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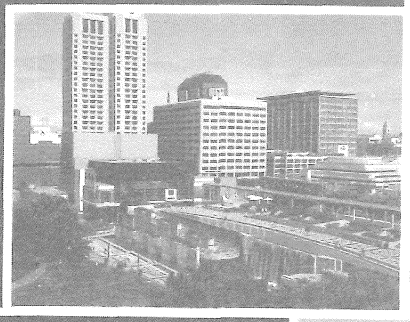
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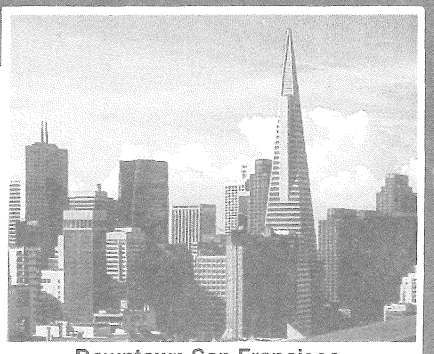
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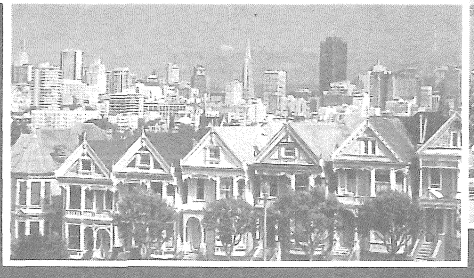


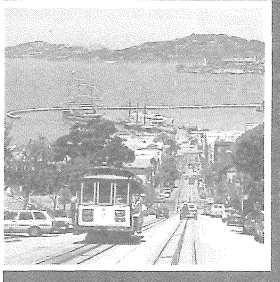


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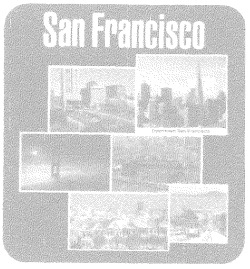


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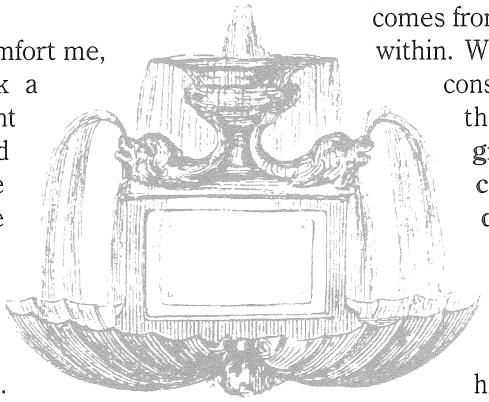
GROWTH PLATEAU

BY THE REV. SANDRA PFORTMILLER, NST

Wow, has my life changed since I became a Spiritualist. There has been healing on so many levels, growth in so many ways that when I look back at my journey before I started my spiritual quest, I see a different me. Try it yourself and see the healing growth in your life.

There are a few Spiritualists that were born into a Spiritualist family, but most of the people I know have been drawn into the religion by some kind of phenomena. Let me tell you a bit of my story and see if you recognize some of the message in your life. The transition of a loved one, with phenomena soon following made me wonder about life and death. For example, I heard my name called, things were moved, spirit touches were felt, breezes were experienced, and spirit noises really got my attention. At first I thought I was going a bit crazy; it was the grief.

Gradually the phenomena began to comfort me, and inspired me to investigate and ask a question of a couple of friends that might understand. One was a Theosophist, and the other knew about Astrology. They gave me pause for thought, but left more questions. Then I read about a course at Phoenix Community College, "Psychic Phenomena, an Overview of Many Disciplines." The classes were three hours long, with a break half way through. Before the class, after, and during the break one gal and I would always get together and share ideas. We had some wonderful talks, and I enjoyed her as much as the course.



About mid way through the semester she said to me, "You know most of this class is New Age and you seem to be more Spiritual. Why don't you try a Spiritualist Church?" I had never heard of Spiritualism, but I was searching, so I went the following Sunday to the church she told me about. It was wonderful, and I felt immediately at home. I could hardly wait to get to class to tell my friend thank you, but she never came to class again. I called her and the phone had been disconnected. Was she an angel guiding me into Spiritualism? I like to think so.

