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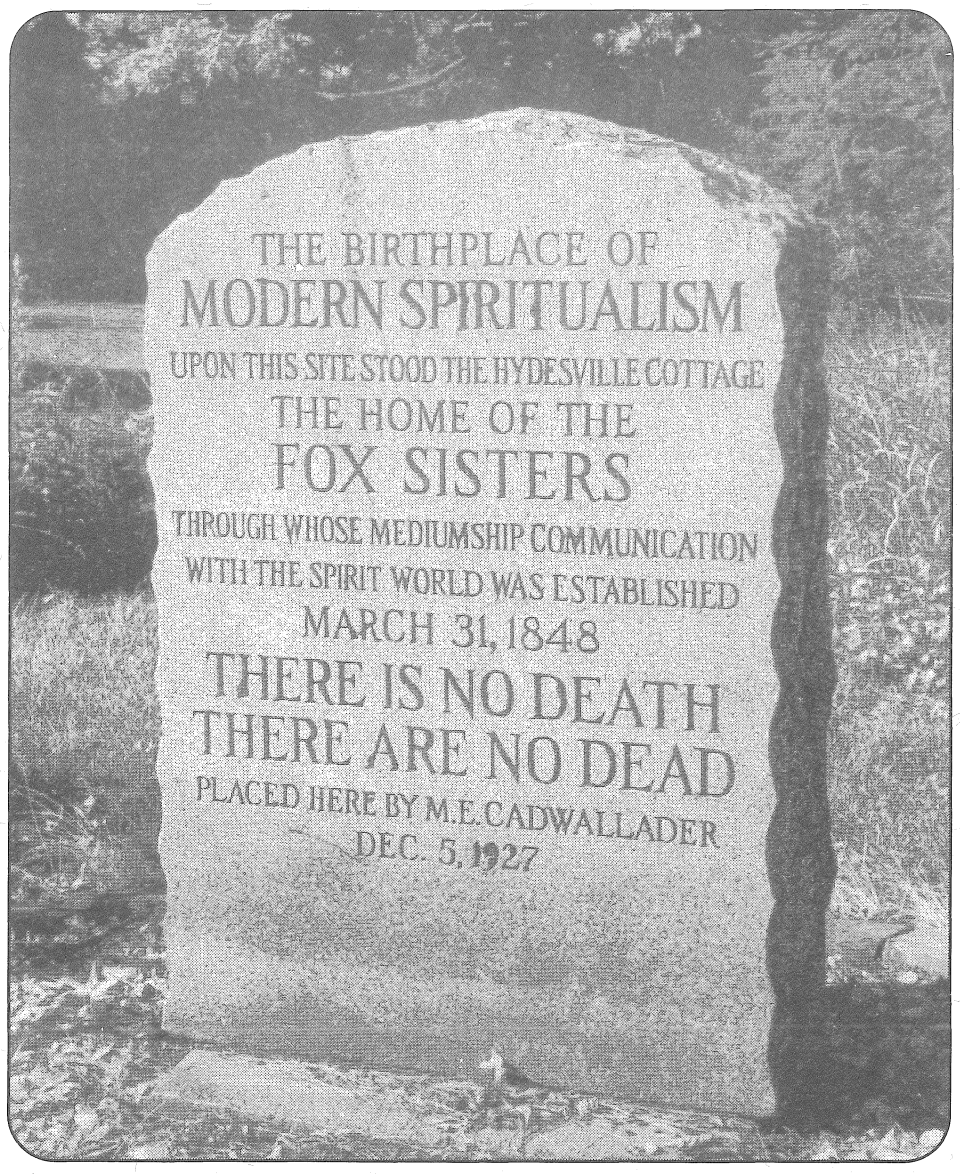
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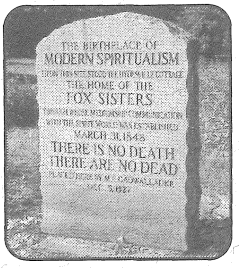
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Perfect Life?



BY THE REV. SANDRA PFORTMILLER, NST

I am perfect! Yeah, right. Remember the first time you heard that you were perfect, that life was perfect and that all things are as they are supposed to be? You probably responded the same way I did with incredulity. How can it be perfect when there are wars, accidents, conflicts, illnesses and handicaps? How can we be perfect when we are just learning? Years later, when something uncomfortable shakes my complacency, I re-examine again my concept of life.

God is all and God is perfect. Therefore, there is no negative force, only undeveloped good. Spirit is in us and we are part of Infinite Spirit, yet the Source is not divided. We are an expression of the Great Creator, for this power and energy is in all creation. Life is not about striving to be perfect, but about becoming aware of the beauty of the power of life. It may sound simple to say, but life, awareness and perfection expand as we develop a knowing of the God Spark within, and the God Spark that manifests in all life. As we recognize the Light in life, we tend to view it with more acceptance and less judgement or expectation. We learn to trust a Higher Power, with Greater intentions than we can know.

Spiritualism helps us see this beautiful energy and use this energy for our good and for the good of others. This Intelligent Power sends Divine impulses which impact our lives as we open ourselves to receive. There are many intuitive ways where each moment we receive inspiration, guidance and perception. We know that Infinite Intelligence is wisdom, love, law and good.

This energy is throughout the Universe, yet we know only an infinitesimal segment that involves our life. As we grow spiritually, we enlarge our parameters and expand our vision of life. We know there is more than the physical expression, more than these few years of life on the Earth Plane, more than we can even imagine.

We live in consciousness. Remember the wise words of William Shakespeare: "Nothing is good or bad, but thinking makes it so." Our perspective of events determines the energy that surrounds what happened. Every experience, every incident evolves to be a perfect teacher. Lessons are the blessings of our life. Each new lesson is linked to, or affected by, the last lesson. Our lives are continually being transformed by Spirit Forces to move us in the direction our soul was created to become.

In order to take another step in awareness we need to make changes in our consciousness. Robert Conklin in *Be Whole* writes: "Change empties the mind of the old and makes room for the new. Nature manages the universe in this manner." It takes courage to let go of the familiar and step into the unknown. It takes courage to recognize that the past was perfect for it brought us to where we are today, so we can face the moment, the future and our purpose in life—head on. We do not grow if we do not change, and growth is self-empowering. It is often a matter of trust in the Greater Power that helps us ease into a new situation without fear. The ancient Chinese book of wisdom, *I Ching* teaches: "All the suffering of mankind is produced by attachment to a previous condition of existence."

If we are attached to a previous condition, then do we think it is perfect, so hold on to the memory and energy of it? Think about it, many of the conditions we hold on to are limitations, and negative thoughts, but we know them, so hold on to their energy. Let them go. Energy moves and circulates, so holding on keeps life stagnant. Barbara Berger writes: "All sickness is basically congestion. All healing is basically circulation." Letting go of old "stuff" allows new ideas room to come flowing in.

Socrates advised, "A life unexamined is not worth living." Spiritualists understand that Natural Law will draw to us what we hold in consciousness. If we think the world is a wonderful, perfect, beautiful place—it is. We decide, we project, we receive. What is your vision? Are you focusing on that vision? In his book, *Ageless Body, Timeless Mind,* Deepak Chopra writes: "When you realize that you are held securely within this unchanging framework, the joy of free will arises. You cannot exercise free will if you fear that it will bring uncertainty, accidents, and calamity. To someone in unity, each choice is accepted within the overall pattern.

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If you choose A, the field will bend to accommodate you; if you choose B, the field will accommodate that, even if B is the exact opposite of A. All possibilities are acceptable to the field, since by definition the field is a state of possibilities." Universal Law supports each thought and brings our desires to us without any judgement.

This wonderful Universe is Infinite and the Source of everything we require or desire in our lives. There is endless supply of matter and energy just waiting to manifest into our lives. It is important that we are open to receive and recognize that Divine Creation is abundance—we are the only ones who can claim our good.

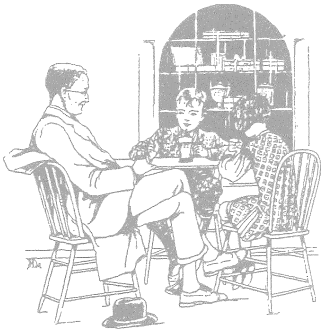
Try reciting the affirmative mantra of Dr. Emile Coue. "Every day, in every way, I am getting better and better." This was created by the French physician to help people heal themselves and he encouraged them to say it out loud, fifteen times in a row, three times a day, every day. Affirmations are a fine tool to act upon the subconscious mind without interference from the logical mind. Try changing the affirmation or making up your own. An example: "My body is strong, vigorous and healthy. Every day, in every way, I am getting healthier and healthier." Another: "Every day I accept new ideas, vitality, prosperity and love into my life, and my life gets better and better." We are affirming with every word we think and say, so choose what you will create.

We are constantly picturing or seeing things in our mind—visualizing. It is difficult to perceive perfection, but when we use our power of thought to expand mental images that are wonderful, we create a bright, positive future. Visualize your world as glowing and joyous.

Infinite Intelligence is everything—there isn't anything else, so we can experience perfection while in the physical in those moments we touch in with the Divine. When we are quiet and open to Spirit, we feel a loving vibration throughout our triune being that is so magnificent that we are healed and fed. Research has found that good things happen to our physical bodies when we are in the alpha state. The body's blood pressure becomes normal, our organs relax and are revitalized, the pulse rate stabilizes, tensions are released, and we allow the body to heal itself. Of course, spending time in a meditative state is also healthy for the soul.

You create your perfection, it is up to you. Claim your power, practice your creativity and focus your attention on the life you desire to live. But consider, the truth of onward progress is not that we become perfect beings, it is that we become more aware of God, because God Is. ❑

POETRY



My Father's Day Gift

By Loll Washburn

God gave me this man to love and adore
This wealth will always be
My Father is so dear to my heart
That any one can see.

God gave me this friend to worship
His wisdom and strength I need
My Father is so dear to my heart
He has helped to imbed the seed.

And now the time has moved on
He passed some years ago
But with his knowledge he left behind
Gives me the courage to listen and grow.

I see him now in the Spirit World
And often sense his being
Knowing his work is very strong
Bringing wisdom that's extremely revealing.

This gift he gives to many and me
There's nothing more precious of gems
As our world continues to grow
He listens to the many he tends.

June Is Busting Out!

BY THE REV. CHARLENE KLEINSCHMIDT, NST, New York

As I am writing this, the temperature is 7 degrees and it has been snowing all day! Perhaps that's the hopeful reason behind the title! I've been doing a lot of thinking about the summer season in Lily Dale, and particularly the setting at The Stump. Often referred to as a "cathedral in the woods," the magnificent trees join boughs above to make a canopy through which the sun streams. The walk through the woods to this area is in itself calming and delightful, if you walk quietly and listen to the birds and watch for little animals scurrying away to privacy when the intruders clump through their paradise.

Lily Dale is a beautiful place for all God's creatures. The swans, ducks and geese enjoy the lake while the squirrels, chipmunks, dogs and cats wander the grounds. The "locals" prepare for the onslaught of visitors and the difficulties that come when the gates are put in place, parking is at a premium and June begins the "summer season." Labor Day brings a sigh of relief as the Dale becomes a more sane and peaceful village again. Don't get me wrong, the residents welcome the crowds, glad to be able to share the wonderful truths of Spiritualism.

