Road, Saturday Cove, Northport from Nov. to April; (207) 338-3029; Pres, Jean E. Bower, 159 Northport Ave., Belfast, 04915, (207) 338-1355; Secy., Carol A. Fricke.

PORTLAND AREA - Portland Spiritualist Church
719 Main St., (Unitarian Universalist Church), Westbrook; Mailing Address: P.O. Box 6551 PTS, 04102; Sun. Serv. 6:30 p.m.; Fri. Class 7:30 p.m.; Pres., Graham Connolly, (207) 655-6673.

• MASSACHUSETTS •

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

ONSET - On-I-Set Wigwam Co-Workers Spiritualist Camp
Season opens June 9th till Labor Day weekend; Camp phone (860) 439-1395; Sun. Serv. 2:30 p.m.; Wed. Open Class 6 p.m. & Service 7:30 p.m.; Mediums Day's - Message Circles - Workshops/Seminars scheduled; Secy., Rev. Susan Ferency, 12 Butlertown Rd., Waterford, CT 06320, (860) 439-1395. Prior to season call or write for a full program.

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

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

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

• MICHIGAN •

MICHIGAN STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOC. OF CHURCHES
Pres., Marcia Hyatt, 4161 Buckingham, Detroit, 48224-3538; Secy., Rev. Marguerite I. Gutt, NST, 813 E. Evelyn, Hazel Park, 48030-3106, (248) 548-2240.

CHARLEVOIX - The Golden Rule Spiritualist Church
07444 Old US 31 North, 49720-9422, (231) 347-9601 or (231) 347-7916; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m., except during July and August because our "camp" operates in the same location. (During cold weather months it is advisable to call our Secretary just in case. We held services for the winter of 2001/2002, but weather is beyond our control.) Located halfway between Petroskey and Charlevoix. Turn on Murray Road and immediately turn right on Old 31 N - go 8 tenths of a mile on the left; Pastor, Rev. Cosie Allen, NST and Certified Medium; Website: www.churchseek.net/church/goldenrule.

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CHARLEVOIX - Northern Lake Michigan Spiritualist Camp
Please see Golden Rule Spiritualist Church listing for contact information, driving directions, and website address: Open July and August for Sunday services at 10:30 a.m. and Wednesday services at 7:30 p.m.; Potluck follows Sunday service and bonfire with snacks follows Wednesday service; Classes, circles and readings/private consultations available. Pastor, Rev. Cosie Allen, NST and Certified Medium.

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

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

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

ROYAL OAK - First Spiritual Temple
3224 Greenfield Rd. (1 1/2 blocks So. of 13 Mile), 48073-6534; Sun. Serv. 10:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Marguerite Gutt, NST, (248) 548-2240.

SOUTH BRANCH - Chain Lake Spiritualist Camp Association
8000 W. Chain Lake Rd., 48761-0089; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m., June 4, 2002 through Sept. 1, 2002; Annual Retreat July 7-12, 2002; Lyceum Dir., Dawn Hyatt; Pres., Donald Weichner, 8022 W. Chain Lake Rd., P.O. Box 89, 48761-0089.

• MINNESOTA •

MINNEAPOLIS - Second Spiritualist Church
2230 Lyndale Ave. N.; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Secy's., Chrissy & Melanie; Pres., Beth, P.O. Box 6115, 55406, (612) 529-0781.

MINNEAPOLIS - Spirit of Life Spiritualist Church
Services at Lake Harriet Comm. Church at 4401 Upton Ave. S., 55410.

ROCHESTER - Third Spirit of Life Spiritualist Church
Services Mon., 7:00 p.m., 21st Century Building, 2130 S. Broadway, Ste. 170; Pastors, Rev. Joyce E. Young, NST, and Rev. John E. Young, NST; Secy., (507) 775-6358; Mailing address, P.O. Box 7312, 55903.

ST. PAUL - Spiritual Science Church
411 Main St., 55102; Sun. Serv. 10:00 a.m.; Pres., Joan LeDuc, 2169 Scheffer Ave., 55116, (612) 255-4609 (church) or (612) 699-4858 (home); Secy., Maureen Florés, c/o 2169 Scheffer Ave., 55116-1255.

• MISSOURI •

ST. LOUIS - Fifth Spiritualist Church
6026 S. Kingshighway Blvd., 63109-3558; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Healing, Meditation & All Message Service, 1st Wed. of the month at 7:00 p.m.; Student Minister/Pastor, Toye E. Stinson, 566 Old Highway 100, Villa Ridge, 63089, (636) 451-2838; Secy., Lisbeth Tintera, 6025 S. Kings Highway Blvd., 63109-3558, Home Phone (314) 845-3492.

• NEBRASKA •

OMAHA - Spiritual Science & Philosophy Church, NSAC
321 Hascall St., 68108-2121; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Philosophy Class Noon when scheduled; Pastor & Secy., Alace Jayne Fanslau, 321 Hascall St., 68108-2121, (402) 345-0101.

• NEVADA •

LAS VEGAS - Spiritualist Desert Church, NSAC
Mailing address: Box 82134, 89180-2134; Tel. or Fax (702) 257-7506; Call for information; Pastor, Rev. Catherine Stewart, NST; Secy., Marcia Forkas.

• NEW HAMPSHIRE •

SALEM - The Church of Spiritual Life, Inc.
Masonic Hall, 109 Main St., Rt. 97; Mailing address: P.O. Box 144, 03079; Year Round Services; Regular Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.; Wed. classes p.m.; Call Pastor, Rev. Kenneth Wingood, (978) 454-4163; Secy., Mary Lou Baumhoff, (603) 898-8854; http://www.NHSpiritualist.homestead.com.

• NEW JERSEY •

MERCHANTVILLE - Stow Memorial Foundation
Robert Egby, P.O. Box 339, Westville, 08093.

WESTVILLE - Church of Eternal Life
243 W. Olive & Folsom Sts., 08093; Sun. Healing Serv. 11:00 a.m.; Worship & Message Service 11:30 a.m.; Telephone for weather cancellations (856) 456-2196; Pastor, Lillian Joyce, 400 McCort St., RR #4, Berlin, 08009, (856) 767-1651, e-mail lil@netzero.net; Pres., Edith Pedrick, 123 E. Oakland Ave., Oaklyn, 08107, (856) 854-4317; Secy., Kathleen M. Pollack, 1762 Crown Pt. Rd. #537-A, Thorofare, 08086, (856) 848-7053.

• NEW YORK •

CLIFTON PARK - Spiritualist Open Center
Pastor, Rev. Hillary Kramer, NST, 15 Huntwood Dr., 12065, (518) 371-8975.

EAST AURORA - First Spiritualist Temple
29 Temple Pl., 14052, (716) 652-5018; Sun. Healing Service 10:30 a.m.; Lecture and Message Service 11:00 a.m.; Social Hour 12:15 p.m.; Dinner Day 3rd Sun. of month followed by Circles or All Message Service; Secy., Donna Azzarelli, (716) 691-3406.

LILY DALE - Lily Dale Assembly
5 Melrose Park, 14752, (716) 595-8721, Fax (716) 595-2442; Office Hours, Sept.-June, M-F, 10 a.m.-2 p.m; June-Aug, M-F, 9 a.m.-4p.m., Sat. 9 a.m.-12 Noon, closed Sunday; Camp Season: Last Friday in June to day before Labor Day; contact Lillian F. Farnham, Secretary.

