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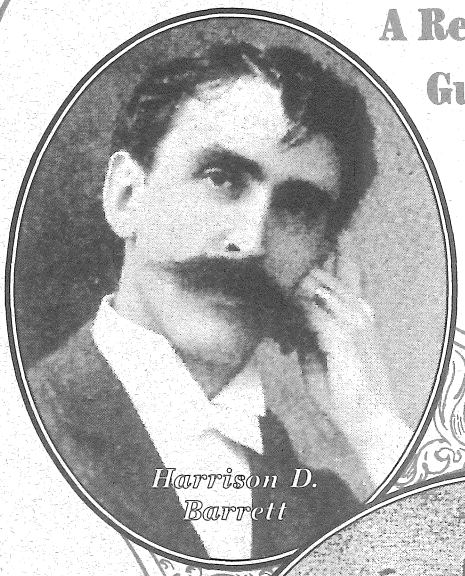
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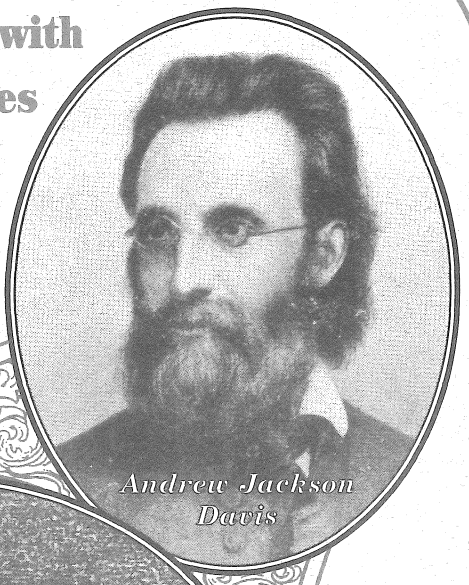
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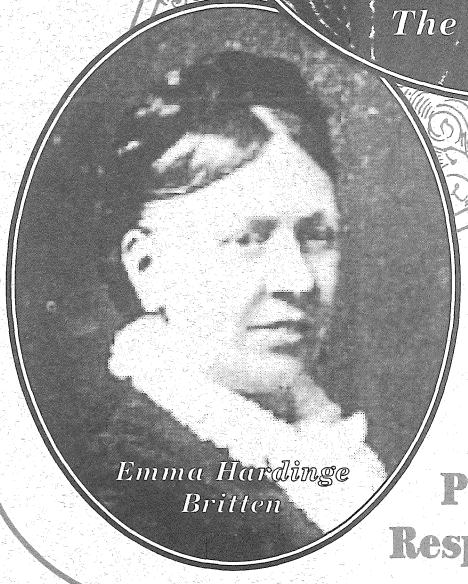
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Spiritualism is...a Religion with guidelines.

VALUING PRINCIPLE!

BY THE REV. SANDRA PFORTMILLER, NST



Every person who allows others to look to him or her as a leader has the responsibility to set an example. This example does not mean you are better than others, for everyone is unique and necessary. It does, however, mean that you teach and share your truth with others thereby intending to help them grow. Spiritual growth is a dominant theme with spiritual seekers, and the National Spiritualist Association of Churches Declaration of Principles help us to know how to live a spiritual existence.

Each religious group has their format and Spiritualism has as guidelines, or foundation, their Declaration of Principles. Our leaders of our Organization work hard to live by these Principles, and they are an excellent prescription for living. They are not dogma or creed, but a set of evolving Principles to help us on our spiritual journey of soul growth. The Declarations are open to each one's personal interpretation and beliefs, but they lead us in an upward direction. It is interesting, when reviewed, how these Principles cover life's adventures and assist us when we question which way to turn.

Someone once asked me, "Will these Principles apply in the next realm too?" My answer was "Truth is truth in all life and all realms. I believe our Spiritualist Principles are truthful statements to live by." We believe a good life is an every day expression of spiritual Principles. This is our Religion, thus the first three NSAC Principles define the Spiritualist Religion. Spiritualism is Divine Spirit centered or a God centered Religion. No one can completely grasp the Infinite with a finite mind, yet we strive to learn more of the Great Forces of the Universe, of the Great Love of the Creator, and of the harmony and order of all life. The Infinite is where we are—there is NO separation from the Creator, so we live, move and have our being in God.

We believe that the phenomena of Nature, Natural Law, guides us in both the physical and the spiritual, and the Law is a creation of Infinite Intelligence to apply impartially to life, guiding as it teaches the way. God operates through Natural Laws. We believe that the Source of Life expresses through all forms of life and that each manifestation of Spirit is created for a purpose, thus all men and women are perfect souls, growing and evolving, so the greater our understanding of Divine Law the easier it is to live in harmony. The First Cause created and continues to create a beautiful world where each one has been placed with a definite purpose to fulfill.

Lillian Whiting wrote about the fourth Principle: "Life here and life

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Declaration of Principles

National Spiritualist Association of Churches

1. We believe in Infinite Intelligence.
2. We believe that the phenomena of Nature, both physical and spiritual, are the expression of Infinite Intelligence.
3. We affirm that a correct understanding of such expression and living in accordance therewith, constitute true religion.
4. We affirm that the existence and personal identity of the individual continue after the change called death.
5. We affirm that communication with the so-called dead is a fact, scientifically proven by the phenomena of Spiritualism.
6. We believe that the highest morality is contained in the Golden Rule: "Whatsoever ye would that others should do unto you do ye also unto them."
7. We affirm the moral responsibility of individuals and that we make our own happiness or unhappiness as we obey or disobey Nature's physical and spiritual laws.
8. We affirm that the doorway to reformation is never closed against any soul here or hereafter.
9. We affirm that the precepts of Prophecy and Healing are Divine attributes proven through Mediumship.



hereafter is all one life whose continuity of consciousness is unbroken by the mere change in form whose process we call death." What a blessing to know that life and love do continue as our spirit is born again in the next dimension, and that through mediumship we can and do communicate with our friends on the other side of life. It sure helps with the grieving process when we lose a loved one and takes away the fear of death. Communication with the unseen is one of the reasons Spiritualism is so unique and this sets us apart from other religions. Each time someone receives an evidential message, it demonstrates that after the transition to the spirit realm the person has not lost his or her identity or personality, and that the love they felt in the physical continues in the spiritual.

Joseph P. Whitwell wrote: "Spirit communication has been in evidence in all ages of the world and is amply recorded in both sacred and profane literature of all ages." Our fifth Principle reminds us that we are a Science as well as a Philosophy and a Religion. Science in the past, and science right now, studies and tests mediums. Many scientists began the research with the idea to prove mediumship false, yet at the conclusion of the controlled procedures admit that the testing shows the mediums have revealed information they could not possibly have known by any physical means. We are spirit, regardless of location, thus embodied spirits have conversations with etheric spirits and these conversations give humanity knowledge. Which when we live it, it enriches our lives.

The sixth Declaration states our belief in the Golden Rule, a Natural Law found in various wording in most religious philosophy. When we follow this code of truth, we will bring balance to our lives and balance to our world. Spiritualists appreciate the mutual worth of their fellow life travelers, who are also Infinite Intelligence's Divine Creation, perfect and on their own road of awakening. Life's theme should be "Everybody Wins!" Truly understanding the Law of Love and acceptance of others helps us not to set predetermined boundaries on the value or ability of someone else. Often changing our mind-set involves forgiveness, opening our thinking to new concepts, and focusing our desire and intent toward change. When we afford all the



same privileges to all others that we claim for ourselves, then will our world become a Heaven on Earth.

As we freely accept others and freely give, we know that the Universe naturally will return this energy to us and freely give to us also. The Golden Rule becomes "less of a moral principle than it is a practical description of the way mindsets work: as we do unto the world, so do we experience the world doing unto us (i.e. **rewarding**) us." The quote is from a flier by The Worldwide Forgiveness Alliance.

Natural Law, God's Law, teaches us personal responsibility, the NSAC Declaration number seven. We understand that personal and social conditions are the direct result of actions, desires and thoughts of individuals and societies. As we grow, we come to know that we must release prejudice because we are all interconnected. Each soul has Divine Spirit within, so we are concerned with the spirit of all men and women. We learn that we cannot change another, but that as we ourselves change and grow spiritually, those around us are also positively affected. Appreciation of each other's mutual worth helps us to work together for the benefit of all. This awareness also helps us strive to be the best we can be and to look at each circumstance for the lesson we have learned, for the blessing that has been given, for the happiness we have gained.

Many of us have had a friend, neighbor or family member move to the Spirit World who had not spent a lot of time on spiritual growth. In fact some had spent much of their lives being cruel, selfish, mean, lazy, angry, dishonest or maybe were mentally unbalanced. What a relief it is to trust that our friends will naturally progress and grow in the next dimension. Each soul has spirit helpers to encourage and teach them, to show them truth and to ignite the Light within everyone. There is nowhere in the Universe where God and Light and Love are absent. The eighth Principle affirms the doorway of growth and love is always available when we open ourselves to receive that love—love heals.

Our Religion and our Principles are so valuable, for they help us to evolve. Through mediumship, we receive prophecy (Ninth Principle), we receive healing, we receive understanding. This is a universal blessing that has been proven throughout the centuries. Don't you just know in your heart that these Principles were divinely inspired to guide us each day of our lives? Value and honor the National Spiritualist Association of Churches Declaration of Principles, for the Principles are a wonderful guide through life.

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Spiritualism is...the Fox Story.



Fox Cottage Burns

BY ARTHUR MYERS

Four o'clock in the morning, September 21, 1955, I sit here in my home staring dejectedly into emptiness, I have just witnessed the end of a cottage. An era is ended, an historical relic important to the whole world has been consumed by outlaw yellow flames. An international shrine leveled in a few short minutes to the category of memory. The Fox Cottage is no more.

In the still of a clear cold night the ravages of fire reduced romance, history, tradition and pride, into glowing ashes and scattered dust, we can but weep. At half past three this morning a motorist on the main highway, a mile from Lily Dale, saw the glow of fire in the sky. Quickly he drove to the Dale, up and down the quiet streets, tooting the horn of his car. Lily Dale is a quiet place and at that time the motorist had difficulty rousing the residents. Quickly the fire alarm sounded and our fire department, along with the fire department of neighboring Cassadaga, fought valiantly to save the cottage, but to no avail, for the fire had too strong a hold. Only blackened portions of the front and side walls remain and a wealth of precious relics and mementos are lost forever.

The building was some 150 years old, there are no records which show that it was occupied by several families before the tenancy of the Fox family. During the half-century, after the advent of the Hydesville Rappings, the farm on which the cottage stood was sold in divided sections. The cottage passed into ownership of various people, as it became more and more antiquated. There was talk of razing it, there seemed to be little interest in preserving the building. However, when the prospect of its destruction was imminent, a new interest was aroused in is future.

B. F. Bartlett, for many years a resident of Lily Dale, purchased the building in 1915. Since the ground on which the cottage stood could not be purchased, Mr. Bartlett decided to transport it to Lily Dale and make the cottage a shrine to Spiritualism. The cottage was taken down in sections, carried over country roads to the Erie Canal, placed on a barge and floated to Buffalo, N.Y. From there it was trucked to Lily Dale. The cottage was then reassembled and restored to its original appearance when it was occupied by the Fox family. It was dedicated as a shrine to Spiritualism during the summer of 1916. Each year it had become a mecca for visitors from all over the world.

We seldom appreciate the things in our immediate surroundings until it is too late. Those who make long and sometimes difficult journeys have a keener sense of values. I well remember the words of George Aisley, the English medium on his visit to Lily Dale. I walked with him to visit the cottage and as we climbed the tiny steps which led to the front door, he turned to me and said, "Please may I touch it?" Reverently he placed his hand on the ancient clap-board and said a prayer. He had come a long way and his appreciation was great. Visitors to Lily Dale, over the years have tender memories of Miss Floy Cottrell, the famous medium, who for many years was custodian of the cottage, demonstrating the same wonderful rapping mediumship with which the Fox sisters first alerted the world. The quiet simplicity of Miss Cottrell and her wonderful mediumship maintained the tradition for which the cottage was famous.

The Fox cottage has direct relationship to the Fox family. The peddler's pack, the rapping beam, the old *Bible*, record books all now damaged or destroyed. As I looked through the broken window of the smoldering house I could see the peddler's pack laying on the floor. Since it is made of tin, it was saved as was the *Bible*—though it was badly charred and along with several other things, which will be housed in a new museum building, to be erected as soon as funds are available. Some of us were numbed by the tragedy, others wept openly, we knew our loss was irreparable. The cottage seemed a part of our lives—we who live here, yet we knew it was not ours alone to value, it has a national and international significance.

