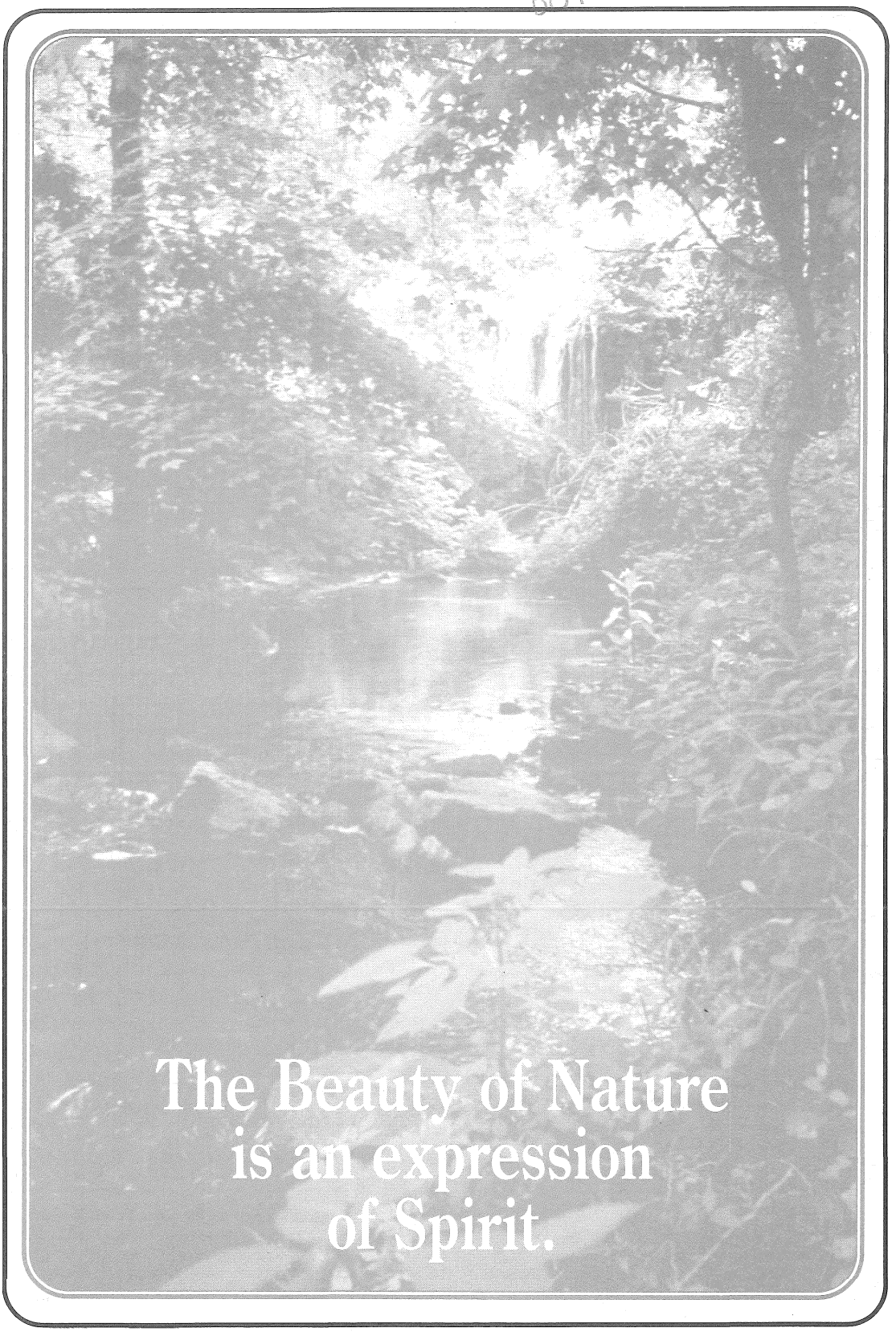
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Through The Doorway Of Life!

BY THE REV. SANDRA PFORTMILLER, NST

Now don't try to locate "spiritualpasskey.com" on the World Wide Web, for it is just the title of this article, but maybe I best check so no surprises will come back to me. It seems that everything in the physical can be researched on the Web. Wonderful hours can be spent surfing almost any subject. Wouldn't it be interesting if we could go to a site that would tell us everything we needed in our soul's life to progress, for each of us has a spiritual passkey or a spiritual code that we have come into the physical with to pattern our lives after.

Actually our personal Web site or key for growth is found within and is a part of our everyday life and actions, whether we realize it or not. Take a moment to describe your key or the way you want to flow through life. What is the main focus of you, the talent, the calling? Love and Light. Natural Law. Spiritualism or Religion. Service. Healing. Music. Words. Artist. Humor. Helper. Organizer. Teacher. These are just a few of the ways we express our higher selves in our daily life.

You can relate your key with your purpose, or to the contract your soul has agreed to perform during your residence in the physical. Life's journey leads us on various paths and similar results may be gained through different experiences. There are times in our lives that we move every way except toward the door which the passkey opens. Then the embryo of the soul or spark of Divine Inspiration gets our attention and moves us toward our spiritual goal again. This inner glow of Infinite Intelligence has all the attributes and qualities of this Supreme Power, but only to the degree the individual accepts and receives these qualities within. It is always with us. Dr. Victoria Barnes wrote: *This Power never dies. If through ignorance, disinterestedness, selfishness or otherwise we fail to develop this potentiality here, it will express in the Spirit World where conditions for so doing are more conducive to spiritual unfoldment. The great invisible, universal Power is of and in every expression of life be it physical or spiritual.*

This expression of Spirit in everything is one of the great lessons we learn when we become a Spiritualist. The Universal expression of Infinite Mind uses the created parts to express. We are part of Creator-God, and God is part of all creation, further creating through all life. Each life is significant in the whole picture, and as we make ourselves worthy, the soul makes greater progress.

Nature reveals continuous change, with no known annihilation, following the great creative Principle/Natural Life. This means no death, ever, rather a change of form into new form as the spirit continues. Life is continuous and the Law of God governs life both in the physical realm and in all realms. When the physical dies, the spirit is reborn or changed, but the essence of who we are continues. Dr. Victoria Barnes taught: *All progression is forward, onward and upward, the lesser forms of life gradually evoluting into higher expressions, so too, with Man, from a more or less materially minded and actuated individual on Earth to a more spiritualized being, a* re-formed being — *after passing through the Doorway of Death.*

A spark of the Great Light is the individual called you, containing many wonderful qualities and many experiences to look forward to. Each passkey is specially formed for each special individual, and, every one is important. There are many doorways a person must pass through in life, every one of them is for our transformation. Spiritualism helps us to know how to flow through life with greater ease, in an upward direction. It teaches us Natural Law.

Four guidelines Spiritualism teaches come to mind as an aid to growth: Thoughts (desire and intention), love (self and others), meditation-prayer (communing with the higher force) and continuous existence. A brief look at how these can unlock the growth process.

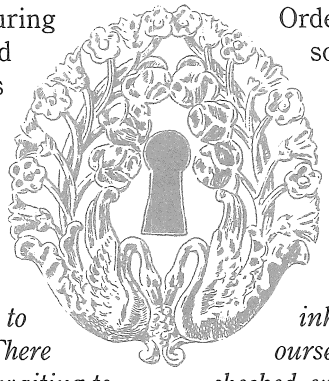
The creative process of life flows through our thoughts and feelings, returning to us in accordance with our attitudes and beliefs. If we are creating experiences in our lives that are less than pleasing, then we have the power to change our consciousness, thereby delivering energy into the ethers to return to us according to our intention and desire. That really is awesome to consider. Just think, you have the creative ability and power to draw into your life wonderful experiences. David J. Walker writes: *When there's more in your mind that supports what you want to experience, rather than contradicts it, you will have attained it...Through the Divine Intelligence within us, the sum total of a mind's content determines its experience.* We each have the opportunity, the ability and the responsibility for our life and our growth. The voice within will guide us and we must trust it—Trust God.

The Universe is governed by Natural Law and Love. The Great Spirit is within every thing and within every Law, accepting creation as it expresses. All life is spirit and exists because its energy comes from the Divine Architect. Service and Love are the expressions of Great Spirit. Love of self and others brings us to accept, not judge and to forgive. Spirituality is practicing kindness and tolerance,

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helping where we can, and sharing love.

In order to attune with the Spirit Light and higher levels of consciousness, it is necessary to withdraw for a brief time from the earthly field into a quiet state of meditation and prayer. The doorway to communing with the higher forces stands open within each of us, but we have to use the path of silence to enter. Every day look within to see if you are following your higher purpose where you find yourself in that moment. The answer to the query will tell you whether to stay or go, to change or enhance what you are doing. Any time we have a soul question about life, there is only one place to obtain correct information. The Absolute at the center of our being is always available when we become quiet and listen. During meditation the field of the mind attunes and interacts with a higher consciousness which is the cornerstone to spiritual progress, a passageway to develop the "gifts of spirit," and is a means for the spirit to encourage guidance and healing.



The great spirit guide Silver Birch teaches: *No limits can be set to the Great Infinite Spirit, to the wisdom, to the inspiration, to the truth that can be showered upon your world. There are no restrictions to the mighty power of Spirit waiting to fill your world when your instruments (mediums) can provide the right channels for us to use.*

Spiritualists have proven continuous existence through meditation and spirit greetings. Frank Newman in *Spirit of the New Millennium* tells us that each of us has been given a spirit entity who *has been given the task of acting as a guide throughout an individual's life, and if successful in promoting a positive way of life within the mind of the soul of that individual, will be there to greet that person on transition...The higher the level of consciousness and the more positive the thought, the greater the intercession of those from a higher level of consciousness.* We are all mediumistic in various degrees and often sense or feel the unseen helpers around us. The more open we are to our guides, the more they can assist us. We ask and they help, but of course we also must do our part. Our guides understand that there is a beautiful purpose for each experience and have in view our ultimate path's direction.

We have learned from spirit communication that humanity is but a small part of reality; that there are various levels of energy and light in the world beyond, with a hierarchy of beings that are attracted by levels of consciousness, and who through energy fields work to maintain the harmony of the planet Earth.

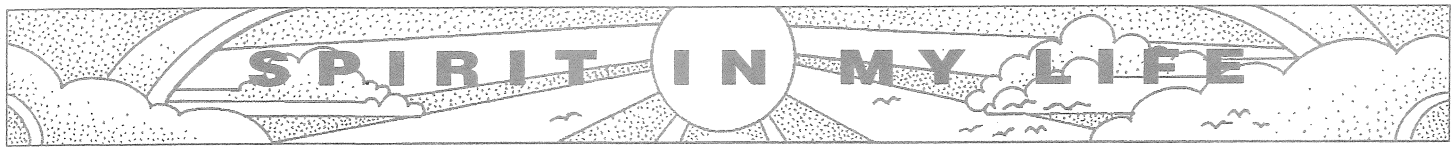
Our entire Universe is subject to Spiritual Law and Order, so when energy is changed it must go somewhere. Scientist, Dr. Paul Davies, reinforced the view of life beyond the physical in his conception of the electromagnetic nature of life and quantum worlds. *Quantum theory, if accepted literally, leads to the conclusion that the world we experience—the universe we actually perceive—is not the only universe. Co-existing alongside it are countless billions of others, inhabited by myriads of near carbon copies of ourselves. It is central to the quantum theory and can be checked experimentally, that the alternative worlds are not always completely disconnected from our own; they overlap our perceived universe and jostle its atoms. We arrive then at a definition of life as organized electromagnetic energy, probably based on chemical bonding.*

Spiritualism has a common sense approach to life that teaches us to continue to strive to lift our energy now, as we recognize that it will benefit our soul's expansion forever. Therefore, we use our thought-mind, our love actions, and our inner awareness to open the key to our spiritual progression. Our inner web master guides us as we surf within in silence and expectancy.

