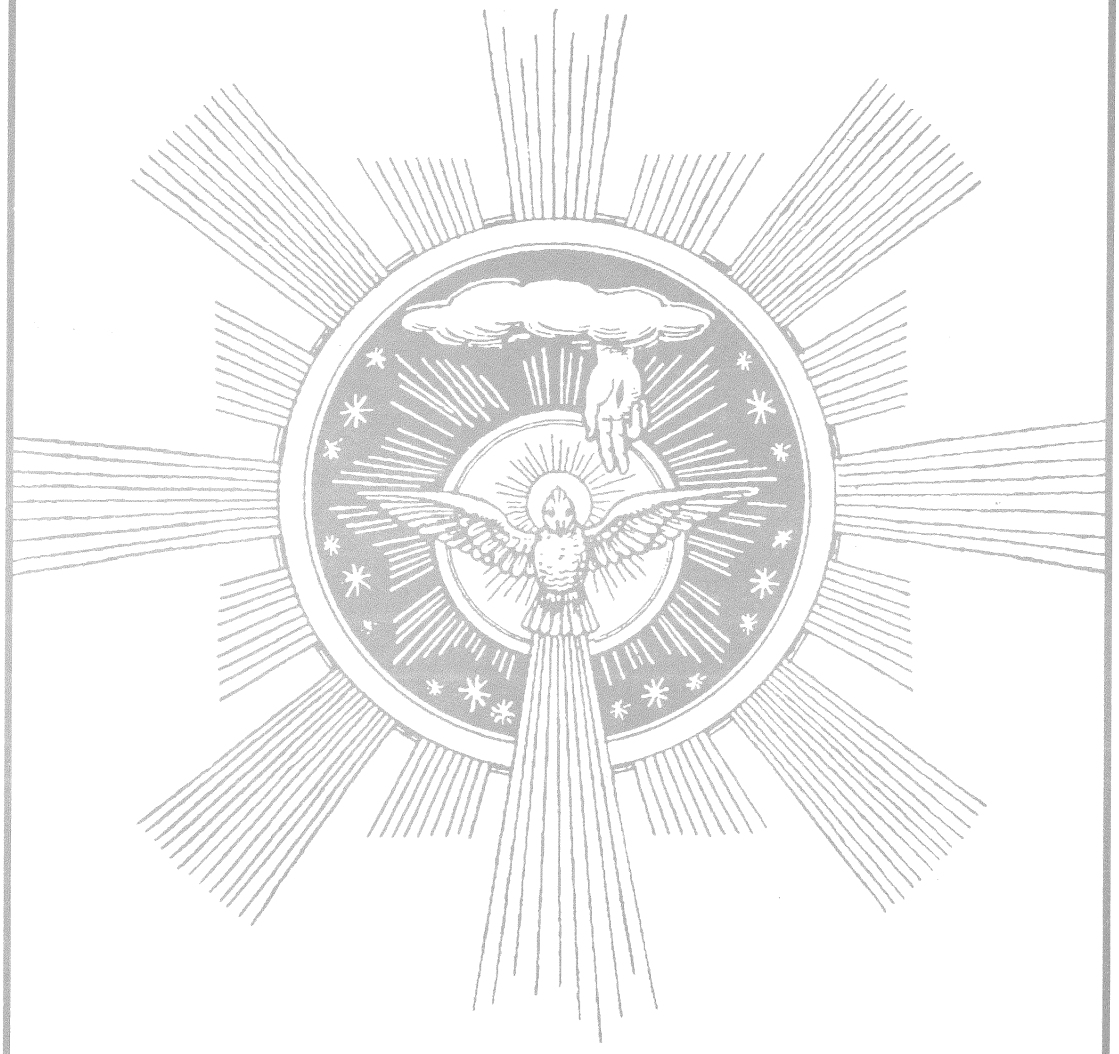
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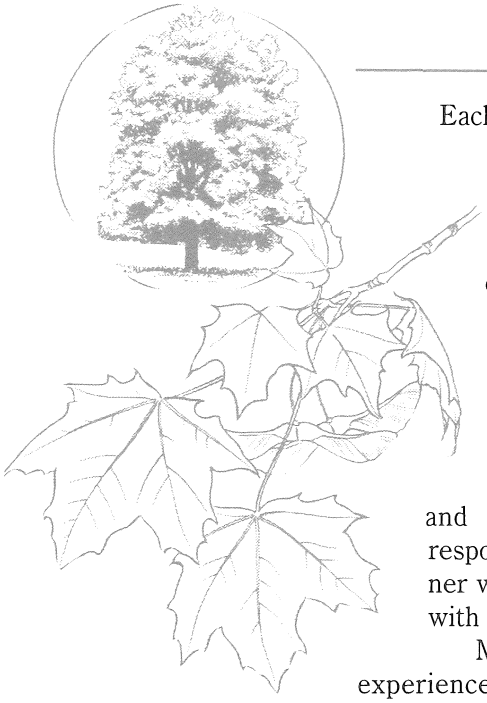
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Health, Energy, and Consciousness

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Each of us is on this Earth Plane with an inherent spiritual task to complete, a sacred contact for our soul's growth. The particulars vary with each individual, yet part of the spiritual lesson is to learn to use our personal power responsibly and lovingly. Our soul responds in a healthy manner when we are in balance with our soul's purpose.

Most Spiritualists have experienced many intuitive moments and trust that life is energy and that we are guided. The views that life is vibration/energy, that humans are electromagnetic beings, and that the Divine is within, inspiring life, are becoming universal. A Healer touches in to the subtle energy and the electromagnetic patterns. They learn to recognize the link between energy or spiritual dysfunction and illness.

Our life choices weave into our body, soul and spirit, affecting our health and well being. Mind-body focus becomes apparent for the body's biological processes surround the physical body as an energy field. This allows us to be in communication with everything around us when we pause to use our intuitive perception. The greater the emotional energy in any experience, the greater the vibrational impulse, and the more personal reaction, plus a strong energy impression which generates from you. Your mind is in every cell of your body, therefore you store all of your emotions in your body. Emotional vibrations convert into biological matter, which changes the pattern of the energy frequency indicating the location of a problem, or the possibility of developing an illness in that area. The body's energy or lack of energy in an area is felt by Spiritual Healers.

Healers work in many ways to effect a healing. Some work at church during a worship service. Others form in a group and send prayers or absent healing, or do contact healing. Energy healing isn't just limited to our Spiritualist churches. A Phoenix energy doctor, Dr. Gregory Muchnij, D.C., that I have received healing from, claims he feels the problem area in his own body and then breathes through it as he sends healing energy. Carol Ritberger, Ph.D., works with the aura that she discerns rather than sees. Health Intuitive Jay Caliendo claims his gift is one of inner feelings or insight, an intuitive quasi-sixth sense that allows him to feel health-related maladies. Mona Lisa Schultz, M.D., Ph.D., sees an image of the body, but doesn't read auras. Some intuitive's hear or have kinesthetic feelings in their bodies.

All seem to feel that the body is trying to get your attention through the particular discomfort that is being experienced. The message is to change your thinking and change your life. Your emotions and perceptions have a profound effect on your body, therefore healing imbalances work from within and flow outward.

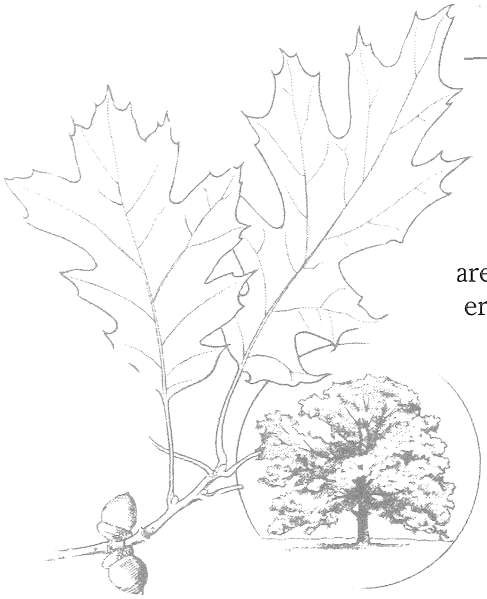
Reevaluation of your thinking may be the place to begin. If you really want to heal, it is necessary to heal where it starts and go to the emotions and to the spiritual aspects of emotions which will change at the cellular level on out. Sometimes a health problem is that catalyst to make a life style change, to resolve a relationship issue, to move to a different employment. Spiritual healers are careful not to diagnose or prescribe, yet they might advise you to meditate and pray on the problem to reach a greater clarity as to its cause. Your body is trying to tell you something. It is felt there are three sources of "dis-ease"—Genetics, Emotions, Environment.

Research has found that there is no illness that develops randomly, and the emotional, psychological patterns that precede a condition follow a certain pattern of thought. The stress patterns create energy stresses in the body which result in the same type of disorder. Each illness, each body organ, each thought group, has a particular pattern or vibrational frequency.

When a Healer is sending energy, they may get colors, feel "hot/cold spots" or distorted energy patterns, or even feel the discomfort in their own body. A Healer must practice detachment, for when the ego gets involved with the necessity for a

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complete healing, then the energy channel closes. If you need to prove something, chances are you won't. As a healer, don't try to impress, for it is Infinite Intelligence that does the healing, and the healer is the conduit for the energy exchange.

Infinite Energy is in every cell, so each part of the body will project a message. Sending Light, Love and Healing to the individual, and requesting the Divine Healer to direct it to the discomfort, will bring benefit to the one in need, whether the sensitive feels the energy or not. Request your etheric guides, doctors, nurses, chemists and medical helpers to be with you to share their knowledge, their wonderful minds, their compassionate assistance.

A Healing teacher in a development circle can help the class to work toward better health by teaching them to release and let go of emotions and thoughts that are not beneficial. Remember, your thoughts are so powerful that you create your reality and your health. Each of us are electro magnetic fields and just like a magnet, we attract to us what we vibrate. So, if we work as an energetic being, we have to change the way we think—know—feel, in order to attract to ourselves spiritual energy that we may become an enlightened being. We each create our own reality and our thinking process is a key to our reality. Creating our reality is the underlying thought form behind holistic health, spiritual growth, and is the theme of many religions. There is a worldwide shift in consciousness that will affect us positively in the years to come, for it is growing and expanding the love energy.

As a Healer, or as a teacher of Healing, do not judge yourself as superior or inferior, for we are all fellow travelers on the road to awareness and increasing our energy. Natural Law guides us, so don't look down on the personality or the physical, rather work to apply the energy enhancements to the soul.

Life is all about energy. Healing is all about energy. It is the personality that first encounters every thing, which is then taken within and processed. What makes one energetic or heal, and not another? Some have plugged or closed circuits, old perceptions which are kept alive. The body corresponds to the perception and holds the memory and then a power leak or an energy leak develops. When we have an energy leak, we lose power. **Disease** is the result of lost **spirit** or lost energy, so one might ask the self where it is **lost**. Change the thought patterns and ask "What am I going to do when I am well?" What do I want my life to be in six months, in six years? Make a decision and work toward that goal. We are not meant to mourn our traumas, but to learn from them, then release them. Energy goes to each trauma that we keep alive. If you have a problem, pause and ask within "what is energetically going on here?" Sometimes you will find you are buying into another's upset.

