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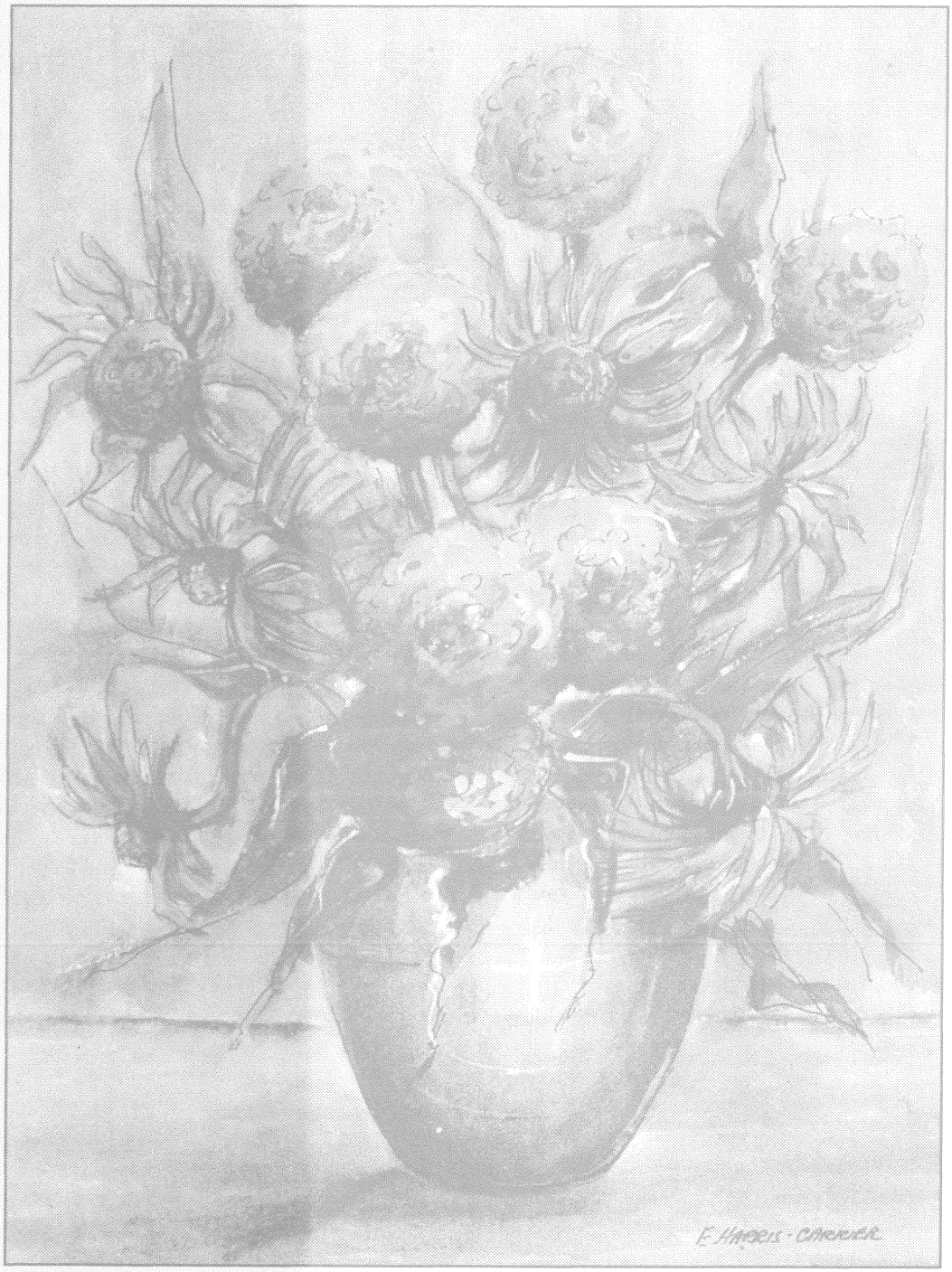
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Sitters Don't Just Sit!

BY THE REV. SANDRA PFORTMILLER, NST

It was my first time in a Spiritualist Church and I was fascinated with the service, enjoyed the healing, but when the mediums began to give messages, I had mixed emotions. Part of me wanted my spirit son to communicate, but I then might cry. Another part of me was afraid if a medium tuned into me they might see my shadow side and not think well of me or some such thing. Without realizing what I was doing I closed myself off. My not knowing caused me fear, but gradually my doubts vanished.

Many times I see this when I look at the energy field of the congregation during the message service. The new people do not quite know how this thing called mediumship works. They wonder: Can the psychic read their deep inner thoughts, and is it maybe just mental telepathy? If they're reading my thoughts, can they see them all? Did the sensitive learn something about these people before they arrived? Are they just making lucky guesses or how are the mediums bringing in these dead people? Will the medium bring in my loved one with their pet name and will I cry and make a spectacle of myself? Sound familiar?

The beginning process of receiving messages is often emotional and intense. Some of this is due to the unfamiliarity of the process, but it is also due to people's strong desire for communicating with departed loved ones or friends. Now through all of this tension and emotion, the medium is expected to tune in and bring evidential messages. Sometimes this can be hard to do. Many people erect a selective filter, wanting some special information, so it is difficult for a medium to get a true message, for their efforts are blocked. Attunement is easier if the recipient is relaxed and open.

Mediumship is not an exact science for it is a triangle of personalities—the spirit communicator, the medium and the recipient. Three energies are involved, each contributing, each one adding or subtracting to the clarity of the message. The responsibility for a good reading is dependent upon the entire threesome. Let us discuss some of the things a sitter can do to assist their third part of the spirit communication.

It is important that the receiver of a message be as open and as accepting as possible. Someone who arrives at church or for a private reading who is late, thinking of what they had to do, jotting notes for the remainder of the day, reading some literature, talking on their cell phone, in a hurry or agitated, will not be as receptive for the spirit forces and the medium. Compare the individual who, maybe upon arising in the morning, invites his or her spirit guides and loved ones to share some time with them at the coming meeting. They come early to church or the sitting, send good thoughts and feel the energy. They work to be centered and quiet within and send a blessing to the worker. They desire and expect to hear from a loved one through mediumship. Common sense tells us the prepared person will receive the most evidential and uplifting communication. The vibrational energy from the sitter mirrors the atmosphere they attract, for it affects the medium and the spirit communicator.

Many find Spiritualism because they want to continue to commune with a dear departed soul, and they want immediate contact. Some of these entities have barely left the physical and are not ready to communicate immediately, nor do they know how. It is wise to allow some time before an attempt is made, so as not to be disappointed if the person hoped for does not arrive. Of course, there are some who pass out of the physical who seem to begin to touch back almost immediately.

Several years ago we had a friend in the research field, who came to us within a couple of weeks of his passing, saying what wonderful libraries they had in the next realm. He was thrilled to be there and he has not touched in with us again. Guess he is busy. Then, there are people who come through who we hardly knew and they persist in visiting from the other side. A new member of our church questioned why her father, whom she dearly loved, had never greeted her, yet this almost stranger was a frequent visitor. It is not always who we want to come through that does. Maybe her father was studying and progressing, and maybe the almost stranger has no one else who is open to touch in with. It seems many spirits really enjoy reconnecting with the physical expression.

Sometimes when a spirit comes through for the first time they are inexperienced and it can be difficult for the medium to interpret. If the sitter has not heard from them before, it might be wise for them to send some energy to assist the transfer of thought. The inexperienced communicator may have difficulty trying to bridge the gap and impress the medium's mind as to the message he or she wants to impart. Sometimes the spirit will have to start all over in another way with different symbols. Occasionally, the entity may wait for a different sensitive on a different day. The message recipient is rewarded when they are patient, for spirit friends will often keep trying until they are recognized.

Sometimes the sitter closes the door because they don't recall an incident or the proof that the spirit is delivering. They may have certain expectations and that is all they are willing to accept. I recently went to a high school reunion and the

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things some of my friends were relating, I did not remember. The same thing happened for each one there, and one fellow said, "Where was I when all of this happened?" Don't say "no" too quickly, as your memory may bring the understanding later.

We each recall events that made an impression on us for some reason. This is true in the physical and also will be the memories carried into the spirit realm. The spirit loved ones on the other side do not have a ready grasp of all the details of their former earth life, and this is not their focus any more. Our guides tell us that it takes great concentration for our etheric family and friends to bring up specific memories of their past lives in the physical to share with us, for it seems so far away and long ago. We are really blessed that they donate their time and energy to say, "Hello, I love you and I continue to live and grow."

Often, if an individual can't identify an entity through what the medium says, the sitter will discount it. Many times the person later tells the message bearer that they figured out who the person from spirit was on their way home from church or during their meditation. Other times, the spouse is sitting there shaking their head, yes, during the message, for they recognize the departed and tell their partner who it is.

We, in this realm, often want specific proof, such as a term of endearment a loved one called us, or an agreed upon word. Spirit communicates through symbols. Now if the pet name was "Sunshine," "Teddy bear," or "Sugar," it might not be too difficult for the symbol to be given to the medium. What about "Snicklefritz," "Snookie," or some other unique endearment? I remember getting a pie every time I touched in with one woman. That is all I got from the spirit—no gender or other message, just a good feeling and the pie. I colored it to mean someone who baked. One day I just gave her the pie, telling her every time I touched in with her I got a pie. She said her husband called her "Sweety-pie." A medium gave me an old shoe several times and I finally connected it with a childhood friend of my parents named Shoebottom. Mediums are lucky sometimes and are told the name, but this isn't always the case.

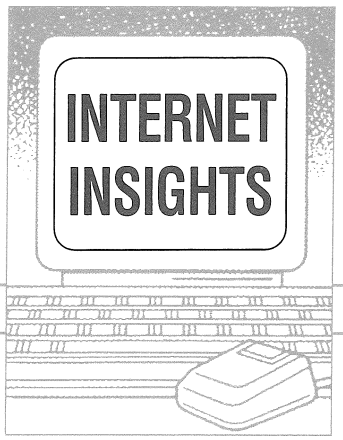


Spirit doesn't always identify themselves by name. Often evidence comes by way of descriptions, relationships, or telling something about their life while in the physical. Sometimes the sitter expects a medium to work in a specific way, but each sensitive has a unique manner of presentation. You will be disappointed if you compare or judge the abilities of one medium against the abilities of another medium. Allow the medium to work in their own manner and pace. If the person getting the reading expects or demands things done in their way, attempts to lead or confuse the medium, argues or is too talkative, it could cause poor attunement for the sensitive and disappointment for the sitter. Be thankful for what is received during a reading. It isn't always prophecy, and the value of a sitting should not be measured by how much prediction is received. Each person must also remember that they have free-will to make changes, and sometimes our spirit helpers show us a possible outcome, so we will make changes.

Paul Beard wrote in *Inner Eye, Listening Ear—An Exploration into Mediumship*, "If the sensitive asks whether information she gives is correct, it is suggested that the recipient confines himself as far as possible briefly to affirming or denying in an honest way. Sensitives need to feel they are on the right wavelength and that the communicator with whom they are in touch is known to the sitter. When replying, special care should be taken not to give away evidence by adding extra facts. It is for the sensitive to try to provide these, and she will feel frustrated if her listener provides them first. The interview will be twice as convincing too if the communicator is left to produce them. The sitter should not stonewall, become impatient, or assume an inwardly suspicious or cynical attitude. The sensitive will quickly sense this."

Beard also writes: "Even those who when on earth had knowledge and experience of the subject almost invariable state that they find that communication is far harder than they had expected. It requires concentration of considerable depth…" And "No undue authority however must be given to any teacher simply because he is speaking from beyond death. If genuine, he will disclaim such authority and ask his pupil to use his own judgement." Our spirit friends know the Law, especially the Law of Cause and Effect. So suggestions are made, but they will not insist we do anything, for they then would be responsible for the effect. The sitter can listen to spirit advice, but it is ultimately their personal decision whether to heed it or to go in another direction. A good message helps to guide us on the road to right living.

