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This Is The First Day!



BY THE REV. SANDRA PFORTMILLER, NST

Last August 27th, my sister was in a serious motor vehicle accident. The van blew a tire and rolled several times. The last thing she remembered is saying a prayer, asking God to help her. When the paramedics arrived, she was cut out of the vehicle and flown to the emergency room of the hospital. Her neck was broken in two places, an ankle was broken in two places, a rib was broken, teeth loosened, and for awhile, the doctors were monitoring an eye very closely. All of the healing prayers and her great attitude are helping her to recover wonderfully. She rarely complained, and thanked every doctor or nurse who poked or prodded. Bless all of you who pray for those on the NSAC Healing List and who have sent loving energy to my sister.

Her neck has been placed in a halo brace which is checked and cleaned every three to four weeks for at least three months. Yesterday we were in for the cleaning and there were people coming in and out with broken bones, in wheel chairs, on stretchers and with multiple problems. When one really serious patient came in, my Mom leaned over and whispered that we should count our blessings. Isn't that awesome? Yes, count your blessings in all life. Every day is a new day, each experience is a blessing. Can we flow through the coming year grateful for every day and for every life experience?

As one year ends and another begins, we reflect on previous events and on what we desire for the new year to bring. Each day is mystery, a surprise, a new beginning in the continuation of the circle of life as seasons and cycles come and go. We often become still at this time of the year to take stock of our lives. So let us dream a bit, project wonderful visions, and put our intention into making the blessings in our life count and grow.

Lately, the saying, "Be the change you wish to see in the world," has come to me on the radio, in an article and in a catalogue. Isn't it great when that happens, for it is spirit's way of helping us and guiding us. Another quote that was on the same page of the catalogue was, "What would you do if you knew you could not fail?" The first thought many of us might think is to bring peace on Earth.

Change is constant as we evolve into our conscious maturity and into greater awareness. We accept that thoughts are things, and that we can only change ourselves. If we look into the world and see unrest, then how can we, as one person, change the unrest. We can help by our prayers and meditations, by devotional practices and by being true to our beliefs. When we focus our consciousness on truth, on Universal Guidance, on the belief that life is beautiful, on health and happiness, on the abundance all around us, then our fears will starve to death. This is the energy we will be sharing into the ethers, this is the example we will be teaching others who are around us. If the joy of Spirit is the main energy we release, then we will change our lives, and our change will help others. Spiritual openness, love and transformation for all is the change I wish to see in the world.

This is my dream: a world of compassion, of acceptance of all others or fellowship, of positive growth, and of love. So this is what I will work to become and project every day. When we are working with Spirit and love, we know we cannot fail!

A Law of the Universe is the Law of Return. Life cycles, or circles, so this can be a symbol to keep in front of our consciousness this year. We meet in circles or groups to share our understanding, in fellowship and service. We attend small circles with like minded individuals to help us grow in a deeper connection with Infinite Spirit. We serve in circles with others in our community and our churches to further that which we believe in. There are wonderful opportunities for circles such as prayer and healing circles, study group circles, creative circles, rescue circles, support group circles, service and social circles.

This is the first day of the rest of your life and you get to choose how you use it, knowing that what you do today will influence tomorrow. If you make only a couple of changes this year, let them be: No matter what happens, remember to be grateful for your blessings and each day thank Spirit. Make a note of your best qualities and use them to be of service.

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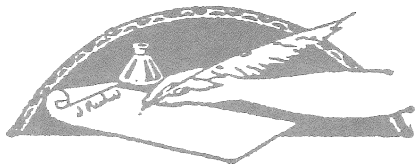
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Maybe you have an infectious smile or a sympathetic ear—others will be rewarded by your sharing. Try to give something of yourself to others, but always be yourself. Reflect on the good qualities of others and accept them as they are. The circle of life will bring more blessings for you and to share with others which will help to change our world to a more loving, peaceful world.

A PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

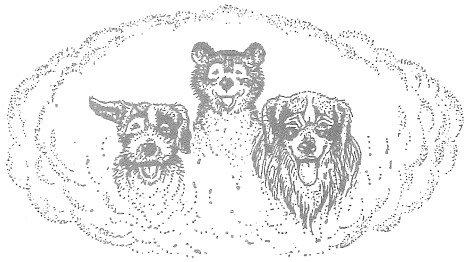
May this year bring to you:
Enough success to stimulate you,
Enough failure to maintain humility,
Enough abundance that there is extra to share,
Enough joy to keep the smile on your face,
Enough trust to help you change,
Enough friends to share life's experiences,
Enough inspiration to aid your growth,
Enough meditation to give you peace,
Enough love to push away any fears,
Enough quiet time to commune with God.

Happy New Year.



Sir Arthur Conan Doyle once commented that he always regretted that mediumship was held so cheaply by Spiritualists, especially by mediums. It was, he held, a sacred gift, which should be dispensed with care and consideration. The Ancient Greeks treated their Sybles as if they were sacred women, and their gift was reserved for circumstances which made the recipient feel they were a gift of the gods.

FEATURE



Animals And Pets In The Spirit World

BY THE REV. BARBARA STARR, NST, Virginia

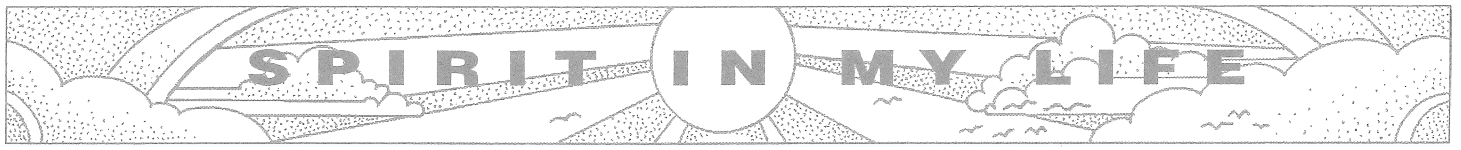
This article is taken from a research dissertation titled *The Spirit World: Descriptions by Early Spiritualists*, completed for Atlantic University in 2000.

No animals exist in the lower spheres of the Spirit Realm, but they are found in the higher ones. There is some disagreement about whether they are actual objective existences or subjective images. Herbine writes that all flowers and animals, including birds and fish, communicate. Crowell's sources say that animals are more intelligent and understand each other better than while on the earth plane. The only ones mentioned are horses, dogs, cows, deer, rabbits, domestic fowl and birds.

Tuttle writes that it is not esthetic to think that the spirits of all animals, insect and fish life will be in the Spirit World. Others agree that animals do not survive the dissolution of material bodies, although they may retain their individuality for a brief period after leaving the body. They are then merged into a vast realm of elemental spirits.

Animals that have enough mental activity to gain a hold on spiritual vibrations have a place in the spirit state, so pets may be found in the Spirit World, according to Longley. Some pets can retain their identity by the will of a spirit who can give it component spiritual elements. DeKoven believes that anything that is evolved enough to possess a semblance of a soul has a counterpart in the Spirit World. A spirit can create anything that is wanted for happiness by desire, so earthly pets may be there until their purpose is served. Peebles goes on to say that there is no organic growth, or animal or vegetable life, in higher spiritual existences, but that can be the result of the immediate action of mind upon the atmosphere.

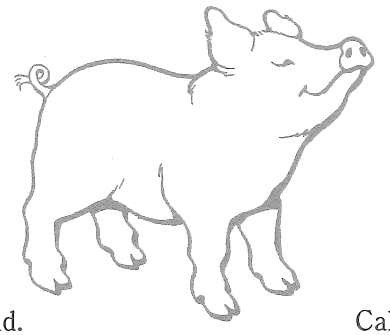
Research of the early Spiritualist writers and mediums agree that there are animals and pets in the Spirit World, but there is no consensus on which ones and how long they remain. Most believe that if an individual has a spiritual connection with a pet, then that is enough for that pet to be found in the afterlife.



***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.*

Sophie Goes To Heaven

BY THE REV. MIRIAM BOSTWICK, California



To his delight, rancher Ben's beloved sow gave birth to six beautiful pot bellied piglets, in which he took great pride and joy. Sadly, Mr. Ben suddenly made his transition to Spirit when these precious little creatures were only about four months old. Disposition of them had to be made. By way of the slaughterhouse, three of her little ones accompanied Mama to Spirit to be with Mr. Ben. The other three piglets were dispersed in different ways, with little Sophie being offered as a prize in a contest. This adorable little black and white, pink-bellied creature (a sure winner had she been entered in a pig beauty contest) went to someone unfamiliar with the needs of this sensitive little soul. In time, Sophie was shunted off to the local county petting zoo, but not before she was psychologically damaged. Her normal gentle nature had turned to one of being aggressive due to her fear of being hurt again.

The zoo attendant was at a loss as to how to handle her, that is, until along came a nice couple who had a pot bellied pig at home. Being very aware of the needs of these animals, they asked the attendant to allow them to go in and evaluate Sophie. Immediately, to the surprise of the attendant, Sophie became very calm and comforted. It seemed to be mutual love at first sight. And guess who went home with this nice couple?

From the spirit side of life, Mr. Ben visited the piglets on earth to see how they were faring. He let his interest be known and through a wonderful medium, the couple were able to talk to Mr. Ben and learn Sophie's history. Mr. Ben was more than pleased that his little beauty had a special warm bed in their home, and lots of hay to sprawl in when she went outdoors to sun herself. She was pampered and spoiled rotten, receiving endless belly rubs and back scratches. Some might say she was as dearly loved as a human child. About seven years passed with the bond growing stronger with each passing year, but something was just not right. Sophie was growing more lethargic than usual (pigs do sleep 20 hours a day). A visit was arranged for a thorough examination at the University of California School of Veterinary Medicine. There, it was revealed she had multiple tumors of the stomach. She never awakened from the emergency operation, despite the efforts of a very competent staff.

During the operation, Mr. Ben hovered over the whole procedure, so when Sophie made her transition, he was there to carry her over to Spirit. She was first taken to a veterinary hospital on the animal plane and given water therapy for about two months, equivalent to earth time, as there is no time in the Spirit World. The purpose of the water treatment was to help her become more active. She had sort of given up when on earth and her little mind set had to be changed. By putting her in water that was a little too deep for her to stand, she had to become active by swimming. At the end of this treatment, she was given over to Mr. Ben's care. He has agreed to play the role of "grandfather" until that nice couple come over to claim her. In the meantime, Mr. Ben is learning how to bring Sophie back to visit them. He understands the importance of maintaining this contact, both for Sophie and her "parents" who were heart-broken over her loss. Their only comfort was in knowing their "baby" would be well cared for.

Although the pain of losing a loved one is there, it is very comforting to know that animals that are shown love here are kept in form there until the owner goes over. It is our love of our pet that keeps them in form. The attendants in the spirit realm provide wonderful care and arrange for earth visits so that the continuity of the relationship remains intact. As with Sophie, every tail should have a happy ending!

Are Spirit Paintings Alive?

BY RON NAGY, Assistant Historian, Lily Dale Museum



What are Spirit Paintings? A Spirit Painting is a work of art produced through a Medium, or in many former cases, a pair of Mediums such as the Bangs Sisters, or the Campbell Brothers.

The Bangs Sisters started their Mediumship about the year 1894. Someone, the "sitter," would bring two canvases to the seance room. These canvases were clean and free of all signs of ever being used or tampered with. One canvas was placed against a window, the other canvas placed facing the first canvas. The window curtains were pulled to the edge of these, allowing just enough light to penetrate the canvas.

The Bangs Sisters, Anna and Elizabeth, would each lightly touch opposite ends of the canvas and hold the hands of the one requesting a Spirit Painting.

The sitter would have a photo likeness of the person in Spirit that they wanted a painting of—or fix a vision in their minds of the person they wanted to appear on the canvas. This picture was placed face inward toward the sitters.