Life vibrates and every thing we do, every thought we think vibrates. This vibration flows into the ethers, influencing those around us and the Universe. All energy flows in a circular fashion to return to the sender. Spiritualists know the value of sending out positive, loving thoughts.

The Law of Mind and Body is what you sow in consciousness, you reap in manifestation. No exception. Those around us also get a "fall out" of our consciousness. We know we can only change ourselves, but when we change, those around us also change. Your energy affects your growth, your belief influences your future—life is like that.

Mind is a force field, our consciousness, the one thing we keep when we make the change called death. How we react to life within our consciousness is what makes our happiness or unhappiness. Strive for a spiritual quality in your thoughts, for growth and understanding, for forgiveness of self and others. Work to trust the Universe, to follow your hunches and your guidance. Remember, everything vibrates into the ethers to bless us and others.

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Sending Out The Thought

BY THE REV. CHARLENE KLEINSCHMIDT, NST, New York



There are times when it is difficult to see where sending out the thought for someone's healing has any effect at all. We so often judge with our physical senses the unseen, we don't recognize when healing is occurring. We may expect healing to be "miraculous," instantaneous or permanent. This could lead to disappointment with spiritual healing when the results we desire do not manifest.

Examining these three expectations may help us realize the value of a positive attitude in our understanding of the effects of spiritual healing. Please note I put quotation marks around the word miraculous. We know there are no miracles because the word miracle implies defiance of Natural Law. Supposed miracles are seen today when spiritual healers applying perfectly natural forces under the necessary conditions achieve a healing. Therefore, when we see something that appears miraculous it is simply the outcome of Natural Law in effect.

The first time I remember observing this was shortly after I became interested in Spiritualism. My mother and I attended the First Spiritualist Temple in East Aurora, New York. While getting a cup of tea during the coffee hour, she was bumped by someone and the whole cup of boiling hot water hit her chest. There were several healers present and one gave her a spiritual healing immediately. Others stopped and sent healing energy to help. Being new to the whole concept we thought it "miraculous" when her skin turned a very light pinkish color for a few hours and no blisters appeared.

A particularly difficult problem for some is when they pray for a healing of someone who subsequently passes. Death can truly be the most perfect healing experience. For those in the physical it may not appear to be, but we do not know what that person might have suffered had they continued in the material world. When death is the answer to our prayer, we should find solace in knowing the person we love is truly whole and well in the Spirit World. We need to know that they still come to visit and it is permissible to send them loving thoughts in their new environment.

By the same token, healing may not be instantaneous because the condition needs time to heal properly. Healing may come quickly or over a long period of time. Though we may not see it happening, this is one situation where we must have faith in things we can not see. Some conditions may not be amenable to spirit healing as we think. For example, a person confined to a wheelchair, no matter how much healing is sent, may stay confined to the chair. The condition may not be amenable to Natural Law for some reason and since we know there are no miracles, we accept that not all conditions will be healed evidently.

Yet, we can rest assured that healing in some form is happening. A change in the person's level of pain or mental attitude may be observed and this is a manifestation of healing. When you do not observe what you expect, do not fault the healing, but endeavor for a clear understanding that healing is being manifested no matter the physical appearance.

Why isn't healing always permanent? If the person returns to the same lifestyle, opening the door for the same condition to again arise, healing can not remain permanent. For instance, I have to continually remind myself to get enough rest. When I don't, I pay for it with a bout of flu-like symptoms known as CFIDS. When I behave myself, eating proper food and getting the rest I require, I feel fine. Since I am not a physician (I don't even play one on TV), I can't explain why cancers and other disease may recur after years in remission. By the same token, when one does make lifestyle changes, healing can be dramatic.

As healers, we cannot judge the results. Rather, we work for greater attunement so we may send Spirit's wonderful energy and trust the process—trust Infinite Intelligence. ❀

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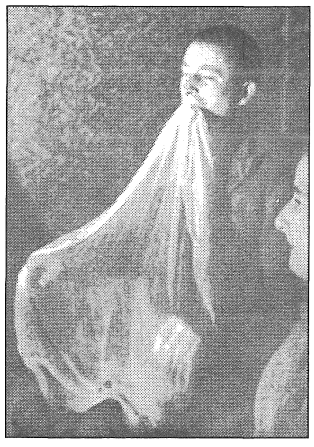
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BY THE REVS. TOM AND LISA BUTLER, NST

Article on Spiritualism. The December 2002 *Fate Magazine* ran an article titled, "Listening to the Dead," written by Janet Brennan. The article was very positive toward Spiritualism. The author wrote that she had gone to a spiritual development class envisioning herself exposing the would-be mediums as frauds learning the tricks of the trade. Instead she wrote that the development class she attended at the Madison Spiritualist Camp, "Was a gathering of people sincerely interested in spiritual advancement." She was also very positive about the person teaching the classes, the Certified Medium the Reverend Gloria Nye, NST. The article ends with the author writing, "My foray into Spiritualism has convinced me that those who love us are with us always—we need only open our eyes to see the signs of their presence."

We never know who may be sitting in our church, message service or class. It is wise for us to remember that a person like this author may be attending our services at any time. It is commendable to know that Janet Brennan came away with a positive look on Spiritualism and its teachings due to the knowledge and professionalism of our church workers. It was wonderful to see this favorable article in a popular magazine.

Article on Ectoplasm. The December issue of the *ARPR Bulletin* (Academy of Religion and Psychical Research) ran an article on the front page titled, "The Mystery of Ectoplasm." In it the editor, Michael E. Tymn, wrote that pseudo-skeptics say ectoplasm is nothing more than cheesecloth, "Indeed, some photographs of ectoplasm do show a substance that very much looks like cheesecloth. However, it is difficult to believe that some of the most eminent men of science could have been so duped over and over again. It also stretches the imagination to believe that as much 'cheesecloth,' as seen in many of the photographs, could be stored in an orifice of the body and so dramatically extruded."



Tymn writes about research on the structure of Ectoplasm done in 1916, which found epithelium to be flat globules, mucus and other organic substances. No inorganic substances were found that showed that the material was of an artificial product. He quoted the researcher Schrenck-Notzing as saying, "For substances of this kind *(artificial substance)* can never decompose into cell detritus, or leave a residue of such."

The accompanying photograph is from, *The Mediumship of Jack Weber*, by Harry Edwards, The Healer Publishing Co., LTD., Guildford, Surrey, 1962, Plate 33 (J. McCulloch, Photographer).

The Nocebo Effect: Placebo's Evil Twin. An article in the *Washington Post* last year, written by Brian Reid, with the above title discussed something that researcher discovered over ten years ago. Women who believed that they were predisposed to heart disease were four times as likely to die of heart disease as woman with similar risk factors who didn't hold such fatalistic views. The risk of death in these women had nothing to do with what are considered the culprits of heart disease. Things like cholesterol, weight, age and blood pressure made no difference. Instead, illness tracked closely with belief. Think sick, be sick.

This study and many others have shown the "nocebo" phenomenon. The placebo effect refers to health benefits from a treatment that should have no effect. The nocebo effect is just the opposite. Think the worst, health wise, and that is what you get. It is a self-fulfilling prophecy.

From www.washingtonpost.com/ac2/wp-dyn/A2709-2002Apr29.

More on Belief. Japanese researcher, Siyoh Tomiyama, has written a report on experiments being conducted in his country. Siyoh writes about a hot spring in Japan, which has healing powers like the water at Lourdes in France. The composition of the water has been analyzed and found to contain many rare minerals. But the results have been inconsistent and change from day to day and experimenter to experimenter. One experimenter found the composition of the water changed when someone passed behind him!

Siyoh notes that science is unable to deal with inconsistencies. The uncertainty principle, developed by

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German physicist, Werner Heisenberg, in 1927, allows for such inconsistent results in the world under the microscope, but not in our day to day world, even though such inconsistencies do occur.

Siyoh writes that those who do not believe can actually stop phenomena from happening around them without even knowing it, by using their subconscious power. He references work done by a professor at Toohoku University. The professor had written a report and had done many experiments that proved his theory. The results were sensational and attracted the attention of world scientists, many of whom believed the results were ridiculous and impossible. They then tried to replicate the professors' results and failed. After many years the professor told an acquaintance of Siyoh, "What a malicious thing the collective thought is! I conducted the experiment several hundred times before I announced it. The results were always duplicated. But now, somehow, I sometimes have difficulty reproducing them." You can read the report in it entirety at www.worlditc.org/newscience.htm.

Pet Psychics. Phyllis Galde is the editor and publisher of Fate magazine. Galde does a monthly column in the magazine called, "I See By the Papers." In her column, published in the January 2003 issue, she writes about contacting a pet communicator. Her cat, Jules, was diagnosed with glaucoma and the veterinarian said his eye had to be removed. Galde contacted the pet psychic to be sure that her cat understood what was going to happen.

The psychic explained to Jules what was going to happen and Jules communicated back that he wanted the vet to verbally explain everything that would be happening during the surgery, even though the cat would be anesthetized. Galde felt a little strange asking the vet to do this, but the veterinarian agreed to the request. When she picked up the cat after the surgery, the vet confirmed that he had talked to Jules during the surgery and said that it was peculiar but that he felt that the cat had understood.

A week later, Galde once again brought the pet psychic in for a follow up with Jules. She relayed that the vet had talked to Jules during the surgery and that he was thankful for this. The pet psychic then repeated exactly what Jules told her happened during the surgery. When she took the cat back to the veterinarian to have the stitches removed, the vet corroborated everything that the pet psychic had repeated from Jules.

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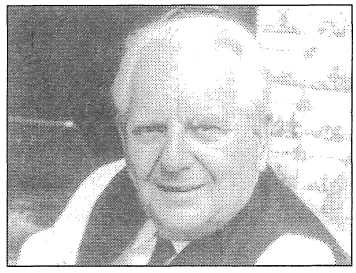
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FEATURE

The Purpose Behind Healing

BY HARRY EDWARDS

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HARRY EDWARDS

There is no known disease that cannot be helped through spiritual healing; but no spiritual healing can be effective until the cause has been removed. It is true that the healing can lessen and subdue symptoms, especially painful conditions, but its main purpose is to overcome the primary cause of the trouble.

Medical authorities now confirm what healers have known for a long time, that the primary cause of the greater percentage of disease has its origin in mental stress, frustrations and soul-sicknesses. Such stresses are many and varied, and they can range from heavy business responsibilities to emotional disturbances; from over-anxiety concerning the welfare of others, to lack of opportunity to express fully one's motive in life; from sexual frustration to worrying over financial difficulties. Most of these causes lay within the inner-self or spirit-mind of the patient, and for this reason they can only be healed on the same level as they exist—namely, the spirit level.