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If I lie down one day and die in my sleep,
How will I know if I still dream,
A dream of death in life or a dream of life in death.
That maybe I will wake again a child still dreaming.
And how will I know which life I have left before sleep,
And which life I have come to on waking?
Would I dream of dying or die of dreaming?
And is there a difference?

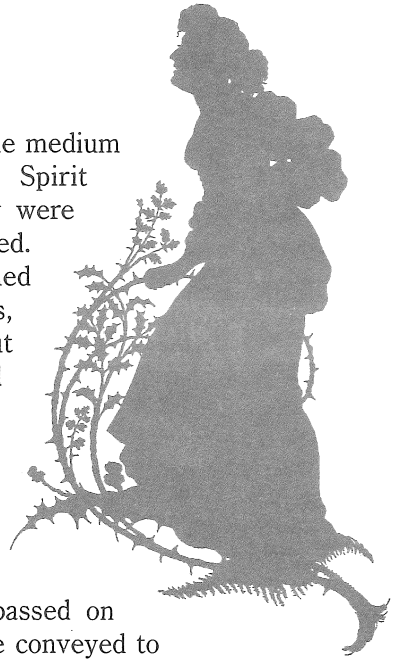
– Peter Lorie



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

A Voice Spoke

BY MARLITA SPRINGETT, New York



It was a cold morning in early February, clear and still. There were no cars and no other walkers but I. Walking always helped me think and find better directions. Old troubles and now new ones were sinking me into a well of no return despair. Then, from somewhere deep down inside me burst out a silent plea, "I need help."

Instantly, a voice spoke, "SPIRITUALIST CHURCH." It came from above and ahead of me, strong and sure with understanding, caring, and authority. The words came only to me and for me, I knew in my heart.

Yet, silently I replied in thought, "What is that, what does it mean?"

Again the voice spoke a faint echo, "Spiritualist Church."

Then I recalled some twenty years before, living in Canada, a neighbor had told me about visiting a Spiritualist Church. She had been very surprised to receive a loving message from her young daughter who had died at birth, the smaller of twins. We talked about that awhile. Since that long ago day, it had never again entered my mind, but a seed had been planted. Now it was time for that seed to grow and bloom.

The next surprise was how I found a Spiritualist Church. It was not in a distant larger city as I supposed it would be. It was listed in the phone book only two miles away in my hometown. My first visit there would be alone, not knowing what it would be like, not even my daughter nearby would know about this adventure until afterwards.

There was a warm welcome for me at the church the next Sunday morning. On the wall of the entrance was a serene picture of Christ, and I felt reassured. The service was entirely positive and very uplifting including songs from my childhood church days. Refreshingly, there was nothing about punishment or guilt. Still, I began to wonder why the voice had led me here. Thinking the service was over; I was ready to leave. Then the pastor introduced, "The medium for today." What could this mean? Since no one knew me, I waited quietly.

Several persons in the congregation received greetings and messages through the medium from someone in the Spirit Realm. I could tell they were both comforted and guided. The pastor had explained something of the process, so I was not alarmed, but rather inspired. It seemed so natural and so good.

Then the medium turned to me! She conveyed thoughts from three persons I had known. One was a favorite aunt who had passed on several years before. She conveyed to me, "Things will be coming together soon. Don't despair." Then, a gentleman I had cared for as a home nurse gave these words, "This is a good place. Everything is fine here." They gave great affection, guidance and reassurance; and there was no doubt of their identities. I felt overwhelmed with peace and gratitude.

As I walked home after that amazing experience, it truly seemed my feet never touched the ground. My awareness was very clear on two counts. I now knew for certain that individual life continues on (after death); and if a person needs help, just ask, for it is there. The gratefulness in my heart has remained as an ever-present guiding strength.

My daughter was very impressed with my story, and before long we were attending the Spiritualist Church together. What a celebration of new positive direction and attitude! We both have felt steady inner healing from our life troubles. We both continue now on our spiritual journeys with the joys of growing insights and guidance. It is a special joy that our journeys are so much shared. Always, with gratitude we will be open to the voice of Spirit.

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PROSPERITY

BY THE REV. KATHLEEN CRIBB, Virginia



"All the abundance you want is already here. You just have to tune into it. Anything you must have starts to own you. Ironically, when you release it, you start getting more of it." – Dr. Wayne Dyer

Here is a 21st century parable that we should all remember. The cheerful girl with bouncy golden curls was almost five. Waiting with her mother at the checkout stand, she saw them: a circle of glistening white pearls in a pink foil box. "Oh please, Mommy. Can I have them? Please, Mommy, please?"

Quickly the mother checked the back of the little foil box and then looked back into the pleading blue eyes of her little girl's upturned face. A dollar ninety-five. That's almost $2.00. "If you really want them, I'll think of some extra chores for you and in no time you can save enough money to buy them for yourself. Your birthday's only a week away and you might get another crisp dollar bill from Grandma."

As soon as Jenny got home, she emptied her penny bank and counted out 17 pennies. After dinner, she did more than her share of chores and she went to the neighbor and asked Mrs. McJames if she could pick dandelions for ten cents.

On her birthday, Grandma did give her another new dollar bill and at last she had enough money to buy the necklace. Jenny loved her pearls. They made her feel dressed up and grown up. She wore them everywhere—Sunday school, kindergarten, even to bed. The only time she took them off was when she went swimming or had a bubble bath. Mother said if they got wet, they might turn her neck green.

Jenny had a very loving daddy and every night when she was ready for bed, he would stop whatever he was doing and come upstairs to read her a story. One night when he finished the story, he asked Jenny. "Do you love me?"

"Oh yes, Daddy. You know that I love you."

"Then give me your pearls."

"Oh, Daddy, not my pearls. But you can have Princess—the white horse from my collection. The one with the pink tail. Remember, Daddy? The one you gave me. She's my favorite."

"That's okay, Honey. Daddy loves you. Good night." And he brushed her cheek with a kiss. About a week later, after the story time, Jenny's daddy asked again, "Do you love me?"

"Daddy, you know I love you."

"Then give me your pearls."

"Oh Daddy, not my pearls. But you can have my baby doll. The brand new one I got for my birthday. She is so beautiful and you can have the yellow blanket that matches her sleeper."

"That's okay. Sleep well. God bless you, little one. Daddy loves you." And as always, he brushed her cheek with a gentle kiss.

A few nights later when her daddy came in, Jenny was sitting on her bed with her legs crossed Indian-style. As he came close, he noticed her chin was trembling and one silent tear rolled down her cheek. "What is it, Jenny? What's the matter?"

Jenny didn't say anything, but lifted her little hand up to her daddy. And when she opened it, there was her little pearl necklace. With a little quiver, she finally said, "Here, Daddy, it's for you." With tears gathering in his own eyes, Jenny's kind daddy reached out with one hand to take the dime-store necklace, and with the other hand he reached into his pocket and pulled out a blue velvet case with a strand of genuine pearls and gave them to Jenny. He had them all the time. He was just waiting for her to give up the dime-store stuff so he could give her the genuine treasure.

So it is with Infinite Intelligence. God is waiting for us to give up the cheap things in our lives so that he can give us beautiful treasure. Isn't God good?

Are you holding onto things which God wants you to let go of? Are you holding on to harmful or unnecessary partners, relationships, habits and activities which you have come so attached to that it seems impossible to let go? Sometimes it is so hard to see what is in the other hand, but do believe this one thing...God will never take away something without giving you something better in its place.

God is our supply. We can claim it through His spoken word, all that belongs to us by divine right. We must have perfect faith in our spoken word. If you need something, give thanks to God for providing it to you at the right time, in the right way. We must have perfect faith and act out our lives in perfect faith.

"All things whatsoever ye ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive." Matt 21:22

We can set ourselves up for failure with faulty thinking. A man asked God to wipe out a debt for him. Then he spent his time planning what he would say to his creditor when he did not pay his bill. His negative words neutralized

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Questions & Answers

Q How do I choose a good medium for a private reading?

A If you have seen the medium work in a Worship Service, test their message that is delivered. If it is evidential and a loved one is recognized, then the medium is attuned well to the communicator. Mediumship follows the Laws of Nature, so the energy you receive from a medium is the wave length or vibration that they send into the Spirit Realm also. The communicating spirit will be attracted to their energy field. If the individual is loving and compassionate, they will attract the same type of spirit. If they are intelligent, fun loving, positive or negative, the spirit entity will be of a similar vibration. When choosing a medium for a reading, take some time to determine your feelings for the medium; ask your guides and helpers from the next plane to inspire your decision. Then once the medium has been chosen, do your part and come to the reading prepared, on time, attuned and open to the spirit forces.

Q How do we receive our spirit guides?

A As written in the Q & A above, the Law of Attraction and Vibration brings a spirit entity into our "spirit band." This group of helpers are dedicated to aiding our development and assisting us through the physical. This is part of their progression as well as our growth process. Our mentality, our spirituality, our inner essence attracts the kind of guide to us in accord with the energy we are sending forth. There are some guides that remain with us throughout our lives, and other spirit assistants that come for a special need, and then when the project is complete, they move on.

Q Why don't the Spiritualist churches consider the *Bible* the infallible word of God?

A The *Bible* is a beautiful, inspired book filled with references to mediumship, healing and phenomena, along with the history of *Biblical* times. It was written by many different men and then translated by men and women throughout the ages. Truth, compassion, love, understanding and suggestions how to live a good life, flow throughout the book. There are also inconsistencies and questions about some of the sections and it has been said that certain areas have been changed, added or deleted. Each person is advised to test their beliefs in their prayer times to feel their truth.

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his prayer. He should have seen himself, visualized, paying the debt not having angry words with his creditor.

Do you remember the story in the Old Testament where there were three kings in the desert? They were without water for their men and horses. So the kings consulted the prophet, Elisha, who told them a very puzzling instruction to follow.

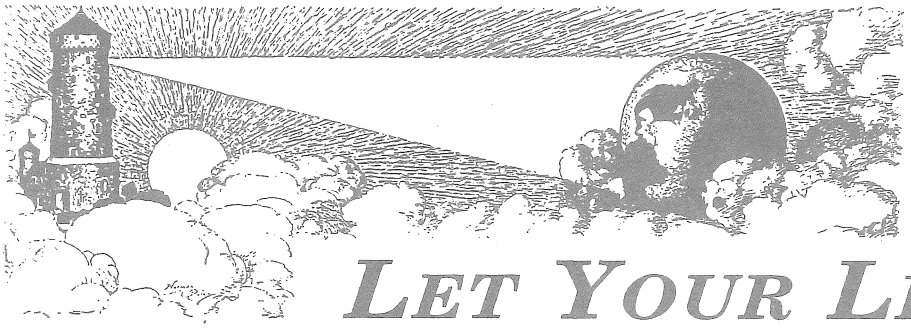
"Thus saith the Lord – make this valley full of ditches..." 2 Kings 3:16-20

We must prepare for the thing we ask for. We must prepare even when there isn't the slightest possibility of it in sight.