A pot of paint was also present, with all the various colors usually used by an artist, all placed in this pot. In some instances no paint was present in the room...and never any brushes. Within minutes a portrait would be produced, but not like the picture in the sitters pocket! A much better, more alive likeness than in real life. Often the expression on the face would be changed and the clothes of the person painted were different. This all was done in full daylight, while the Mediums were in Trance and reputable witnesses were present in the room.

As the Bangs Sisters' Mediumship progressed, a canvas was placed on an easel on a stage. Each sister would sit on opposite sides of the easel. Numbers for the audience were pulled to elect the person who would have a Spirit Picture done of their loved one. Always, with the same results—a Spirit Picture, more like the deceased person than any photograph or human artist could ever produce. Now remember, this was being done in full daylight, in view of an entire auditorium of people.

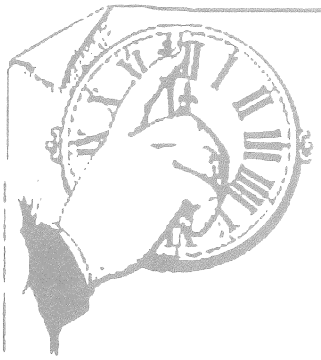
How is a Spirit Painting identified? There are no brush marks, no facial blemishes or any apparent signs of being touched by a human hand. A Spirit Painting looks and feels alive, as though it's reaching out to you wanting something from your inner mind.

There are no co-incidences, especially at Lily Dale. On Friday, August 23rd, within an hour and a half of each other, two separate Iridologists visited the Lily Dale Museum. One from Buffalo, New York, and one from Caistor Center, Ontario, each inspected the Mrs. Caldwell spirit painting by the Bangs Sisters.

The Iridologist from Ontario let out a scream...stating the Automic Nerve Wreath is around the eyes! No human artist can paint this. The Automic Nerve Wreath is the ring around the pupil of the eye. The Iridologist proceeded to medically examine the health condition of Mrs. Caldwell upon her transition. The left eye showed some congestion in the lungs, she died of a blood disease, an Anemic Empathic condition—the eyes are not symmetrical, which indicates a blood disease. The blue in the sclera is a loss of oxygen which is called Venous Congestion.

The second Iridologist confirmed what the first had stated. Needless to say, I was quite taken by this sudden influx of Evidential Information coming from medical professionals...

Spirit Paintings Are For Real!



How Time Flies

BY THE REV. CHARLENE KLEINSCHMIDT, NST, New York

Ah, another year arrives! Are you tired of making resolutions? Does it seem you just made them, and try as you might, you're still in the same place you were a year ago? Have you noticed that when things are fine, time moves at a bearable pace, but, when you need to get things done, time flies?

Relax, you are not alone. Most of us have unrealized hopes, plans and dreams. Should we give up? Absolutely not! We can't tell our young people "everyday is a new beginning" if we don't believe it ourselves. Every Sunday we say "the door to reformation is never closed against any soul here or hereafter." We're here, let's apply that principle to our desire for changes in our circumstances and attitudes. Think how dull life would be if we didn't have a passion to accomplish something, even when it isn't met. In the corporate world today, the buzz words are "mission statements" and "business plans." They're really resolutions in new threads. So instead of resolutions, how about making a "mission statement" with a "business plan" for the coming year? OK, at least it sounds better than same old, same old "resolutions."

How do you decide what your mission statement should be? First, spend some time musing about the things you want to accomplish or bring into your life. Maybe you want to quit procrastinating. Think how much easier life would be without it. Your mission statement should have a powerful verb to start you out on the high road followed by a positive result.

Maybe, "promptness brings me peace of mind," or "success is mine when I'm on time." There may be some Mission Statement writers out there shaking their heads. That's OK, I admit I'm an amateur at this. You know that old saying, "If I can do it, so can you," we're in it together. The second step is the business plan, since I'm about as good at meeting my goals as you, I haven't quite figured the "how" out yet! Shall we try making a time line so we know when things are due? Put it on the wall where we can see what has to be done when. Maybe like me, you have deadlines 3-6 months out, and you think you have lots of time, until someone calls and asks you why you missed it! At times like that, I find it hard to subscribe to the theory, "there are no failures." It feels like a failure to me—how about you? But the other part, the idea that a failure is just an opportunity to have a better result the next time appeals. We are told failure shows us how not to do something the next time. I digress, back to the business plan of our new outlook on beginning again.

I hope you've gotten the idea because, to be honest, I've already missed the date I promised to send this article! Oh well, by the time you read this I will have my Mission Statement and Business Plan in operation—if I didn't procrastinate! If you have any good suggestions or would like to share your Mission Statement and Business Plan, I'd like to see it.

There are all those helpful steps we can take, and know work, to make our mission statements and business plans bear fruit. What could they possibly be? Well, affirmations, visualizations and meditations are powerful and work. We are all equipped with wonderful guidance and aids on both spiritual sides of life. It doesn't have to be as hard as we keep making it. Have you seen people you envied because they seem to have it all together? I'll tell you a secret, a lot of them are "faking it until they make it." Never compare yourself to someone else if it means you're going to condemn yourself for not being more like them. I have a very dear friend whom I admire so much, and wish I could be just like her. One day it happened to come up in a conversation and it turned out she felt the same way toward me. Don't sell yourself short, that's what leads to a lot of our "failures." The real failure is in not appreciating the wonderful gift we have in being a physical expression of the Infinite, able to love, support and accept one another. Sure, we're spirit now, just wearing a physical garment of expression. Your "garment" and mine are the finest, like the beautiful pieces of silk that bear intentional flaws because nothing can be perfect on this plane of existence.

I sometimes threaten to quit writing, because invariably the article comes back to taunt me when I am living one of those "do as I say not as I do" days. Al will thoughtfully put it by may plate to remind me of what I've advocated. As you are reading, think, I probably am too!

Mediumship Or Psychic Ability?

BY THE REVS. TOM AND ALISA BUTLER, NST, Nevada

In a past editorial in the *Psychic World,* the Reverend Ray Jones* wrote of his concern that many mediums serving Spiritualist churches are actually demonstrating psychic ability and not demonstrating mediumship at all. He referred to this as "psychictualism," rather than Mediumship.

Being NSAC certified Mediums, we naturally had to stop for a moment after reading his column, and think about the times we have served the church by delivering spirit greetings. Were the messages we have delivered offering proof of survival, or were we demonstrating psychic ability?



Now, you have all witnessed good Mediumship at the podium and you have also witnessed excellent psychic ability. More importantly, you have probably known exactly which one you were witnessing at the time. At least, subconsciously, the receiver of the messages probably knew exactly which they were receiving, as well.

The problem is that it is often difficult for the receiver, or even the Medium, to know for sure if the message comes from Spirit or if it comes from an observant or psychic person. You see, our study of Mediumship has led us to believe there is something of a gray line between Mediumship and psychic ability. We are also convinced that messages that seem to be psychic readings may actually be initiated by our discarnate friends. We will try to explain with a few possible origins for a spirit greeting:

1. The message is initiated by a nonphysical entity, and is delivered through a Medium who is sensitive to that entity's vibration. This is how Mediumship is supposed to be and what is intended in the Spiritualist church Sunday service as proof of personal survival.

2. The Medium psychically senses information about the receiver, which may come from the receiver's energy field, from someone else in the receiver's sphere of contact or from some etheric field, such as a thought form or the Akashic Records. This is what the Reverend Ray Jones calls "psychictualism" and this does not offer proof of survival.

3. The Medium "reads" the receiver's body language and other social, physical cues and/or draws on what the Medium knows about the receiver to form a message. This need not involve even psychic ability and it certainly is not Mediumship. Also, this form of message can result in what we like to refer to as "Social Engineering," as the reader can use such messages in an attempt to influence the receiver's behavior.

4. The Medium senses the potential for change associated with the receiver and derives a message related to a more energetic future for the receiver. This is also psychic ability, as it offers no proof of survival. However, remember that a communicating entity can also show such a future to the Medium. It is up to the Medium to tell the difference and properly attribute the source of the message.

5. The Medium senses the physical health of the receiver and offers a comment on the receiver's health based on simple opinion, or possibly, at the direction of the Medium's guides. This is either psychic ability or it is a genuine message from a healing guide. Either way, it is not appropriate for delivery during a church service. In fact, unless the Medium has a very high confidence rating, he or she should never offer a health reading unless it is solicited and only if it is outside of a Spiritualist church setting because of liability issues. There is considerable opportunity for delivering what amounts to a "Self-fulfilling prophecy" in this form of message.

There are probably more possible forms of messages, but these seem to be the most common. Item One, above, is the only form of Mediumship message asked for or desired in association with NSAC Affiliated Spiritualist Churches. Having said that, we think this story would not be complete if we did not address the actual delivery of a spirit greeting. You see, it is also common for a very good spirit greeting to sound a lot like a psychic reading. Again, we will explain by offering some examples:

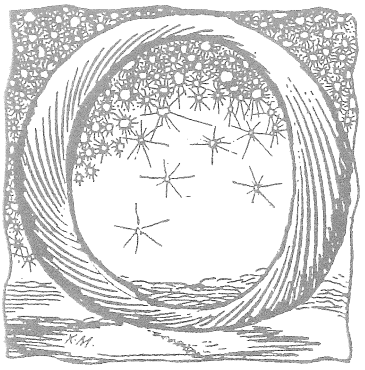
1. The Medium may sense a message from a spirit entity concerning the receiver. For instance, as with Item Five, above, the Medium's healing guide may have something to say about the receiver's health. Since our spirit friends know the rules as well as we do, it is probably more common for a guide to offer advice or encouragement to the receiver, rather than discouraging information regarding their health. This advice and encouragement may be shown to the Medium in the form of a potential future as described in Item Four, above. Even though they may not convey a personal message from a discarnate relative, instances in

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which a guide is communicating through a Medium are examples of genuine Mediumship. The problem is for the Medium to recognize the source of the message and to find a way to properly attribute the source of the message for the receiver.

2. More common, is when a relative or friend of the receiver may want to convey information but it is misinterpreted by the Medium. For instance, an entity may attempt to identify himself by showing the Medium the image of a very sad old man, intending that the Medium would convey this to the receiver as a way to recognize long lost Uncle John. Instead, the Medium may misunderstand what he or she senses and deliver a message about the receiver's state of mind, delicately saying something about how important it is to rise above adversity. He is a genuine spirit greeting that has simply been misunderstood by the Medium. The result is a message that sounds a lot like a psychic message or social engineering.

3. The Medium may correctly sense information from a discarnate entity, but simply fail to attribute the message. For instance, an entity might tell the Medium that he is the receiver's father and that he wants the receiver to know that he is watching over the receiver. The Medium may understand this correctly, but might make a common mistake for Mediums. What if the receiver's father is not on the other side? Not wanting to risk giving a message from a father that might still be in the physical, the Medium may simply say that, "Spirit is watching over you." In doing so, the Medium just turned what was potentially a good spirit greeting into a typical psychic message.



You have all witnessed Mediums deliver "feel good" spirit greetings. Examples are, "I see flowers around you," or "Angels are holding your hands." While it may be true that a communicating entity is showing the Medium flowers around the receiver, the message appears to be without any substance and does nothing to help the receiver believe in personal survival. It is important that messages are worded to avoid the appearance that they are a psychic message. It would be better to say that, "An entity (describe the entity if possible) is showing me flowers around you." The Medium should deliver what they get, but they should also attribute the source.

Without knowing what is going on inside the head of Mediums, it is difficult to know if they are functioning as Mediums, but doing a poor job of communicating the message, or functioning as a psychic while thinking that they are functioning as a Medium. We assume that people who are brave enough to stand before the congregation to give spirit greetings are doing their very best to serve the Spiritualist church in the correct manner. Assuming this is true, we are left with the education of the Medium as the explanation for "psychictualism" in the Spiritualist church.

Something that we know and few scientists understand is that Mediumship can be taught. Yes, some people are born as capable Mediums, but Mediumship is an ability that can also be learned. Locally, Spiritualist churches often provide classes during which potential Mediums are trained with techniques, proper or expected procedures and the reason Mediumship is demonstrated during services. Such classes have been of immense help to us while we were learning.