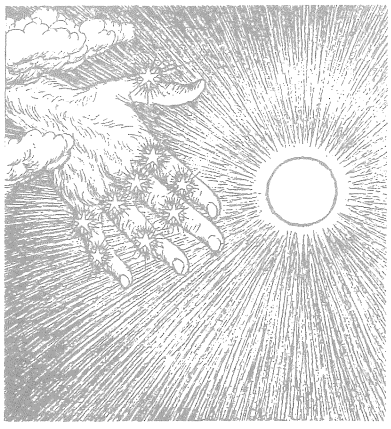
I have in my home at Lily Dale a steel engraving of the Fox cottage, it is dated 1851. It belonged to my grandparents. It is yellowed, spotted and faded with age, but still beautiful. It shows a bright stream of light across the arch of heaven from which scores of angel faces look down on the peaceful cottage. The peddler stands in the front door and behind him the Fox children. The whole cottage is bathed in light, reflecting happiness and joy. The picture is called "The Dawning Light." This morning as I stood on the brow of the hill in pajamas and robe, the cottage again bathed in light. Across the steel blue night sky was a broad beam of light, the windows and doors of the cottage were brilliantly illumined, but where my picture at home was of peace and joy, this one was of sadness and destruction, there was no peddler, no children standing in the door—or—were my eyes to dim with tears to see them.

Can it be that we have failed in our duty to Spiritualism. Have we been too careless of the precious heritage given to our care? May we find that this dismal tragedy will spur us to greater efforts, greater works to the glory of eternal Spirit. Our cottage is gone—the cause— "fire of undetermined origin."

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Spiritualism is...our reationship to the Divine.

To Whom Do I Pray?



BY THE REV. TOM BUTLER, NST, Nevada

One of my favorite songs for church services is the *Peace Song*. That is the song that begins with, "Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me." The song goes on to say, "With God our Creator, children all are we, ..." That is where I get "wrapped around the axle" with the question of anthropomorphizing God.

I have paid a lot of attention to words and the way they are used because of my work in metaphysics. If you want to write about the greater reality in a way that does not place you into that happy group called "New Agers," you have to be careful to say what you mean in concise terms. Yes, I take words like "God" and "Creator" very seriously.

Before you begin to think that I am about to say something negative about God. Let me assure you that my issue is the question of how I can best relate to God. You see, when I pray, I find myself wanting to pray to a person.

The only experience I have had with religion before I came to Spiritualism has been forced marches to a traditional Sunday School back when I was too young to figure out how to talk my way out of such nonsense. Yes, I know a whole lot about metaphysics, and I have never considered concepts such as a "nonphysical reality" and "a higher Self" the property of religions. So, with no real religious background, I have wondered why I am so inclined to want to pray to a person that is definitely some place, rather than to the universal force of Infinite Intelligence.

As Spiritualists, we believe in God as Infinite Intelligence. For us, there can be no doubt that reality operates according to Principles of Natural Law that emanate from an all-pervasive intelligence. We do not think of God as a person who can be a kind father or a stern teacher. What other systems of belief think of as their God, we think of as Infinite Intelligence operating through Natural Law. There is good reason for this, because when we experience something, good, bad or indifferent, we understand that whatever it is, it is the interaction of our personal actions with the principles of Natural Law. It is not punishment or reward from some all-powerful God. Yes, Spiritualists know that there is little sense in asking favors of Infinite Intelligence.

The point of my comments here are that I think we all instinctively seek to pray to someone specific. I do not think this is simply because we have learned to do so from our family or previous church experience. I believe we have a genuine instinct to pray to a person. I even suspect that this is an act that is taught to us while we were in spirit. Or, as Melvin Morse suggests in his new book, *The God Spot*, perhaps we have a physiological feature in our brain that enables us to directly interface with the Divine aspect of reality. There must be an explanation that accounts for our stubborn insistence that God, or to whomever we turn to express our respect, should be a person.

I happen to know that many of you share my desire to recognize a God that is a person. Not in place of Infinite Intelligence and probably not really as God as It is recognized in Christianity, but a God as an entity who has had something to do with our existence—one that still does. Okay, I can almost see you shaking your hands in denial. Come on. Fess up. There has to be some reason why we sing so many songs in church that address God as a person. I can't say how many times I have heard an invocation or benediction that uses the vocabulary used for addressing a person, rather than an impersonal, universal Infinite Intelligence. Don't be ashamed to admit it, because I believe it is natural. To explain, I will have to resort to some rather complex metaphysics, so bear with me.

As you know, most views of metaphysics hold that there are levels of reality. One of these levels is our Physical Plane. Then there is the Astral Plane, which is believed to be energetically adjacent to the Physical, and the Etheric and Causal Planes (these vary a little, depending on the system of belief). After that, things become a little vague, except for the concept that there is a fundamental change in quality of reality somewhere around the seventh plane. Reality is supposed to continue in ever-increasing purity of energy beyond the seventh plane until one reaches what is thought to be a region of reality that is the source of Infinite Intelligence.

I am not speaking of a reality that is a bunch of planes stacked like a cake. The key to visualizing these planes is to think of yourself as a physical person standing in one plane. You are at the center of your local reality. Now think of yourself as Self in a symbiotic relationship with your physical body. You, as Self, are both within and without your physical body. You, as Self, are actually a multi-plane or multi-bodied entity that simultaneously exist on the Physical plane and on the "higher" planes of reality. So even as you stand at the center of your physical world, you are also present in the higher planes. Thus, you can "journey" to these higher planes by moving your attention from one aspect of your Self to another.

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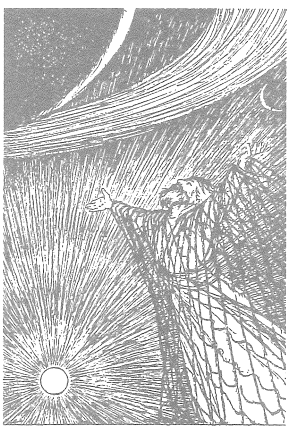
Normally, your attention is solidly fixed on the world as you sense it through your physical body, but in your dreams and sometimes in meditation, you are able to turn your attention to these higher aspects of your Self. So you see, all of these aspects of reality are where you are. You need not "travel" to these other levels as you would travel from New York to San Francisco—although doing so certainly is a change in consciousness.

Such a change in consciousness also helps describe what is meant by "higher." In this cosmology, "higher" means an aspect of reality that is energetically closer to the origin of that energy, which is Infinite Intelligence. We usually think of this change in energy as a change in vibration, or a change in how fine or how course the energy is. I will explain that below.

Okay, so the reason for all of this talk about levels is to provide a foundation for this point: *These levels of reality are thought to represent rounds of creation*. Some form of intelligence must have initiated these rounds of creation. To illustrate how this might work, I will ask you to remember how you imagined yourself in that really neat car you saw at the local dealership. For a moment, you created that car in your mind and you put an aspect of yourself behind the steering wheel to see how it might feel. You even created a local reality in your image, complete with an admiring friend or two so that you could feel if the car would work for you. In doing this, you were functioning as a creator entity and your local reality existed as long as you had your attention on it.

Key to this idea is that your mental creations exist so long as you have your attention on them and that you populate those creations with aspects of yourself. For them to be of any use to you as valid experiences, these aspects of you must be able to experience your imagined reality without your interference, but with an inclination to answer your question. They must also be able to return what they learn to you. When they return, they continue to exist within your experience as unique parts of your Self. Once created, they continue, albeit as part of you. Caution. If you intend for these local realities to be manifest in the physical world, then you begin the process of creation that will make them so.

Revelations about the nature of reality have been passed to us throughout history by means of various forms of mediumship. These revelations have generally held that there is a hierarchy of creator entities who hold levels of reality in their awareness. Some systems of belief call these entities Angels or Archangels. Hindus refer to these entities with the Sanskrit term of "Deva," which means god or luminous being. They believe there are Devic entities associated with all aspects of reality. In this view, our personal guides may be devas. The existence of Nature Spirits, as held by many aboriginal peoples, is a good example of this belief.



It is not clear if it is these Angelic entities or others, but in some way, there are creator entities who populate the levels of reality with aspects of themselves. We are those aspects. They do this so that they can better understand the operation of Natural Law as those Principles apply in situations provided by these imagined realities. As far as I can understand this concept, the purpose for this is somehow associated with an ever growing and ever evolving Infinite Intelligence, from which we all inherit a sort of Divine Instinct to experience and understand the operation of Natural Law.

In this view, Infinite Intelligence is really the Prime Creator. All of reality is the result of the imagining of this Prime Creator and all of the entities within reality are aspects of the Prime Creator. Thus, metaphysicians will speak of "rounds of aspectation," in which successive levels of reality are the product of a creator entity's act of imagining—level within level, all within the Prime Creator's first imagining. You can see how each successive level might be composed of courser energy as a creator entity accepts energy from its creator, differentiates that energy according to its intention and emanates it into its imagined aspect of reality. In the same way, the little reality you build around that imagined car is much different in quality than is your physical world.

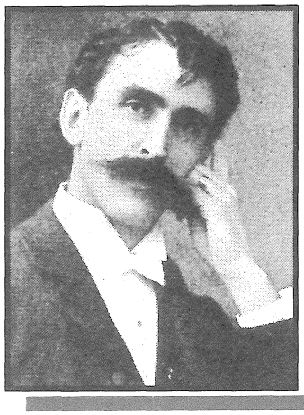
Now let me stress that these are all theories; what I like to call a "Hypothesized Reality." We simply do not know for sure. Also, do not be tempted to think that I have just described Infinite Intelligence as a person who has created all of us. If there is any truth to the theory I have just described, then we are all part of a Prime Creator in the same way that that little aspect of yourself driving that imagined car is within your imagining. Also, all of reality operates according to the same Principles of Natural Law because it has come from the same Prime Creator. As far as I can understand today, the Prime Creator or Infinite Intelligence can be described as an entity in that it has intelligence and purpose. Since life seems to be a common denominator in reality, Infinite Intelligence is also probably evolving. But we have no foundation of information to know anything more about this entity than to say that we are controlled by Its understanding of reality as expressed in Natural Law and that we are motivated at some fundamental level by instincts, spiritual instincts if you will, that we inherit from this entity via our local creator entity.

Please remember that this is my view and that I would really like you to study and think about these things so that you can reach your own consciousness. My intention here has been to establish a common foundation of terms so that I can make the following statement: *We do have a Creator Entity that deserves our respect and gratitude, much as our parents or our teachers deserve our respect.*

But what is the nature of this respect? Should we be down on our knees begging for protection, help or some gift? We state in Principle Seven of our Declaration of Principles

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Spiritualism is...our Pioneers.



HARRISON D. BARRETT HISTORY

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Harrison D. Barrett was born on April 26th, 1863 or 1864 (depending upon the information that you are looking at) to Lucetta and Levi Barrett, in Canaan, Maine. He had 5 sisters; Ivaletta, Lucille, Viola, Lucette, and Ollie. He attended Bloomfield Academy and Lewiston High School. The college that he graduated from was the Meadville Unitarian Theological Seminary in Pennsylvania in 1889. Although Mr. Barrett was now an ordained Unitarian Minister, he found himself unable to resolve the conflict of religious concepts that faced him. He had been interested in Spiritualism since the age of seventeen, and in his mind it was impossible to reconcile the Religion of Spiritualism with the beliefs of the Unitarian Church. He felt that the best way to solve the problem was to leave them both. He did so, and resumed his teaching career in public schools. Then his sister, "Ollie" passed to spirit at the age of twelve and he grieved severely. It was at this time that he heard several raps. He called out, "Ollie, is that you?" Three raps were heard. He knew Ollie still lived. He became a dedicated Spiritualist from that day forth.

On October 13th, 1897, Harrison married Margarite Coffyn. At that time he was also the editor of the Spiritualist paper, *The Banner of Light* and his wife became the assistant editor.