LILY DALE - Lily Dale Spiritualist Church
Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Healing & Message Serv. each Wed. 7:30 p.m.; Pres., Betty C. Schultz, (716) 595-3304; Secy., Sueanna Vollmar.

LONG ISLAND - A Sanctuary of Infinite Spirit, Inc., NSAC
Healing & Worship Service, Sun. 11:00 a.m. at the Smithtown Masonic Temple, 34 River Road, Smithtown, NY; Pastor, Rev. Virginia Berg, (631) 588-3150; Asst. Pastor, Rev. Nancy Lloyd, (631) 736-1058; Mailing address: 1280 Claas Ave., Holbrook, 11741-3902.

LONG ISLAND - New Horizons Spiritualist Church
Meeting: at 10:00 a.m., 1130 N. Broadway, Massapequa; Classes available; Mail to Frances Werbeck, Secy., 43 Grand St., Lynbrook, 11563, (516) 593-7213; Pastor, Rev. N. A. Lloyd, NST, (631) 736-1058..

LONG ISLAND - Temple of Metaphysical Science, NSAC
15 Oak St., Patchogue, 11772; Sun. Serv.: Healing and Worship 11:00 a.m.; Pastor, Rev. Catherine Snell, NST; Asst. Pastor, Rev. Janet Travis, NST; Mailing address, Mr. Edward Freidlein, Corresponding Secy., P.O. Box 1150, West Babylon, 11704, e-mail: TMS@hoflink.com; http://www.TMS-Li.org.

ROCHESTER - Plymouth Spiritualist Church
Meets at Days Inn, 384 East Ave., Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Pres., Joanne Antinore; Pastor, Robin Higgins, (716) 227-6291; Mailing address: Secy., Kathy Manikowski, 1415 Creek Pointe, Farmington, 14425.

• OHIO •

OHIO STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION
P.O. Box 5, Ashley, 43003.

ASHLEY - Ashley Spiritualist Camp Association
Wooley Park Drive, P.O. Box 277, 43003; Secy., Nikki DeWitt, (740) 747-3825, e-mail: www.members.Tripod.com/AshleyCamp.

ASHTABULA - First Spiritualist Church
4230 Main Ave.; Sun Serv., 2:00 p.m., Healing & Clairvoyance; **TELEPHONE FOR WEATHER CANCELLATIONS.** For information contact: Charles & Dorothy Benes, 8513 Creek Rd., Williamsfield, Ohio 44093; Phone: (440) 293-7056; or Sandra Cutlip, 4709 Fern Ave., Astabula, Ohio 44004; Phone: (440) 992-6085; Services are held starting with the 2nd Sunday in September and continue through the last Sunday in May. Church is not in session during June, July and August.

COLUMBUS - First Spiritualist Church of Linden
1751 Aberdeen Ave., 43211, (614) 263-1631; Pastor, Natalie Smith Blakeslee; website: http:www.loveandlight.com; e-mail: NATALIE@LOVEANDLIGHT.COM; e-mail or call for church program and list of classes and development circles.

COLUMBUS - Spiritualist Church of Spirit Revelation
1081 E. Weber Rd., 43211.

DAYTON - Spiritual Life Center, NSAC
611 Watervliet Ave., 45420, (937) 878-1165.

MARION - Memorial Spiritualist Church
667 Henry St., 43302-6137; (614) 387-8887.

• OKLAHOMA •

OKLAHOMA CITY - Central Spiritualist Church
2348 N.W. 36th St., Sun. Serv. 2:30 p.m.; Lyceum Sun. 1:00 p.m.; Pastor, Juanita Oyer; Pres., Charlotte Griffin, 1306 S.W. 38; Secy., Juanita R. Oyer, 6216 S.E. 10th St., 73110, (405) 732-7975.

• PENNSYLVANIA •

ALLENTOWN - Getter Memorial Church, NSAC
1123 Oak, 18102; e-mail: getter@entermail.net; Lyceum 9:30 a.m. with Sun. Service to follow at 10:00 a.m. including healing and message work; Pastor, Rev. Ludwig Zernicek, NST; e-mail: rev_lance@entermail.net, phone (610) 770-7560; Pres., Sharon George-Politz, C.M., (610) 434-3454; Secy., Susan Zernicek, e-mail: getter_sec@entermail.net. or phone (610) 770-7560.

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McKEESPORT - First Spiritualist Church
809 Locust St., 15132, (412) 672-1272; Sun. Serv. 1:00 p.m., Healing, Lecture and Messages; Pres., Carol Perella, P.O. Box 1981, Pittsburgh, 15230-1981, (412) 461-7002; Vice Pres., Jim Rocky, (412) 381-7584, Ella Bryner, (412) 673-7880, Secy. Colleen Bambling, 125 Tuscola St., Pittsburgh, 15211, (412) 431-1838.

PHILADELPHIA - Second Spiritualist Church
423 S. Broad St., 19147, (215) 735-9630; Lyceum Sun. 4:30 p.m.; Healing and Worship Service 5:30 p.m.; Wed. all message, 7:45 p.m.; Pastor, John E. Faison, Sr.; Co-Pastor, Betty Hutt; Secy., Gladys M. Faison, 2118 N. Natrona St., 19121, (215) 232-9219.

• TEXAS •

AUSTIN - Angels of Light Spiritualist Church
9704 1/2 Chukar Circle, chapel walkway to the right. Devotional, healing & message service followed by adult lyceum 2nd and 4th Sundays at 2PM; Rev. Dr. Jean Hamner, Pastor, P.O. Box 4001, Austin, TX 78765-4001; (512) 836-8829.

AUSTIN - First Spiritualist Church
4200 Ave. "D", 78751, (512) 458-3987; Devotional, healing & message service every Sunday at 10:00 a.m.; Pres., Tom Denney; Corr. Secy., Beth P. Fitzherbert.

CAMERON - First Spiritualist Church
802 S. College Ave., P.O. Box 1152, 76520; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Lunch 12:00; Second Service 1:00 p.m.; Third Sun. of each month; Pastors, Mrs. Frances Brown, Licentiate & Medium, 2723 S. Congress, Apt. #2311, Austin 78704, (512) 447-2188, and Rev. Evelyn Muse, NST, 1104 Susan Dr., Edinburg, 78539, (512) 383-2510; Secy.-Treas., Verna Hentz, 406 E. 7th St., (254) 697-3912.

DALLAS - Second Spiritualist Church, NSAC
13610 Midway Rd., Suite 212; Devotional, Healing and Message Serv., 2nd and fourth Sundays each month at 2:00 p.m.; Class/Circle following service at 4:00 p.m.; Pres., Ann Council, (972) 218-7220; Secy./Student Pastor, Robert Croteau, (972) 675-9080; Mail: 1318 Guildford St., Garland, 75040; e-mail: SSC@SSCNSAC.ORG; http://SSCNSAC.org.

HOUSTON - First Church Of Divine Science, NSAC
2115 Turner Dr., 77093; Mailing Addr.: P.O. Box 11088, 77293-1088; Pres., Rev. Jovita Garcia-Jessup; Rev. Marie W. Smith; Secy., Norma L. Freshour, 2280 Des Jardines, 77023-5118; Sun. Serv. 2:30 p.m.; Wed. open healing and meditation 7:30 p.m.; Messages from Spirit 8:00 p.m.; Fri. Spiritual Development 7:30 p.m., (713) 695-2550; e-mail: ITZNOWOO@aol.com.

HOUSTON - Church Of Divine Spirit
8010 Wier, #1, 77093-6138.