Even if classes are not available, as long as everyone is in agreement, there is nothing wrong with allowing student Mediums to serve during services. The very best place to learn this ability is in a nurturing environment in which students can safely practice their skills. With a lot of on the job practice and plenty of feedback from the congregation, the student will quickly learn to interpret what he or she senses. So, using the most qualified person available when a certified Medium is not present can be a constructive experience for everyone involved—as long as everyone understands that it is a learning experience for the Medium.

There are really just a few hard and fast rules for Mediumship in the Spiritualist church. The most important is for the Medium to be mindful of the ethical responsibility they have to themselves, the receiver and the organization they are serving. In very practical terms, the Medium is a representative of both the church they serve and the teachings of Spiritualism.

The Medium should always be careful not to deliver a message that may turn into a self-fulfilling prophecy. Belief is a powerful force that can easily create reality. Besides the obvious legal implications brought when a Medium prescribes or diagnoses during a message, there is considerable danger that the receiver may take offense at such a public and uninvited intrusion into their privacy.

The objective of Spirit greetings during Spiritualist church services is to demonstrate the continuity of life. As such, Mediums should develop the necessary vocabulary and method of speaking that reasonably conveys to the congregation what they are sensing. Here, Mediumship is as much an art as it is an ability. Learn to attribute the source of the message. If you sense that an old man is nearby and is telling you something, then say that even if you do not know who the man is. If you simply have a hunch about something, but feel that it is necessary to include that information in your delivery, then tell the receiver that you are speaking from a psychic point of view. There is nothing wrong with using your psychic ability so long as it is not the only source of your message. Be clear about where and how the message has arrived, and remember the objective.

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MORALITY

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One impulse from a vernal wood
May teach you more of man,
Of moral evil and of good,
Than all the sages can.
– William Wordsworth (1770-1850)

Morality is found in all Natural and Spiritual Laws, but no one seems to know when it first surfaced on Earth. Some think it is so basic that it first appeared in the mineral kingdom. For although a stone can be magnetic or radioactive, it can still give a brook its melody. And what is the moon in all its splendor but a large stone weighing 81 quintillion tons moving daily over our heads at over a thousand miles an hour.

It is easier to see ethics and morality in the vegetable kingdom. For, we see how trees, shooting down their roots searching for water and food, could make enemies of thirsty competitors. And when a pine tree's main stem is cut off, surrounding branches consult each other to decide which one will rise to take the place of the lost limb.

When it comes to the animal kingdom, the signs of morality are unmistakable. The moral conduct of most animals is linked to property, particularly the territory they consider theirs. And a normal watchdog will attack any suspicious intruder in a righteous rage. Even cockroaches that find and occupy a private crack in the floor will soon regard it as their rightful home, and will defend it with moral authority.

And there is a kind of morality between rival animals all the way from fish to primates based on what is being defended. It is noticed that older inhabitants morally dominate newer inhabitants, but one with a nest or home has a moral advantage over the one without it, and one with a better-kept home has an edge over the more careless one; and the one who has eggs or young, has a definite advantage over the one with none.

But nature's standards of morality are far different from human ones. For example: lying is a common virtue among both animals and vegetables, and camouflage is a highly developed art. The well-striped tiger is considered a "good" tiger, for his stripes can deceive a prey. And the orchid that masquerades as a wasp is considered a superior species.

Too, ants can be deceitful. When they feel "stigma" from going out to gather seeds, not finding any, and returning empty handed, they have been known to hide their shame by pretending they have a seed, often carrying a pebble or chip of wood instead. When they arrive home, this substitute is always rejected by the inspector ant. But, the unlucky gatherers are never punished for their deceitfulness, because honesty, in the ant kingdom, has not yet evolved.

Morality progressively polarizes good and evil as opposites (Law of Polarity). It also explains why a cat is considered more honest than the dog. For although cats prowl and take cover when ambushing their prey, they play a straightforward game according to well-known rules, and always let everyone know their mood. The dog, on the other hand, being more social, complex and intelligent, is capable of begging, apologizing, fawning, boasting, bluffing and concealing true feelings.

And, an interesting story of dogs telling lies, has been recorded by Konrad Lorenz. Lorenz tells the story of his old dog called Bully, partially blind, who one day, not recognizing him coming in the gate, rushed at him barking ferociously. But realizing who he was, old Bully, so embarrassed he couldn't admit his error, pushed past his master's legs, raced through the still-open gated, and crossed the road to a neighbor's gate where he continued to bark furiously. Obviously, he had a need to conceal his incompetence.



How morality began and evolved is still a mystery. It may have worked its way up from the atom, to the molecule, gene, crystal, cell, organism, society etc. to rise in the animal or human—when one first begins to think beyond the immediate self—like putting away a present meal for the future. Or when a dog stops gnawing a bone—deciding to bury it for some hungrier day. Then the next moral step, after postponing a present pleasure for a future one, is considering someone (or something) beyond oneself.

But, though it might be prompted more by cleverness than generosity, morality requires some sort of self-discipline—an obeying of Nature's Physical and Spiritual Laws. Herbert Spencer (1820-1903) says: *Morality is the regulation of conduct in such a way that pain shall not be inflicted.*

We are still in the *morning* of our moral life, and the Sun of Spirit, having just come up, our eyes have barely opened to the growing light. Slowly a

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Things To Think About

BY MERRY BROWNE



I can deal with sorrow
And all it doth impart,
But I cannot bear beauty,
Beauty breaks my heart.
With sorrow I can battle
From waking till I sleep,
'Gainst beauty I've no weapon,
Beauty makes me weep.

"Hasten the Process"

The poet, John Burroughs wrote: "Serene I fold my arms and wait, I know my own will come to me." This is a poetic way of saying that whatever we experience is equivalent to the contents of our mind—what we are.

What is like us comes to us automatically as the persons, places and things we experience in our life. To experience better persons, places and things in life, all we need do is to become better persons ourselves. To understand this on the collective level as well as individual one is to see life as a great Kaleidoscope slowly turning which causes the beads to automatically move to new positions forming new patterns.

As consciousness evolves it automatically becomes higher consciousness causing better and better life experiences, but to strive to be what we are to become hastens the process.

We cannot know the future,
as to what it will bring,
Not the who or what or when
or where of anything.
All we can be sure of,
be it near or far,
Is that what it is will be
Exactly as we are.

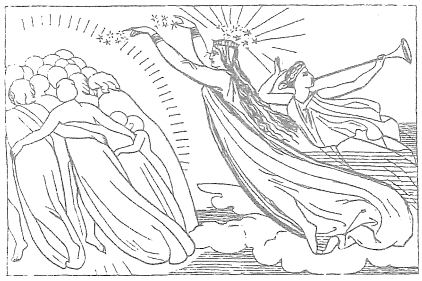


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sense of creaturehood is leading us to the feeling of brotherhood on earth. And, surprisingly, our world still harbors unknown stone-age tribes, like the gentle group called *Tasaday,* discovered in 1971 in a Philippine jungle. They neither fight nor hunt, but eat berries, fruit, crabs and eggs; possess neither a word for "anger" nor do they seek civilization.

Modern, educated humans are now making a determined effort to control their aggressive behavior. We can now claim a conscious and rapidly evolving moral code, which, although still erratically used, and, unfortunately, far from perfected, we use to preserve a semi-tolerable level of world harmony. Although Voltaire pointed out that *murderers are punished unless they kill in large numbers to the sound of trumpets,* and General Robert E. Lee said a century later, *It is fortunate that war is so terrible, otherwise, men would love it too much.* Today, we might call ourselves more fortunate still to have invented nuclear war that is so much more terrible than ordinary war, that no sane man could possibly love it.

Our beloved Modern Spiritualism goes much further in teaching morality, for its philosophy, by encompassing Nature's Physical and Spiritual Laws, embraces every living creature. And,



specifically, it teaches that the highest morality is found in the Golden Rule:

Whatsoever ye would that others
should do unto you,
Do ye also unto them.

Spiritualists know that selfishness is at the root of all immorality, and understand, too, that ignorance is the basis of all selfishness. It is the ignorant one who seeks his or her own ends at the expense of others. It is the ignorant one, therefore, who is the selfish one.

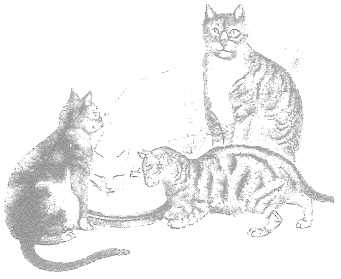
The truly intelligent wise souls are never selfish. They know that they are but a part of the whole. And when they realize that immorality, with all its consequent sufferings, comes through ignorance, then when suffering is seen, in whatever form, they will feel compassion. Compassion will then change itself to love, and love will manifest itself in service. These are Spiritual Laws. This is Morality in its highest form.

Human happiness comes from morality, and morality comes from obeying Nature's Physical and Spiritual Laws. A simple receipt for Moral Conduct is:

Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as you can.



Animal Blessings



BY JERRY LINDBERG, Arizona

Have you ever wondered why so many people are so attached to animals? Why their relationships with their pets are so strong? There is a spiritual connection between a person and their animal friend that transends the Earth world into the Spirit World for continuous life.

Our pets, if we listen with our hearts and soul, teach us:

- about Unconditional Love,
- Unconditional healing,
- not being judgmental,
- about Faithfulness, and
- Loyalty.



Let us give a blessing of thanks for the love and companionship of pets.

Our pet is also our friend and companion, and we know that each show of affection is a message that declares: "I love you so much, and I thank you for loving me."

Invisible as it may seem, the circle of love that unites people and their pets forms a powerful partnership of mutual trust, comfort, and respect. With heartfelt thanks, bless all pets in prayer: "God, thank You for creating animals to be companions and friends, and thank You for the people who care so lovingly for their pets. We pray that every pet has a home in which it can add joy to the life of those around it."

Genesis 2:19 – So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird in the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name.

There are many kinds of animal pets. Dogs and Cats are the most common domestic pets today. Yet, there are pets from all of the other animal and bird kingdoms. Each living creature has a spiritual vibrational connection with humans. We are all vibrating, light entities. Animals vibrate at a lower frequency than humans, because they can not reason as humans do, but they are very spiritual. They follow the purist form of Natural Law, especially the Law of Vibration and the Law of Attraction.

Animals were meant to live forever, just like man. The *Bible* tells us that animals do have an eternal existence with God, along with the children of God. They have a soul and a spirit, just like we do. Paul wrote in a letter telling us that God works all things He creates after His will.

Psalms 148:5-6 – Let everything He has made give praise to Him. For He issued His command, and they came into being; He established them forever and forever. His orders will never be revoked.

Animals are Healers.

Animals will take on our pain so we can live long enough to learn our lessons. They mirror our illnesses. They are the healers and are far superior to us.

People and animals are more than just physical beings. We have a dense *physical body* that is immediately perceptible by sight and touch, but we also have *etheric bodies.* The *etheric bodys* are invisible, and are bodies of **Energy** levels comprised of Chi that directs the state of the physical body. Healing cannot be physical alone, but must include the vibrational energy bodies. Where medicine treats only the physical body, healing treats all bodies. Healing therefore, goes much further than medicine, and is more complete in its results.

The life force energy we have, the Chinese call Chi. The Japanese call it Ki, to the Hindus of India it is Prana, to the Polynesians it is Mana, and every other culture has its own name for it. We call it *Spirit, life force* or simply *Energy*.

Spiritual healing is totally positive and can never harm any living thing. Healing is valid for use on any person or animal, no matter how young, old or frail. For the healthy, healing relaxes and rejuvenates. For others, healing balances all the chakras and the energy fields. Healing clears and increases the animal or human body's flow of the life force energy, Chi.