Mr. Barrett's mediumship unfolded at Camp Etna, in Maine. He became the president of Camp Etna and was a welcomed worker at all the early Camps. He was an excellent platform worker; presenting a pleasing voice and an analytical mind that his audiences seemed never to tire of. It has been told how he would walk the 25 miles from Canaan to Camp Etna, barefoot, with his shoes over his shoulders, in order to present himself polished and prepared for his appointment with Spirit. His wonderful mediumship and his deep resonant voice made him a splendid missionary and he traveled all over the United States many times without funds and with cardboard in his own shoes. Mr. Barrett was a writer as well as a speaker and worker for Spiritualism. His best-known book, *Pantheistic Idealism* expresses beautifully his ideas of life and religion. He was also the author of *The Life and Work of Cora L. V. Richmond*, and with the help of A. W. McCoy, published, "Cassadaga...It's History and It's Teachings." He was known as a man of marked character, possessed with intense nervous energy and intellect, but with a lack of poise. He was said to be delicate as a woman and that he had all of the refinement of that sex, combined with a tremendous amount of masculine energy. He was an orator, poet and politician combined. He was also the democratic candidate for the Massachusetts General Court in 1900 in the Seventh Norfolk County district (as a side bar: Mr. Barrett ran a good race but was defeated by the republican majority in his district). He was also one of the candidates for the State Senate from Somerset County here in Maine.

Harrison and his wife, Margarite, had two children: one daughter that passed at an early age and is buried at Camp Etna, and one son.

In 1893, Mr. Barrett helped form the National Spiritualist Association of Churches. At about this same time, he gained a national reputation when he came to the aid of a Spiritualist on trial for practicing witchcraft or fortune telling.

In court, a judge told Mr. Barrett that if he could prove to him that Spiritualism was a true religion, that if he had a creed or definite form of religious organization, that it might be possible to free the woman. Mr. Barrett immediately asked for a recess of the court. In the ante-room he wrote the first three declarations of our Principles. These became the fundamental statements of our beliefs as an Organization. Because of this quick action on his part, the medium was released and a new religious organization was born.

As President of the newly formed organization, Mr. Barrett not only encouraged the establishment of a national religious body of Spiritualists, but expressed the thought that mediums should have a federal charter for their protection.

For a number of years, Harrison and Margarite made their home in Boston, but they spent the latter part of their lives together in California. Margarite passed to spirit while in California, at about 1909. A few months later, Harrison returned to his early home in Canaan, Maine.

Mr. Barrett seemed to be plagued with illness for much of his life. For two years, while in Oregon, he was so ill, that he deemed himself an invalid and was cared for by Mr. and Mrs. Pippy. After an illness of 14 months, at the age of 47, on January 11th or 12th (again depending upon which piece of history you're looking at), in 1911, Mr. Harrison D. Barrett passed into the Spirit World, and his earthly remains were buried in Canaan. Mr. Barrett's Spirit was strong, but his earthly body seemed to be weak. In his final will and testament, written just five months before his passing, Mr. Barrett wrote: "To all who may know me I bequeath a kind and loving thought, and urge the men and women of the nation to see to it that they possess themselves

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of sound health by building strong bodies and clear analytical minds; or anything appertaining thereto, for with sound health all else will be added unto them."

In Mr. Barrett's will, I also learned a few other interesting and possibly eye-opening facts. First of all, the will was seven pages long...which is considered to be "lengthy" by most standards. So, he was a true orator...right to the end! Also, Mr. Barrett seems to have been an extremely precise and stubborn man. In his will, he remarked about the manuscript that he passed out in triplicate (one to his mother, and the two others to close friends) giving specific instructions on how to handle his funeral arrangements and service. It stated who was to conduct the service, who would lead the singing, and what songs were to be sung. The gold chain and pocket watch that you may have seen him pictured with, was given to him by his Uncle Harrison, his namesake, whom he dearly loved. Mr. Barrett also possessed and bequeathed an onyx ring with 14 diamonds in the shape of the letter "B."

Another thing that I noticed was that Mr. Barrett's son was not at all mentioned in his will...not even as a living relative...yet, his son was mentioned in his obituary as living "out west." Was this a "typo" or deliberate? One can only guess at this point.

This "hobby" of mine has turned into a true "quest" to find out who Mr. Harrison D. Barrett was. This interesting search has not only answered some questions, but it has also revealed many more mysteries that I hope to unravel. What I believe that I have learned the most so far, is how HDB was very much like you and me. He had his share of tragedy, loss and rough times. He had strengths, weaknesses, virtues and shortcomings. Yet, inside his weak body was his special, strong Spirit that desired to share his gifts and talents with the world, all in the name of growing Spiritualism!

I would like to personally thank Mr. Harrison D. Barrett for all that he did and all that he still continues to do to promote Spiritualism. I would also like to thank his sister, Ollie, for the instrumental role she played in his life. Without Ollie's spirit raps, who knows which path HDB would have taken.

In closing, let us consider some words of Harrison D. Barrett and his thoughts on Spiritualism: "It gives us the phenomena, the science, the philosophy; which, when blended in oneness, give to the world, at last, a religion that is probably both by induction and deduction, by scientific demonstration and spiritual revelation. It is a religious science and a scientific religion, a religious philosophy and a philosophical religion. It gives to the world knowledge of the future, and has no negatives or speculations to offer to those who investigate its sublime teachings. The theologian and Christian say, 'I believe,' the agnostic says, 'I don't know,' while the materialist affirms annihilation of man's consciousness at the change called death. Spiritualism has one answer to all these speculations, and in two words solves the difficult problem of all mankind, saying, 'I know.'" ⊗



CALENDAR CORNER

What happened in OCTOBER throughout the years?

OCTOBER 1897

A **Lyceum Department** was organized at the Fifth Annual NSA Convention with **James B. Hatch** as its first Superintendent.

OCTOBER CONVENTIONS

The NSAC Service Clubs meet at the Annual Conventions. The **National Spiritualist Teachers Club** was formed in 1927 for those having teacher degrees. **The Ministerial Association** began in October 1945, for the ordained Ministers. **The Spiritualist Healer's League** was founded for certified healers of the NSA in 1945. **The Licentiate Ministers and Certified Mediums Society** began in 1946 to assist Certified Mediums and Licentiate Ministers. Each of the clubs offer a scholarship to help train new workers.

OCTOBER 1, 1848

James Johnson Morse was born on this date. He was called J. J. Morse and also *The Bishop of Spiritualism.* Morse was one of the most eminent trance speakers for Spiritualism of his day and drew crowds numbering several thousand to hear his inspirational lectures.

OCTOBER 6, 1843

The birthday that **Elizabeth Lowe Watson** celebrated. Elizabeth showed mediumistic abilities even as a child and went on to become a poet, author, inspired speaker and Spiritualist minister. Her mediumistic demonstrations were wonderful and so convincing that thousands of people would attend when she was in town. Because of her mediumship and demonstration of continuous life, many were encouraged to become Spiritualists.

OCTOBER 8 and 19

Two NSAC Board members celebrate their birthdays this month—The Rev. Catherine Snell, NST and The Rev. Sylvia Kincaid, NST. Let us send them both a prayer for a healthy, happy, productive year.



OCTOBER 24

United Nation's Day. Let each of us pray for World Peace!

OCTOBER 31

Have a "boo"-tiful **Halloween,** and greet the restless spirits with love.

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SPIRITUAL HEALING REQUEST

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

Healing Prayers are requested for:

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because of the following conditions:

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Please send a "One A Day" packet to:

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I will pray with NSAC Prayer Groups:

DAY_____ NIGHT_____

If you should wish to make a **Love Donation** to help offset the NSAC Healing Center expenses, please send to:

NSAC HEALING CENTER
c/o Rev. Gene Pfortmiller, NST
3521 W. Topeka Drive
Glendale, AZ 85308-2325

To request information on "How to Form a Spiritual Healing Prayer Group,"

CHECK HERE ☐

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

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

Spiritualism is...healing and growth.

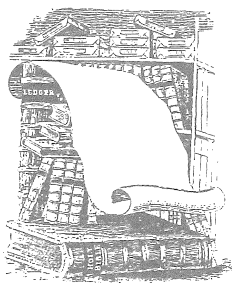
— Prayer for Spiritual Healing —

I ask the great Unseen Healing Force to remove all obstructions from my mind and body and to restore me to perfect health.
I ask this in all sincerity and honesty and I will do my part.
I ask this great Unseen Healing Force to help both present and absent ones who are in need of help and to restore them to perfect health.
I put my trust in the love and power of God.

Every Day You Are Gaining

BY THE REV. CHARLENE KLEINSCHMIDT, NST, New York

A native American proverb instructs us "Don't let yesterday use up too much of today." A Chinese proverb states "The road to greatness starts at home." If we combine these we can see regrets, self-recrimination and constant past judgement for things we have or haven't done impede our progress.



The strange point about this article is, as I started to write it, I intended to base it on the saying "Every joy is gain, and gain is gain, however small." How does that relate to the two proverbs which appear as I sat at the computer?

Perhaps our behavior at home mirrors our growth and spiritual state more than the face we show the world. If there are problems in any setting and we continually bring up the past, letting it permeate the atmosphere of today, we perpetuate the acrimony. Then we can not find joy in our relationships as we impede our own growth by choosing to remain bounded by obstacles of the past. When we change our attitude, building on the "Every day is a new beginning" and "gain is gain, however small," we can make the lives of others and ourselves more joyful. As we look for the positive in our relationships and build on it, allowing the past to fade into memory, we will see new gains in our growth.

Over and over again we are told to live in the present. It is often a difficult choice and sometimes old memories are more comfortable than the situation we are in.

The other day I had to go to my mother's now vacant home. Mom and my sister have been in a local nursing home for four and two years. They both suffer dementia and are not the same people I cherished and remembered. As I sat on the porch, memories flooded in and I suddenly realized that they were all memories of wonderful times we shared, not of arguments and unhappy moments. I laughed to myself, that I was thinking like an eulogy, where the dearly departed become saints!

Certainly none of us fell in that category and when I had full care of them I had moments when I saw nothing good in the whole endeavor. I thought of how often when they were home, discussions turned to recitations of past offenses. Of course, profuse apologies followed when all had calmed down, only to be repeated at a later date. Wherever the past is keeping you from expressing joy in living, take time to weed these useless reactions from your life.

We know that we grow, in spite of ourselves, every day. Wouldn't it be a wonderful change to participate in our growth by truly looking for the new beginning in our relationships? Looking for whatever joy we can find to build on. It took me a long time to find joy in dealing with the devastating effects of Alzheimer's disease. I constantly found myself telling their new caregivers what

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Spiritualism is...sharing our thoughts.

Things To Think About

BY MERRY BROWNE

"You Are Getting Sleepy"

We have come to view hypnosis in a light vein due to the stage-type demonstrations of it done in the entertainment field, but there is another side to this phenomenon that is very serious. I refer to Hypnotherapy, which is used to probe the unconscious mind in order to find hidden causes of pathology, which does not yield to treatment.



The outcome of this, according to Hazel M. Denning, writing in *The Journal of Regression Therapy*, was that when a patient was willing to deal with unconscious negative emotions and change them to positive in the conscious state, the illnesses would automatically disappear. Here we have documented proof of negative thoughts and feelings being the cause of illness and replacing them with positive ones effecting a healing. We owe a very great debt of gratitude to medical hypnosis.

"Soul To Grow"

Psychology reached a peak with the wisdom of C. G. Jung who said "Psychoneurosis must be understood as the suffering of a soul which has not discovered its meaning." We have heard the expression "Lost Souls," and take it to mean those who have not found themselves and their place in the world. When we discover we are souls in progress and process heading toward perfection, it becomes easy to search ourselves mindfully to ascertain just how imperfect we are and to attempt to become better and better people. Since perfection is morality, ethicality and loving helpfulness, all we need do is examine our behavior to find where we need improvement and make effort to improve. As Socrates said: "the unexamined life is not worth living."



"Health and Stress"

In a current issue of the newsletter of the American Institute of Stress, Dr. Paul Rosch comments upon the influence of spirituality in health. This is nothing new and it is gaining recognition in many quarters, plus being taught in a lot of our Universities today. The puzzling factor is just "how" spirituality enhances health as it is not proved in the scientific manner of medical science, thus is in its "accepted but speculative" state at this time.

A few physicians have long known that the contents of mind automatically affect the body adversely if it is stressful, so it's only one step further to realize that the contents of mind that are not stressful do not adversely affect the body, so health remains intact as long as we abide by nature's laws of enough rest, good diet and exercise as well.

To attain and keep mind peaceful, one **must be** spiritual in thought and feeling. An unspiritual mind is a stressful mind, so along with praying for people to be healed, it is paramount that we pray they grow spiritually, too, in order for the healing to be permanent. We all need to pray for one another.