SAN ANTONIO - Louise Scholtz Memorial Chapel, NSAC
1627 PanAm Express Way No., 78208-1143; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; Pastor, Garrett H. Scholtz; Secy.-Treas., Elizabeth Dolyak, 19211 Sandyglen, 78240, (210) 641-6589.

TAYLOR - First Church of Psychic Science, NSAC
1300 W. 4th & Ferguson, P.O. Box 1113, 76574; (512) 251-5425.

• VIRGINIA •

FALLS CHURCH - Center for Spiritual Enlightenment, NSAC
222 No. Washington St., 22046 (at the Woman's Club), (703) 645-8060; Healing Service each Sunday 10:00 a.m., followed by Worship Service at 10:30 a.m., September through June; Pastor, Rev. B. Anne Gehman; Pres., Wayne Knoll; Secy., Rita O'Connor, 8334 Idylwood Rd., Vienna, 22182, (703) 204-2821; e-mail: oconnorr@washpost.com.

NORFOLK - The Memorial Spiritualist Church, NSAC
307 W. 37th St., 23508, (757) 622-5070; Service held on Sundays at 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Wed. at 7:30 p.m.; Healing available at 7:00 p.m. Sun. and Wed.; Pres., Fred H. Brown; Secy., Rev. Lelia E. Cutler, NST; Lyceum Director, Beth Yates.

• WASHINGTON •

KENT - Church of Divine Grace, NSAC (www.DivineGrace.org)
Services held on Sunday at 11:00 a.m. at The Spiritual World, 216 First Ave. So.; All Correspondence to: Allers, 1113 S.E. 323 St., Auburn, 98092, (206) 824-7454; e-mail: Info@divinegrace.org.; Pres., Bernie Allers; Secy., Lezlie Deuchress.

MILTON - Camp Edgewood, NSAC Assoc.
1228 - 26th Ave. Ct., 98354; Tel. (253) 927-2050, Fax (253) 927-7531; Pres., Colleen Mohler, (253) 927-2365; Secy., Karen Wennerlind.

MILTON - Church of Spiritual Truth, NSAC
Camp Edgewood - Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m.; Pastor, Rev. Lillian Johanson; Pres., David Chapman, Sr.; Secy, Denice Chapman, P.O. Box 646, Milton, 98354.

MILTON - Church of Spiritual Unity, NSAC
Camp Edgewood - Church Serv. Sundays, 2:00 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. LaVerne Pemberton, (206) 722-2348; Pres., Colleen Mohler, 1210 - 26th Ave. Ct., 98354, (253) 927-2365; Secy., Judi Johnson, (253) 927-7445.

• WEST VIRGINIA •

WHEELING - First Spiritualist Association of Wheeling WV.
(Way Memorial Temple) N. Broadway & Maryland Sts., (304) 233-5065; Sun. Lyceum at 9:30 a.m.; Healing and Worship Serv. 10:45 a.m.; Wed. Healing 6:30 p.m., Message Serv. 7:00 p.m.; Lyceum Conductor Beverly Goff, Asst. Conductor Melvina Taylor; Pastor, Raymond Jones, 104 N. Broadway St., 26003, (304) 232-5795; e-mail: rayjones@prodigy.net; Web-site: www.waymemorial.org/; Open Circle Tues.. 7:30; Pastor, Ray Jones; Temple open Sept. thru June.

• WISCONSIN •

WEST ALLIS - First Spiritualist Church of West Allis
6228 W. Washington St., 53214; Sun. Healing & Worship Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Pastor, Rev. Pamla Ashlay, (414) 545-7650; Pres., Manila Kochanski, W1371 Hwy. O, Oconomowoc, 53066, (920) 474-7332.

WONEWOC - West Wisconsin Spiritualist Camp Association
304 Hill St., 53968, (608) 464-7770; Open July and Aug., Weekends in September.

• CANADA •

BRITTEN MEMORIAL CHURCH OF CANADA
657 Lansdome Ave., Toronto, Ontario, M6H 3Y2.

CHURCH OF SPIRITUAL WISDOM
674 Kennedy Rd., Scarsborough, Ontario M1K 2B5; Sun. Serv. 1:15 p.m. Spiritual Healing, 2:00 p.m. Lecture & Message Serv., Thurs. 7:30 p.m. Delphi Center for Development, Enlightenment, Spiritual Healing; Contact Rev. Judy Merrill (416) 264-6758; e-mail: jmmevolve@yahoo.com.

THE CHURCH OF UNIVERSAL LOVE
118 Finch Ave. West, Willowdale, On., M2M 2H9 - (416) 730-8988; DIVINE SERVICE Sun. 10:30 a.m., Tues. Open Development Circle 7:00 p.m., Wed. Healing & Messages 8:00 p.m., Fri. Open Meditation Circle 7:30 p.m.; Pastor, Marilyn Gaitskell.

THE FIRST SPIRITUAL CHURCH OF MONTREAL
2186 St. Catherine St. West, Montreal, Quebec, H3H 1M7; English Serv. - Sun. 2:00 p.m. & Wed. 7:30 p.m.; French Serv. - Sun. 4:30 pm., 2nd & 4th Wed. 7:30 p.m; Rev. Mary Amato, Minister, (514) 365-0661.

THE FIRST SPIRITUALIST CHURCH OF GALT
72 Grand Avenue North, Cambridge, Ontario, N1S 2K9, (519) 622-7177; Pastor, Rev. Ed Kenning; Asst. Pastor, Rev. Karen Charles; Sun. Serv.: Healing 2:30 p.m., Devotional 3:00 p.m.; Summer (June, July, August): Healing 6:30 p.m., Devotional 7:00 p.m.; Meditation, healing and message circle, Wed. 7:00 p.m.; Development & Healing Classes available.

SPIRITUAL SCIENCE FELLOWSHIP
Office: 1974 de Maisonneuve W., Montreal, QC H3H 1K5, (514) 937-8359, Fax (514) 937-5380; Location: Days Inn, 1005 Guy St., Montreal; Sun. Serv. 7:30 p.m.; Mid-Week Serv. Thurs. 7:30 p.m.; Classes, Workshops, Teas, Meditation, Conferences, Discussion Groups, Spiritual Healing, Message Circles, Visiting Mediums; Pres./Pastor, Rev. Dr. Marilyn Rossner.

SPIRITUALIST CHURCH OF CANADA
83 Ottawa Street North, Hamilton, Ontario, L8H 3Y9.

SPRINGDALE CHURCH, TORONTO
30 Merritt Rd., Toronto, Ontario M4B 3K5; Sun. Serv. 3:00 p.m. Spiritual Healing & Messages, 7:00 p.m. Address and Spirit Messages; Tues., 7:00 p.m. Spiritual Healing & Messages; Thurs. 7:00 p.m. Spiritual Healing, Messages and Open Development Circle; Development Classes; Pastor, Rev. Doreen Bauld, (416) 759-3958.