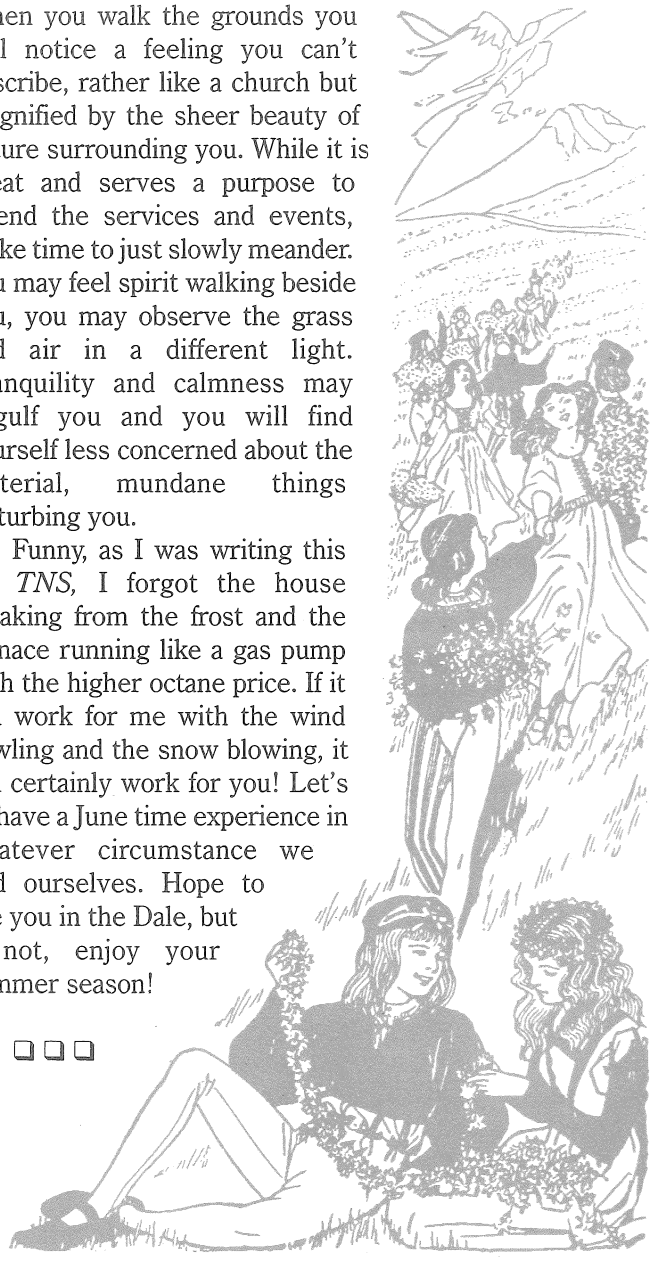
I have been thinking how we often feel we have to be in a particular place to enjoy a spiritual feeling. Indeed there are places, like Lily Dale, where when you arrive, you experience a whole difference in the atmosphere. But you need not confine your awareness to certain times and places.

When you feel the need for a shot of June verve, let your mind wander into that place where you find strength and beauty. We all have been given the precious gifts of memory and imagination. Use them well and you will find yourself gaining more and more ability in bringing the sunshine of life into your world, regardless of the time of year or weather outside.

Each of us has a special place where we like to dwell outdoors, even those of us who are not necessarily the "outdoor type." I love to go where there is a waterfall. In fact, I love to look at water in any form from the pond to the cascading falls of the Niagara. Yet, I have never been one to go into the water, I don't even swim. My husband, Al, knows me so well that when I seem to have had a rough day, he makes a little detour in the drive home. There is a small waterfall off a side road, because of its location you can't stop. Yet, the few minutes and quick glimpse always reminds me how beautiful the world around us is when we take time to observe it.

How many places can you think of where you just enjoy being there, no need for conversation or activity? Maybe it's a park or a pond, even your own back yard. If you can go there, do so, if not sit quietly and let your mind wander to that special spot. Let yourself feel the warmth of the sun, listen for the babble of the brook (Whoops, you can see where my mind went), or the sound of birds winging their way through the sky above.

If you are fortunate enough to live near a Spiritualist camp or can take the time to travel, I hope you will do so. When you walk the grounds you will notice a feeling you can't describe, rather like a church but magnified by the sheer beauty of nature surrounding you. While it is great and serves a purpose to attend the services and events, make time to just slowly meander. You may feel spirit walking beside you, you may observe the grass and air in a different light. Tranquility and calmness may engulf you and you will find yourself less concerned about the material, mundane things disturbing you.



Funny, as I was writing this for *TNS,* I forgot the house creaking from the frost and the furnace running like a gas pump with the higher octane price. If it can work for me with the wind howling and the snow blowing, it can certainly work for you! Let's all have a June time experience in whatever circumstance we find ourselves. Hope to see you in the Dale, but if not, enjoy your summer season!

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NSAC SPIRITUALIST CAMPS

NSAC Spiritualist Camps are important to Spiritualism, for this is the way many have been introduced to our great Science, Religion and Philosophy. We hope that Spiritualists support their Camps with their attendance, the efforts, their finances and by working at them. It is a nice way to spend a vacation in a beautiful, natural setting, enjoy message circles, workshops and classes, worship services, and Medium's days. It is also a great way to meet other Spiritualists, to share ideas and to broaden your understanding. A list of Camps and their address to write to or phone numbers to call for information, reservations and a schedule is found below.

• CONNECTICUT •

Connecticut Spiritualist Camp, NSAC
Ladies Aid Society Camp
Pine Grove Spiritualist Camp
Niantic, Connecticut

Services are Sunday at 2:30 p.m., Tuesday, Thursday at 7:30 p.m. For more information, or for reservations to the Workshops or Circles, please contact acting secretary Susan Ferency, 12 Butlertown Rd., Waterford, CT 06385, Phone/fax (860) 439-1395. The Camp season runs from June 16 to September 11, 2003.

• ILLINOIS •

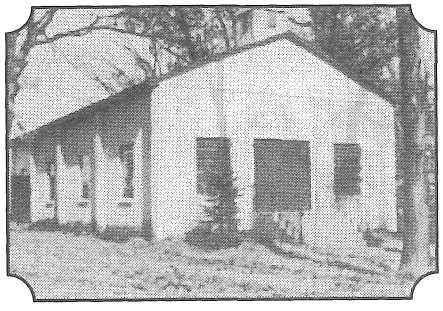
Cherry Valley Spiritualist Camp
Cherry Valley, Illinois

The Camp season runs June 1 through September 30. Cherry Valley Spiritualist Camp is located at 8002 Service Road, Cherry Valley, 61016, which is next to Rockford, Illinois on the South East corner of Winnebago County, Illinois. Services are healing meditation, 10:30 to 11:00 a.m. then 11:00 to 12:30 p.m. is the worship service with a pot luck following. For more information call Camp president Ken Boesen at (815) 626-5716 or secretary Mary Ellen at (815) 332-5359.

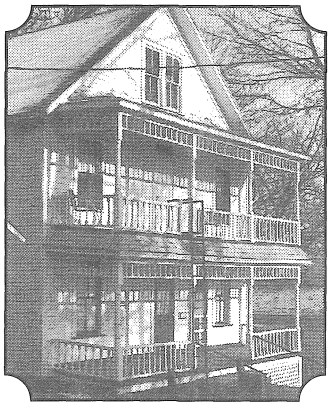
• IOWA •

Mississippi Valley Spiritualist Association Camp
Clinton, Iowa

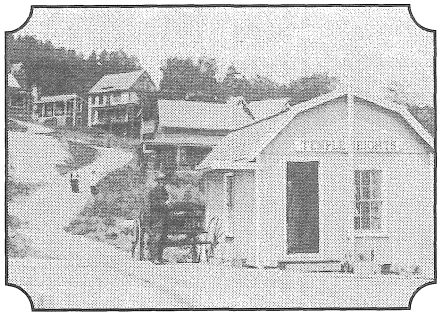
There are six weeks of Camp right in downtown Clinton, located at Mt. Pleasant Park. Come experience Spirit, healing, fun, learning, and upliftment. To receive information or the 2003 Program contact: Rev. Pamla Ashlay, secretary, (414) 774-2964.



Cherry Valley Camp Church
Cherry Valley, Illinois



Mississippi Valley Spiritualist Association Camp
Clinton, Iowa



Temple Heights, August, 1911
Northport, Maine

• MAINE •

Madison Spiritualist Camp Meeting Association, Inc.
Madison, Maine

Lakewood Spiritualist Camp is located in Lakewood Village six miles North of Skowhegan on route 201, on the West side of Lake Wesserrunsett. Camp begins July 17 and goes through August 17. There are no facilities for lodging or camping but plenty are available in the area. For information or programs write to John Davidson, 74 Central Ave., Waterville, ME 04901-6214, or call the Madison Spiritualist Camp Meeting Association at (207) 877-2209. E-mail: jdavidson@midmaine.com.

Pinpoint of Light Spiritualist Camp
Hartford, Maine

The July and August program for our Camp includes services, seminars and classes, along with potlucks, picnics and fellowship. Write the Camp at R-1 Box 91, Canton, ME 04221, or call (207) 597-2600 for more info., secretary Virginia Norris or pastor Rev. Rupert Sigurdsson, NST. E-mail: rupert@megalink.net.

Temple Heights Spiritualist Camp Association
Northport, Maine

The Camp located on Shore Road, Northport on Penobscot Bay and runs from mid-June through the Sunday after Labor Day. A different medium is featured each week. Church services at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Sunday a pot luck is held at 5:00 p.m. Classes on Monday at 7:30 p.m., Message Circles on Wednesday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Workshops and seminars on Saturday. Accommodations available with kitchen privileges.

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For more information or a program contact: P.O. Box 311, Lincolnville, ME 04849-0031, (207) 338-3029, Patricia Wallace, secretary.

• MASSACHUSETTS •

On-I-Set Wigwam Spiritualist Camp, NSAC
Onset, Massachusetts

Open summer months, June 9th until Labor Day weekend. Sunday services at 2:30 p.m., Wednesday open class at 6:00 p.m. and evening service at 7:30 p.m. There are medium's days, message circles, workshops and seminars planned. Please call or write the Camp secretary Rev. Susan Ferency, 12 Butlertown Rd., Watertown, CT 06320, (860) 439-1395, for a full schedule or for information.

• MICHIGAN •

Northern Lake Michigan Spiritualist Camp
Charlevoix, Michigan

The Camp is located 1 1/2 miles West of Bay Shore on old U.S. 31 North and is open July and August for Sunday services at 10:30 a.m. and Wednesday services at 7:30 p.m. A potluck follows the Sunday service and a bonfire with snacks follows the Wednesday service. There are classes, circles and readings or private consultations available. Contact Gail Wrona, secretary, 07453 Old 31 North, Charlevoix, MI 49720-9422 for more information or for a schedule.