Pets also need healing. Cats and dogs get depressed and lonely as humans do, when left alone or mistreated. Laying on Hands Healing works for pets, too. I have seen dogs with arthritis be relieved of pain through healing. I watched when one dog was receiving Holistic Healing; as soon as the healer removed his hands from the dog, the dog jumped straight up in the air with relief and joy. The healer said that the dog couldn't help jumping, for the healing energy had surged through its body, giving the dog a sudden burst of energy that needed to be released. There are "doctors" and healers that provide holistic medical treatment, acupuncture, acupressure, etc. for pets.

From "Spiritually Incorrect" by Dan Wakefield (creator of the TV series "James at 15"): Dan said, *In one of the darkest periods in my life, when my 'resting pulse' was racing at twice the speed of normal, and my personal and professional*

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lives were crumbling around me, my greatest source of comfort came from a cat...

When I went home to slouch on the couch, in the most discouraging times, Puss, my girlfriend's fat old cat, whom I had "adopted" emotionally, would appear, stare at me a moment, and jump on my lap, kneading my stomach and purring with the sound of feline tranquility.

She Knows, I thought, and she Cares. The idea that good old Puss was trying to cheer me up was deeply reassuring...

I experienced what countless people know from their own pets, that these domesticated animals possess a wordless wisdom; they convey a special kind of empathy that enriches the lives around them.

From the book "Do Pets Go To Heaven?" (by Brad and Sherry Steiger): *By far, the most frequently asked questions...are whether animals have souls and if their owners may expect to meet them again in the afterlife.*

The late professor Ian Currie, who was a lecturer in Sociology in a Canadian University...and author of the book "You Cannot Die"*...once remarked that he had received numerous testimonials from people who had encountered the spirits of their dead pets in the places like homes, fields, and barns, where in life, the animals had felt happy and contented. He felt that this was evidence that life after death exists for animals as well as humans, and that we are reunited with those pets with whom we shared an emotional bond on earth.*



James Van Praagh claims, we can learn a lot from our animal friends. We all know how attached we can get to an animal. There is an unquestionable spiritual connection there. I believe that animals have a spirit much like humans and when they pass, their spirit ascends into **spiritual dimension**.

James Van Praagh said, *Many spirits have shared with me that there is a "keeper of the animals," a being that oversees them in the Spirit World. It seems that most animals serve where they are needed most, and where they can help other spirits of the human kind. It is quite common for a pet to be among those who greet departed loved ones at the time of their passing into spirit, especially if the love bonds were exceptionally strong.*

Many people ask if animals can communicate from the Spirit World. Van Praagh said, *Yes. I have brought through hundreds of messages from the animal kingdom. The loving energy that accompanies this transmission is nothing less than pure bliss and is far superior to most of the communication I have experienced. Unlike humans', animal energy is not polluted by earthly judgments and opinions, and usually comes through with adoration, gratitude, and love. I have often felt that the animal kingdom works together with the human kingdom in a divine plan. I do believe that the animal consciousness does its part to help us to connect to the truth of that perfect love from which we all originate.*

For instance, after someone passes, it is very common to have an experience with an animal that immediately causes us to think of our loved ones.



Messages from beyond? Yes! I believe so. Animals come to us at the most opportune times. Several people I know have told of their loving pets communication from the next dimension.

Janet Tisdale was driving on the freeway and was distracted by loose items on the seat. Her foot slipped off the peddle, when she heard her dog, *Scooter,* barking. She looked up and saw trucks moving together, trapping her. She was able to avoid an accident that day.

I had an experience with my dog, *Duke,* a Boston Terrier, who had crossed over. I was sitting at the kitchen table one day when I heard *Duke* barking very loudly. At the same time, I heard him running through the house to the front window. *Duke* continued to bark. I was drawn to look in the direction of the window, but I didn't see *Duke.* There were some people walking down the sidewalk at that very moment. *Duke* was there for me and warning me of the people outside of my house.

Abby, Pat Crim's Chesapeake Bay Retriever, appeared to me one night in class. I saw something out of the corner of my eye, and turned my head. *Abby* was sitting there looking at me. She communicated that she was there to watch over and protect Pat.

Ron Meisner said that after his dog, *Tatum,* passed, he heard just one bark and recognized *Tatum's* voice. He knew that she was in the Spirit World and that everything was okay because one bark meant a Yes to Ron.

Aidimar Jones tells of a time when their large dog, *Sasha,* was very sick. Aidimar and *Sasha* were sitting in the back seat, rushing to the vet, with her son driving. Before arriving at the vets, Aidimar noticed that *Sasha* had passed over, and at that exact moment she looked up and saw a large Angel appear in front of the car holding *Sasha* in her arms to take *Sasha* to Doggie Heaven.

Our pets teach us lessons about:

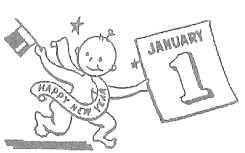
- loving our pets, loving ourselves and our fellow men and women with Unconditional Love, not being judgmental
- being faithful and loyal to your beliefs
- learning to accept others as they are, as God created, as God's spiritual beings
- knowing that pets live on in a Spiritual World, as God intended, and will be with us when we need healing, comfort, or guidance in our lives, and will be there when we arrive in the next realm of life.

All you have to do is believe, God will do the rest for you. GOD bless all of you.

Positive Statements To Help Create a Positive Day.

Affirmations . . . JANUARY 2003

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Live this moment and experience life's beauty and blessings.	**2** My life is in perfect balance, for God is in Control.	**3** "The greatest reward for doing a good deed is having done it." – Cicero	**4** Often receiving too much of a good thing, we fail to appreciate it.
5 I welcome change as growth and opportunity.	**6** Happiness flows from within out, from my inner being.	**7** "Only good comes to me, only good goes from me."	**8** Peace is all around me and I send it out to the world.	**9** During my quiet times I receive guidance from Infinite Spirit.	**10** "Thank you, Creator of the Universe, for the gift of life..." – D. M. Ruiz	**11** I appreciate the services of others that assist me in life.
12 "He that loveth not, knoweth not God. For God is love." – Buddhism	**13** I use intuitive intelligence, that knowing from within, to guide my life.	**14** Learn how to get something valuable from a difficult experience.	**15** "Seek knowledge from the cradle to the grave." – Islam	**16** During darkness or difficulty, I light a candle to change the pattern.	**17** "All things work for the good—to teach us life lessons." – *SOM*	**18** Integrity means completing a promise.
19 "Not learning, but doing is the chief thing." – Judaism	**20** Gratitude brings to the consciousness an awareness of life's opportunities.	**21** When we become still and silent, spirit's soft whisper can be heard.	**22** "Where there is forgiveness, there is God." – Sikhism	**23** Evaluate your thoughts and adjust them to joy.	**24** "Pain is inevitable, suffering is optional." – Sylvia Boorstein	**25** "God hath made of one blood all nations of men." – Christianity
26 I give thanks for goodness and eternality of all life.	**27** "My joy is a celebration of God's presence in me and my life." – Unity	**28** Celebrate your Oneness with Spirit, celebrate your Awareness.	**29** Healers help others to release and let go so God may heal the disharmony.	**30** "Let silence take you to the core of life." – Rumi	**31** "Happiness is the space between unhappiness." – Don Marquis	



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P.O. Box 2492, 04338, (207) 622-8980, corner of Perham & Court Sts.; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Thurs. Awareness Class 7:00-9:00 p.m.; Pastor, Earl Wallace, (207) 582-6745, e-mail: godfreed@aol.com; Secy., Phyllis Norton, e-mail: secretaryasc@yahoo.com.

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

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

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

MADISON - Madison Spiritualist Camp
Located at Lakewood Village, Rt. 201, six miles north of Skowhegan, ME. We meet July 13th through August 17. Schedule to be announced. For information, contact President John Davidson, 74 Central Ave., Waterville, 04901, phone (207) 877-2204; e-mail: jdavidson@midmaine.com; Secy., Dorothy Dee. There are no accommodations for the general public for rooms, camping, or meals. There are plenty of locations in the surrounding area.

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

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

PORTLAND AREA - Portland Spiritualist Church
719 Main St., (Unitarian Universalist Church), Westbrook; Mailing Address: P.O. Box 6551 PTS, 04102; Sun. Serv. 6:30 p.m.; Fri. Class 7:30 p.m.; Pres., Graham Connolly, (207) 655-6673; e-mail: gconnol1@maine.rr.com.

• MARYLAND •

GLEN BURNIE/BALTIMORE - The Light Center Spiritualist Church
Phone: (410) 590-9167; Fax: (413) 431-8465; e-mail: Info@LightCenter.Org; website: www.LightCenter.Org; Mailing Addr.: 7851 Foxfarm Lane, Glen Burnie, 21061-6324; Service Addr.: Hampton Inn, Glen Burnie, 6617 Gov. Ritchie Highway North, Glen Burnie, (410) 761-7666; Pastor, Rev. John Edward Rothamel Jr., NST; Services: Devotional, 1st/3rd Sun., 11 a.m.; Healing & Message, 5th Fri., 7:30 p.m.; Classes: MPI Study Group, 1st Sun., 10 a.m.; Adult Lyceum, 3rd Sun., 10 a.m.; Meditation, 1st Fri., 7:30 p.m.; Development, 2nd/3rd/4th Fri., 7:30 p.m.; Special Events: Seminars, Workships, Picnics, Field Trips, Séances, Circles.

• MASSACHUSETTS •

MEDFORD - Medford Spiritualist Church, NSAC, Chapel of Peace
Sunday Serv. held at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 147 High St.; Serv. at 5:00 p.m., Healing Lecture and Messages; For Info. call Acting Pastor/Treas., Sandra Millen, 103 Columbus Ave., Salem, 01970, (978) 744-0546.

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

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

REHOBOTH - First Spiritualist Church of Brockton, Inc., NSAC
Services held at 10:30 a.m. every Sunday at the Agawan Grange Bldg., junction Rts. 44 & 118; Mailing address: P.O. Box 206, Swansea, MA 02777-0206. Please see our website for updated schedule and e-mail addresses, http://www.firstspiritualistchurch.com or http://clix.to/spirits.

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

• MICHIGAN •

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

CHARLEVOIX - The Golden Rule Spiritualist Church
07444 Old US 31 North, 49720-9422, (231) 347-9601 or (231) 347-7916; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m., except during July and August because our "camp" operates in the same location. (During cold weather months it is advisable to call our Secretary just in case. We held services for the winter of 2001/2002, but weather is beyond our control.) Located halfway between Petroskey and Charlevoix. Turn on Murray Road and

immediately turn right on Old 31 N - go 8 tenths of a mile on the left; Pastor, Rev. Cosie Allen, NST and Certified Medium; website: www.churchseek.net/church/goldenrule; Mail: c/o Stanhope, 1086 Maple Grove Rd., 49720.

CHARLEVOIX - Northern Lake Michigan Spiritualist Camp
Please see Golden Rule Spiritualist Church listing for contact information, driving directions, and website address: Open July and August for Sunday services at 10:30 a.m. and Wednesday services at 7:30 p.m.; Potluck follows Sunday service and bonfire with snacks follows Wednesday service; Classes, circles and readings/private consultations available. Pastor, Rev. Cosie Allen, NST and Certified Medium; Mail: c/o Stanhope, 1086 Maple Grove Rd., 49720.

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

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

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

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

SOUTH BRANCH - Chain Lake Spiritualist Camp Association
8000 W. Chain Lake Rd., 48761-0089; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m., June 1, 2003 through Sept. 1, 2003; Annual Retreat July 13-18, 2003; Lyceum Dir., Dawn Hyatt; Pres., Donald Weichner, 8022 W. Chain Lake Rd., P.O. Box 89, 48761-0089.

• MINNESOTA •

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

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

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

• MISSOURI •

ST. LOUIS - Fifth Spiritualist Church
6026 S. Kingshighway Blvd., 63109-3558; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Healing, Meditation & All Message Service, 1st Wed. of the month at 7:00 p.m.; Student Minister/Pastor, Toye E. Stinson, 9540 Miriam, Overland, 63114, (314) 423-3516; Secy., Lisbeth Tintera, 901 Peace Haven Dr., 63125, (314) 845-3492.