We need to hold to our vision and give thanks for the end result. Jesus gave a wonderful example of this when he said, "Say not ye, there are four months and then cometh the harvest? Behold I say unto you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields; for they are ripe already to harvest." Jesus was demonstrating how they can look through the material world into the fourth dimensional world and see things as they really are, perfect and complete in the Divine Mind. All of our prosperity is perfect and complete in the Divine Consciousness.

There is no room in Spiritualism for poverty consciousness. Our churches should joyously pay the $10 NSAC assessment fee for each of its members. They should see this as an opportunity not an expense. They are planting a seed for many new members to come. They should visualize their church full of active participating Spiritualists. They should see in their mind's eye new members attending classes and services and special fund raisers. The treasurer should say a special prayer of thanks to Infinite Intelligence for the great harvest of parishioners.

It is a pretty simple task to count how many seeds are in one grape. But who here can say how many grapes are in one seed. "God only knows!" takes on special meaning when we are discussing prosperity. For truly God is our only supply. God is our reservoir for everything we need. All the abundance you want is already here. You just have to ask for it. ◆



LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

BY THE REV. MIRIAM BOSTWICK, California

Spirit people communicating during a seance or trance session may say to an individual, "Your light was so bright that it helped me." This is because the Light of a spiritually illumined person on Earth goes out to those in spirit when they pass over. In other words, *if* a spirit does not have much Light, that is, does not have much understanding, he or she may be attracted to the Light that is coming forth from spiritually-minded people in the material realm for whom they have love and respect. That Light helps to guide and comfort them. The more people in a family or a community practice Love, the stronger the Light they project. As we in the physical progress spiritually, our chakras or spiritual energy centers open wider and brighten our aura. Spirits feel this energy and it motivates them to want to attain a higher vibration or a lighter realm in the Spirit World.

In order to help me better understand the role earthlings play, my stepdaughter, who recently made her transition, put it this way: "When we first come over and do not have the understanding of someone who had studied, we tend to hearken back to the Earth Plane. If we can find someone that we know who has made the effort to grow spiritually, we can take some of that, or draw some of that Light, some of that energy, and it helps us to move on. We do not feel as lost in a new environment as if we just suddenly severed all connections with the Earth. It is drawing on the familiar—the temporary security of the Earth—to give us the energy, the strength to move on to the new. That Light is going to show the unillumined the way.

"Dad is here, and because of his connection with you, his love for you, and respect for you and your progress, he has taught me to rely on what I receive from you to be creditable or authentic. He is very patient and he is truly a beautiful, beautiful soul. You have helped him to want to grow and he sure has been motivated. That is a tribute to you, to show how much he loves you, and that he does not want to be separated from you as you both go on your spiritual journey. Truly, it is only a thin veil between the worlds and we can reach both ways. I am going to catch up. I am determined and I am going to do it!

"Light plays a very important role in the whole scheme of spirituality. It is Light that we are measured by. And I am learning a little bit about the chakras, the spiritual energy centers. The wider they are open, the more Light that comes through. And so, I hope that I have given you an understanding from my perspective of how a person on Earth can help us on this side of life."

Needless to say, I am very grateful to my husband for his generosity in feeling that I have inspired him in the slightest. The truth is, it has been a reciporal relationship in that respect. Many times I have been discouraged and questioned whether a spiritual path was worth all the effort, but knowing my husband was progressing so beautifully served to encourage and inspire me to pick myself up each time I faltered. Actually, he left me no choice if we were to grow together. By his example, and the strength and support of my wonderful teachers, the boulders along the path seem much easier to surmount. We are not alone, for the veil truly is thin and will become even thinner as we move more and more into this new millennium.

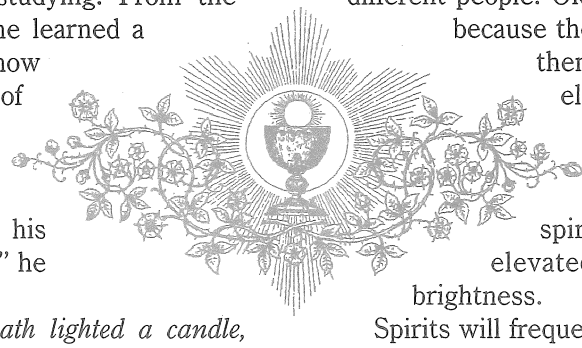
In the Spirit Realm it is very easy to see the contrast between people whose Light is bright and those who have very little Light. No one wants to go to the darkness. Even bugs are drawn to the light. But the individual spirit has free choice to grab hold of the Light, or decide to make no effort at all. If there is a family on Earth without spiritual awareness and their departed spirit loved ones or friends fail to cross over and are in darkness—they have to be reached by those from the higher planes, or be reached through the Light that is being shown by spiritual groups, spiritual centers or churches. Home circles, prayer and study groups have been of great help to those who have passed on.

The Light which shines out of the darkness is the God power. This precious "treasure" of Light that shines forth from our human "earthen vessels" (chakras) for all to see or sense is the expression of that Divine power. The fact that this precious treasure is held in a body of fragile clay proves this transcendent power comes from God alone, and not from us. When people say someone has "a lot of Light,"

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they are sensing the glory of God, or aura, because we bring our Light with us. If someone in the Spirit World went down to a lower realm, they would find that the darkness is literally darkness. They would have to light their own way.

During the so-called "lost years" in the life of Jesus, he was in India and other countries studying. From the Hindus and other Indian teachers, he learned a great deal about the energy centers, how we unfold them, and how the Light of our aura shines forth. He gave these teachings to St. John through seven visions which are recorded in the *Book of Revelation*. Also, in his parable of a "Candle Under a Bushel," he is referring to the Light of the aura.



Luke 8:16: No man, when he hath lighted a candle, covereth it with a vessel, or putteth it under a bed; but setteth it on a candlestick, that they which enter in may see the light. 17: For nothing is secret, that shall not be made manifest; neither any thing hid, that shall not be known and come abroad.

This parable is saying that the Light that we shine forth is our aura, and our aura is attracting all those around us. It is giving Light or a positive, uplifting, healing influence to those in our sphere of influence.

We cannot hide our Light. It is not a secret we can keep. Our aura is visible to all who are able to read it. Those who cannot see another person's aura can sense the vibration that is being emanated. The parable is talking about a person who has elevated himself or herself spiritually. One does not just leave that on the side; one uses that spirituality all the time. If we let our Light shine, our good works are going to be seen. We do not have to brag about what we have done. Our efforts to unfold the God power within is evident. By the same token, if we do little to unfold, our aura will be dull. The artists of old painted a golden halo around the saints, and wings on the angels, to indicate purified auras.

When we begin to develop and unfold ourselves spiritually—not psychically—but spiritually, we attract, different people. Old friends tend to shy away from us because they do not understand our Light. We then attract other people who are more elevated. Like attracts like and forms the Law of Attraction. In this way, the auras can mesh more harmoniously. The measure of our spirituality speaks for itself, for an elevated soul shines out in beautiful brightness.

Spirits will frequently say that it pays to make a little effort while here. In fact, we can never make too much effort. Many get to the other side of life and wish they had made more. Even spirit teachers and universal masters who are very elevated will say they still wish they had made more of an effort. They regret things they did not do—things they could have or should have done. We must remember that we are only pilgrims here on Earth. This is not our real home. It is so easy to get caught up in all of the mundane kinds of things that monopolize our world. We are here, not only to unfold our own soul, but to help others, on both sides of the veil, to achieve soul growth through our demonstration and example. ◆

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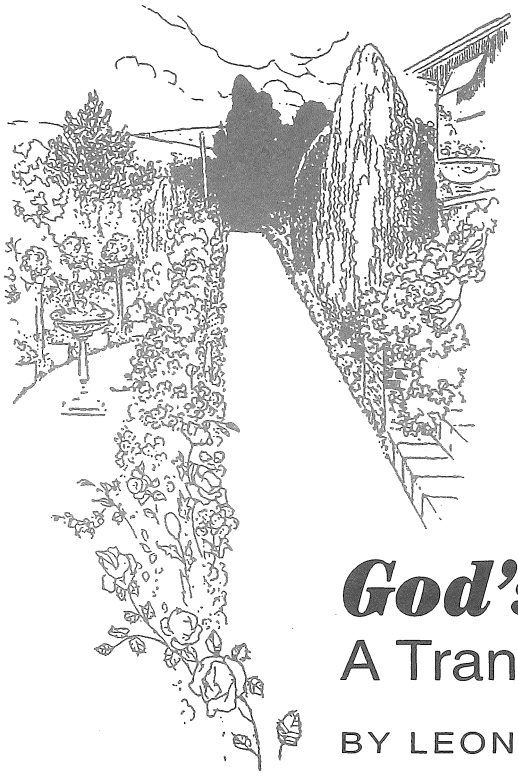
FAVORITE SAYINGS TO LIVE BY

Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.
– Hebrews 13:2

Beauty is the gift of God.
– Aristotle (c.84-322)

Each has guardian angels before him and behind him, who watch him by God's command.
– The Koran (7th Century)

Think of all the beauty still left around you and be happy.
– Anne Frank (1929-1945)



God's Garden
A Trance Message

BY LEONARD FELDSOTT, California

Greetings my children. My name is Sir Alec Drake. I died and passed to spirit in 1894 from the disease called consumption at the age of 47. I thought at the time of my dying how unfair, how unjust. How could there be a God for me to have to die so young? It was not until I was once again in the Spirit World that I realized how truly perfect my life really was. Perfect for the purpose God had intended for me when I was placed in the Garden of Life.

It saddens me to know how many of you look in the mirror and only see old, fat, or flaws. When spirit friends look at you, we only see how beautiful you truly are. What perfect flowers you are growing in God's Garden of Life. Divine Source planted the seed of your life in Earth's garden for you to grow and flourish. You sprouted and grew into this perfect flower. Perfect in every way for the purpose God had intended for you. How is it that you cannot see it for yourself? It is because you only see the shell and not the soul, the spirit that is the true being of who you are.

Each day is a very special day, for it is a re-birth and renewal. When Jesus reappeared in Spirit after the death of his physical body, he demonstrated that life is continuous. Who was this man Jesus? Was he the only Son of God? We say no. Was he the Son of God? We say yes he was, just as you are the sons and daughters of God. Was he a special man? Yes he was. He was a great teacher, healer, minister and medium. So great that he remains in the hearts and minds of millions of people hundreds of years after he walked in God's Garden.

Now my children, I ask that you open your minds and receive the glorious gift of love that God has sent you. Close your eyes and imagine Spirit within you and before you with me to deliver this gift as a great ball of light. A sun so bright it illuminates the entire room. Allow this illumination to penetrate every pore of your body, and receive in your heart and mind a special gift of love from God. It does not matter if you see, feel or experience it, as all who participate will receive this gift.

As you leave this place and continue on your journey through God's Garden of Life you call Earth, share this gift of love and light with those you come in contact with. For every gift of love, generosity and help you give, it will be returned to you tri-fold.