"Identical Twins"

Futurists, Edith Weiner and Arnold Brown in their futurist conference speech asked: "Will religion and science converge or diverge?" The answer is as physicist David Bohm proclaimed that all creation is consciousness. Mystics have always declared that consciousness is All there is, therefore true science and true religion is identical twinship.

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SPIRITUAL HEALING: EVERY DAY YOU ARE GAINING

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brilliant people they were, showing them the many hand knitted sweaters mother made me, grieving that they would never know my family as I had.

Then one day, I was sitting with my mother and suddenly I realized how many aides coming on shift and leaving stopped to visit her. Many commented on how they loved her because she loved to talk and didn't complain. Then as I was sitting by my sister's bed I observed the tender loving care she received as the aide stroked her hair and talked to her. Suddenly I realized I didn't need to tell them about these brilliant people because they were sharing their present life and finding joy in caring for them as they saw them. It is difficult at times and I still honor their brilliance. Only now I am able to enjoy the brief moments when they are in the present and share their new worlds.

Surprisingly this attitude has brought its own rewards, for now I can find joy in the moment with them. If you are feeling uptight and see no light at the end of your tunnel, open your eyes, stop "letting the past use up too much of today; know that every joy is gain, and gain is gain, however small" it may appear.

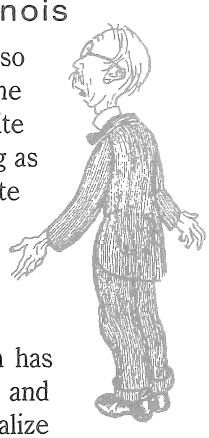
Then look for the road to greatness that starts at home. With your home being your heart and the road the joy you are willing to share with the world.

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Spiritualism is...in the media.

Spiritualism: Television Phenomenon Or A Way Of Living?

BY KENNETH W. JAMES, THE CHURCH OF THE SPIRIT, Chicago, Illinois



Modern Spiritualism is in a very interesting place with respect to popular culture today. We have entered the era of the media. There are television shows that present mediums giving messages from the so-called dead which are verified by audience members who then are interviewed afterwards to give their testimony to the medium's accuracy. These programs are bringing an important aspect of Spiritualism to the general public, and are a refreshing alternative to the usual "religious" programming, drumming guilt for one's own mistakes and hatred for others into the unconscious minds of hundreds of viewers. In contrast to these usual religious programs, the television shows that present Spiritualist phenomena are more upbeat, and bring messages from the Spirit World that can help us live our lives more fully each moment.

However, I have some grave concerns for the "popularization" of Modern American Spiritualism. It is sort of like the situation in the American Kennel Club, which registers all sorts of purebred dogs and oversees the conformation and consistency of bloodlines within each breed. There is an old adage among the breeders of dogs that you don't want your breed to become too popular—you don't want your breed to become the next Lassie or Rin Tin Tin, because then unscrupulous breeders will over-produce puppies of that breed, and the temperament and well-being of the breed will suffer. Nowadays, it seems that Dalmations are suffering because of the popularity of the breed through the film *101 Dalmations*. It's probably better to buy an Otterhound right now, because nobody knows what they are!

So it is with Spiritualism. While it is good that we are getting noticed, I question what will happen if people start flocking to our church and expect a television show atmosphere. Yes, we have readings, and yes, they are accurate, at times stunningly so. But we are not just phenomena; we are not just a television program. We are participants in a movement that is at once Religion, Science and Philosophy. What began as Modern American Spiritualism in 1848 in Hydesville, New York, with the spirit rappings experienced by the daughters of the Fox family, has become a movement that empowered by great names in American psychology such as the Harvard scholar William James, continues to this day in major academic centers such as Duke University, and in societies that investigate psychic phenomena. These researches have led to philosophies that move beyond the limitations of sense perceptions, and speculate on the nature of the human person conceived beyond the bounds of space and time. Much of modern philosophy and modern physics, which is increasingly more philosophical in nature, owes a debt to Spiritualism.

Spiritualism is also a Religion. And as a Religion, although based on phenomena and continuing to return to phenomena such as messages, healing, and other communication with the world of the so-called dead, Spiritualism also provides us with a way to live. The Declaration of Principles which we recite each Sunday, are the cornerstones of living as a Spiritualist that we are asked to integrate into our daily lives. These nine Principles, although not dogmatic, are guidelines for our lives that can help us reduce our suffering and confusion on this Earth Plane. They have changed as Spiritualism has developed. We are continually growing and changing as Spiritualists, but we also realize that as a religion, we must be concerned about much more than phenomena—we must address how to live.

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.

This is our principle number seven. What does this mean and how does it help us live as Spiritualists?

Well, first, it means there are no victims and no heroes. Just as in Spiritualism we preach that there are no miracles, only the workings of Natural Law that we must come to know more deeply, so too do we believe that we are not victims of other people, or deep demonic forces that seek our destruction or alienation from an all-good God. Infinite Intelligence, our term for the Divine, has no demonic counter pole, and it is impossible to really be alienated from Infinite Intelligence. We just come to believe we are separate from God, and that belief, or fantasy, causes us to suffer a great deal. And there are no heroes—no one can save us from our false beliefs and ourselves. We must make a fundamental change in our perception of the world in order to move into the truth that Spiritualism teaches.

Next, this principle means that we have an individual moral responsibility to investigate Natural Law, both physical and spiritual, and to live by that law as much as we can. Notice the principle speaks of Nature's physical and spiritual laws. Although some religious traditions have found themselves in opposition to advances in physical science, Spiritualism welcomes new discoveries of physical and spiritual science as a means of more deeply coming to know Natural Law and how it operates. In this way we can live more in harmony with the way it is and be of use to others. I suppose as Spiritualists we believe what Edgar Cayce taught: It is not enough to be good; you must be good for something!

Practice Spiritualism by studying the NSAC Principles, then help others to clarify their meaning and put them into practice. Then when people come to your church, they will see our phenomena, and also our commitment to living life from the position of Spirit, embracing all beings as sister, brother, father, mother, lover and friend. ⊗

Spiritualism is...the search for truth.

Aspects Of Truth



BY THE REV. MARGARET PIRNIE, England

Since time began, men and women in all areas of human endeavor have devoted their talents and energies to the pursuit of truth. Scientists work through years of trial and error, in order to reach conclusions which can be established as scientific truth. Medical researchers patiently persist in their attempts to define and isolate the origins of disease, thereby paving the way for curative procedures.

Geologists and historians traverse the globe seeking clues from the past to confirm their theories, leading to new understanding of what is needed for the further development and welfare of the human race. Oceans are plumbed and space probed in humanity's determined crusade to learn more of the universe of which they are a part, to harness its power, and benefit from its hitherto untapped resources.

Nature, in all its various aspects, is consistently observed, examined, analyzed, and classified, in order to establish, beyond dispute, that which appears logical and acceptable to reason—in short, truth. Unfailingly, humanity demonstrates an innate and insatiable curiosity as to the whys and wherefores of earthly existence, which is, of course, the way of evolution.

In matters of faith, humanity's attempts to define truth falters, and all too often efforts to analyze spiritual verities come to naught, because men and women are vainly trying to prove the unprovable. Despite our undoubted intellect, or acknowledged expertise, we have not fully understood that spiritual enlightenment is only to be achieved through the school of personal experience, whereby the wisdom so obtained, will with application, blossom into faith. Faith so strong, so deep, that it defies all need for proof—a knowing.

In our quest for such abiding faith, we have made of it a confusion of legend, myth, superstition and misinterpretation, fostering dissension, distrust and in extreme circumstances, violence. Such that the intrinsic simple purity of spiritual truth is defiled and diminished, leaving in its stead but a pale shadow, an echo, as of some wondrous and dearly held, yet elusive memory—memory that humanity tries vainly to recapture.

How then is mankind to fulfill any higher aspirations reawakened by mere wisps of gossamer memory? Where are we to look for guidance? There are but two Cardinal Laws laid down for all who aspire to illumination. Laws that will guide and encompass all that is necessary to advance in spiritual knowledge and understanding. The first decrees that you should love and acknowledge God to be the Divine source of life. The second asks that such love should be evident in your attitude toward others. It is so simple, yet we persist in hedging it round with ritual, rite and ceremony, all of which has nothing to offer other than spectacle.

Many wilfully refuse to consider the truth which lies right before their eyes "First show me...THEN will I believe." Communication with the Spirit Realm today, continues to be bitterly opposed in many quarters, condemned as being "Against the will of God," paradoxically, by those same people who readily give credence to reports of spirit-communication which took place in Biblical stories.

Would a loving Creator provide such rich guardianship for earlier generations, yet leave the children of today bereft? God's Laws are unchanging. The blessing of communication between the physical world and the Spiritual World is as constant and valid today as it has been through the ages. Teachers, guides, and helpers are God's agents and stand ready to comfort, to guide, and to sustain those in the physical.

There are many ways in which spiritual friends help men and women to be brought closer to God. Each has its own manifestation of truth. Truth which engenders and fosters the urge in an individual to reach out beyond the limitations of worldly affairs, to make that vital "leap of faith," which convinces them of their own immortal nature.

This is something which can neither be learned nor taught, but must be sought through awareness, knowledge, and discipline of self. What might it be that stirs and awakens the need for such assurance. What moves the soul to seek above and beyond the narrow confines of earthly desires and satisfactions, is difficult to define, and varied in experience. Yet there comes a time when the inner-being is ready to receive, when the spirit is compelled to seek its own, to glimpse, if only for a moment, a radiance piercing the clouds of earthly conditions, to feel, to the depths of one's soul, a "KNOWING" THAT GOD IS.

Fleeting as such revelation might be, it will set a hunger in the soul to soul, to rediscover and become as one with eternal reality. Thus the path of enlightenment each one elects to follow is of no great import, provided one's aspiration is founded upon principles of love and service.

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Positive Statements To Help Create a Positive Day.

Affirmations . . . OCTOBER 2002

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Spirit is in every moment and action of my life.	**2** "Pleasure is woven through with pain, in a marvelous tapestry." – Sark	**3** Develop self-esteem and self-love, then share your love and kindness.	**4** "Everything is holy, for Spirit lives within all things." – Hawkins	**5** Life is good, life is good, life is good. Thank you, God.
6 God's guidance directs me as I listen to the inner voice of my sacred self.	**7** I accept myself and others exactly the way we are without judgement.	**8** Pray each day for others, for our planet, for peace.	**9** "Our part is to be ready and willing to be guided into truth and liberty." – SOM	**10** Giving thanks constantly is a reminder of blessings and a mantle of comfort.	**11** Answers to our prayers arrive in many ways, from many sources.	**12** "I see my own dignity. I glow and grow in God." – Karen S. Wylie
13 I live with integrity; I live in the present, I live with Spirit.	**14** Where I am right now is sacred; where I stand is holy ground.	**15** "Life is what consciousness makes it." – Holmes	**16** "You are never fully dressed without a smile." – *Annie*	**17** Today I remember, Love is the true foundation of life and trust.	**18** Spirit is love and joy. These are my constant companions.	**19** I notice thoughts that don't reflect abundance and love, then I replace them.
20 We serve Spirit with our small acts of kindness and caring to others.	**21** "In order to transform others, you first must transform yourself." – Gandhi	**22** God is in all things, therefore I am connected to everything in the Universe.	**23** I exchange my ideas that aren't working for new ideas and opportunities.	**24** Grow by letting yourself go and letting Spirit be Spirit within you.	**25** We have as much power to use, love to receive, as we believe in and embody.	**26** Children are great examples of pure spirit, joy and creative energy.
27 "It is the nature of Spirit to change form." – A Divine Principle of Life.	**28** Today, I lift my energy to align myself with the Creative Power of Love.	**29** "Smiling and joy are synonymous and definitely contagious." – E. Jurmain	**30** I reside in a friendly universe, so I attract loving people and experiences.	**31** I commune with my friends in the Spirit Realm tonight— enjoying them.		



A good life is an every day expression.



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Secy., Hertha Comstock, 1221 E. California Rd. #214, Fort Wayne, 46825-6106, (260) 373-2843; Pres., Rev. Jessie James, (219) 885-0091.

GARY - First Spiritualist Church, Inc., NSAC
2430 W. 11th Ave.; Serv. Sun. 3:00 p.m.; Pastor & Pres., Rev. Jesse James, Jr., 1301 Pennsylvania St., 46407; Secy., Angeletta Banks; Unfoldment Classes 1st & 2nd Sat. of each month, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., Lyceum Sun. 3:00 p.m., Jacqueline Crooms and Donna Emery.

