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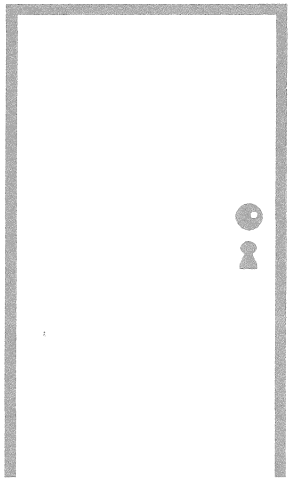
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Knock, Knock!

BY THE REV. SANDRA PFORTMILLER, NST

Spiritualism is a wonderful Religion that teaches us about life now and life in the future. Our guides and spirit helpers touch in with us in many ways—often raps or knocks seem the easiest means for them. Spirit friends work to teach and inspire us, but they also want us to be happy.

I have a pair of joy guides that keep me from getting too serious. They claim they are identical twins and one is a dark eyed, dark haired brown little boy named Crackerjack, and the other a blond haired, blue eyed, fair skinned girl called Popcorn. Just thinking of them as identical makes me smile, yet if I want to go to a philosophical level, we all are of One Divine Creator, so I guess they are one and the same. They say "ditto." As I sat to write this month's article about the beginning of Spiritualism, they whispered, "Here is a knock, knock joke. Knock, knock. Who's there? Betta. Betta Who? Betta get ready. Here comes Spiritualism!"



Most of us have heard raps, taps or knocks in our home, church or class. Sometimes it lets us know that our spirit loved ones are around, at other times it highlights a decision with approval from the next dimension. Many people around the world ignore raps, feeling the sounds are evidence of an old house creaking or a new house settling; the wind, the rain or the elements; the gas heater or the water pipes. At times, part of this may be true, but often when attention is directed to the raps, a rhythm, variance or code may be detected. This was discovered by Katie Fox on March 31st, 1848, when she asked the raps to do as she did. How surprised the family must have been with the correct answers to their questions they received from the raps.

There are no accidents, all is part of a Divine Plan. Therefore, Spiritualism was planned, the participants carefully selected, and advance preparations were prepared. We all know the communications that distinguish Spiritualism have been evident since the beginning of time, but several things were happening around the beginning and mid-eighteen hundreds that helped prepare the way for the advent of Modern Spiritualism, or for communication in an expanded, organized manner. A brief review of a few events follows.

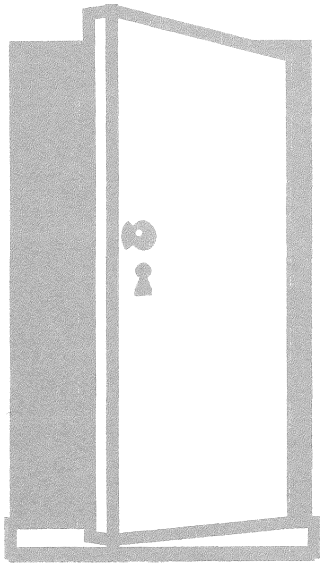
The **Shakers** were an early American religious group that received their name because of a peculiar trembling or shaking that occurred and could be observed when they became inspired. This group was sympathetic to the Quakers and North American Indians. As forerunners of Spiritualism, the group was led by Mother Ann Lee (1736-1784). She emigrated to America from England in 1774 with eight of her followers to escape persecution and settled in New York. A few of the beliefs of this group were: spirit communication, materializations, levitation, trance and communal living. Mother Lee taught sobriety, chastity, celibacy as a means of redemption; seven spheres of heaven and a hierarchy of God, Spirit and angels. She rejected the virgin birth, atonement, resurrection of the physical body. The group had the "gift of tongues," manifestations, shaking when filled with the spirit, and prophecy. The Shakers were warned that their manifestations would cease and that a wider type of manifestation would appear in the world. In 1847 the manifestations stopped and in March of 1848 the dawn of a new era began with the Fox sisters communication with the spirit of Charles Rosna, the murdered peddlar. The Shakers actually prophesied the advent of Modern Spiritualism eighteen years before the phenomena at Hydesville.

Andrew Jackson Davis (1826-1910) was seventeen when a mesmerist named Grimes attempted to mesmerize him without success, but later a tailor named Levingstone was able to mesmerize Davis with startling results. The clairvoyant degree of the "superior condition" under spirit control brought forth wonderful truths and Davis could diagnose disease while in this trance state. Dr. S. S. Lyons became his next magnetizer and the Rev. Wm. Fishborough was the scribe. As time passed all of the great ideas that were poured through Davis' brain became part of his own consciousness. Gradually magnetizers were not required and he was controlled by his own volition, working with the spirit helpers. He developed the "Harmonial Philosophy" which was filled with new

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ways of thinking, phenomenon and Spirit World information and descriptions of life after death. He began publishing a paper called *Univercoelum,* which was one of the first publications in America that talked about paranormal concepts, clairvoyance and trance phenomena. He believed he was controlled by Swedenborg and this is evident in the similarity of views.

A. J. Davis had the ability to see into the human body clairvoyantly, and this interested him in medicine. He studied and received his medical doctor's degree, and at the age of forty, commenced practice in Boston. He discovered that all disease has its origin in the soul, and not the physical, as was then believed.



March 31, 1848, he recorded in his diary, *About daylight this morning, a warm breathing passed over my face suddenly awakening me from a profound slumber; and I heard a voice, tender and yet particularly strong saying, "Brother, the good work has begun—behold a living demonstration is born."* Not long after this he heard about the communication that had begun at Hydesville, New York. There were differences between Spiritualism and Davis' philosophy, but the spiritual teaching of David greatly influenced Spiritualism. This is why he was labeled "John The Baptist of Spiritualism." He began the Children's Progressive Lyceum based on the teachings of children that he observed while astral traveling in the Summerland. At Doddsworth Hall, in New York City on January 26, 1863, the first Lyceum was held. He was a clairvoyant, clairaudient, prophet, mystic, trance medium, author and very influential in the development of the understanding of Spiritualism.

Psychometry, the ability of a medium to read the history of an item, was being investigated in 1841, before the time of the Fox families first communications with those in the beyond. Dr. Joseph Rodes Buchanan, a practicing physician in Ohio, was causing quite a stir with his experiments into the "soul of things" or the "nerve aura" that could tell the past of an object. Professor of Geology at Boston University, William Denton became excited and fascinated with the research and how it could apply to Geology. His sister, Anna Denton Cridge, developed psychometric abilities and worked with him. Buchanan and Denton suggested psychometry was a natural faculty like our senses and the sensitive, through touch, could link up with the aura energy which stimulated recall of the history of the object indelibly registered in its vibration. Research and new theories were blossoming, and then came the Fox communications which put psychometry on hold for a long time.

Spiritualism arrived at a time when materialistic science was causing many questions about the teachings of the church; at a point when some conveniences had been developed which allowed people to have a little more free time to explore new ideas; at a period when Americans were thinking about equalities for all humanity.

Through the mediumship of the Fox sisters it was prophesied that the spiritual teachings would sweep the world. How impossible it seemed then, yet a look at the world today, finds Spiritualism has spread to most countries. Maurice Barbanell, the founder and first editor of *Psychic News,* wrote in 1932.

In every country evidence of spirit power has been demonstrated. What was the plan behind the advent of modern Spiritualism?

When early investigators inquired, they were told the aims of Spiritualism were threefold:

To prove the survival of man beyond the grave; his ability to communicate with his loved ones here; and to unite all the religions of the world.

Survival has been proven and Spiritualism continues to prove that our soul/spirit survives the physical death to reside in a lighter dimension, and that communication through mediumship is indeed possible. Most religions accept that all life is eternal, alive and evolving. The belief in continuous life, a Spirit Realm, spiritual healing, progression beyond is becoming a message of other religions, thus bringing us closer in our teachings of truth. It all began with a rap, that has rippled around the world, saying there is no death, there are no dead. Knock, Knock, Spirits are Here!

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Spiritual Realities

BY LAURA LEE PERKINS, Maine

Most of us want experiential learning when it involves Spirit. We want to see, touch, taste, feel and hear the actual experiences. When we read about writers' encounters with Spirit, we want the writing to be vivid and expressive. As much as possible, we want the writer to bring us into closer connection with spiritual energies.

Technical articles involving detailed explanations of the processes we use to attempt spiritual contact often are left unread on our desks because they involve just too many words to sift through. These lengthy treatises about a writer's personal spiritual explorations are also often boring, because the writer is using the article to sort through a personal spiritual experience. Personally, I like to read articles of reflection about powerful experiences in one's personal growth, because reflection offers insights that have been carefully honed.

It is in the simplification of any spiritual discipline that the core elements emerge. These are the basic ideas that we can carry around with us on a daily basis as we contemplate our individual and communal spiritual paths. It is in offering new approaches to the key components of living a life filled with spiritual satisfaction that Spiritualism will grow. We must keep the core elements of our religion while bringing it forward into the contemporary world in ways that are meaningful to peoples' lives.

More and more I realize that the purely instructional learning path about technical details is not what people want. Memorizing the details of a religion's history, while important for our ministers, does not serve the members' individual attempts to bring forward a clearer understanding of our souls' experiences. While some of us will find some of the historical details interesting, I find it much more exciting to learn about what is going on *today* that makes Spiritualism a vital force in our contemporary world.

Technical details are not heart based, as a religion must be to continue. Hierarchies of informational facts do not result in a more spiritually based person. Amassing information in the brain can help one to feel more competent to discuss issues, but many of our "uneducated" tribal peoples are far more spiritually connected than we can ever hope to be. Why? Because they live through the experience of the life force, they ask directly for what they need and they offer direct thanks when they receive. Their path to the Spirit World is uncluttered.

Spiritual growth is what keeps bringing people to our churches. Spiritual growth does not have to be separate from our daily lives and work when we involve the three necessary avenues of daily practice:

- Learning to be totally present *in* the present moment.
- Serving through compassion and service.
- Bringing what we have learned about Spiritualism together to answer our most significant questions about our life experience *today*.