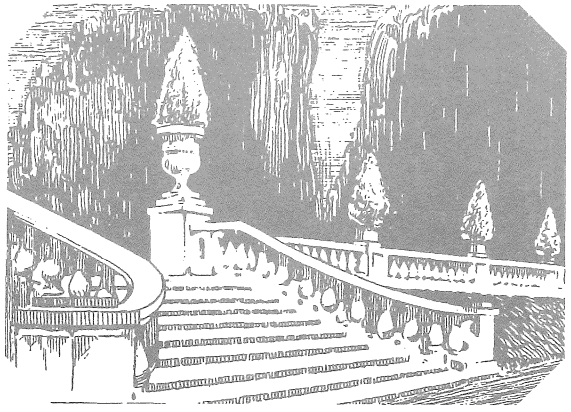
It shall be so wondrous that soon, when you look in your mirror of life, you will truly see how beautiful and perfect you really are. And when the petals of your flower begin to fall and become the wings that carry you back to God's Spirit World, think of how joyous it will be to know that the love and goodness you left behind will be remembered by those you touched in the form of kind thoughts and loving memories. How glorious that will be through your eternity. God Bless you. ◆

Why do you want to open the outside door when there is an inside door? Everything is within.

– Yogaswami

Some Benefits Of Spiritualism

BY CAROL I. O'HARE, Pennsylvania



Many ask "But what good does Spiritualism do?" Spiritualism is a Religion that teaches the continuity of life as it endeavors to comply with God's Laws. Spiritualism is also a Science that investigates, studies and analyzes the facts, and many may not know it is a Philosophy studying Nature's Laws on the physical as well as Spiritual Planes. The conclusions are supported by reason and result of the facts. Spiritualism teaches, and proves, there is no death which eliminates the fear of death. As the continuity of life is proven, one knows that the Spirit continues its development. Spirit simply changes its condition (vibration rate) and by the free will of one's Spirit, Life continues in the Spirit World.

Spiritualism teaches that "We are each spirit, not that we have a spirit." Our spirit is encased in a physical body through which the spirit operates. All thought is received first by that "part" which is "spirit." Spirit receives from Spirit and fed into the mind, the brain, and then activated by the physical.

Spiritualism teaches personal responsibility. It would be unfair to think that someone else must pay for our mistakes, or on the other hand, be responsible for another's errors. If you can learn, then so can most others. You may help one another, but it should not be to take on another's entire debt or punishment for their errors. What becomes of the lesson? One is responsible for oneself; "whatever ye shall sow, so shall ye reap." One cannot expect to go through this physical life, never mending their ways, or not being kind to others. One cannot expect good things to happen if it is not done in return.

While on the Physical Plane, knowledge is the key. Life is to learn, to produce, and to progress. Good deeds attract admiration and cooperation from the generous and noble of every age and country. Through many lessons, learning continues and one progresses to certain levels. These levels are actually "rates of vibration." Everyone learns at their own rate of speed or vibration.

Spiritualism teaches that those who have passed on to the higher side of life are very much conscious and well, but no longer burdened by physical pain or an anguished mind. This fact brings comfort to the bereaved and teaches that there is a place beyond where the soul continues to bloom and grow. Every religion believes that the Soul goes on, but few can say where that place is. Spiritualism proves there is hope in the next expression of Life even for those who have not lived a good and useful life. Through their own free will they are able to take up a life of learning, and making amends for all their wrong doings and come out of their ignorance. Within every individual there is a spark of Divinity, so if an individual passes to the higher side of life, development is also possible in the Spirit World.

Spiritualism demonstrates Continuity of Life and the gifts of spirit today, just as in biblical days. Each individual has some degree of psychic ability, and when properly developed, that unfoldment produces Mediumship. Today's mediumship receives from the Spirit World, just as Jesus, Moses and various other Biblical mediums received.

Humanity's tendency, on one hand, is not towards Truth, but towards materialism, fear, doubt, bigotry, prejudice, and superstition. The main mission of apparitions and materializations has been to show a materialistic world that God does exist, to indicate to us a concern for change and to make sure that people understand the extent of devices available to God to put the world back into order.

Simply and fundamentally, the first and last operation of phenomena and spirit messages should be, "Is it true?" The sum total of human perception should be based upon "The Truth," not will it promote my individual happiness, favor my special projects, develop a gold mine, or make a new religion or society. Sadly, this may be the only message the masses seem to want to hear. In the minority, there is a direct, palpable, tangible proof-of-existence of the human spirit after death. The world does not depend so much on the truth itself, as human receptivity. It is an individual choice. Just as the sun shines through the doors and windows, they may be shut and not receive the light. ◆

Courage For Life

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Go with courage in your Earthly life with the certain knowledge you are not doing it all alone. There are helpers all the time, all the way by your side—seen or unseen. Entities who really support your every step. Help is always at hand to find your Soul, your Goals and your Destiny. As is said, "you never walk alone."

Today you are a "fledgling," and a fully fledged Medium tomorrow with study and practice. Spiritualism needs good, if not excellent, Mediums. Growth is an ongoing process. Finding your path in this life is a most important thing. Soul discovery and path finding are things we all work to accomplish. Once we have begun to learn about our soul, we will be guided to the right path to go forward.

If you go hither and thither it will be a slow trip to where you want to be. If you put your energy into your growth, you will not miss the signposts on the way. Life is not a rehearsal. You will arrive where you need to be, even if you don't know where you are going, but if you are consciously working to be more spiritual, the trip can be quite enjoyable. Believe me, you cannot be anywhere else but where you are right now. There are no mistakes and there are no coincidences.

Have the courage to go for what you really want, for deep down there is a need for it. When you are spiritually prompted, please take heed and go for it! At times we have all ignored inner prompting and often things went wrong. Listen to the voice within, for this is higher guidance.

Deep down we always know right from wrong. All we need for a fulfilled life is our inborn courage and our inbuilt sensitivity. If we ask our guides or helpers for assistance, they will come to our aid. So, therefore, all is in the asking.

Close your eyes and know there is only one of you in the Universe. You are unique and needed, so be happy, be blessed, and always pluck up that courage to go for the next step upwards. As you grow on your path and look back, you will see what you have achieved and this helps you as you take the next move forward. Your spirit loved ones in the Higher life want you to move on, encourage growth, so what is holding you back? Your own self, for it is all up to you if you desire to be more spiritual.

If you want to be a Healer, a Helper, a Medium, or a Counselor—go for it. You will not find the path easy, but work toward your desire anyway. The gift is given to those who ask for it. Sometimes the request was made on the other side by the soul before birth. With dedication, love, trust and courage, you can all develop one or more of the Gifts of Spirit.

All spiritual seekers have gone through a trigger-point in their life where they had no idea how to proceed, and this has turned their thoughts and opened their heart to God, the Great Spirit. Often this open space has brought us closer to the spirit friends and loved ones and we stumble on the truths of Spiritualism. Of course it is not by chance, for there is no such thing—we are guided in this direction. If you were very lucky, someone was a Spiritualist in your family. They would have understood when, as a child, you saw things or heard spirit talking to you, and encouraged you. I have come from such a family. My grandfather talked to spirit, so it is a continuation that I wanted, and worked to become a Medium.

Spiritual people, Mediums, and Healers, need devotion and love—without it, it is difficult to operate on the spiritual level or Spirit Spheres. All is Love! God is Love! It may be difficult to like or love everyone equally, but you can give it a good try at least, can't you? If you don't like people, you don't like yourself. Try, or begin, with yourself and work to appreciate your good qualities. Once you like what you see, then you are ready to move on to the task ahead. Let it be self-empowerment, then helping others usually automatically follows. As you learn from classes, reading or meditation, don't keep it to yourself—share it or pass it on. "If you have a kindness known, pass it on." It will make your world a better world to live in, and mine too.

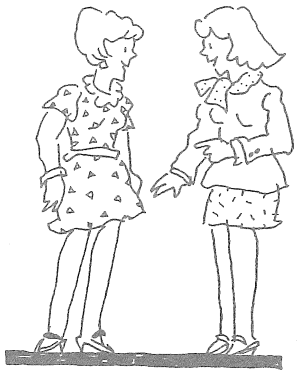
We live in consciousness. You are the only one who makes things happen for yourself, and these things influence others. See good—be good—do good! In this manner you will change your life and touch many in a positive way. I wish you a speedy journey in your endeavor. Love, Light and real progress comes when you have the Courage to put time and energy into your spiritual journey. ◆

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A Friendly Chat

BY THE REV. RUPERT SIGURDSSON, NST, Maine

There is something very special about a friendly chat with a neighbor when walking the dogs early in the morning. Sometimes it may be just a "Hi, how are you," as you pass a neighbor working in the garden or cleaning fresh fallen snow off their driveway. Another will want to talk longer about some new event in their life, show a picture of a new grandson or other experience. It all adds to the pleasures in daily life.

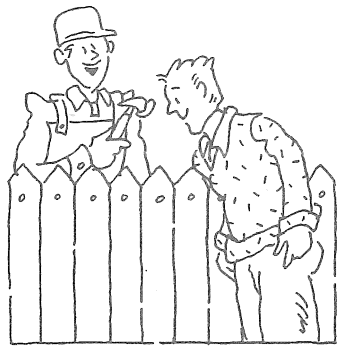


With a Spiritualist, we do not only have a chat with the living, but we also have the privilege of a chat with those loved ones that are now on the spirit side of life, and that is our proof of the continuity of life. But don't expect that neighbor, friend or family member, to suddenly be all knowing just because they are on the spirit side.

There is a big misconception among many, including some long time Spiritualists, that do not seem to realize that we do not become all knowing just because we have entered the spiritual realm. My understanding of talking to spirit for a lifetime, is that, when we arrive on the spirit side, we are still we, the same person that we were when on earth. If we were a person that made good decisions on earth, we would probably be the same in spirit, but those that were not too smart on earth will be about the same way in spirit. We do not suddenly gain all wisdom upon entering the spirit side of life. We do make progress in spirit as time goes on in spiritual matters, but not in matters of the earth.

The earth is our learning area, a school to experience and learn how to handle the every day events and problems we are faced with. It is our mission here to face these problems and to work them out ourselves. We may have chosen them before being born as a means of advancing spiritually, it is not up to those in spirit to solve them for us. We are a spirit with a body and we are in the material and aware of our surroundings. Those on the spirit side can encourage us in our tasks, but it is up to us to make our own decisions.

Here is an example of a Medium that brought through correct information that can hurt a person's future. The Medium answers the question of a person having a reading, "Should I sell my house?"



The Medium said, "Yes, it is a good time." Was this answer from spirit or colored from the Mediums own mind? In one way the answer was good, interest rates are low and houses are selling quickly, but was it right for that person? No, it wasn't, the person had a hard time finding a place to stay and cannot find another place near the price she sold her house for.

Our job as Spiritualists is to prove the continuity of life, to give a verifiable message proving that our friends, relatives, etc., are very much alive and living a full life in an advanced vibration to ours. It is not to expect to have spirit tell us how to make decisions or what to do in life, that is our challenge and learning experience. To learn is the purpose of our earth life to prepare us for a more advanced life in the future.

We realize that there are advanced spirits such as Guides, Teachers, and Doctors on the Spirit Side that do come through to teach us how we should live on earth and love each other. They assist in healing and guide us in our spiritual quest to advance our lives. They tell us about the Spirit Side, but they are not communicating with us to tell how to solve our material problems, that is up to us.

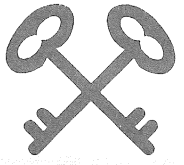
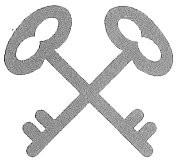
So next time you receive a message from a loved one, whether in a class, message circle or church, be thankful that it proves there are no dead and life is forever, and enjoy a friendly chat that proves their existence. Don't ask them how to run your life, that is your responsibility as our seventh Principle, of our Declaration of Principles so well states.