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

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

• IOWA •

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

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

CLINTON - Sunflower Spiritualist Church
10 Mt. Pleasant Park; Mail to: P.O. Box 6, 52733-0006; Sun. Serv. at 10:00 a.m.; Co-Pastors, Rev. Harvey and Rev. Bonnie Horstman, NST; Secy., Rev. Bonnie Horstman.

DAVENPORT - Spiritualist Harmony Church
1429 W. Seventh St., 52802-1212, (319) 324-9659; Sun. Healing Serv. 1:30 p.m.; Worship & Message Serv. 2:00 p.m.; Lyceum Classes available; (Closed during July and August.); Pastor, Rev. William E. Buchholz, 806 E. 13th St., 52803-4240, (319) 326-3201; Secy., Pat Peck.

• 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, (207) 622-8980, corner of Perham & Court Sts.; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Thurs. Awareness Class 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Earl Wallace, (207) 582-6745, E-Mail: godfreed@aol.com; Secy., Phyllis Norton, E-Mail: secretaryasc@yahoo.com.

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@localnet.com; Church website 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.

DIRECTORY OF CHURCHES, *(Continued from previous page.)*

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., Peter Horn; 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.

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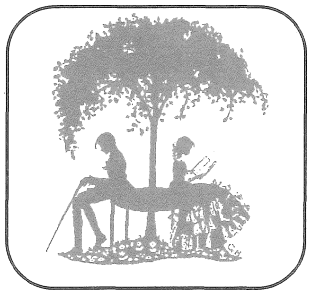
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"Philosophy begins in wonder," said Plato. Wonderment about who we are, why we are here and what comes after life on the Earth Plane is at the root of philosophy. This wonderment and questioning is a mark of the advanced consciousness of humans. Lower life forms do not ponder the meaning of life.

The more we wonder and question, the more enlightened we become and the closer we come to understanding our reason for being here. Mere facts cannot suffice. We need to pull facts together, see patterns and reasons and weave threads of facts into a tapestry that gives us an overview, a way of knowing and understanding. Philosophy helps us do that.

The following ideas form the foundation of Spiritualist Philosophy:

- We believe in Infinite Intelligence
- We affirm that a correct understanding of such expression (Infinite Intelligence) and living in accordance therewith constitute true religion.
- We affirm that the existence and personal identity of the individual continue after the change called death.
- 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."

All of these thoughts have been offered by eminent philosophers of the past. They are valuable guides in our daily life. Natural Law governs our universe, both seen and unseen. Natural Law, as a continuum covers both the Physical and the Spiritual realms.

Physical Natural Laws are orderly and constant and give regulation to our lives. Without physical Laws, our universe would be in chaos. It gives one a sense of comfort, knowing that these Laws are in place and can be depended upon.

Spiritual Natural Laws affect our spiritual lives. They serve as a guide to living a moral life, one of being in harmony in others. I believe that perhaps the greatest Spiritual Natural Law is the Golden Rule. If we all lived by it, there would not be war, or any kind of discord. We would all take care of each other and treat each other as brothers and sisters, all of us beloved expressions of a Divine Creator.

Other important Spiritual Laws are: the Laws of Attraction, Cause and Effect, Compensation, Retribution, Continuity, Harmony, Thought and Truth. These laws are essential to our happiness and when we understand them and apply them to our lives, they help in our progression and spiritual growth.

In Spiritualist Philosophy, it is believed that no singular creation was set aside for humans. Rather, humans, as a part of nature, evolved slowly over time. Humans are at the top of the scale of evolution in comparison to other lower life forms. We have the ability to be self-conscious and have developed language. Despite the progress we have made, we have not attained all that we are capable of, and are still progressing towards cosmic-consciousness, according to Richard Maurice Bucke, M.D., in his classic book *Cosmic Consciousness.*

Over the ages, God has meant different things to different people. In the beginning, superstition played a part in human's ideas of who or what the Higher Power was. Knowledge was limited back then, but as it grew, the age of Science influenced the concept of God. That was followed by the age of Materialism with the discovery of physical laws. The gods of old were abandoned.

Spiritualist's concept of God is that of Infinite Intelligence, a vast and powerful force that governs the universe. We do not believe in an anthropomorphic God, or in vicarious atonement, or a Savior. We believe and accept personal responsibility. Infinite Intelligence is discernible in each and every one of us, as we are a part of It.

Scientists have various theories of creation. Spiritualism doesn't discount the scientific theories, but adds another dimension. Spirit!

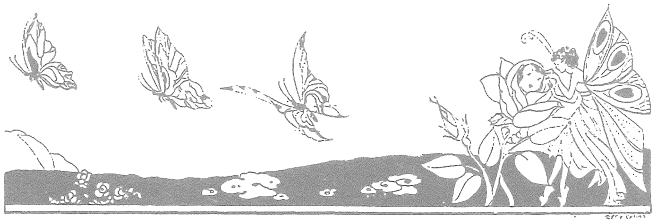
Dogma doesn't encourage progression and enlightenment, so appreciate Spiritualism, for it encourages one to be open-minded. Keep possibilities open! Keep an even mind!

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Spiritualism is...a journey of healing toward realization.

The Essence Of Self Spiritual Healing

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The concepts of "Healing" and particularly "Spiritual Healing" invariably mean different things to different people, for we all have our uniquely individual perception of who we are and our relationship with the external physical world. Accordingly, we will each relate to these concepts depending on our own particular perception and level of awareness (open mindedness).

Spiritual Healing is not some esoteric art or science known to or practiced by few, but rather, when deeply examined can become a metaphor for the "spiritual path" or what is really the journey of healing toward realization of the true "Self." Spiritual Healing is therefore not just for some, for in the highest sense it is for all as some level. Each of us is in need of healing in some way. Furthermore, what we all also have in common is that Spiritual Healing or "Self Healing" is the essence of our life purpose.

It seems to me that "Healing" and "Spiritual Healing" can conveniently be looked at and understood on three different levels, each seemingly reflecting the relative state of awareness and intention of both healer and the healing recipient.

The Basic Level:

On the basic level, the need for healing stems from the belief that disease is a state quite distinct from a state of non-disease. Healing is about the diagnosis and mitigation of the symptoms of disease, be that on a physical or psychological level.

This level sees and treats the gross manifestation of disease with scant consideration of the true nature of cause and effect, or the higher level or spiritual essence of being. So, for example, whilst conventional psychology may acknowledge that each human being has some "psycho emotional" spark or drive without which we would not exist, the meaning of that spark is largely ignored because (being intangible) it cannot be specifically identified or measured.

The fundamental premise of basic level healing is that disease is directly or indirectly attributable to an external cause (i.e. it may be organic, result from a physical or other trauma or stress or elsewhere from the environment). The person in need, the disease and the healer exist in separation.

Here the awareness and intention of the person is egocentric, and the overwhelming belief is that he/she is the victim of the disease and therefore wholly reliant on the expertise of an external source (the doctor, therapist or healer) for relief. The individual has a strong attachment to the disease, not in terms of a conscious choice, but rather in terms of the underlying belief system that they have about the cause of the disease.

Healing then, at this basic level, is the external administration of assistance in whatever form. The healer is the source of healing whether apparently effective or not. And woe betide the business and reputation of the healer who does not produce results!

In the context of Spiritual Healing, this level might see the direction of energy by the healer to the area of disease, by the laying on of hands or otherwise, but invariably in a fashion (or with the intention) that the healer is the cause of the Healing.

The Intermediate Level:

The second (or intermediate) level of understanding and practice of Spiritual Healing which, reflects an increasing awareness that "disease" is a much broader issue than just the physical or psychological disease of basic level perception.

For the healing recipient, the meaning of disease expands. There is a greater understanding that disease includes the underlying anxiety we all have at some level, disharmony, imbalance, unworthiness, loneliness, lack of peace and joy and the (mostly denied) intangible emptiness that all of us feel on occasion and sometimes in the moment of greatest achievement. So, disease at this level expands to "dis-ease."

On this level, the one in need is unable to sustain absolutely the belief of being the victim of dis-ease, for he/she is called upon to explore the possibility and come to some degree of acceptance that dis-ease has an inner cause, perhaps in the consciousness or energy field, rather than an external origin, notwithstanding the perhaps physical manifestation. The psychosomatic source of physical discomfort is increasingly recognized. The person gradually starts to change the belief system in terms of cause and effect in the context of dis-ease and there begins the process of detachment from the belief that the causes are external.

The person has realized that the healing of the basic level does not produce a perfectly holistic and lasting result. They accept that they cannot heal him/her self at a conscious level and also cannot rely totally on the external healer because of the "inner" origin of the problem. They must then look to an inner but higher healing power that really knows the true

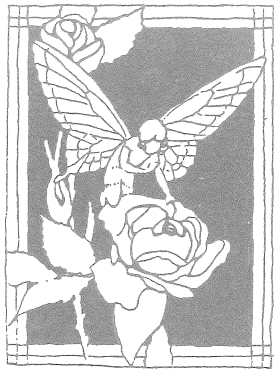
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nature of life and the best remedy.

The individual starts to arrive at some level of understanding and acceptance of Spiritual Laws (including the Law that the outer always reflects the inner) and that it is perhaps unresolved issues, feelings of resentment, frustration, anger or other even deeper issues which may have manifested from within, out.

For the healer, the intention for healing is surrendered to the higher power of Spirit (limited only to the extent of the healer's own egocentricity). For both recipient and healer the intervention of Spirit becomes increasingly recognized and valued. This may manifest as higher or more instructive vibrations of energy and guidance, whether clairvoyantly, clairaudiently or clairsentiently. It may be expressed in many different forms, for example, by way of direct or distant energy healing or even psychic or spiritual surgery, in which form the healer is "taken over" or otherwise directed by Spirit so that the loving, healing energy of Spirit may be transmitted through the healer to the recipient.



At this level, with the correct intention (substantially absent of ego) healing often produces miraculous results. Should the healing not produce results, the person is much less inclined to blame the healer, but rather, if they are wise, go deeper within to further explore the origin of the discomfort and to ask "what does this have to teach me?"

The Highest Level:

The highest level of healing, the Pinnacle, is an inner acknowledgement that the real cause of all "dis-ease" is our seeming separation from our real "Self." And, that the real "Self" is in fact not the egocentric self of a limited and fragile body born but to live a while and then to die, but rather an indivisible part of the eternal, unlimited, unconditional and perfect nature of Spirit (God).

At this level the growing awareness of the Intermediate level has evolved to a point of knowledge that unconditional healing depends solely upon the acceptance of and merging with the true Self. The Pinnacle is the realization that, despite the myriad needs for healing we may have experienced during our lifetime, real healing is ultimately the acceptance that there is not need for healing. For if we are, in truth, an indivisible aspect of the unified or One Self-Spirit or God, outside which nothing real exists, then what is there to be healed except our own egocentric belief that we are not already perfectly healed and in need of nothing.

At the highest level of Spiritual Healing, the form of the healing is immaterial, as this level calls only for unconditional surrender, trust and faith in Infinite Spirit and complete acceptance of the Divine Will. To say "only" is somewhat of an understatement, however, in terms of the degree of resistance that the egocentric personality has to those things. Further, as we contemplate and develop those traits, we come increasingly to realize that ultimately they all mean the same thing anyway, despite the outward differences in form.

This level of Healing is synonymous with the unconditional acceptance of Divine Source. For in the **moment** of such acceptance, is found "Reality" and therefore is unconditional healing attained.

For the healing recipient, he/she is called upon to accept total responsibility that "I" have done this to myself. The healing is the surrender to, and trust and faith in, Spirit as the healing agent, and the letting go of the belief in dis-ease, understanding that it, in whatever form, always reflects the disconnection from the One Self. For the healer at this level, the only "recipient" is him/her self, with the realization and acceptance that in truth there is nothing outside of "Self." So, if I perceive a state of dis-ease, I have done this (chosen this for) my self. Jesus of Nazareth was an example of how this works. This man was a great Avatar and Healer. He demonstrated true Healing, as those who came to him with an open heart, accepting of healing, could not fail to be healed, for Jesus realized His and their true One Self. In His presence, the individual's dis-ease could not be sustained when they accepted His pure, unconditional love which mirrored to them his/her very own reality. In His presence, the egocentric self chose denial of the One Self and the choice for dis-ease, then fell away like an old coat that was no longer required.