• NEBRASKA •

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

• NEVADA •

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

• NEW HAMPSHIRE •

SALEM - The Church of Spiritual Life, Inc.
Masonic Hall, 109 Main St., Rt. 97; Mailing address: P.O. Box 144, 03079; Year Round Services; Regular Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.; Wed. classes 7:15 p.m.; Call Pastor, Rev. Kenneth Wingood, (978) 454-4163; website: http://www.NHSpiritualist.homestead.com.

• NEW JERSEY •

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

WESTVILLE - Church of Eternal Life
243 W. Olive & Folsom Sts., 08093; Sun. Healing, Worship & Message Serv. 11:00 a.m., (856) 456-2196 for cancellations; Pastor, Lillian Joyce, 300 McCourt Ave., Berlin, (856) 767-1651, e-mail: spiritone@snip.net; Pres., Russell E. Joyce, 300 McCourt Ave., Berlin, (856) 767-1651; Secy., Kathleen M. Pollack, 1762 Crown Pt. Rd. #537-A, Thorofare, (856) 848-7053; website: http://users.snip.net/~spiritone.

• NEW YORK •

EAST AURORA - First Spiritualist Temple
29 Temple Pl., 14052, (716) 652-5018; Sun. Healing Service 10:30 a.m.; Lecture and Message Service 11:00 a.m.; Social Hour 12:15 p.m.; Dinner Day 3rd Sun. of month followed by Circles; Secy., Robert Lowell, (585) 786-8549.

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

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

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

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

LONG ISLAND - Temple of Metaphysical Science, NSAC
15 Oak St., Patchogue, 11772; Sun. Serv.: Healing and Worship 11:00 a.m.; Pastoral Committee, Hugo Ruiz, LM and Genevieve Mancini; Mailing address: 197 Gibbs Pond Rd., Nesconset, 11767, e-mail: TMS@hoflink.com; website: http://www.TMS-Li.org.

ROCHESTER - Plymouth Spiritualist Church
Meets at Days Inn, 384 East Ave., Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Pres., Joanne Antinore; Pastor, Robin Higgins, (585) 227-6291; Mailing address: Secy., Kathy Manikowski, 1415 Creek Pointe, Farmington, 14425.

• OHIO •

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

• OKLAHOMA •

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

• PENNSYLVANIA •

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

McKEESPORT - First Spiritualist Church
809 Locust St., 15132, (412) 672-1272; Sun. Serv. 1:00 p.m., Healing, Lecture and Messages; Pres., Carol Perella, P.O. Box 1981, Pittsburgh, 15230-1981, (412) 461-7002; Vice Pres., Jim Rocky, (412) 381-7584, Secy., Dianne English, 820 Stanton Ave., Pittsburth, 15209.

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

• TEXAS •

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

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

CAMERON - First Spiritualist Church
802 S. College Ave., P.O. Box 1152, 76520; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Lunch 12:00; Second Service 1:00 p.m.; Third Sun. of each month; Pastors, Mrs. Frances Brown, Licentiate & Medium, 2723 S. Congress, Apt. #2309, Austin 78704, (512) 447-2188, and Rev. Evelyn Muse, NST, Certified Medium, 1104 Susan Dr., Edinburg, 78539, (956) 383-2510; Secy.-Treas., Verna Hentz, 406 E. 7th St., (254) 697-3912.

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

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

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

McMAHAN - Angels of Light Spiritualist Church
McMahan Community Center, FM 713 @ Tx. Hwy. 86; Devotional, healing and message service followed by class/circle, 2nd and 4th Sundays at 2 p.m.; Pastor and Secy., Rev. Dr. Jean Hamner, 2714 FM 713, Lockhart, 78644-4163, (512) 376-5326.

SAN ANTONIO - Louise Scholtz Memorial Chapel, NSAC
1627 PanAm Expwy. North, 78208-1143; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; Co-Pastors, Hector Caldera and Alex Sifuentes; Secy.-Treas., Elizabeth Dolyak, 10211 Sandyglen, 78240, (210) 641-6589.

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

• VIRGINIA •

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

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

• WASHINGTON •

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

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

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

MILTON - Church of Spiritual Unity, NSAC
Camp Edgewood - Church Serv. Sundays, 2:00 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. LaVerne Pemberton, (206) 722-2348; Pres., Colleen Mohler, 1210 - 26th Ave. Ct., 98354, (253) 927-2365; Secy., Karen Hicks, (253) 846-2039.

• WEST VIRGINIA •

WHEELING - First Spiritualist Association of Wheeling WV.
(Way Memorial Temple) N. Broadway & Maryland Sts., (304) 233-5065; Sun. Lyceum at 9:30 a.m.; Healing and Worship Serv. 10:45 a.m.; Tues. Development Circle; Wed. Healing 6:30 p.m., Message Serv. 7:30 p.m.; Fri. Open Circle and Discussion. Lyceum Conductor, Beverly Goff, Asst. Conductor, Josetta Ludwig; Pastor, Raymond Jones, 104 N. Broadway St., 26003, (304) 232-5795; e-mail: pastorray@1st.net; Church website: http://users.1st.net/pastorray; Church e-mail: waymemorialtemple@1st.net. Church open year round.

• WISCONSIN •

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

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

• CANADA •

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

CHURCH OF SPIRITUAL WISDOM
674 Kennedy Rd., Scarsborough, Ontario M1K 2B5; Sun. Serv. 2:00 p.m. Spiritual Healing, Lecture & Message Serv., Thurs. 7:30 p.m.
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THE FIRST SPIRITUAL CHURCH OF MONTREAL
2186 St. Catherine St. West, Montreal, Quebec, H3H 1M7; English Serv. - Sun. 2:00 p.m. & Wed. 7:30 p.m.; French Serv. - Sun. 4:30 pm., 2nd & 4th Wed. 7:30 p.m; Rev. Mary Amato, Minister, (514) 365-0661.

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

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

SPIRITUALIST CHURCH OF CANADA
83 Ottawa Street North, Hamilton, Ontario, L8H 3Y9; Pres., Rev. Alva Folkes; website: www.spiritualistchurchofcanada.com.

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

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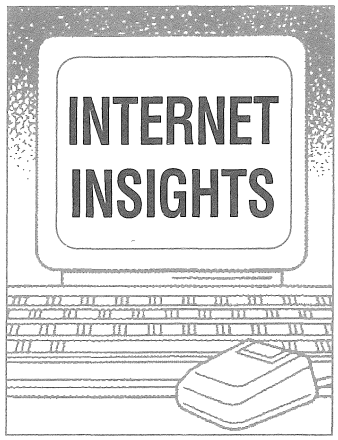
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    5. Stroke
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24. There were only about 230 reported murders in the entire U.S.

As they say, "We've come a long way, Baby!" Or have we?

Rainbow Bridge

– Author Unknown



Just this side of heaven is a place called Rainbow Bridge.

When an animal dies that has been especially close to someone here, that pet goes to Rainbow Bridge. There are meadows and hills for all of our special friends so they can run and play together. There is plenty of food, water and sunshine, and our friends are warm and comfortable.

All the animals who had been ill and old are restored to health and vigor. Those who were hurt or maimed are made whole and strong again, just as we remember them in our dreams of days and times gone by. The animals are happy and content, except for one small thing; they each miss someone very special to them, who had to be left behind.

They all run and play together, but the day comes when one suddenly stops and looks into the distance. His bright eyes are intent. His eager body quivers. Suddenly he begins to run from the group, flying over the green grass, his legs carrying him faster and faster.

You have been spotted, and when you and your special friend finally meet, you cling together in joyous reunion, never to be parted again. The happy kisses rain upon your face; your hands again caress the beloved head, and you look once more into the trusting eyes of your pet, so long gone from your life but never absent from your heart.

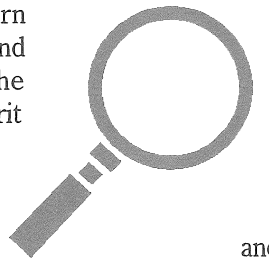
Then you cross Rainbow Bridge together...

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January 2003 Department of Phenomenal Evidence Report

BY THE REVS. TOM AND LISA BUTLER, NST

The Reverend Barbara Star Speaks at the ARPR. The Rev. Barbara Star (Bunny) was a speaker at the Academy of Religion and Psychical Research 2002 Annual Conference on "Mediumship: A Gateway to Other Dimensions of Existence." Her talk, "Descriptions of the Spirit World by Early Mediums," showed that messages brought to us by early mediums closely followed the theories of Andrew Jackson Davis. Davis, a forerunner of modern Spiritualism, spoke of seven spheres or levels beyond the physical world. Her speech covered the geography of the Spirit World, what those in spirit eat, the clothes they wear and many other interesting descriptions of life on the other side. The talk was based on a thesis that Bunny did for a Master of Arts in Transpersonal Studies while she was attending Atlantic University, which is part of the Association for Research and Enlightenment in Virginia Beach. You can get a copy of the thesis from the NSAC bookstore for $10.



Scientists Ponder Evidence of Survival and NDE's. The Reverend Sharon Snowman told us of a recent report in the *British Journal Nature* that has proven to be rather controversial amongst Spiritualists. It seems that a team led by Dr. Olaf Blanke, a neurologist at Geneva University Hospital, Switzerland, has discovered a specific location of the brain, which when stimulated, causes the patient to have what appeared to be an Out of Body Experience (OBE). Neuroscientists often argue that out of body and near death experiences are nothing more than a malfunction of the brain. These findings would seem to support that argument.

Naturally, a number of Spiritualist-minded people have pointed out to us that there is also good research that contradicts these findings, as illustrated in the following two items.

Scientist Says Mind Continues After Brain Dies. A British scientist studying heart attack patients says he is finding evidence that suggests that consciousness may continue after the brain has stopped functioning and a patient is clinically dead. Dr. Sam Parnia, one of two doctors from Southampton General Hospital in England who have been studying so-called near-death experiences (NDEs), told Reuters in an interview. "The studies are very significant in that we have a group of people with no brain function...who have well-structured, lucid thought processes with reasoning and memory formation at a time when their brains are shown not to function. We need to do much larger-scale studies, but the possibility is certainly there to suggest that consciousness, or the soul, keeps thinking and reasoning even if a person's heart has stopped, he is not breathing and his brain activity is nil." By Sarah Tippit for Reuters, www.gotoaip.org/news_6_29.htm.

Lancet Article on NDE'S. We previously reported on an article titled *"Near-death experience in survivors of cardiac arrest: a prospective study in the Netherlands"* that was published in volume number 358 of *The Lancet*. *The Lancet* is one of the world's most respected medical journals. *Lancet* publishing this article has caused quite an uproar in the medical community.

The article sites a study by Dr. Pim van Lommel and colleagues of Rijnstate Hospital in Arnhem and is available at www.thelancet.com/search/search.isa online. The results showed that medical factors could not account for the occurrence of NDEs. Although all patients had been clinically dead, most did not have an NDE. The researchers noted that, "If purely physiological factors had caused the NDE most of our patients should have had this experience." The paper states that induced NDE experiences are not identical to spontaneous NDE experiences. It questions, "How clear consciousness outside one's body can be experienced at the moment that the brain no longer functions during a period of clinical death with flat EEG?...Furthermore, blind people have described veridical perception during out of body experiences at the time of this experience."

Comment: The scientific community is making an honest effort to understand the nature of Self and the reasons for often-reported experiences that seem to suggest the survival of consciousness after physical death. These studies do not really contradict one another. If your training is based on the belief that consciousness is the result of the evolution of the brain, then it is natural for you to assume that all functions of consciousness are dependent on the brain. However, if your training also includes the understanding that consciousness (Self) exist outside of the brain, then the same evidence will tell you that you have only found the part of the brain that hosts a particular function of Self in the physical world.