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

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Positive Statements To Help Create a Positive Day.

Affirmations . . . AUGUST 2003

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 "Power over life must be balanced by reverence for life." – Ann M. Lindbergh	**2** Our purpose in life is to grow into awareness of Oneness with God.
3 All minds have a common origin and are interconnected.	**4** The five physical senses report a restricted message of life.	**5** I am an immortal spirit spark able to influence others with my light.	**6** My sense of good and responsibility indicate a Universal Mind.	**7** Beautiful sounds take on meaning though they are but percussions in the air.	**8** When we speak, it is the summing-up of the wisdom we have gathered.	**9** Truth may be set into song by poets.
10 Our existence is something unfathomably mysterious and exciting.	**11** I affirm how great Infinite Love is for all the creatures of the Universe.	**12** "Some devotees have become full of ecstasy even by a ray of divine glory." – F. Becker	**13** A guardian angel is a spirit guide of high degree.	**14** "God allows the spirit, as its free will develops, to become the master of its choices." – Kardac	**15** "The truth—that love is the ultimate and the highest goal to which man can aspire." – Frankl	**16** The greatest joy in life can be achieved by mastering the lessons the soul came to learn.
17 All life is linked. This is what makes up *the good earth*." – Ann M. Lindbergh	**18** A goal in life is to achieve balance so you can understand the difference of both sides.	**19** The Law of Return is to help you see and change the parts of you that you don't like.	**20** "When energy is taken away from an illusion, it disintegrates." – Arnold M. Patent	**21** Holding on to things we have interferes with the free flow of energy in our lives.	**22** Increase your understanding of the perfection of the Universe and draw good to you.	**23** "Affirmative prayer brings us into alignment with Infinite Truth..." – Carol Sheffield
24 "It is important to share with each other but not compare." – B. J. Wall	**25** Love is not to be kept but to be given away, then it will return.	**26** "Justice is truth in action." – Benjamin Disraeli	**27** Every night be grateful for what you experienced during the day.	**28** When we truly forgive we feel light and free.	**29** Spirit helpers who live in a place of love, will guide your path today.	**30** "Be not simply good; be good for something." – Henry David Thoreau
31 We were made to love and to be loved— share it daily.		**Spiritualism – the passkey to Spirit.**				





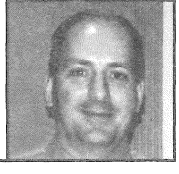

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BANGOR - The Harrison D. Barrett Memorial Church, NSAC
114-118 Harlow St., (under Tesoro Restaurant); Sun. Serv. 10:00 a.m.; Secy., Betty Simpson, 715 Newburgh Rd., Hermon, 04401, (207) 848-2273, e-mail: simpsonb@hermon.net. Church services may be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

HARTFORD - Pinpoint of Light Spiritualist Camp
Mail address: R1, Box 91, Canton, 04221; Open July and August - Service, Seminars and Classes; Secy. Virginia Norris, LM, CH; Pastor, Rev. Rupert Sigurdsson, NST. For information, Phone (207) 597-2600, Fax (207) 597-2295; e-mail: rupert@megalink.net.

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

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

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

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

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

• MARYLAND •

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

• MASSACHUSETTS •

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

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

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

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

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

• MICHIGAN •

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

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

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

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

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

LESLIE - Flower Memorial Spiritualist Church
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.

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

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

• MISSOURI •

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

• NEBRASKA •

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

• NEVADA •

LAS VEGAS - Spiritualist Desert Church, NSAC
Contact Vickie Homann, 602 N. Royal Crest Circle, Apt. 231, 89109; Call (702) 369-9449 for service times and location.

• NEW HAMPSHIRE •

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

• NEW JERSEY •

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

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

• NEW YORK •

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

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

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

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

LONG ISLAND - New Horizons Spiritualist Church
Meeting: at 10:00 a.m., 1130 N. Broadway, Massapequa; Classes available; Mail to: Frances Werbeck, Secy., 43 Grand St., Lynbrook, 11563, (516) 593-7213; Pastor, Rev. N. A. Lloyd, NST, 80 Jefferson Ave., Deer Park, 11729-2004, (631) 243-2935, e-mail: nlloyd@suffolk.lib.ny.us.

LONG ISLAND - Temple of Metaphysical Science, NSAC
15 Oak St., Patchogue, 11772; Sun. Serv.: Healing and Worship 11:00 a.m.; Pastors, Rev. Hugo Ruiz, NST, Rev. Richard P. Schoeller, NST; Mailing address: P.O. Box 3400, Patchogue, 11772, e-mail: TMS@hoflink.com; website: http://www.TMS-Li.org.

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

• OHIO •

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

• OKLAHOMA •

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

• PENNSYLVANIA •

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

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

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

• TEXAS •

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

• VIRGINIA •

FALLS CHURCH - Center for Spiritual Enlightenment, NSAC
222 No. Washington St., 22046 (at the Woman's Club – please note – not a mailing address), (703) 645-8060; website www.TheCSE.org; e-mail: thecse@TheCSE.org; Healing Service each Sunday 10:00 a.m., followed by Worship Service at 10:30 a.m., September through June; Pastor, Rev. B. Anne Gehman; Pres., Wayne Knoll; Secy., Larry Leonard, 5905 Sherborn Lane, Springfield, 22152, (703) 569-1541; e-mail: Larry@LarryLeonard.com.

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

• WASHINGTON •

KENT - Church of Divine Grace, NSAC
Services held on Sunday at 11:00 a.m. at The Spiritual World, 216 First Ave. So.; All Correspondence to: Allers, 11113 S.E. 323 St., Auburn, 98092, (206) 824-7454; e-mail: Info@divinegrace.org.; Pres., Bernie Allers; Secy., Lezlie Deuchress; website: www.DivineGrace.org.

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

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

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

• WEST VIRGINIA •

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

• WISCONSIN •

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

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

• CANADA •

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

CHURCH OF SPIRITUAL WISDOM
674 Kennedy Rd., Scarsborough, Ontario M1K 2B5; Sun. Serv. 2:00 p.m. Spiritual Healing, Lecture & Message Serv., Thurs. 7:30 p.m.
Delphi Center for Development, Enlightenment, Spiritual Healing; Contact Rev. Judy Merrill (416) 264-6758; e-mail: jmmevolve@yahoo.com.

THE FIRST SPIRITUAL CHURCH OF MONTREAL
2186 St. Catherine St. West, Montreal, Quebec, H3H 1M7; English Serv. - Sun. 2:00 p.m. & Wed. 7:30 p.m.; French Serv. - Sun. 4:30 pm., 2nd & 4th Wed. 7:30 p.m; Rev. Mary Amato, Minister, (514) 365-0661.

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

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

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

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

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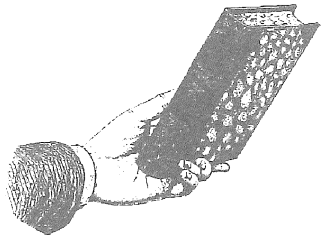
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We all know that with Infinite Intelligence all things are possible, so suggest to yourself that you are well, strong, healthy, happy, wise, prosperous, and that you enjoy life, for you are unique and special with many friends and loved ones. As we keep these thoughts and information at the front of our awareness, we draw the benefit of the energy we are sending out, for it attracts to us as our vibrational reflection and we gain rapport with the Higher influences and balancing forces.

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August 2003 Department of Phenomenal Evidence Report

BY THE REVS. TOM AND LISA BUTLER, NST

Opinion Polls. According to Chicago's National Opinion Research Center, 42% of Americans state that they have been in contact with those who had crossed over. The rate of contact with the deceased rises to almost 66% with widows and widowers. A Gallup poll shows that up to 77% of Americans believe in an afterlife. But when questioned, only 32% of medical doctors said that there was life after death and only 16% of traditional scientists believed in continued existence. From Victor Zammit's April 25, 2003 Friday Report, www.victorzammit.com.

Transfiguration. In the *Encyclopedia of Psychic Science*, Nandor Fodor writes that Transfiguration is a "metamorphic power of the medium to assume bodily characteristics of deceased people for their representation." The complete *Encyclopedia of Psychic Science* is available online at www.spiritwritings.com/fodora.html at no cost.

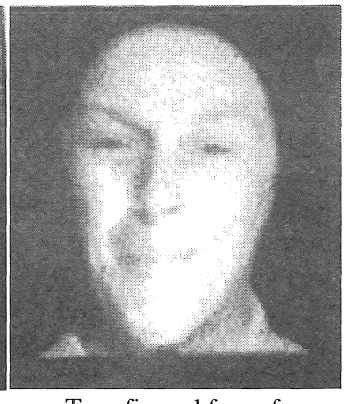
Transfiguration Medium Jean Skinner. Sonny Gee, the president of The Golden Gate Spiritualist Church, made arrangements for the English transfiguration medium, Jean Skinner, to visit San Francisco and conduct a series of sittings and presentations for church members and others. Representing the NSAC Department of Phenomenal Evidence, we were very lucky to be able to attend a small sitting arranged by Sonny with this excellent and talented medium.

We attended the sitting with high expectations but were met with several confirmations that exceeded anything we had imagined. The third person that the mediumship of Jean Skinner brought through to us was the Rev. Catherine (Kit) Stewart, pastor of the Desert Spiritualist Church in Las Vegas NV. Kit made her transition in early January of this year. After Kit made her transition, the Rev. Sandra Pfortmiller told us, "You just wait; I know Kit will come through in some important séance." Sandy's message was true and we were thrilled to have Kit with us for a short time, once again in the physical. We know that this is neither the first nor the last that Spiritualists will hear from Kit. She was born a Spiritualist and loved our religion. She also loved phenomena.

As if Kit's appearance was not enough, we received even more shocking confirmations on our own work with Electronic Voice Phenomena (EVP) and video Instrumental Transcommunication (ITC). Three individuals appeared through transfiguration at the end of the sitting. Two were early pioneers in EVP and the third was a well-known scientist. One of the pioneers had sent us a Video ITC image only a few weeks earlier! We received an image from the scientists about a year ago. We also know that these three individuals have worked with other EVP and ITC researchers in the past. It was very evidential.



Transfiguration Medium, Jean Skinner



Transfigured face of Jean Skinner

We also want you to know that we had a chance to talk to the medium and sitters after the séance. They had heard of EVP but had no great knowledge of the phenomena. None of them had ever met us or knew of our work, and none of them knew anything about the history of EVP. They did not know the names of the pioneers brought through and only knew the name of the scientist who came through last.

We suggest that you read the article written by Sonny Gee about his experiences with the medium Jean Skinner. It appears in the July issue of the *Summit*.

Golden Gate Spiritualist Church. The Golden Gate Spiritualist Church, in San Francisco California, was the location for the above sitting. Many spirit paintings grace

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the walls of the church. Most were created by the original pastor and medium, the Reverend Florence Becker. Two of the spirit paintings in the church were created by the Bang Sisters. The healing room contains a collection of over 900 elephants given to Mrs. Becker as gifts for readings. One elephant in the collection was given to her by President Roosevelt.



The healing room of the Golden Gate Spiritualist Church. There are numerous elephant figurines in the room.

Electronic Voice Phenomena. Cindy Heinen, a member of the American Association of Electronic Voice Phenomena, has been attending development classes conducted by the Reverend Marian Boesen, pastor of the Christabelle Spiritualist Church in Cherry Valley, Illinois. Marian has encouraged Cindy to conduct EVP experiments during class and requested she provide a presentation on EVP at the Illinois State Convention. The presentation went very well and Cindy said that attendees were able to hear and understand most all of the voices that she played.