So, for all of us in terms of Self Healing, the process or journey of Spiritual Healing is the transcendence, or letting go of ego based victim consciousness and taking unconditional responsibility for our own Healing which requires surrender to the Will and Love of Divine Spirit, and the realization of the reality of the higher or true Self as an indivisible aspect of Spirit. The true healing agent is unconditional Love, which may be experienced as self-forgiveness and acceptance. This can only be attained through surrender to the unconditional love of God, and realization that God has never judged us and we have but judged ourselves. Then is restored the true Self absent dis-ease with full awareness of the Reality of God.

In the end analysis, we all experience being both patients and healers and experience healing at many levels. Spiritual Healing is the journey we all share as the evolution from the self to the SELF, from our perception of the separated egocentric self-based on the belief that "I" exist in separation from the ALL—to the realization and acceptance of our oneness with SELF which reflects the ALL.

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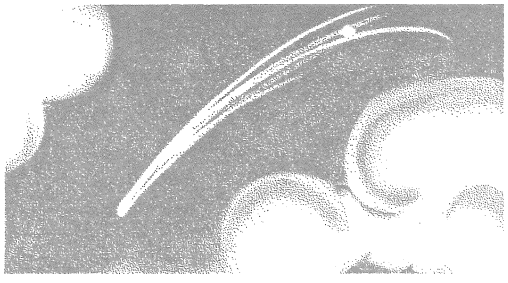
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that, "We affirm the moral responsibility of individuals and that we make our own happiness or unhappiness as we obey or disobey Nature's physical and spiritual laws." We go on to say in Principle Eight that the opportunity for "reformation is never closed." If you accept these Principles, then you should understand that you not only have the ability to create your personal reality, but that you also have a certain responsibility to do so. You have Self-determination, an aspect inherited from Infinite Intelligence. This makes sense, because it would do you no good to interfere with your imagined Self's driving experience. To do so would only bring back to you what you already know, not what you are trying to learn.

Ours, is a partnership with our personal creator entity and Infinite Intelligence. While we may seem to be like leaves blowing in the wind, we are in fact, powerful beings armed with tremendous control over our fate. To ask another entity to intercede in our behalf would be to ignore that fact. Worse, it would be an abdiction of our self-determination. Still, we have reason to think that the creator entity who holds our part of reality in its awareness is very important to us. We also have reason to be grateful for the opportunities to learn that this entity has provided—not directly in our behalf, but in behalf of a set of experiences through which we, and others, might experience the operation of Natural Law and come to understand its intricacies. We can even look to this entity for assurance that we are fulfilling our purpose or for guidance in how we should proceed. Such guidance might be similar to how you might tweak the behavior of your aspect in the car when you realized that the experience might be more interesting if your aspect were to drive over to your best friend's house.

There are actually many entities in our spiritual environment who have an influence in our lives. Of course, there are those who have experienced a lifetime in the physical and who now remain close to us so that they may guide and help us when possible. We believe there are also many entities close to us who have not lived in the physical. Then, of course, there are the Angelic entities who seem to be charged with the task of helping us maintain our presence in this aspect of reality. They are the ones who help us operate Natural Law. We are more aware of their counterparts who help the Plant Kingdom, but we also have such entities working in our behalf.

These entities will not directly intercede to prevent you from having an experience that is related to whatever purpose you may have for this lifetime. But, they can and do provide guidance and help to bring energy to your will. If you ask, they will teach and if you seek them out for comfort, they will imbue you with tremendous love. But they will not otherwise interfere and it would be wrong of you to ask them to do so, just as it would be wrong for you to ask someone here to assume your responsibilities.



It is also reasonable to ask our loved ones on the other side and the creator entities, for I believe there are many, to participate in our lives and to share our experiences. As I have said, ours is a partnership with the creator entities. This may be especially true if our particular creator entity is the seat of our Soul. Considering this, I believe it is good to ask these entities to join you in your quest for understanding. Invite them along for the fun. Know that they are there and that you have given them permission to be a part. Then be grateful for their presence.

So when I pray, I ask my friends on the other side to work with me in my efforts and to come along and learn as I learn. I have not figured out how to address the creator entities that I know are near, so I ask them by asking Spirit to also come along. When I ask Spirit, I visualize this concept of a creator entity and understand that I am forever entangled with these entities, and that through them I am entangled with Infinite Intelligence. And then I am grateful for their presence, as I would be grateful for the presence of a mentor or a good teacher.

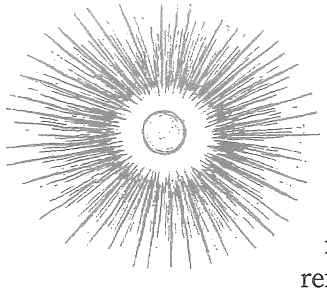
Addressing these entities as "God" is okay, but very confusing for me and for others. The influence of Christianity is great and using one of their most important terms cannot help but to invoke the thoughts of a god as our Christian friends intend the term. It would be more correct to address these entities as Soul, for in this cosmology, it seems that our real Soul, as that term is usually intended, is actually our creator entity. This would be the same as saying that the Soul or that aspect of yourself, test driving that car in your imagination, is really you, as Self. Perhaps this is something that we, as Spiritualists, need to discuss, for I would like to hear your thoughts on this most important subject.

So when we sing of God and ask God to protect us, I do not think of a father God who reins over me. I think of a teacher to whom I am grateful for the opportunities I have to learn and who may have actually provided the environment in which I might learn. When I speak the word "God" I think of the hierarchy of creator entities and know that I am an aspect of them, but that I am also unique and that I have self-determination.

Recognize and respect Infinite Intelligence, and when you have an urge to thank God, thank the entities who hold this part of reality in their awareness and from whom we have issued so that we can experience its possibilities. And, thank your higher Self, which is your Soul. It is these entities who are our "God," in a similar sense that the Christians think of God. But, do not worship these entities as an all-powerful God as some do, but as perhaps wiser and certainly important entities who are interested in our well-being, but who are not likely to interfere with the lessons we will learn in this physical lifetime.

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Spiritualism is...our guides and the Spirit Realm.



Through The Tunnel

BY AGNES FREEMAN, I.S.M., W.F.H., England

At the other end of the tunnel to the next realm, there is the beautiful light. This light reflects and emanates from all things, from this side of life as much as from the other side of life. You will see a rainbow appearing when you cross over. I know—I have been there! First the light around you will diminish then swirling colors envelop you. Next you go through a kind of a vortex, then that well-known tunnel vision comes next. After that the golden and warm welcoming light greets you.

I have met my guides on the other side, seen wonderful scenery, and unbelievable beauty. I was told I had to go back, but promised them I would do my part, as in the healing prayer, to help my fellow men and women. I will try to shed some light, some compassion and some love—that is my purpose while I am still in the physical.

Don't ever feel lost for you are definitely not, not while you are in the physical body, and definitely not once you make the transition into your spiritual body. There are spirit helpers always with you, guiding you, loving you.

I am grateful for the glimpse I received of the other side of life and I thank God for that! It was not a dream! I had nearly crossed over for good—but it wasn't my time then. While I was visiting the next realm it seemed like a minute or Eternity—who knows? Time conception is very different.

I am a healer and work with healing animals so while in the Spirit World I asked to be shown the Animal Kingdom and how the animals live that have gone from the Earth Plane.

They took me to a white bridge at first. As the elephants approached I saw some had their lovely ivory tusks, some had none. Those who had none I had to separate from the ones who had their crowning glory.

My Guide pointed out, "Look their tusks are back on them now! They are not sad any more." The tusk-less ones had received their ivory back, and I instructed them to follow the others, who had died of old age with their tusks on them. It was a profound experience and when I looked into the elephant's wise eyes, I felt uplifted, elevated, and blessed. It was such a privilege to be there and to commune with them.

People and animals receive healing when they cross over and are made whole again. My love for animals guided me to concentrate on them while I was there, and I was delighted and marveled at the wisdom of the Creator with so many wonderful species. It was a feast for the eyes and for my soul. As I watched and witnessed animals being made whole it was a wonderful and seemingly miraculous experience, which I shall never forget.

Yes, my friends, at the end of the tunnel there is the brightest, shining light—but not only for humans, for all those wonderful animals who are there too. Your pet will welcome you when you arrive in the etheric realm just as they did while in the physical.

Your loved ones and your guides will open their arms to you, and welcome you to your spiritual home at your physical journey's end. A bright shining new beginning awaits you, with great love, and even greater understanding of your earthly life and earthly lessons. The lessons were not really mistakes as you may think, for they were all necessary for you to grow and learn from.

There are many planes in the next dimension. The lower Astral is not a very bright place, but the higher Astral planes are quite Earth-like, yet not so heavy, much more radiant and beautiful. The planes I was fortunate to visit are beyond your dreams, and I will never forget them until the day I will be called home and the bright white light will embrace me forever! Until then "I will do my part" here and now. ⊗



FAVORITE SAYINGS TO LIVE BY



"What you are, the world is. And without your transformation, there can be no transformation of the world."
– J. Krishnamurti

"Since God thinks everything into being, there must be a perfect pattern at the center of everything."
– Ernest Holmes, *This Thing Called You*

Spiritualism is...a personal silence.

BOOKMARK

Becoming A Spiritualist

BY HUGH GORDON BURROUGHS

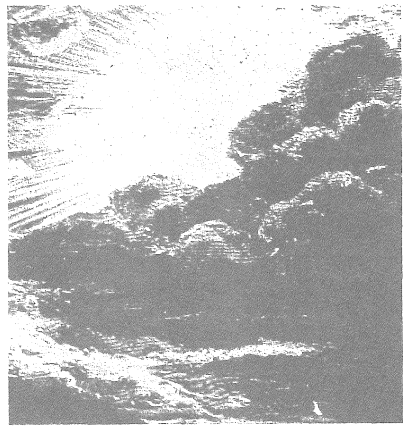
Sanctuary

Spiritualism calls the silence the sanctuary, the place of communication with the real you and the Departed Ones. It is a mistaken idea that we enter the silence solely for the purpose of hearing from some departed friend. We enter the sacred sanctuary to communicate with the inner self, the exhaustless, everlasting eternal part of ourselves—the I AM. This real person has always been and has passed through cycle upon cycle of manifestation, making a record of all experiences and manifesting now in this objective form.

It is that silent sanctuary in the inner temple, in the silence wherever it may be—in a small room, out upon the mountainside, by the shore of a lake or sea—listening and hopefully praying and desiring through meditation to reach out and find self, the I AM, that we commune with the subjective self, harkening to the voice which will guide when guidance is necessary. It is in that silent sanctuary that we contact the infinite manifestation that we think of as God, entering to that degree within self that we become attuned to every vibration in God's universe, and in that sanctuary find our relationship to all things. At such times we are not actuated by dogma or creed; we are free agents, sensitive to all vibrations, with every door open that truth may flow in from God through our trained receptivity and thus make us a conscious part of life.

Most of us are not really living; we are only existing from day to day, doing the things that are necessary to be done, that seem to be of vital importance to us. If our conversation were recorded at the end of the day, how ashamed we would be of the time wasted on those things which were mere trivialities. We do not see; we do not feel; we do not comprehend; we do not arrive.

The Philosophy of Spiritualism teaches us the way to accomplish. It teaches us that we are building our spiritual temples every day. It teaches us that this temple in which we live is a physical house that will soon pass; but that all the time we are living in this house, we are also creating another temple in an invisible realm. We are not going to leave this world and enter into a world of beauty and love that will be of real worth to us unless we have created something to have earned it.



No matter what we may believe or what religion we may have embraced, this inner sanctuary is being created by our secret thoughts, by our secret actions, and not by our outward manifestations. We may smile sweetly to those we meet, but we may not have a smile within. We may do things which seem pleasing, but which are really sinister in motive. If our secret thinking and secret manifestations do not correspond with our thoughts and expressions in the outer world, we are creating for self a temple that is going to be far from beautiful when we enter the other side of life. That which we earn we receive; it is in accordance with law that we cannot receive that which we do not earn. We must at all times do something to create happiness if we want happiness.

It is well to enter the silence to take stock of ourselves, a moment in which we can reach beyond the objective world of human manifestation and truly see. How wonderful for the individual who can do this! How beautiful his sanctuary may become! What a glorious manifestation may take place in the inner recesses where none can hear but the I AM, and the objective consciousness becomes for a moment attuned to the realization of its at-one-ness with the real self!

It is then while in the sanctuary, not asking for blessings for self, not asking that this one or that one may be the recipient of special blessings, but entering with the sole purpose of giving joyful praise for the manifestation through which we are passing and asking a blessing on all peoples, that the great Father hears our supplication. Silent though it is, God hears the penitent and with infinite love understands the need of the individual. At such a moment we are creating the inner temple in which we shall live. If it be one of joy, if it be one of hope, if it be one of tolerance, we have reached that high state in which we have become one who is on the way to true illumination.