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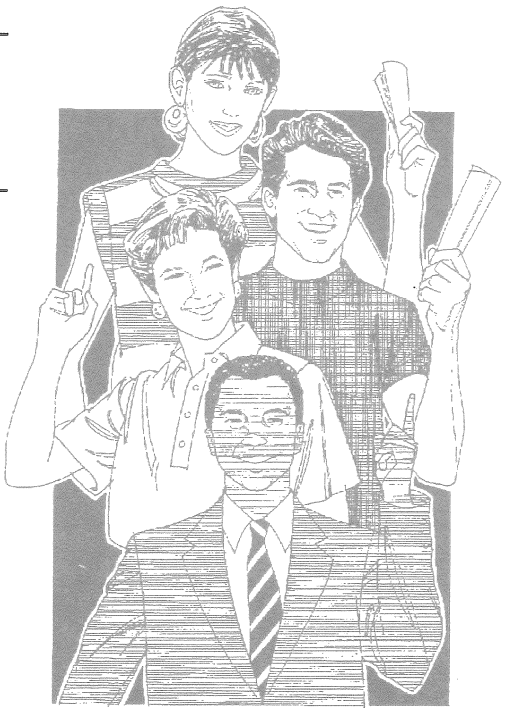
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BY THE REV. GENE PFORTMILLER, NST

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INTEREST IN THE STUDENTS

As a teacher of Spiritualism, you are impressing the student's mind with the beliefs of our Religion. Many have questions learned from past religious training and time should be spent assisting the students new understanding. Keep in mind that Spiritualism is a Science, so work to show the student how our Principles and Philosophy are proven and workable through Natural Law. The teacher should attempt to bring the studies, the Spirit World, the Law, and the Religion into the students every day way of life.

KNOWLEDGE OF THE SUBJECT

To be a good teacher, one must know and have a complete understanding of the subject they are teaching. The teacher should also keep up to date with continued study and review of spiritual material. Students will sense if a teacher is not prepared and might lose their interest. Knowledge of the subject will give the teacher more confidence, thereby aiding him or her and the student.

BE PREPARED

A teacher must plan the classes, be there early and have the classroom set up, such as: water available for drinking; music, tape or video set up and tested; chairs neatly arranged; lesson material, paper, pencil, etc. passed out for each student; flowers or a bowl of water set out, or whatever else will be needed for the lesson of the class.

BE ENTHUSIASTIC

There is so much beauty and power of truth in Spiritualism that the student should feel the positive energy of the Religion in the vibration of the teacher. Use the classes as opportunities to share the joy of Spirit and see the glowing effect of it as it becomes part of the student. The more enthusiasm the teacher shares, the more the student will look forward to the learning and the classes.

KEEP CONTROL OF THE CLASSES

The format procedures should be explained to the students along with the rules and regulations of the class. In this manner the teacher will always be in control, for respect and courtesy is required from each class member. Sometimes a discussion will wander off the subject and the teacher should gently guide it back to the lesson of the day. Students that have questions not pertinent to the subject should be encouraged to ask them after the class session so the lesson material can be covered. Be available for a short period before and after the class time to answer questions and this helps to keep control of the classes.

BRING OUT THE TALENTS OF THE STUDENT

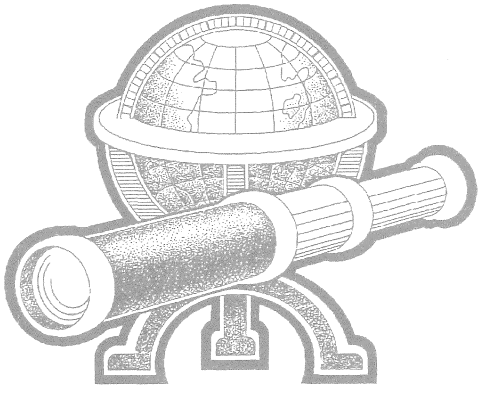
Many come to the classes to develop their spiritual gifts and talents, so this should be encouraged. Using a variety of methods, the student will soon discover what area of development they should work with. Help them learn to feel the spirit energy, work with their first impression, quiet their thoughts to attune their vibrations to spirit, interpret the symbols they receive and share what they get. New workers are needed and welcomed, so must be encouraged as they learn to grow. Caution the student to be patient.

WATCH THE EGO

The teacher needs to keep control of their ego, admitting when they do not know an answer and realizing that we are all students of life. The teacher as a student will also learn from the class. The teacher must always remember that he or she teaches by example.

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Relationships & Religion



BY RON MEISSNER,
Arizona

In ancient Egypt, the priests went through an educational process that lasted for 21 years. Spiritual secrets were learned in these so-called mystery schools. Pythagoras and Plato are two famous people who went through this 21 year educational process. These learned men went through initiations that tested them mentally, physically and spiritually. Sometimes these were very difficult tests and other times they were challenges that were enjoyed.

Webster's dictionary defines initiation as a ceremony that introduces someone into a society. That definition is only partially true for the ancient rites of investiture. These secret initiations were in recognition of someone taking great strides in expanding their consciousness.

The ancients were initiated in the great pyramids and temples of their time. Today we go through a different type of ceremony. As we expand our spiritual consciousness we become aware that we ourselves are the temples, and our relationships are our initiations. We learn to expand our consciousness from all our relationships. Sometimes easy and wonderful lessons are perceived, and sometimes more difficult lessons are learned from these relationships.

We grow with each of our relationships, but we also learn a great deal from the connection we build with our spirit helpers. One of the most important relationships for us to discover is how to communicate with spirit guides you can't always see, can sometimes hear, and sometimes sense. We can build conscious mental bridges to the higher planes of existence by improving our association and communication with our spirit guides. As we learn to communicate more frequently with our spirit helpers, we learn to think with spirit, asking them for help which is essential for our development.

We can develop these skills by attending development classes and meditation classes that are taught by qualified people from the church. Classes offer us a chance to develop group relationships that can also accelerate our conscious awareness of the spiritual realms of existence. Bless your teachers for a good teacher will effect eternity! The students learn, then teach others, who teach others.

Group relationships can generate more questions and answers to facilitate the learning process. Development classes have helped me gain a much deeper understanding of myself and the spiritual realm that exists around and within us. They can do the same for you.

We also can learn from our relationship with the earth and the cosmos in which we are a resident. How we direct our positive thoughts of love and healing helps us learn how to be a positive influence on the world and all that surrounds us. Sometimes in our quiet moments we may direct our thoughts toward our health and protection, toward the environment's health and protection, and toward healing for the entire earth. These links teach us to become more than just a bystander. They teach us how to unfold the tremendous power we possess within ourselves.

When we search for truth outside of ourselves, we get further and further away from it, but when we search for truth within ourselves, we get closer to it.

When I meditate, or go within, I often feel we are all living within a great and wondrous etheric river of consciousness, and that we are striving to understand our place in this etheric wonderland we are a part of.

I would like to take a moment to define religion. Some would say they should have packed a lunch because that could take all day. My definition is three words. **"Your Daily Life."** Religion is nothing more and nothing less than your daily life. To each of us that means something different, but in essence how we relate to each other daily, is our religion. How you develop relationships shows the world who you really are. If you treat people with dignity and respect, that is part of your daily life, your religion. If you do not treat people with dignity and respect, that is also your religion. Your relationships with everyone around you, including all of your spirit guides and helpers, is your religion, and who you really are.

As we expand our consciousness, we begin to realize that all our relationships, whether personal, with our spirit guides, with the earth, or with the universe, are really one union. That one alliance is our relationship with God.

To me, there is a much deeper meaning to relationships than any dictionary definition that exists today. Whenever I hear the word, it has a whole new meaning to me, because I look at relationships as teaching aids, for expanding our conscious awareness of all planes of existence.

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Spirit Communication

BY THE REV. RUPERT SIGURDSSON, NST, Maine

As Pastors of a church, we are asked many questions. Some are easy to answer, others take a little thinking about. One frequently asked question is: How is it that some spirits seem to come through and make themselves known in some manner right after their death and then are not heard from again? Others, even those you hardly knew, communicate so easily, and others that were very close never seem to come through? What is the best answer?