Book on Lily Dale. A new book titled, *Lily Dale: The True Story of The Town That Talks To The Dead,* by Christine Wicker, is now available on Amazon.com and should be in most book stores. People report that the book provides an excellent history of the Lily Dale Spiritualist community. One Amazon.com reviewer, Mark Newbold, writes "We discover the progressive movements enhanced and energized by those Victorian Spiritualists, for example, the surprising number of Spiritualists who were active in the abolitionist movement, human rights movements...For the first time since ancient times, women were perceived as spiritual leaders and role models... Through mediumship women tasted for the first time a role of respect and leadership within their communities and there was no turning back" Another Amazon review by Jackie Lunger of Lily Dale states, "Bravo! Ms. Wicker has written a long over-due book about the Spiritualist community of Lily Dale, NY. I found it to be well researched and colorful. The book is thought provoking as she describes her experiences and those of others she met in Lily Dale. I found it frequently humorous and at times a bit offensive as she describes the people she encountered in Lily Dale. There is a sadness too, which is to be expected when discussing physical loss of loved ones. The book opens your mind and your heart again and again."

NSAC Convention Service Club Workshop Update. As we reported to you in the July DPE Report, the theme of the Service Club's Monday Workshop at the 2003 NSAC convention is Phenomena. Several more demonstrations and classes have been confirmed for the event. The Rev. Anne Gehman and the Rev. Gene Pfortmiller will be presenting Transfiguration in red light. The Pfortmillers are even bringing a cabinet to the workshop for this event. The Rev. Charlene Kleinschmidt and the Rev. Gene Pfortmiller have agreed to do a presentation on Trance and the Rev. Ann Otzelberger will do a workshop on Automatic Writing. As reported last month, the Rev. Barbara Thurman and the Rev. Anne Gehman have agreed to do a workshop on Spoon Bending and we will be there to present Electronic Voice Phenomena and Video Instrumental TransCommunications. Thanks to Chairperson, the Rev. Sandy Pfortmiller, it is a great lineup of speakers so plan to come early and attend this workshop!

Correction. In a previous report, we had said that the book, *The Scole Experiment*, by Grant and Jane Soloman would be available in the USA in March. We have learned that the date is now sometime in September 2003.

Please send information about phenomena in your church, life or community to Tom and Lisa Butler, PO Box 13111, Reno, Nevada 89507, or via email to phenomena@nsac.org. Your donations to the DPE are tax exempt and will help fund further work in the department.

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Consciousness is the inner light kindled in the soul...
music, strident or sweet, made by the friction of existence.
– George Santayana

Write Your Eulogy

BY THE LATE ELIZABETH HARRIS, D.S.N.U.



Without love, hatred, joy, or fear,
They led – a kind of – as it were:
Nor wished, nor cared, nor laughed, nor cried;
And so they lived, and so they died.
– from *An Epitaph*
by Matthew Prior (1664-1721)

It's a sobering thought to contemplate the eulogy that could be said at our death. Will we be praised for living well, for contributing to the society in which we lived—or will platitudes describing a mere existence be rendered? In other words, will we be described as having truly lived, or having drifted aimlessly through life without wishing, without caring, without laughing, without crying?

We were given the glorious gift of life, and were given, too, an element of free will to do with it what we will. We can cringe in fear of it, or selfishly withdraw within ourselves in useless dreaming, or we can move ahead.

But, earth life is controlled by the spirit. We are told by the teachings of Spiritualism, as well as from the writings of great thinkers, that *Life only ripens in the light of the spirit*—that without spirit, there is no life—without life—there is no self. As the famous Norwegian poet Henrik Ibsen writes:

He finds life's finest treasures who boldly aspires forward,
Whose deepest craving is the deed,
Whose goal is an heroic act of the spirit.

Man/woman is spirit says Spiritualism and the great intellect, Soren Kierkegaard. Rooted in *spirare*, which means *breath*—and is the root of *aspire, aspiration, inspire and inspiration*. We can say, then, that spirit is the breath of life.

Spirit is that which gives vivacity, energy, liveliness, courage, and ardor to life. It is the spirit which urges us on to do things, to be somebody, to be productive, to *make footsteps in the sand*. When one is *high-spirited* one is lively, active—not passive. Or, one has *lost all spirit* refers to the person in deep despondence, and at the point of giving up on life altogether. The French have an expression, *esprit de corps*, meaning the confidence that comes from participating in the spirit of everyone else in one's group.

Spirit is both born in us and developed from birth. It also gives us the ability to see into things, get insights, perceive things that were covered up. This capacity is called "clairvoyance"—a keenness, a lucidity.

The language of spirit is *image, symbol, metaphor, myth*. Great mystics of the past, such as Eckart and Jacob Boehme, use the language of the spirit with a greater insight than many of us do. As Echart says:

God does not restrict man, but sets him free,
so that he may choose.
The spirit of man may not will otherwise
than what God wills,
but does not lack freedom. It is freedom itself.

The purpose of earthly life is not to avoid mistakes, or hoping to win a prize for doing it and earn an unblemished medallion, but to rise to meet the challenges. And, we will go on struggling, trying to become aware of the pitfalls in ourselves and in society, so that we can make constructive choices whenever possible to move forward as we learn from our errors.

For these things, having human compassion is a must. The lyrics of a modern song, *You and I—we're in this together now*, helps us realize we are not alone in our joys and sorrows. We must forgive ourselves as we forgive others. As the poet Yeats says:

I am content to follow to its source
Every event in action or in thought
Measure the lot; forgive myself the lot!
When such as I cast out remorse.
So great a sweetness flows into the breast
We must laugh and we must sing,
We are blest by everything,
Everything we look upon is blest.

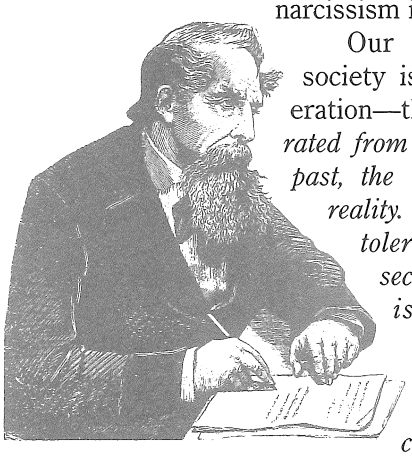
When we forgive ourselves, it permits us to forgive others.

Compassion, the capacity to have *passion* with another implies empathy, the ability to see the world as the other person sees it. Compassion points out the way to feel human. Compassion may limit our freedom, but it makes our freedom more humane at the same time.

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well as being individuals requires that we relate to each other. It seems to be our destiny to live always in some form of community. The fact that we belong to a community as well as being individuals requires that we relate to each other. The refusal to admit this, cuts ourselves off from others. We might say, *If I don't take care of myself, who else will?* And the songs, *I Did It My Way* and *My Heart Belong to Me*, sung by Barbara Streisand, points out a startling new narcissism in today's society.



Our modern narcissistic society is called the "me" generation—the "self-love" era. *Liberated from the superstitions of the past, the "me" generation doubts reality. Superficially relaxed and tolerant, but forfeiting the security of groups—he* (she) *is permissive—fiercely competitive in his demand for approval and acclaim—distrusts competition—extols cooperation and teamwork while harboring deeply antisocial impulses—praises rules and regulations while believing that they do not apply to himself. Acquisitive and cravings have no limit—he doesn't accumulate goods and provisions against the future, but demands instant gratification, and lives in a state of restless, perpetually unsatisfied desire.*

A poem depicting the modern narcissistic attitude is:

The purest form of love
The warmest kind of love
The most exciting love
Is knowing that these feelings
Are not mine for another
But mine for me.

Most of us remember the story of Narcissus from Ancient Greek Mythology—the story of a beautiful youth who fell in love with his own image in a pool and pined away because he never could possess it. The tragedy in the story is that Narcissus could never love anyone else, never love in a sense of giving himself to another person—he had no interpersonal relationship. This is the tragic flaw in today's society—in this "me" generation—in these "self-love times.

For we cannot love in the true sense without committing ourselves to another person. In disengaging ourselves from entanglement with other persons, we fail in compassion and commitments. The narcissistic person finds comfort in lonely self-love.

We all stand on the edge of life. Before us are countless possibilities. Unknown challenges lie in wait. The future is open—as open to us as it was for Adam and Eve. In *Paradise Lost*, Milton describes this, and the situation is as true today as it was in the story of the Garden Of Eden.

Some natural tears they dropped, but wiped them soon;
The world was all before them, where to choose
Their place of rest, and Providence their guide.
They, hand in hand, with wandering steps and slow,
Through Eden took their solitary way.

As with the mythical Adam and Eve, we, too, are guided by Providence. We, too, have the world before us. We too, have free will to do what we will.

What will our eulogy be? Will it describe a life of wishing, caring, laughing and crying—in other words, did we live life to the fullest—or will it picture a stagnant empty life.

The SNU Lyceum Manual points the way to a full and active life when it says:

Live for something! Be not idle,
Look about thee for employ;
Sit not down to useless dreaming,
Labour is the sweetest joy.
Folded hands are ever weary;
Selfish hearts are never gay;
Life for thee hath many duties—
Active be, then, while you may.

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Never the spirit was born; the spirit shall cease to be never;
Never was time it was not; End and Beginning are dreams!
Birthless and deathless and changeless remaineth the spirit for ever;
– The Bhagavad Gita (c. 500 BCE)

Abundance *vs* Lack

BY JAMIE MAGEL, California

The Concepts of Abundance and Lack:

One of the sayings attributed to the person called Jesus was this:

To whom much is given, more will be given, and they will have abundance; but whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken away. Matthew 13:12

Now this saying always bothered me, it seemed unfair. Why should someone who has something already in abundance get even more, and someone who lacks, lose everything? This saying seems to strike at the heart of the concepts of abundance and lack, so let's take a look at how we define these terms.



Webster's definition of "lack": "Deficiency or absence of something needed or desirable." I interpret that: *Lack is the perception of not having enough of what one wants or needs.*

Webster's definition of "Abundance": "Present in great quantity; well supplied; rich." I interpret that: *Abundance is the perception of having more than enough of something, that there is indeed all that you need or want and then some (in other words, more than enough to share). This does not apply only to money.*

Perception is a key word, because whether we have enough of something is often determined relative to what our neighbor has. The problem with that yardstick is that when we compare what we have to what others have, we fail to notice all that we have ourselves—including our own unique gifts and talents. We do ourselves a tremendous disservice. I believe what this saying of Jesus really is talking about is how we perceive things and how our perception impacts our lives.

For example: From a perspective of lack I could say the following about myself: I'm 40 and my life is more than half over. I don't own real estate; all my friends have an abundance of real estate and new cars. I rent my home, and my car is a "beater" with 264k miles on it. In fact, the car is in my partner's name—I don't even own a car. I have no children, and I can't afford to adopt. I dislike my job and feel too old to go back to school. The impact that this perception of lack has is that it conveniently sets limits on what I can and cannot do. It says I have far too little to do anything—it paralyzes me, and holds me back. When I feel negative and unhappy, I prevent myself from not only seeing all that I *do* have, but also, all that I can *do*. In essence, I am foregoing opportunities and leaving myself with less than I already have.