Fully accurate mediumship is not easy, especially when the sitter does not do their part in the triangle. Therefore, if you want clear evidential greetings from your family and friends on the other side of the veil, create an open, loving vehicle to receive. Listen to the message, but analyzes it afterwards. Rather, try to feel the energy that is being shared with you. Some days the veil seems to be easier to bridge than other days for the medium. So when the messages are flowing freely, pay special attention within, for the loved one is striving to let you know that they still care and are still interested in your well-being. Later determine if the message shed light on your life's situations, gave you upliftment, felt loving or brought some viewpoint different than your own. Mediumship is beautiful and beneficial. Honor communication between the spheres by doing your part. ✘



The TRUE Value of TIME...

We often forget how valuable our time is, until we see it all in perspective. Here's what I mean...

To realize the value of one year, ask a student who has failed a final exam.

To realize the value of one month, ask a mother who has given birth to a premature baby.

To realize the value of one week, ask an editor of a weekly newspaper.

To realize the value of one hour, ask the lovers who are waiting to meet.

To realize the value of one minute, ask the person who has missed the train, bus or plane.

To realize the value of one second, ask a person who has survived an accident.



To realize the value of one millisecond, ask the person who has won a silver medal in the Olympics.

Time waits for no one. Treasure and live each moment, every moment you have.

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What happened in NOVEMBER throughout the years?

NOVEMBER 5

Election Day is a day when you can do your part and vote for those you feel will follow the Laws of God and govern in truth and compassion.

NOVEMBER 11

Veteran's Day, used to be called Armistice Day, but the name was changed in 1954 to honor all men and women who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces.

NOVEMBER 12, 1866

Mr. James Lawrence was inspired one day while experimenting with Professor Hare's Spirit Dial that Spiritualists should set aside a day to recognize the beginning of Modern Spiritualism. At the next Convention he proposed that March 31st of each year be recognized as the Advent of Modern Spiritualism. This met with enthusiastic response and it has been recognized ever since.

NOVEMBER 14, 1849

On this date the **First Public Demonstration** of spirit communication by the Fox sisters, Margaretta and Leah, was held at Corinthian Hall in Rochester, New York. There were three days of testing and the young Fox girls passed every test the committees proposed proving that the communication did not come from them. This was not what the crowd wanted to hear and the girls had to be protected by their supporters. What brave souls they were and how trusting they were of their spirit helpers.

NOVEMBER 21

Happy Birthday to our NSAC President, **the Rev. Barbara Thurman, NST.** We pray for health, wisdom and joy for you in the year ahead.



NOVEMBER 22, 1904

The skeleton of **Charles B. Rosna** and his peddlers pack were discovered behind a false wall in the basement of the Hydesville cottage where in 1848 raps and communication with the Fox family began. These remains validated the story the Fox family learned on that first night and gave credence to the new religion of Spiritualism.

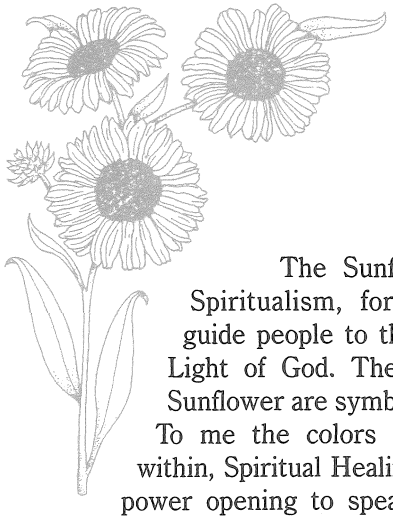
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Thanksgiving Day, a day to Count Your Blessings!

NOVEMBER 30

Hanukkah—All Jewish holidays begin at sundown the day before. This eight day celebration is the Festival of Lights to commemorate the victory over the Syrians and the rededication of the Temple at Jerusalem.

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As The Sunflower

BY VICTORIA M. PINTER, Wisconsin

The Sunflower is the symbol of Spiritualism, for Spiritualism works to guide people to the Light of Truth, to the Light of God. The beautiful colors of the Sunflower are symbolic and share a message. To me the colors mean: Green is healing within, Spiritual Healing. Yellow is wisdom and power opening to speak. Symbolic of the sun, yellow is the warmth within us, and like the sun, it should shine for everyone we meet. Brown reminds us to center ourselves, maybe by the soil below our feet grounding us and helping to bring us to balance. The orange tints remind us of creativity, emotions, gifts and talents that we share as we reach out to others. The stock of the sunflower is so strong, bending with the wind and teaching us to never give up, to bend with life's experiences.

"As the Sunflower turns its face
to the Light of the Sun,
So Spiritualism turns the face of
humanity to the Light of Truth."

Truth, do you know the truth within you? How do you feel when you center yourself with the truth? You feel better and aligned, don't you?

As Spiritualists, we work to see the truth in others, in life, in ourselves. We try to help those who are in need of help, to give love, and light—a smiling face. That is what helping humanity is all about—sharing LOVE.

As Spiritualists, we try to expand the truth and love within. We have many truths and look for the light of others, knowing each day is a new beginning. In all life there is a God-part, in each soul there is Light.

When we raise our vibration, we experience greater dimensions, and we see the light around all. We understand that all things come to an end, but do not cease to exist. Spiritualists know that energy changes form and continues in the new form, always progressing toward the Light. We grow from life's lessons and we go on. We see that all good things must be, and that everyone creates their own happiness and their freedom.

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Excerpt from a *TNS* editorial, August 1990:

"This golden rayed flower always looks to the sun, as those in Spiritualism look to the Light. The flower nods and inclines its head in honor of the source of energy, as the spiritual individual gives praise and glory to Infinite Intelligence with our prayers, songs, meditations, and affirmations. Just as the Sunflower gains nourishment from the sun, so does it give nourishment to animals, birds and humans. In comparison, the Spiritualist gains nourishment from their religion and then goes forth setting an example of sharing, compassion and living in accordance with Natural Law."

Excerpt from
Centennial Book of
Modern Spiritualism in America – 1948:

"Unfortunately, the name of the individual who first suggested the **Sunflower** as a suitable emblem for Spiritualism, is not known. In the early days of the movement, records of such events were either not kept or were lost; but, we do know that it has been used, at least, since 1898 as the official flower of the Spiritualists…

"No other flower would be quite as appropriate and significant. Modern Spiritualism was born in America—the Sunflower is indigenous to American soil: Spiritualism has spread to thirty-eight nations—the Sunflower has been transplanted to as many or more: Modern Spiritualism is the magnet of truth drawing into its folds those who have become dissatisfied and unsatisfied with their dogmatic creeds and rituals, and are searching for an understandable, livable explanation of life and its problems—the Sunflower is the magnet attracting every type of insect in search of the nectar obtainable in other flowers. Modern Spiritualism protects man from ignorance and superstition that stifle individual spiritual growth—the Sunflower protects the weaker plants and flowers from the too strong rays of heat, and the winds that tend to level them. Spiritualism stresses the great value of Spiritual Healing—the Sunflower has medicinal value. Both grow in the poorest soil.

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Things To Think About

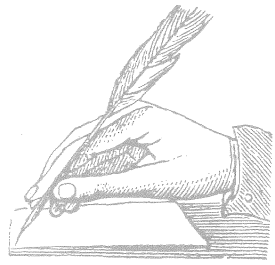
BY MERRY BROWNE

Effective Approaches?

The summer-fall issue of World Research Newsletter contains a book review of *Challenging Orthodoxy: America's Top Medical Preventives Speak Out.* The book bluntly exposes touted medical approaches as not effective as they are represented to be—stating flatly that this traditional healthy-care system bankrupts more effectively than it cures.

It also quotes Hugh Fudenberg, M.D., as saying flu-shots contribute to Alzheimer's disease due to the mercury in the shots that builds up in the brain causing cognitive dysfunction. Dr. Fudenberg is the world's leading immunogeneticist.

We are slowly moving out of the dark ages of chemical medicine into the light of what is termed alternative medicine. This recognizes the part mind plays in automatically manifesting upon the body and how changing the mind automatically changes body conditions.



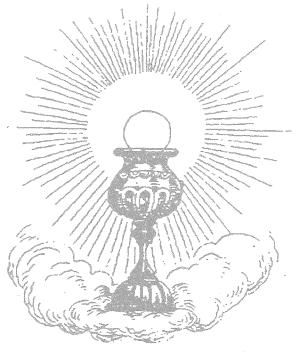
Energy medicine abounds, also, in its various forms, so it will be just one step further to realize mind, itself, is energy that automatically functions and heals the body—but that unspiritual mind manifests illness at some time. Changing to a spiritual mind automatically manifests healing of the body, permanently. ✘

FEATURE

Spiritualism! What It Is! What It Is Not!

BY THE REV. RUPERT SIGURDSSON, NST, Maine

Spiritualism is not a philosophy of fear or of a vengeful God, a fiery Hell, Damnation or the belief that we are all born in sin. We are not conditioned with the fear to keep us on the straight and narrow path for the week each time we attend church.



Those that come to a Spiritualist church do not come out of fear, they come to enjoy the peaceful vibration of love, communication with those that are on the spirit side of life and the opportunity to share their belief with friends. It is a philosophy of unconditional love, understanding, healing, positive thinking and living.

We accept that there is a universal creative, loving, energy force, or power, called God by many. We, as Spiritualists, call this creative force Infinite Intelligence. It is not power that we can ever understand, it is far beyond our mental ability to comprehend. A philosophy teacher once said, "The human being cannot completely understand another human or even an animal, so how can we expect to understand or comprehend a universal power?"

Spiritualism has nine, easy to understand, Principles, called the Declaration of Principles, and if they are lived by, a person will find their life turning in a very positive direction. Even a negative person will find their lives making a gradual change for the better as they try to make changes and live in accord with Natural Law.

Spiritualism does not accept that this life comes to an abrupt end with the grave. It does not accept that we will eventually rise from the grave and be judged and either sent to eternal Hell, or if we have earned a good life, be sent to a blissful Heaven, where one floats on a cloud, or some such useless form of existence.

Spiritualists know that through verifiable spirit messages from mediums and their own personal experiences from loved ones that once lived on Earth, that there is a continuity of life beyond the grave without any question.

As a Spiritualist, we can accept that each person is a living part of Infinite Intelligence and that we are all on this Earth for a purpose. Whatever role we find ourselves experiencing we should do the best we can with what we have. Life in the physical is a learning experience, and as has been stated through many mediums, "this current life is only like being in a half hour of kindergarten."

Those that have come back from near death experiences state "the important purpose of our life here is to learn to love humanity, gain as much knowledge as we can and be of service to others." And those speaking from the spirit side say the same thing.

In closing, remember, if you do your best to live by the nine Principles of our Declaration of Principles, you will find your life becoming more worthwhile. ✘

WORLDWIDE SURVEY RESULTS

BY THE REV. TOM BUTLER, NST, Nevada

One of the really interesting capabilities of the Internet is that it gives the average person the ability to ask a question on a web site and have numerous strangers drop by to offer an answer. We, in the Department of Phenomenal Evidence, have taken advantage of this capability with a survey that asked questions designed to measure people's general agreement with the Declaration of Principles.

Before we describe the results of this survey, it is important that you understand that we feel the Declaration of Principles are one of the most important contributions to spirituality the NSAC offers. What we hope to discover here is how best to present the ideas contained in them to the public.

We also felt that it would be best to ask questions that paraphrase the Principles. It is always best not to ask questions that force a person to make a decision about a concept if you are not going to have time to explain in detail. It is better to ask about similar concepts, and then if you have time, direct them to a place at which they will be able to learn more about whatever it is you really want them to know.