Have you ever had a close friend, one you shared everything with, move to a foreign country? When they first left, you communicated with each other frequently. They would tell you about their new surroundings, send photos and tell you what they were doing, and want news about the events around their old location. Then you get involved with other friends and your old friends make new friends. The communication between you gradually gets less frequent until, after a time, it gets to maybe birthday and Christmas cards. It is possibly that way when you move into the Spirit World. For a while you may feel a little homesick for your old life, but then as you get more involved with new interests, old friends and relatives that went to spirit ahead of you, you become absorbed in the new life and memory fades a little of the earth connections.

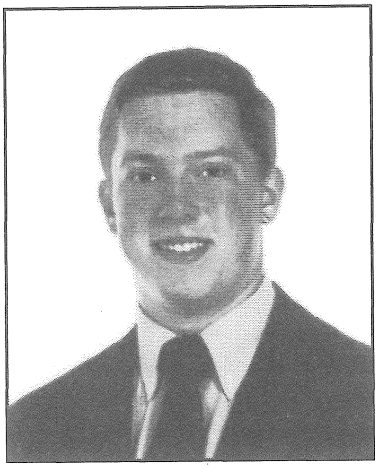
When a person has been sick for a long time, we are told through mediums, they need rest when they arrive on the spirit side and do not have the opportunity to communicate. Others may not be interested in communication, just as some on earth don't like to write a letter. They just accept the change of environment and feel that in time we will all meet again. That thought satisfies them. We had a neighbor that we were friendly with that moved and we have never heard from them. That type would probably be the same in the Spirit World. Some may not communicate because of religious backgrounds. They do not believe that they can communicate and don't even try.

The Fox Sisters first communicated with the peddler, Charles B. Rosna, by their system of raps on March 31st, 1848, bringing back to the world communication with spirit. Over the years, since then, we have gained some knowledge about the spirit side of life, but we still have much to learn.

There may be another reason for a spirit not to communicate with those on earth. Although we accept reincarnation only as a theory. Many religions of the world accept it as fact, as do some Spiritualists. This could be a condition of free will, where a life was cut short or a person with a strong desire felt that they had not completed their work on earth and wished the opportunity to complete their mission.

I feel sure that each one, upon arrival in the spirit realm, will react differently. To some it will be like a great adventure. They will be excited and say, "Here I am still very much alive." To some that had no belief in the continuity of life, and expected that life ended with death, or that they were to sleep for a thousand years will be shocked. To a Spiritualist it may be, "Where do I start to help? Or where can I do the things that I always wanted, but could never get to because of earthly responsibilities." Then there are those that go over and have been very sick for a long time and need long periods of time in rest homes to realize that their spirit is whole and free of defects. Time, as we understand it, does not seem to exist on the spirit side, so recuperation may only seem a short period in spirit, but may be years in earth time.

As time goes on, we will learn much more about the spirit side through our mediums, and as electronic voice communication with spirit advances, it may be as easy to communicate with spirit as with our neighbor next door. As our spirit guides have said to me through my wife's trance mediumship, "Then our two worlds will become one." What a great future we have to look forward to. ◈



THOMAS LYCAN, JR.

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BY THOMAS LYCAN, JR., NEW JERSEY

Although I am a member of the Episcopalian faith, I do not abide to its doctrines very strictly. To me, spirituality is a very necessary part of human psychology that cannot be neglected by any means. Although it can be ignored at times, it must be used in order to obtain true happiness and transcendence. I have nothing against organized religion whatsoever; on the contrary, I feel that it is a very beneficial factor in modern society that gets a bad reputation from various international conflicts. The sense of community felt in a church social, Bar Mitzvah, or other religious gathering is hard to deny and even harder to berate.

Spirituality, to me, is making sense out of chaos. It is a self-defense mechanism of the human mind that gives reassurance and promises of better times to come. For some, this becomes a beacon of hope that may be the only thing that they have to hold on to. For others, it is a guideline that governs everyday actions and thoughts. And still others rely on cold empiricism to deny the existence of any sort of god or ethereal creature, clutching on to science as their own sort of spirituality. No matter how it is used, spirituality is a fascinating area of psychology that is ironically very difficult to study because of the subjectivity of the researchers themselves.

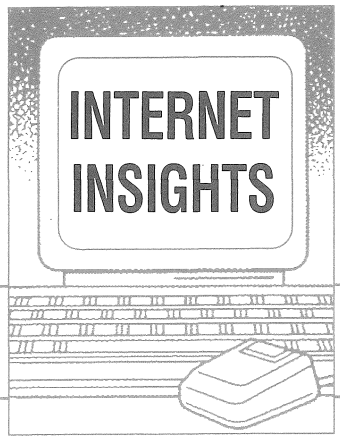
Although it may seem as if I am an atheist so far, this is not true. I try to understand exactly why the human mind wants, and needs, to have a sense of higher meaning, and I accept it. I would not classify my mental health as being better than anybody else that I know, but I will definitely say that my belief in God assists me. This year has been a very trying time for every American, a time when old beliefs are questioned and replaced by new ones. It is difficult to comprehend the sadness that has radiated through this town of Summit this year, and I find myself asking questions that in past years I would never have been able to comprehend. And I keep returning to the same answer—that it is impossible to face these doubts, these fears, armed only with simple logic. The point is not that God exists, but rather it is simply impossible for God not to exist in the hearts and minds of Americans.

Atheists spend a great deal of time criticizing the various mistakes of religious doctrines, but they often miss the entire point of spirituality. It is not about being right, or proving one's beliefs to others, but rather it is about a sense of security. We have all heard the various quotes blasting religion and faith—my personal favorite is the one by Napoleon Bonaparte, "Religion is excellent stuff for keeping common people quiet." It appears to be ridiculing faith as a sort of distraction for the masses, and indeed this is exactly what it is. Religious faith is what allows the average person to tolerate hard times, such as the oppression of a cruel dictator. I think that is a very large shame, however, that people such as Napoleon feel entitled to wrap religion for their own means the same way they might twist the economy or political system.

And in the end, spirituality and psychology are not different from the economy or politics. It is just another aspect of human civilization that will always survive no matter how much science denies the existence of the heavens. That is how I define spirituality, and to claim that religion is "right" or "wrong" is simply unreasonable.

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– *SP*



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Rebecca - age 8

"When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different. You know that your name is safe in their mouth."

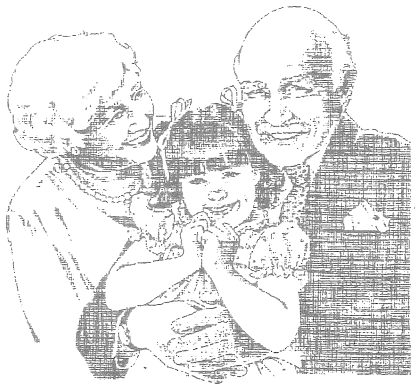
Billy - age 4

"Love is what makes you smile when you're tired."

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"Love is when my mommy makes coffee for my daddy and she takes a sip before giving it to him, to make sure the taste is OK."

Danny - age 7



"Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents and listen."

Bobby - age 5

"There are two kinds of love. Our love. God's love. But God makes both kinds of them."

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"Love is when you tell a guy you like his shirt, then he wears it everyday."

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A little girl was sitting on her grandfather's lap as he read her a bedtime story. From time to time, she would take her eyes off the book and reach up to touch his wrinkled cheek. She was alternately stroking her own cheek, then his again. Finally she spoke up, "Grandpa, did God make you?"