When we have these as part of our daily lives, then we have a spiritual practice that works. When others see that we have a path that is successful for our lives, then Spiritualism will be a magnetic force that attracts. *Isn't our goal to expand the heart's response?* The internal balancing scale requires the heart's expansion to match climbing the hierarchical ladder of intellect. Without this balance, arrogance often surfaces. *All of the details that we learn about our spiritual traditions have meaning only to the degree that these details assist us with the experiences of daily living —THAT is the true test.*

Learning, by experiencing, vibrates deeply within us. Spiritual theories are often empty and meaningless until we experience their relevance. Perhaps answering questions about creating a world that is humane, just and sustainable, is how we bring Spiritualism into today by:

- focusing on the awareness that humanity exists on both sides of the veil,
- practicing justice by approaching each and every person and situation with compassionate awareness,
- modeling interdependence, including the importance of protecting our natural resources.

Being on a spiritual path includes setting the foundation, being present in this moment, offering of self to others, and bringing forward a synthesis of our learning into wisdom which will help all peoples everywhere. These bases allow spontaneity to bubble in our existence as we pulsate with the breath of life, which attracts Spirit to us. When we live from these foundations, we are in balance and prepared to attract that which is balancing in nature. Like attracts like. The power of Spirit, when combined with informed and spiritually committed humans, can create a world of people united in moral purpose. Courage combined with vision, when married with a deep spiritual connection, will result in improved responses to our social and ecological crises. Isn't this what we, as Spiritualists, want to contribute to the world? ✿

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March 2003 Department of Phenomenal Evidence Report

BY THE REVS. TOM AND LISA BUTLER, NST

Is this evidence of phenomena? Sherrill Nichols of the Spiritualist Church of Two Worlds, San Leandro, CA, recently sent us a photograph taken by a friend. We hope that you can see in this black and white version presented here that the boy in the photograph is nearly obscured by a smoky-like haze. (The boy's missing face is not phenomenal. We have erased it.) Ectoplasm has been photographed throughout history in experiments done with many famous mediums, and clairvoyants sometimes report seeing ectoplasm as white, smoky tendrils of energy.



The boy is wearing a slick plastic jacket and it is reflecting considerable light back to the camera. This may be the cause of the smoky film. On the other hand, all of the photographs of the boy before and after this appeared without the smoky film. The boy was in focus in all but the one with the smoky film.

We are not photographic experts, and the DPE does not have funds at this time to send photographs like these to experts at a photography laboratory. We would like to know if any of the readers of this column have a background in evaluating photographs of this type. It seems important that photographs like these are seriously considered for possible phenomena, because if the smoky film cannot be explained in mundane terms, then it may be evidential and should be noted as such. We have placed the photograph on the DPE web site (http://nsacphenomena.tripod.com), so that you can have a better look at it in color.

ABC drama *Miracles* should highlight our interests. AA-EVP member Richard Hatem was the screen writer and co-producer of the movie *The Mothman Prophecies*. His work is now hitting primetime on ABC. *Miracles*, a new ABC series will premier January 27th, 2003 at 10 p.m. It is written and produced by Richard.

When asked to tell us a little about what viewers can expect, Richard wrote, "I've tried to inject as much of my own interests into *Miracles* as possible. Episodes involve everything from reincarnation to poltergeists and from apports to time-slips. One of the main characters, Alva Keel (named after John A. Keel, author of *The Mothman Prophecies*) relates an EVP experience as the main reason he began to investigate the paranormal. His story will sound familiar to anyone who knows of Friedrich Jurgenson's first EVP experience. In fact, in an up-coming episode, I'm planning to reference Raudive and the whole EVP phenomenon head-on. Ultimately, I hope the show is uplifting. Our goal is not to just scare you; we also want to make you cry."

This series will have already made its debut by the time this report is published in the *Summit*. The networks cancel many shows after airing only one or two episodes. We hope that *Miracles* is still airing and if so watch and tell a friend about the show. Even if the show is a bit scary or spooky it will be an opportunity for the public to learn more about phenomena. That it will be aired on a main network is phenomenal in itself.

Is consciousness the basic building block of the universe? Dr. Sam Parnia, senior research fellow at the University of Southampton, and Dr. Peter Fenwick, a consultant neuropsychiatrist at Oxford University, are seeking funding to conduct a large-scale study to discover if clinically dead people really have out-of-body experiences and if consciousness lives on. The researchers have founded a charitable trust, Horizon Research, to promote studies in this field.

Last year Parnia published a study indicating that ten percent of patients who were clinically dead, and then later resuscitated, reported memories while their bodies were lifeless. Fenwick and others are not positing life after death per se, merely consciousness after death. Nevertheless, the implications are enormous. If near-death experiences and out-of-body experiences do not come from the brain, where

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is consciousness based? One theory proposes that the basic building block of the universe is not matter, but is instead, consciousness itself. This is described as the "transcendent" view, a perspective shared by many of the world's religions.

Parnia's studies have been interpreted by some researchers as an indication that consciousness behaves as a field, much like magnetism, which can be affected by other fields. If that's true, then it is possible for a person's consciousness to affect another person. This could help explain how absent or distance healing works. Fenwick and Parnia hope to add new near-death and out-of-body experiences to their research findings.

This was extracted from the 38th Edition of the *News from NSAC* e-mail newsletter published by Robert Egby. You can find more information about Horizon Research at www.diamondway-buddhism.org/news/8-2001.htm.

Comment: We have recently reported on several variations of the same theme concerning ways in which scientists are beginning to recognize how out-of-body experiences might prove the existence of our "higher consciousness," and therefore, our survival after physical death. There seems to be a certain momentum mounting in this field of research. Perhaps we will soon see the scientific community "officially" confirming what we have always known to be true. When this does occur will people, such as those described in the next item, who refuse to consider the evidence, join the ranks of people who still believe the Earth is flat?

A philosophical look at belief systems. In his essay, Who's Afraid of Life After Death, *Journal of Near-Death Studies* Vol. 21, No.1, Dr. Neal Grossman proposes that some people will resist what is fast become overwhelming evidence of survival, no matter what is said or how the evidence is presented. To Dr. Grossman, this is especially troubling when it is a well-trained scientist who refuses to consider the facts. He accounts an instance in which he discussed the subject with a research colleague. Dr. Grossman asked, "What will it take, short of having a near-death experience yourself, to convince you that it's real?"

His colleague responded, "Even if I were to have a near-death experience myself, I would conclude that I was hallucinating, rather than believe that my mind can exist independently of my brain." The colleague went on to say that dualism (mind and body are two separate entities), "is a false theory, and that there cannot be evidence for something that's false."

Dr. Grossman explained that for some people, "...materialism is the fundamental paradigm in terms of which everything else is explained but which is not itself open to doubt." For this attitude, he has coined the term, "fundamaterialist."

We are sure that you have encountered fundamaterialism. Dr. Grossman has pointed out, fundamaterialists are able to compartmentalize what they believe into articles of fact and articles of faith. Once an idea like personal survival is placed into the "articles of faith" compartment, there is little hope of bringing that idea into the "articles of fact" compartment.

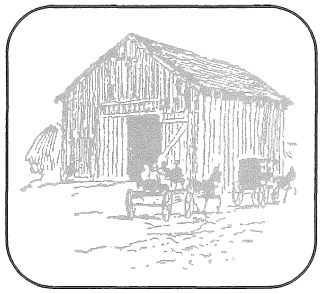
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The Boundary Institute says that many people have precognitive dreams and successful intuitive hunches and would like to know if they are psychic. They have created some informal tests for psi abilities based on techniques used in more formal laboratory experiments. Register at www.gotpsi.org/bi/gotpsi.htm. You will receive immediate feedback about your performance. You can also see a technical report by Dean Radin analyzing the first year's results at www.boundary.org/articles/GotPsi-public.pdf.



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Little minds are tamed and subdued by misfortunes:
but great minds rise above them.
– Washington Irving



Each month ***The National Spiritualist*** *will feature the writing from a student who is currently taking the education course from the Morris Pratt Institute. Featured this month is an essay written by* ***Janis T. Welch*** *of the Church Of The Spirit in Chicago.*

It is interesting to know about the settlement of Hydesville, New York. Hydesville was founded in 1790 by pioneers traveling from New England and Long Island. Dr. Henry Hyde settled the small village in 1815.

Dr. Hyde built a small framed house and a half homestead on the corner crossroad. Many families lived in the cottage between 1815 and 1847. The Bell family occupied the cottage from 1842 through 1843.

A peddler traveled from town to town selling wares to the women of the house. The peddler visited the Bell's one day. Mrs. Bell and Lucretia, the housekeeper, enjoyed shopping with the peddler. While shopping, Mrs. Bell decided to dismiss Lucretia from her service. Several days later, Mrs. Bell asked Lucretia to return to work.

It was during this time that Lucretia and the Bells experienced what was termed psychic phenomena. Eventually Lucretia asked to leave. Mrs. Bell's health began to deteriorate. The Bell's also left the cottage and were not seen or heard from since.

The Weekman's were the next family to occupy the cottage from 1843 to 1846. The Weekman family began to experience strange phenomena a year after moving into the cottage. The Weekmans eventually left the cottage. It remained vacant until December, 1847.

John and Margaret Fox and their daughters, Catherine and Margaretta were the next family to move into the cottage on December 11, 1847. The Fox family began to experience strange phenomena. Raps were heard, furniture was moved, the touch of a cold hand was felt, and footsteps walking through the hallway and down the staircase to the cellar were heard.

It was on March 31, 1848, when communication with the Spirit World began. Catherine and Margaretta were the first to communicate with the spirit of the peddler. The children imitated the rapping sounds by snapping their fingers. They asked the spirit to repeat what they said and did. The spirit repeated exactly what they did by rapping.

Mrs. Fox then proceeded to find out by calling out the alphabet that the spirit was that of a thirty-one year old father of five children. He had been murdered in the house five years before on a Tuesday at midnight. His body had been taken to the cellar by way of the buttery and stairway and buried the next night ten feet below the surface of the cellar. The peddler stated he had been murdered for the $500.00 he carried.