The reason why we see with spiritual healing the healing of the "incurable," is because the spirit doctors are able to soothe, calm, and remove the inner frustrations, thus inducing a more tranquil outlook. In this way the primary cause of disease is overcome, thus leading the way to the removal of the symptoms and ill-effects and restoration of abundant health. ❀





SPIRITUALISM: Reflections Of The Future Past

BY THE REV. ELAINE S. HAGER, NST, Florida

April begins with showers and flowers and the winter months fade to another memory. As our lives progress, we often call upon the storehouse of our minds, reflecting back to times past that have become our personalized reminiscences. Events earmark the chapters in our lives. They are our life story and the memoir of self-portrayal. The mental pages we tab and rehearse form personal views and attitudes. We dog-ear the script in our minds like the favorite pages of a well-read book. Past events become the creative draft of our story. We turn the outline into a script by adding emotion, and connotation. The teachings of Spiritualism and Natural Law encourage us to focus upon those occurrences that enhance our spirituality and to set aside those thoughts and memories that slow our growth.

Each incident in our lives affords us the opportunity to compose a new chapter in our mental portfolio. How does yours read? Where is your focus turned? Do you think about those events in your life that brought you pain, suffering and discomfort or is your attention given to those times of joy, happiness and spiritual progress? These questions are well worth contemplation. Your eternal future depends upon it.

Scientists and experts in the medical field are presently working on the effects of life events on our bodies and our brains. Recently, it was noted that sensational occurrences in our lives leave detectable imprints on our brains. Negative events create scarring.

Each brain has an individualized imprint similar to a fingerprint. The cells of our bodies hold memory as well. The teachings of Spiritualism encourage each individual to think healthy thoughts with good reason. Thoughts are the enduring part of you that survive the transition of death as stated in the fourth principle of Spiritualism's Declaration of Principles. "We affirm that the existence and personal identity of the individual continue after the change called death." Every aspect of your life is affected by your thinking. The times in your life that you think about repeatedly are the power sources that govern the body, affect the brain, influence conscious action and seat in the subconscious. All this is reflected in your aura.

If we were able to see ourselves from a different vantage point, the future would be no great surprise. The future is seated in our thoughts long before it ever is expressed physically. The groundwork and foundation are laid not by the actual incidents but by our interpretation, reaction and reflection upon those occurrences. Events tend to lend themselves well to adjectives, good, bad, exciting, horrible, happy and the like. We are colorful mental creatures. How often do we find ourselves projecting mental images forward and picturing the results? Mentally, we write the script, and tie emotion to it before the actual occurrence takes place. Have you ever said or heard someone say, "This is going to be difficult for me." This is the projection of energy. The subconscious mind tries to create the environment that parallels the thought.

Dedicated effort is the key to building a healthy nucleus. The discipline it takes to work on developing wholesome thought processes is well worth the effort. It is much more healthy, and actually easier, to address the task proactively than to have to work on erasing an established memory seated in the subconscious. Thought patterns are habitual and like any other habit, they can be changed. We tend to grow comfortable with the thoughts and actions that are most familiar to us, even those that are destructive. Let us search for new scripts to encourage greater awareness.

Just because you are uncomfortable with a new idea or action it doesn't necessarily mean it's wrong. Spiritual growth comes when one is willing to stretch past the comfortable and familiar. Whenever a choice is made to create different results, the individual must realize that a new script takes revision of the old. Jokingly, I once heard that the definition of insanity is, "doing the same thing over and over again in the same manner and expecting different results." When you realize that a part of your life isn't working well for you,

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Famous Quotes About Taxes



No one will ever come up with a funny income tax joke. It does, however, lend itself to some wry humor...

"There are two distinct classes of men...those who pay taxes, and those who receive and live upon taxes." (Thomas Paine)

"The hardest thing in the world to understand is income tax!" (Albert Einstein)

"When there is an income tax, the just man will pay more and the unjust less on the same amount of income." (Plato)

"The government that robs Peter to pay Paul can always depend upon the support of Paul." (George Bernard Shaw)

"Like mothers, taxes are often misunderstood, but seldom forgotten." (Lord Bramwell)

"But in this world nothing is certain but death and taxes." (Benjamin Franklin)

"A taxpayer is someone who works for the federal government, but who doesn't have to take a civil service examination." (Ronald Reagan)

"The trick is to stop thinking of it as *YOUR* money." (IRS Auditor)

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SPIRITUALISM: REFLECTIONS OF THE FUTURE PAST

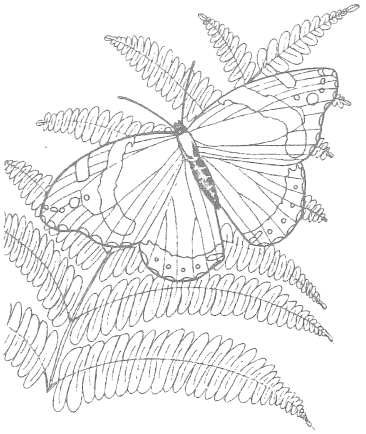
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it's up to you to put new action into place to change the outcome. Again, this refers to personal responsibility.

The good news is that the action taken doesn't even necessarily need to be known. A heartfelt desire to be willing to change is really all that is needed. You must be willing to give up that part of you that is not wanted to become that which you desire to be. A Higher Source will provide the way. You will need to be willing to TRY the new, however. So if you are earnest about improving your life in whatever area, be prepared to receive what will show up to help you and, rest assured, you'll know when it does. The work will still be yours to do, but the tools will be provided. The discomfort you may experience in this instance is the sign of change taking place. Any shift from the comfortable or familiar may seem unbefitting at first until it becomes an integral and established part of the whole.

Spiritual growth is not based upon those areas of your life that you want to "fix." It is based upon the way you interpret those areas of your life. If you change your perception of yourself, you change the way others relate and interact with you. All that goes on around you is a reflection of your perception and consequent interpretation of how you view your world. That is the constant of Natural Law. If spiritual growth is your goal, you will also experience the feeling of doing what is not necessarily what you want to do. Here, discomfort with the new is positive.

So as a new season comes to pass,



take some time to reflect upon the times gone by and see how your future can be thought better. Think with anticipation of a brighter tomorrow. The future is a culmination of your thoughts gone past.—THINK ABOUT IT.— ❀

The Foundation Of Spiritualism

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Natural Law is the foundation of Spiritualism. The NSAC defines Natural Law as the ascertained working sequence or constant order of the phenomena of Nature or simply the orderly working of the Universe and all that is in it.

There are no miracles. This is a misnomer. All that happens, even that which at a particular time we can not explain, is happening in accordance with Natural Law. That is why the Natural Laws are called God's Laws.

When Natural Law is discussed from the platform and in church class, the Law of Vibration, the Law of Cause and Effect, the Law of Attraction, and the Law of Retribution are referred to as these seem to be favorites.

There are other Natural Laws which I call the Cornerstones of Spiritualism. These Laws define Spiritualism, its beliefs, its practices, and its principles. There are many that could be added to this list, but that is each individual's personal view point. All Natural Laws form the foundation of Spiritualism and each of us has our favorites to discuss, to use for analogy and example.

I like to begin at the beginning:

1. LAW OF LIFE: This is the one law behind all laws. That is, all other Natural Laws, both physical and Spiritual, are different ways of expressing or stating this law. This law gives expression and existence to everything else. This is where it begins. This is God's Law.

2. LAW OF IMMORTALITY: This is the first law of Spirit. It says we are Spirit before the existence of physical life, during this existence and after this existence. We are Spirit.

3. LAW OF CONTINUITY: There is no break in nature and nothing passes from one state to another without passing through all the intermediate stages of nature. This is a reference to evolution stating that the Natural Law does not stop with the visible and then give place to a new set of laws bearing a strong similarity to them. It covers the spectrum from the Law of Matter through the Law of Spiritual. This is the Law we use when we talk about the continuity of life.

4. LAW OF MIND: This Law is the understanding that higher mind has authority over the lower mind, which, in turn, gives form and manifestation to all matter. Through use of the power of concentration or meditation the lower mind can be brought into attunement with the higher mind. By using the power of the mind, an individual can direct his or her life, their thoughts, and the flow of energy to meet their demands. All manner of manifestation can be controlled when the mind is activated and motivated properly.

5. LAW OF EVOLUTION: This law guarantees a constant unfolding of progression of all beings. This law basically deals with the effect of each state of consciousness upon each individual being. Men and women are on the earth plane to grow, evolve, and this is what evolution guarantees. However, the rate of that growth depends upon the conscious awareness of the individual being.

6. LAW OF COMPENSATION: This law states the concept of knowledge and understanding of right thinking, acting and living and that truth prevails. This is the law that drives us toward higher awareness and higher understanding. Look for the truth in Cornerstones of Spiritualism:

1. The *Law of Life* is the beginning.
2. The *Law of Immortality* is the first law of Spirit.
3. The *Law of Continuity* is what we are about.
4. The *Law of Mind* is our search.
5. The *Law of Evolution* is our path.
6. The *Law of Compensation* is our guidance.
7. The *Law of Truth* is our goal.

May our search for growth and understanding offer guidance and direction to all. Our duty and obligation is service, but how and when to serve is always our choice.

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We Are A Threefold Principle

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April holds much significance to those of many faiths and sects. Easter, celebrated by people the world over, is taken from the word or name of the Goddess Astarte, who was known in Babylonia as the "Queen of Heaven." But, today, most people of Christian faith celebrate the holiday known as a remembrance of the death and resurrection of Jesus the Christ.

What or who is Christ? The Son, begotten of the Only Father; not the "only begotten Son of God." Eckhart, a mystic of the middle ages said, "God never begot but one son, but the Eternal is forever begetting that which is the realization of Its own perfection." "It is the Eternal Process; It is the Son of God, and the Son of God is the Christ (consciousness)."

What does Easter have to do with Spiritualism? On the cross, Jesus demonstrated prophecy, "Today thou shall be with me in Paradise." In the tomb, both levitation (in the raising of the stone), and apportism (the disappearance of the body) were demonstrated. When he appeared before Mary, and later walked beside the disciples, materialization was beautifully shown.

The story of resurrection is part of Natural Law. Humanity has lived for millions of years, and since we have not all lived at one time under the same conditions, one need not assume that all will resurrect at one time under like and similar form. Natural Law demonstrates that each life, each day and year go through the cycle of birth, death and rebirth—though life is but a moment in eternal time.

In John 6:63 we read, "It is the Spirit that is life giving; the flesh is of no use at all." What did he mean? Through study we find that a human is a threefold principle of life and action—spirit, soul, and body. From the spirit we receive inspiration and guidance, in the soul we find a perfect Law of Life; and through the body we *prove* that we are an individualization of Infinite Intelligence. The spirit finds the soul with energy and understanding; then the soul, which is the subjective mentality, vitalizes the body. One should but separate these three as long as the body is needed, but the spirit must go forth.