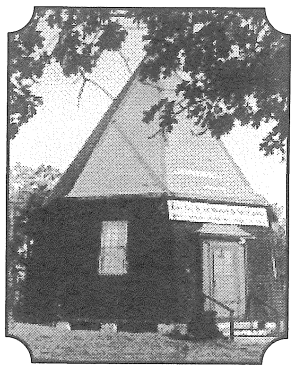
Chain Lake Spiritualist Camp Association
South Branch, Michigan

The Camp is open June 1st through September 1st with the special Annual Retreat during the week of July 13-18, 2003. The Lyceum Director Dawn Hyatt and President Donald Weichner have a full schedule planned. For more information write to Donald Weichner, 8022 W. Chain Lake Rd., P.O. Box 89, South Branch, MI 48761-0089.

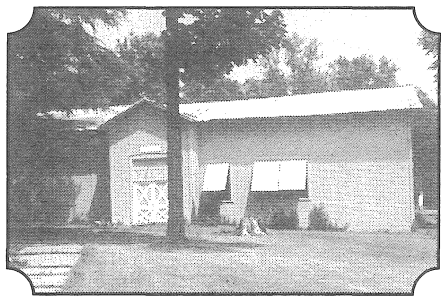
• NEW YORK •

Lily Dale Assembly NSAC Spiritualist Camp
Lily Dale, New York

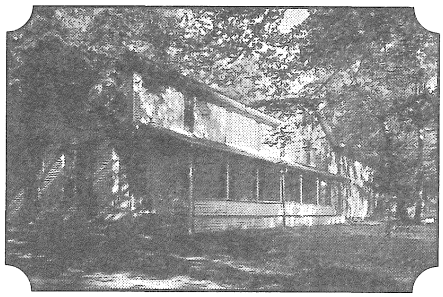
This upstate New York Spiritualist Camp has a wonderful summer program that opens the last Friday in June and continues to the day before Labor Day, with a variety of top speakers. Each day offers meditations, healing, private consultations, indoor and outdoor services, and workshops. There are two hotels, private guest homes, a campgrounds and affordable lodging in town. For a brochure contact Lily Dale Assembly, 5 Melrose Park, Lily Dale, NY 14752, (716) 595-8721, Donna S. Riegel, secretary.



ON-I-Set Wigwam Spiritualist Camp, NSAC
Onset, Massachusetts



Ashley Spiritualist Camp
Ashley, Ohio



Leolyn Hotel
Just outside entrance gate.
Lily Dale, New York



Hotel of Camp Edgewood
Milton, Washington

• OHIO •

Ashley Spiritualist Camp
Ashley, Ohio

The Camp is located at 10 Wooley Park in Ashley, Ohio. A fine program of speakers, mediums and services is planned. Write for a program or more information to the secretary Nikki DeWitt, P.O. Box 277, Ashley, OH 43003. E-mail: www.ashleycamp.com.

• WASHINGTON •

Camp Edgewood, NSAC, Association
Milton, Washington

The Camp is located on beautiful Lake Surprise, in the town of Milton. It is near both the cities of Tacoma and Seattle. A full program of pot lucks, classes, spiritual teachings, readings, and group gatherings is planned. For more information, contact: President Colleen Mohler, (253) 927-2365 or write secretary Karen Wennerlind at 1228 - 26th Ave. Ct., Milton, WA 98354.

• WISCONSIN •

Western Wisconsin Spiritualist Camp Association
Wonewoc, Wisconsin

The Camp, located at 304 Hill Street in Wonewoc, is open July and August and weekends in September. It has many special events planned for the summer season including classes, services, consultations, plus camping, hiking, and picnics. For a schedule or information contact President Lisa Schultz, W. 9559 High 33, Wonewoc, WI 53968, (608) 464-7770.

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June 2003 Department of Phenomenal Evidence Report

BY THE REVS. TOM AND LISA BUTLER, NST

Materialization Photographs. The International Survivalist Society (ISS) has an excellent group of photographs on their web site (www.survivalafterdeath.org/photographs.htm). These include pictures of Katie King who materialized through the mediumship of Florence Cook, other materialization photographs and many pictures of various ectoplasmic structures.



The pictures of King may stretch most people's ability to believe. However, the experiments were held under strict test conditions imposed by Sir William Crookes, who recorded physical differences in complexion, hair coloring, height, heartbeat, blisters, skin type, face and finger sizes, plus manners and ways of expression between the materialized figure of Katie King and the medium, Florence Cook. All physical comparisons were different, proving they were two separate entities. Furthermore, Crookes would, on occasions, carry a florescent lamp with him into the cabinet and would often find the medium on the floor (in trance) and Katie King standing next to her. In other words, he would witness two different entities. From the ISS web site, Florence Cook is shown here in trance with her head on the chair and wearing a dark dress. The materialized form of Katie King in white is standing above her.

Books Online. The International Survivalist Society also has an online library (www.survivalafterdeath.org/library.htm) where one can read some very good books online for free! *Researches into the Phenomena of Modern Spiritualism*, by William Crookes, *The Vital Message*, by Arthur Conan Doyle, *On the Edge of the Etheric*, by Arthur Findlay, *Psychical Research and Survival*, by James Hyslop and *Raymond*, by Oliver Lodge are a few of the books available. The ISS web site is an excellent one with numerous articles, photographs, and historical information.

Mind-matter Interaction Phenomena. The Consciousness Research Laboratory, directed by Dean Radin, has studied mind-matter interaction effects on living and inanimate systems, precognition, correlates of apparitional sightings and "field consciousness" effects in groups.

They have studied whether thinking about someone at a distance affects their nervous system. The context of these studies is usually cast in terms of investigating "distant healing." Conventional scientific procedures are employed, such as the use of randomized, counterbalanced, double-blind protocols. Their research has involved both individuals and groups, separated in some experiments by distance and in others by time. The results indicate that distant mental influence of the human body does occur in the laboratory under well-controlled conditions. From www.psiresearch.org/research.html.

Ruling out Chance. At the University of Glasgow in Scotland, Professor Archie Roy and Tricia Robertson have spent many years researching mediums and their powers. Their latest work involves a "highly controlled" study of mediums, including the famous Scottish medium Gordon Smith, and their ability to give meaningful information to a recipient who was chosen at random and who was not seen. Professor Roy says that highly accurate information was given and that the probability that it was due to chance was one in a hundred million million million. From Radio Netherland, Gordon's Gift, by Chris Chambers www.rnw.nl/special/en/html/030221medium.html

Ruling out Telepathy. In a *Daily Mail* column titled, **Yes, there is somebody out there and if you still don't believe it read on...**, Colin Wilson writes about the tests done on mediums by Gary Schwartz's team at the University of Arizona. He noted that even after the

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outstanding results received in this study, some skeptics still fall back on the telepathy argument. He goes on to say, "So how can telepathy be ruled out? Here is a case in which the evidence is impossible to fault. In 1928, a man died in America after being crushed against a wall by a truck. Six years later, his brother attended a séance in which the medium said he was in contact with a man killed by a truck, and gave details that convinced the sitter that his dead brother was present.

"So far, this could have been telepathy. But then came a startling piece of information. The dead man said he had not died of head injuries as everyone had assumed, but of a complication that "came from the bone." His brother checked the hospital records which showed that the man died from a brain embolism caused by a blood clot from a broken bone."

Psychic Detectives. The *Court TV* documentary called **Psychic Detectives**, shown on Feb.27, was a well done and fair representation of psychic's who work with the police. There was not one critic or debunker in the whole show, which seems to be unusual nowadays. One interesting segment was about the classes given to law enforcement agencies to hone their intuitive skills. It is encouraging to learn that these people are interested in, and being given such classes. One rather humorous occurrence was that of an officer with no background in psi phenomena, who was dumbstruck after a remote viewing exercise in which he achieved nearly 100% accuracy. He was in such shock that he almost needed counseling. One can only hope that there will be additional Psychic Detective shows. We would like to see a follow-up on this officer to see if this experience has changed the way he looks at reality.

Russian Mystics. A February 8 report in the *London Telegraph* recounted that in Moscow alone there are "tens of thousands" of mystics offering New Age treatments, shamanic rituals and fortune telling services. Though banned under the Communists, these practices have flourished since the fall of the old regime. The *Telegraph* cited Russian Health Ministry statistics that showed there were more than 300,000 registered magicians, seers, fortunetellers, witches and sorcerers in the country in 2001. The number today is estimated to be around half a million. From www.zenit.org/english/visualizza.phtml?sid=31744, *Wheels of Fortune, Astrology Does a Brisk Business, Despite Thin Claims.*

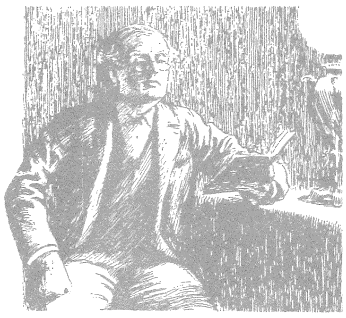
Ghosts Haunt Castle Workmen. Builders carrying out a renovation project at Edinburgh Castle, Scotland, claim their laborers are being disturbed by the ghosts of prisoners from the Napoleonic Wars. Photographs of renovation work at the Queen Anne building within the castle have captured hazy mysterious blue orbs floating above the builders' heads. Many of the workers on the site have now refused to be left alone while working and some have requested a special canopy to shield them from the glare of ghostly eyes gazing down on them. Beneath the room that the builders are working in are the cramped vaults where many prisoners from the Napoleonic Wars died horrible deaths.

From *The Scotsman*, Scotland's national newspaper online, **Ghosts of prisoners past haunt castle workmen** by David Lee www.thescotsman.co.uk/index.cfm?id=222002003.

Proof of Survival. The article, *Rosie* by Ann Longmore-Etheridge, in this issue of the *Summit*, describes an encounter Ann had with a girl whom her mother knew and who had been murdered while she walked home from school. Ann experiments with Electronic Voice Phenomena (EVP) and believes that she did record the girl's voice. She is also a medium, and was able to contact the girl through automatic writing. However, the real story about Rosie began at a NSAC annual convention. We invite you to take a moment to read Ann's interesting story of cross-correspondence.

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Did You Know...

- The muscle under the skin that contracts making your hair stand up, or giving you "Goosebumps" is called "erector pilli."
- Sir Winston Churchill rationed himself to only 15 cigars a day!
- Almonds are a member of the peach family.
- Maine is the only state whose name is just one syllable.
- "Dreamt" is the only English word that ends in the letters "mt."



ROSIE

BY ANN LONGMORE-ETHRIDGE

In the late 1980s, my mother was a food service worker at a Virginia elementary school. She wasn't fond of many of the students, but I heard a lot of anecdotes about a girl named Rosie. My Mother described her as a friendly dark-haired child who was half Asian, with a quick wit and a lot of pluck. One day, my mother told me tearfully that Rosie had been kidnapped. In the *Washington Post*, I read that the child had been abducted by a man who hid behind a stand of bushes and grabbed her as she walked home.

I have been psychic since I was a child, and have communicated with discarnate entities through automatic writing as well as clairvoyantly. However, it is pertinent to this story to know that at the time of Rosie's abduction, I had grown skeptical of my psychic abilities and would not accept as evidence of life after death any of my psychic impressions. In my depression and anxiety, I'd asked "the powers that be" to send me incontrovertible evidence of survival. I had read Sarah Estep's book, *Voices of Eternity*, and at the time Rosie disappeared, I had been taping with limited success for perhaps six months, but I had not yet received a Class A voice and was becoming frustrated with the faint whispers or voices that might have come from the untuned radio I used as a sound source.