"Yes, sweetheart," he answered, "God made me a long time ago."

"Oh," she paused, "Grandpa, did God make me too?"

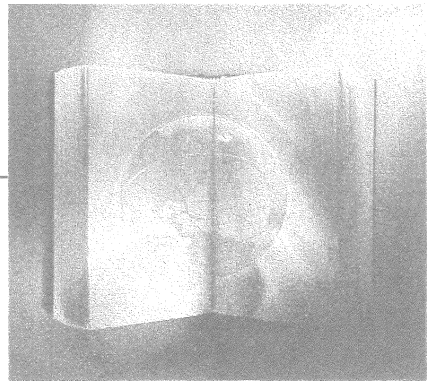
"Yes, indeed, honey," he said, "God made you just a little while ago."

Feeling their respective faces again, she observed, "God's getting better at it, isn't he?" ◈



Bane Or Blessing

BY ELIZABETH HARRIS, DSNU, Canada



The Harmonial Philosophy is the destruction of all antagonism between science, philosophy and religion.
– Andrew Jackson Davis (1862)

Science, unfortunately, is a bane to many people—in other words *it's a thorn in the flesh.* For, it not only contradicts traditional religious beliefs, but by being able to *prove* its theories, it *overshadows* all *belief* systems. For beliefs can not always be proven.

Yet, although science and religion can collide with each other, they can, too, in odd ways, blend and overlap. And there are times when science is a blessing. In the study of evolution we see these things.

Science is not a "belief" system. It's the human search for a natural explanation of what the Universe is—how it is made—how it came to be. To be scientific, we must go to Mother Nature to see if an inspired idea works, to see if it fits. Scientists simply try to know the Universe in naturalistic ways and depend on observation to do so.

The Science of Life is called *Biology*, but all science is trying to find "order" in the natural world. Art is another way of viewing order, as are religion and philosophy.

Science works on an ascending order of validity which is:

1. *Hypothesis* (hunch or educated guess)
2. *Theories*
3. *Laws or Principles*

A hunch becomes a *hypothesis* that can be tested. Until it is tested, it is useless. But when a hypothesis has survived a number of tests, it becomes a *theory*. When a theory has withstood numerous independent testings, it becomes a *Law* or *Principle*.

The great physicist Albert Einstein says: *It is quite wrong to try founding a theory on observation alone. It is theory which decides what we can observe.*

The so-called **Theory of Evolution** is an example. It is not just a theory, nor has it been for over a hundred years. As far as scientists are concerned it is a *Principle*—or *Law*.

When Charles Darwin published the *Origin of the Species* in 1859, he not only sparked a collision between Science and Religion, which still rages today, but he changed humanity's view of life, and of our place in the living world.

Before Darwin, as far back as the Ancient Greek philosopher, Aristotle, who claimed living organisms had always existed, and the Old Testament, which claimed that all living things were products of Divine creation, people did not believe in evolution. They believed that most organisms were created for the service or pleasure of humans. Indeed, it was pointed out, that even the lengths of day and night were planned to coincide with the human need for sleep. Science was a bane to many people in those times.

Accepting the Theory of Evolution still presents problems. For example, in a class I was recently teaching, one of my students loudly declared, *No one is going to try and tell me that I came from an ape*. But, by discussing the full meaning of species, this misconception was soon rectified. The human species is not the same as the species apes. They are **different** species, for they cannot produce mixed offspring, which is the criterion.

Darwin theorized that variations of species occurred at random. They were not produced by the environment—nor by a Creative Force—nor by the unconscious striving of the organism.

It is the operation of natural selection over a series of generations, which gives direction to evolution. A variation that gives an animal slight advantage, makes that animal more likely to leave surviving offspring. Thus, for example, a giraffe with a slightly longer neck has an advantage in feeding, and so, it is apt to leave more offspring than one with a shorter neck.

Understanding the theory of evolution helps us understand the purposefulness of living things and their activities. We can find the answers to, *"Why do flowers often have such sweet odors and bright colors?"* (Flowers and their insect pollinators evolved together, so, brightly colored, sweet-smelling flowers were more apt to be pollinated, and therefore produced more offspring. Others may have died out.)

The Harmonial Philosophy given to us by one of our most enlightened pioneers, Andrew Jackson Davis, is an evolutionary one. Davis says: *"Man is the culmination of nature. The vast spiral of descending forms strove to be man. Man is the Epitome of Nature, energy and matter, plant and animal. Potential man has always existed, but the actual man has not. Potential man has evolved through millions of years through energies, gases, minerals, plants and animals."*

Co-founder with Charles Darwin of the famous Theory of Evolution was another Spiritualist—Alfred Russel Wallace (1823-1913). When we study the emergence of the Theory of Evolution, two uncanny facts come out. First, in England, the two renowned scientists, Darwin and Wallace,

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completed their Theories of Evolution in 1859. But, Andrew Jackson Davis, a semi-literate youth from Upstate New York, U.S.A., who had read only one insignificant book in his entire life, yet he wrote advanced scientific evolutionary theories in 1852. *Do you think there was spirit intervention?*

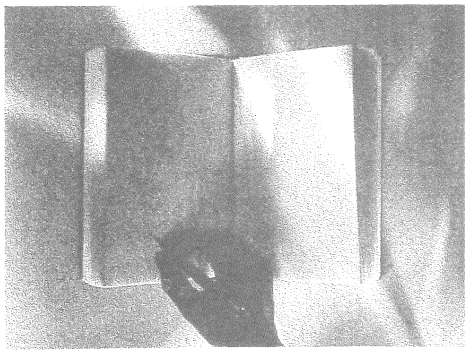
As Spiritualists, we can be fascinated by how the scientist Alfred Russel Wallace was inspired. *Spiritualists know that scientists as well as musicians, artists, writers, poets, etc. can be inspired by the Spirit World.* Wallace says: *"I had corresponded with Darwin on several occasions, but, tossing in bed one night, with a fever, I had a sudden flash of insight. Then I saw at once that the ever present variability of all living things would furnish the material from which, by the mere weeding out of those less adapted to the actual conditions, the fittest alone would continue the race."* Within two days, Wallace's 20 page manuscript was completed and in the mail. With the manuscript, the floodgates opened for Darwin, and he was able to complete his famous manuscript. *Was Wallace influenced by the Spirit World to help Darwin produce the Theory of Evolution?*

Darwin delayed publishing his writings. He came from a devout Christian family, he himself had been a divinity student, and his wife, to whom he was devoted, was deeply religious. Perhaps he suffered a moral dilemma, for he must have found the implications of his theory difficult to confront. His scientific discoveries became a bane to his religious beliefs. This is always a problem when science *overshadows* religion.

Science can be a blessing. For Wallace, as a scientist in England, went on to painstakingly investigate Spiritualism over a number of years, eventually stating fearlessly that its phenomena were proved quite as well as the facts of any other science. With this eminent scientist's endorsement, the Spiritualist hypothesis rapidly gained ground.

Spiritualists know that Science is dynamic—it is not static—it moves and evolves. Many questions of life have been answered, but many more questions have yet to be asked.

We can't dispute the fact that Science is a blessing—not a bane. It is as much a part of Spiritualism as Religion and Philosophy—in fact, we can see that they often overlap. And, most important, as Andrew Jackson Davis reminds us: *Nothing can be true, that is scientifically false.* ◈



CALENDAR CORNER

What happened in SEPTEMBER throughout the years?

SEPTEMBER 2

Labor Day, a day to honor labor in USA. Life would be difficult if we did not share our work and our skills.