Humanity looks upon the Life-Principle as material or spiritual. When looked upon as material, we are cast from the "Garden of Eden"—the garden of the soul. When the Life Principle is only viewed as matter it becomes death, but when viewed as life and unity, it becomes life everlasting. Moses elevated this Life-Principle as did Jesus. When Moses lifted up the serpent (a symbol of the medical profession), those who looked upon it were healed. The object of all who looked up, produced a consciousness of unity—which manifested a healing power. When inner thought recognizes Truth, it will reinstate the outer in peace and happiness.

It is the mind and spirit, and not flesh and blood that inherit the next kingdom (plane). In the *Book of the Dead* we read, "I go forth into heaven in definite time without beginning and without end...Inherit eternity and everlastingness has been bestowed upon me." And the *Gita*, "He is not born, nor doth he die; unborn, perpetual, eternal, and ancient, he is not slain when the body is slaughtered."

All forms of energy return again to their source. The spirit of Truth, that which Jesus called "The Holy Comforter" is in all people. Intuition could be called that—that Spirit of Truth that sets men free. The Christ is revealed in life; not death but resurrection. We must as Paul suggests, become resurrected now. As Jesus said, "Whosoever liveth and believeth (his words)...shall never see death."

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

"Every man in his lifetime needs to thank his faults."
– Emerson, *Compensation*



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Healing

Realizing one's potential by progressing in mind and spirit is to succeed in life. Knowing, studying, learning, and applying Natural Laws governing our existence are essential. Knowledge and compliance constitute health and ignorance—lack thereof results in illness. **Preventive medicine is the key.**

Many early religious beliefs were fear based, and sickness was perceived as a mysterious event; illness and disease were thought to have supernatural origins. Ancients and shamans did not separate medicine and religion. Native terminology refers to medicine as "any mysterious force which is beyond understanding." American Indian Medicine Men made important contributions to cultural healing. India, China, and Egypt had similar metaphysical systems even though intercommunication was impossible.

Early Egyptian medical practitioners (priest-physicians) received temple training—Imhotep was the most famous. Ascelpius, associated with dream experience, is a precursor of modern "scientific" medicine and spiritual healing. Patients dreamt of illness; the next morning, priest-physicians gave remedies for revealed dreams. Religion, medicine and magic were three ancient salvations against illness, disease, and death.

As the Greek philosophy evolved, it impelled people to seek physical causes of illness rather than supernatural. Hippocrates stated the true approach to diagnostic treatment included careful observation of nature, life, and the natural-healing process. His Code of Ethics established morality in medicine. Hippocratic medicine disclaimed a magical involvement. Many followers believed healing arts lead to devoutness toward God and love towards mankind. For many years, secular medicine and spiritual healing dwelt side by side in an uneasy state. The initial separation of healing from its original spiritual approach occurred during the Roman Empire. Galen virtually founded experimental physiology and stressed the value of anatomy.

The Hebrews accepted religious-spiritual interventional healing. *New Strong's Concordance of the Bible* lists seventy-five references for "healed" and thirty-seven for "heal." *Bible* stories refer to Jesus as one of the greatest spiritual healers of recorded history.

Early Christianity regarded disease as punishment for sin. They demanded prayer and repentance, and supported beliefs that faith and religious objects could cure disease or alleviate pain. Christian healing gave rise to many saints interested in the healing arts. St. Benedict founded the Benedictine healers of Monte Cassino (famous for miraculous cures). Ancient manuscripts reveal secular and nonsecular medicine were combined. Examples of some Christian saints called upon to cure illnesses are St. Margaret, St. Vitus, St. Apollonia, and St. Valentine. The study of human anatomy was forbidden; however, the Church preserved classical Greek medical manuscripts. Since religion looked upon illness as "acts of God," during the Dark Ages (4th to 10th Century A.D.), it was difficult to progress. The Plague led to proper sanitation and personal cleanliness concepts instead of "work of the devil" beliefs. Gutenberg's printing press spawned communication with knowledge of healing methods.

Paracelsus' studied nature and applied practical experience, creative thinking, and observation to various aspects of specific diseases. He was interested in "sympathetic medicine" and combined mysticism with scientific intelligence.

Mesmer's "animal magnetism" was dealt a deathblow by the *Faculté de Medicine and the Societé Royale de Medicine* committee. Alexandre Bertrand's investigations revived the theory and a commission (1836), ruled the trance state and Mesmer's magnetic therapy were generally effective. Mesmer pioneered healing practices and made Spiritualism's trance-like state common knowledge; his contribution to psychic phenomena and subsequent manifestations cannot be overrated.

Notable healers to remember: The "Father of Spiritualism," Andrew Jackson Davis, was an exceptional healer. Francis Schlatter treated 2,000/3,000 people daily. Mary Baker Eddy, healed by Quimby's mind-cure system, devoted her life to keeping his theory alive. She developed her own exclusive healing method and established the Christian Science Religion. Fuller's *Arigo: Surgeon of the Rusty Knife* details Arigo's miraculous healings, Hutton's book *Healing Hands* writes about healer George Chapman. Harry Edwards, one of the

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"Greatest Spiritualist Healers in the World," wrote *Healing Study Courses for the National Federation of Spiritual Healers, A Guide to the Understanding and Practice of Spiritual Healing* and *A Guide to Spirit Healing*. Edgar Cayce, the greatest "American Trance Healer" diagnosed and prescribed unorthodox and complicated therapies/prescriptions. Krippner's, *The Realms of Healing,* about Ambrose and Olga Worral, describes their technique of laying-on-of-hands. Other fine healers were M. B. Hayden, Lottie Fowler, Mrs. Conant, Mrs. Kreider, and Jacob the Zouave.

Spiritual healing teaches a basic but important truth: there are many approaches, levels, and avenues to explore—each one has a past, present and future, and each one is a blessing.

Finding a qualified spiritual-healing teacher is of the utmost importance to a potential Healer; however, experience is the best teacher. Understanding Natural Laws, their influences, and results governing spiritual communication and healing, importantly affects all spiritual Healers. As a mother to a child, a hearty, warm, vigorous, mind-healer condition establishes effectual healing. Understanding healing challenges assists in realizing great responsibility to the ability itself having its ultimate source in Infinite Intelligence, available to all who need and seek its benefits. The Healer should be nonprejudicial, clean, alert, intelligent, and determined to serve humanity (very essential) with sincere dedication, ensuring spiritual awareness by unfolding inner, intuitive resources.

Attempts to transfer definite thought reasoning, or efforts to control or hypnotize a recipient's mind are spiritually unacceptable. The Healer reaches a peaceful, quiet state and in turn leads the recipient to a soothing condition according to the recipient's needs. Both benefit from the powerful spiritual atmosphere, so that inharmonious, mind or body conditions blend with the healing power. "Why not pray only directly to God?" One can; however, it is useful to also seek a Healer's attunement. Ultimately, healing derived from Spirit works through the (Spirit's instrument) Healer. **The importance of the Healer's attunement cannot be overemphasized, producing optimum healing. Meditation attunes the Healer to spirit.** Avoiding tense concentration, "mental abandonment" is desired. Simplicity and naturalness are the key; mental-spirit requests go far to establish attunement, an "inner ecstasy." Once attained, attunement becomes second nature; Healer, recipient, and spirit—the circle of attunement is complete. Finally, the Healer pictures the recipient in good physical, mental, and spiritual health.

Physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual problems begin with the recipient. Effective results can be expected from recipient's cheerful receptivity and tranquil mind. Cleanliness, good eating habits, and rest are good health habits that assist the body's natural ability to heal itself. "Healing hands" symbolize spirit and the Healer's intent to heal. Without an outward sign, the recipient might assume no help is being given and no spiritual healing taking place. Positive attitudes play an important role to the recipient, to the healer's confidence, and to the healing experience itself. During healing, private disclosures to the healer are strictly confidential.

Contact healing should be performed during any church service in front of the congregation, or if in the back or separate room, with a witness present. Healer handwashing, after each healing, may be unnecessary, but may be reasonable from a sanitary standpoint.

Spiritual therapeutic-healing operates on a spiritual level. When properly attuned, the healer intrinsically "feels" the recipient's discomfort, consciously aware of the mental-psychic-spiritual suffering (not an actual awareness). Through experience, the healer avoids taking on conditions. Aura cleansing is an unnecessary procedure. Extended movements may interfere with healing attunement and distract or disorient the healer and recipient. Supposedly, the aura would be cleansed and disease cured if "passes" were made over the recipient. "One cannot heal...reflection any more than one can heal...shadow."

Feelings of inner upliftment or awareness indicate healing has occurred. (Human) time passage does not exist in the spiritual realm. Spiritual healing may be instantaneous or accumulative—it is not affected by time. Representing only the highest energies, forces, and motivations, spiritual healing may not occur due to Natural Law, flagrant disregard for intelligent health approach, or mental (psychological) emotional reasons. In some instances, illness prepares for the change called death.

Facing opposition, intolerance, or outright disbelief in spiritual healing, and/or opposition to the religion itself, Healers should meet each intolerant with tolerance and each statement of disbelief with kindly understanding, accepting and understanding others' beliefs/views. In addition to spiritual healing, the Healer should encourage the recipient to see a physician for monitoring progress. Vitally important, unless qualified/certified, the Healer must refrain giving medical opinions – spiritual Healers do not diagnose, prescribe, or manipulate. ❀



Positive Statements To Help Create a Positive Day.

Affirmations . . . APRIL 2003

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 I welcome the renewal of Spring.	**2** Spirit nurtures my body, soul and spirit.	**3** Each day is an opportunity for new experiences.	**4** "Feeling of inferiority and superiority both come from fear." – Dr. R. Anthony	**5** When you are angry at another, you are giving them some of your power.
6 Forgiveness is an act of self-kindness, of self-love.	**7** I am thankful to the Creator of all life for this beautiful planet Earth.	**8** I affirm my desires and take steps to bring them to reality.	**9** God's energy is everywhere and I am open to receive.	**10** Spiritual principles guide my thinking and show me the way.	**11** My connection to loved ones on the other side helps me in many ways.	**12** "When you create, you do it in circles or cycles." – B. J. Wall
13 Others help us find momentary peace, but permanent peace comes from God.	**14** We connect with the Infinite when we stop to look at a sunset.	**15** "Love comes in a myriad of shapes, sizes, strength and forms." – Elizabeth Harris	**16** Selfless love is a product of the God Force.	**17** Prayer is conversing and connecting to a Greater Power.	**18** Peace is something that no one else can give to you.	**19** True love does not judge and causes friction to vanish.
20 I know I influence others with my actions and words—I pray they are loving.	**21** "You create as the Creator does through your thoughts, words, and actions." – B. J. Wall	**22** Create a new path if your current life isn't working.	**23** Today and tomorrow I will practice spending more time with Spirit.	**24** I find peace when I go to God within during my prayer and meditation time.	**25** I am a radiating center of light expanding into the Universe, touching other lights.	**26** Peace and love begin in my heart, blesses me and blesses others.
27 Each day I am open to and I discover new truths that benefit my life.	**28** Today I will look anew at all of my relationships with others and with God.	**29** The knowing part of me connects to the Great Creator.	**30** All paths lead to Infinite Intelligence.			