Out of sympathy for Mom, despite my disenchantment with my psychic abilities, I decided to ask my spirit friends to look over the situation and report to me on Rosie. I was told through automatic writing that Rosie was dead and was now in the care of a woman who may have been a relative, that her transition had been difficult and she was very glad when it was over. Her body was found in a ditch the next day. She had been strangled. Police later tied her murder to a string of killings by a sexual predator.

Within a few days of her death, Rosie herself put in an appearance through automatic writing, asking me to tell her parents that she was still alive. I explained that I couldn't tell them because they would think I was crazy. (I'm sure I looked crazy arguing with a black space in my living room.) I felt that Rosie was frustrated, and I believe that what followed was her attempt to convince me to reconsider.

I had never heard a child's voice among the EVPs I had received. The first time I did was soon thereafter. I had announced that I was about to turn off the tape recorder, and a young girl's voice replied, clearly, "**I knew it.**" Then, after a beat, "**Goodbye!**" Not many days later, I taped what sounded like a room full of people talking. I thought I could pick out a child's voice saying, "**That's amazing Spanish, Harry.**" This thrilled me because I did, in fact, frequently call on an entity named Harry. I also often asked to hear from another spirit named Francis. Several days later, I was taping with a friend named Lata. I called on Francis and when we played the tape back, we were startled by a voice that was louder than my own. Lata and I were so frightened by the unexpected volume that we clung to each other, shaking. It was a little girl calling "**Francis!**" as if she summoned him to speak.

I would hear from that little girl again soon, although not by the mechanism of the tape recorder.

My family has been part of the congregation of Washington, D.C.'s Spiritualist Church of Two Worlds for multiple generations. I was named there in 1963 and would marry in the church only a year or so after Rosie died. A few months after I received my class A voice, the church was playing host to the Spiritualists' annual conference. One night during the event, as the finale to a special church service, a crowd jammed the beautiful Victorian building to hear four respected psychics give messages. Because of time constraints and the huge audience, it was announced that each medium would give only about a half-dozen messages; therefore, out of a crowd of about 250, around twenty-four people were going to get a message from a departed loved one.

I had arrived late and was sitting in the very last row of pews, in a dark corner. Despite this disadvantage, the first medium—a gentleman whose name I don't remember—stood up and

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LIGHT

A Trance From One Feather

BY THE REV. BRADLEY GOSSELIN, NST, Massachusetts

Greetings from our world which is a place of beauty. The flowers are more beautiful than any you have ever seen. The depth of their color is indescribable.

But, the real beauty of our world is our people. We do not think of beauty as in your world. It is not the beauty of the physical. It is what writers in your world call, "the beauty of the soul." As spiritual progression is achieved the beauty increases. The beauty is in the light, the light of the spirit, the light that surrounds each and every one.

Some in your world see the beauty of the aura. The magic of its colors as it emanates from the physical body. You see the aura as a sign of health. Physical, mental emotional and spiritual health can be defined by the aura. In your world that is where the beauty lies.

In our world each is distinguished by the light. All are beautiful, no one more than another. The brightness of the light reflects one's spiritual growth.

The book says, "look to the light." Do you know where to find the light? It is not in what some call the heavens. It is not in what some call space. It is the divine love that is within each. The search for the light is the search for self. The discovery of self is the discovery of the light, the unconditional love, the God spark which exists within each and every one.



In some it is buried so deep, the search takes a lifetime in your world. In others it is found early. Once it is found, what does one do with it? How does one show it has been found? How does one use the light?

This is as important as the search. It is like in your world, it is not how much money you have, but what you do with it. It is not how much love is within you, but what you do with that love. It is not finding the light that is important. It is how the light is used that is important. Find the light, love the light, use the light.

The light is the unconditional love of God, it dwells within. It is found within and it is used from within. The use of this light of love defines your existence in your world. It is why you are there. It is who you really are beneath the exterior that we show to others. We allow no one to get so close that they truly see our light. They may get glimpses, but they never really see our light. This is what makes this journey lonely. We search alone, we find alone. We alone determine how to use the light that is the love of God and the Spirit World.

When you cross over, the light you bring is brighter through use, brilliant through purpose and says to one and all, "This is who I am. This is who I was."

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pointed to me. He began by mentioning a long list of people who were there for me, including my beloved Uncle Carl and Aunt Helen. As I was trying to commit to memory all these names, and marveling over my relations' appearance, the medium described a dark-haired girl with oriental eyes who was out in front, demanding that I acknowledge her. In a moment of what I've heard John Edward call "psychic amnesia," I drew a blank and shook my head. "She says you know her," the medium stressed. I just shook my head. Seeming quite frustrated, he told me to remember what he'd said, and then he went on to give other messages.

When he had finished, the second medium took over. She was the Rev. Anne Gehman, who participated in *The Afterlife Experiments, Breakthrough Scientific Evidence of Life After Death,* as chronicled by Gary E. Schwartz with William L. Simon's 2002 book. She stood up, swept across the podium in her long white gown and pointed straight at me. "Who is ROSE?" she demanded, jabbing her finger at me to stress each word. "She's telling you to recognize her. WHO IS ROSE?"

I remember my mouth falling open and saying something to acknowledge my sudden understanding. Gehman nodded and said, "Good, because she's not going to give up until you get it."

Although I felt Rosie's presence in the months that followed, I never heard from her on tape again. In time, she seemed to move away into the new world that was her home. Sadly, I still failed to work up the courage to give Rosie's parents her message. I often feel bad about that now, because Rosie gave me the best evidence of survival that I have ever had—proof that I could not ignore or rationalize away. She brought back my hope, at a time when it was low. I wish I had done half as much for her.

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EFFORT

BY DIANE BERKE



One of the unfortunate ideas that many people seem to have taken from New Age teachings is that life should not involve effort—that if something is hard work, we must be doing something wrong.

In my opinion, this idea is simply nonsense. Clearly there is a difference between right effort and unnecessary, unskillful, ineffective struggle. But mastery of anything in life—**anything we value enough to want to do it really well—requires diligence, persistent effort, and hard work.**

No matter how gifted and talented, athletes and artists of real caliber work hard at what they do. No matter how much they love each other, couples who have happy marriages that endure work hard at growing beyond self-centeredness and expanding their capacity to love their partner as themselves. The Dalai Lama *still* gets up at 3 or 4 o'clock every morning to meditate and study, and continues to use every situation of his day as an opportunity for spiritual practice.

It is the effort the butterfly makes in struggling to break out of its cocoon that pumps blood into its wings. Without the strengthening effect of that effort, it will never fly. And without the effort and struggle of our own emergence, neither will we.

Rumi wrote,

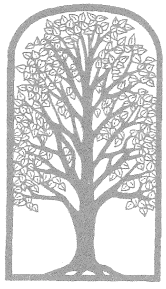
Work. Keep digging your well.
Don't think about getting off from work.
Water is there somewhere.
Submit to a daily practice.
Your loyalty to that
Is a ring on the door.
Keep knocking, and the joy inside
Will eventually open a window
And look out to see who's there.

– from "Interfaith Inspiration"

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Humor to put you in
Good Spirits . . .

✿ Life After Death...



"Do you believe in life after death?" the boss asked one of his younger employees.

"Yes sir," responded the employee.

"Well, then, that makes everything just fine," the boss went on, "because about an hour after you left early yesterday to go to your grandfather's funeral, he stopped in to see you."

FAVORITE SAYINGS TO LIVE BY



"It is hard to fail, but it is worse never to have tried to suceed. In this life we get nothing save by effort." – *Theo. Roosevelt*

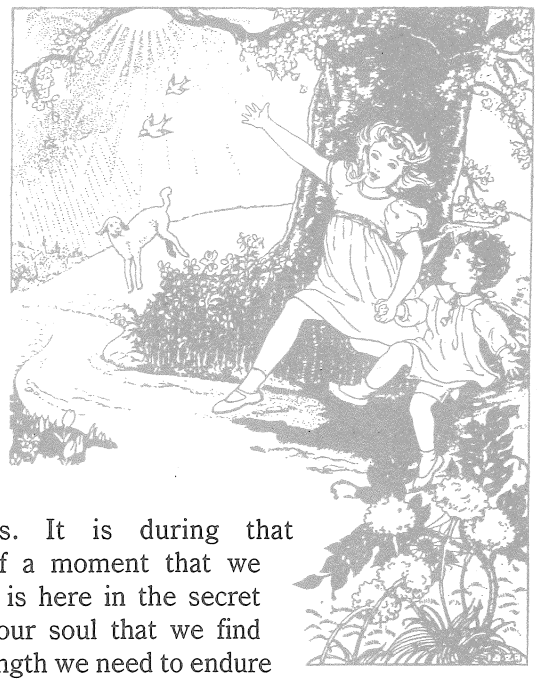
"The grand essentials of happiness are, something to do, something to love, and something to hope for." – *Chalmers*

"Do not wait for the end of physical life to begin a search for the spiritual way. Both are available here and now." – *J.P.W.*

"Some day we will be invisible guests at the tables of our children, who will revere us for what we are doing today."
– *Harlan Eugene Reed*

PATH TO PEACE

BY THE REV. KATHLEEN CRIBB, Virginia



"One day a question found its way into my heart: Why after all my praying and reading, do I not have peace?"
Stages of The Soul by: Father Paul Keenan

There comes a time for all of us when we long for something more. We are looking for a path to a more soulful life.

As a little girl, I used to enjoy swinging by myself on our swing set. I had two sisters and lots of friends; but, sometimes I liked to be alone. On a beautiful summer day, I would go outside and climb up on my swing and pump it up to what I considered to be a cruising speed. Then I would hold on tight and lay back looking up at the clouds. They always seemed to take funny animal shapes. I can remember wondering if anyone else saw these animals or if the clouds were performing just for me.

Come September when I was stuck in my third grade classroom, I would gaze out the window and remember the air blowing through my hair and the clouds overhead dancing the Hippopotamus waltz to the music in my little girl mind. I would keep this escape mechanism going until my teacher would call my name and ask me a question I couldn't possibly know the answer to because I wasn't paying attention.

Most people believe that life is what we perceive through our five senses. As a child in that 3rd grade classroom, my five senses told me I was stuck in that old musty smelly 100 year old stone school building with those boring lessons. The only way to be free was to get back to my swing. I didn't know that what I was really longing for was the inner aliveness I experienced while I was on that swing. What I didn't know in the 3rd grade was that I wanted what I already had, "The world of the soul."

What is the soul? Aristotle called it the fundamental principal of life.

As Spiritualists, we have a soul as well as a spirit. Our *NSAC Spiritualist Manual* says, "In the Spirit World man retains his individuality, and the unfoldment of his mental, moral and spiritual faculties is continued indefinitely by processes not unlike the manner pertaining to this world."