The Power of Prayer. David Marshall was sitting in a small class of church students led by the minister, the Rev. Charles Harding, with the room dark and the session coming to an end. David wrote, "At the time my wife had been on the other side for a number of years and my son, who was about

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42 years old, was dying of AIDS out in California. As I rose to turn on the lights I said to my wife in a prayer, 'Take him by the hand and lead him over the threshold.' I was wondering if she received my message and as I stood up to go turn the lights on I got a very strong aroma of Channel #5 perfume, which was her favorite. I always gave it to her for a Christmas present. At that moment I realized the power of prayer was working. The next day I received a telegram telling me my son had died."

EVP not just Voices. An AA-EVP member who records Electronic Voice Phenomena wrote to us saying that he always uses two tape recorders at the same time and captures sounds that would have been missed otherwise. For example he was walking with a friend down a gravel path. On tape A, you can hear both of them walking, but on tape B you can clearly hear what sounds like four or five people walking. He mentioned that the coyote was an animal on his animal totem and wrote that they often hear coyotes when they go out. One evening there were no coyote sounds but when one of the tapes was played back you can clearly hear many coyotes howling away. He wrote, "So many people keep their ears open for voices and don't notice little things like these. I believe that a lot of spirits have never taken human form so they will not always speak in words. I guess since I am 1/4 Cherokee Indian I have always had a lot of respect for all living things so I am not surprised to find them in my recordings."



You can reach Tom or Lisa Butler with information on phenomena happening in you church or in your life by sending an email to them at phenomena@nsac.org or writing to them at 3415 Socrates Dr., Reno, NV 89512.

POETRY



When You Sit In The Silence

by Maude Sparks Crawford

When you sit in the Silence and talk with God
With a heart that is filled with love,
When you ask that God lead you upon your way
With a light that comes from above,
When you humbly request that God take your hand
And lead you the way you should go,
Then you honestly pray the way that you should—
You have then found the way to grow.

When you sit in the Silence and talk with God
And you pray that your heart be clean,
When you ask that God help you to see the good
In the ones who are base and mean,
When you really pray from the depths of your heart
And mean every word that you say,
You have lighted a candle of love to guide
The whole weary world on its way.



Gratitude–Giving

by Ella Wheeler Wilcox

Give, and thou shalt receive. Give thoughts of cheer.
Of courage and success, to friend and stranger
And from a thousand sources, far and near,
Strength will be sent thee in thy hour of danger.

Give words of comfort, of defense, and hope,
To mortals crushed by sorrow and by error.
And though thy feet through shadowy paths may grope,
Thou shalt not walk in loneliness and terror.

Give of thy gold, though small thy portion be.
Gold rusts and shrivels in the hand that keeps it.
It grows in one that opens wide and free.
Who sows his harvest is the one who reaps.

Give of thy love, nor wait to know the worth
Of what thou lovest; and ask no returning.
And wheresoe'r thy pathway leads on earth,
There thou shalt find the lamp of love-light burning.

The Casa de Dom Inacio

A Spiritual Healing Centre operated by Joao de Deus or "John of God" working through Healing Entities—Abadiania, Brazil

BY RON CLARKE, Canada

Spiritual healing, done by the hundreds, three days a week for forty five years, is the record of one man, Joao Teixara de Faria, who is known as Joao de Deus or "John of God." With only a grade two education, Joao has, since the age of sixteen, used a unique form of Mediumship in which benevolent spirits, aka disembodied entities, use his body to perform healings, including both physical and psychic surgery. He lives in Brazil and the property where thousands of people are healed each month is located approximately one hour south of the capital city of Brasilia in a town called Abadiania. The Casa de Dom Inacio, (named after St. Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Jesuit sect) or simply **The Casa** as it is called, is the property where this uneducated and medically untrained Brazilian man has helped people to heal from AIDS, cancer, paralysis, blindness, and many, many other illnesses. The Casa is considered a "portal" connected to the healing spirits. Over a million people have consulted with Joao-in-Entity since 1965.



Approximately 500 people a day stand in line to pass by him after he has taken on one of the over thirty spirits that work through him for healing. The price of gasoline has tripled in Brazil during the past 3 years and with their currency devalued, the number of Brazilian visitors has dropped. At one time, it was not uncommon for the number to be around 20,000 per week. I visited The Casa in July of 2002 and spent two incredible weeks there. I would like to share with you some of the things that I saw, felt and heard about this amazing man who works with spirit to achieve healings unheard of in western medicine.

Joao is an "Unconscious Medium," as he has no memory of what he has done, therefore he himself will not take credit for the "miracles" that occur, but simply states that the healings are the work of God. One could say that the Entities have the intention to contribute to health care throughout the world. *More than thirty entities, now residing on the spiritual plane, each with his/her own identifiable characteristic personality traits and technical skills derived from former lives as healers, incorporate with Joao,* quote from *Spiritual Alliances,* by Emma Bragdon Phd). Every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at eight in the morning, he starts his work. Hundreds of people are standing in line to pass in front of him. Some are on crutches, some in wheel chairs, some with white canes in their hand and some are being carried by family members or friends. Many have travelled from all over the world with a deep desire to be healed by this man.

There are two sessions a day, one at eight o'clock and one at two. Both start with the rules of The Casa being given in three languages. This takes places in a general meeting area that can hold hundreds of people. Behind the general meeting area are two rooms where people "Sit in Current." Each of these rooms hold approximately 150 people sitting in meditation with music in the background. Several dedicated mediums give their time to be there to intensify the energy. Long benches seat the people. Here, healing takes place as one sits for two to three hours while spirits work. The Casa asks that people wear white clothing and most do. The lines are usually quiet and some people are deep in prayer.

When Joao has taken on the Entity who wishes to use his body for that session, he is seated in the second current room. Slowly, the lines start to move through the first current room into the second. As I stood in front of Joao I was aware of the fact that I was having a spiritual experience unlike any other that I had ever had. An English to Portuguese translator took the small piece of paper from my hand on which I had written the reason for my visit. As fast as it was translated, the reply came through Joao from the Entity. People are often told that they can be cured and of the routine which they must follow for that to happen.

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Common prescribed cures are; Sitting "in Current," having either a physical operation or an invisible operation, taking Crystal Bed treatments, visiting the waterfall which is on the property, and taking herbs that are specially infused by the Entities for your problem.

Sitting "in Current" requires that you meditate in one of the two Current Rooms as often as possible. This allows the healing spirits to come to you and to do the necessary work to fulfill your request. Some are healed quickly while others have to return to the Casa a few months later to continue their healing. The readiness of an individual can determine the length of the time required and the number of visits one must make to the Casa.



Physical surgery is done at the beginning of each session. You stand in a special line and are either taken on stage or into a large room with others. When Joao has incorporated with spirit he enters the room and the operation is performed, without any anaesthetic or pain, and often without any sign of blood. Some form of spiritual anaesthesia is administered that allows people to go through surgery without experiencing pain. Many surgeries are performed while the patient is still standing. There has never been a case of infection reported. To prove to Doctors from "the outside world" that it is not he who performs the operation, but rather incorporated Entities, he has performed "impossible" surgeries blindfolded, on stage in front of hundreds of onlookers. Usually for the next 24 hours people who have had surgery are asked to rest in their Pasada (Inn). People who were staying at the same Pasada that I was and who had had physical surgery had very little memory of the operation, felt no or very little discomfort and didn't even miss a meal.

Invisible surgery can be given for those who do not want physical surgery. If you are under the age of eighteen or over the age of fifty five, visible surgery will not be given. For the invisible surgery you sit in a room along with several mediums. When Joao passes through the room the Entities start their work. Invisible healing takes place. *Healing effected by an outside agent that is done inside the body of the patient without the use of physical instruments or opening the body through surgery. Prayer is often used in invisible surgery to summon positive Entities and angels who promote healing of the body and mind without invasive procedures,* quote taken from *Spiritual Alliances,* by Emma Bragdon, Phd.

Crystal Bed treatments are done in private rooms with the purpose of balancing and energizing. For some, this is part of their treatment. Brandon wrote: *One woman with very advanced breast cancer was on slow morphine drip continuously, but was still in a great deal of discomfort. The Entity prescribed crystal bed treatments only, usually six times a day, throughout her stay. She reported that the crystal treatments eliminated her pain completely.* Each treatment is twenty minutes long and as you relax on a bed, soft music is played and colored lights are filtered through seven cylinders filled with crystals, each aimed at one of the seven Caracas.

Also on the property is a lovely waterfall. The streams which flow out of the hill are believed to be a source of healing. If the Entity gives you permission, you may go there to stand under it while cool water, which has been blessed, pours over you. For many this is part of their healing.

The entire property is blessed. It sits on a bed of crystal and has an outstanding view of a lovely valley. As I stood overlooking the valley, I had a strong sense of being surrounded by spiritual energies and entities.

I met people from all over the world. Some were first time visitors, but many had returned to stay in touch with The Casa and to bring friends and family who needed treatment. Amazing stories were told. I met one man from Australia who was there with his wife. She had stomach cancer and had been unable to eat, and was in continuous pain even when on pain killers. During their stay, she lost all the pain and was eating solid foods for the first time in over a year.

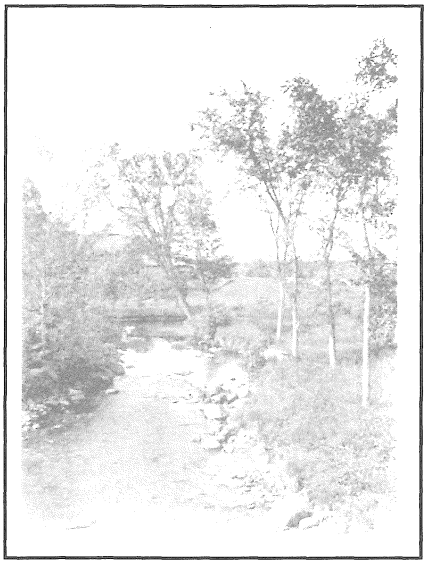
There have been over a million visitors and there are over a million stories. *When you heal the spirit, you can face sickness and pain with equanimity. When you align your thinking and your behavior with your spirit, you gain peace of mind. Stress diminishes and health is more accessible—even spontaneous remissions of all symptoms can, and do occur,* quote from Emma Bragdon, Phd.

With over 300 deaths daily in American hospitals that are caused by reactions to medications, and with the U.S. now being rated below the top 30 countries for health care, it is not surprising that there is an increased interest in this type of healing. I was very impressed with what I saw, felt and learned and also with the many people who donate their time to the Casa for the sake of healing the masses who show up each week. Donations only are accepted. No payment is made for the work done by Joao.

I am looking forward to revisiting the Casa this October for more healing and learning. If you have questions about how to get to The Casa and about the type of facilities available to visitors while in Abadiania, email me at tic@iglide.net, and I will gladly respond.

SPIRIT COMMUNICATION

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



Many times we have to go out on a limb to reach out towards people who would never come to a Spiritualist Temple (or meeting place—as we call it now in England).

It is probably their very first meeting with a Medium, and their expectations are possibly high! There are mediocre Mediums, and there are some brilliant or well tuned-in ones, too. Your battery-operated radio will not work well if the battery gets too low, neither will the medium who is overworked, or can't tune into the right station. What happens when you tune in between two radio stations? Noise—while noise is not clear sound—you have to try harder to listen on whatever wavelength you can hear better.

We are at the receiving end as Mediums. We are not talking to the so-called Dead, they are speaking to us. It is a misconception by many who say you can talk to the Dead. I always correct that assumption by saying **no**, they speak to us, if they want to.

Spirit communications are the Greatest Gift in this life for those who are left behind in the physical. So, the messages have to be uplifting, and, because it is coming from spirit, correct. (Even so, the recipient may have forgotten some very important survival evidence). I always say you can check on that.