Welcome the healing touch of Spirit!





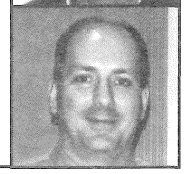

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CLINTON - Sunflower Spiritualist Church
10 Mt. Pleasant Park; Mail to: P.O. Box 6, 52733-0006; Sun. Serv. at 10:00 a.m.; Co-Pastors, Rev. Harvey and Rev. Bonnie Horstman, NST; Secy., Rev. Bonnie Horstman.

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

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

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

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

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

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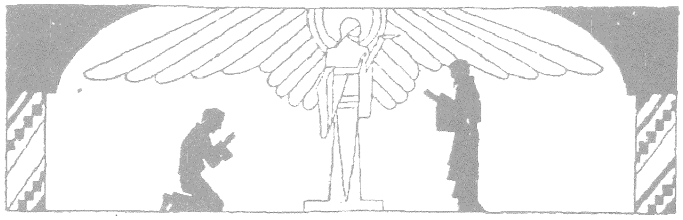
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And I Will Do My Part...

BY KENNETH W. JAMES, PH.D., The Church of The Spirit, Illinois



I ask the great Unseen Healing Force to remove all obstructions from my mind and body, and to restore me to perfect health. I ask this in all sincerity and honesty, and I will do my part.

Every week we recite this healing prayer together, and we are encouraged to recite it every day at specific times so that our healing intentions may join those of other Spiritualists to further the healing of the planet. We can say these words automatically, without thinking, but it is more important to reflect on the meaning of the words as we say them. Let us look at the first part of the healing prayer, and reflect on what it means for us as we go from day to day.

When we reflect on the meaning of the first clause of the healing prayer, it is clear that we are asking a power greater than our individual ability to clear the way for healing: *I ask the great Unseen Healing Force to remove all obstructions from my mind and body.* We recognize that we put up obstructions, blocks to our wholeness, by what we say, what we do, what we believe, and what we accept uncritically from others. We recognize that even a passing comment such as "It's always something!" or "Things have been pretty good lately. I wonder when the stuff is going to hit the fan again!" can set up a mental and spiritual roadblock to the wholeness that is part of our birthright. Others' beliefs can influence us as well and obstruct our healing. We understand that we must ask the great Unseen Healing Force, an aspect of Infinite Intelligence, for help in removing these obstructions to our healing. So the healing prayer reminds us that we depend on Infinite Intelligence to empower us in our healing. Of course we must never forget this. The powerful healers who serve at Spiritualist churches are very aware that their healing gifts come from Infinite Intelligence, and the healer is a willing instrument or channel for those gifts.

We next ask that we be restored to perfect health. This is a critical part of the healing prayer. We are not asking to receive perfect health for the first time in our lives. No, we are asking that the state of perfect health be *restored:* we acknowledge with this request that we did at one time enjoy perfect health, and what we ask is that this condition of perfection be returned to us. The simplicity and complexity of this portion of the healing wholeness, and once we remove whatever we have done to contribute to the obstruction of that wholeness, we are brought back to our starting point: perfect health.

This is in keeping with the Spiritualist teaching that there are no miracles, no breaches of Natural Law; everything that happens, however wonderful or troubling, is an outpicturing of Natural Law. The restoration of an ailing person to a state of perfect health is not a miracle, no matter how happy the event may make us. This restoration to health is simply a return to our true state of being when we participate in the unfoldment of Natural Law. Thus the flow of the water would soften the wax and the true state of the seemingly perfect piece of crockery would be revealed. So when we bring our request "sincerely," we are bringing it in as undamaged a manner as possible. We bring our request without the "false wax" of doubt or fear or anger, which may hinder a request for healing. We can spend time cursing the fates, or railing at some imagined heaven about how "this ought not to have happened." But if we bring this energy to our request for healing, we are mixing the wax of anger, doubt and fear with our request. Instead, we should come to the healing prayer sincerely, leaving out the anger, doubt and fear.

We also must ask honestly. Sometimes we have a habit of "pulling back" from an honest request. Instead of just asking because we really want something to come to pass, we cloak it in rhetoric that makes it seem like we're not really asking for what we want. Instead of saying to a friend or loved one, "I would like to go to a movie with you tonight," we say something like, "So, is there anything good playing at the movies this weekend?" In this indirect way, we hope to subtly manipulate our friend into thinking that it was his or her idea all along, and sure, we'd love to join them if they want to go to the movies. Maybe in this way, we can even get them to pay for our ticket! But this kind of thing won't work when we ask the Healing Source to be restored to perfect health. We must ask honestly. We must be bold enough to say, "Heal me, please," and not shrink from the courageousness of that request.

And finally, we come to the most responsible portion of the healing prayer, at least from my perspective. We state, "I will do my part." I can hear a stranger to Spiritualism saying, "Hold on a minute. I'm okay with all this asking for restoration, and even with working to be sincere and honest, but you Spiritualists tell me that I have to do

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something too?"

And we answer, "Oh yes, definitely." Spiritualism has never been a religion of passive people expecting some deity to do the work for us. We don't believe we need a redeemer because we don't believe we have fallen from the love of God. We don't expect someone else to atone for our sins because, well, we don't really believe in the concept of sin, and we affirm that reformation is always open to us either in the world we live in or the world of spirit. God never shuts us out, so there is no need for vicarious atonement. We also don't hope for some earthly kingdom to mirror the divine majesty of a divinity, because we believe in Infinite Intelligence, which needs no castle or court. So we each have the responsibility to do our part.

I ask this great Unseen Healing Force to help both present and absent ones who are in need of help to restore them to perfect health. I put my trust in the love and power of God. Just as with the first portion of the Healing Prayer, if we study the second part we can learn a great deal about the Philosophy of Spiritualism and healing.

The prayer calls once again upon the great Unseen Healing Force. This aspect of Infinite Intelligence is said to have three attributes, according to the prayer. First this energy is *unseen*. What does this mean? By "unseen," we refer to an energy that is not necessarily picked up by the sensory systems of our bodily aspect. We all learned in school that we have several sensory systems, or modalities, by which we take in stimuli from the so-called outside world.

We have a visual system, represented by our eyes, which takes in the energy of light. We have an auditory system, represented by our ears, which allows us to tune into the world of sound. We have skin, the tactile system, which tells us about temperature and pressure around us. We have a neuromuscular kinesthetic system which tells us about the position of our limbs, trunk, head and neck, as well as allowing us to sense movement and muscular resistance or restriction. We have an olfactory system, represented by our nose, which allows us to pick up chemical energies around us, as well as a gustatory system, or system of taste, represented by our tongues. The olfactory and gustatory systems work together so that we may be able to tell if the atmosphere in a place is toxic or pleasant, as well as whether or not the food we are eating or liquid we are drinking is nutritious or not.

These sensory systems are very powerful tools for interacting with our environment. But the healing prayer maintains that the Healing Force is unseen, beyond these mundane senses. Some sensitive people, some Mediums and Healers, are able to sense the presence of activity of this force, but this is not necessary. In Spiritualism we are not involved in "supersensory" awareness, nor do we prize "extrasensory perception" more highly than mundane sensory abilities. In fact, according to Natural Law, awareness of the existence of the unseen is merely an extension of our sensory systems, not something apart from them.

The important thing for Spiritualists is that through Mediumship, the existence of the unseen is proven. The Healing Force is unseen, and we may or may not have evidence of absence; just because this Healing Force is unseen, undetectable by our sensory systems, this does not mean that this Healing Force is an illusion. Quite the contrary, as Spiritualists we know through the testimony of individuals who have received spiritual healing, that this Unseen Force manifests palpable results. So we affirm the unseen, invisible quality of the Healing Force, and also affirm its manifest efficacy.

Next the healing prayer states that this force is a Force for *Healing*. The verb "to heal" means literally "to make whole." The healing prayer tells us that this Unseen Force is a force that pulls us to wholeness, oneness, union with ourselves and hence with all the worlds, material and spiritual. It is important to remember that the Unseen Healing Force is not something that creates "phenomena" here and there—interesting events that we can use to deepen our belief in Spiritualism. Rather, this Unseen Force is a force of wholeness, of making whole that which has been separated by the illusions of our mind. The oneness of the worlds of spirit and matter, which is affirmed by the phenomena of Spiritualism, is an essential part of healing. The great Unseen Healing Force works because it brings us back to a state of wholeness.

Finally, we are told that the Unseen Healing Energy is a *Force*. A force in physics is energy that has direction. Energy itself is a quantum that has potential; it is power waiting to find a goal. But the energy applied to healing is a force; it is power with direction, with a goal. The goal is to restore all of us to a state of perfect wholeness. So we must remember that a great deal is conveyed to us by the short three-word phrase "Unseen Healing Force."

The second part of the healing prayer asks that others in our lives, both present and absent, be helped. What are we asking with this part of the prayer? First, coming after our request to be healed ourselves, it reminds us that we are made whole so that we may help others reach their wholeness. Spiritualism, and spiritual healing, is not something we obtain merely for ourselves. It is important, indeed imperative, that we ask for our own healing first, so that we may then set about seeing to the healing of others.



It is not only Spiritualism that affirms this. Every time we board an airplane, we hear an invocation that

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reminds us of the Spiritualist Healing Prayer. Do you remember hearing this announcement the last time you were on a plane? Let me give you a hint: the priests and priestesses of the airplane, called the flight attendants, make this statement with special mystical signs. The invocation goes like this, *In case of cabin depressurization, if the oxygen masks come down, fit your own mask first, then help others around you who are having difficulty with their masks.* You see, the airlines, like the Spiritualist Healing Prayer, know that first we must help ourselves and then we become able to help many others!

In the prayer, we ask for the healing of all, both present and absent. This refers first to individuals who are physically present to us at the moment of prayer, like your friends right next to you in church, or wherever you recite the healing prayer, as well as individuals who are physically absent, such as your aunt who lives across the country, or your sister who lives down the block. This is understandable; often those in deepest need of healing cannot come to church, but their physical absence should not inhibit the great Healing Force from helping them to wholeness.

However, the request for the healing of those absent to us goes beyond physical, spatial absence. It also refers to those who, for whatever reason, have chosen to separate themselves from us not only physically, but also emotionally. Sometimes friends and relatives choose to separate themselves from us because of differences of opinion, belief, or economy. Sometimes we uphold political or social causes that our friends and relatives do not understand, and so they become absent to us not only in body, but also in spirit.