Our spirits are in constant communication with what we call the Spirit World. Our eyes occasionally see glimpses of it. It lies around us like a cloud. It is normally invisible all around us, but it is visible inside of us when we look for it. When we meditate, we do not explode out of our bodies to go floating down the streets of our town. Meditation is more like an implosion. We go inside of us as far as we can go to greet our God Spark, our higher consciousness. It is during that millisecond of a moment that we find peace. It is here in the secret chambers of our soul that we find the inner strength we need to endure life's less pleasurable moments. It is in meditation that we find freedom. It is in meditation that we find the world of the soul.

Albert Einstein said, "There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing in life is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle." Spiritualism teaches there are no miracles. Everything is operating in accordance with Divine Law. We may or may not understand the Laws as they apply to each event in our lives, but they are at work just the same. Knowing scientific facts and understanding how Natural Laws work is important. However, life must be experienced to be appreciated.

As a child, I embraced life as if everything was a miracle and life was full of wonder. What is the state of wonder? When we wonder about something we are in a state of awe and amazement. We are not diagnosing and dissecting its physical qualities. I didn't care if the billowy masses were cumulonimbus or stratus. I just enjoyed their looking like cotton ball animals pasted on a clear blue sky. Jesus said that to come to God we must come as little children. What he meant was we need to be willing to dive head first into our souls and completely accept our true nature. We must learn how to bask in a state of wonder at the beauty of our own spirits. We must learn how to experience life through the senses of our spirit selves to find eternity in a moment of time.

We are as much a part of the Spirit World today as we were the day before we were conceived in our mother's womb. We need to appreciate this fact. When we live a soulful life, our days will be filled with wonder. We will no longer feel lost. We will not feel alone. When we experience life through the infinite senses of our spirit selves we will find the peace, which passes all understanding. Blessings.

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Positive Statements To Help Create a Positive Day.

Affirmations . . . JUNE 2003

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Every day has a special experience. Look for it.	**2** We can see the Light with the closing of our eyes.	**3** Our finest teachers, who charge no fees, are from Spirit.	**4** "You know not what a day may bring forth." – Jesus	**5** The breath can be used to gain voluntary control of involuntary functions.	**6** Forgiveness opens new doors.	**7** I am on a journey of discovery.
8 "If we want to make progress we have to try." – J. A. Brookes	**9** Our Etheric helpers have limitless patience with us.	**10** In order to grow we must examine and release our fears.	**11** There are cycles of life. When we forgive we complete a cycle.	**12** Each soul is born to progress, to grow in love and understanding.	**13** Let in the light and it alters your perception.	**14** The Universe teaches humanity with love.
15 Thank you to our Fathers for their support given.	**16** I serve Infinite Intelligence as I serve others.	**17** Inner inspiration creates a learning desire.	**18** My journey is my life, therefore each moment is important.	**19** My actions reflect my beliefs.	**20** To love another is to honor God and yourself.	**21** This first day of summer, I will take some time to relax and reflect.
22 The Law deals with the end results of the circles you have created.	**23** Divine Spirit does not give out punishment, only understanding.	**24** "The cycle of learning, living, and creating is a continuous one." – B. J. Wall	**25** Our choices in life create who we are, and bring the results of our creation.	**26** Everyone has a spark of light and love from the Creator, yet we are unique.	**27** My heart and mind are open to receive truth and love, to grow in awareness.	**28** My quiet times connect me with Infinite Spirit.
29 Each one of us is a healer when we share prayers and compassion for others.	**30** The Universe guides and protects my family and friends.					



May all Fathers be blessed!








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

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

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

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

• MARYLAND •

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

• MASSACHUSETTS •

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

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

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

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

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

• MICHIGAN •

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

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

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

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

LESLIE - Flower Memorial Spiritualist Church
Pres., Dennis Goddard, (517) 694-8107.

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

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

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

• MINNESOTA •

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

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

ST. PAUL - Spiritual Science Church
411 Main St., 55102; Sun. Serv. 10:00 a.m.; Pres., Joan LeDuc, 2169 Scheffer Ave., 55116, (612) 225-4609 (church) or (612) 699-4858 (home); Secy., Gerold Kemling, c/o 2169 Scheffer Ave., 55116-1255.

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

• NEW JERSEY •

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

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

• NEW YORK •

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

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

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

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

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

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

• OHIO •

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

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

COLUMBUS - Spiritualist Church of Spirit Revelation
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• OKLAHOMA •

OKLAHOMA CITY - Central Spiritualist Church
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• PENNSYLVANIA •

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

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HOUSTON - First Church Of Divine Science, NSAC
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McMAHAN - Angels of Light Spiritualist Church
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• VIRGINIA •

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NORFOLK - The Memorial Spiritualist Church, NSAC
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• WISCONSIN •

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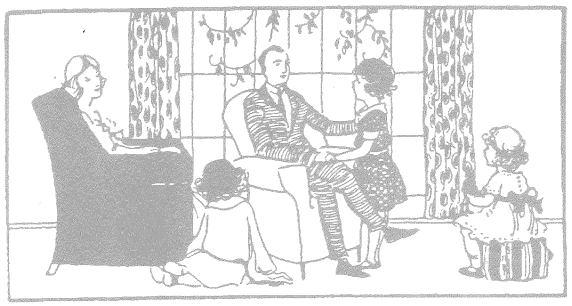
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HONORING THE FATHER:
Spiritualism And Father's Day

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What does Father's Day mean to us as Spiritualists? What is a father and how can we understand honoring the father? It is important to remember that what we honor with Father's Day is not only, or perhaps not exclusively, our physical fathers. We honor the energies of fathering, however they appear in our world and our lives, whatever the gender or relationship of the person bringing these energies to us.

Biology requires the mother to be the physical bearer of children, while the father provides half of the genetic makeup for the child. This much we all have known since, oh, maybe third grade. But what is the essence of fathering? Is Father's Day just about giving a gift to our father? If so, then what about those of us who no longer have a father on this Earth Plane? What about those of us who never knew our father? What about those of us for whom our relationship with our father was less than happy? Is there nothing for us on this day?

Of course, if you have a father in the physical, and it feels right to you, Father's Day is the perfect time to honor him. But even if you do that, have you really honored the essence of fathering? What is it that we are to get from our fathers? And how can we father others, even if we are not, ourselves, physically fathers? Even if we are women, and cannot, at least biologically, fulfill the role of father? We can all participate in the very necessary act of fathering the young ones who one day will inherit this planet.

If the mother is the one who brings us to this Earth Plane through the miraculous biochemistry of conception, pregnancy and birth, who is the father? Archetypally, that means, at a level of our being deeper than we can possibly know, the role of the father is one of nurturing and mediating the community to the child. Classically, the fathering role is one of integration between the world of the family and the larger world of the community or village. The mother, the act of mothering, provides nurture, support, and encouragement as we progress through our natural development from infancy to young childhood. The father, the act of fathering, complements this mothering by bringing us into contact with others not of our small family circle. The fathering aspect of being a parent or guardian recognizes that as adults we will have to function effectively within a larger circle of people. We must provide for ourselves and for those who depend on us. We must maintain a community that is safe and supportive of all who dwell there. We must allocate our resources, "husband" our talents and our assets, so that what we have can multiply, be shared, and bear good fruit. All of these activities are part of the essence of fathering. Have we been fathered? Have we been fathers for others?

It is a mistake to confuse (which means to fuse together) the act of fathering with the masculine gender. That is true biologically, we need a father, a male partner, and a mother, a female partner, to create a child. But creating a child on the physical plane does not constitute mothering and fathering. How often have we seen people poorly prepared to care for children? How often have we thought, "That person does not know how to mother? Or that person does not know how to father?" Physical gender and the act of procreation do not constitute the essence of the father or the mother.

Fathering is the act of bringing the younger generation into a sense of their own power, providing them with a sense of a community history and a community dream. Fathering further empowers the next generation to meet, match and eventually surpass the generation that came before them. Fathering clears the road, and fathering then gets out of the way. Fathering provides a safety net, but never a snare. Fathering provides the means, but never is mean. Fathering empowers, but does not imprison. Fathering disciplines, but does not punish. Fathering, then, is the necessary energy for the sustaining of a community, a culture, a civilization, a world.

Close your eyes, please. Let's honor the Father. For a moment, go inside yourselves and ask yourselves, "Who are my fathers? Who in my history has served the role of empowering guide and facilitating friend?" Thank all who come to mind, whether on this Earth Plane or in the Spirit Realm. Next, ask yourselves, "For whom have I been a father? For whom have I made the way easier, taught right from wrong, and helped to choose that which is right? For whom have I been a guide, friend, mentor and model? How have I counseled one in doubt, but allowed them the

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When GOD Made Fathers

When the good Lord was creating fathers, he started with a tall frame. A female angel nearby said, "What kind of a father is that? If you're going to make children so close to the ground, why have you put the father up so high? He won't be able to shoot marbles without kneeling, tuck a child in bed without bending, or even kiss a child without stooping?"

God smiled and said, "Yes, but if I make him child size, who would children have to look up to?

And when God made a father's hands, they were large. The angel shook her head and said, "Large hands can't manage diaper pins, small buttons, rubber bands on pony tails, or even remove splinters caused from baseball bats."

Again God smiled and said, "I know, but they're large enough to hold everything a small boy empties from his pockets, yet small enough to cup a child's face in them."

Then God molded long slim legs and broad shoulders, "Do you realize you just made a father without a lap?" The angel chuckled.

When God was in the middle of creating the biggest feet any one had ever seen, the angel could not contain herself any longer. "That's not fair. Do you honestly think those feet are going to get out of bed early in the morning when the baby cries, or walk through a birthday party without crushing one or two of the guests?"

God again smiled and said, "They will work. You will see. They will support a small child who wants to ride to Branbury Cross or scare mice away from a summer cabin, or display shoes that will be a challenge to fill."

God worked throughout the night, giving the father few words, but a firm authoritative voice; eyes that see everything, but remain calm and tolerant.

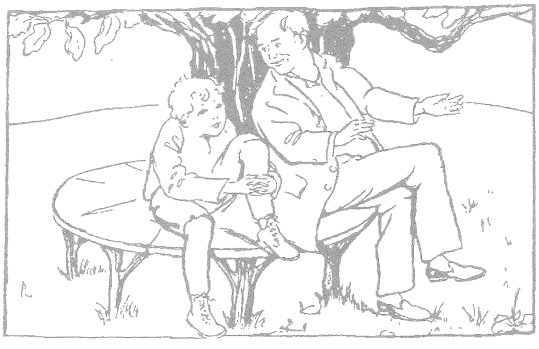
Finally, almost as an after thought, He added tears. Then he turned to the angel and said, "Now are you satisfied he can love as much as a mother can?"

The angel said nothing more.

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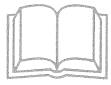
freedom to choose their own way? How have I forgiven and helped a wayward one to reintegrate into the community in which we live?" Thank Infinite Intelligence for providing these opportunities for you each to father others.

As Spiritualists, we know the importance of making our own happiness or unhappiness as we obey or disobey Nature's physical and spiritual Laws. We can only perform acts of obedience if we are free (a slave can't be obedient, because a slave's choice has been stolen away), and we can only be free if those who have gone before have fathered us into freedom. It is essentially this freedom to congregate as equals in our community that we celebrate on Father's Day. Spiritualism, more than any other religious tradition, supports freedom in community, and supports the capacity to freely choose and freely choose again when we stumble. So as Spiritualists, let us give thanks for the Fathering energies that are all around us, on this Earth Plane and in Spirit. Let us strive to be fathered and to father as we walk our path. ❑



Things To Think About

BY MERRY BROWNE



"Fine-Tuned"

Deena Spear and her husband, Robert, make and adjust stringed instruments. In 1995 she discovered she could do this without physically touching the instruments. In an interview she gave, that appears in the March-April issue of *Body and Soul,* she remarked that anything that vibrates can be tuned and that everything vibrates.