We call this a Worldview Survey because it does offer insight into how people view the nonphysical or spiritual aspects of their world. For instance: Question three asks if the person agrees that, "All processes in reality operate according to knowable principles." This, of course, is a reference to Principle Two, *"We believe that the phenomena of Nature, both physical and spiritual, are the expression of Infinite Intelligence."*

You will notice in Question 13, concerning how well informed the respondent is about metaphysical concepts, that most who have responded are well informed. Thus, you must assume that these results are biased toward agreement. There were a few surprises, however, as we will discuss below. We have taken the survey off of our sites for now, but it would be interesting to have access to this survey available from other religious sites and from science centered web sites.

Here then, are the results of the 215 responses we have received. We have included a brief explanation for each question, but this explanation is not on the survey. Also, we have presented only the responses from people who have indicated that they are well informed about these concepts. Surprisingly, responses in the other categories were much the same.

Possible responses are:

A = I strongly agree
B = I agree
C = I do not know
D = I disagree
F = I strongly disagree
G = I do not understand the question.

Question 1

• Everything in reality is managed by some form of intelligence and this intelligence has a purpose.

A	B	C	D	F	G
45%	27%	18%	5%	4%	1%

This question relates to Principle One and Two. Agreement would indicate that the respondent believes in some form of underlying intelligence in reality and that this intelligence has a purpose in creating reality. The concept of intelligent and purposeful operation of reality is a strong reference to Natural Law. This idea is generally well accepted by respondents who maintain that they are well informed about the concepts addressed in this survey.

Question 2

•There is a First Case, Prime Creator, Infinite Intelligence or God that is the creator of reality.

A	B	C	D	F	G
46%	25%	15%	9%	5%	0%

This is essentially a different way of asking Question One. Again, the concept of a God is well accepted, but it is interesting that there is slightly greater acceptance when the question of a "managing intelligence" in Question 1 is more specifically addressed as an individual entity, such as "God." Perhaps naming this managing intelligence moves the subject from the conceptual to one of specific belief systems. This underlines the wisdom of our Pioneers in referring to God as Infinite Intelligence.

Question 3

• All processes in reality operate according to knowable principles.

A	B	C	D	F	G
28%	23%	23%	17%	6%	3%

The "knowable principles" in this question are Natural Law. Agreement here indicates that the respondent believes

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that some form of intelligence is present in everything. If you compare the percentage of respondents in agreement with the statement in Questions 1 and 2, you will see that the respondents tended to have less agreement in the existence of "knowable principles" than they did in an overriding intelligence. I believe this may come from an understanding that "God" makes the rules, and thus, they are beyond our knowing. If God has human characteristics, then the rules may also be arbitrary. The challenge to the Spiritualist is to find a way to bring this very abstract concept of "knowable principles" into the recognition of Natural Law and the part it plays in our lives.

Question 4

• Principles governing the operation of reality emanate from a creator entity.

A	B	C	D	F	G
31%	26%	22%	14%	6%	1%

If the respondent agrees in the existence of knowable principles governing the operation of reality, as addressed above, then do they recognize that these principles come from some form of intelligence? This question relates to Principle One and Two. Agreement would indicate that the respondent believes in some form of Prime Creator (Infinite Intelligence) and that this Prime Creator has a purpose in creating reality.

Please note that the idea of Infinite Intelligence having a purpose does not make It a being, as we think of a person, and does not equate to a "father figure." Purpose and intention are aspects of life and life seems to be a universal constant. As we extend our awareness toward the fineness of vibration we think of as Infinite Intelligence, the characteristics that dominate the behavior of life will surely change. I think of Infinite Intelligence as the first life and believe that all life inherits the purpose of that first life. Thus it is important to me to understand Natural Law as the embodiment and expression of that purpose.

Question 5

• There are levels of reality, one of which is the physical aspect of reality that we exist in.

A	B	C	D	F	G
58%	34%	5%	0%	2%	1%

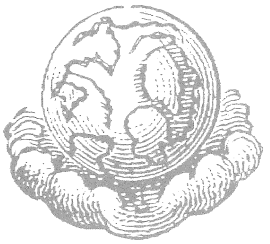
Recognition that there are levels of reality or planes of existence is fundamental to the concept of survival after the change called death. If the respondent agrees that there are planes of existence, then that acceptance provides a framework for survival.

Question 6

• We, as Self, exist in many levels of reality at the same time.

A	B	C	D	F	G
25%	38%	29%	3%	4%	1%

Given that there are planes of existence, then the next point of acceptance for the survival hypothesis is that we are greater than our physical body. This would not be true if our consciousness is the product of our brain. You can see that this concept was not well accepted by the respondents. It is possible that the respondents agree, but do not understand what "exist in many levels of reality" implies for their personal experience. Based on their other responses, I suspect that most respondents do not equate dreaming and their occasional spontaneous phi experiences as evidence of their multi-level Self. Mediumship is a good demonstration of our multi-level aspect, and experience has shown us, that without training, people seldom recognize the possibility that they might have mediumistic ability.



Question 7

• We, as Self, live in this physical aspect of reality in a symbiotic relationship with our physical body. We are not our body. We are dwelling in our body.

A	B	C	D	F	G
44%	35%	14%	4%	2%	1%

Acceptance of this most important concept is essential for the acceptance of personal survival. The term, "symbiotic" may be a little unfamiliar in this context, but it suggests that we are in a friendly relationship with our physical body. Our physical body has a sense of Self, as well. Sorting out which of our emotions and urges are of our Self and which are of our body is one of our challenges in life.

Question 8

• We, as Self, survive after the death of our physical body.

A	B	C	D	F	G
47%	31%	18%	1%	2%	1%

Given that there are planes of existence and that we are multi-level entities, then it should be only a small leap in logic to argue that we survive the death of our physical body. As you can see, most respondents generally agreed.

Question 9

• It is possible to improve the health of a physical body by conveying nonphysical energy to it, either through such practices as positive thinking or through forms of "spiritual" healing.

A	B	C	D	F	G
46%	41%	9%	2%	2%	0%

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This question relates to Principle Nine. Our objective here is to discover how well the concept of spiritual healing is accepted.

Question 10

• It is possible for Self, while dwelling in a physical body, to sense entities and objects existing outside of physical reality.

A	B	C	D	F	G
51%	37%	10%	0%	2%	0%

This question relates to Principle Five. Our objective here is to discover how well the concept of mediumship and spirit communications are accepted. As stated in the discussion of Question 6, most people do not recognize their own mediumistic ability, yet this question had the highest "strongly agree" response. The implication is that people tend to believe in the possibility of mediumship and clairvoyance, but believe that it is someone else who has the ability. It is for Spiritualists to help the uninitiated understand that they are great mediums in the rough.

Question 11

• Self's purpose in the physical is to gain understanding about the operation of reality by having experiences and by learning from those experiences.

A	B	C	D	F	G
35%	44%	17%	2%	2%	0%

This question relates to several of the Principles, including Three, Seven and Eight. The assumption here is that increased spiritual maturity is the product of increased understanding of the operation of Natural Law, which is "the operation of reality." And, that this understanding is gained through living and learning.

As Spiritualist mediums, you will often be asked if you know someone's purpose in life. It is a common and important question that has much to do with an individual's search for significance. It is not surprising that, although generally in agreement, many respondents did not fully accept such an abstract purpose for themselves. However, everything having to do with fulfillment and "the good life" can be equated with an understanding of Natural Law. Again, it is for Spiritualists to explain the relationship between good living and an understanding of Natural Law.

Question 12

• Self continues to experience and learn after the death of the physical body.

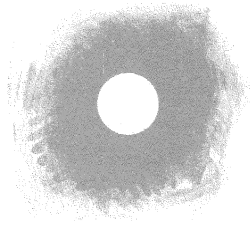
A	B	C	D	F	G
40%	32%	25%	1%	2%	0%

This question specifically relates to Principle Eight. Acceptance of this concept would indicate that the respondent accepts survival of the Self after physical death, personal responsibility and purpose inherited from Infinite Intelligence that is greater than any single physical lifetime. I consider this the culminating concept that offers the "so what" of all the concepts that were previously addressed.

Question 13

• So that we may gain a sense of your background, please indicate how you view yourself from one of these answers: (n%=percent of respondents in the category)

(88%) I am well informed about concepts in this survey
(8%) Other than through the media, I have no exposure to these concepts
(3%) I have not thought much about these ideas
(1%) These concepts generally do not agree with my religious training



Conclusions

We have designed the Worldview Survey to permit people to provide their opinion without needing to reveal personal information. In doing so, we have limited the conclusions we can draw from responses to just that of how well the concepts are accepted.

A further limiting consideration is that the survey was only accessible from this NSAC, DPE site, http://aaevp.com and http://ethericreality.tripod.com. These sites are more likely to attract people who are familiar with these concepts. The result is that respondents are primarily in the "familiar with these concepts" category.

By the way, for those who responded to the survey at the Etheric Reality web site, the "Thank you for responding" page included a suggestion that respondents who generally agreed with the questions might wish to visit the nsac.org web site.

Observations that do seem valid based on a review of individual responses include:

Respondents may believe in Natural Law, but may not accept the existence of Infinite Intelligence as its source. This may be the response of a person who believes in a totally spontaneous evolutionary, physical universe (clockwork universe). In this view, such a universe could come to exist without the intervention of the external intelligence usually attributed to a nonphysical creator entity.

There have been a number of respondents who are clearly well studied in metaphysical concepts, but who do not accept the existence of any form of a nonphysical reality.

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It is not safe to say that this view is equivalent to atheism. The survey simply does not collect enough information for this conclusion. However, it does seem reasonable to conclude that these respondents have relegated such concepts as creation and purpose to "faith" concepts that have nothing to do with an "evolutional" world.

Experience has shown that there is a common ground between this "evolutional" view and the view represented by an "agree" answer in the survey. If nonphysical phenomena is approached from the perspective that it exists and must be reconciled with known physical principles, and if the demonstrated facts are logically examined, then the conclusion can be based on information that is not dependent on any external influence. In other words, let the demonstrated phenomena do the arguing. If we are right, then those phenomena will eventually lead to an acceptance that there is a greater reality.



Some respondents accept Infinite Intelligence, knowable Natural Law and levels of reality but do not accept abilities such as healing and mediumship. This may be a worldview that is influenced by religious training that discourages modern "miracles."

Some respondents answered, "strongly agree," to every question. Since the questions are essentially a rewording of the NSAC Declaration of Principles, it is easy to conclude that these respondents are Spiritualists—or could be. An effort was made to direct these people to the nsac.org web site.

It is interesting to note that respondents who say that the questions are contrary to their religious training or that they have not thought much about these concepts, tend to agree with the concepts more than some who are well informed.

Responses to this survey make it clear that what is obvious to a Spiritualist is not so obvious to people not well trained in Spiritualist concepts. It is clear that the phenomena do not lead to the conclusion that there is a nonphysical aspect of reality for every worldview. For this reason, it is important that everyone resist establishing "final" conclusions. It is important for a person to say that, "The phenomena **suggests** this." But it is also important to say that, "I **believe** it means this."

It is okay for some conclusions to be based on faith until more is understood about the phenomena. Accepting that some concepts in Spiritualism are based on faith, even though it may seem clear that they are factual, makes it easier for people who do not understand Spiritualism to study the phenomena and collaborate with Spiritualists in the conclusions.

The message I would like to leave you with is that you have good reason to believe as you do. But, it is important to remember that others believe that they have good reason to believe what they do. Live your understanding of Spiritualism, and thus, be an example for others. Do not attempt to evangelize to the public your understanding of Spiritualism. Instead, seek to understand how others view their world and find common ground in their and your basic concepts. You can build on those common points, but always remember to follow the evidence. Spiritualism is well supported by the evidence. ✘

MONTHLY

Humor to put you in Good Spirits . . .

These are actual clippings from church newspapers. It's amazing what a little proof-reading would've prevented.

Don't forget the National PRAYER & FASTING Conference. The cost for attending the Fasting and Prayer conference includes meals.