The prayer for Spiritual Healing tells us that this does not matter. We must pray for the healing of all, both present to us and absent from us, because wholeness knows no boundaries of space, time, or affection. We ask for these absent ones to be healed because we know that if even one suffers, the whole is suffering. We are not separate in our pain because we are not separate; it is as simple as that. In Buddhist texts, it is often stated, *all sentient beings are my mother.* This is a reminder within the Buddhist worldview that we are connected to all beings in a way of saying that we are all part of a material and spiritual whole, and we must pray for the healing of others so that we may be healed ourselves.

The last sentence in the healing prayer is particularly important for understanding what Spiritualism offers as a religion. We state, *I put my trust in the love and power of God.* This is a very important statement. We affirm that our trust is placed in God's love and power. What does this mean on a deep level?

Psychologically, trust is the beginning of our life as individuals. Infants born into environments that are dangerous or abusive never learn trust, and as a result their development is irrevocably impaired. They may suffer from failure to thrive, or become delinquent through antisocial attempts to defend themselves from the very present possibility of abuse or neglect. Without trust, there is no true life.

By affirming that we put our trust in God, the Healing Prayer reminds us that by trusting God, we are able to proceed in our development in a healthy way. When we affirm that we place our trust in God, who is indeed trustworthy, we are then able to develop as autonomous human beings who can take initiative in our lives, establish social and intimate bonds, and ultimately serve as caretakers of the next generations. Our healing prayer begins and ends with this affirmation of trust. By asking the Great Unseen Healing Force to help us, we are acting from a position of trust: trust that we will be heard, trust that we will be healed, and trust that our efforts will not be in vain. The prayer then ends with a reaffirmation of this trust, reminding us that it is our trust in the love and power of Infinite Intelligence that permits us to live our lives in ways that benefit all others and ourselves.

Spiritualism is not a religion in which we bargain with God. We don't hear Spiritualists say, "I promise to stop doing this and that, and if I do, will you please help me, O God?" As Spiritualists, we recognize that we are constantly called to reformation, to correct those aspects of ourselves that need correction. But Infinite Intelligence does not wait for us to become correct before acting on our behalf. Since there is not death and there are no dead, Spiritualism does not have a "deadline" (pun intended!) by which time we must clean up our act or we are forever cast into hell, or some other equally distasteful location. As Spiritualists, we know that the doorway to reformation is never closed, even after the change called death, and that Infinite Intelligence helps us anyway.

How important this teaching is for humanity. Our religion is not some sort of "evangelical E-bay," where if we bid high enough (I won't smoke or swear for three months, six months, two years, or three decades, so can I please be healed?) we will see the action of the Divine. Rather, Spiritualism affirms that the Infinite acts on our behalf always and everywhere, and we must accept that as a gift and a commission. We trust the love and power of the Infinite, and by our trust, we help others and ask the Infinite to help as well.



Spiritualism is a religion of healing, trust and responsibility, both personal and collective. As Spiritualists, let us affirm these attributes, and move responsibility into the world so that others may come to know the value of Spiritualism by the fruit it produces.

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MONTHLY

Humor to put you in Good Spirits . . .

❀ **The Job Interview**



"I see you were last employed by a psychiatrist," said the employer to the applicant. "Well," she replied, "I just couldn't win. If I was late, I was hostile. If I was early, I had an anxiety disorder. If I was on time, I was compulsive."

❀ We all have a photographic memory—the trouble is most of us don't have adequate film.

MONTHLY

FAVORITE SAYINGS TO LIVE BY



"Men (and women) spend their lives in anticipations, in determining to be vastly happy at some period or other, when they have time. But the present time has one advantage over every other—it is our own. Past opportunities are gone, future are not come." – *Colton*

"Our allegiance is not to a creed, not to a book, not to a church, but to the great Spirit of life and to eternal Natural Laws." – *Silver Birch*

"There is nothing that is so wonderfully created as the human soul. There is something of divinity in it. We are infinite in the future, though we are finite in the past. – *Henry Ward Beecher*

CALENDAR CORNER

What happened in *APRIL* throughout the years?

APRIL 1, 2003

April Fool's Day and a time to smile, laugh and enjoy life. April is **National Humor Month.** Remember, that joy and laughter are healing.

APRIL 17

The first day of **Passover**, the Hebrew time to commemorate the end of slavery for their people.

APRIL 20

Easter, a Christian celebration of the teachings of Jesus, a remembrance of his death, and of continuous life demonstrated by the resurrection of Jesus.

APRIL 21

NSAC President, the Rev. Pamla Ashlay, NST, celebrates her birthday today. Let us all send a wish for a special day and a great year.

APRIL 22, 2003

Earth Day, begun in 1970 by Dennis Hayes, is a day to honor our wonderful blue Planet. Please do your part for our Earth with your prayers, by recycling, by planting trees or plants, by purchasing environmentally safe and recycled products, by keeping your vehicles in good running order, by composting, by conserving with the use of less water and less electricity, by keeping our beautiful land clean and healthy. On the 25th, Arbor Day is celebrated. This is a day to look forward to the future by planting trees. The idea for Arbor Day began on January 4, 1872 by J. Sterling Morton, in Nebraska. Let us care for our beautiful earth every day, for our wonderful Nature cares for us every day.

APRIL 26, 1863

The first president of the National Spiritualist Association was **Harrison D. Barrett.** He was born on this date and is remembered for his dedication, intelligence, mediumship, leadership abilities, his inspiring written word and speeches.

APRIL 28, 1831

Born on this date, Fannie Conant displayed mediumship abilities during her childhood. She began public demonstrations about age 21 after she was cured of an incurable disease by spirit. She pledged to work to bring healing to others, along with her spirit doctor and helper, Dr. John D. Fisher. Mrs. Conant was also a fine clairvoyant and was the message medium for the *Banner of Light*.

APRIL 1916

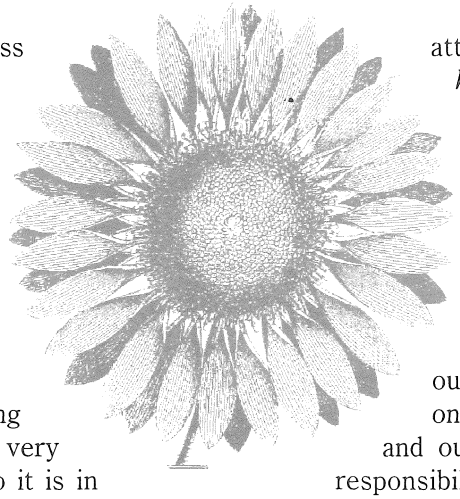
Mr. Benjamin Franklin Bartlett, of Cambridge Springs, Pennsylvania, moved the Fox Cottage to Lily Dale, New York at this time.

APRIL

NSAC Healing Month. It is requested you spend some extra time each day to pray for peace, for those in need, for our Earth, for our leaders, for all life. Also, take some time to send a prayer of gratitude for those who are Spiritual Healers on both sides of the veil. ❀

Living With Intention

BY LAURA LEE PERKINS, Maine



Living with intention is nothing more or less than taking responsibility for the kind of world in which one wants to live. And there is that all-too-familiar word again—responsibility. What an opportunity responsibility brings forward in our lives when we are required to meet the challenges presented to each one of us!

There is a real level of comfort in living in a rut because we know what is expected and often don't have to think too much. How do we feel when the Great Spirit (or Great Self) offers us an opportunity to immerse ourselves in something very exciting and creative? Isn't creativity the very essence of God? God created everything, and so it is in God's nature to offer up new opportunities on a regular basis. The Rev. Margaret Stortz of California states, "Our greatest attunement to God is through the immense creativity that we share. No matter how comfortable we get, no matter how matter-of-fact our lives may become, sooner or later, invited or not, the opportunities for greater extensions will present themselves. The Active Principle in us will not lie quietly. Better prepare to be unsettled!"

I recently had an e-mail from someone whom we met at a Native American Flute convention, and, while I do not know him very well, my husband Ken and I were both inspired by his deep faith. The e-mail said:

"Thank you for making me think. Being raised in the Christian religion, I am programmed to think that if you live a good life then the after life will be good. Your *reward* will be in heaven. But you talk of philosophy and Natural Law, of living and giving Now, and cause and effect of a Spirit World of many dimensions which might not support that Christian theory.

I guess that most humans like to think that after death they will be rewarded. We all need something to strive for. In other words, why be a good person if there is no reward? I realize that it is far deeper than that. For example, I believe that evil is illogical simply because it is self-destructive. To strive for higher morals is logical because it makes us better people. If we all strived to have high morals there would be far less evil in the world, irregardless of religion. Do you believe that we ever become one with a larger collective spirit or the Great Spirit?"

This communication really focuses around the quality of paying attention to the whole of our life experience; paying attention to the whole is called *holiness*. In this whole, all things are related, which brings us back to responsibility to others. It is the way that we give and receive between each other. As we grow into understanding, nurturing a closer relationship with the Great Spirit, we are accepting the responsibility of our human existence. Through each one of us God can speak, guiding us and our people. When we accept the responsibility as privilege, then we are ready to "go public." Combining our energies creates a broader channel for our positive responses to flow more freely into the world's confusion. We can help to clarify more issues for more people when we work together. That, hopefully, is what our church community is all about.

Our participation with the Great Creator in the continuing unfoldment of life is essential. **We have the responsibility of knowing that we are called to do this work.** It is in putting the work into form that we learn about the creative forces within each one of us. We each have opinions, desires, and dreams of how we want to interact with others. We each have an inner prompting, which perhaps is what we call our subconscious mind, which works as both an activator and a guide in our lives. It prompts us out of complacency and guides us into deeper and more meaningful work when we allow it to flow. If we fight the current, then we become tired and confused. Clarity around what we want to do and when we want to do it comes through asking for guidance. Patience is almost always required, and guidance is always available for those willing to volunteer for the process.

The spiritual starvation that we see in those around us, including many of our world's leaders, is simply a *hunger of the soul*. When we join together to express our willingness to serve, our mystical connections enlarge as we live our lives with intention. May your intention be to meet God, Spirit-to-Spirit, on the road of responsibility, viewed as an opportunity rather than as a burden, and may the communication that comes from the encounter with God enlarge your heart and feed your hungry soul.

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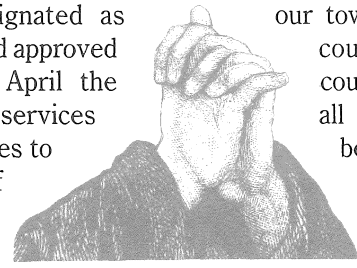
Prayer Healing is a wonderful way to practice Absent Healing, to help others, to share a prayer, and is something EVERYONE can participate in.

– Prayer for Spiritual Healing –

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I ask this great Unseen Healing Force to help both present and absent ones who are in need of help and to restore them to perfect health.
I put my trust in the love and power of God.