This is a very new idea to most people and seems miraculous that she is able in this way to heal people and animals. Healing ability is wondrous thing, but unless people learn that the cause of the illness must be removed for permanent healing, it will remain simply that—a wondrous, but temporary thing.

What must be fine-tuned is the mind within the body that is causing the disharmony that manifests as illness. And this must be recognized by the person needing healing who then must endeavor to bring himself/herself into harmony with the Laws of God. This will automatically fine-tune the body to health.



"Mistakes"

Mistakes, dear friends,
Do not disdain,
As flowers bloom not
Without the rain.
Without mistakes
We cannot grow,
Mistakes teach us
The way to go
To reach at last
The goal that's planned
For us to find the promised land.



"Star Wars"

Truth comes in various packages. From the movie *Star Wars* has sprung a Jedi religious belief that mirrors the Ancient Wisdom. It proclaims one All-encompassing Force rules the destiny of the Universe, and that meditation is the door to higher perceptions of life. Whatever the source, all power to the beauty of the Truth of Life.



"Compassion"

Compassion is the rich color
and texture of the art of living.
Compassion can't feel without acting,
Rely,
Compassion's never
A passer-by.



"Friendship"

I dearly love your laughter
But I invite your fears,
And with utmost compassion call
Bring to me your tears,
For joy needs not compassion,
It's sorrow's lonely face
That looks for loving understanding
and a close embrace.

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The Mechanical Human

BY ALUNA JOY YAXK'IN, Arizona

When we are little children we learn many things. We learn that fire is HOT and ice is COLD, peanut butter and jelly tastes really good together and hugs from mom make us feel safe. When we get hurt, we learn not to put ourselves in the position to get hurt again. When we do something that makes us feel good, we try to repeat that situation. In order to protect ourselves, we learn by watching other's mistakes or victories. It is important to learn what we like and don't like, but with this comes a narrowing of our perceptions and ability to access spirit. Our habits close us off, choice by choice, from the ever changing and unlimited creative spirit and along with it, our connection to God.



High in the Peruvian Andes, an Inca Spiritual Messenger named Willaru Huayta first taught me about the Inca perspectives on the law of mechanicity and how it hampers us from accessing spirit. Willaru said in a lecture given in Peru that "It takes much love to do the work of cleaning the inner temple, and to live in a conscious, spiritual way, not in a mechanical way." He told a legend of another race of people on the Moon a long time ago. Mamanchakila is grandmother Moon. When she was living, she used to have people like us there. They became divorced from the Father/Mother, and while they were a very organized civilization, they were not civilized. It is very important to know that. They looked civilized. They were well organized, everything going according to a plan. The Ascended Masters called them mechanical creatures. They were living every day, all day long but only in a mechanical, intellectual way. At the end, they could not support life, because the mechanical life is very hard. What Willaru was trying to teach was if we continue to live in a mechanical way, we will limit our life, bit by bit, choice by choice until there is no life left. We limit our possibilities to grow and evolve.

I learned a lot about limitation and living mechanically watching my mother in her last years. If she ate a food that did not agree with her, she never ate it again. If she got tired when she went out, she quit going out as much and then not at all. One negative experience led to another until she was a prisoner of her own programming and habits. She did not allow any new solutions to problems or issues other than those stamped with the seal of approval from her past experiences. She kept smoking in spite of the fact she had emphysema. Pot roast had a positive experience imprint on it so she kept eating red meat even though she suffered from a series of heart attacks. She was resistant to breaking out of any mechanical habit she had, in fear she might upset the status quo. So she lived her last years closed in a self imposed prison based on past experiences. This ultimately ended her life much sooner than need be.

He that never changes his opinions, never corrects his mistakes, will never be wiser on the morrow than he is today.

On the other hand I know an amazing woman who was 10 years older than my mother was, still in an open frame of mind. She came to Mexico with one of my groups and climbed all over pyramids with us. Her vocabulary didn't include "I can't." Just being in her presence we felt more alive. This woman even healed herself of cancer just by changing her mind about it. She was an inspiration to our group and to me. Somehow she knew how to live open and consciously, not living mechanically by past experience. She did not limit her possibilities to new paths in life.

Some will take mechanicity to the extreme. Mechanicity is usually conformed to out of the need to be comfortable. A man I knew was afraid to tell the truth because it meant he would have to face himself and open himself to other possibilities. His daily routines were incredibly rigid and limited his life for anything new to show up. In relationships, he spun glossy stories and played psychological games using spiritual concepts to justify his life. It was the first time I witnessed someone that used spiritual concepts to keep himself asleep! In the 40+ years he never had a relationship that lasted over 6 months. None of his closest friends really know the truth about who he was, or what is really going on in his life.

The truth knocks on the door and you say, "Go away, I'm looking for the truth," and so it goes away. Puzzling... – Robert Pirsig

If life does not give us enough boundaries or limitations, we may go out and look for more ways to limit ourselves. Some even make a career out of it. Example...another person I knew used fear based propaganda to build a safe haven for himself. No matter if the conspiracy was true or not, it gave him reason to lock himself up and not live fully. Never mind his many talents and intelligence, he was so afraid of making a mistake that he built an impenetrable cage around himself. The idea of choice, living conscious and empowerment became so overwhelmingly fearful that he literally became the walking dead while thinking he was breaking boundaries by believing in controversial subjects.

Only those who will risk going too far can possibly find out how far one can go. – T. S. Eliot

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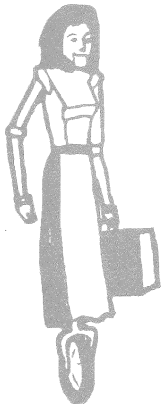
When I was a little girl, I was anemic and was subject to painful iron shots. My mom rewarded me after a doctor visit with McDonalds. I always ordered a hamburger, fries and a small orange soda. When I grew up, every time I felt ill, I wanted McDonalds to recover. Even after my mind knew McDonalds was not healthy food for me, my mechanicity and need to be comforted was overwhelming. I equated a hamburger with feeling better and for a long time it was the only food that I wanted to eat after being sick. This limited almost 100% of the food available to me when I was recovering from a simple cold.

Also, about the same age, I was lost in blissful ecstasy while eating a Baskin Robins chocolate mint ice cream cone (my favorite obsession at the time) when I discovered a family pet that had died. I don't think I ever ate another chocolate mint cone again. So you see, with just these two memories, I have limited myself. I got over them both!

Mechanicity comes in many forms, from very complicated life programs down to simple ones like why we love jelly donuts or cringe at the smell of a certain flower. The older we get, the easier it is to become fenced in with our habits and choices. We all love our boundaries and limitations. Our mechanicity makes our lives very neat and tidy, appearing to be civilized, but as Willaru suggests...it is not a conscious way to live. So if we are only eating peanut butter and jelly sandwiches in the arms of good ol' mom, maybe we need to look at our habits and patterns to see where we are stuck and not allowing spirit to work with us. If we are feeling stuck, disconnected from God and lonely, maybe breaking free from some of our repeating programs, mechanical behavior would help us begin a new path.

The man who follows the crowd will usually get no further than the crowd. The man who walks alone is likely to find himself in places no one has ever been. – Alan Ashley-Pitt

According to Willaru we are all born equal and have the same possibilities. We are born with about three percent of awake consciousness. How we live our lives and the choices we make, will determine how successful we will become in any endeavor we choose. The Mind is logical. Spirit is organic. Logic comes from our personal learning in this life.



Spirit comes from all life and unlimited potential. Since we have lived limited personal experience in this life, we can only decide from limited options with our minds. When we open to spirit, we can expect new and creative solutions. Here we enter a world of unlimited potential.

Breaking habits may not be as easy as it sounds. First, there is no way I could contain in this short article all the tools we would need to access all our habits. But I hope this simplistic jump start will get us going in the right decision. Second, remember it takes much love to do the work of cleaning the inner temple. Habitual monsters will raise their ugly heads when we begin to clear out our lives of mechanical behavior. It may not be a comfortable undertaking at first. It is going to take some courage and self love to break free and become "Alive." Family and friends will also find issues with our breaking the status quo. They too are mechanical and they like us just the way we are. Once we begin to break habits, we also begin to overcome the uncomfortable feelings we have about change. Just remember: Fear is just excitement of the unknown.

There are some simple things we can do to begin to become free of mechanicity.

- Make a list of your habits, likes and dislikes, why you feel comfortable doing one thing, and not the other... etc.
- Examine even your good habits and ask yourself are they limiting your life to even better experiences.
- Also look at breaking stereo type patterns. Judgments in educational levels, social status, culture, race and religion is collective mechanical thinking.
- Examine the motivation for each habit—learn to expect the unexpected. Now here comes the adventuresome part...
- Each day change one of these habits.
- Do something every day that didn't work for you in the past—today it just might work.
- Drive to work by a different road—explore your world.
- Eat a new food every day—or eat food you thought you didn't like. You might love it today.
- Go to a new place for vacation. If you like the mountains—try the beach.
- Explore a different spiritual practice.
- If you are a perfectionist—get sloppy. If you're a slob—clean up.
- If you fall off the horse—get back on it. Keep on, keeping on.

Are you getting the picture here??? Just remember spirit works with those who help themselves. As you explore your world, spirit will open more and more doors for you to explore. Ralph Waldo Emerson said, *Do not be too timid and squeamish about your actions. All life is an experiment. The more experiments you make the better. What if they are a little coarse, and you may get your coat soiled or torn? What if you do fail, and get fairly rolled in the dirt once or twice. Get up again, you shall never be so afraid of a tumble.*

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BOOKMARK

A Psychic in the Heartland

BY BETTILU STEIN FAULKNER

Bettilu Stein Faulkner compiled a fine book, *A Psychic in the Heartland,* from the journal, personal notes and recordings of her Uncle, Dr. Riblet B. Hout, who had been on a spiritual journey most of his life. The book details the mystical biography of "The Extraordinary Experiences of a Small Town Doctor" and may sound familiar, as we printed a chapter about the "process of dying" from it in the October 2001 issue. *TNS* received many inquiries about this book, so received permission to print another section of the book. The difficulty was in choosing which material to select, as the information is all very interesting and filled with wonderful accounts of continuing life, out of body travels to the Spirit World, the importance of our thoughts, spirit guides and messages from the other side. This book is published by Moment Point Press, Inc., P.O. Box 4549, Portsmouth, NH 03802-4549, www.momentpoint.com.

The Doctor had been wondering about everything concerning life after death and the reality of going on. Bettilu comments that the Guide, George, presents a different picture of newly born spirits in the next realm than some of us have received previously. That life on a spirit plane is harmonious with their present state of spiritual evolution. Their needs will be fulfilled, and there are spirit teachers to help them.