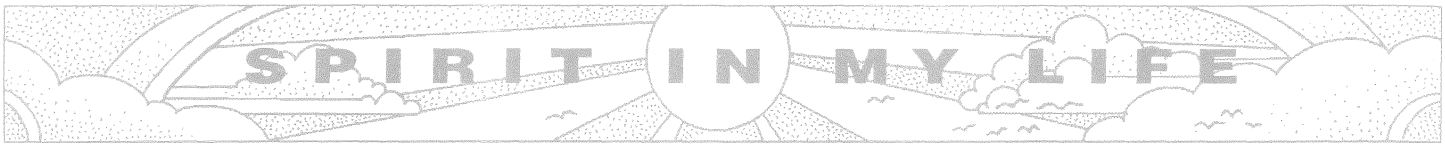
Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Don't forget your husbands.

Next Sunday is the family hay ride and bonfire at the fairgrounds. Bring your own hot dogs and guns. Friends are welcome! Everyone come for a fun time.

The peacemaking meeting scheduled for today has been canceled due to a conflict.

Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed, due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.



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

FREEWILL - PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY AND THE BLAME FACTOR

BY SHEILA LEEDY, Arizona

How many of us really accept personal responsibility for our lives, actions or deeds?

I thought I did, until an incident in December 2001 really opened my eyes. I learned something very significant to my spiritual growth and understanding.

It all started the morning of December 16, 2001. It was the day we were going to have a potluck dinner after church service, and I was in the kitchen preparing a lovely dish called "Holiday Yams" to take for the potluck. The yams were boiling on the stove and I got out the brown sugar, only to realize it was a very hard lump. Not wanting to have to go to the store, I called my mom to ask her how to soften the sugar. Mom told me to either put it in the oven for a bit or try the microwave oven. I was running a little behind schedule, so I opted for the microwave. I put the lump of sugar in a dish and set the timer for 30 seconds. After the time was up, I checked the sugar and it still seemed hard, so I put it in for a little more time. Again it seemed hard. I grabbed it with my hand, not a utensil and poked my finger in a liquefied hole on the bottom side of the sugar. Ouch!!! Well, now I am dancing around the kitchen squeaking like a mouse and trying to shake the sugar off a very blistered finger! I ran cold water on the injury and got the sugar off, revealing a rather nasty burn. Rats! Highly annoyed, I went quickly across the street to Mom's house, got some bactine and went back to the yams. At last the yams were prepared and I topped them with tiny marshmallows and put them in the oven to brown. Impatient, after a few minutes I turned the oven up to the broil setting and like a silly goose decided to go brush my teeth.

Can you guess what happened next? Well I'll tell you. Yes! The marshmallows caught fire and by the time I got back in the kitchen, there were flames shooting out of the oven. Yikes! I turned the oven off and managed to get the fire tamped out. Fortunately, it wasn't a big fire, mostly the marshmallows, and the oven wasn't ruined or anything. So there I was, staring at a blackened pan of yams, quite irritated with the entire situation. All was not a loss however, as the evening before I had also prepared a pan of broccoli cornbread, so I still had a dish for the potluck.

I'll tell you that I giggle now, but as the marshmallows were charring away, it wasn't very funny to me that morning, and as i was getting cleaned up and dressed for church, I was mulling over why the yams were in the trash instead of going to the potluck with me. I decided that there must have been *some reason* why I wasn't to take the yams to the potluck, and here is where the real lesson began.

Maybe someone was allergic to yams and would get sick, I thought. Surely there was *some reason* why I was being blocked. That's when my guides spoke up and said *No way! You're not pinning this one on us!* "What? What do you mean?" I said. My teacher replied, *First of all, Spirit would never do anything to harm you. Ever. Second,* he asked, *Why must everything, every little iota, happenstance, or situation always be for a reason? And why do you think that we (Spirit or Guides) orchestrate every minute of your life? What about the Law of Freewill or the Law of Asking? Did you ask for help making the yams?* "Ummm...well no, I did not." *Well then, why do you think that we (Spirit) helped to burn the yams?!*

Wow. That is a very interesting point I thought. I could envision my guides standing there with hands on hips or foreheads, shaking their heads.

For several weeks I chewed on this realization, this beautiful insight that my guides so lovingly brought to me. And I spoke with my guides about it, and thought about it some more. This is what was brought to me further.

The whole brown sugar, burnt finger and yams thing happened because *I* was careless and not paying attention. Period.

One of the largest insights is that Spirit/God does not want to hurt us or see us harmed in any way, shape or form. *Not ever!*

Another is the concept of Freewill. Each and every one of us has freewill. Spirit is not allowed to help or interfere in our lives without our permission. We must first ask for the help, always.

So you might say, what about life threatening situations? We've all heard about the miraculous stories of rescues from danger, etc. It is my understanding that if it is not your time to leave the earth plane, Spirit or Angels or whatever you may call it, will step in to help, often before asked. But outside of life threatening situations, Spirit waits to be asked to help. Spirit loves us and wants to help! Our guides want to help with everything we do! From cooking yams to solving problems...but we must always ask for that help.

And you might say, I did something because I felt to do so, such as go a different way to work and avoided an accident. Yes! Spirit may have *impressed* you to go a different route, but

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Questions & Answers

TNS sometimes receives questions from subscribers. Here are a few paraphrased questions and my response according to my understanding.

Q **Does the soul sleep when the body sleeps?**

A It has been reported that the spirit is never inactive and that the bonds which connect it to the physical body are relaxed during sleep. The body while asleep, does not require the same attention as it does during the waking state, so the spirit is partially liberated to travel through space where it meets others. However, it is always connected by the silver cord, or the etheric cord, to the physical.

Q **How do we know that the spirit is free during sleep?**

A We know through our dreams. During this out-of-body traveling, the spirit communicates with other spirits, learns, visits and contacts souls closest to it in other realms. The heavy matter of the physical makes it difficult for the spirit, on waking, to recall the impressions it received during the sleep travel. Yet, the learning received is soul learning and is embedded in the essence of one's personality. Often a dream, or a segment of a dream, will remain in the consciousness to affirm that indeed the spirit has been busy during sleep.

Q **Do you believe in Angels? And do they have wings and fly?**

A Absolutely, I believe in Angels, but I have heard many different opinions on this, so the following is my personal understanding, until I learn more. I believe there are Angelic Beings that are beautiful forms of light and energy, who assist us in the physical plane. Symbolically, Angels have been pictured with wings, and so the human mind is conditioned to expect those wings. People relate stories of seeing Angels with wings, and my spirit guides have brought messages to me of a guardian Angel protecting someone, with wings wrapped around them. Are these symbolic or real? Although I have never seen an angel with wings or a harp, I question why would a higher form of life require wings to fly, when they can simply "think" themselves to wherever they want to be, and they are there.

SPIRIT IN MY LIFE - FREEWILL... *(Continued from previous page.)*

this is where freewill comes in. You still could have chosen to go your usual route to work and been an hour late because of an accident.

How many times have we asked for help and then ignored that little wee voice, that little inkling and landed in a mess? I have realized that I often do that very thing! And my Guides stand aside and shake their heads. Or sometimes they smile and lovingly say, *Told you so!*

You may be wondering where does the "blame factor" tie in to all of this?

For myself, I thought about being raised in the South, attending the Nazarene/Baptist/Brethren churches, all hell-fire and brimstone. And of course...The Devil. You know, *The Devil made me do it* syndrome. The scapegoat, I'm not responsible for my actions theory.

As a Spiritualist, I have learned about and try to practice personal responsibility. However, my Guides pointed out to me that the tendency to blame someone or something is still there. I had exchanged the Devil for *some reason* that the yams and finger got burned instead of accepting responsibility that I had been careless.

In many Spiritual communities, it is believed that there is a blueprint or a map of the lessons our souls came to the physical world to learn. I agree with that idea. Just as there are many paths to God, Spirit has pointed out to me that there are many paths to our lessons in life, and not everything happens for some profound reason. Sometimes it's just because we are not thinking, not paying attention or just plain careless.

So let's remind ourselves to always ask Spirit with everything! From parking to shopping to picking a new spiritual book. Everything!

Let us pay attention to that wee, small voice inside urging us on.

And let us take responsibility for those yams!! ✗

Positive Statements To Help Create a Positive Day.

Affirmations . . . NOVEMBER 2002

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 I live in the present; today is a new beginning.	**2** Live simply—live calmly—live peacefully.	**3** "Everyone who believes is set free." Acts 13:39	**4** My life mirrors my thoughts—smile.	**5** It is good to be an American with free choice and other freedoms.
6 Children are a great example of pure spirit.	**7** Our pets love us unconditionally and can teach us many things.	**8** I am warm and loving toward others, toward life.	**9** There is joy in knowing my inner essence.	**10** I keep my thoughts centered on love.	**11** Compassion is a way of spiritual living.	**12** "Our greatest freedom is our freedom to choose." – Don Welsh
13 I know without a doubt that I can trust Infinite Intelligence.	**14** There is no power greater than the Power of God.	**15** "To live with integrity means that you really are who you appear to be." – S. S. Jones	**16** I am comforted by the awareness of Spirit's closeness in all my life.	**17** Our soul is a center around which Divine energies create.	**18** I set my intention each day to be loving.	**19** If fear presents itself, deal with it quickly so it will not grow.
20 We can never be without Spirit. It is always within and around us.	**21** I am centered and receptive to the Creative Energy.	**22** "The Subjective Law knows only to obey." – SOM	**23** I have a choice to accept a little Spirit energy or the full measure.	**24** I give thanks to God for supplying all of my needs.	**25** Spiritual growth is reflected by a peaceful heart and mind.	**26** I am surrounded by loving friends from the physical and the spiritual realms.
27 There is so much good in my life—God's endless stream of prosperity.	**28** There is a continuous flow of blessings in my life.	**29** Being loving and kind, improves your health.	**30** Each day I sit in silence to more fully recognize my full being.			



May your Thanksgiving be blessed!



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PORTLAND AREA - Portland Spiritualist Church
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The Inevitable Hour

BY THE LATE ELIZABETH HARRIS, DSNU, Canada

Editor's note: On August 5th, 2002, Elizabeth Harris passed to the Spirit World. She was an author and prolific writer, contributing to many magazines in Canada and the United States. Luckily, when Elizabeth was feeling good, *TNS* might receive several articles each month, so we will have her material to share for a while yet.

In addition to writing, she also was a teacher, an artist, and an ardent Spiritualist. Our cover this month features her lovely artwork.

Rev. Judy Merrill writes: "Our dear friend and colleague in many Spiritualist endeavors will be sorely missed." I agree.



The curfew tolls the knell of parting day...
The boast of heraldry, the pomp of power,
And all the beauty, and all that wealth e'er gave
Awaits alike the inevitable hour.
– Thomas Gray (1716-1771)

The Philosophy of Spiritualism is broad and many-sided. For example, it points out the purpose of our lives—it alters our motives for the better—it shows us the numerous ways we can improve ourselves. But the fundamental root of our beautiful religion is understanding and explaining to others "the inevitable hour" called death.

No other religion is as knowledgeable, for Spiritualists have accumulated facts and concrete evidence for over 154 years from which to draw conclusions. Consequently, we know that there is no such thing as the finality of death—only the physical body dies, the spirit is eternal and lives on. We know that a glorious life awaits us in the Spirit World, and that we can and do communicate with those who have gone before! *We know there is nothing to fear.*

In these incredible times, filled with unimaginable genetic advances, transplants, and resurrected herbs used to allegedly reverse every conceivable physical and mental disintegration, obviously the **rage to live** is powerful and widespread.

It seems that many modern men and women must be fantasizing that if they try hard enough they can somehow cheat death—that they can escape the inevitable hour. As the young Welsh poet, Dylan Thomas says:

Do not go gentle into that good night,
Old age should burn and rave at close of day;
Rage, rage against the dying of the light.