Sharing Healing Energy

BY THE REV. GENE PFORTMILLER, NST



Back in 1994, the Healing Center suggested to the NSAC Board that the month of April be designated as Healing Month. The Board approved this idea so now each April the Churches can plan special services or portions of their services to remind the congregants of Healing. Please advise your members so they will know that April is a month for healing, and that the church is asking people to send out prayers for the earth, for peace, for all humanity, for the animals, fish and fowl, for the universe and for the self.

Working together, united, let us focus each week on specific areas of healing. Let us increase the amount of positive healing energy we send out for the benefit of all. We know the power of numbers and the power of prayer, so we can help with each prayer we send out.

WEEK ONE: Healing for **ourselves**. Whatever the problem may be—physical, emotional, mental, spiritual, or financial—God and Spirit can help when we ask. Work to heal yourself first, so you can be more open and receptive to the healing energies to then share the healing power with others.

WEEK TWO: Healing for **others**. Let us work with the loving energies for the children, for our families, for our friends, for the hospitals, for all that are confined, for the homeless, for all humanity. Let there be contact healing and absent healing for those in need. Let us ask in prayer for the highest and best for the recipient.

WEEK THREE: Healing for the **leadership**—in our churches, camps and national organization, in our schools, in our businesses, in our economy, in our towns, in our states, in our country, and for all the countries in our world. May all the leaders, everywhere, be guided and inspired by Spirit to promote peace, harmony, brotherhood, service, good communications and work together to form a positive oneness. I am most grateful, Divine Source, for the guidance received by all leaders.

WEEK FOUR: Healing for the **planet**. This week our Country honors the planet with Earth Day and Arbor Day. So let us send the healing light to the planet, to the animals, the birds, the air, the water, the fish, in fact, all the creatures and the entire ecology of this wonderful earth. As part of this healing prayer, let us remember to all give thanks to this planet for what it has given us, and continues to give us, all of our needs.

WEEK FIVE: Healing for the **Spiritual**. This week let us send the light of truth, love and healing to all dimensions—the Spiritual growth within each person, the Spiritual realms and our beloved spirit guides and departed family members in the Spirit World.

We are asking the churches to join in the celebration of healing, but we are also asking all Spiritualists to take part. Let us each try to remember every night at 7:00 p.m., wherever we are, to take a few moments to send out a healing prayer to the earth, the sky, the water, the physical, the mental, and the spiritual. ❀

Past Phenomena, Present Wonder

BY RON NAGY, Assistant Historian, Lily Dale Museum, Nw York

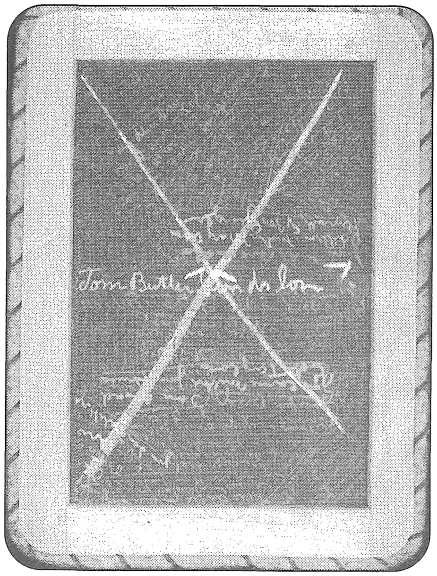
Slate Writing or Psychography was a phase of Spirit communication starting in the early days of Spiritualism. Just to mention a few of the Mediums who produced Spirit Writing on Slates were the Fox Sisters, P.L.O.A. Keeler, the Campbell Brothers, the Bang Sisters, W. A. Mansfield and Fred P. Evans.

Two small school slates approximately 5″x7″ are placed side by each, thoroughly examined to be clear and clean. A piece of slate chalk is placed on the face of one of the slates, then the slates are "closed," meaning the slates are placed on top of each other, the chalk material inside. Then they are fastened together with a string or like manner.

Some who are skeptical then drip hot wax on the corners of the slates to ensure that no "tricks" can occur and place their initials on the wax. The slates are placed on a table without a table cloth on it. The slates never leave the "sitters" sight or the Mediums.

The room is light enough to see everything going on—a darkened room is not needed for the precipitation process to occur, and also ensures the integrity of this Phenomena. Within a short period of time, about a half hour, a faint scratching is heard, then a series of "knocks," this signaling the message is complete. A message is received from a loved one that will be eventual to the person requesting the séance.

Some "sitters" that are requesting a specific question from a loved one will write the question on a sheet of paper and fold that paper over several times and drop it on the floor. Some have several questions and each question is written on a separate sheet of paper and dropped on the floor.



This slate was given through the mediumship of Fred P. Evans - Slate Writing Meduim of California in the Lily Dale Auditorium, Wednesday, August 20, 1930.

After this private séance is completed, the closed, tied and sealed slates are examined. They are checked thoroughly before they are opened. Rest assured if scratching had been heard and the tell tale knocks signaling the completion of the message are heard, you shall have a message.

The completed slates usually have cursive writing on them, for the cursive style is the most productive for Spirit to use. Cursive writing allows the continuous thought process to flow unbroken, like the continuous waves of the ocean never ending, but continuously rolling to a destination. The Spirit message in like manner is projected.

How do the pieces and crumbs of the chalk transform from a disoriented mass of matter to a readable message? Precipitation. The Spirit's mind and thoughts transform the solid matter into a liquid, then into a gas. Then as the thoughts materialize, just as words from each of our mouths are transformed through the brain to the lungs to the vocal cords, this chemical substance that was chalk precipitates into the cursive written language that is understood as our written word.

The Slate message is usually signed by Spirit in the recognizable hand writing that he/she had while enjoying the earth experience. This signature has in many cases been scientifically examined and proven.

What if a message is not received? Patience is essential—not practice. Set an appointment time with Spirit such as is done in a home circle—persistence, punctuality and determination.

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle stated a certain individual sat each evening for three years without receiving a message, but then the messages started! It had taken Spirit that length of time to bring their vibration low enough to communicate using this phenomena.

When the messages started they continued, the void had been breached. ❀



God Answers Prayers

BY THE REV. ENID S. SMITH, PH.D.
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The poet Coleridge tells us, "He prayeth best who loveth best, all things both great and small"; and Tennyson reminds us, "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of." Prayer is the most powerful gift of all God's gifts to us, for when we pray, as the great physician Alexis Carrel tells us, we link ourselves with the power that binds the universe. How helpless we would be if we could not pray to God.

One of the most remarkable illustrations of answers to prayer is that of a woman who had gone through four operations for the removal of a cancerous brain tumor and the insertion of a plastic plate wired to the skull to take the place of bone that had been removed. Though the operations were termed "successful," fluid build up and stitches would not heal, and there were agonizing headaches. The attending physician had hoped the stitches would have started to heal, and the fluid would have lessened. He suggested the possibility of another operation. This seemed impossible for the patient to endure. She and her husband in the hospital prayed that God would heal her head. When he went home, he gathered their three little girls in his arms and prayed with them for "Mother's healing." Then the husband phoned several friends who in turn called up their friends requesting prayers for healing of their friend. This went on in geometrical progression until afterward they found out that many hundreds of people prayed that night for the healing. One, we are told, called Hawaii, and another had called Haifa. And doubtless other places at a distance were contacted.

The next day the physician arrived to see what was occurring in the patient. He said, "I don't believe it!" Then to the patient, he said, "The fluid has gone, your skin is firm and the stitches have healed! Of course, this does not happen over night. If I did not behold it with my own eyes, I would not believe it."

The prayers of the former evening were mentioned, as the woman began to thank the physician. He replied, "Don't thank me, but your praying friends. Nothing have I ever seen like this before." Since the healing was complete, the doctor took out the stitches, and discharged the patient. The husband took his happy wife home, praising and thanking God.

Prayer is the key to the Spirit World, but it is faith/trust that unlocks the door. "Whatsoever things ye desire, when ye pray, believe ye receive them, and ye shall have them," says the Master of Galilee. The word here, "believe," means to have faith. Faith, trust and Prayer must work together if we are to obtain worthwhile results. Faith is a faculty of mind and soul and can be used on the mental and spiritual plane.

By prayer we tap the Divine River of Life. Jesus was a man of prayer. He is the shining example of the power of supplication. It was largely through this means that His lofty aims reached fulfillment. He prayed for all conditions of mankind, for His own undertakings, even to praying all night long before choosing his disciples.

Ralph Waldo Emerson said in his first sermon, "Everybody prays, everybody gets answers to their prayers; be careful how you pray. The answers we get are often yes and no. But they are answers and from the ALL WISE ONE.

Science has proved that vibrations in the form of thoughts or words released into Cosmic Consciousness with adequate force behind them are propelled into the field of spiritual attraction intended. Prayer is a form of force. It is governed by Nature's exact and unfailing Law, just as other forces and elements are.

Prayer can be seen to effect everything; for example, in Nature, even to plants, trees, winds and waves. The affect of prayer on plants has also been proved by many scientific experiments. Prayer speeds up growth, shortens the time

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April Newness

BY THE REV. LELIA E. CUTLER, Virginia

April—the month of spring showers and bountiful budding trees and blooming flowers. A time to reflect on the beauty and the resurgence of life. We celebrate Palm Sunday, Easter, the Jewish Passover, and in the commercial world, we celebrate Secretaries Day. A lively month.

On Palm Sunday, we think of the Law of Vibration—Jesus riding on an untamed donkey without incident. The vibration of this master teacher was so peaceful that the young animal did not buck or experience trauma, even though people were throwing palm branches in front of him as they rode into the city. On Easter, we think of the Law of Continuity and the Law of Life. "Today ye shall be with me in Paradise..." A beautiful promise made to those who were crucified with him, and Jesus demonstrated the humility and strength of one who knows they will not die, but go from this world to the next.

Easter has many symbols of this story, and one of the most beautiful is the Easter Lily, which dies down to a bulb resting in winter, and then shows rebirth by shooting stalks and leaves and generating blooms so large, they appear to be too heavy for the plant. Eggs are also a symbol of new life—is it any wonder that this story and this celebration is so close to the Spring Equinox, when all things seem new.

The celebration of Passover in the Jewish Religion makes us think of the Law of Life—if God be for us, who can be against us. Angels protect each of us, but they are a significant part of the story of Passover. Remembering that each of us are an expression of God and that we are protected, we should live life to its fullest.

And then when we think of Secretaries' Day, we should remember the Laws of Abundance and Compensation. Having been a secretary for much of my life, I respect and give credit to those who serve as Secretaries or Administrative Assistants. They work hard and certainly deserve the compensation they receive. Happy Secretaries' Day!