Every private reading should be tape-recorded, so that what the person cannot take in at that juncture, they will accept later on, because it is the truth, and nothing is higher than truth. It cannot be my truth or theirs, for truth is truth, and it cannot be untruth.

Most people sooner or later get the information they came for. Not all sitters are easy to deal with, or they don't want to say a yes or no. Sometimes this is what is needed for spirit communication by our Mediums, and our spirit helpers need that energy also.

I wish we could teach people how to sit for their Medium, to be honest with them. (I do know when they are not.) Some

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What happened in *JANUARY* throughout the years?

JANUARY 1, 2003

Happy New Year. Our intention and desire is for a peaceful and positive year filled with love and blessings. So be it.

JANUARY 1, 1938

The **Rev. Thomas Grimshaw** passed from the physical expression on this date. Mr. Grimshaw's interest in education and his vast knowledge of Spiritualism were a great asset to the religion of Spiritualism. The Educational Bureau was under his direction, he was the principal of Morris Pratt Institute, he served on the N.S.A. Board as a trustee and vice president. He co-authored the General Course on Spiritualism, wrote several books and was a contributor to *The National Spiritualist* and other publications.

JANUARY 15, 1873

The birthdate of **Dr. Le Roi Crandon**, a surgeon in the Boston area and a psychical researcher. His wife, Mina Stinson Crandon (Margery), was a wonderful medium, and through her mediumship, convinced him of the truths of spirit communication and converted him to Spiritualism.

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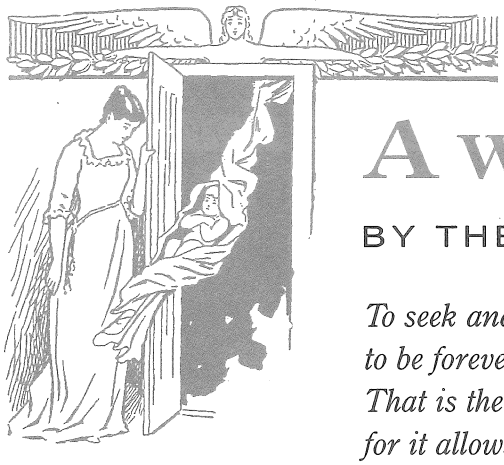
The day set aside to honor **Martin Luther King, Jr.** This man is remembered as a leader who strove for equality for all races, sexes and creeds. He had a wonderful dream, that we are charged to carry out.

JANUARY 25, 1863

A day to be remembered every year, for the **Children's Progressive Lyceum** was established by Andrew Jackson Davis on this date. Davis desired that the teachings obtained in the lyceum would promote health of body, purity of thought and desire, love of truth in all we say, justice in all we do, the cultivation of reasonableness and spirituality. Our children are our future. NSAC has set aside January 25th as Founder's Day. The children and adult Lyceum magazine, *The Spotlight*, was first published in January of 1947.

JANUARY 29, 1688

Emmanuel Swedenborg was born on this date in Stockholm, Sweden. He was well known as a philosopher, theologian, scientist, mystic and was a forerunner of Spiritualism. This mystic traveled to the next realm of life to gain new understanding and to communicate with those in the world beyond. His writings added much knowledge of the after-life.



AWAKENING

BY THE REV. JUDY MERRILL, Canada

To seek and never find,
to be forever incomplete,
That is the gift we fail to understand,
for it allows that there is always
Another poem to write
Another song to sing
And another heart to touch!
– Author Unknown

Without preconceived notions, we are born to learn and grow in spirituality as well as material awareness. Because our bodies are material, we begin with the material existence and our first lessons are how to communicate. As babies, we find that a cry of pain brings comfort; a cry of hunger brings sustenance and a cry of boredom brings company. We learn to live, communicate and get what we want through all the senses.

That is the beginning of material awareness and understanding of our senses (sight, hearing, touch, taste, smell). All are used to enhance our world and bring us the comforts we seek. With growth and understanding of our surroundings, we are impressed with a broader world than we ever thought possible. The world of feelings, senses, intuition is a world of understanding outside the box of our basic, natural senses.

From birth we are designed to live in more than one world. The physical body limits us to the material condition, making all our experiences of a material nature. If we are content to remain in this material focus, and are happy in our current state of affairs, there would be no call to open/expand our awareness to any other level of existence.

It is the spirit/soul within that opens/expands our awareness to include the unseen world of our senses, intuition, psychic abilities. The mind rationalizes and draws conclusions from all experiences to make the lesson learned of a material or spiritual nature, depending upon our ability to exist in more than one dimension of life.

We are now coming into a realization of the fact that each of us may control our own destiny, by understanding and complying with God's Law. We create by thinking. Thought becomes deed and deed sets in motion that immutable Law that brings the effect into our lives, be it constructive or destructive. Through the power of constructive thought, we, with our finite mind, contact God or Infinite Mind and bring into realization that which we thought.

The journey into psychic awareness, of itself, does not make the experience spiritual. This would depend upon our efforts of spiritual awareness in the experience. Therefore, when psychic abilities tap our conscious state and encourage us to examine their benefits for our lives, we must also walk a path of spiritual awareness to allow the experience to touch the deepest recesses of our being for spiritual growth. It is also a spiritual awakening!

SPIRIT COMMUNICATION *(Continued from previous page.)*

sitters even try to trick you, but Spirit cannot be tricked. God cannot be mocked. The higher forces are either with you, or not, and if not, communication cannot take place. The Medium is not responsible for the message, but for the presentation of it.

If you are an accredited Medium, you should always try your best. People may try to discredit you, but you can laugh that off if you know you are telling the Truth, with all honesty. You are working with integrity and compassion and love, so the truth will burst forth like a rose in winter. Sometimes you can even smell the fragrance, which we often experience in Clairsentience or Clairgustience.

What all Mediums should aim to do is just pass on the message they are receiving in the best way they can, and try to get as much evidence as they can. Trust God, your guides, and the communicating entity, so that the message will be as clear as possible.

You may be the only Medium that person will ever see in their lifetime's experience, so please do your best to give the most!

Spirit always gives to you—if you ask for it! So let it be! Let the work continue to the best of your ability, with the Guiding Light as your Guide, and your Helpers will show you the way.

Agnes Freeman is the author of the just published book, *The Fledglings Way To Mediumship.*

Pastoral Skills Course Can Be Life-Changing Experience

BY RICHARD P. SCHOELLER, New York

When eight men and women came together on June 15th in Lily Dale, New York, they probably didn't realize their lives might be changed forever. I know I certainly didn't.

It was at the Morris Pratt Institute, where the Reverend Sharon Snowman led the group in the two-week Pastoral Skills Course, which began with the distribution of materials and orientation.

Being on these grounds at Lily Dale can be quite an experience, in and of itself. The history and the energy of this site alone can tell the story, if only one is quiet and listens. The mediums of the past of this community have left an indelible mark on the history and religion of Spiritualism. They have all helped to remind us of the simple and immutable fact that, "There is no death, there are no dead."

The eight students were given assignments and learned about the many roles of a minister and the duties entailed in serving as a minister. There were many moments of personal discovery for the students along with the moments of laughter and lightheartedness as well. Sharon Snowman shared her wisdom and talents with an eager and appreciative body of students. Topics covered included: marriage counseling, alcohol and drug abuse, how to deal with families in crisis, and how to help those who are grieving over the death of a loved one. We also had the opportunity to participate in role-playing scenarios which help portray how to handle a person in crisis.

The Reverend Donald Ray, a hospital chaplain who came in to talk about hospital chaplaincy, discussed what it was like to visit the sick and terminally ill. He shared his experiences and taught us about ways to serve those who are ill and their families.



L-R: Bruce Tracy, Richard P. Schoeller, Tristan Diaz, John Bassett, Jr., Robin Corbett, Loralei Seale, Rev. Sharon Snowman, Marian Crawford and Audrey Stantz.

On the two Sundays of the course, we attended a church service, giving us the opportunity to learn about the various ways services can be conducted. Each of us also had to prepare our own service, and present it to our fellow classmates.

During our free time, we had the opportunity to explore the Lily Dale Museum. Tom Rugani, a Board Representative for the museum, and Beverly Anderson, an assistant to the curator, were on hand to share their knowledge of the history of Lily Dale. We had the chance to peruse the slates and other articles from the past sittings of many famous mediums along with seeing the pedlar's pack that belonged to Charles B. Rosna.

Among some of the other interesting items were the Spirit Paintings of the Bangs Sisters and the Campbell Brothers that hang in the Maplewood Hotel. Though the Hotel was closed and being prepared for the summer season, we were allowed to go in to see the paintings. We also spent a lot of time in the NSAC Office and Bookstore. Amanda Whitmore assisted us with our purchases, helping us to research information and photocopying our work in preparing for our services, while Peg Johnson and Sylvia Kincaid were on hand to offer support and encouragement when we needed it.

Along with the Museum and the Maplewood Hotel, the Lily Dale Assembly Hall also held special interest for us. Filled with photographs of such luminaries as Marion Skidmore, Moses Hull, Mattie Hull, Maggie Waite and Florence Becker, the Assembly Hall is rich in its history and, it too, tells a wonderful story of the days gone by.

"Unforgettable" is one of the words several of the attendees—which included Mariah Crawford of Crooked River Ranch, OR; Bruce Tracy of Tehachapi, CA; Robin Corbett of Norwalk, CT; John Basset, Jr. of Baltimore, MD; Andrey Strantz of Freeport, NY; Tristan Diaz of Santa Fe, NM; and Loralei Seale of Middle Island, NY—used to describe the Pastoral Skills Course.

The combination of our incredible surroundings, the rich course content, the knowledgeable instructors and the wonderful friendships we formed, made for an experience that I, personally, will keep with me as an incredible highlight for the rest of my life.

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A Difficult Parting

BY K

The other night I took a walk up Kingsley Road. We moved to this street in 1976 and I've walked down to where it ends at Nutley Street and back countless times since then. It's straight and hilly and about a two-mile round trip. This part of Vienna is an old neighborhood and the oaks and maples are 50 to 80 feet tall. The fact that I'll be leaving all that is familiar on this street soon, made the commonplace seem very poignant.

I decided that I was going to be mindful, that is, keep my focus in the now. It's amazing what I notice when I do that, like the calls of different birds, what's been newly planted, what's coming up from last year, the sky. Of course, I always start out mindfully and before I know it I've walked a half a block, caught up in some reverie or another, and haven't seen or heard a thing. Then I drag myself back to the present and begin the mindfulness process again.

The air here during the Spring is so fragrant and it seems to be more so when it's warm and twilight approaches. There are lots of bushes and flowers blooming in Vienna right now. We're past the early flowering trees, and many of the azaleas have finished blooming. But now the honeysuckle is in bloom, as are the peonies and iris and lots of unidentified bushes. Also, the first roses of the season are blooming. The sweet smell in the air reminded me of Maui.

There is so much soft new growth on the conifers—a pale green, different from the deeper green of the old growth. A friend recently said that she forgets how many shades of green there are until spring arrives again.

After reaching the end of Kingsley, I crossed the street and started back. I came upon a rose bush next to the sidewalk, full of big red roses. You know, the dark ones that look like velvet. There was one rose that was so perfect that I had to stop and smell it. About a block further, I passed an older couple coming from the other direction. They were walking side by side, unified, it seemed to me. It made me sad as I thought about the lack of union in my own marriage. My emotions are really close to the surface these days and I find myself ready to cry at the oddest moments.

As I continued up the street I thought about the many changes that have occurred on the block over the years. Some houses that once were well taken care of have fallen to ruin. Others have had "face lifts" or additions. Some have wonderful landscaping, and others are unkempt or the yards are full of weeds. The small church in the neighborhood has seen many different occupants—the latest being Latino Seventh Day Adventists.