It was the spirit of Charles B. Rosna, the peddler, that proved the continuity of life after death. The manifestation of this entity demonstrated and documented the truth of the continuity of life and a purpose in life hereafter.

The sisters decided to do the work that had been outlined to them by the Spirit Realm, which was to proclaim the truth to the world. They were mocked, accused of trickery, fraud, joint cracking, and ventriloquism. They organized the first public meeting at Corinthian Hall in Rochester, New York, on November 14, 1849. The sisters soon became known as the Rochester Rappers.

There were a number of Pioneers who paved the way for a better life through the understanding of the Religion, Science and Philosophy of Modern Spiritualism.

The New York Circle was formed in the summer of 1851. It was the first organized establishment for the propagation of the facts and truths of Spiritualism.

Moses Hull was the first president of Morris Pratt. He believed in an educated ministry. He wrote the *Encyclopedia of Biblical Spiritualism*, Volumes I & II.

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle is known as the "St. Paul of Spiritualism." He wrote a book entitled the *History of Spiritualism.*

Thomas Grimshaw was the superintendent of the Bureau of Education for the Morris Pratt Institute. He prepared the first *General Correspondence Course* for the institute.

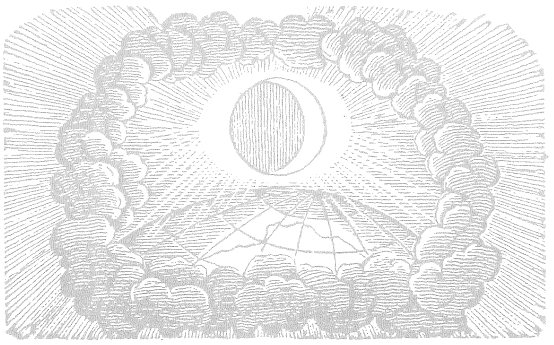
These are just a few of the pioneers who paved the way for Modern Spiritualism. There are many other pioneers that continue to inspire the neophyte by their example and writings.

There are also a number of organizations and publications that we should be aware of. Andrew Jackson Davis published the *Univercoleum* paper. The purpose of this publication was to establish a universal system of truth, reform and the reorganization of society. The newspaper was absorbed in July, 1849 in W. M. Channings' periodical, *The Present Age.*

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Mediumship And Its Laws

BY HUDSON TUTTLE



Some excerpts of Tuttle's comments on spirit guides:

We all have near and dear spirit friends who come to us, and as far as opportunity offers, inspire and direct us. Often those whom we have not known on earth find that we are susceptible to their influence, and form a companionship by which they more directly become connected with physical life. These are true guides, and may be obtained by honest desire for their presence, and making ourselves receptive to their influence...

Do you want a guide to lead up to the highlands of spiritual being? Earnestly set your house in order for the reception of a divine guest. Sweep from your door every trace of selfishness, envy, hate, lust, desire, for if you would have the presence of an angel, be as near to the ideal angel as in your power. Yes, you can choose, but not by simply wishing. The guide who enters your door will be as your innermost spirit...

If we want spirituality, we must command it in ourselves; if we want pure and wise spirits to commune with us, we must be pure and wise as we would have them...

That spirits may excite a strong influence cannot be denied, but it must be over those with whom they are in harmony...

The greatest characters of history are examples of spirit power concentrated to bring forward leaders in science, literature, art, and statesmanship...

Spirit guides are like the mortals they were in the earthly bodies, and prove their identity by the manifestation of their individuality as known to us. If a communication is pure in expression, exalting and "making for righteousness" in spiritual living, its source is of little consequence, for the fruit is good. If otherwise, it should be rejected.

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He that has never known adversity is but half acquainted with others or himself.
– Aughey

EDUCATION SPEAKS

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The National Spiritualist Association of the USA was incorporated in November, 1893 in Washington, D.C. The name was changed to The National Spiritualist Association, and finally to The National Spiritualist Association of Churches. The Association was created to promote religion, morality and to provide for suitable places for the worship of the Religion of Spiritualism. It was to also provide for the education and licensing of persons authorized to promulgate the Religion of Spiritualism. *The National Spiritualist* founded by George B. Warne, in January, 1919 is the official publication of the organization.

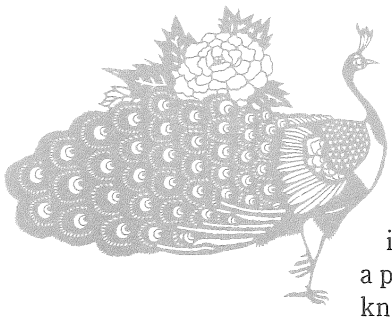
These are just two of the numerous organizations and publications that were created for the advancement of Spiritualism.

The Spiritualists adopted open air meetings and created summer camps. The purpose of the meetings was to provide the public with an opportunity to listen to the best talent on the platform, and to give the speakers better pay for their labor.

The first Spiritualist camp meetings functioned for three years at Pierpont Grove, Malden, Massachusetts, in 1866. Since then there are numerous camps located throughout the USA that provide a place of retreat for Spiritualist and the public who want to learn more about Spiritualism. ✿

Ancient And Modern Spiritualism

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What actually is ancient Spiritualism? Ancient Spiritualism is the concept that there is "something" that people believed in that it was not identifiable on a physical plane, but people knew a Greater Power existed somehow. Throughout the study of various philosophies, the common thread is that whatever this Higher Knowing was/is, it was an important aspect in their understanding and development of the self. It was something that humanity could communicate with in the hopes that life had answers to enhance their ongoing physical, mental and spiritual lives.

In 1848, Modern Spiritualism began with the Hydesville Rappings. The Fox family repeatedly heard strange rappings in their home and discovered that a spirit was communicating with them. The investigation of this phenomena was the beginning of Modern Spiritualism.

The Fox sisters were not the first to have this experience. Spirit communication has existed from time immemorial. When we look back into recorded history we find preliterate societies believed in animism. The spirits were part of their reality, not only occupying men and women, but within nature itself. It was the Creative Energy that flows through all life that helped them understand there was a Higher Power. That this Force influenced their lives and helped them know they were inspired and guided.

In Modern Spiritualism, communication with spirit is a part of this same phenomena. As organized compilation of facts developed, this spirit communication became apparent with those individuals who could resonate with the rates of vibration in this "so called" unknown plane of existence. They were given the name of "medium." As these individuals developed their senses, communication with the Spirit World brought forth this "unknown something" into a "message" that revealed more and more the mysteries of life.

As ancient history continued, eastern religions identified this "Force" as God, the Creator of all things, ever present, all knowing and occupying the allness of everything. Modern Spiritualism believes that God creates. There is an Infinite Intelligence behind all creation. It is the motivating source of life. The belief that God is in everything includes that God is in humanity. Therefore, this aspect of a human has the ability to create.

Creation comes about through our thoughts. In the Christian *Bible* in Genesis, it states, "God created man in His own image," and in the Gospel of John, it states, "In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God." As an aspect of the creative mind of God, we are individualized as God's mind. Our thinking creates and as words are spoken, there is the manifestation into physical form. The ancient Spiritualistic beliefs and contemplations of Brahma identified God as the only creator of all things, invisible, all knowing and all present. Buddhism taught "right thinking" and "right living" describing the Natural Law of Cause and Effect. With God/Spirit as First Cause and a person as an individualized spirit, this creation brings about that same Law of Cause and Effect.

As an expression of God, we have been endowed with free will and choice. We have the ability to make choices in our life to express God in any way we want. Inherent in the human subconscious mind, there is that connecting link between the physical spirit and the Universal Spirit. Spirit's qualities are within us. Recognizing, identifying and uniting with Spirit's qualities enhance our world.

With this communication with Spirit, the physical usages of clairvoyance, clairaudience, and clairsentience allows for these soul attributes to be expressed on the Earth Plane. There is no mystique about these abilities. The ancient Spiritualists knew and experienced this same phenomena because it is always present.

Development within the individual has a similar understanding amongst the Shamans and medicine men and women. This is not unlike turning your life over to a Higher Power for right and clear thinking. The Modern Spiritualists teach this same spiritual development to "know thyself."

So much information has been reaped from the beginning of time and as humanity took their understanding into contemplation/meditation, and applied it into their everyday lives, the concepts brought forth a better understanding of this Higher Force.

The Fox sisters experience of this communication brought about an understanding of spirit communication, and with it came the movement of Modern Spiritualism. According to the 17th century "Swedish Seer," Emanuel Swedenborg, he felt that there was an afterlife because of his repeated communications with spirits. He was

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instrumental in giving to the peoples of his time the first natural concept of life after death. This was long believed by the Egyptians and is recorded in history by their preparation and burial practices for readiness in the continuance of life on another plane. Zorastrians also believed in an afterlife.

If there is this continuance of life after the physical death, what is it that continues? It's the soul or the spiritual body. The Spiritualists recognize the importance of this physical life and know that this Earth Plane is but a preparatory school for our subsequent return journey to a higher expression.

Free will is a mental or mind aspect of Spirit. We cannot touch it, but it exists. Our decision making processes originate in the mind and play a major role in everything. Modern Spiritualists describe the human with a triune nature...body, soul and spirit.

Modern Spiritualism is a way of life. It fills every part of our belief and philosophy to ensure a greater degree of fulfillment in the physical, mental and spiritual aspects of life for soul growth.

Temptations are free will choices. It is not the result of two forces, good and evil as believed by the Zorastrians and the Christian churches. There is only One Power, One Presence and One Activity in the universe, and that is God. There will always be controversy of the subject of good and evil, but until one believes in the Oneness of Spirit, concepts of reward and punishment, heaven and hell will remain the same in the mind of humanity.

Communication with spirit has always been and will always be. The mystical experiences of people such as Swedenborg (etc.) have been recorded through the ages to give us understanding and enlightenment. Andrew Jackson Davis, a forerunner of Modern Spiritualism, wrote in his journal about daybreak on March 31, 1898, "Brother, the good work has begun—behold a living demonstration is born." The events at the Fox home in Hydesville, New York, brought forth the motivation and drive to form a movement of people who had the fortitude to go forward with their work to tell the peoples of their time.