Whatever the occasion, I wish for you a wonderful and Happy Spring. ❀

The Egyptians, by the concurrent testimony of antiquity,
were among the first who taught that the soul was immortal.
– Bishop Warburton

GOD ANSWERS PRAYERS

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of germination of seeds, and improves generally plant life. Glenn Clark's conducted prayer plant experiments had excellent results. Some of these experiments were also conducted by Dr. Paul Vasse and his wife who took pictures showing the favorable results obtained. Dr. Franklin Loehr, in his early experimentation, tells of prayer-circle members, each praying in his own way. The results on corn and wheat were most impressive. The prayer-corn outgrew the non-prayer corn by 26.14%, and the prayer-wheat outgrew the non-prayer wheat by 26.99%. Max Freedom Long tells of his experiments with certain trees of which he took pictures showing the power of love and attention. There were two peach trees, planted in the same conditions of light, soil, moisture, the only variant was love. One of the two trees was given personal attention, talked to, loved, praised, and given much commendation, while the other was ignored. The one that was loved was much taller and more thrifty, and bent over slightly toward where Mr. Long came to give it his attention and love. The other tree was stunted, depleted looking.

Prayer will effect everything in Nature; diseases are cured. Emaciated bodies are made strong; people are lifted from poverty to wealth and power. Through prayer we may throw a wall of unfailing protection around us, our work, our entire lives, and even around about those at a distance from us.

History, church, world evolutionary development have proven the power of prayer and its importance. There are no limits as to what prayer can do. So, what a privilege to be able to pray, to thank God, and the ministering angels! ❀

Ordination in New York



Patricia Duffield and Virginia Berg.

On December 8, 2002, A Sanctuary of Infinite Spirit celebrated the ordination of Patricia Duffield. The Board of Directors stood behind her as she took her vows to love, honor and serve Spirit through the Spiritualist Church. Each board member presented the Rev. Patricia Duffield with a flower that represented a quality that she will use as she ministers to this and other congregations.

The Rev. Virginia Berg presided over the Worship Service and was the ordaining officiate. Several other ministers gave a blessing and a Welcome to the Ministry including the Rev. Nancy Lloyd, the Rev. Milogros Rivera and the Rev. Susan Ferency. John Otey, L.M., gave a memorable Meditation-Healing service. Peter Berg, representing the congregation, presented Patricia to the Rev. Virginia Berg for the Rite of Ordination.

Many friends and relations gave their best wishes to her as 125 congregants, friends and family members looked on. Stella D'Amico, President of A Sanctuary of Infinite Spirit, presented her with a stole. Her husband, Kenneth Duffield, gave her a white minister's robe which Peter Berg presented. The Rev. Patricia Duffield gave her first sermon as an ordained minister, where she thanked Spirit for Its love and support, as well as the Rev. Virginia Berg, the board members, congregation, family and friends.

After the service a wonderful meal was enjoyed by all.

We wish the Rev. Patricia Duffield Spirits' blessing in her ministry.

Charter in Maryland

Charter Service: Sunday, October 27, 2002 was indeed a very special day not only for our membership, but for the general public, the State of Maryland, the National Spiritualist Association of Churches (NSAC), and for the global Science, Philosophy, and Religion of Modern Spiritualism.

The members, guests, ministers and dignitaries began to assemble at the new Hampton Inn in Hanover, Maryland at about 10:45 a.m.

As they assembled and found their seats, they were greeted with warm hugs and live harp music.

The platform presented the flags of the United States of America, the State of Maryland, and The Light Center Spiritualist Church (TLC). The lectern was surrounded by beautiful flower arrangements which of course, contained sunflowers.

Opening Ceremonies: The service began with the procession of the officers of the Board of Directors and the Pastor as they sat on either side of the lectern.

After the call to service a warm welcome was given to all assembled.

A roll call of the states was taken and it was clear that there was generous support not only from Marylanders but from five other states and the United Kingdom.

After singing *Sweet Hour of Prayer*, the Rev. Ludwig Zernicek from Getter Memorial, Allentown, Pennsylvania gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Charter Presentation: Robyn Rothamel presented the Mission Statement of TLC which was followed by the congregation singing *Isn't It Wonderful*.

The Rev. Lelia Cutler, Treasurer and an official representative of the NSAC, presented the NSAC Charter to our co-founders, John and Robyn Rothamel.

Ms. Cutler also presented TLC with an NSAC President's Award from the Rev. Barbara Thurman for having the church Bylaws in a Bylaws only format.

Delegate Ted Sophocleus from the Maryland General Assembly spoke of the crucial involvement of our churches in the community and the need for more churches like TLC. Mr. Sophocleus presented a citation from the Maryland House of Delegates which acknowledged TLC's new NSAC Charter.

Right Hand of Fellowship: Ms. Betty Hutt, LM, formally from the Second Spiritualist Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, began the Right Hand of Fellowship Service with a responsive reading of the Declaration of Principles which was followed by singing *Under the Guidance of Angels*.

Pastor Lillian Joyce of the Church of Eternal Life, Westville, New Jersey officiated this part of the service in which all members present were extended the Right Hand of Fellowship. Members were presented with their TLC membership card, NSAC Spiritualist Manual, NSAC sunflower pin, and a TLC Certificate of Membership.

Lois Edwards, harpist and soprano, offered a solo of *Wonderful Blessings are falling*.

TLC member Joseph Ernst Jr. presented a citation from Janet Owens, the Anne Arundel County Executive.

The citation celebrated our new NSAC Charter.

On behalf of the membership, the citation was accepted by TLC member Joanne Clouse.

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Installation of the Board: The Rev. Ray Jones, Way Memorial Temple, Wheeling, West Virginia, was unable to attend the service. We send our prayers to him and his wife.

The Rev. Kathleen Cribb from the Memorial Spiritualist Church in Norfolk, Virginia filled in for Mr. Jones and offered the Definitions of Spiritualism to the congregation which was followed by Hymn 27, *I Would Be True.*

The Rev. B. Anne Gehman from the Center for Spiritual Enlightenment in Falls Church, Virginia officiated the installation of the Board of Directors.

At the end of the service, Mrs. Gehman presented each board member with a Citation of Service.

TLC member Carol Link presented a citation from the Governor of the State of Maryland.

The citation recognized TLC's achievement of its newly acquired NSAC Charter and our presence in the state of Maryland.

TLC member Jane Neice accepted the citation on behalf of the TLC membership.

Installation of the Pastor: Mr. John Otey, LM, from The Church of Two Worlds, Washington, District of Columbia, began this portion of the service by presenting the Objects of Spiritualism.

The congregation then sang *Oh Fill Me With Thy Presence Lord.*

The Rev. Lelia Cutler from the Memorial Spiritualist Church in Norfolk, Virginia celebrated the official installation of the Rev. John Edward Rothamel Jr., NST as the first Pastor of The Light Center Spiritualist Church.

As TLC's new Pastor, Mr. Rothamel was presented with a Citation of Service by Ms. Cutler and with standing applause by the congregation.

TLC member Lou Anne Beecher presented a citation from Senator Barbara Milkulski of the United States Senate.

The citation congratulated us on the achievement of our NSAC charter.

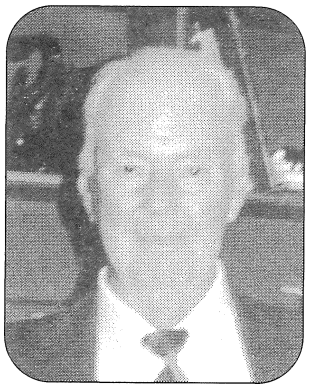
TLC member Carmen Benitez accepted the citation on behalf of the TLC membership.

Closing Ceremonies: Pastor Rothamel announced the upcoming events to the congregation and expressed his gratitude, and that of the Board of Directors, and most importantly, that of the membership and friends, for all of the help in time, effort, financial support, and love that were given by so many to make this event and the church possible. Mr. Rothamel also cited that this was only the start and that with the same continued care, the future is bright for Spiritualism in Maryland.

The Rev. Ludwig Zernicek gave the benediction which was followed by the congregation singing *Doxologies.*

Lunch was provided following the service.

Texas Transition



Elmer Hanson

Arthur Elmer Hanson of Dallas, Texas passed from the physical realm into the spiritual realm on November 13, 2002 at the VA Medical Center in Dallas. He was the son of the late Swen and Hulda Hanson.

Arthur Hanson was born on April 27, 1914 in Hutto, Texas. Most of his life was spent in Dallas, but he did serve time in the military and was a witness to the Iwo Jima invasion in 1945. He was present at the raising of the flag on the Mount. After his term in the armed forces he returned to Dallas and his family.

Arthur is survived by his wife of 65 years, Rosie Lee Hanson, and a sister, Vera Roznovak of Taylor, Texas. He and his wife, Rosie Lee, volunteered at the VA Hospital serving other veterans. They logged over 23,576 hours of volunteering.

They also were active in Texas Spiritualism. Until about a year ago Arthur was the pastor of the Second Spiritualist Church of Dallas and Rosie Lee was the secretary. Age and health forced him to retire, but the love of Spiritualism was still in his heart. Thank you Arthur for your giving and loving ways in life. We are sure you will continue to touch and help many from the spirit realm. ❀

Though we travel the world over to find the beautiful
(or happiness), we must carry it with us
or we find it not.
– Emerson

Things To Think About

BY MERRY BROWNE

The Order of Things

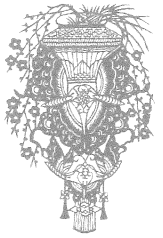
The good at hand
We write in sand,
The bad we carve
In stone
And then rehearse it,
Upon this fact
We need to act
Quickly – and reverse it.



Towards The Spring

By Ursula M. Prout

Quietly the sunlight sheds its rays, upon the sleeping earth; ere long before our wondering gaze, sweet Spring will come to birth. On twig and branch new buds unfold, their sheaths of palest green; soon daffodils of honey gold, will dance across the scene. With joyous tread, and faith sublime, we go with hearts that sing, across the slender bridge of time, from Winter into Spring.



Garden Ghost



By Trevelyan-Thomas

Your loving presence haunts my garden yet,
A frail sweet ghost, intangible and dear,
Were you afraid perhaps I should forget
That you are always near?

In the still dusk, when silent shadows fall,
I see your gentle hands among the flowers;
Whiter than homing doves, how they recall
Remembered hours.

I'd watch you gather lavender, and say
Its old-world fragrance matched your silver hair.
I heard soft laughter as I passed today.
And knew that you were there.

You always come when darkling grows the hill.
In the night's lonely hours, I need you most,
So kind in life, in death more loving still,
My gentle little ghost!

Renewal



By The Rev. Sandra Pfortmiller, NST

Flowers begin to grow, popping out of late snow
Reminding us of God's promise of renewal.

Life indeed goes on, we repeat it in our songs
Affirming life and love are eternal.

A gentle wind wafts, the Spring sun warms
Expressing the blessings of the Creator.

A soothing light rain eases Earth's pain
Another blessing of Earth's Maker.

Animals begin to stir, birds nest and whir
A cycle of new life as each Spring begins.

The departed touch us, encouraging us thus
To personally grow, with quiet time within.

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  Two Week Session
  May 31 – 7:00 p.m., Orientation; **June 1 – June 13**, Classes
  Instructor: Rev. Ann Otzelberger, NST
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1. We believe in Infinite Intelligence.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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