Become confident in the knowledge

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Humor to put you in Good Spirits . . .

A little boy was overheard praying: "Lord, if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry about it. I'm having a real good time like I am."
– *Anonymous*

"A neurotic is a man who builds a castle in the air. A psychotic lives in it. A psychiatrist collects the rent."
– *Anonymous*

"Our strength is often composed of the weakness that we're damned if we are going to show."
– *Mignon McLaughlin*

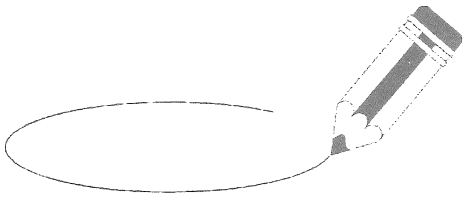
"Happily, the stock market closes on weekends—it gives fingernails a chance to grow back."
– *Sam Ewing*

"Love makes intellectual pretzels of us all."
– *Sarah Bird*

He who hesitates is not only lost, but several miles past the last exit.
– *Bits & Pieces*

Nothing is really work unless you would rather be doing something else.
– *Bits & Pieces*

Some people are good losers. Others can't act.
– *Bits & Pieces*



BOOKMARK: BECOMING A SPIRITUALIST

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of our everlastingness in the eternal plan of God that we shall always be, and that we are manifesting eternally with the Great Principle. Know that our purpose in being here is to learn, to accomplish, and to experience.

In the silence, which is the sanctuary in which we can commune and pray, we find attunement with God. We see the divine spark in every human being. In the silence we become part of the mighty urge. In no sense of the word does this experience unfit one for objective living. It places one in the position of knowing, of receiving, of hearing, and makes one understand that all conditions, whether good or bad, either culminate or dissolve as we have earned them here or somewhere along the path in our struggle to live life.

We each find our sanctuary, our place to kneel. It is not necessary to grovel at the feet of a deity; but in a spirit of gratitude, entering into that place of silence wherever it may be, in a spirit of true supplication, our asking shall be rewarded. Such religious thinking will help to mold our character to the highest, with the aid of communications which we may receive from the Masters of Light and Love.

Enter into the silence therefore. Look out in contemplation and remember that before anything was named, YOU WERE, and you and God mingled. In contemplative receptivity will you learn to know that you are needful to the manifestation of God in all His entirety. Not one soul can be lost in this vast universe; not one individual can go astray, but will someday come back, cleansed through the burning fires of experience.

You are eternal. You are life at this moment. Enter into your secret sanctuary, the little sacred place you have set apart; relax, listen, love, receive, and in your receiving put into objective expression all that you have gained of beauty and happiness. The trials will disappear; those things which seem to be problems will dissolve. Worries will pass out of your life; the unhappy conditions will be so clarified that you will enter into the knowledge of believing and knowing that you are cared for, guided, and directed, happy in the truth that you and God, Infinite Mind, are one and that you are living now, eternally. ⊗

This book may be ordered from the NSAC Book Store.

Spiritualism is...the loving people.

New Pastors in Calif.

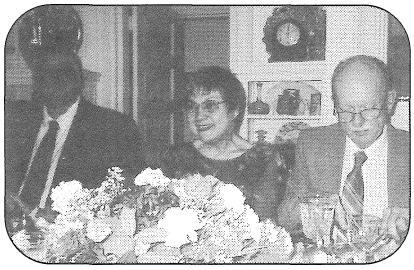
The Golden Gate Spiritualist Church, San Francisco, California, wishes to announce their new pastors. After their beloved pastor, the Rev. Donald Haddick made his transition to the Spirit world on April 10th, a Members' Meeting was held. The Rev. David F. Burr and the Rev. Delaney Lauderback were unanimously elected as pastor and associate pastor respectively.

Our new pastor, the Rev. David F. Burr joined the church in 1959, giving unstinting service as a certified healer, medium and vocal soloist. For over 15 years, he had also served as the assistant pastor.

The Rev. Delaney Lauderback, associate pastor, joined the church in 1967. Besides earning his ordination, he serves as a certified healer, conductor of the Lyceum, Librarian and vocal soloist. He is also the first Vice President of the California State Spiritualists' Association.

Celebrations in Virginia

The Memorial Spiritualist Church in Norfolk, Virginia, celebrated its 63rd anniversary on May 17th with a party at the home of one of its members, Valdeir de France, and the Right Reverend Charles Vaché.



Rev. Kenneth Peterson, Carol Brown, and Larry Brown.

Forty people gathered for a sit-down dinner in the elegance of silver candelabra, flower centerpieces made by Ken Peterson, Ann Marie Croteau, and Lelia Cutler. Guests were greeted and ushered to the garden where there were assortments of wine and cheese.



From Left: Sandra DeMarco, Rev. Beverly Burdick-Carey, Ann Marie Croteau, and Rev. Lelia Cutler.

When we were called to dinner, there were beautiful settings for each person, and dinner was served by a waiter staff from our membership, Sherry Hill, head waiter, assisted by Jessica Yates, Amy, Amber, and Cristal. Dinner was superb with a first course of fruit, followed by roast beef, saffron rice with raisins, broccoli, and peas. The good cooks of the church supplied cheesecake, chocolate mouse cake, and chocolate layer cake for dessert. The evening was filled with laughter, good conversation, music and singing with Fred Brown at the piano. We have had a wonderful 63 years, and we now look forward to next year.



The table was beautiful and the food delicious.



Our Head Waiter, Sherry Hill.



Rev. Kathleen Cribb and Frank Cribb.

On June 9th, 2002, at 2:30 p.m. in the afternoon, Rev. Lelia E. Cutler, NST, led the Rite of Ordination Service for Sylvia Kincaid at The Memorial Spiritualist Church in Norfolk, Virginia. The Rev. Kathleen Cribb assisted in the service. After Lelia officiated the ordination service, gave the charge, and addressed the candidate, Kathleen presented Sylvia with the minister's robe given by the members of the church. Lelia gave Sylvia a burgundy satin stole for the robe later in the week, after sewing furiously. As president of the church board of trustees, Fred Brown presented Sylvia with her Ordination Certificate.



Fred Brown presenting Sylvia with her Ordination Certificate



George and Sylvia Kincaid holding basket of congratulation flowers sent by Lily Dale Spiritualist Church.

Following this ceremony, Lelia also officiated at the presentation of Sylvia's National Spiritualist Teacher's

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Rev. Lelia Cutler, Rev. Kathleen Cribb and Sylvia Kincaid during Sylvia's Ordination Service.

degree. Sylvia is a member of her home church in Norfolk, but lives in Lily Dale, New York. She works with the Lily Dale Spiritualist Church, teaching their membership classes. A beautiful basket of flowers was presented to Sylvia from the Lily Dale church.

The reception following the service was held in the church classroom, and included a delicious assortment of food. Bill and Jessica Yates made the official sign congratulating Sylvia, and all those present at the service signed it. It was a day of jubilation and celebration enjoyed by all.



New Members: (Back) Joseph Higgins, Patricia Perry, and Patricia Higgins; (Front) Jan Vaillencourt, Jodi Sheffer, Suzie Proost, and Doreen Furtado; (No photo) Janice Santos.

On Sunday evening, June 9th, a Licentiate Minister's Certificate was presented to Carol Ann Brown, after having completed all the studies and requirements. Carol has been serving in the capacity of a minister for at least a decade, and the members and friends were celebrating that Carol has decided to become a minister with the church. After ordaining Sylvia Kincaid, NST, in the afternoon, it seemed appropriate to start another member on the road to ordination in the evening service.



Larry and Carol Brown with LM Certificate.



Rev. Lelia Cutler, NST, presenting LM Certificate to Carol Brown.

Massachusetts News



Brian and Lynn Kent.

The First Spiritualist Church of Brockton, located in Rehoboth, Massachusetts, held their Right Hand of Fellowship on April 28, 2002. The new members have excelled in our development classes and look forward to a busy summer serving spirit.

The First Spiritualist Church of Brockton is announcing ordination ceremonies for Lynn Kent and her husband, Brian Kent, for July 13th at the Johnson and Wales University Inn in Seekonk, Massachusetts, with banquet to follow. Reverend John Sullivan, pastor of the First Spiritualist Church of Springfield will officiate the ordination of Lynn Kent and Reverend Kenneth Wingood, pastor of the Church of Spiritual Life will officiate the ordination of Brian Kent. The ordination celebration consummates their meeting at the church in 1997 and their marriage in Las Vegas, Nevada, the following year.

Ordination in Washington, DC

It was announced that today, June 2, 2002, the Pastor of The Light Center Spiritualist Church (TLC), John E. Rothamel Jr., was ordained as a minister of Spiritualism at a service that was held at The Church of Two Worlds, Washington, DC.

The service was performed at the church in the center of Georgetown by the Rev. Lelia Cutler, NST. Ms. Cutler is the Treasurer of the National Spiritualist Association of Churches (NSAC), Morris Pratt Institute and The College of Spiritual Science (CSS). She is the Pastor of the Memorial Spiritualist Church in Norfolk, VA. Mrs. Cutler bears the degree of National Spiritualist Teacher and the NSAC certification of Certified Medium.

The service included harp music, hymns, poetry, the Declaration of Principles, and of course, the ordination charge and presentation.

The service was well attended as was the reception immediately following.

John started his ministerial studies approximately six years ago with Spiritualism's theological seminary, the Morris Pratt Institute. John has been active in Spiritualist churches since childhood, and he was President of the Board of Trustees of the Golden Light Chapel in Annapolis, Maryland at the age of 20. He is presently a member and President of the Board of Directors of The Church of Two Worlds and is a co-founder and Pastor of The Light Center Spiritualist Church. John serves as guest speaker and medium at churches and camps along the East coast and the Mid-West.

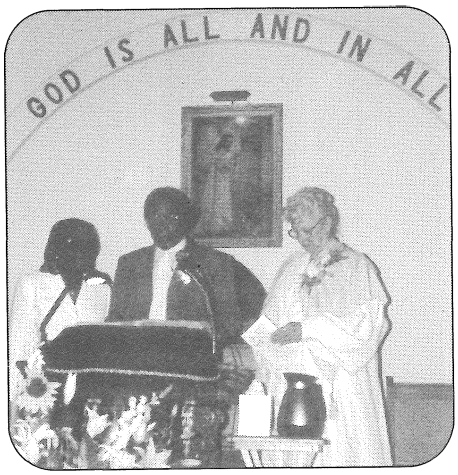
It is our pleasure to have the Science, Philosophy, and Religion of Modern Spiritualism represented by the Rev. John Edward Rothamel Jr., NST.

Please join us in congratulating him.

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Ordination in Illinois



Marrice Coverson and Reverends Jesse James and Sharon Snowman.

The Church of the Spirit, the oldest Spiritualist church in Chicago, celebrated the ordination of pastor Marrice Coverson on June 9, 2002. Family, friends and members of several Spiritualist churches filled the sanctuary to witness the momentous event. Bouquets of peonies, roses, snapdragons, lilies and sunflowers graced the piano, organ and pulpit. On the platform, the Reverend Sharon L. Snowman of Lily Dale, New York and the Reverend Jesse James, pastor of the First Spiritualist Church of Gary, Indiana, prepared to officiate at the ordination.



Marrice Coverson and Reverends Jesse James and Sharon Snowman.

The day's events began with the regular Sunday morning services. Sharon Snowman delivered the sermon with the inspiring message that "with God all things are possible." Following the sermon, she and Jesse James communicated the spirit messages to the congregation.



Jan Rubschlager, Treasurer; Rev. Marrice; June Killmer, member; and Paul Rubschlager, President.

At the conclusion of morning services, the ordination ceremony began. Musical performances throughout the proceedings uplifted the audience. Duet and solo singers Dina Everage, Norissa Pearson and Dr. Ken James inspired the listeners. The lively music of the instrumental trio of Abebayo A. Gordon, Tommy Miles, and Roberto Quinonez filled the church, delighting everyone. Church organist Joan Rubschlager led the congregation to a joyous singing of the hymns.

Along with Ms. Snowman and Mr. James, several other ministers and church members participated in aspects of the ceremony—address to the candidate, presentation of the robe, ordination charge, and the flower ceremony. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the Reverend Marrice Coverson, NST, came forward to speak, having selected the topic, "What is my name?" Noted for her dynamic preaching, Marrice once again touched the congregation with her moving and challenging words.