SEPTEMBER 3, 1879

The birth date of **the Rev. Harry P. Strack**. His family displayed psychic tendencies, so he was encouraged in his abilities. At age 16 he became an inspirational speaker and was ordained for ten years in an orthodox religion. Harry attended Spiritualist services in Ohio and decided to dedicate the rest of his life to spirit communication, eternal progression and Natural Law. He was a devoted Spiritualist and a hard worker. He became the secretary of the Ohio State Spiritualist Association, and the secretary of the NSA for 24 years.

SEPTEMBER 7 and 16

The Hebrew celebration of **Rosh Hashanah** and **Yom Kippur**, a ten day period of penitence concluded by the Day of Atonement.

SEPTEMBER 11

The Rev. Lelia Cutler, NST, NSAC Treasurer, celebrates her birthday today. We wish you a great year, filled with love, laughter and light.

SEPTEMBER 11

World Day of Prayer, the eighth Annual day to center your thoughts on the flow of love and the sacred presence of God. Bless this World, please, Infinite Spirit, let there be peace.

SEPTEMBER 19-23, 1933

World Spiritualist Conference, where Spiritualists from almost every country in the world met to share ideas, views, mediumship abilities, and the progress they were making in their areas.

SEPTEMBER 22

The first Day of Autumn, or the Autumn Equinox. Symbolically this is a time to harvest your desires, ideas and goals.

SEPTEMBER 29

Morris Pratt Institute, Whitewater, Wisconsin, opened its doors on this date to educate and prepare Spiritualist leaders for the future. Morris Pratt had donated the building, but he did not live to see his dream become a reality, for he died a few months earlier. ◈

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DEPARTMENT OF PHENOMENAL EVIDENCE

September 2002 Department of Phenomenal Evidence Report

BY THE REVS. TOM AND LISA BUTLER, NST

Friendly Raps. A member of a Spiritualist Development Group has reported on phenomena that has taken place in his home. He reported that the phenomena he often experienced in his home had completely stopped for the past five months. Then, just a few days ago, he had car trouble and had his car worked on. As he returned home he noticed that the left headlight would not work properly. Not being a mechanic, he just figured that he would take the car back to the repair shop in a few days.

The next day he was in the garage and heard raps coming from an adjoining storage room. He thought that the noise must have been coming from a trapped animal. He investigated but found nothing. Upon reentering the garage the raps started once again, but this time, they seemed to come from behind a large panel of wood that was leaning against the inside wall of the garage. He moved the panel, thinking that the trapped animal might be there. Just as he moved the board, raps came from the hood of his car. He opened the car hood and found a large metal file that had been left in the engine by the repair shop. He said that he could not figure out how the file could have been stuck under the hood, because once the hood was opened, the file prevented him from closing it again. He removed the file, and not only did the raps stop, but the problem with his headlight also disappeared. The file could have caused major damage.


Face on the wall


ITC Face

Face on Church wall appears in ITC experiment. In the June 2002 Dept. of Phenomenal Evidence report published in *The National Spiritualist Summit*, we reported on a face on the wall of the Spiritualist Desert Church in Las Vegas, Nevada. Little did we know that, by the time this report came out in the *Summit*, the church would be closed for relocation.

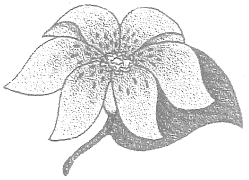
The Rev. Catherine Stewart (Kit) and her congregation were concerned about having to relocate, and in doing so, having to leave the picture of the lady on the church wall. However, the rent had become too costly for the church. Kit approached the woman who was to rent the space and let her know how much the face meant to everyone. She asked that, if the wall was to be removed for the next tenant, could the church please have it.

The Rev. Janet Tisdale and Tommy Mayfield were visiting Kit in the weeks before the church was to close and took a video of the wall. When the three later looked at the video, they were excited to see the appearance of the face change as they watched. The video has been shown to other Spiritualist groups, and all have said that they can see the face change as well.

Before the church was to close, the congregation did a circle and mediation and ask the lady in the picture if she would move with members in the congregation. They also asked if the lady would appear to other people.

The Spiritualist Desert Church held their last service in the space on May 26, 2002. On the evening of May 27 in Reno, Nevada, we held our development circle. That evening we did a class on Electronic Voice Phenomena (EVP) and Instrumental TransCommunication (ITC). At the end of the meeting, the group conducted an ITC experiment together, first meditating and then asking for those on the other side to bring their images through the video loop. (This is the Klaus Schrieber ITC method in which a video camera is aimed at a television set without an antenna, and the output of the camera is connected to the input of the TV in a continuous feed back loop.) There were many faces that came through during the experiment but the last video frame was the real surprise. The minute that I saw this one particular face, I immediately shouted, "Look, it is the Lady on Kit's

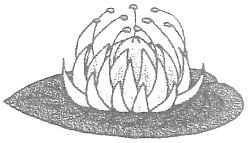
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"Paradox"

By Merry Browne

Take this paradox
for what it's worth.
Keeping life simple
and down to earth
as we wend our way
through the passing crowds,
allows us to walk
with our head in the clouds.



"Life"

By Merry Browne

Life is a Journey
from darkness to light,
Life is a stairway
from wrongness to right,
Life is a valley
of sorrow and pain
that leads to a mountain top
Where Peace and Joy reign,
Life is an effort
to be more than we've been,
Life is a battle
Everyone wins,
Life is a game
and grandeur its goal,
Life is a Journey
from Senses to Soul.



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church wall!" We were unaware that the congregation had asked the lady to appear to others. Although I immediately recognized the lady, as you can see in the pictures shown here, the picture of the face on the wall that was published in the Summit and the video ITC picture, are not exactly alike. You can see the pictures in color on the NSAC Department of Phenomenal Evidence web site at http://nsacphenomena.tripod.com.

About EVP and ITC. Electronic Voice Phenomena or EVP is the recording of paranormal voices on tape or other kinds of recording media. These voices are not normally heard until the recording is played back. When those on the other side started using technology to have direct communication through radios and telephones, in other words, two way communication, and when they started using other types of technology such as video recorders, televisions, computers, and fax machines to send pictures and messages, the term Instrumental TransCommunication or ITC was coined. You can view some examples of video ITC on the AA-EVP website at http://aaevp.com. Please understand that these are paranormal pictures and are not as clear as a physical world photograph.

Essay to be published. An essay written by Tom Butler titled, *Electronic Voice Phenomena: A Tool for Validating Personal Survival,* will be published in the October 2002 issue of *The Journal of Religious and Psychical Research*. The *Journal* is published by the Academy of Religion and Psychical Research, PO Box 614, Bloomfield, CT 06002, www.lightlink.com/arpr/

From the synopsis: Electronic Voice Phenomena (EVP) is briefly described with emphasis on experimental practice. A conceptual foundation is provided, on which a hypothesis is discussed describing the relationship of EVP to personal survival after the change called death. Emphasis is placed on the relationship of EVP to mediumship.

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VOWS IN PHOENIX

The friends, family and students of the Rev. Janet Tisdale, NST and Tommy Mayfield, gathered to share a very special day as vows were exchanged between Janet and Tommy. The service and reception was held on May 12, 2002 at the Church of the Living Spirit, NSAC in Phoenix, Arizona, where Rev. Tisdale is a member. The ceremony, which was written by Janet and Tommy, was performed by their special friends, the Rev. Catherine Stewart, NST of the Spiritualist Desert Church, NSAC, Las Vegas, Nevada and the Revs. Gene and Sandy Pfortmiller, NST.