We have all had experiences of spirit communication. We all have had them for we are all part of the Universal Spirit. Even animals experience the sense of survival.

With every breath we take, let it serve as a constant reminder that Spirit is always present. The Rosicrucian Order, founded by Max Hindel, has in their research weighed people on scales who were dying and when the body succumbed in physical death, their bodies were again weighed and found to be lighter. The Spirit left the physical to continue to another existence.

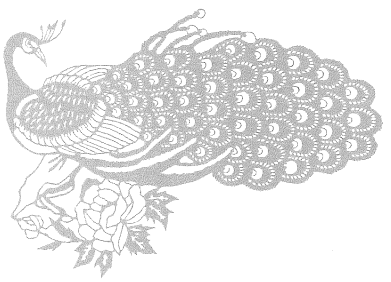
Modern Spiritualists continue to gather information proving and confirming that there is no death of the soul and that the soul continues on in its growth and progression. Up until March, 1848, there was no organized group in this belief system. Like any other organization that forms or has been formed, the philosophies and beliefs attract others that want to join together in a common goal. If all the people of this planet, who believed in communication after death of the physical, came together, I think Modern Spiritualism would probably become one of the largest of the organized religions. Of course, that won't happen because each person as an individualized Spirit, is on their own path and their own rate of spiritual growth. There is today a large population of free-thinkers who proclaim their individuality, and traditional religious affiliations are giving way to modern education and independence.

Life after death comforts many with the feeling of the deceased spirit continuing to be present. More and more movies and television programs have been made on the subject. Once again the reflection of the present day's openness of people's minds are accepting and confirming spirit communication.

In summary, Modern Spiritualism believes individual consciousness after physical death continues to function in the spiritual body. This is consistent with ancient Spiritualism. Psychic phenomena has occurred before recorded time and certainly appears in numerous parts of the Christian *Bible*. The motivating force of God permeates all and the ancients demonstrated this in their way of life and respect for Natural Law.

We operate on this physical plane by being subject to physical law, but the unknown aspects of mind operate under Spiritual Law. This is the seat of the unexplainable knowledge of knowing by intuition.

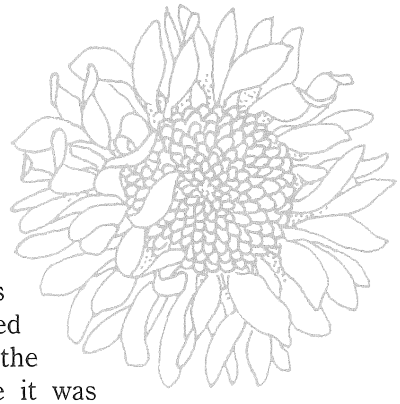
To "know thyself," that we are one with Infinite Intelligence, opens our consciousness to a higher level to participate in life to the fullest.



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LEST WE FORGET

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



A date to remember! The beginning of Modern American Spiritualism. A hundred and fifty-five years have passed since the rappings in the Hamlet of Hydesville. Modern Spiritualism has made its path from the cellar, across the plains, through the hills and valleys to the mountain top—an organized Science, Philosophy and Religion.

We not only celebrate the Anniversary of that day, but we must also stop and give tribute to the spirit of **Charles B. Rosna**, the peddler who spoke from the higher side of life. Think on the words of Ben Hayden, the Spiritualist who made a plea to **preserve all the facts** and said: "I would have the name of Charles B. Rosna so closely blended with that of the Fox sisters that one would not be spoken without thinking of the other...I would have it lead all the rest. His name should be nailed to the masthead of every paper published in the interest of the cause which he represents. I would that his name and accomplished mission were inscribed in gold letters upon the title page of every book and pamphlet issued from the spiritual press. It should adorn the walls of every Spiritual Church and be framed as a motto and hung in every Spiritualist home throughout the world...In short, among Spiritualists at least, I would have the name of Rosna as familiar as that of Jesus among Christians."

Next, a tribute is due to the **Fox Family**, particularly **A. Leah Fox Fish**. All that happened on that day may have remained hidden at 1510 Hydesville Road in the little hamlet, were it not for **A. Leah**. It was she who took the message to the city of Rochester. With assistance from Amy and Issac Post as well as others, the first public meeting of Modern Spiritualism was held in Corinthian Hall in Rochester, NY. She scheduled appearances in surrounding towns and on into major cities. And, it was **Mrs. Fox** who travelled as a companion to the two children as they traveled. Then a tribute is due to **Margaretta** and **Catherine**, two young girls—"a little child shall lead them." It was the young girls that carried on communication with the peddler. However, while it was the young girls who carried on the communication, it was four months later that **David S. Fox**, their brother, by use of alphabet tapping was given the name of the peddler. Little Margaret (Maggie) and Catherine (Kate) gave demonstration of communication brilliantly. But it was not always a happy life. They wearied from the heavy pressures placed upon them.

However, because of all their dedicated effort and hardships, the circle of supporters became a nucleus of organized Modern Spiritualism. One by one people unfolded their mediumship. Communication with the other side became a popular fad, but it didn't die as fads do. It gained popularity, becoming known across the great span of the United States. The oceans did not create a boundary, but rather carried those taking the message of spirit communication into the United Kingdom, and from there, around the world.

March 31, 1848 – A Day to Remember

Footnote: Should you ever be in New York and wish to make a visit, the resting place of the physical remains of the Fox family are found as follows: The Green-Wood Cemetery, 500- 25th Street, Brooklyn, NY, Lot 13594/95, Section 172 – Margaret Fox and Anna L. Fox Underhill. Cypress Hill Cemetery, Brooklyn, N.Y., Sec. 3, Lot 355 – Margaretta Fox Kane and Catherine Fox Jencken. The Newark Arcadia Cemetery, Newark, N.Y. – David S. Fox. ✿

Did You Know...

- Hershey's kisses are called that because the machine that makes them look like it's kissing the conveyor belt.
- The longest recorded flight of a chicken is thirteen seconds.
- An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.
- "I am" is the shortest complete sentence in the English language.
- A duck's quack doesn't echo, and no one knows why.

The Other Side

BY THE REV. LELIA E. CUTLER, Virginia

E-mail can inspire us at times:

A sick man turned to his doctor as he was leaving the room after paying a visit, and said, "Doctor, I am afraid to die. Tell me what lies on the other side." Very quietly the doctor said, "I don't know." You don't know?!? You're a Spiritual man, Doc. Yet, you don't know what's on the other side?"

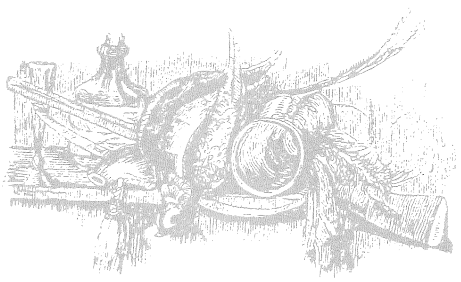
The doctor was holding the handle of the door, on the other side of which came a sound of scratching and whining, and as he opened the door, a dog sprang into the room and leaped on him with an eager show of gladness.

Turning to the patient, the doctor said, "Did you notice my dog? He's never been in this room before. He didn't know what was inside. He knew nothing, except that his master was here, and when the door opened, he sprang in without fear. Now, I know little of what is on the other side of death, but I do know one thing. I know that my loved ones and the masters are there, and that is enough. And when the door opens, I shall pass through with no fear, but with exceeding gladness.

For Spiritualists, we have no fear of death. It is but a release from the bonds of earth, and allowing the spirit to be set free to soar to the Spirit World. We ask that our passing be without pain, and that we experience the joy of the transition. There are many around us who do not understand this philosophy of life, and who ask the question above.

However, we do know that we must complete our journey on earth to accomplish our mission and work toward our goals. We must progress as much as we can while on earth so that when we reach the spirit side, we will not have to deal with any obstacles or problems from the earth life.

How do we progress? By living the Principles of Spiritualism that we repeat at every service: Know God, love creation, be open to spirit communication, be responsible for all we are, all we do, and all we think, and remember to work with the Universal or Natural Laws of God for the greater good of all. Bless you. ✿



What happened in MARCH throughout the years?

MARCH 12, 1852

On this date, **Stewart Edward White** was born. He was a psychic investigator and author and his books are Spiritualist classics. If you haven't read *The Betty Book* or *The Unobstructed Universe,* try to get a copy of these fine publications.

MARCH 20, 1833

Daniel Douglas Home was born in Edinburgh, Scotland. Home was a remarkable sensitive who practiced mediumship for thirty years in America and Europe. He was probably best known for his levitation, but he was also a wonderful physical medium and clairvoyant. D. D. Home never accepted any money for his demonstrations and was never accused of fraud. In fact, he was scientifically tested, both in daylight sittings and in a darkened room. He convinced many of survival of the personality and that communication between the spheres was indeed possible.

MARCH 23, 2003

The fourth Sunday of each March is **NSAC Gratitude Day.** NSAC chartered churches are requested to hold a special service to honor the founding of Modern Spiritualism. The NSAC Bylaws state that a special love offering be taken for the Spiritualist Benevolent Society. SBS helps the workers of Spiritualism by sending a monthly stipend to those who, after devoting their life to the cause, may now find, upon retirement, that they are existing on limited funds.

MARCH 30, 1852

Clarrisa D. Sprague was born on this date. She became a wonderful worker for the cause of Spiritualism as a medium and lecturer. She was a delegate to the formulative Convention of Spiritualism in 1893, in Chicago, Illinois.

MARCH 31, 2003

The NSAC celebration of the **Anniversary of the Advent of Modern Spiritualism.** Let us all send out a prayer of gratitude for all the pioneers who devoted time and energy to further the cause of this wonderful religion.

March is a month to remember the Star Spangled Banner, the Girl Scouts, National Nutrition Month, St. Patrick's Day and the Spring Equinox.

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Positive Statements To Help Create a Positive Day.