TRANSITION

GEORGE speaking: I have come to you because of your request and will tell you about transition to the Spirit World when you die, but be aware that life goes on unchanged when you pass away from the physical body.

There are several planes of life that exist which are lower in vibration rate than in this world where I live now. This plane of life and those Worlds below me could be likened unto those which are called the Purgatorial Realms or Planes of life. This is where the spirits that are new-born into the Spirit World go where they may review their lives. They learn something of the spiritual evolution so they may cast off their previous activities, which were of the Earth, and look toward spiritual light to guide them in future living. The Purgatorial Planes, or the lower realms of (spirit) life, are those planes to which most spirits go when they come over here to my world just at the time of death. They pass away from the physical body into a type of a sleep or a coma, and they awake in a strange place. It's like finding themselves in a different country or perhaps a different environment which they'd never seen previously. The plane of life in which they find themselves is dependent upon their spiritual progress while they lived on your plane, on Earth.

However, for you, Riblet, it will be a little different from that. You will enter a plane of life which will seem familiar to you, and you'll see those people around you whom you have seen many times before, both in spirit and on the physical plane. We want you to know that we are doing everything we can to help you make decisions whereby you can better "spiritualize" your life and let material things come for spiritual advancement.



The newly born spirits will progress according to their comprehension of spiritual life; and they will find themselves in a realm which is harmonious with their present evolutionary spiritual state. This place called purgatory is really a realm of life or a plane wherein you purge yourself of material aspects of living—the lesser, the negative things—and turn your face toward God, as it were, toward the higher spiritual realms. This is done with the aid of spirit teachers who are taught primarily to act as helpers in the darker planes. On those planes there are many structures that would be like hospitals or luxurious places of abode where newly born spirit people are taken to learn something about the laws governing their new existence.

These structures are placed in great park-like vistas where the landscape and the atmosphere is conducive to peace and quietness and to expansion of spiritual awareness. The light that will be shed onto these people in the way-stations or houses of learning is such that gradually the newborn spirit people will experience a newly awakened consciousness. They will begin to see that the ideas they had fostered through Earth living, while real, were sometimes in error. They will be helped by guardians of light—those people who are trained in aiding

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the newborn spirits.

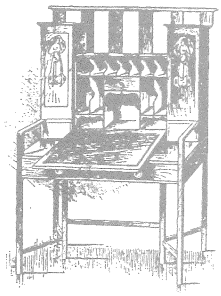
After they learn enough of the laws of life regarding spiritual living, they can advance into a new consciousness, a new vision, and different ideas. The next planes are devoted to inspirational living with progress in spirituality where the newly arrived spirits will live after death.

I think an important point to consider is the fact that, when you die, you are not going to be a so-called "changed person." The realm of light will be close to you and about you if you can partake of it, if you can become consciously aware of it. It won't be there unless you can. The fulfillment of your needs will be at hand, and you can utilize those things which you need as soon as you learn the laws governing your future habitation. As I said, you will not be a changed person, as a spirit; you will go on exactly as you are now living on the Earth Plane. The difference is that here, where I am, you will have divested yourself of your physical body. But still you will have a body, and it will be the exact duplicate or replica of you which is your spirit being. You will utilize this body for some time to come, for a long time perhaps, before a transition is made into another form of existence which will go on beyond this realm in which I often find myself. The activities you will enjoy will depend a lot on the activities that you are having on the Earth Plane, that is, the activities of thinking, the activities of spiritual yearning.

If your thoughts, desires, and ideas tend to be harmoniously correct with the laws of spirit life, you will advance rapidly over here because you will find yourself uninhabited. You will not be thwarted by frustrating events which can hold you back from the true expression of your real self. However, those things will work themselves out in their own way and in their own manner without a great deal of manipulating on your part. You, when you are over here, will soon learn to live within the law of reality, just as you are living according to your understanding of reality there on the Earth Plane where you are now. You will be less inhibited, less limited, and more able to advance into higher realms of spiritual thinking. Over here, without the hesitancy of the brain, without the slower vibratory activity of physical manipulative thought, you will react intensely and quickly to things which will help control your existence in a much more harmonious way than you can possibly comprehend there where you are. I'm sure you need not worry too much about what's going to happen to you when you die. You'll be taken care of, just as you are taken care of there on the physical plane.

The laws of your existence in the physical plane state that you must live in certain lines of physical law in order to express life. For instance, in your World you must be in a place where there is sufficient oxygen to control the need of the oxygen in your physical body. You must live in a certain realm of light so that light rays may infiltrate themselves through your skin and into the cells of your body and give you energy from that source. You must be where there is sufficient food so that the body can break down certain substances and express life through the digestive process and in the cells of the physical body.

So it is over here. The things that you will do, reactions you will make, will be in line with spiritual law. Spiritual law governs here just as it does where you are except that here spiritual law is more readily attunable to one's needs. One thinks, the law reacts almost with immediate, harmonious reaction. The law of cause and effect is quickened. Those things which you can utilize for your good are at hand, always to be had. You think you may struggle a bit over here or temporarily find yourself in a foreign environment, but you will progress rapidly because spiritual law is more amenable to spiritual thought and harmony—a truer law of life. Harmony will prevail here, where confusion and ignorance may be prevalent where you live.



Don't be confused as to those things which are in the *Bible* pertaining to life after death and the idea that man must be born again in order to inherit eternal life. We interpret "born again" to mean birth into the Spirit World. Being born again means that you must reunite your spiritual thinking with true spiritual law. Then, you can move into the realm of spiritual life as it is over here—not as it is according to the concept of some people on the Earth Plane.

We are interested in your progress and observe the thoughts of yourself and those around you. We hope the time will soon come when we can find ourselves truly together. Perhaps I've utilized all the power that is available for me at this time, as words are coming distinctly but are slowing down in concept, so for the present, I'm going to withdraw and let you seek inspiration through meditation—through trying to receive the radiation of light as it comes to you from our world just now.

Riblet, I like to see nature at its best. I like to find my world of peace and quiet and relaxation and subdued light, and visualize the world about me as being the perfect place of nature—quiet, undisturbed, with sunlight filtering through the trees, sitting upon the edge of an infinite power of light as I would cast my eyes out toward the sea, surrounded only by the peace of the infinite, like the setting of the sun, like the waves upon water, like the peace such as would be suggested by a vision of a perfect blossom, a rose perhaps...Amen

GEORGE speaking. Glad to have spoken. Will be with you very soon again. 'Bye. ❑

SPIRITUAL HEALING REQUEST

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

Healing Prayers are requested for:

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I will pray with NSAC Prayer Groups:

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

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

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

CHECK HERE ☐

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

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

– Prayer for Spiritual Healing –

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

Healthy Consciousness

The theme and most of the quotes are taken from *Personal Spirituality,* the newsletter from the Edgar Cayce Foundation, A.R.E.

Isn't it wonderful that science is verifying what Spiritualists already know? In numerous tests it has been proven "that spiritually active people are generally healthier and heal faster than those who have no spiritual dynamic in their daily lives." One of the first things we learn when we enter this great religion is about Natural Law and that we live in consciousness, so as Spiritualists we use these Laws to change our consciousness which then integrates into all aspects of our being. We practice sending out love, so love will return to us—we know that love heals.

Now this is not to say we won't ever be sick, or that we should judge those who are experiencing an illness as less spiritual. Often an illness is a necessary cleansing or a teacher for the lessons each soul has agreed to experience. Some of us arrived in the physical expression with a congenital birth defect which we carry with us every day. It is how we react to these challenges that affects our spiritual energy. I have seen spiritual souls go through cancer, heart problems or some other "dis-ease" and grow more spiritual. They become teachers for the rest of us with their grace and good humor.

The Divine Creator gave each one of us the gifts of individual consciousness and free will. We can use these to investigate who we are and to choose to be one with Infinite



Spirit. "Only with independent consciousness and free will could we choose to be God's companions and cocreators. Yet, our use of these powers can be a two-edged sword, leading us toward heavenly oneness or toward hellish selfishness. Each of us has to learn how to bring our mind and will into harmony with God's."

Life is about learning. Some lessons are best learned by mistakes made. This is where we have a choice of how we will respond to our lesson. We can rise above the challenge, we can laugh at ourselves and go within to find Spirit's message and allow the Life Force to guide us to greater life experiences.

We know that we live life from the inside out and while we can't change our environment or other people, we can change our thoughts about the world surrounding us, and when we do, life changes.

Dr. Florence Phillips wrote: "It seems to be woven into the fabric of

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Life Continues...

BY THE REV. JUDY MERRILL, Canada



Because of the physical loss of two very dear friends recently, I have been put in a position of examining my own spiritual beliefs. Why do the tears fall, when we know with a certainty that life continues, and they are well in their new life? The tears cleanse the emotions we generate from the loss and disconnection of the love and light that was shared by two souls on their spiritual journey.

When we can calm our own tears of emotion, we are blessed to "just know" that our dear friends have been met and greeted by loved ones of their own. What a joyous reunion we witness of those separated by material conditions! We celebrate the lives that were our friends, loved ones and family. We know their contributions to life will live on beyond their years. We treasure our memories and let love be the key to our communion of spirit.

One of my friends was free to fly when the time came for the body to give up its spirit! There was joy and love shared as she arrived with past loved ones who encouraged her in her new adventure! She was reunited with a loving relationship, how patiently he had waited to join again their hearts in love! Calmed and reassured, she knew she had found home and continuity!

Religious life had been the purpose of my friend and she knew the power of prayers to heal, love and comfort all who sought solace. In this communion of spirit, the prayers sent to ease her journey, she found the love and service of her long enjoyed guidance, returned to her with love. While family held her spirit to the earth, the body was no longer capable of sustaining the spirit power. Then it finally was allowed the freedom to fly to this new abode.

While each spirit, in their own way, knew the love, comfort and solace of spirit communion, its message was now a living reality. No longer would theory take the place of knowledge; no longer would there be questions of existence. Life continues, of this there can now be no doubt. Oh, for each of us to know this comfort, this joy, this contentment with a life well lived, and loved ones to show us our way into this new adventure.

And joy of all joys, we too can **know** this comfort. We can commune with the spirit of the departed to bring us these answers to our fears, these questions of our mortality. We live, we love, we continue. Is there anything more we need to know? This makes our lives a blessing to the God of our own understanding for us to live and love now. For this will become our continuity.

In loving memory of Kathy and Elizabeth: May God bless and keep you.

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SPIRITUAL HEALING

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life that if I want others to be loving and nonjudgmental towards me, I must be loving and nonjudgmental towards them." Projecting what we believe is a form of prayer and affirmation. The Universe does not distinguish between what we think, say, believe about others, or what we think about ourself. All thoughts go into the ethers to return to us. If we think or say someone is mean or stupid, guess what, that energy will return to you. This is not healing energy.

Healing energy is loving, kind, forgiving, understanding, gentle, and uplifting energy. Dr. Phillips teaches that after each statement about others you make, add "just like me." This helps you to remember the Law of Return and think, say and be loving. This helps change your consciousness, which brings healing and changes your life. Affirm that everyone is a beautiful expression of God—just like you, just like me.