On one corner I came upon a purple rhododendron in full bloom. It is planted beneath a Dogwood tree, and has grown so big that it reaches the bottom of the tree branches. I stopped to smell one of the flowers, but it had no fragrance. I crossed the street and there was a man in a driveway washing his car. A little girl on the porch was talking to him, and I wondered whether he was her grandfather or father. I nodded and smiled and he said, "Good Evening." There were two dogs in his yard behind a chain link fence. As I continued, they kept pace with me along the fenceline. As one started to bark, the man said, "And I don't want to hear anything out of you guys! You need to be Polite and Cordial." I don't know why, but that struck me as very funny and I burst out laughing, all part of the emotional roller coaster I seem to be on. I made my way back home, smelling peonies and irises along the way.

My life is changing drastically. I'll have new places to walk, new scenery to look at, and maybe, a new life altogether. I only know that it's time to do something different. As wise people keep telling me, "If you keep doing what you've always done, you'll get what you've always gotten."

Questions & Answers

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

Q **After death, does the soul then go to Heaven or Hell?**

A Heaven and Hell are thought of in our conscious mind in terms of physical places. In the next dimension, or the Spirit World, life is regarded more in terms of energy, light, and love. There is a direct relationship in the next life to the energy and vibration that has been built in this life, so according to the Laws of the Universe, a soul will gravitate to the area of energy and light that they are comfortable existing within. It could be called the gravity level of the spirit, for souls with little light will go to areas of little light, and like minded souls, etc. Some might call these heavier souls of like mind and shadows as living in a kind of Hell. It is always open for them to progress, however, to areas of greater light. We know about the Law of Return or Reciprocal Action. Whatever you do, whether it is through thought, word, or deed, this vibrational energy will come back to you. This Law is Continuous in the next realm, so there is always growth available and teachers to help all progress. Souls in the lower vibrational areas can see the light, and their **desire** to be in the light will help them to progress and move forward. The dynamic structure of the Universe is one of development, growth or evolution.

Q **Can we proceed with certainty that a medium's message will come to pass?**

A Spiritualism teaches personal responsibility, and this applies to all avenues of life. It can not be told with absolute certainty what will happen tomorrow—only the Divine Source knows this. Medium's attune themselves and ask their spirit helpers to relate what the receiver of the message can use to benefit their existence. They then give what they see, hear or feel to the best of their ability. Some days the medium is more attuned than other days and receives a clearer message. At times the symbols do not come in with clarity as they flow through the medium's consciousness and become colored by the medium's thoughts. Predictions for something that will occur in the future are indications of a possible direction. Everything is subject to the Natural Law of Cause and Effect. If the cause alters, so will the effect. Another thing to be considered is the spirit friend from the other side. If they are giving advice on money matters, for example, and were not very efficient in handling money while in the physical expression, then maybe you might take a second review of the message. Messages and prophecy are not necessarily exact, for there are many factors involved, including the interpretation of the listener.

MONTHLY



FAVORITE SAYINGS TO LIVE BY



"The best things in life are free...
The best things in life are not things."
– *Unknown*

"Live simply that others may simply live."
"There's enough for everyone's need,
but not for everyone's greed."
– *Ghandi*

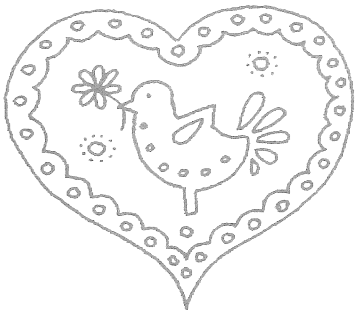
"Peace begins when
the hungry are fed."
– *Bumper Sticker*

"If you fall, do not judge yourself. Just stand up and try again with the intention to do better next time. All we can do is our best."
– Don Miguel Ruiz, *The Four Agreements*

FOLLOW YOUR HEART!

BY GEN MANCINI, New York

This moment marks the beginning of your exploration as an energy being of light. As your awareness grows, create through the power of knowing. Now is a beautiful time of experiencing, knowing and growing. Portals open to a vastness that knows no limitations. You can choose to enjoy the adventure. The universe, with all its energy beings, galaxies and systems is the arena. There is no past or future. Time is not a reference point. We create in this moment: The Present.



Now is when you choose your Way and consciously seek to experience and know who you are... This is your awakening.

When we read these words, written by an unknown author, they symbolize the Spiritualist belief of our personal power and responsibility to improve ourselves. As Spiritualists, we believe that there is never a time when a person should feel that there is no hope, no chance to grow or move on. It is clearly stated in the Declaration of Principles, which we read together at every service, We believe, the process of reformation is never closed to any soul, here or hereafter. We can always reform, grow, and develop. We believe that the perfection that is Infinite Intelligence, or God, is already within each one of us.

In our lifetime, we work to know this aspect of ourselves by looking within. We work to think and act in ways which reflect this deep inner core of perfect love. We often refer to life as a Spiritual journey. We are travelers, working to evolve and grow. We work to clear away the thought and behavior patterns that leave us feeling further from our God center, and to unfold our true nature, that of loving people.

The butterfly is an excellent teacher and is frequently used as an example of development. The butterfly is not only pretty, but she is free and she is smart. The butterfly is subject to danger and can get into trouble just as humans do. To come out of her shell, she must do it herself. Nobody can help. They must learn their own strength by doing it.

That is what we, as humans must do. No one can take us out of our cocoon, our shell, our ego, our arrogance, our importance or anything that is of the human. We have to do it ourselves. We learn to use our power, our wisdom and tap into spirit, the God within.

We all have difficulties in our lives. We have to learn how to handle these difficulties so that we may grow and develop on our spiritual path. When we realize that experiences come to us to help us grow, we may react differently. When problems arise, we have a direct opportunity to face them, solve them, learn from the lessons they bring, and then move on. If we try to postpone working on a particular problem or lesson, it will come back to us at some other time. The wise soul welcomes difficulties and grasps the chance to face them, using the opportunity to move ahead on the spiritual path. Things will fall into place, although seldom in quite the way we expected.



We are here on earth to learn greater wisdom. It is very important to follow your passion. This means following the things in life that make your heart sing!

ANIMALS: Love, trust and confidence truly exists between our animal friends and ourselves. See the way an animal will "give of itself" if it has a trouble. A dog with a thorn in its foot will allow us patiently to soothe and remove the cause of its pain.

All these qualities portray a truth, and that is, we are as one family, in a general sense. There is no rigid dividing line that separates us from them, and because this is so, then surely it is logical that healing from Spirit can help them in the same way as it can help us.

HARRY EDWARDS
from his article "Healing our Lesser Brethren"

Convention In Michigan

The Michigan State Spiritualist Association of Churches held it's 110th annual Convention, May 16-19, 2002, at the Forwards Quality Inn of West Branch, Michigan. Our featured worker was the Reverend E. Ann Otzelberger, NST, of Orlando, Florida.

Two workshops were given. One on Parliamentary Law for Church Members given by the Reverend Marguerite Gutt, NST. Those in attendance were given certificates once the workshop was completed. It was very informative. The other workshop by the Reverend Otzelberger was on Physical Phenomena Mediumship. Flyers were handed out on different forms of Physical Phenomena, and a demonstration of Table Tipping was done. For those who have never done Table Tipping or seen it demonstrated, they were completely amazed. Some of those were second and third generation Spiritualists.

The Convention this year held a sad note, the Secretary of the MSSAC for many years, M. Elaine Weichner, was not with us in the physical, as she made her transition in March, but throughout the Convention her presence was felt. Also dearly missed, due to health reasons, was the Lyceum Superintendent, Dawn Hyatt.

Saturday election of Officers was held. The officers for the 2002-2003 are: President, Marcia Hyatt; Vice President, Donald Weichner; Secretary, Reverend Marguerite Gutt, NST; Treasurer, Dianne Smith; Trustees, George Wrona, Reverend Cosie Allen, NST, Grace Butterfield, Karen-Rose Stanhope, and Gail Wrona; and Lyceum Superintendent, Dawn Hyatt.

What would a Convention be without a Banquet—Entertainment by the Reverend Maureen (Moose) Darga. For many years she has provided entertainment at the Banquet, and this year was to be her last with us. We sure will miss the fun and laughter she provided for us. Spiritualist of the Year went to Mrs. Marjorie Stanhope, from Golden Rule Spiritualist Church, Bay Shore, Michigan. Memorial Plaque went to Mrs. Janette Hatch, from Flower Memorial Spiritualist Church in Leslie, Michigan.

Sunday morning we all enjoyed the Lyceum Service. The Lyceumists that were in attendance did a beautiful job putting the service together, without the Superintendent being there. Dawn Hyatt has done a remarkable job with them. We are all proud of them and their accomplishments. They are our future. Thank you Dawn.

Memorial Service In Canada

KATHLEEN M. JACKSON

Born: March 6, 1934

Passed to Spirit: October 1, 2002, 8:00 a.m.

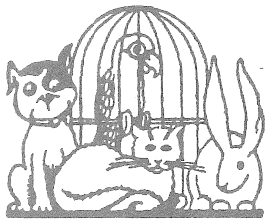
A memorial service for Kathleen Jackson was held at Church of Spiritual Wisdom, Scarborough, Ontario, on Saturday, October 12th. Many friends gathered from her associates in work, as well as her many church family. The personal memories shared, and love exchanged, filled the church. Kathy will be sorely missed by all she touched.

Kathleen, wife of the Reverend Ken Jackson, could often be thought of as the "woman behind the man," as Ken was so visible in the work for spirit. But, as with all people, there is much that can be said of her personal accomplishments.

Kathy was a nurturing and caring mother and grandmother, and she translated these qualities to the work she accomplished in her church. She was untiring in her efforts to meet/greet people, make the coffee/tea, and generally fix the schedule as each event unfolded. It was thanks to her efforts that many a platform worker was hosted in comfort and ease.

God's speed in your next expression of life!

ALL PETS GO TO HEAVEN: POLL



Here's hoping there are flea collars in heaven.

A new poll shows that a whopping 47 percent of pet owners in the United States believe there's an afterlife for their beloved pooches and kitties.

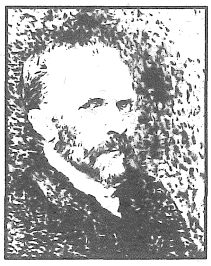
And it reveals that 43 percent think their furry loved ones ascend directly into heaven to live side by side with humans.

The survey of 1,018 randomly selected adults, conducted by ABC News/Beliefnet, also shows that 40 percent of all Americans—regardless of whether they have pets—say there's a spiritual life in store for animals when they die.

– Bill Hoffmann

Humor to put you in Good Spirits . . .

VAN GOGH



• After much careful research, it has been discovered that the artist Vincent Van Gogh had many relatives. Among them were:

His dizzy aunt: Verti Gogh
The brother who ate prunes: Gotta Gogh
The brother who worked at a convenience store: Stopn Gogh
The brother who bleached his clothes white: Hue Gogh
The cousin from Illinois: Chica Gogh
His magician uncle: Whorediddy Gogh
His Mexican cousin: Amee Gogh
The Mexican cousin's American half brother: Grin Gogh
The nephew who drove a stage coach: Wellsfar Gogh
The constipated uncle: Can't Gogh
The ballroom dancing aunt: Tan Gogh
The bird lover uncle: Flamin Gogh
His nephew psychoanalyst: E Gogh
The fruit loving cousin: Man Gogh
An aunt who taught positive thinking: Wayto Gogh
The little bouncy nephew: Poe Gogh
A sister who loved disco: Go Gogh
And his niece who travels the country in a van: Winnie Bay Gogh

"PROMISE YOURSELF"

To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.

To talk health, happiness and prosperity to everybody you meet.

To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.

To look on the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.

To think only of the best, to work only for the best, and to expect only the best.

To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.



To forget the mistakes of the past and to press on to the greater achievements of the future.

To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and to have a smile ready for every living creature you meet.

To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.

To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

To think well of yourself and to proclaim this fact to the world—not in loud words, but in good deeds.

To live in the faith that the world is on your side so long as you are true to the best that is in you.

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1. We believe in Infinite Intelligence.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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