My husband, Gene, came into my life shortly after this, and we married. Together, we started going to the Spiritualist Church, and seemed to grow in leaps and bounds. It was wonderful. I would think in my mind, "I want to feel that healing energy in my hands" and I would! Feeling spirit energy was, and is, thrilling to me, as it is like sharing a bit of the Universal Force.

We went to a Monday night class for development, a Tuesday afternoon prayer circle, the Wednesday evening Worship service, the Thursday night open class, the Saturday All-Message Service, plus one or two services on Sunday. Both Gene and I could not get enough of this wonderful Philosophy.

As I thought of all the years I had lost, just floating around with no definite beliefs, I was mad at myself. Now I was moving forward at full speed and it was wonderful. Suddenly the growth slowed. I reached a plateau where I did not feel like I was progressing at all. What a let down! Upset and a bit depressed, I felt like I might even be going backwards.

Does this all sound like a version of your own search? Others have told me of similar growing pains. Why does this happen? Here are some of my ideas of possibly why and some positive self-help.

As each person opens up to the potential that is there for the soul, the soul seems to catch up to where it would have been if it had been aware earlier. Then it progresses at a normal pace. There is not really anything to learn outside of us, for evolution comes from inside—involution. We know that God is within. When we begin our search into the higher consciousness, we go into the silence to hear the voice of the Universe. **Conscious growth with desire, our desire to grow closer to the Loving Source, and this draws us within—involution.** There we touch with Infinite Intelligence, or pure Spirit that impregnates everything. Self discovery, or enlightenment, is a process of learning more about our higher self, our Spirit of Light within.

Remember the story about Hiding Man's Divinity? The spirits suggested hiding divinity at the bottom of the ocean, or buried in the earth. It was felt that men and women with their insatiable curiosity might find it. Then it was suggested to hide it within each soul for that will be the last place one would think to look for it.

Is it any wonder we get so excited when we first touch that inner knowing, inner love, inner harmony? We are each born a soul with a definite potential of everything we shall evolve into. As we accept and open ourselves to this inner voice, our lives become more guided. We seem to zoom ahead because for so long we were closed through ignorance. Growth brings healing and is dynamic energy.

Our desire and our mind are so powerful. A will to grow creates experiences in our lives that follow our desire. We put it out and it comes back to us accordingly, and we can learn from all that happens. For example, one gal in the church used to pray to God to teach her patience. Boy, things in her life stayed in an uproar and again she would pray, "Teach me patience." Then one day while meditating she understood that the turmoil in her life was to teach her patience. She changed her prayer, but she admitted that she had grown from the lessons that had presented themselves. She wanted to grow, but found that maybe she was asking incorrectly.

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Several times I have participated in a discussion group that reviews a book by Chopra, Williamson, Dyer or some positive writer. The independent ideas that come forward from the various participants are wonderful. Some participants included a Unity Minister, an Indian Medicine Woman, a Psychologist, a bar owner, a man who lives in a nudist colony, some housewives, several retired couples, and a Spiritualist Minister, me—quite an assortment. One day the moderator asked each of us to share what we did when we thought we had stopped growing, or when we felt out of touch with the Universe. How did we begin the growing process again and help to regain the centering?



In our lives we are always going to have periods of being out of focus. We need these for our growth, to help us to examine, then release worn out ideas. We need reasons to change, and help to propel us to the next level of consciousness. It is how long we stay in these uncomfortable stages of development that determines our real growth. The more Spiritual we become, the less "hold" these times have on us and the more we are able to accept and trust that the Universe wants only good for us.

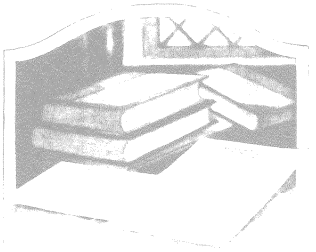
Chaos is part of the spiritual journey, part of the healing of the soul. We must walk through the discord to come into clarity. When something happens that you consider less than positive, how do you work to come back to peace, joy and the Spiritual Energy? The personal responsibility, the free will, the choice to flow through change and grow from the opportunity is up to each of us. Suggestions that the group said they used to help to regain healing and harmony within, some I have added, are as follows:

- Remind yourself that there is no good or evil, for the all-pervading Energy exists for only good—affirm that God is All that is.
- Think of someone that brings you joy, and center that feeling within your heart energy center. Focus your attention there and let it expand. Then send this good vibration to the situation or the person that requires upliftment.
- Exercise uses and generates energy thus creating a renewing cycle. It can be a form of active meditation or concentration. It can be a method to help examine your thinking so you can change your thoughts. For example, a long walk while sifting through a problem often helps discover a resolution.
- Nature is balanced, so spending time in nature helps to blend your aura with the harmony surrounding you. This helps to resolve the balance. Fresh air, sunshine and rain are renewing for the body and soul.
- Focus on one Natural Law, meditate about it and how it relates to All life. For example, consider the Law of Oneness. Everything comes from The Source and returns to the Source (cause and effect) which is Love and Energy. One Life in ALL LIFE, therefore,...
- Concentrate on God/Infinite Intelligence/Divine Principle/Love. When putting your attention on the Highest Loving Thoughts of Good and holding them there, the energy around you changes.
- Forgive, usually yourself, but also others. Write whatever has disturbed you on a piece of paper, then work to forgive, bless it and carefully burn it; or give it to your guides; or pray over it and send love. Forgiveness comes from the heart.
- Affirmations help change your thinking and your energy – *I accept more good than I have ever thought of before;* or *God is expressing in my life;* or *Everything in my life is working toward my ultimate good.*
- Set some new goals. Write them every day, or redefine them as you feel guided.
- Create a love and growth audio tape, stating and relating that which are positive truths, and then listen to it every day.
- Prayer time and meditation time are familiar tools for healing, change and growth. Set a time each day and keep your appointment.
- Focus on your best quality, foster where you excel.
- Love leads to healing and spiritual growth, so work to love someone—a pet, yourself, your Spirit Helpers, or Infinite Creator.
- Give to another, help someone else who is in need, and in this way you open up for God to use you. Syncronicity of the universe amazingly follows when you give from the heart.
- Remember that God needs you to do the work you are here to do, so honor yourself.
- Trust in God, Infinite Intelligence, to heal, to harmonize, to bless you. Ask and you shall receive.
- Be willing to change. Initiate some positive action toward change.
- Be grateful for all that you have. Count your blessings. Send gratitude to Infinite Intelligence and to your spirit helpers.
- Realize that you are more than this situation and that you can transcend it by no longer concentrating on it. Work to gradually "unstick stuckness." Consciousness has no limits and our spirit is definitely unlimited.
- Look around your life and see if you are accepting things that are not of God, remembering there is only love or fear, and God is love. Work to release the things that are not serving your highest and best good.
- When you think of a concern, remember that "this too shall pass." In order to grow, change is necessary.

Spiritual healing and growth are life-long pursuits—in fact "soul-long" or forever pursuits—so keep on keeping on and know that you are growing spiritually as you put forth your desires and efforts.

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Thought Exchange



BY THE REV. KATHRYNE BOETTCHER, Wisconsin

Here's a thought. Why not share what your church has to offer by conducting a thought exchange? Education needs to be shared so we can all learn together. Who doesn't enjoy someone else's company, especially people of like mind.

First Spiritualist Church of West Allis, has a "thought exchange" every second Friday of the month. Everyone and anyone is invited. Our children come and listen or play in a room nearby—our Lyceum room. Members attend and bring their friends, for regulars and newcomers all are welcome. We all sit together listening to and exchanging thoughts on a particular subject, or go into other subjects as the night progresses.

The evening is facilitated by teachers or the ministry, and the leader for the evening is appointed previously by our Pastor. Sometimes the conversation becomes a debate and gets heavy; a good debate is healthy. A topic is chosen to initiate the conversation and then allowed to flow from there. We are a religion of freethinkers and this has been shown in our discussions.

Why not share in your church what your feelings are on Mediumship, Development, the Spirit World and other spiritual topics. Try to steer the discussion to subjects of a spiritual nature.

One month we were led by Rich Maples through a discovery of Native American culture. It was a beautiful demonstration of a different way of spiritual life. Every belief of the various cultures or religions has new insights for someone, and has spiritual truths to compare.

Usually the evening lasts about two hours—starting at 7 p.m. which gives people time to get some dinner before coming to Church. We also bring snacks and soda or juice to share. Sometimes we make a pizza or popcorn for everyone to enjoy. Discussion makes you hungry. We take up a love offering to help pay for the churches expense.