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Transition in Nevada



The Rev. Catherine Stewart

The Reverend Catherine Stewart, NST, passed over into the Spirit Realm on January 9th, 2003 at her home in Las Vegas, Nevada. She left behind two loving daughters: Sheila Trexler of San Diego, California and Susan Russum of Las Vegas, Nevada. Catherine "Kit" Stewart's journey on the physical plane began on August 4th, 1928. At a very young age she began receiving messages and talked to "invisible people." The family did not understand.

Mrs. Goin, a prominent Spiritualist from France, came to stay with the family during WWII. Mrs. Goin realized Catherine wasn't crazy, but had a special connection to the other side. She urged the family to nurture Catherine's gift and soon the family was studying Spiritualism.

During this time the Rev. Hugh Gordon Burroughs was the pastor of the Church of Two Worlds in Washington, DC. He was also a NSAC Board member. He became Catherine's mentor and, by the age of eight, she was giving messages regularly at the church. Gordon and Catherine remained lifelong friends.

In the 50's, Catherine began studying nursing and graduated in 1956 as a nurse. All throughout her nursing career, marriage and family, Kit was striving to become a minister and realize her dream of one day starting a church devoted to Spiritualism.

She moved to Las Vegas in 1976 and continued her studies of Spiritualism. In 1987 she held a meeting at her home to see if there was interest in organizing a Spiritualist church. The Rev. Bernard Baker was contacted and he helped her to set up a church and apply for a NSAC charter. She was also helped by the Rev. Joseph Merrill, NSAC President and the Rev. Joseph Sax, NSAC Trustee. The Spiritualist Desert Church, NSAC was chartered with a dedication service on November 1, 1987. Catherine completed the Morris Pratt Course, was a Certified Medium, a Commissioned Healer, a National Spiritualist Teacher and a NSAC Missionary. She was ordained in 1994 and both of her dreams became reality. Kit regularly attended the NSAC Conventions and in 1996 the Church hosted the NSAC Convention in Las Vegas.

The Rev. "Kit" Stewart was a mentor for many Spiritualists in her own right and a dynamic advocate of Spiritualism. She will be remembered as a powerful medium and healer. A champagne celebration was held at Kit's request at her home on January 11, 2003, and all who came celebrated the life of a very special lady.

Celebration in California



Back Row: Jerry Keene, David Haddick, Rev. Don Nauratil. Front Row: Jessie Haddick, Pamela Archer, Rev. Betty Nauratil, Phyllis Macdonald, and Chelsea Cabrera.

On February 2nd, the Spiritualist Church of Two Worlds in San Leandro, California, celebrated its 30th birthday. The Rev. Donald Haddick who officiated at the original Charter presentation has spoken at each Church birthday since then until his passing last year. His presence at the Church's birthday last year was his last public appearance before taking ill. In his absence, his son, David Haddick, spoke at this year's celebration. Donald's wife, Jessie Haddick, favored us by attending the celebration. Food (lot of it) and birthday cake were enjoyed by all present.

Transition in Maine



Madelaine Coombs

Friends of Temple Heights celebrated the life of Madelaine Coombs. On February 1st, 2003, Madelaine Coombs went to join her loved ones on the Other Side. Mad spent many years baking cookies, making meals, keeping the Temple Heights gardens alive and flourishing, and saving all events at the camp for posterity with her wonderful photographs. To say we will miss her greatly is not exactly correct...we will miss her, physically, but we know without a doubt that Madelaine will be at Temple Heights just as

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What happened in *JUNE* throughout the years?

JUNE

The famous month for **weddings**. If you are planning a wedding and begin to get cold feet about some difference between you and your intended, and wonder if the problem surmountable or not, take time to go into meditation. Ask for guidance and trust your intuition. Let Love always be the theme of your marriage.

JUNE 6, 2003

Spiritualist Day Celebration was begun in England as a day to honor and celebrate our great Science, Philosophy and Religion of Spiritualism. Set aside a few minutes today to visualize a strong, growing, loving Religion.

JUNE 5, 1783

The **first Balloon Flight** was conducted 220 years ago in Annonay, France, by the brothers Joseph and Jacques Montgolfier. The balloon only traveled for about 10 minutes, but marked the first time humanity had managed to get any kind of an object to fly. Let your spirit soar today.

JUNE 15, 2003

Father's Day is celebrated today to honor the men who have played an important part in our lives. Send blessings and thanks to your Dad, grandfathers, step-father, big brother and/or foster father.



JUNE 17, 1832

Sir William Crookes was born on this date. He was one of England's most noted chemists and physicists. Crookes conducted experiments with medium Florence Cook under laboratory conditions. He photographed her guide, Katie King, in various stages of materialization. Other fine mediums, including D. D. Home, also worked with him in scientific testing to prove the validity of mediumship and Spiritualism.

JUNE 17, 1885

The **Statue of Liberty** arrived in New York, a gift from the people of France. She stands in the harbor lighting the way with her torch to remind us of our freedoms and our independence. Let there be Peace on Earth.

JUNE 21, 2003

Summer Solstice, or the beginning of the summer season, is the turning point in the sun's cycle. Research has shown that exposure to the sun can keep down the levels of certain brain chemicals that might make you feel depressed, so go outside and get happy!

JUNE 22, 1840

The birth date of **Mattie E. Hull**. Mattie was psychically sensitive as a child and her parents sought medical help. The doctors drugged, bled and blistered her to no avail. As Mattie's mediumship increased, the neighbors were invited in to witness her automatic writing and hear the child "preach in her sleep." Finally someone told them that this sickness was mediumship. When she was 13, some Spiritualist Churches opened in New Hampshire and Massachusetts, so the young girl began to give discourses and became a Spiritualist. She was best known as a speaker and traveled from Maine to California, serving the churches and camps. In 1873, she married Moses Hull and they worked together for Spiritualism. They were strong advocates of education for ministers and speakers. Mattie is also remembered for hundreds of poems.

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"What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us." – *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

NOTES FROM THE FIELD

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much as ever. And, Mad, we sure hope you enjoy your visits to Hawaii!!!

February 9th, we celebrated her life at a memorial service held in Northport, Maine. Jeanne Bower invited the Rev. Lois Croes to give the Invocation, then Earl Wallace, LM, continued with the service. Pat Wallace read what she had received from Spirit regarding life and death. Many other friends gave testimony of their love for Madelaine by telling of the memories they shared with her. Madelaine was in our lives for such a short time, but we all learned so much from that experience. We love you, Mad. Be sure to stop by for a visit and see the gardens Madelaine planted and loved. ❑

111th Annual NSAC Convention

Millbrae, California

October 5th–10th, 2003

Location:

The convention and lodging are both at

Clarion Hotel at San Francisco Airport
401 East Millbrae Avenue
Millbrae, CA 94930
Hotel Direct: 1-800-223-7111
Fax: 1-650-777-7707

Reservations:

Contact the Clarion Hotel by September 14th.
Phone: 1-800-223-7111

Rooms:

$85.00 (plus tax) per night, (single, double, triple, quad). For this special rate, please be sure to **advise the Hotel that you are attending the NSAC Convention.**

Accommodations:

Handicap accessible accommodations; TV with complimentary premium channels, in room computer dataport, hair dryer, iron and full size board, coffee maker, fitness center, outdoor heated swimming pool; adjacent to scenic SF Bay jogging trail.



Shuttle Service:

24 hour complimentary airport shuttle. There is a hotel courtesy phone board at all baggage claim areas for direct phone access to the hotel.

Location: Traveling North or South on Highway 101, take the Millbrae Avenue Exit East to the Hotel entrance. Parking free with the arrangements for a Parking Pass at the Front Desk.

Calendar of Events

Sunday, October 5th
10:30 am – Healing and All Message Service at the Hotel
2pm to 4pm – Welcome Reception
7pm – Healing and Worship Service

Monday, October 6th
All Day – Seminar and Workshop
Theme: Phenomena and more
Hours: 8:30am to 4pm
Cost: All Day - $18.00; 1/2 day - $10.00
6pm – Banquet with Musical Entertainment

Tuesday, October 7th thru Friday, October 11th
9am to 5pm – Convention Business Meetings
7pm – Healing and Worship Service followed by Service Club Meetings
Tues. NST; Wed., Ministers;
Thurs., Healers; Fri., LM/CM

Hosted by:
California State Spiritualists' Association and the CSSA Northern Council Churches

Theme:
"Infinite Possibilities with Spirit"

Banquet:



Monday, Oct. 6th
6pm by reservations only!
Dinner Buffet
$30 including tax and tip.
Reservations must be made by September 27th, 2003:
Make check or money order for $30, payable to:
CSSA Northern Council
(Mail to) Evie Sordelet
5537 Whitney Ave.
Carmichael, CA 95608

BANQUET MENU:
Antipasto with Grilled Vegetables; Mixed Green Salad; Penne Pasta with Marinara Sauce, Grilled Chicken Breast, Poached Salmon, Garlic Roasted Potatoes and Fresh Seasonal Vegetables; Rolls and Butter; Assorted Dessert Buffet; and Choice of Coffee and Teas.

Tours:

San Francisco City Tour:
A tour of the most colorful and culturally diverse city in America. Cross the Golden Gate Bridge and Twin Peaks for panoramic view of the area. Highlights include "the painted ladies" Victorian mansions, Opera House, City Hall, Union Square, Chinatown, Coit Tower, Fisherman's Wharf, Marina district, Palace of Fine Arts and more.

Winchester Mystery House, San Jose: Some say Sarah Winchester believed building the house would prevent her death or appease the spirits of the many killed by the Winchester rifles that built her fortune. Others said that Sarah Winchester was just a crazy lady who listened to spirits for 38 years for directions to build this marvelously strange building.

Reservations must be made by September 27th.
Make check or money order for $25, payable to:
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Indicate either City Tour, or Winchester Mystery House, *and* Lunch choice: Beef, Turkey, or Vegetarian Sandwich
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For further information call the MPI Office at:
414-774-2994 or fax: 414-774-2964,
or email: mpratt@execpc.com

2003 SITES AND DATES:

- **LILY DALE, NEW YORK:**
  Lily Dale Spiritualist Camp – Two Week Session
  June 14 – 7:00 p.m., Orientation; **June 15-27**, Classes
  Instructor: Rev. Sharon Snowman, NST
- **NORFOLK, VIRGINIA:**
  Two Week Session
  May 31 – 7:00 p.m., Orientation; **June 1 – June 13**, Classes
  Instructor: Rev. Ann Otzelberger, NST
- **MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN:**
  Morris Pratt Institute – **Split Session – Two Years**
  Week One: Oct. 25 - Oct. 31, 2003 – 7:00 p.m., Orientation
  Week Two: April 17-23, 2004
  Instructor: Rev. Pamla Ashlay, NST

CLASSES: Daily - 8 hours, classroom; Sundays - specified church assignments. Materials: List will be provided upon payment of deposit. Required books will be provided. Additional books may be ordered at site.

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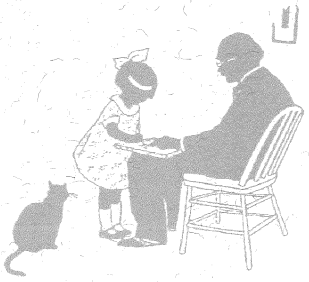
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National Spiritualist Association of Churches

1. We believe in Infinite Intelligence.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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