Conversely, from a perspective of abundance, I could say the following about myself: I am 40 and I have my whole life ahead of me. I am in good health and I can help those who aren't. I have enough resources to take the time to change my career into something that I enjoy. In the meantime, I have an easy job with decent compensation. I have a wonderful partner and a terrific dog, and I live in a wonderful city.

The impact that this perception has on me is that I feel empowered. I become open to consider the possibilities of taking what I have to create even more abundance in my life. Equally as important, it establishes an *attitude of gratitude* rather than resentment. Now, I ask you, which frame of mind do you think is going to help a person better succeed in life, not merely financially, but spiritually?

The more I focus on the opportunities of each day, the more I will learn, the more I will prosper, not merely financially, but also spiritually. A perspective of lack causes me to overlook the gifts I have, versus recognizing and acting on them. Acting on the gifts, talents, and opportunities in my life leads to further discoveries of gifts and opportunities, as well as more of everything good.

Another example:

For several years, my partner and I have been good friends with another couple. We were fortunate enough to be able to watch as they adopted two children during the last few years. We became like "uncles" to these children. Then, one day, we got the

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upsetting news that our friends were moving to London. My immediate reaction was one of loss. I thought we would drift apart and lose them. My initial feelings of loss were valid and it was important to acknowledge them. But it was up to me whether I wanted to just write these people off (and some of their friends did) or whether I would venture out and visit them in London.

On one hand, I could have said we'll drift apart or, at least, I will never be as close to them. On the other hand, I could have said, I love visiting London, and how wonderful that we can stay with friends when we are over there. In fact, they come visit us a few times a year while we go visit them once a year. This actually brought us closer as friends because we have more deliberate and undistracted time together and we use it well. If they hadn't moved away, I would never have had the excuse to spend the night at their house and then their children would never have asked me to make up bedtime stories. The children and I are closer than we've ever been and I discovered that not only do I love to tell children stories, but I also love to write them.

So here is an example, where I chose to reach out and see this as an opportunity, and my life did became richer. I saw the abundance and got more. I even discovered a gift of mine that I never knew existed. When we overlook the gifts, talents, and opportunities we have, it creates further problems because if we don't use them, we may lose them. In essence, the perception of lack creates a steady downward spiral that leaves us in a place where we see less and less. Therefore, like Jesus' saying, much leads to more, and less leads to less.

Life Abundant

Another related saying attributed to the person called Jesus was this:

I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. John 10:10

Though I found this saying comforting on one level, it bothered me: was Jesus referring to himself personally? I don't think so. I believe he was referring to his mission, which was to show us how we can tap into an abundant way of thinking. Again, this is not just about money, there are many forms of abundance. The person called Jesus was trying to teach us that everyone has the Divine within and that when we



acknowledge that God-part within all of us, we *let* the Divine in.

When we open ourselves to Spirits' energy, we start to live life more abundantly, *i.e.* more meaningfully, more empowered, and more connected. We go from a perspective that says, "I am a lost and lonely human"—which I think everyone has felt at one time or another—to a new perspective that says, "I am a child of God and the Universe. I have a place within it and I am connected to it. I have meaning. I can help others and I can help myself. I have power—I am a co-creator with the Infinite Intelligence."

Responsibility

Other words attributed to the teacher Jesus:

For everyone to whom much is given, of him shall much be required. Luke 12:48

This saying always seemed like such a heavy responsibility. It says that I not only have a responsibility to myself, but also to humanity to see my gifts, to discover them, and to use them so that I may help others. It is at this point that many want to rebel. We struggle with the words "responsibility" or "required." This is when it comes in handy not being a Christian because we can step outside of the guilt theology and look at it differently—from a perspective that is more *abundant*. It is my hunch that, when we are seeing the abundance in our lives and our gifts, we are in a better position to want to share these things with others.

When we are seeing lack, we become preoccupied with ourselves. When we see the abundance, our attitude naturally shifts from the "poor me" to an attitude of gratitude. We see that we have so much that we naturally want to share what we have.

Moreover, in sharing, we discover greatly increased abundance rather than loss. For example, in showing my nephews and nieces consistent love and care, I find myself loved and appreciated in return. Sometimes, as in the case with my nephews that moved away, I discover parts of me that I didn't know existed, namely the writer. But there is one gift that we **All** have, **Love**. Each of us can share a loving energy, and in sharing it, realize that we do indeed have this important commodity in abundance.

Changing our perspective from one of lack and resentfulness to one of abundance and gratitude changes who we are. A shift occurs in our consciousness, we begin to project ourselves differently, and thereby, we begin to attract people into our lives that mirror ourselves and are drawn to that light. We begin to repel the negative people in our life or perhaps even change their mind by our mere example. This is the spiritual progression which we desire. ◆

The Forgotten Pioneer

BY THE REV. BRADLEY GOSSELIN, NST, Massachusetts

When I received the study guide for the NST examination, I looked over the section entitled, People And Their Accomplishments.

Many names jumped out at me: Emma Hardinge Britten, Buchanan, Cadwallader, Doyle, Home, Hull, Lodge, Meyers, etc. All were very familiar, but one name drew a blank. I went to the MPI lesson on Pioneers and read, Professor J. S. Loveland – He was the first lecturer to start regular meetings on the philosophy of Spiritualism. He was the author of the first American book on Spiritualism entitled *Esoteric Truths of Spiritualism*. He actually began his investigation to prove the reality of fraud in mediumship. He came away defeated. He developed several phases of mediumship himself and then labored long for the cause.

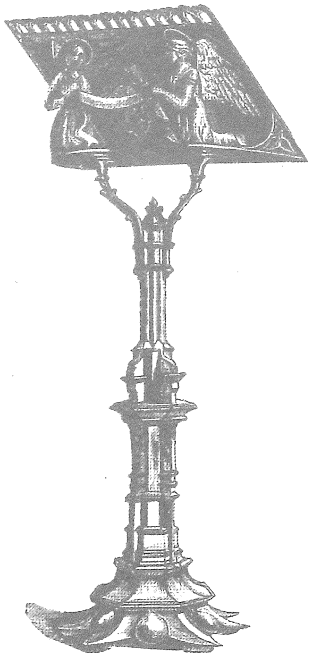
That was it! That was what I needed to know for my test. My curiosity was aroused, but put on hold until later. After my test, I started an inquiry asking several friends and long time Spiritualists, I found they did not know much more than I did, some less.

Why wasn't Professor Loveland better known? Spiritualism is the Science, Philosophy and Religion of continuous life. Our services consist of healing, lecture/sermon (philosophy) and spirit greetings.

This was the man who first introduced Philosophy to our services. This was the man who wrote the first American book on Spiritualism. I thought he should be better known. We should know more than one line about him.

The hunt for information began. I went back to my old lessons and books. In *Who's Who in Spiritualism*, volume 1 by Sam, Inc. I found he was born in March of 1818 in Stoddard, New Hampshire. He became a Methodist minister at age nineteen, and after sixteen years, he left. Inconsistencies in orthodoxy led him to a broader scope of thinking.

The next inquiry was *The Pioneers of Modern Spiritualism*, volume 1 by Audra Cutlip. They had three pages of information which helped satisfy my curiosity. That still was not enough. The local library or network did not have any information. I could not find anything in *Who's Who In New England*. Next was the Library of Congress that showed a book called *An Essay On Mediumship* printed in 1887, but it is only available to Congressional staff in the Archives.



I then went to OCLC, a search engine used by Reference Librarians. Two California universities, La-Siera and Loma Linda, had a book, called *Discussion On Spiritualism And Immortality* at the Melonion (Tremont Temple) in May 1860 between Elder Miles Grant and Reverend J. S. Loveland. Further search shows the same book at Andrews University in Indiana, Brigham Young, and the National Register of Microfilm DC. I am trying to have our local library get a copy on loan.

At Harvard Divinity School, a further search showed a book called *The Spiritualist Plea With The Bible Believer*.

Finally I had some success in finding a book called *Mediumship: A Course Of Seven Lectures*. These were delivered at Mount Pleasant Park camp meeting during August 1888. This book was obtained from the Wisconsin Historical Society. What a book. The depth of discussion was fascinating. The lectures were published in 1889. They are: Lecture I, General View of Substance and Force; Lecture II, Vital and Mental Force; Lecture III, The Trance; Lecture IV, The Trance Continued; Lecture V, The Possibilities of Mediumship; Lecture VI, The disabilities of Mediumship; Lecture VII, Healing and Mediumship; Lecture VIII, The Perpetuity of Mediumship.

The preface stated, "This series was in response to a series of lectures given at the camp in 1887 on the subject of mind cure and metaphysics by Dr. J. H. Randall and W. J. Colville. The response was on the comparison and contrast of mediumship with the rival systems of metaphysics and spiritual science.

Professor Loveland considered that metaphysical theories, or mind cure as it was more commonly called, one of the most formidable obstacles to the progress of true

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Spiritualism and a correct philosophy of healing.

While reading the book, there were times when I felt like I was somewhere else listening to the lecture. It was strange but fascinating. The depth of thought expressed (though time may have proved them not one hundred percent correct by todays understanding) was amazing.

I have taken some quotes on various subjects out of the book with every effort to keep them in context.

A quote from the lecture on "The Vital and Mental Force" stated, "We shall nowhere find man, the child of nature, transcending the laws of nature. If man, as to any part of his being, were not a product of nature, then it would be vain for us to expect to comprehend the philosophy of his actions. We should be at once relegated to the realm of the supernatural, the miraculous, the incomprehensible."

In speaking of the Vital and Mental Force, Loveland states, "We can only fully characterize this force in the glowing words of Pope: 'It warms in the sun, refreshes in the breeze, glows in the stars, and blossoms in the trees, lives through all levels of life, extends through all extent, spreads undivided, operates unspent.'"

In lecture three on Trance, Professor Loveland said, "We have nothing essentially different from, nothing superior to those of the past, except the *Affirmed Naturalness* of spirit manifestations; and hence their amenability to strict elucidation."

Education of mediums, healers and workers was a continuing theme of his lectures. A call for understanding of where we were, where we came from and how to achieve the goals, growth, success and recognition of Spiritualism were stated.

In his lecture on Trance, Professor Loveland talked about selfishness. He stated, "What I mean by selfishness, is nothing more nor less than downright, genuine honesty. The disposition to give as well as receive, it is not honest to perpetually take and never give. It is not honest to seek, to wish, for power or meaning of any kind, to be made use of for our own pleasure, or honor, unless compensation is rendered therefore. Hence, to ask aid from earth or heaven, unless we purpose to return that, is dishonest, is selfish. To seek mediumistic powers simply for our own glory, honor, pleasure, or gain is dishonest, is selfish.

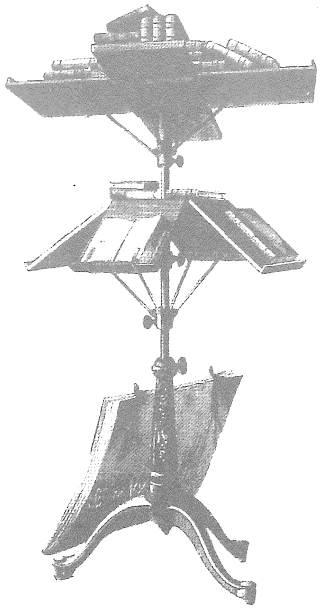
"But there is one thing in this connection which should never be forgotten; we are never to omit self in any of our calculations of duty. If there is one duty paramount to all others, it is the duty to make our own selfhood the grandest and noblest man or woman possible."