Exchanging vows...this will be a precious memory!



Sharing a special day.

Rev. Tisdale's students decorated the church in white and rose, using Janet's bouquet, made by April Ringland of San Antonio, as their inspiration. Beautiful white and rose colored paper flowers, made by Aidimar Jones, were placed on the platform along with the unity candle made by Susan McRee.

Janet was escorted down the isle by her son-in-law, Pete Colantoni, and her grandson, Peter Colantoni, wearing a gorgeous off white dress with a lace top, given to her by a friend. Janet and Tommy requested two special songs for the ceremony, "Precious Memories" performed by Jerry Lindberg, and "The Rose" performed by Jerry, Pat Crim and Bill Storm.

The reception, coordinated by Pat Crim and Susan McRee, followed the ceremony. The tables were decorated with more of the lovely flowers made by Aidimar Jones. Lots of good food—the mini croissants, lavosh, potato salad and fruit and vegetable platters, along with punch, iced tea, and coffee—was shared by all. The cake, donated by Bob and Bonnie Armbruster, was beautifully decorated and delicious. The happy couple was toasted with sparkling cider by the Rev. Gene Pfortmiller, Alexis Colantoni, Janet's granddaughter, the Rev. Catherine Steward and Pete Colantoni, Janet's son-in-law. Bob Armbruster and Pete Colantoni served as official photographers.

Janet was very pleased that her students gave her and Tommy such a wonderful ceremony and reception. She teaches her students that service is an important part of their development. Their participation in the ceremony and the reception is an indication of their great affection for her and their willingness to serve.

Janet and Tommy spent two weeks in Las Vegas on their honeymoon. At the end of May, they were also treated to a reception in San Antonio hosted by the members of the Louise Schlotz Memorial Chapel, NSAC, where Tommy has been a member for over 30 years.

Tommy and Janet, both long-time Spiritualists, plan to travel and serve Spiritualist churches across the United States, a dream come true for them both. They will divide their time between Arizona and Texas. Janet will continue to teach mediumship classes from their base in Arizona. Tommy, a gifted healer, is looking forward to spending more time in Arizona, and introducing Janet to the advantages of ranch life in Texas. ◈

CSSA 115th CONVENTION

May 4th and 5th, 2002, the Connecticut State Spiritualist Association (CSSA) held its 115th Convention. This year the convention was hosted by and held at the First Spiritualist Church of Willimantic. Saturday and Sunday gave members of the four CSSA churches the opportunity to reacquaint old friendships and make new ones. Each of the churches reports were filled with new programs and new members showing that Spiritualism is growing in Connecticut. The public relations report revealed to

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members and new ways in which the CSSA is going to help promote Spiritualism in the coming year. One of the highlights of the convention was when Renee Provost,



Robin Dubord, receiving his Certified Medium Certificate from Renee Provost.

president of the First Spiritualist Church of Willimantic, presented a Certified Mediumship certificate to Robin Dubord.

The Convention ended in a special way this year with a story narrator telling about different colored candles and why they should not be lit. That is until the white candle said: "Please light me, this is my whole reason for being. I am here to serve your will and light your dark moments." The narrator of the story then said: "Let's hope we are like the white candle, ready and willing to serve whenever and wherever needed to the best of our abilities. Our churches will only glow brightly as



every member will allow it to." The CSSA board, delegates and guests were invited to hold hands. "You take my hand and I'll take yours and we'll start today, for a helping hand is



what we need to help us on our way. The road to goal is a lonely road. We need someone to care. So reach out, my friend and take my hand. Then we're almost there." ◈

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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;
Thurs., Healers; Fri., LM/CM

Banquet Reservations:
Please indicate meal selection with reservation. Make check or money order payable to NSAC Banquet. Mail to:

NSAC Banquet
c/o Rev. Ann Otzelberger
4332 Woodlynn Lane
Orlando, FL 32812
407-826-0807

See you there!

Banquet: Monday, Oct. 7th
Dinner! Music! Dancing!
6 p.m. *by reservation only!*
Reservations must be made by September 20th.



Choice of:
(dinner prices include 18% gratuity)
- **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.*

Tour Reservations:
Must be made by Sept. 20th.
Thursday, Oct. 10th
12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Includes specialty shops featuring WI cheese, sausage, spices, gifts & chocolate (all shops will ship). Tour also includes a drive along Lake Michigan and a tour of the Morris Pratt Institute. Box lunch included: **please indicate** Ham, Turkey or Vegetarian with your reservation…**$25.**
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New This Year – *Ease At Lunch Time*
A special lunch line menu will be available Tuesday–Friday for NSAC attendees only. We have our own dining room space for faster service. You select your food and pay at the end of the line. No waiting for service! We must reach a $400 a day in sales minimum, so enjoy the convenience of our lunch line. Soups, salads, brats, burgers and more will be served. Approximate cost $4.00 – $6.00 per person, depending on what you eat.

A Quilted Watershed Of Love Is Woven

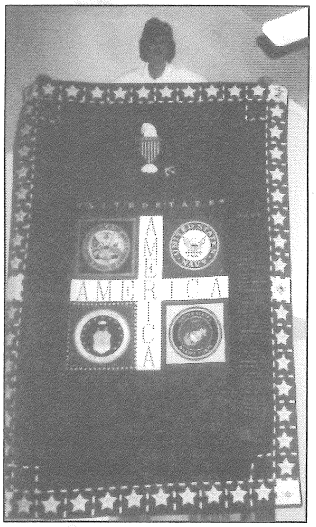
BY BILL RIORDAN, Utah

The horrible images of September 11, 2001 will be forever etched in our memories. Our perspectives must remain vigilant and spiritually healthy. Such healthy activity dealing with this time period has included rallies, flags, public and private memorials. Add spiritual healing to the makers of this remembrance quilt.

This gift has been hanging in the newly repaired area of the Pentagon since the first week of June 2002. This art work was made by Norma and Nora of Savannah, Georgia. It was called to my attention by a client in the military who frequents the Pentagon.

Norma and Nora, who have requested their last names not be included, were so moved by the emotional devastation of September 11, 2001, they started to knit a memorial on September 17, 2001. They were inspired by the healing seen from the Vietnam War Wall, and set out on a mission to heal with the beautiful creativity of their hands. They could not afford to send money to the various victims' funds, but felt they could make an "emotional watershed for all the survivors."

The quilt is the size of a queen bed and has a total of 127 names inscribed of our national heroes who perished at the Pentagon. Forty-four are listed from American Flight 77 and eighty three from the Pentagon. The center has a white cross surrounded with the emblems of four of our military services. The names of the victims in the army or navy branch are so designated beside the four branch symbols. The stars on the edges represent each state and territory of our country. There are six different symbols of world religions sharing the borders. Islam, Native American, different sects of Christianity, Judaism and the Far East are represented.



The total unity expressed of so many different groups on this art work reflects so well the words of Gandhi, "The Golden Rule of conduct is mutual toleration, seeing that we will never all think alike and we shall always see truth in fragment, from different angles of vision."

Bidding a final verbal tribute to the victims, Norma and Nora quote very appropriate words from Abraham Lincoln, near the bottom center:

> "It is for us the living, rather to be dedicated to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced...from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion—that we hear highly resolve these dead shall not have died in vain."

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"I would rather live my life as if there is a God
And die to find out there isn't,
Than live my life as if there isn't
And die to find out there is."

– Author Unknown

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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.

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