Affirmations . . . MARCH 2003

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 A lovely piece of music appeals to our senses and sensibilities.
2 Trusting Infinite Intelligence means we seek help only from God.	**3** "The greatest thing in the world is to know how to belong to ourselves." – Montaigne	**4** Natural Law obeys our decree, because we have the right to choose.	**5** Having means an inner conviction that something is yours—you know.	**6** The rewards of enlightenment cannot be measured, can never be lost.	**7** I exercise my power of thought and free will to grow spiritually.	**8** "What loneliness is more lonely than distrust?" – George Eliot
9 "Every experience you have makes you all the more fit for life." – "Box-Car Bertha"	**10** "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life." – *Proverbs* 4:23	**11** "The perception of the negative becomes the acceptance of the negative." – Ray Barker	**12** We each have a destiny that is unfolding moment by moment.	**13** I know my self is as close to the Source of inner guidance as I can get.	**14** I am attentive to each moment, the first of a new series.	**15** "Not in his goals but in his transitions man is great." – Emerson
16 A positive attitude will enhance your experiences, your life.	**17** "Remember that we are not dealing with two powers, but with one." – *SOM*	**18** We need meditation to help solve problems, because the ego can't on its own.	**19** "Our own personal needs reveal the needs of the larger group." – William Bridges, Ph.D.	**20** Have a good eye for that which needs to be done, then do it.	**21** Life is a fluid process of change and growth, change and growth.	**22** "We are to believe in ourselves because we believe in God. The two are ONE." – *SOM*
23 When we live creatively, we expand into the new and the unknown.	**24** Our reality is influenced by what we think about our reality.	**25** Our true age is found in the ways that we allow ourselves to play.	**26** The only way I can understand the consequences of change is to change.	**27** I pray each joy I experience will flow from me to make others joyous.	**28** There is a direct connection between creative thought and positive action.	**29** Love prepares the way for us here. Love prepares the way for us forever.
30 Bless all those who strive to discover truth which lifts our world higher.	**31** There is no death, there are no dead.		***Open your life to Spirit!***			





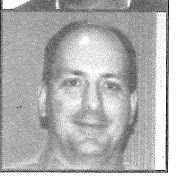

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Things To Think About

BY MERRY BROWNE

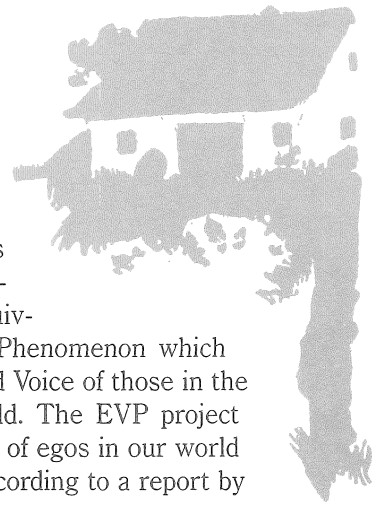
"SCIENCE AND PIONEERS"

Pioneers in all fields of endeavors have to endure the ridicule of the masses who believe them to be "kooks" and only when they prove their theories are they lauded as geniuses. It was fortunate that Edison had already won his accolades before he began work on attempting to invent a machine that would allow us to speak to people who had passed to the world beyond and they to respond to us. Even so, I am sure that many felt he had indeed finally gone off the deep end.

Scientists who should be the ones most supportive of such endeavors are often the experiments worst enemies. The group who now labors in this field in Boulder, Colorado, under the leadership of Mark Macy, has survived years of such abuse and bravely continues to try to build that bridge between worlds.

The ignorant of this world, unfortunately often held in high respect, are the ones who proclaim anything beyond their comprehension as "impossible." The wise have always known and stated "Anything is possible." Let us lend that kind of wisdom to the Colorado pioneers of technologically produced spirit contact (and to our Spiritualist researchers).

"EVP"



Dale Palmer, retired District Attorney of Plainfield, Indiana, has invested millions of dollars to set up a highly sophisticated computer system equivalent to Electronic Voice Phenomenon which will transmit the Image and Voice of those in the World Beyond of our world. The EVP project was stopped due to a clash of egos in our world who were involved in it according to a report by one of their members.

Perhaps you will recall that the After-world team warned them that total harmony must prevail among the group or the project would be terminated. Ego is the great no-no of the higher spheres from whence come the wondrous phenomenon.

Let us hope this time it will be a cooperative effort that will succeed, as it will most surely prove the existence of continued life and human survival.

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FAVORITE SAYINGS TO LIVE BY

"I like the dreams of the future better than the history of the past."
– *Thomas Jefferson*

"Too many wish to be happy before becoming wise."
– *Susanne Necker*

"One learns through the heart, not the eyes or the intellect."
– *Mark Twain*

"We could never learn to be brave and patient if there were only joy in the world."
– *Helen Keller*

RELATIONSHIPS

BY THE REV. KATHLEEN CRIBB, Virginia



The reason our churches have lasted over a century is because of the strong relationships developed between the members. There is no real mystery to a strong relationship. It requires time to mature and lots of nurturing along the way.

As most of you are aware, Spiritualists do not go out knocking on doors or riding bicycles handing out tracts to bring new people into our churches. We need your help in that department. Yes, **you** are our sales force. Please don't tell me you can't sell heat to an Eskimo. You already have what it takes to fill our church pews. You have your very own sphere of influence. You have relationships with a great many people.

Good relationships are the most powerful sales force in the world. Your personal relationships with friends and relatives exist because you have a common link that ties you to each other. The link may be as simple as being physically related to each other or maybe you attended the same college or you are in the same business arena or maybe you shoot pool together or go bowling once a week on a bowling team together.

Each relationship is unique and each common link is the spring board to having that person's attention to what you have to say. We strengthen a relationship by bringing value to it, not by talking about ourselves. Truth is a powerful value to give to someone.

Spiritualism teaches the principle of truth. It is important to tell the truth even if it hurts or embarrasses us. No doubt you have heard the expression, "You are what you eat."? Well, I would like to change that to say, **You are what you believe.** Spiritualism is a rock solid religion based on basic truth principles. When we share these beliefs with friends and relatives who are new to these concepts, we risk embarrassing ourselves. That person's rejection might initially hurt our feelings.

To overcome the urge to run away, I would like to encourage you to break the ice by sharing a personal story of one of your experiences that took place at your Spiritualist church with this individual. They will probably tell you a personal experience in return. This is good. Stories help people to relate to each other. Stories are revealing and stories tell the truth about our personal lives. Through stories we build a stronger bond with each other. Don't be afraid to talk to your friends.

Friendships are supposed to be relaxed, honest and non-manipulative. When you feel the time is right to extend an invitation to your friend to attend a church service, let them know they are welcome. Some of our churches hold a social gathering in the church office and lyceum rooms after service. If your church doesn't do this now it might be something for your church board of directors to consider incorporating in their monthly agenda. At my church, Memorial Spiritualist Church of Norfolk, we welcome our guests and fellow Spiritualists to come back into the office/lyceum area for punch, coffee and cookies. It is a time and place designated to answer their questions and get to know each other better. In other words, it is a time to develop new relationships and nurture old relationships.

Speaking of nurturing old relationships, do you know the birthdays of each of your church members? Do you send them birthday cards? How about get well cards or thinking of you notes? Nurturing old relationships can mean the difference between a small church growing or disappearing all together. Are there some old members you haven't seen in a while? Why not just pick up the phone and say, "Hey, I miss your beautiful smile. Are you okay?"

Our churches are not built on stone and mortar; they are built on quality relationships. Tell the people who come to church you are proud to be their friend and you look forward to meeting more of their friends in the near future. Blessings.

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Infinite Intelligence:
Not Less, But More Than Personal

BY THE REV. WILLIAM E. BUCHHOLZ, Iowa



Different names are used for "The Supreme, Impersonal Force, everywhere present, manifesting as Life in all forms of Nature, called by some God, by others Spirit, and by Spiritualists, Infinite Intelligence." Its existence is eternal. If not, It (and we) would disappear forever.

We must try to bring forth a truly **personal** relationship with Infinite Intelligence, or we will lose our touch with the embryo of life and existence. In fact, look carefully at your definition of this Creative Force. It is said to be "everywhere present," and yet impersonal. We all have personality. Dogs, cats, birds, and most all of the beings we know as humans, seem to be separate from others by choice and feeling. All are examples of Infinite Intelligence. All have personalities of different degrees. Therefore, the Infinite Intelligence of all existence has personality, although it is much more pure, powerful, and expanding than we can ever imagine. An "Impersonal Force?" Perhaps. But only if we first examine carefully our concepts of "impersonal" before going further. In my definition to queries by Spiritualists or newcomers into our flock, I always add "...not LESS, but MORE than personal."

Have you ever been introduced to a group of workers or possible friends-to-be? They speak their names, perhaps describe their families, experiences, skills, etc., and then ask you to return the compliment. It is often easily seen that some spark your interest more than others.

Perhaps your inner feeling tells you that one is hiding certain words or thoughts or experiences from you. Yet, each has personality of a particular kind, just as you do. Each is an expression of Infinite Intelligence. Thus, you must likewise be learning a miniscule part of what Infinite Intelligence really is. And in our regular terms, it must by all means have personality.

But in Godly terms, personality can manifest itself upon the dust of a seemingly dead planet, which the inhabitants of earth will never see within their short life span here in the physical. *The American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language* takes about two inches trying to define personality. According to them, it's the state or quality of being a person, and the dynamic character that makes one's life unique; their behavior, patterns of thinking that follow, their chosen activities, words, their personal interests, etc.

So, then the basic parts of earth, a man or woman, the universe, and any other part of the stars and planets we know about, as well as all we ever find or are still out there waiting for our arrival, have a form of personality in one sense or another. Since they all are parts of God, are we then incorrect in assuming that Infinite Intelligence is a "Supreme **Impersonal** Force?"

No, but only if so-called "Infinite Intelligence" is realized to be not LESS, but MORE than personal! We try to conceive of God-Force from our current level of development. May we allow our minds to grow, and know that the most unchanging thing is change! Remember the everlasting and immeasurable Force which directs existence, and gives it total actuality in the first place, will never find Its perfect definition, since each thought or written definition will in actuality reflect Its attempt to identify Itself.