We cannot flee from death. No one can! Perhaps we may, or may not be able to postpone it for awhile, but sooner or later, death comes to all of us. **Obviously, the decision is not in human hands.**

Spiritualists are philosophical about the thought of dying, for we understand it. But this is not the case with the vast majority of persons living in these times. Initially, most people reject the idea that they are dying. There is often adamant denial. There is determination to "beat it," to "win." There is often rage.

Yet, surprisingly, many do their best living in the days, weeks or months before death. These are the people who are supported by care-givers, as well as family members, or Spiritualists, those who understand the stages of accepting death, and are able to respond with insight and compassion.

Initially, not only is there rage, but there is profound fear, too. Those who are dying **need to talk about their fears** without any risk of losing the love and self-esteem of family and friends. They need a safe environment in which to express their angers and their fears.

At times, people facing death try to negotiate a postponement, such as, "If I could get better, I'll never do such-and-such again." Most bargains are made with God and are often kept secret. At this stage, too, **willing and able listeners** need to listen, without challenging or encouraging the person's unrealistic hopes. Depression experienced by the dying will not be helped by cheerful words. Far more meaningful is someone simply being there as a listener, as the dying person openly or silently thinks of his/her future. At this stage, the person often takes interest in prayers and visits from clergy.

Acceptance eventually comes when the dying reach a stage when struggling gives way to relief—the state when they come to terms with death, and find a special peace. Especially is this true with the elderly. During this stage, families and friends can help most by touching, being near, and

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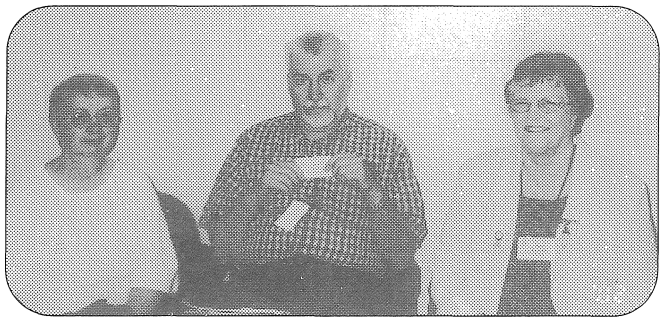
ISF Conference In Canada



The Revs. Tom and Lisa Butler, presenters of EVP.

The 27th World Congress of the International Spiritualist Federation (ISF) was held at Erindale College, Mississauga, Toronto on June 15-22. There were 180 people from over 20 countries who attended the first Congress to be held in Canada in ISF's history, and the United States was well represented.

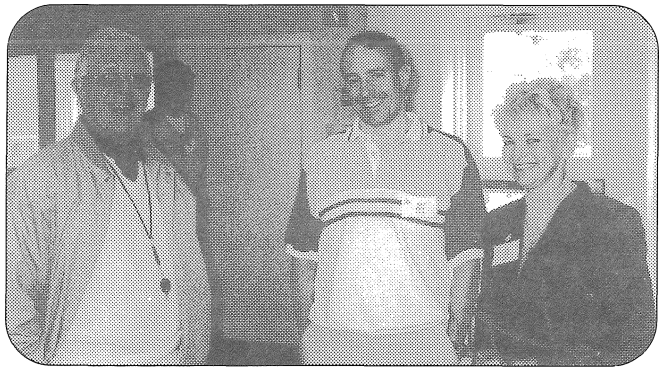
There was an exciting program of educational classes and lectures. The Rev's. Tom and Lisa Butler gave a wonderful talk and slide presentation on Electronic Phenomena. The Rev. Barbara Thurman, NSAC President, brought along a display of photographs and plans for the preservation of the site of the Fox family's Hydesville property. The Rev. Dr. Irene Harding, Vice President of the AFSC, gave a lecture, "Todays World Today, a Quantum Leap through World Suffering." Steve Vogel talked about Native Americans and their relationship to Spiritualism along with a demonstration of drumming. Lionel Owen gave a presentation on aura photography. Walter Meyer Zu Erpen, BA, MAS, showed many photographs of physical phenomena. Peter Close talked of mediumship and gave a demonstration. There were meditation classes, Tai Chi classes and classes on Mediumship, Healing, Trance and Phenomena. Each day laying-on-of-hands healing was offered. It was a full week of meeting, learning, lectures, mediumship demonstration, and sharing. One afternoon, many attendees took a trip to visit Niagara Falls and enjoyed the natural wonder.



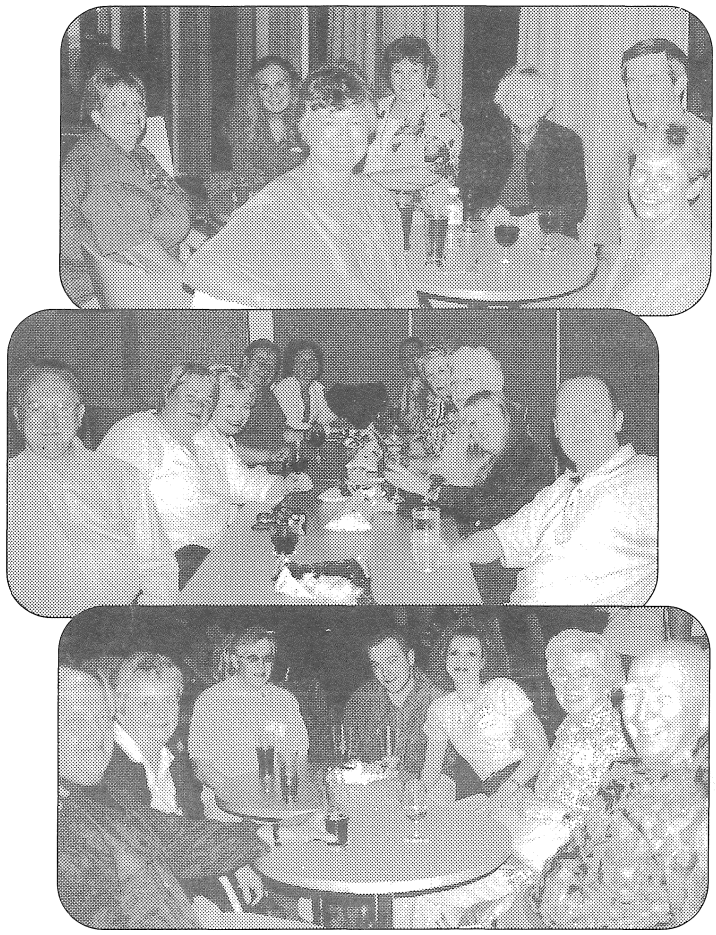
Betty Gosselin, Brad Gosselin, Nancy Karolides, from The First Spiritualist Church of Salem, Massachusetts.



There were classes, lectures and meetings.



Lionel Owen, Peter Horne, and Leslie Doyle.



The new ISF President is Marjory Kite, Vice President is David Saunders, General Secretary is Cath Robertson,

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talking—or not talking at all—whichever the dying person wishes. As W. H. Auden says:

If we care to listen,
we can hear them.

Can Spiritualists help? Yes! We can make a sizeable contribution to people approaching the uncertain hour.

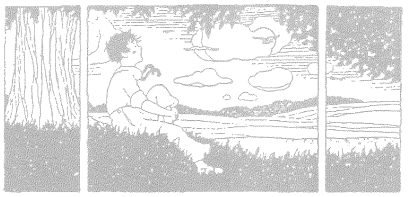
We can be silent listeners. With guiding help from spirit, our hands can soothe and comfort, relieve distress of body and mind. We can pray, and we can explain our beautiful philosophy at the right stage. With skills of clairvoyance, we can prove that life continues. We can verify that loved ones are near—only a thought away—in spirit form, but alive nevertheless. We can confirm there is nothing to fear.

Then when the curfew tolls the knell of death, we can counsel family members in their mourning. We can pass on to them the thoughts from the Spirit Guide, Silver Birch:

Do not grieve for those
to whom freedom has come.
Do not mourn because the caterpillar
has become a beauteous butterfly.
Do not weep because the cage has been
opened and the bird has been set free.
Rejoice, and know that
the soul has found liberty.

How fortunate Spiritualists are to be given the knowledge about death and dying, and to be able to comfort our fellow man. We are blessed!

POETRY



Look To This Day

in "Salutation of the Dawn"
from the Sanskrit
(The ancient classical language of India)

Look to this day,
For it is the very life of life.
In its brief course lie all the verities and realities of your existence:

The glory of action,
The bliss of growth,
The splendor of beauty,
For yesterday is but a dream and tomorrow is only a vision;

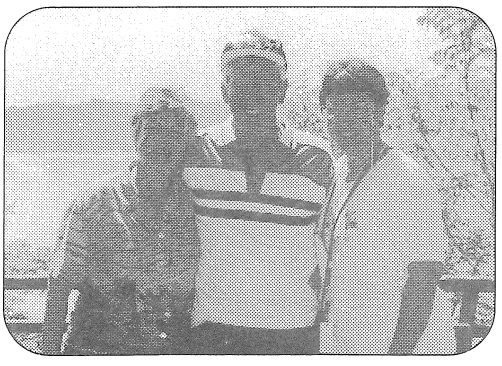
But today well lived makes every yesterday a dream of happiness.
And every tomorrow a vision of hope.

Look well, therefore, to this day.

ISF CONFERENCE IN CANADA

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Treasurer is John Alexander, Membership Secretary is Kay Rumens, and Minutes Secretary is Sue Willison. The past President of ISF, Lionel Owen was awarded an Honorary Life Membership. Lionel has worked long and hard for Spiritualism and continues to do so as he travels around the world, teaching and sharing. ✘



Gene and Sandy Pfortmiller and Linda Chiles at Niagara Falls.



New President, Marjory Kite, speaking.

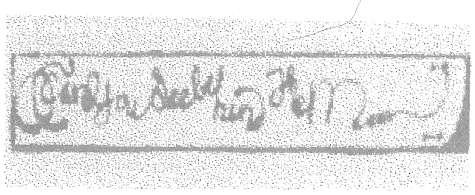
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DEPARTMENT OF PHENOMENAL EVIDENCE

November 2002 Department of Phenomenal Evidence Report

BY THE REVS. TOM AND LISA BUTLER, NST

Sacred Spaces. In an article titled "On the 'Conditioning' process for an ITC lab and other Sacred Spaces," written by William A. Tiller and Walter E. Dibble, Jr., they state that, "When a group of well-intended individuals come into a room to meditate together, pray together, meaningfully commune from a 'spiritual' perspective together, etc., they collectively create an elevated and tangible 'field of consciousness' in the room that only slowly decays after the group leaves that room. Unknowingly, they have collectively created a metastable condition in the 'vacuum state' of the room. If such a meeting is a daily process continuing for years to decades with the same intention, then this processing may...become what we currently call 'sacred spaces.'" [From www.worlditc.org] *(ITC is Instrumental TransCommunication, which is technology augmented spirit communications—including Electronic Voice Phenomena (EVP).)*

Scole Basic Guide Booklet Available. The Scole Experiments took place over a five-year period beginning in 1993 in the Norfolk village of Scole England. Four psychic researchers embarked on a series of experiments investigating life after death. Some of the phenomena that is documented during the sittings were: objects, lights and solid beings which materialized before previously skeptical observers; handwriting, symbols and messages which appeared on factory-sealed, unopened photographic film; spirits who communicated instructions for the building of complex instruments and communication devices and many other instances of physical phenomena. Grant and Jane Solomon document the experiments in *The Scole Experiment Scientific Evidence For Life After Death,* Judy Piatkus Ltd, London, www.piatkus.co.uk.