A thought exchange is a wonderful opportunity to meet the ministry of your church and for the ministry to get to know the congregation better and find out their feelings on Spiritualism as well. If your church is able, why not start a thought exchange? It is a wonderful way to bring in new faces to your church and share what Spiritualism has to offer to all of us.

The following is a sample flier to advertise the evening service.

Thought Exchange

2nd Friday of Each Month
Starting in January
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
at
First Spiritualist Church
Of West Allis, Wisconsin
6228 W. Washington Street

A thought exchange allows discussion to take place on a variety of Spiritual Subjects. We will answer your questions, not only about Spiritualism, but many related topics. Everyone will participate who wants in the discussion. Bring your thoughts, ideas and questions for a fun and interesting evening with friends.

By donation

All donations will go to the Church to pay the heat and electric, etc.

What to Bring??

Besides questions and topics, feel free to bring snacks and soda. We will meet in the fellowship hall or upstairs if more room is needed.

Dates:

January 10; February 14; March 14; April 11; May 9; June 13; July 11; August 8; September 12; October 10; November 14; December 12, 2003.

Facilitated by:

Rev. Pamla Ashlay, NST or Rev. Kathryne Boettcher
or Rev. Rik Kristinat, NST

Ill health is also a blessing. The flesh and the ego are weakened and contemplation of God becomes easier.
– Yogaswami (1872-1964)

DEVELOPMENT

• Spiritual and Mediumship •

BY JUDY MERRILL, DSNU, Canada

Development of mediumship is based upon Meditation, Visualization and Participation of the students, teachers and a spirit influence. It is for the purpose of attuning with a spirit source to form a working, loving partnership. This partnership is based on mutual trust and love and is formed by the caring partners being compatible in body, mind, and spirit.

While the spirit partner may have a project or work for the medium to accomplish in their life, the medium must be a willing participant in this work. It can run smoothly and be understood by both partners as well as anyone else with whom they are in contact, only when both partners are in compatible operation.

There is a strong need for a good teacher to be also a part of the learning, developing and opening of the mediumship gifts. The teacher will lead the student to a spiritual awareness of all that is transpiring as well as suggesting exercises for strong, compatible attunement of spirit with spirit.

When the student does a path of do-it-yourself psychic/mediumship development should be no less a talent or skill to be honed and strengthened.

A mediumship connection to spirit does not guarantee a spiritual path, any more than a spiritual path can guarantee a mediumship opening/awareness. Both situations are mutually exclusive and can be pursued either together or individually.

As the Law of Attraction works strongly with the partnership we can form with the Spirit Realms, it is important to spiritualize our own soul and approach to all that life offers. Then we can draw to our psychic/mediumship development the type of spirituality we wish to enhance within all aspects of our lives.

Psychic/mediumship development begins with the fact that we use five senses (sight, hearing, taste, touch, and smell) in the material world to survive. We take these five senses adding intuition and knowing. This comes from the heart...it neither sees nor hears...it just knows...into another level of consciousness through the psychic (sensitivities)



abilities. Each of us is capable of this attunement with another level of life—from spirit to spirit. The psychic facet of our being is the part that is used to accomplish this exercise.

To make this a spiritual journey, we must personally be willing to understand how this opens our being, body, mind, spirit, to all life on many levels of existence and attunes us to the God of our own understanding.

We use the tools of our own consciousness, visualization, meditation, affirmation, to make this attunement with the God of our own understanding and the ministering angels or the guides of our mediumship. Music, sound, mantras, etc. have all been tools of meditation to calm and focus the consciousness of the student.

Color, symbols, auras are all topics for study and awareness, but they all play a very large part in the development of our consciousness to the psychic/mediumship skills. Each of us, in our partnership with our own spirit guides, will develop our own color and symbols for use during our demonstrations. They are personal connections that have meaning and significance to the psychic/mediumship student as an individual.

The aura is a reflection of the body, soul/mind, spirit emanations of each individual and will change frequently with the thoughts and actions of each individual. The colors a medium sees around an individual will be for that demonstration only and can be used as a factor in a reading.

All life is a vibration. Attunement is the most effective method of sensitizing ourselves to the vibrations of life, of other people, of spirit. When we know spirit is with us, we can begin communication.