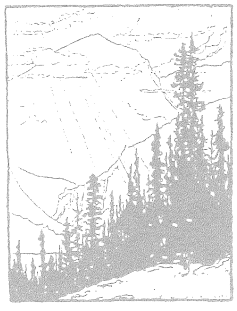
May thoughts and prayers be with us here, as we fulfill a bright new year!

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My Soul

By Walt Whitman

Come, said my soul,
Such verses for my body let us write,
(for we are one,)
That should I after death invisibly return,
Or, long, long hence, in other spheres,
There to some group of mates the chants resuming,
(Tallying earth's soil, trees, winds, tumultuous waves,)
Ever with Pleas'd smile I may keep on,
Ever and ever yet the verses owning—as, first, I here and now,
Signing for soul and body, set to them my name.



I Will

Author Unknown

I will start anew this morning with a higher, fairer creed;
I will cease to stand complaining of my ruthless
neighbor's greed;
I will cease to sit repining while my duty's call is clear;
I will waste not moments whining, and my heart shall know no fear;
I will try to find contentment in the paths that I must trend;
I will cease to have resentment when another moves ahead;
I will not be swayed by envy when my rival's strength is shown;
I will not deny his merit, but I'll strive to prove my own.



John Wesley's Rule

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 ever you can.



Who Ne'er Has Suffered

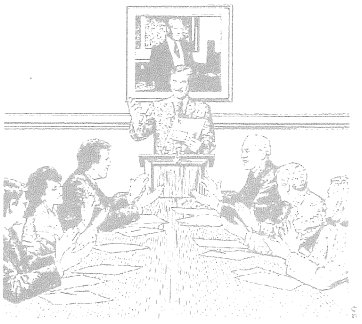
By the Rev. J. B. Goode

Who ne'er has suffered, he has lived but half.
Who never failed, he never strove or sought.
Who never wept is stranger to a laugh,
And he who never doubted never thought.



Know Spiritualism Well!

BY THE REV. CHARLES R. SMITH, Fourth President
Taken from June, 1945, *TNS.*



It is quite natural for one representing a business, an organization or even a small group of people, to have the public feel that he (or she) is part of the best outfit of its kind in the world, and that whatever they have to furnish is just a little better than the other fellow's product.

Whether it is your church, your State Organization or the National Association, each one represented by you must, to you, be the best, or you are not a real good salesman. And how can you sell what you have to offer? Simply by knowing what you have to sell and knowing it well (so learn all you can about the Science, Philosophy and Religion of Spiritualism). Let me illustrate by a story that appeared in the publication, *Q. S. T.*

The largest Diesel engine in the world had come to an inexplicable stop, tying up a large plant. Experts were called in, with much paraphernalia, but they all failed to get the great engine going again. Finally the management heard of an obscure expert living in retirement. They called him up, offered him anything he wanted if he would come and start their engine.

When he arrived, an inconspicuous little man in overalls, he was effusively treated and taken to the engine. The plant engineer told him the engine's symptoms, to which he listened attentively. Reflecting a moment he asked, has anyone a ball pene hammer? The hammer was produced and the little man scampered up the ladder and disappeared somewhere in its top-most intricacies. In a moment he was heard to strike half a dozen sharp blows with his hammer. Soon he returned and said, "Now try her." To everyone's delight, the great engine started instantly. The grateful management told him to send in his bill.

When the bill came a few weeks later, it was for $1,000.00, perhaps modest enough in the circumstances. But the company's controller, engine trouble forgotten, exploded wrathfully. He telephoned the little man, called him a robber and requested an itemized bill.

So the expert itemized his bill and this is the way it read.

For hammering	$1.00
For knowing where to hammer	$999.00
	$1,000.00

The editorial in *Q. S. T.* went on to say that what made the little man an expert was he knew precisely where to hammer.

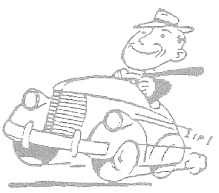
There is a moral in this story for all of us. Let us equip ourselves so we will know when and how to drop the seed of Spiritualism where it will grow. Be a steady worker, don't neglect the seed, cultivate it and the harvest will be great. ✿

Humor to put you in
Good Spirits . . .

Wacky Bumper Stickers...

Here is a series of strange, but true, bumper stickers seen around the country...

- CAUTION! I Drive Like You Do!
- I'm Back By Popular Demand
- They're Not Hot Flashes, They're POWER SURGES!
- The Big Bang Theory: God Spoke and BANG It Happened
- I Almost Had A Psychic Girlfriend, But She Left Me Before We Met
- I Drive Way Too Fast To Worry About Cholesterol
- Hang-Up And Drive!
- Despite The Cost Of Living, Have You Noticed How It Remains So Popular?
- The most valuable function performed by the federal government is entertainment.



Are We, Our Churches' Failings?



BY THE REV. GLORIA J. NYE, NST, CM,
Portland Spiritualist Church, Westbrook, Maine

As a minister and medium, I have ample opportunity through serving churches, to speak with many Spiritualists in New England and around the country. I thoroughly enjoy the social get-togethers after the services because it is then that I can really meet and speak with the members of the Spiritualist community in one-on-one discussions.

Without exception, they are firm in espousing the Principles of Spiritualism, believe wholeheartedly in personal responsibility, appreciate and look forward to the mediumship section of each service, and are aware of Natural Law in their lives.

They, however, are becoming concerned, as I am, with the lack of growth in their churches. Interestingly, the above statement is often followed with a description of one or two individuals in the church who consistently "put-on-the-brakes" at any suggestion of new ideas geared to increase the public's awareness of Spiritualism. Their common theme is "We must take it slow." I can only guess at why they might be doing this.

My reply to these individuals is to ask **"Why should we take it slow?"**

The nationwide popularity of TV medium, John Edward, is proof that the nation is ready and open to the tenets of mediumship. Although not a Spiritualist, John Edward has single-handedly done more to bring awareness of the gifts of mediumship to the American public, than any single person alive today.

We need to jump at this opportunity. And yet, we are sitting back on our heels when millions of people are saying that they are ready and open to the concept of spirit communication. Why aren't we jumping up and promoting spirit awareness in our communities?

I've asked the above question many times and I am given the same pat answers. "We have Medium's Day fairs; we send out church letters to those on our mailing lists; and we have classes once a week; what more can we do?"

If they've been doing all the right things, what's gone wrong? **They're advertising to people who already know about Spiritualism.**

The truth is that most of these churches don't know how to promote themselves. A suggestion? Call the NSAC bookstore and request their "Public Relations Handbook." The number to call is (716) 595-2000.

Another option is to contact Mary Montgomery-Clifford, Director of the Department of Public Relations for NSAC at (773) 235-8821, or mail her at 2426 N. Kimball St., Chicago, IL 60647. Her e-mail is MONTY764@AOL.com.

If we want to be successful, if we want to bring awareness of our churches to the community, then we must push past the complacent boundaries impressed upon us by those individuals who live in fear of coming out of their spiritual closets. Expansion and not suppression of new ideas is the only way our churches can grow.

We are our own worst advertisements to stability. The church of which I'm a member has been shuffled around for decades from building to building because of the whims of our landlords. With pitifully few exceptions, our church is not unique. Most Spiritualist church services have been held in the rented spaces of other churches or buildings. We are usually identified as holding Spiritualist services by an easily detachable and barely noticeable sign allowed by the owners. We have carried this burden of lack for too long.

Our ministers and pastors receive no pay. In some cases, they feel it would be wrong to get paid for their work. I wonder if the Episcopalians, Catholics and Protestants believe any less of their ministry because they receive payment? What if their church members got together and said "Rev. So and So, you do good work, but the church membership has decided that we will no longer pay you for doing the work. Why? God has given you the ability to do this work and therefore, it is a sacred trust and paying you to do it would be a sacrilege." How many ministers and pastors would continue doing the work for free? Are we, as Spiritualists, putting ourselves above these religions and demanding too much from our spiritual leaders, demanding too much of ourselves?

Before you answer those questions, answer these two first. Why are so many of our ministers and pastors getting burnt out? Why the power struggles within the churches?

Many of our mediums also refuse to accept any money

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Hints On Improving Your Awareness

BY CHRIS SALISBURY, Reprinted from *Psychic News*

Here are some tips to improve and enhance spiritual awareness, this implies clear sighted understanding of life.

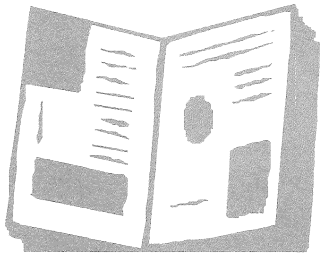
There are a number of "golden rules" to follow. Some are more suited to demonstrating mediumship in public, but they are all valid.

Here goes:

1. Be yourself. This is crucial. Trying to emulate the style of another is flattering (or annoying), but if we all try to be a Gordon, Doris, or whoever, then pretty soon the pool is going to run dry.
2. Only speak when you know. This goes for all things in life. The pressure to deliver can make us really panicky and we start to give of our own mind.
3. Never set out to impress. Mediumship is not a stage act, it's a serious discipline.
4. Set up, in your own mind how you want the information given to you. Names, dates, locations and so on. You will eventually get a sense of relaxation knowing that the info comes in this way, and if it doesn't, it may be a warning that the process is stalling.

These are simple hints but follow them, they help.

A lot of people when starting out, wonder how to begin the process of linking. Some just wait, letting it happen—this can be a lengthy process.



Breathing is one sure way of establishing this link. Someone said to me once, "I've sat in loads of groups, all they ever do is breathe!"

Well, here's why. Learn to relax your breathing. Let it sink down deep into your abdomen. This will not only give you a sense of calm, but will link you to your centre – it is here that the doorway to all things is located.

As the breathing slows, your mind will clear and you will begin to see, feel or whatever.

Letting your mind clear in this way will allow the inner, or third eye, to open. As you go on, rich imagery will flow into you. This will give you a deeper insight into the message you are giving.