Many groups seeking phenomena by following the "Scole Method" have been formed, mostly in the UK, and the Spiritual Science Foundation *(the correct name for the Scole Group)* does what it can to assist these groups. We have received several inquires from people wanting to know how they might also set up a Scole style circle. The *Basic Guide Booklet* (72 pages) for a group's development of energy-based physical phenomena is available in English for £9.00 which includes postage and packing. Checks or money orders must be in pounds sterling. Send your request and funds to Spiritual Science Foundation, Street Farmhouse, Scole, Diss, Norfolk IP21 4DR

Experimental Effect. Victor Zammit writes, "There are respected scientists and empiricists who have used their profound scientific knowledge to test aspects of psychic phenomena and who have obtained positive results. For over 100 years some of the most brilliant men and women on this planet conceded that scientific evidence shows that the afterlife exists and communication with those who passed on takes place every day in every country in the world. However, these investigators were genuinely open-minded.

"The 'Experimenter Effect' is when a negatively prejudicial experimenter inevitably influences the results he or she attains. There seems to be an excellent case made out for the 'experimenter effect' in PSI research as shown in the Dr. Marilyn Schlitz and Dr. Richard Wiseman studies. Here, two experimenters worked on the same experiment with the same subjects. One, Dr. Marilyn Schlitz obtained positive results. The other, Dr. Wiseman, a materialist, known for his closed minded skepticism consistently obtained negative results. See *An Investigation of the 'Experimenter Effect,'* Richard Wiseman, PhD, & Marilyn Schlitz, PhD, University of Hertfordshire & Institute of Noetic Sciences."

[From *Victor's Friday Report,* 19 July 2002, First edition, www.victorzammit.com.]

Metaphysical Presence Bugs Science. A National Science Foundation report released recently found widespread and increasing belief in what it terms "pseudoscience." The National Science Foundation, an independent branch of the Federal Government, was set up in 1950 to promote science and educational endeavors.

The foundation's survey was based on interviews with 1,574 people across the country. But it also cited several other polls with similar conclusions. Among those was a Gallup survey last year that showed belief in ghosts, haunted houses, witches and the ability to communicate with the dead, all had increased by double-digit percentage points in the past decade

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alone. Belief in ghosts and haunted houses now hovers around 40 percent, and communicating with the dead is nearing 30 percent. Eight of 13 such phenomena included in the Gallup report showed significant increases; only one, belief in devil possession, declined. Among the Science Foundation survey findings is that sixty-percent of the people surveyed believed that some people possess psychic powers or ESP.

[From *Metaphysical presence bugs science*, By Brett Johnson, www.staronline.com/vcs/lifestyle/article/0,1375,VCS_230_1142081,00.html.]

Survival Science. The Kevin Nunam Foundation states that its objectives are to support and publicize scientific research in a variety of areas related to paraphysics and parapsychology and to provide scientific evidence for mind/brain duality, survival of post-mortem consciousness, PSI, mental telepathy and ESP, remote viewing and their applications for medical, intelligence/military and industrial use, in that order.

The foundation states that it believes that such phenomena are natural, not supernatural, obvious and not occult and normal rather than paranormal. It discourages the use of the word "belief" and seeks to replace it with the word "acceptance."

The foundation says that it is planning and is already conducting experiments in validating psychic phenomena using techniques of the "hard" sciences such as infrared videography, electroencephalography, electrocardiography, electroculography, electromyography, pulse oximetry, peripheral arterial tonometry, computerized random picture, word and symbol generators and other neurodiagnostic and cardiopulmonary techniques and technologies.

[You can access information on the foundation at www.survivalscience.org/kevinnunanfoundation.shtml]

Speaking in Tongues. A century ago, the story of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit came down on the apostles in a fury of wind and tongues of fire, as described in the *Book of Acts*, helped trigger a revival, one rooted in the belief that God makes speaking in tongues and other "spiritual gifts" from the early church available to modern-day believers. Spiritualists might find it interesting that Pentecostal and Charismatic churches are the fastest-growing stream of Christianity in the world today.

[Form *Tongues of Fire, Worshippers emit messages they can't put into words* By Eric Gorski, *The Gazette*, Colorado Springs www.gazette.com/stories/0518life1.php?section=3.]

A Higher Power. We just had to tell you about an article we saw on a local news channel. A couple found a kitten hanging around their backyard. The kitten was in terrible shape and the couple wanted to catch it in order to take it to the veterinarian. They put out food but the kitten would not come close. The next day they looked out in the backyard, and to their amazement, they watched a crow pick up food out of the food bowl and feed the kitten. The crow continued to do this and nursed the kitten back to health. The family also finally won the trust of the kitten who has now grown into a healthy cat. The relationship between the cat and the crow continues and they are still very close friends. The couple makes sure to let, Cassy, the cat out into the backyard everyday at 4 pm. There waiting at that exact time is the crow. The two then proceed to romp and play together like a couple of roughhousing kittens. ✘

MONTHLY



FAVORITE SAYINGS TO LIVE BY



"If you can DREAM it, you can DO it."
– *Walt Disney*

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"We still do not know one-thousandth of one per cent of what nature has revealed to us."
– *Albert Einstein*

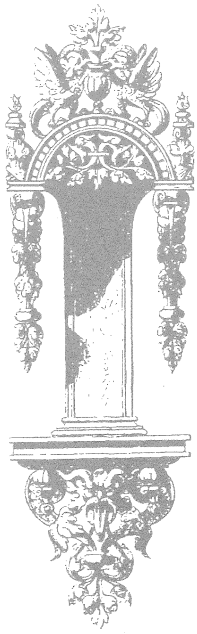
"We need to find God, and He cannot be found in noise and restlessness. God is the friend of silence—trees, flowers, grass grows in silence; see the stars, the moon and the sun, how they move in silence... We need silence to be able to touch souls."
– *Mother Teresa*

Healing Atmospheric Conditions

BY DAVIDA HORN, New York

If growing numbers of Weather Workers would gather in groups for the purpose of healing and harmonizing, their collective consciousness would begin to project that group energy on the Earth's atmosphere and the benefit would be truly magnificent.

The previous statement is a vision that comes from long-term introspection and contemplation of metaphysical Law as it would apply to healing extreme atmospheric conditions. As Spiritualists, we believe there is One Infinite Intelligence, which we call God, Mind, Spirit or Love. We, also, believe that everything in the manifest Universe begins with thought. Seeing ourselves as co-creators with the Infinite, we know that we create our own reality, or life experience by the thoughts and attitudes we hold in consciousness. From this, we can see that on the larger scale, an unhealthy collective consciousness can produce havoc on the environment. Considering the blessing, that we *are primarily* thought beings, and are aware of that, we can become collectively capable of creating a healthy environment.



If we regard ourselves to be the *"image and likeness"* of God, then there is no moving to a state of grace or perfection. We are already there. If God is perfect, then we are perfect. Since, we **are** that perfection, here and now, as we have always been, as we will always be, then the only change that is required, is a change of awareness that coincides with that Truth. Within this Truth, it is comforting to know that an alternative to suffering exists and that we can, in any given instant, heal the energies we have produced which adversely affect us.

The philosophy of Cause and Effect, explains that through Natural Law we are moving to a state of perfection. The Law of Cause and Effect, for many of us, including myself, who are challenged by the complexities and trials of human existence, provides a reasonable explanation for what otherwise might be intolerable. It is comforting to know that we are gaining insights and learning valuable lessons from our human hardships. Still, it is uplifting to know that an alternative to suffering may begin in the present moment. Our life can be changed through an attitude of enlightenment and a pattern of living that coincides with that enlightenment.

Now, what does all this have to do with healing and harmonizing extreme atmospheric conditions? If we are inclined to accept eastern philosophy, that all is as it should be, then NOTHING need be done. And peaceful acceptance is not all that bad. Now if we should happen to find ourselves in the midst of a devastating hurricane or an earthquake, we might remember that **we create our reality, as we would have it be, before the fact of a natural disaster?**

Working in the interest of weather harmony is the process of harmonizing and healing extreme atmospheric and weather conditions to coincide with the balanced, harmonious nature of Spirit. The writer suggests that atmospheric conditions are the outward projection or physical manifestation of the collective consciousness or unconsciousness. In other words, extreme, life threatening atmospheric conditions are the product of the collective human attitude, whether we are aware of it or not. If it is agreed that everything begins with thought, then it follows suit that natural disasters, of whatever variety, i.e. earthquakes, tornadoes, hurricanes, northeasters, ice-storms, windstorms, mudslides, excessive drought, floods, etc., are not the work of Infinite Intelligence, but instead reflective of the turbulent collective consciousness of humankind. All those negative, life-sapping tenants which share space in the collective psyche, such as: anger, fear, greed, jealousy, hatred, confusion, guilt, vindictiveness, unwillingness to forgive, whomever or whatever; and those tendencies to misuse and abuse the planet's resources, etc., reek havoc not only on the individual, but are projected into the collective atmosphere.

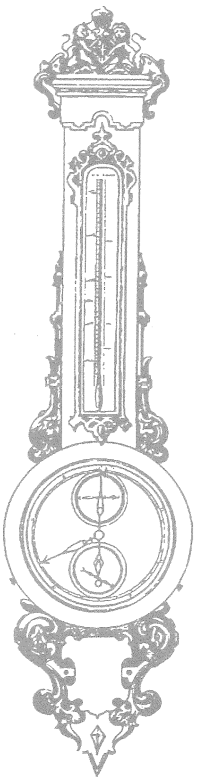
This is negative energy that has to go somewhere. We learn in Spiritualism that energy follows the train of thought. It finds its release with the help of the Law of Cause and Effect. This Law knows not good and evil. The Law knows only to answer in the affirmative. "Yes, Yes, Yes." It always agrees with us and gives back what we put out. Like produces like. The Law is impersonal. It produces what we create, knowingly or unknowingly, innocently or intentionally. It cares not. Consciousness is cause, and the manifestation of consciousness is the outward, material effect. Law is the intermediary or facilitator between the two. The stove can be used to cook our food or burn our house down, depending upon how we use it. Infinite Intelligence or Mind is the field in which we think. When we apply a Love consciousness to our work, then Mind will set into motion the Law of Good in our behalf. Good is always more powerful than evil. Love is always

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more powerful than fear.

When consciousness is applied to metaphysically healing atmospheric conditions, we are impacting, spiritually, upon the Law of Cause and Effect. Instantly available with this projected consciousness, is the energy required for materially moving whatever is necessary, in the way of: weather patterns, air masses, wind conditions, cold fronts, warm fronts, etc. to adjust whatever discordant situations need to be corrected in the atmosphere. We don't need to be meteorologists. With due respect for the science of Meteorology, we are working, spiritually, in a realm beyond which Meteorology can go. We trust the Mind that knows All to adjust what needs to be adjusted in the interest of life, safety and well being.

Spiritualism works with phenomena or that which is scientifically demonstrable and verifiable. Some who are advanced in Spiritualism work with bringing phenomena to materialize, visibly, from another realm; having spirits appear, disappear and even change form. A Spiritualist sees oneself as a vibratory instrument, whose vibration is attuned to the Higher Consciousness, which then attracts what is harmonious with that Higher Consciousness. It follows suit, that all this is facilitated by the energy, which follows the train of thought. What better way to demonstrate this principle, than by averting a devastating storm or natural disaster that is being predicted or forecasted in the television news?



The seventh Declaration of Principle states: "We affirm that we make our own happiness or unhappiness, as we obey or disobey Nature's physical and spiritual laws." We learn from Natural Law that we reap what we have sown. So then, it is no wonder that having polluted the earth, air and water with chemical, nuclear and other toxic waste, and having desecrated the rain forests, which are necessary for the ecological balance of the planet, that the earth rises up and speaks its rebellion in the form of earthquakes, killer volcanoes and other natural disasters. Listen to the language we use in referring to areas prone to earthquakes which are situated above "faults." We need to make peace with the Mother planet that has given us safe haven, till now, and send her healing blessings.

For we know, that positive is more powerful than negative, that love is more powerful than fear, that intelligence is more powerful than ignorance and knowing all of this, we can mentally work to have the Law of Cause and Effect benefit Mother Earth and all of its inhabitants. The reason this works is because Natural Law is immutable and absolute and action follows thought.