Professor Loveland goes on to say, "Mediumship is the battle field where human weal or woe is won or lost. The war is not over, ages may come and go before the struggle shall end in final victory of the truth."

In the lecture on "The Possibilities Of Mediumship," Professor Loveland advised, "We must not forget to distinguish between sensation and perception. Sensation is feeling; perception is the mind's cognition of the feeling and the cause of the feeling. Sensation is subjective while perception takes in the objective force, creating the feeling."

He later says, "Mediums are the great pathologists who lay bare the hidden things of darkness by the clean shining of spiritual light."

The last quote I would like to share is, "The unity of mediums will increase the power of the spiritual movement. There is not the slightest doubt but that the disunity of mediums has been a potential factor in the comparative weakness of our cause." He later states, "Here is not the place to point out the specific causes of disharmony and consequent weakness but to urge that, by all our love of Spiritualism, and our own welfare, and that of universal humanity, we are bound to seek the most perfect harmony among ourselves."



After reading this book, I started to write a book report or synopsis on his lectures. Several attempts found my words inadequate to convey the strength, determination of his intellect. The more I rewrote the more inadequate I felt. Therefore, I was left with one of two alternatives, try to take selective quotes carefully so as to convey his ideas without taking them out of context or to give up the task of sharing the wonderful, inspirational thoughts and ideas of one of our pioneers. I chose the former.

Today we are so caught up in the latest ideas, interpretations, and thoughts on the afterlife, the Spirit World and communication with that world, that we are always looking for a new way of thinking or understanding our religion.

Sometimes, maybe, we should look back at the writings of our pioneers and find out who they were, what they were thinking, where we have come, and the progress that we have made. Then let us renew our efforts and commitments to the cause of Spiritualism, to our religion and to those Spirit Loved Ones who work so hard to help, to guide, and to inspire us to be the best we can be.

Silver Birch and many others have touched back with words of service, duty and obligation. That it is our choice how, when and where we serve, but it is the service that counts. ◆

All the quotes are from J. S. Loveland, *Mediumship: A Course Of Seven Lectures,* Chicago, Moses Hull & Co., 1889.

Transition in Connecticut

An honored and respected member of the First Spiritualist Church in Willimantic, Connecticut, made her transition on April 2, 2003. Born on February 2, 1940, Sally Crowell was indeed a blessing during her stay in the physical. She will continue her good work in the next realm of life, so if you feel a joyful spirit or hear a spirit giggle, it's probably Sally.

When I think of Sally Crowell...



I think of a person who walked this Earth Plane with tremendous love in her heart. She was *always* ready to extend a hand, *always* reaching out to anyone, anywhere with a sincere giving, caring heart. To know Sally was to be happy and grateful that she was who she is. Her ever ready smiles, ever ready giggles—in fact, many times that's what I called her, *Giggles*, for she laughed so often. To know what kind of a person Sally was, well, just look at the people here, who came, wrote cards, or called—and all couldn't help but shed a tear—what a testimony, what a tribute.

To see and know her family tells us more—her husband Bruce, her three children and her five grandchildren. Sally's loving ways couldn't help but pour out to her family, and they, in turn, do her proud, yes, proud. She said this so often, she loves you all so much. To watch her children rally around her and Bruce, through thick and thin, holding together, gives a powerful example of who Sally really was—*a wonderful Wife and Mother, Friend.*

We could write a book of her oh so many ways, so many memories—family, friends, church, shopping, spaghetti, conventions. Never too tired to be there for them, her family and her friends, never too tired to listen, or hug or offering to help, always giving, giving without expectation for self. But oh, she did get so much in return.

How many people do we meet in this life who leave such memories as Sally did? She was never afraid to cry or laugh, never afraid to reach out to others in so many ways, never afraid to give a hug, **never** afraid to say **I love you**. *What a powerful example Sally Crowell was.*

There was not one person that Sally crossed paths with that she didn't leave some sort of a blessing, *a happy memory*. Some way, some how, she gifted us all, yet she had no idea of just how much people thought of her, or how much she will be missed, *not by a few, but by ALL.*

Can you imagine being liked, loved, honored, respected and being surrounded by such a family and so, so many friends?

Corinthians, Chapter 13, is all about Sally, in part, it reads, "...though I speak with the tongues of men and angels and have not charity I am sounding brass and a tinkling crystal...and though I have all faith...and have not charity, I am nothing..."

I think unconditional love was part of her mission on this Earth Plane—to learn it, to share it, to teach it and to walk her talk. **How many people on this earth plane do you know, that do that?** Sally, yes we will miss her, *very much*, but we know that she is **not gone forever.** She is just away, continuing her work, her unconditional love, and as she was a shining, powerful teacher here, she is a shining powerful teacher there. Remember, thought is the language of Spirit and so know that whenever you send her a **thought**, she hears and knows. *Sally Crowell, an Angel here, our Angel there,* with her smile, her giggles and her love.

– Written by Joyce Orcutt for my friend Sally...
With Lots of Love

Connecticut Convention

On May 3rd and 4th, the Connecticut State Spiritualist Association held its 116th Convention. This year the annual convention was hosted by the New London Spiritualist Church. Each convention is special, bringing members of the Connecticut churches together to see familiar friends and meet new ones. A few delegates from years past chose to sit in the non-delegate section this year, as they allowed new members to serve as delegates for their churches.



When a CSSA delegate goes to the NSAC convention, they are on the lookout for someone interesting that could be a possible speaker for the CSSA. The name of the Rev. John Rothamel, Jr., NST, was mentioned, and the CSSA board was thrilled when he accepted their invitation to serve as the guest speaker for the convention. While his sharing was delivered with humor, his sharing had real substance. "Unlearn limitations—Discover who you really are—Reach out and teach what you have learned."



The convention closed this year with a story narrator telling how all the colors of the world started to quarrel. Until a flash of bright lightning and thunder rolled and boomed. Rain asked, "Don't you know that you were made for a special purpose, unique and different?" Rain asked them to join

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What happened in *AUGUST* throughout the years?

AUGUST 3, 1899

The birth date of the **Rev. T. John (Jack) Kelly**, called one of the best mediums using blindfold trance billet work. Born in Wales, Jack came to America in 1920 and his public career began soon after. He was an excellent, evidential platform worker at Lily Dale and at conventions and public meetings in this country and Europe. His strong healing abilities inspired the erection of the Lily Dale Healing Temple.

AUGUST 6, 1774

Mother Ann Lee and eight of her followers landed in New York from England on this date. the group was called the Shakers and they settled in Lebanon, NY. The Shakers predicted the advent of Modern Spiritualism.

AUGUST 7, 1874

The Rev. Loui A. Ward was remembered—her birthday on this date. "Luddie" was well known nationally as an NSA missionary, medium and speaker, and she served camps and conventions each year. She was also the pastor of the First Spiritualist Church of St. Joseph, Missouri, for 17 years.

AUGUST 11



The **Rev. Cosie Allen, NST**, Vice President of the NSAC, celebrates her birthday on this date. Let's all wish her a happy, healthy, spiritual year.

AUGUST 26, 1920

Woman's Suffrage was accomplished due in part to the work of Spiritualists who fought long and hard for women's rights. **Women's Equality Day** is remembered on the 26th each year, for it is the anniversary of the final approval of the amendment to grant women the right to vote.

AUGUST 29, 1797

Henry C. Wright was born on this date to become a great orator for Spiritualism. Wright was one of the early workers who traveled around the country sharing the news and proof of continuous life. He was the president of Cape Cod Camp for ten years, which is now called On-I-Set Wigwam Spiritualist Camp.

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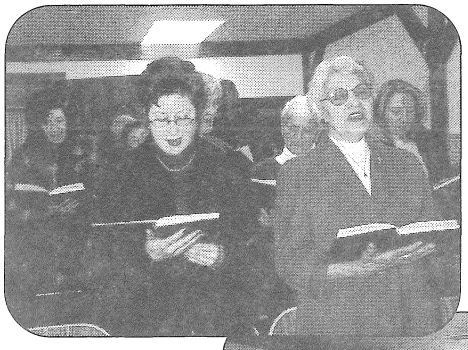
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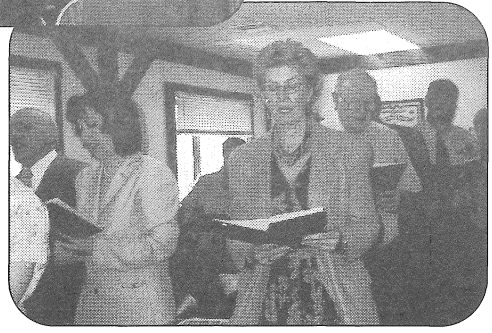
hands and said, "From now on, when it rains, each of you will stretch across the sky in a great bow of color as a reminder that you can all live in peace." "The rainbow is a sign of hope for tomorrow." And so, whenever a Rainbow appears in the sky, it is to let us remember to appreciate one another. There is something very special in



each and everyone of us. We have all been gifted with the ability to make a difference. If we become aware of that gift, we gain



through the strength of our vision and the power to share the future—Spiritualism will flourish.



Certificates in Maine

At the Augusta Spiritualist Church in Augusta, Maine, eight students received certificates for completing a 20 week Development Course. The course focused on Spiritualism, History, Natural Law and Healing. At the completion, the students then gave Spirit Messages from the podium at a Sunday service. They were pleasantly surprised by the connections that they had. ◆



Front row - Theresa Clifford, Lori Gousse, Margaret Joy, Pastor Earl Wallace (teacher); Back row: Pat Wallace (teacher), Anthoney Davis, Nicole Allen, Gene Maxim. Absent - Nancy Rourke, Ingrid LaPointe.

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
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Fax: 1-650-777-7707

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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:
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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

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Banquet:


Monday, Oct. 6th
6pm by reservations only!
Dinner Buffet
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BANQUET MENU:
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Tours:
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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.

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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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Inner Messages

By Rose E. Silver



Where you are now
Is where you must be,
To live in understanding
To create harmony.
For where is the truth
If not in our hearts?
Where is the Spirit
Wherein strength imparts?

At times of great need
We look to the Light
Sometimes we can feel it
Compelling and bright.
But always it's there,
We needn't look far
Follow your instincts,
You'll soon reach your star.

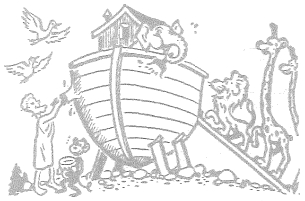
What needs to be done
Will become clear to you,
To all whom you speak
In all that you do.
The love you share freely
To those who reach out,
You'll know what to give them
Your heart knows no doubt.

Humor to put you in Good Spirits . . .

Everything I need to know in life, I learned from Noah's Ark:

ONE: Don't miss the boat.

TWO: Remember that we are all in the same boat.



THREE: Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.

FOUR: Stay fit. When you're 600 years old, God may ask you to do something really big.

FIVE: Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.

SIX: For safety's sake, it is always best to travel in pairs.

SEVEN: Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board along with the cheetahs.

EIGHT: When you're stressed out, just float a while.

NINE: Remember that the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals!

TEN: No matter what storm you face, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting for you.

The most beautiful thing we can experience is the mysterious.
It is the source of all true art and science.
– Evelyn Underhill (1875-1941)

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1. We believe in Infinite Intelligence.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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