By its definition communication is two-way, if only one of the connection are communicating, it becomes a monologue. We must be willing to express our needs, wants and preferences. In this way, we can design our connection with the guides of our mediumship, trusting in their reliability, honesty and what each of you wants from the partnership. This is where the spirituality of your efforts will come into your decision.

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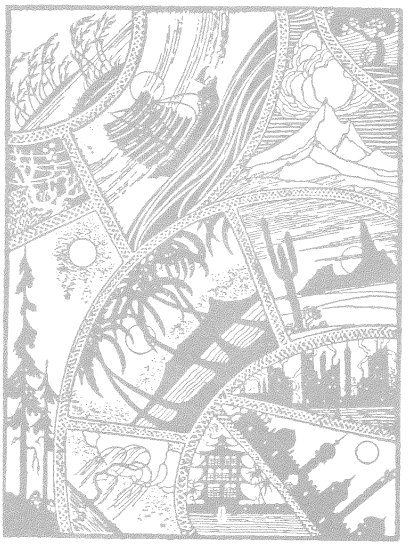
The Energies Change

A spirit message, spoken through Sue, in a circle at Stevenage, UK

Greetings dear ones. We come to you with such love and with thanks in our hearts for the work that you do, for the people of the Earth have taken giant strides forwards. A critical mass of people on the Earth now hold love and light within their hearts. We have said to you before that you see only the working out of the remaining problems and difficulties, and that you are blinded by these happenings from seeing the more significant positive things that happen day by day, one by one. They are building blocks to a new world.

The energies continue to change. The rate at which you Light workers vibrate is changing and increasing. The rate at which the Earth is vibrating is changing and increasing. No wonder then that those who choose to remain in the old energy, no wonder that they fight—wanting to remain the same.

Look closely at what is happening within your religions. Churches—even now—changes are imminent and they are being challenged. Look closely at your governments. Even now many changes are proposed and they are being challenged. This my friends, is the new energy being challenged by the old. You should not feel disheartened or discouraged by these challenges—even though they can lead to violence. But you should be encouraged, for they are positive signs of change—change to the new earth, the new energy, the new age of love and light.



So let your spirits be uplifted now. Let them connect to that amazing channel of energy that flows from the Sun to the Earth. Hold these energies within you, for they will help with the shift. Be tolerant of your own physical bodies, for they too are changing. Be tolerant of those who do their best to lead the way, for they are working in such an environment that they will be constantly challenged and the ground will constantly shift beneath them. The old ways are falling away and the new ways are seeking a firm foundation.

Rejoice and celebrate. There is much rejoicing to be done. In the words of one who watches over you, and who knows what is within your hearts, we say to you, "Keep on Keeping on my dearest ones." There is still more to be done, but you have come such a long way. Know this—that there is no turning back, a new Age is upon us. So let the love flow through you now, bringing you upliftment and joy. Bless you.

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Family

Are you aware that if we died tomorrow, the company that we are working for could easily replace us in a matter of days. But the family we left behind will feel the loss for the rest of their lives. And come to think of it, we pour ourselves more into work than into our own family, an unwise investment indeed, don't you think?

So what is behind the story? Do you know what the word FAMILY means?

FAMILY = (F)ather (A)nd (M)other (I) (L)ove (Y)ou



Each month ***The National Spiritualist*** *will feature the writing from a student who is currently taking the education course from the Morris Pratt Institute. Featured this month is an essay written by* ***Leigh-Ann Larson*** *of Massachusetts.*

Comparing and contrasting various religions and Spiritualism finds they share similar views on spirituality and an after-life. For instance, Ancient Native Americans communicated with spirit and used dreams and ghosts for information. In addition, they see the after-life as being similar to life on this Earth. This made the sacrifices of some tribes an acceptable practice, as they thought no harm was done in merely changing the environment in which a person found themselves in. After all, death was not the end.

The Chinese practiced ancestor worship, believing that after death, communication with those on the other side would bring higher wisdom into this life. The Brahmist believes in the transmigration of souls: you can never destroy anything that is created, it just changes form. Hence, they too believed in continuity of life. Christians express a belief in life after death through the resurrection of Jesus the Christ.