God does not create natural disasters for the purpose of punishing humanity or for any reason. The Creator is not Self-destructive of its own creation. God is Life. If we see life suffering and being destroyed, it is not the will of God, rather the misuse of Law. The Law of Love has been given to us as a gift. It is aligned with Truth and is always available for our use. Let us continue to purify our consciousness, so as to be one with the Law of Love.

It has been said by a master teacher that "One with Truth is a majority." Some may think that it is egotistical or psychotic to believe that one person has enough power to change atmospheric conditions. What is not understood is that we are not working to change anything or control anything. We are working to know the Truth of the situation; to share love and see the Divine Harmony, which is back of what appears to be happening.

We would do this, preferably, before a storm is about to hit, if it is forecasted and we are pre-warned. We would do this, seasonally, prior to each season, mentally and spiritually working to know, that in Mind there are no excesses, no oppressive heat and no extreme frigid weather. In Mind there is not too much or too little of anything. The Divine Balance prevails. To presume less is to conclude that Mind or Infinite Intelligence doesn't know what It's doing, or doesn't care, or if It does care, is not willing or able to do anything about it. That which is our concept of God, we will surely experience. So then, let us broaden our concept of Deity that we may begin to glimmer Its Divine Goodness and Omnipotence.

Mind supplies us with the right amounts of what we need and can easily adjust that which seems excessive or inadequate. To know this is to activate the Law of Cause and Effect in our behalf. We trust, meaning humanity as a whole, that we have a right to live our lives fully, completely, safely and joyfully. We have no need for weather or atmospheric conditions that pose a threat to human life and well being.

Using our knowledge of Universal Law with gratitude and humility, we could use our co-creative gifts to choose temperatures and conditions that reflect the Divine moderation or balance between extremes, for we affirm that Mind is the Infinite Abundance which supplies our needs. We can affirm that Mother Earth is replenished with what it needs and is appreciated for providing a safe dwelling place for the family of humanity. We can declare that Divine Goodness is Infinite. So then, we should not have to fear that in receiving our good, we will take it away from others who need it. In Spirit, there is enough good to go around, because, Good is another word for God and God is Infinite.

Weather workers are needed to help purify the collective Earth consciousness. It begins with a meditation of forgiveness, forgiving ourselves and others for whatever needs to be forgiven. This is an ongoing process. It becomes easier when we see each other as One in Spirit, One in Divine Love. In this way, we may begin to project the inner harmony from our peaceful center within, into the collective consciousness, which blesses ourselves, the Earth's atmosphere and all of its inhabitants.

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

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

– Prayer for Spiritual Healing –

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

Continual Gratitude Brings Healing To The Soul

BY THE NSAC HEALING CENTER

In Spiritualism, we teach a Oneness of Spirit that we call Infinite Intelligence, God. This Oneness is in all life, only knows wholeness, harmony, abundance, peace, joy and wellness. As each one of us comes into a fuller understanding and a fuller acceptance, we recognize and are open to the essence of Infinite Giving-ness and we practice an attitude of continual gratitude.



Our world of the material appears to be a world of illusion and confusion, but our world of Spirit and Spirit guidance is a world of natural flow and trust in the Love and Power of God. We expect answers to our prayers; we expect the healing energy to flow; we expect Natural Law to bring seeming miracles; we expect love and light; **And we receive as we believe.**

"Thanks be to God for His indescribable gifts." II Corinthians 9:15. In this season of Thanksgiving, let us recognize all that we have to be grateful for in our lives. Appreciation and gratitude attracts new potentialities into our lives and is an exercise to practice every day. We often take life and God for granted. We could not live for very long without air, food, or water. Let us be thankful and see that the Universe supplies abundantly all that we need to sustain us.

Have you ever wondered why? Because the Divine Source expresses through us, It needs us! We are the Creator's special, precious children and God loves each of us. As we open ourselves to Infinite Love and Light we will be healed, we will receive the riches of the world. "Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord...Enter Into His Gates With Thanks-giving." Psalms 100:1-4.

Pray: Infinite Spirit of Love and Light, we are grateful for this abundant, beautiful world that supplies our every need. We recognize that all things come from You and we appreciate everything in life as a gift. We see the universe as a friendly, loving place and we thank You for Life and Joy, for Happiness and Health, for Peace and Prosperity. In gratitude and appreciation for the beauty and guidance found in all life, we say, Amen.

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SNAGGED IN TRANSITION:

Rescuing Spirits Who Don't Believe They're Dead

BY ROBERT EGBY, New Jersey

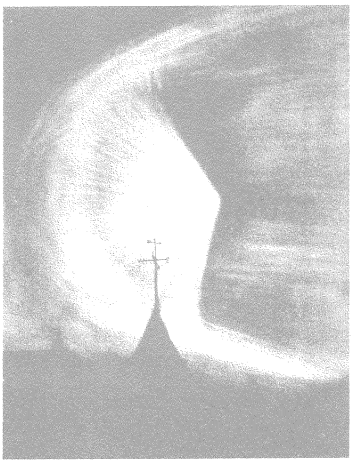
The light of higher learning sometimes shines in the most unexpected places. In the Hollywood extravaganza "Gladiator," the Roman general, Maximum, played by Russell Crowe, shouts to soldiers preparing to battle the hordes in dark and dismal Germania: "If you find yourself alone, riding in green fields with the sun on your face, do not be troubled, for you are in Elysium, and you are already dead! Yes, what we do in life echoes in eternity."

To many ancient Greeks and Romans, Elysium was the heavenly place of the hereafter. To Spiritualists, it is the Spirit World. But there are many spirits, who by force of circumstance, fail to cross over. They get stuck in a form of helpless purgatory.

Death precipitated by violence regardless of whether it is war, auto accidents, shootings, bombings, murder, or suicide, frequently produces a stunned or stuporous condition in spirit consciousness. Many have trouble realizing they have crossed over, and caring spirit helpers work hard to help the new arrivals become oriented. Monsignor Robert Benson in Anthony Borgia's *Life in the World Unseen* notes: "It is not a pleasant sight to see these gentle, patient helpers wrestling mentally—and sometimes almost physically—with people who are wholly ignorant of the fact that they are 'dead.'"

But there is another side to violent spirit transition: some beings who were so drawn to various aspects of material life cling desperately to the physical. They are "in spirit" but fail to recognize their condition and refuse to make the transition. These are called "earthbound" spirits.

Imagine, if you will, being in the home you knew and loved so well. Your loved ones are there, still grieving over their loss. You try to make contact, talk, touch, but it does not happen. You feel as if you are experiencing a horrible nightmare. As time goes by, you become angry and generally unhappy. People still living in the physical notice certain rooms feel cold. They fail to recognize your existence—simply because they do not know—or want to know—about spirits and the transition process. Life for an "earthbound" spirit can be far from pleasant.



Dr. Raymond Moody, in his classic book *Life After Life*, an investigation into survival of bodily death, quoted a lady who had been out of her body following an accident: "I could see people all around, and I could understand what they were saying. I didn't hear them audibly, like I'm hearing you. It was more like knowing what they were thinking, exactly what they were thinking, but only in my mind, not in their actual vocabulary. I would catch it the second before they opened their mouths to speak."

A mother in British Columbia phoned me: "My three year old son says a nice man sits on the side of his bed most nights and sings to him. This is nonsense. Can you help?" At their home—the little boy and husband had gone out—the mother talked. "I think our house is haunted. When I come up from the laundry room in the basement, I switch the lights off. A few seconds later, they are mysteriously switched on again. As she spoke, a spirit manifested behind her. I described him in detail—short, stubby man with sandy hair who had died from cancer a few months before. The woman gasped. "That's my dad. Tim's grandfather. He always enjoyed working in the basement. He hated the idea of dying and desperately wanted to live."

Downstairs we went through a simple spirit rescue, first with prayers. Grandfather said he was so unhappy and very perplexed. I explained that if he looked up into the light, he would be taken up to a beautiful place where loved ones and helpers would assist him. Once settled in, he could always return and sing to little Tim. The ceremony for getting him to "look up" took about 15 minutes. Then we knew he had gone: the basement suddenly felt distinctly warm. Three month's later, the mother called: "Tim says grandfather was with him last night. He is now really happy, and sends his love to everyone."

Not all spirit rescues are so easy. If a spirit had little or no respect for exorcising ministers, mediums or psychics posing as spirit rescuers in earth life, they may well refuse to believe any discussion of their plight. In fact, some will craftily disappear until the would-be rescuers have gone. Some purists will suggest that such work be left to spirit guides and helpers, and yes, in some cases that actually occurs. The problem is that many earthbound spirits are so drawn and attuned to the earth, they refuse to look up, and reject assistance from spirit helpers. "You are frauds. It's all trickery. We don't believe

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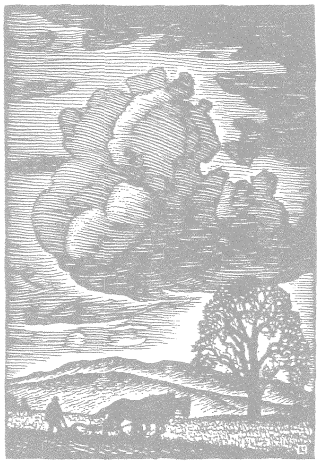
there is anything after the grave." It's the same thinking process that occurs when a Spiritualist attempts to explain the concepts of the Afterlife, Mediumship and Spiritualist philosophy to a fundamental Christian—they simply do not believe. They block all attempts at enlightenment.

Earthbound spirits frequently have no idea of time. In 1984 I encountered a large farming family who had died in the Spanish Influenza epidemic of 1918-1920. In spite of the fact their farmhouse had been demolished many years before, they were still "living" in the area, over 60 years after their deaths. They were all sent into the Light and the Spirit World. Another interesting event occurred in 1984 when I was sitting in a development circle at the Vancouver Psychic Society with medium Patrick Young and Society President Isabel Corlett. Suddenly I felt a presence sitting on my lap. Through several questions it was revealed this was the spirit of a Scottish nanny, named Janet Smith, who had been murdered in Vancouver's upscale Shaughnessy district. A Chinese laundry boy was the chief suspect, but Janet said it was a plainclothes policeman who had hurt her. She claimed the family wanted her out of the way. However, she still thought it was September 1924—she too had been earthbound for 60 years!

Spirit rescue circles have existed for thousands of years, but many came into the spotlight with the advent of Modern Spiritualism in 1848, and frequently did good work sending earthbound spirits into the Light of the Spirit World. But there is a grimmer side. Some earthbound entities become so engrossed in their desires, they actually attach themselves to people of unfortunate circumstances. The result, such people suffer severe physical and mental illness.

One famous Spiritualist, Dr. Carl A. Wickland (1861-1945) a psychiatrist, accompanied by his wife, Anna, an excellent medium, worked at the National Psychopathic Institute of Chicago, and later formed the National Psychological Institute in Los Angeles. The focus of their work was helping a great many people whose mental illness was "due to obsession by discarnate spirit entitles." Wickland considered it extremely important to bring to the notice of the medical world the truth they had uncovered. In 1924, he and his team wrote the book: *Thirty Years Among The Dead*. Ten years later: *Gateway of Understanding*.

It is interesting to note that in *Thirty Years Among The Dead*, Wickland pinpointed the Ouija board as an offender in attracting discarnate spirit entities. He wrote that using the Ouija board "resulted in such wild insanity that commitment to asylums was necessitated." The Wickland work indicated how vitally important it is for people to maintain a positive and healthy vibration.



No one knows how many spirits are caught in the so-called earthbound plight. Little has been done in the way of systematic research, and we receive small but significant glimpses about what is being done from rescue circles in various parts of the world. The problem is the number of earthbound spirits could be extensive, more than most people imagine. Sending the odd earthbound spirit into the Light and the Spirit World may be very admirable, but it is like trying to relocate a beach, picking up a grain of sand at a time.