Ms. Patricia Scheer, Lyceum Director, Church of the Spirit, and Marrice, during Flower Ceremony.

Following the ordination, the congregation moved to the church hall overflowing its capacity. The great banquet provided the opportunity for all to sit at table in fellowship and in celebration of the Reverend Marrice Coverson, NST, beloved pastor of the Church of the Spirit.

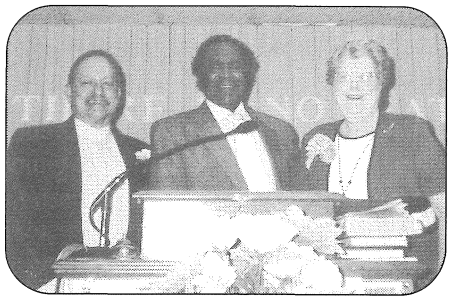
Ordination in Indiana



Rev. Bob Bianchi.

The Reverend Bob Bianchi and the Reverend Mildred Schlagel celebrated their ordination into the ministry during the 98th annual Convention of the Indiana State Association of Spiritual Science (I.S.A.S.S.), held May 17-19, 2002, at the First Spiritual Church of Gary, Indiana.

The Reverend Jesse James, Jr., Pastor of the Gary church and President of the I.S.A.S.S. officiated during the beautiful Friday evening service.



Indiana State Convention Ordination Ceremony and Banquet.

Bob and Mildred's hard work, study, and total dedication have paid off and we congratulate them on their endeavors.

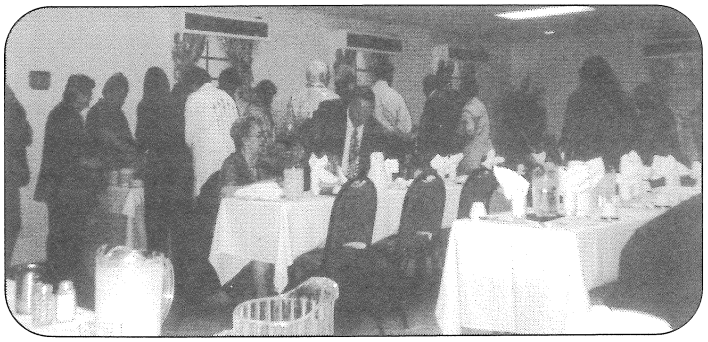
Reverend Schlagel is pastor of the New Dawn Spirit of

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Light Church in Indianapolis and has served as pastor for a number of years.

On June 9th, Bob's wife, Sharon, hosted a lovely service and luncheon for family and friends at the beautiful and



Guests at the banquet.

historic Renaissance Marriott in Indianapolis in honor of Bob's ordination.

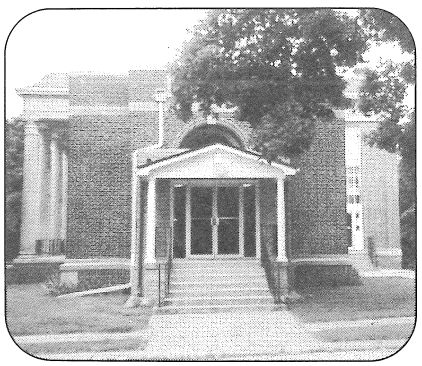
Reverend Bob Bianchi has served as assistant pastor for the Spiritual Science Church in Michigan City, Indiana, as well as serving as a member of the Board of Directors. He has recently moved to Terre Haute, Indiana, and continues to serve Spiritualism.



Guests at Bob's reception.

Recently, the Reverend Bob Bianchi was appointed pastor of J. T. and E. J. Crumbaugh Church in LeRoy, Illinois and remains active as a missionary.

Best of Luck to both the Reverend Bob Bianchi and the Reverend Mildred Schlagel on their Spiritual paths.



Crumbaugh Church

Transition in Maine

Thomas B. Haldane left the physical expression on Monday, April 22, 2002, at Maine Medical Center in Gorham, Maine. He was 84.

He was born in Sherbrooke, Quebec, Canada, a son of Frank and Elizabeth Bradshaw Haldane. He graduated from Portland High School, Class of 1937, and then went on to work for the former Elders Restaurant of Portland and Foster-Avery Clothing Store.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. Following the service, he returned to work at Foster-Avery Clothing Store until becoming employed by the U.S. Postal Service in Portland, which he retired from in 1980 after 32 years of service.

He is survived by his wife, Agnes E. Riley Haldane of Gorham; a son, Edward B. Haldane of Portland; two stepsons, Joseph Foss, Jr. of Oregon, and Peter F. Foss of Buxton; a stepdaughter, Melissa A. Arehart and her husband, Frederick of Gorhamp.

Thomas was a Spiritualist many will remember from the NSAC Annual Conventions, which he attended for years. He was the former pastor of Portland Spiritual Church and served in many Spiritualist churches over his lifetime. He was a true Spiritualist and a medium and is probably already busy in the Spirit World. ⊗

Quotes from a calendar...

Happiness often sneaks in through an open door you didn't know you left open.

The greatest power that a person possesses is the power to choose.

Keep your ideals high enough to inspire you, and low enough to encourage you.

"In our every deliberation, we must consider the impact of our decisions on the next seven generations."
– The Great Law of the Iroquois Confederation

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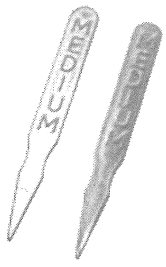
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BY THE REVS. TOM AND LISA BUTLER, NST

The Reverend Barbara Thurman to do Presentation. Loyd Auerbach is the President of the California Society for Psychical Study (CSPS) and a Consulting Editor for *Fate* magazine. He does Parapsychology seminars on various topics in the Pleasant Hill, CA area and has asked the Reverend Barbara Thurman to do a presentation for the CSPS on November 19th on Spiritualist topics. The location for the presentation is St. John's Presbyterian Center, Fireside Room, 2727 College Ave., Berkeley, CA. If you would like more information on this presentation it will be on the CSPS website (www.ca-sps.org). Information on other seminars conducted by Loyd can be found at www.mindreader.com/events. Email Loyd at esper@california.com or write to Loyd Auerbach, The Office of Paranormal Investigations, PO Box 875, Orinda, CA 94563-0875, Phone: 415-249-9275.

Apports Received at ISF Congress. We attended the International Spiritualist Federation (ISF) Congress in June to do a presentation on the NSAC Department of Phenomenal Evidence (DPE), Electronic Voice Phenomena (EVP) and Instrumental TransCommunication (ITC). The congress was a week long event of classes and presentations. We sat in five, 1.5-hour sessions each for Physical Mediumship led by Marjory Kite and Trance Mediumship led by John Alexander.

On the second day of the Trance class we got our first unexpected surprise in the way of an apport from a group of our friends on the other side called the Imperator Group. After a mediation aimed toward trance, Lisa reached under her chair for her bottle of water. There on the floor, directly under her chair, was a small white stick that read "Medium." This apport is a signature of the Imperator Group of entities. The "Medium stick" is like the ones that are placed in a person's steak to signify that it is done the way that one has requested.



At noon, on the next day of the conference, we had made the long walk from the dorm to the building that held the classes and cafeteria. Lisa was wearing a pair of tight fitting leather flats. After eating lunch Lisa returned to the serving area for another glass of tea. While walking to the serving area she felt an obstruction in her shoe that hurt. Thinking that something had gone wrong with the interior of her shoe, she sat down and slipped the shoe off. There in the shoe was another "Medium Stick."

These were the first direct apports that we have received and an extremely exciting and evidential experience. We feel that the energy and rapport of the many attendees made this possible. The congress, classes and presenters were superb. The presentation that we did was well received and the bonus of the apports made the congress an event that we will remember as a very special experience.

In honor of Halloween here are a couple of interesting articles that we came across.

Ghosts With Alzheimers? An article in The Academy of Religion and Psychical Research Bulletin Volume 11, No.2, June 2002 ran with the above heading. It speaks to the phenomena of "recorder ghosts," ghosts that are always seen in the same places, repeating the same motions, and doing the same exact things never acknowledging onlookers. Many ghost researchers have felt that these types of ghosts were not really the souls of the dead, but some sort of "discarded psychic rubbish left by the soul's passing into the next world."

The short article goes on to point out that research into Alzheimer's Disease has raised doubt about the "recorder ghost" dogma of the paranormal community, stating that the behavior of Alzheimer's patients is much like that of these "tape-loop" types of ghosts. Alzheimer's patients wander mindlessly through old behavior patterns and repeat old habitual actions. When they are in such "spells," they do not realize that they are lost and they do not respond when addressed.

The article concludes that, "these multiple parallels are suggesting to some modern ghost researchers that those 'tape loop' ghosts may not be empty images after all, but the mentally ill souls of the dead."

Please note that this is just a theory proposed by one group of researchers. There is currently not enough information available to make a definitive statement about these "recorder ghosts."

Spook Lights. There are many reports of Nocturnal Lights. Readers may have heard of the Marfa Lights, the Tri-State Lights, the Hornet Light or Bailey's Prairie Light. The Brown Mountain Lights would be included in this type of

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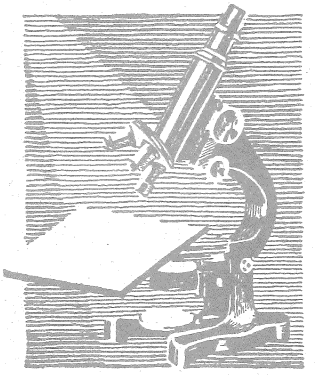
ASPECTS OF TRUTH *(Continued from page 13.)*

Sincerity is the keynote, allied to an earnest desire to give of oneself in God's cause. Therefore, never decry the beliefs of those with whom you are not in complete accord, for truth, in essence, is a jewel of many facets. Your brother's way is as precious to him as yours is to you, and every bit as valid.

In order to reinforce this understanding, let us offer an illustration of the diverse nature of truth. Let us suppose that beings from another planet, wishing to ascertain what your world is like, were to place one of their number in the midst of a desert, a second in the depths of a jungle, and yet another at one of the polar regions. Understandably, the first would report that Planet Earth is exceedingly hot, dry and barren, consisting of nothing more than endless sands. The second would declare it to be intensely humid, overgrown with vegetation and teeming with wild life, whilst the third would contend it to be bitterly cold, barren, and perpetually encased in ice. Each would be speaking truthfully according to his own perception, yet because of limited vision, each would to some degree be in error. Which is why it is so necessary, to discount minor differences and cultivate only that which will be for the good of all.

It is humanity who erects the barriers of distrust; who disputes and disposes; who taints the intrinsic purity of truth. To God, all are one, and all are precious. We look toward a time when men and women will embrace each other, rather than exclude any.

The world is full of sectarian religions, yet there is but one divine source, of whom all are a part. Serve with the best that is in you and all else pales into insignificance. All are at varying stages of progression, and understanding, but each can sow the seeds of truth wherever they think they may take root and flourish.



It is said that actions speak louder than words, then truly demonstrate your truth in the way you live. Cherish God's gift of life. Let others perceive in you something that will be of value to themselves. Hold firmly to your vision of truth. Bearing in mind that true spirituality can never be attained through dogma, or doctrine, but springs as a deeply personal emanation from within.

How well you apply yourselves, the degree of commitment you are willing to devote to your chosen way, unerringly denotes the full measure of your worth as a truly enlightened being. Let your journey toward fulfillment be seen as living proof of your relationship with spirit, and thence of your kinship with all humanity. ⊗

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phenomena. They are mysterious lights on Brown Mountain in Burke County, North Carolina that have mystified observers for over one hundred years. Eyewitnesses have described these balls of light as being red, yellow or white. They remain motionless or are seen moving around and have been described as misty spheres at times. Many individuals as well as the US Weather service and the U.S. Geological Survey department have investigated the Brown Mountain Lights.

Cherokee legends say that the lights are the spirits of slain warriors. Other explanations for the lights range from several ghostly legends to scientific theories including ball lightning and "earth-lights" (a luminous phenomenon caused my seismic activity). All of these explanations have failed to completely explain the nature of the lights.

A Paranormal Research Team based in Asheville, North Carolina has now observed and filmed the Brown Mountain Lights using an Infrared Night Vision camera. Over an hour of activity was captured on the first known video evidence of the lights. The team hopes that this footage will yield more clues about these mysterious lights that have eluded a suitable explanation.

From an article by David Russell the X Project Magazine www.xproject.net/archives/paranormal/brnmntlights.html.

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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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