Breathing and staying centered are things that deepen with practice. So point number 5. is to get yourself in a regular group where you can do this without any pressure.

The next point number 6. to study is sitting. As Jean-Paul Sartre once told us, "All man's problems occur due to his inability to sit still in a room."

So many of us sit in "meditation" but we have music playing. To my understanding this is not meditation. The music will paint pictures across the canvas of your mind, so you are practicing visualization, not meditation.

Meditation needs nothing apart from silence. Sit and try to empty your mind. There are ways to do this with help. One way is to visualize something swinging before you and use the mind to make it stop, then hold it still. After a while let the object fade, and there you have it, emptiness.

This method is not as easy as it sounds, but not difficult, it just takes practice. Point number 7. on the list then is practice. ✿

ARE WE, OUR CHURCHES' FAILINGS?

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for their work. They proudly exclaim that "mediumship is a gift from the Infinite and therefore no payment should be received." I respect their feelings. I disagree with their reasoning.

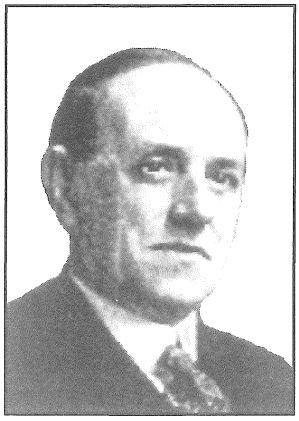
I, as well as others, have expended a great deal of time and money to become an Ordained Minister, Certified Medium, and National Spiritualist Teacher. I wanted to be a worthy advocate of Spiritualism. I consider my time and my spiritual work to be of value. There are always opportunities to be of service to mankind and not expect a check. But, if the Universe wishes to reward me by handing me a check, I gratefully accept it as *there must be an equal exchange of energy in order to fulfill the Natural Laws of Abundance.*

I wonder what all the psychiatrists, doctors, teachers, firemen, policemen, who get paid plenty for their work would say if you walked in and expected them to do the work without being compensated?

This article has the potential of receiving waves of varying opinions, but what I've written, I believe to be the truth. If my article has caused you to take a long hard look at what is going on in your church, good. If you are upset with me, good! If what I wrote has inspired you to make changes, great!

I have done my job.

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THOMAS GRIMSHAW

Morality And Mediumship

BY THOMAS GRIMSHAW
Taken from *TNS*, January 1941

Some people say that morality has nothing to do with mediumship, and as a proof of their statement draw our attention to certain workers in our movement, who are good Mediums, but whose conduct is, to say the least, not very exemplary. I have heard it argued that a Medium is a mere machine through which spirits demonstrate survival of bodily death, and that the question of his or her moral conduct should not enter into consideration, any more than that of a telegrapher in transmitting a message. This question I consider one of the most vital confronting Spiritualists. If morality has nothing to do with the practice of mediumship, then the whole superstructure of our organization as a Scientific, Philosophical and Religious movement is wrong.

Let us analyze this problem. What is mediumship? This sensitiveness is largely hereditary. In our NSAC Definition, we say: *A Medium is one whose organism is sensitive to vibrations from the Spirit World, through whose instrumentality, intelligences in that world are able to convey messages, and produce the phenomena of Spiritualism.*

Here you will notice it says: *One whose organism is sensitive to vibrations from the Spirit World.* It must be evident to all those who have studied Mediums and mediumship, that the qualification for mediumship is not physical. The sensitiveness here referred to is a psychical sensitiveness, the sensitiveness of the finer met-a-ethereal or spirit body. It is this sensitiveness which determines whether a person can be used by excarnate spirit people to manifest to mortals.

Just as some people are born with an aptitude to become musicians, artists or mechanics, so also are people born with those psychical qualities which enable them to be used as instruments for communication between this and the Spirit World.

The question of human survival is inseparably linked with morality and religion; without human survival religion would have little influence upon men's and women's lives. Mediums are instruments through which spirits manifest. The condition of the instrument is a very important factor in determining whether the operator will be able to manifest, and the clearness of the message cannot fail to be influenced by the physical, mental, moral and spiritual condition of the Medium. No spiritually developed spirit would care to manifest through an unclean, immoral Medium, and would not do so unless no other avenue was open. Furthermore, no intelligent, cultured, moral mortal would care to receive a message through an unclean channel, if any other avenue were available.

When we divorce morality from mediumship, the investigator is justified in doubting the Medium. Some Psychical Researchers refuse to have dealing with professional Mediums, because they declare the acceptance of a fee is a temptation to dishonesty. If the mere acceptance of a fee for service rendered is a handicap, how much greater the handicap would be if we let down the bars and declare to the world that as a body of people we do not care what kind of a private life our ministers and Mediums live, so long as they are Mediums and able to produce the phenomena.

I tell you, fellow Spiritualists, one of the greatest steps we can take to advance the cause of Spiritualism would be to demand that all our Mediums, ministers and would-be leaders, be men and women whose character would bear the closest inspection.

Let us encourage Mediums who are conspicuous for their honesty rather than their sensationalism. Let us welcome and support leaders who live their religion day by day. These are strong words; but the very life of our movement depends upon the attitude we take upon this question.

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It is the soul itself which sees and hears, and not those parts which are, as it were, but windows to the soul.
– Cicero

News From Indiana

Newspaper write-up:

Spiritualists report people receptive to their teachings.

Annual demonstration at Gary church attracts members of other faiths.
By Michael Gonzalez, Post-Tribune correspondent

GARY—Spiritualists' beliefs are often ridiculed and outright rejected by traditional religions, even though the people who hold those beliefs are doctors and teachers, mill workers and lawyers and workers of every other profession.

And interest in their beliefs is growing.

Dozens of visitors signed up for psychic readings and spiritual guidance at the 31st annual Dinner and Psychic Demonstration for the First Spiritualist Church.

One of those interested in going beyond traditional beliefs was a Mr. Williams, a lifelong Baptist.

"The power of God works in more than one way, and I believe God's spirit can help you in more than one way," Williams said. "There's things I'd like to know and want to know, so I thought I'd give it a try."

Internationally-known psychics and Spiritualists gathered for the event, offering spiritual readings for $10 each.

The event also included a banquet dinner with mediums and other believers demonstrating what they called "spiritual phenomena," said Helen Williams, a practicing medium from Highland.

Scheduled demonstrations included table tipping, or moving tables without physically touching them (levitation).

Another phenomenon was blindfold billets, in which a blindfolded medium would read and answer written requests and questions from the audience.

Spiritualist ministers and mediums acknowledge their beliefs differ significantly from Christian beliefs.

For example, Spiritualists say they follow the teachings of Jesus Christ, but believe Jesus was a great prophet and not the only son of God.

They also believe that God is Spirit, and every creation carries that spirit, said Jesse James, pastor of the Gary church. Also, a person's spirit lives on even after they physical death, making communication with those spirits a key belief, he said.

"One thing most religions cannot accept is when a person dies you can still communicate with them, because their consciousness still survives the physical death," James said. "We're all about communication."

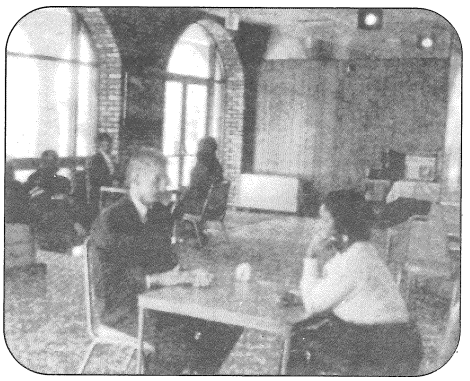
While those beliefs would make most Christians bristle, mediums at the conference said they have not had any confrontations or problems with others because of their beliefs.

If anything, they said, more people are opening their minds to Spiritualism and approaching them for guidance.

"I think the curiosity is there, but sometimes people are too afraid to try it," said Donna Emery, an Illinois woman who teaches at the Gary church. "But people still seek me out for guidance and advice, even if they have other beliefs."

A table at the conference was covered with books, pamphlets and tapes on Spiritualism and New Age beliefs.

Those kinds of beliefs are getting more attention through mass media, with internationally known Spiritualists like John Edwards starring in popular television programs and Deepak Chopra moving best-selling books off store shelves.



Psychic John Kampf of LaPorte (left) gives a reading Sunday to Cleo Hall of Gary (right) at the Psychic Fair at the Marquette Park Pavillion. Hall said she got a good reading. The First Spiritualist Church has been sponsoring the fair for 31 years.

Training In Texas

The Reverend Jean I. Hamner, Ph.D., a NSAC Commissioned Healer and NSAC Missionary to Texas, has launched a practical training program for Spiritualist healers in Texas. The goal is to develop credentialed Commissioned Healers for the Texas churches. In addition to the educational requirement, which can be met through correspondence courses from either the Morris Pratt Institute or the College of Spiritual Science, practical training under the guidance of a proven healer is needed.

Twelve students from central Texas have completed the wildly popular *Introduction to Spiritual Healing,* an 8 hour intensive, at Angels of Light Spiritualist Church at Harmony Grove Camp. At the Second Spiritualist Church in Dallas, the introductory workshop drew 10 people, including a baby.

A series of more advanced workshops will follow at the Angels of Light/Harmony Grove site, beginning in April, 2003. Jean Hamner has offered to teach the Introductory Workshop, a prerequisite to the rest of the series, at any NSAC church in Texas free of charge as a fundraiser and publicity event for the churches through March, 2003.

"The problem is that people are getting very little training other than the basics of Church Style healing and the *Do's and Don'ts,*" said Hamner. "It is the blind leading the blind. We have ended up with many uncredentialed

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church healers of varying abilities and education, all doing their own thing, whatever that may be, but very few people able to get those affidavits for actually curing something. Serving your church is a wonderful thing. Completing the MPI course in healing is a wonderful thing. Becoming a great Commissioned Spiritualist Healer is a life commitment to training, practice, learning, and living life differently," continued Hamner.