For instance, in the Spring 1998 edition of *The American Dowser, the Journal of the American Society of Dowsers*, Hiromi Hattori reported on her experiences at the Gettysburg battlefield. The reason behind her mission: "A couple of years ago, my tutelary deity gave me an assignment that I should take care of strayed spiritual entities, to lead them to Spiritual World with the help of angels."

Before she went to Gettysburg, her dowsing faculties informed her there were 1,680 spirit entities existing on the old battlefield: oblivious of the fact they were dead. In their minds they were still with their units "very sad and miserable" in tattered clothing and bare feet. Incredibly, they were still at war.

Gettysburg was full of surprises. There were more than just Confederate and Union soldiers still on the battlefield. French soldiers who fought under General LaFayette in 1777 for the American War of Independence were still there. Another surprise: 600 Atlantean entities who died 17,000 years ago—male 500, female 100, were there too. "They didn't remember anything," wrote Ms. Hattori.

All told, a grand total of 2,070 entities were sent into the Spirit World that day. The writer summarized the strayed entities. (1) They don't believe in God; (2) They don't believe in the existence of the spiritual world after death; and (3) They cannot discard their attachment to the material world.

Two days after her visit, Ms. Hattori revisited the battlefield at Gettysburg and found no spirit entities. A psychic travelling with her could not detect any either.

All this leaves one to wonder how many spirit entities are still in the trenches and battlefields of Waterloo, the Boer War, World War Two, the Korean War, Indo-China and Vietnam or other places, such as Hiroshima and Nagasaki, where sudden catastrophes extinguished physical life so ruthlessly.

One wonders too, how many spirit entitles are still clinging to the physical from the September 11th, 2001 devastation of the World Trade Center, the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., and the crash of United Airlines flight 93 at Shanksville, Pennsylvania. Some mediums have already been working with them.

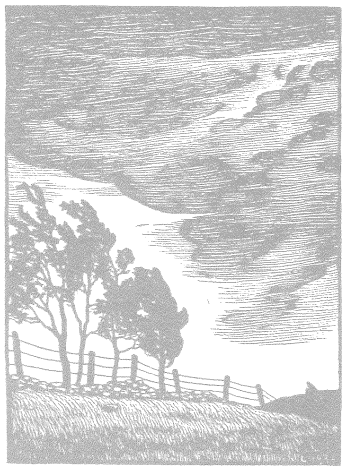
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News reports from Shanksville, early in 2002, reported that the uniformed RAC guards hired by the FBI and State Police to protect the site reported hearing footsteps, mumbled voices, and having chairs moved mysteriously inside their security trailer. One of the guards said he saw the ghost of a woman "as clear as day" near the main gate. She vanished as the guard approached. Later, he recognized her in a photograph of passengers on Flight 93.

The World Health Organization reports that on average, the number of people dying world-wide in 1997 was 52.2 million per year, or 142,000 each day. Many die of old age and catastrophic diseases, but others die from accidents, warfare, murder and suicide. No one knows how many become earthbound. Some sources suggest the number is over one per cent, but even that amounts to half a million people a year.

The key to a good transition is the way people feel and think about (1) the physical/material world and (2) the Spirit World that is important. Learning to release one's hold on material possessions is critical for number one. Number two relies upon validated evidence that the afterlife not only exists, it is alive and well, and is the next step on our spiritual paths. Such knowledge needs to be promoted and shared. It is unfortunate that we do not have an international organization with an educational objective of helping humanity prepare for the Spirit World. Mainstream churches have failed miserably in this regard for 1,700 years. It's little wonder that Modern Spiritualism has been called the Prep-school for Eternity, but this is like a voice in the wilderness.

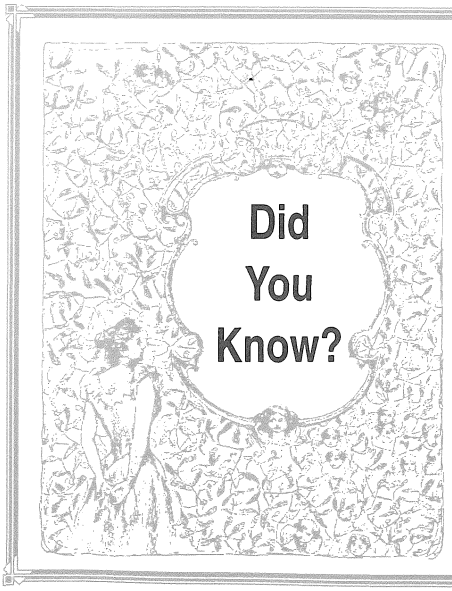


Some people suggest you have to believe in God, Infinite Intelligence, to cross over into the Spirit World. This suggestion has long been voided by the number of atheists who have crossed over successfully into the Spirit World. The key factor in remaining earthbound after death is the fact spirits cannot discard their attachment to the material world, whether it is a simple love or family attachment, or something more negative, the desire to relinquish power, money, possessions, ambitions, drugs and alcohol.

In essence, there must be hundreds of thousands, if not millions of spirits enduring the purgatorial state. The more one becomes aware of this terrible plight, the more one realizes there needs to be an international movement that, in conjunction with higher beings in the Spirit World, develops systems and training to rescue these unfortunates and help them complete crossing over. Movies and television, followed by newspapers, magazines, and the internet are creating an initial awareness, but there is a long way to go. Which is where we came in, with actor Russell Crowe in Gladiator: "If you find yourself alone, riding in green fields with the sun on your face, do not be troubled, for you are in Elysium, and you are already dead! Yes, what we do in life echoes in eternity." That's a truth!

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*Next month look for "Guidelines for a Good Spirit Rescue," by Robert Egby.



It is possible to lead a cow upstairs, but not downstairs.

Coca-Cola was originally GREEN!

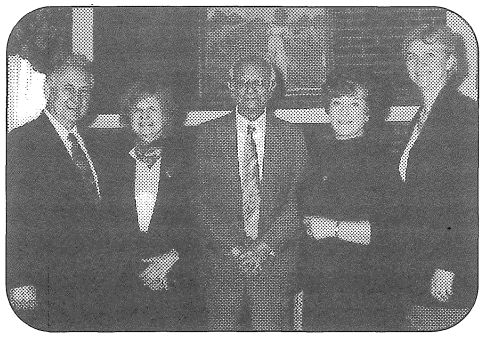
Every day more money is printed for the board game MONOPOLY than the U.S. Treasury.

The Hawaiian alphabet has only 12 letters.

News From Virginia

Dr. Rustum Roy addresses The Church for Spiritual Enlightenment, Falls Church, Virginia.

On April 14, 2002, Dr. Rustum Roy, one of the world's leading material scientists, presented many examples of the work now being done worldwide on whole person healing. Dr. Roy's fascinating talk, illustrated with many overhead transparencies, covered much of the work in which he has been involved in the areas of complementary and alternative medicine. He also discussed his Circles for Health project, and other mind, body, spirit work in which he is engaged at Pennsylvania State University, and at the University of Arizona. His encyclopedic presentation was filled with many thought-provoking ideas, laced with much good humor. All who attended thoroughly enjoyed his presentation, and hope for a return visit in the near future.



From left, Dr. Wayne Knoll, Mrs. Roy, Dr. Rustum Roy, Rev. Anne Gehman, and Diana Chambers.

Maine Camp Picnic

The Pinpoint of Light Spiritualist Camp in Canton, Maine, held its opening day of the 2002 Camp Season with a celebration picnic on Sunday, June 30th. There were both morning and afternoon services which were very well attended. The afternoon service was held in the Garden Chapel. The Camp picnic was attended by over fifty people. Mary Sigurdsson handled the barbeque grill and took care of the food. It was a wonderful way to begin our summer season.





Banquet In Connecticut



Rev. Lynn Gaffin and Joyce Orcutt.

On June 22, 2002, the Ladies Aid Society of Pine Grove held its annual Camp Banquet. This year, several members were honored for the extra effort they have put into "The Camp," a place for visitors to relax, both physically and spiritually. Thank you, Rev. Lynn Gaffin, Charlotte Mariani, and Al Ferency.



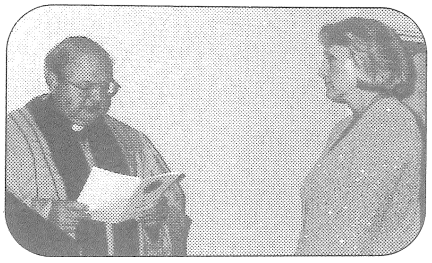
Charlotte Mariani and Joyce Orcutt.



Al Ferency and Joyce Orcutt.

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Ordination In Massachusetts



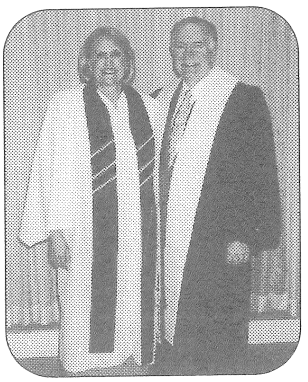
Rev. John Sullivan and Lynn Kent: Ordination on 7-13-02.

The First Spiritualist Church of Brockton announces the ordination of Brian and Lynn Kent at the Johnson and Wales banquet facility in Seekonk, Massachusetts, on July 13, 2002. The Rev. Ken Wingood from the Church of Spiritual Life, Salem, New Hampshire, read the ordination rites to Brian Kent, and Rev. John Sullivan from the First Spiritualist Church of Springfield, Massachusetts, read the rites to Lynn Kent. Ms. Eleanor Berger, President of the First Spiritualist Church of Brockton, chaired the event for the church. Felicitations were given by Lynn's mother, Margaret Massa, and Brian's sister, Carol Rickards, and to both by the Rev. Rita Berkowitz. Following the ordination, a fine banquet of baby shrimp, veal, and chicken, was served to the 70 attending guests.



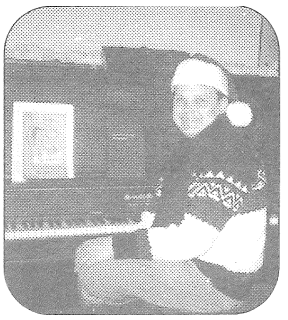
Rev. Lynn Kent, Rev. Brian Kent, Rev. Rita Berkowitz, Rev. John Sullivan, Rev. Kathy Rottino, and Rev. Ken Wingood.

The day before the ordination service, we took a picture of two sunflower blossoms. The single flower was growing out of the middle of a six lane highway along Route 195E going into Rhode Island from Massachusetts. We firmly feel this flower was from Spirit showing us how strong and resilient we have become working together and our choice in becoming ordained in Spiritualism was the right decision for both of us. And we feel the spirits were giving this gift as a way of celebrating with us this great occasion. It is wonderful to see spirit at work in such a meaningful and thoughtful way. The flower was only about three miles from the Johnson and Wales Inn banquet facility in Seekonk.



Revs. Lynn and Brian Kent.

Transition In Washington



Fred Klontz

Frederick C. Klontz made his transition in Tacoma, Washington, on May 9, 2002, at the age of 39. Fred was the son of Denice Chapman and was born on April 8th, 1963, in Puyallup, Washington. His first home as a child was Camp Edgewood in his great, great grandparents and grandparents home. He graduated from Fife High School and Shagit Valley College.

Fred was the President of Church of Spiritual Truth for five years. He was one of the signers of the Camp Edgewood NSAC Charter, when the camp received its National Charter. He played the piano and accordion for church and camp services and activities. He was also the chef for large camp functions. Fred was a fine Spiritualist and a great blessing to the Spiritualist movement.

He is survived by his parents, Dee Chapman and Kenneth Klonz, siblings, Anthony Klonz, Babette, Sabrina, David, and Monica Chapman. Memorial services were held at Price Hilton Funeral Home on May 14, 2002. Services were also held at Camp Edgewood in Milton, Washington. ✘

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1. We believe in Infinite Intelligence.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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