A similar practical training program is under way in Texas for those studying to become NSAC Certified Mediums. Both training programs are open to the congregations of all the NSAC churches in Texas. For further information, call Rev. Jean Hamner, Angels of Light Spiritualist Church, at (512) 376-5326.

A Report From Virginia



From left, Rev. Anne Gehman, Dr. Linda Russek, Rev. Patricia Stranahan. Photography by Dr. Larry Leonard.

On September 15, 2002, Dr. Linda Russek, the Co-Researcher on the Afterlife Experiments, presented an overview of the work that she and Dr. Gary Schwartz conducted at the University of Arizona over the period February 1999 through December 2000. She discussed the research methodology, utilizing five prominent mediums known throughout the study as "The Dream Team": Rev. Anne Gehman, Pastor of the Center for Spiritual Enlightenment in Falls Church, Virginia, George Anderson, Laurie Campbell, John Edward, and Suzane Northrup. Using an effective PowerPoint presentation, she reviewed the results of the study and implications for further research. She gave the large, receptive audience tangible scientific evidence of the existence of life after death. She commented that she was aware that she was speaking to the choir, with many Spiritualists in attendance. Dr. Russek is currently Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine in the Department of Medicine at the University of Arizona, and President and Director of the Heart Science Foundation, a non-profit service and research organization in Tucson, Arizona. For almost 20 years, she was Director of the Harvard Mastery of Stress Follow-up Study in which her pioneering work into the association of Love and Health received national attention by the media in addition to appearing in mainstream peer-reviewed journals. We hope that she will come back to Virginia again to talk about her work at the Heart Science Foundation.

Ordination In California



Standing: Revs. Louis Potter, Betty Nauratil, Don Nauratil . Seated: Rev. George Brenner.

The Spiritualist Chapel of the Pines Church, in Auburn, California, was pleased to include a special service in their Sunday Morning Worship Service on December 15, 2002—the Ordination of George Brenner. The service included many wonderful workers: Meditation and prayer led by Helen Brenner; Chairperson, June Kilmer; Reading of *Hiding Man's Divinity* by Edward Kilmer; Solo, *The Wind Beneath My Wings*, by Melodee Denton; **Candidate for Ordination, George Brenner;** Address to Candidate by Rev. Louis Potter; Questions by Rev. Don Nauratil; Charges by Rev. Betty Nauratil; Introduction of Speaker by June Kilmer; Speaker, Rev. George Brenner; Spirit Greetings by Vickie Gay, Viretta Feiro, Patricia Hudson, Shyrlee Cole, and Faye Metcalf; Benediction by Rev. George Brenner.

We wish to thank the Rev. Don and the Rev. Betty Nauratil of Church of Two Worlds, San Leandro, California, for coming to help in the Ordination Ceremony of George Brenner. It was the culmination of a long and frequently hard course of studying by George on the road to his life long desire to be an Ordained Minister. George expressed appreciation to all who took part in the Church Service and the Ordination Ceremony.

George also gives thanks to Mrs. Louise Potter who told him several times if Louis could do it, why can't you? This stuck in George's mind and finally he agreed, why not, and he completed the Morris Pratt Educational Course and took the Licentiate Minister's test. He fulfilled the Pastoral Skills Course in Lily Dale, New York in June of 2002, from teacher the Rev. Sharon Snowman. The Rev. Louis Potter,

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pastor of the Church, took the same Pastoral Skills Course at Lily Dale, NY, also from Sharon Snowman in June of 1989. It is not easy to read the books of that course and be in class the next morning, but somehow the student learns a lot about being a Pastor. We give Sharon Snowman a warm hand of thanks for her knowledge of being a Pastor and for being able to show each person the obligations a pastor takes on when they become Ordained. Then at the NSAC Convention in October, 2002 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, George passed the test to become an Ordained Minister.

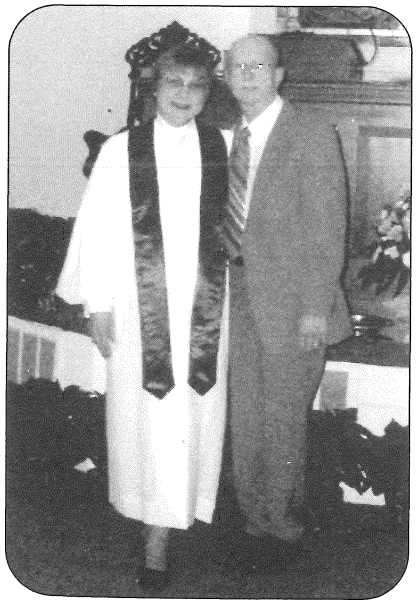
Ordination In Virginia



Lelia Cutler, Carol Brown, Fred Brown, and Kathleen Cribb with Carol's Ordination certificate and NST degree.

On December 15, 2002 at 2:30 p.m. in the afternoon, the Rite of Ordination was bestowed on Carol Ann Brown at The Memorial Spiritualist Church in Norfolk, Virginia. The service was officiated by the Rev. Lelia E. Cutler, NST, representing the National Spiritualist Association of Churches, and the Rev. Kathleen Cribb assisted. Fred H. Brown, church president, presented Carol's Certificate of Ordination and her travel cards. Lelia and Kathleen are resident ministers with The Memorial Spiritualist Church, along with the Rev. Sylvia Kincaid, NST, and the Rev. Beverly Burdick-Carey, who are ministers and members of the church, but reside in Lily Dale, New York.

Carol also received her diploma for the National Spiritualist Teacher Degree.



Carol and Larry Brown after her Ordination Service.

It was also Carol's birthday, so there was great cause for celebration. The service was followed by a reception at the church with tables laden with wonderful food. Val de France provided the silver candelabra and beautiful white linens for the party, and members and friends provided a wonderful assortment of food, a cake, and flowers for decoration. Carol's husband, Larry Brown, presented her robe, and Lelia provided the stole. Carol's daughter, Linda, and her grandchildren were also gathered for the event.



Lelia Cutler, Carol Brown, and Kathleen Cribb.



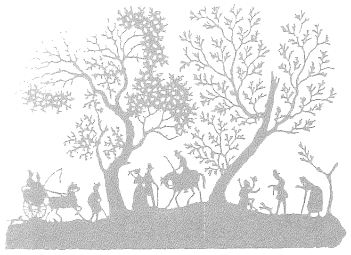
Fred presented Carol's Certificate.

That evening, the Rev. Carol Ann Brown, NST, presented her first lecture as an ordained minister. It was a wonderful, happy day, but a full day.

One Second Sermons



- If you can't see the bright side, polish the dull side.
- Kind words make good echoes.
- Life is short, pray hard.
- The best things in life aren't things.
- No God, no peace. Know God, know peace.
- Life is a measure to be filled, not a cup to be drained.
- When you're green with envy, you're ripe for trouble.
- The tongue weighs practically nothing, but few can hold it.
- We stand tallest when we stoop to help others.
- Forbidden fruit creates many jams.
- The best way to have the last word is to apologize.
- Setbacks pave the way for comebacks.



The Lily Dale Museum

BY RON NAGY, New York

The Lily Dale Museum Staff have rearranged displays and categorized all artifacts and memorabilia into a 1500 plus item journey, through the beginning days of Spiritualism, up to the present, beginning with the Fox sisters Rappings and continuing to the Leona Free Society.

The completion of the Railroad to Cassadaga allowed easy access to the area and the Cassadaga Lake Free Association was formed. Free thinkers and lecture persons from around the World attended "Camp" meetings to inspire and expand the awareness of all who attended.

The Museum has an excellent pictorial display on the walls, explaining about this phenomenal Religious Community. "Spirit" paintings adorn the walls, such as Mrs. A. B. Caldwell and Mr. Thomas Skidmore, produced by the Bangs sisters spirit guide. Slate Writings, by the Campbell Brothers and P. L. O. A. Keeler are interesting and often thought provoking.

New Displays include: Asa Root's Civil War Diary, written from the Andersonville Prison Camp, along with the Root family who were early settlers at the Cassadaga Lake Free Society. The original "Spirit drawing" of Theodore Parker, a Civil War era outspoken Theosophist and Unitarian Minister. The Susan B. Anthony display has been expanded. Susan B. Anthony was not a Spiritualist, although many of her close friends and first cousin were. Susan B. Anthony lectured five times at Lily Dale from 1891-1905.

Come, explore and browse, take time to page through original Spiritualist newspapers: *The Banner of Light* circa 1870's; *The Cassadagan,* 1890's; *The Sunflower,* circa 1900's; *The Psychic Observer* and *Dale News,* were published into the 1960's.

Lily Dale, and the Museum, is an experience not soon forgotten. We would enjoy meeting you if you come to camp, show you our exciting museum and share a hands-on history of Spiritualism with you.

The Museum hours during Camp, July through August, are 11-4, closed Mondays. During May, June, September, October, the hours are Saturday/Sunday, 11-3. Winter tours are by appointment. ✿



Gratitude Day

NSAC Bylaws, Article XVI, Sec. 4:

"The Fourth Sunday in March in each year shall be known as *Gratitude Day*; chartered and church societies shall hold a special service in honor of the founding of Modern Spiritualism and of the workers who have devoted their lives to the cause, and shall take up a special love offering for the *Spiritualist Benevolent Society.*"

After devoting their life's work to the cause of Modern Spiritualism, it is sad but true in some instances, that these wonderful people have suddenly found upon retirement that they are existing on limited funds. These many times allow for a bare existence. This state has fallen not only on some of our Pioneers of the past but upon some of our members and workers currently. In an effort to help these individuals, the NSAC delegates passed the above Bylaw many years ago. This once a year request for donations for the **Spiritualist Benevolent Society** builds a designated fund for the purpose of sending a monthly stipend to those members and workers of the NSAC who have been brought to our attention and are in need of aid.

As there are several people who at this time are in need of this remembrance, we do ask your continued support for this very worthwhile project. On **Gratitude Day**, as you celebrate in your church the founding of Modern Spiritualism, please remember those in our organization who have given so much to each of us with their time and effort, and help us to give them a token thank you for all they have done.

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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.

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