In Egypt, everyone was thought to have three bodies, and that one of those, the double, would stay near the tomb and keep it safe. The Romans thought life and death were both experiences to be enjoyed and did not believe in imposing ethical beliefs on the individual in this life.

In moving past various cultures, races and belief systems, it is helpful to understand a basic Law of Nature, that death is as real as life, and nothing to be feared. It is normal, natural and a continuation of life, rather than an end. As we embrace this concept, perhaps the individual can look forward to this change, rather than fear it, as the physical life comes to a close.

It is our intuition, dreams, symbols and more importantly, communication through mediums, that gives us the information that is being gathered about life after death. It is difficult to obtain exact information because the point of communication is in the subconscious mind of the medium and it is easy for the medium to distort information by coloring it with their own thoughts or ideas. The way that information can be deemed valid is that it is heard more than once from different, independent sources. "Repeatability fosters reliability." If you hear something over and over again, there must be some truth to it.

A discussion about life in the next realm begins with being a "state of awareness" rather than a specific place. Though the transition seems to offer some challenges, it does not appear terribly difficult to assimilate to the other side. Life there offers a higher perspective or expanded awareness, but the "etheric" or spirit body seems quite tangible and similar to the physical body on Earth, but in a more perfect form. It is not hazy, vapory or transparent. It is as alive and vital as Earth-form. Food is used for revitalization and rest periods also occur.

There are landscapes and objects that make the Spirit World tangible. Where ever the individual's spiritual growth, thoughts and intentions take them, that is where the spirit finds its home. It is in direct proportion to the spiritual work done here on Earth. Shelter for spirits means protection from energies that bring unhappiness or deliberating energy. Spirits communicate with their voice as well as their thoughts. And their activity is much more mental and creative than ours on the Earth Plane.

There are three main tasks for those in spirit: unloading the false learnings from Earth; acquiring further knowledge; and helping less-developed entities. There are three levels of spirit as well. The young, the middle-aged, and the highest spirit form: perfect and highly developed. There are also different societies. Those that are just emerging from Earth, those who understand that their inner-world created the causes around them, and those that see the bigger picture and understand more fully what life is all about. They are about light, love and brilliancy. Spirit relates to each other through love, purity and a state of affection.

Spirit Communication paints a picture of life on the other side that is quite beautiful. People work together to help each other and are all about "love." Nothing is forced upon the individual, wherever they are comfortable spiritually, is where they will reside. It appears to be quite normal, familiar and homey. Very much the picture of a "heavenly experience."

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What happened in *OCTOBER* throughout the years?

OCTOBER 8



The birthday of **the Rev. Catherine Snell, NST,** NSAC Board Member. We wish you a fun day and a special year.

OCTOBER 1897

The first six Principles of **The Declaration of Principles** were adopted. The seventh and eighth Principles were adopted at the Convention in 1909. In 1944 the ninth Principle was added. The Principles have undergone many changes throughout the years.

OCTOBER 1897

A **Lyceum Department** was organized at the Fifth Annual N.S.A. Convention with James B. Hatch as Superintendent.

OCTOBER 1914

The **Definitions of Spiritualism** were adopted. Such as, what is a Spiritualist, a Medium, a Healer, etc.

OCTOBER 1927

The **National Spiritualist Teachers Club** was formed for those having an NST degree.

OCTOBER 1934

The **N.S.A. Junior League** was organized by Jack C. Buchholz to train and interest the younger workers.

OCTOBER 1944

The **Missionaries Club** for the National Spiritualist Organization was founded.

OCTOBER 1945

The **Spiritualist Healer's League** was formed for Commissioned Healers of the N.S.A.

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Also this month, other days of note are **Yom Kipper** on the 6th; **Columbus Day** on the 12th; **United Nation's Day** on the 24th; **Daylight Saving Time** ends on the 26th—set your clock back one hour; **Halloween** on the 31st—send a prayer for your departed loved ones. ❖

Humor to put you in Good Spirits . . .

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle – Quotes To Tickle You

Submitted by
Laura Lee Perkins, Maine



✎ Joking with Doyle during a rehearsal for one of his plays, a young three-pound-a-week actor called Charlie suggested that he and Sir Arthur should pool their incomes and take half each for the rest of their lives. Though amused by the proposal, Doyle declined for obvious reasons. "I don't think so, Mr. Chaplain," he replied.

✎ In later life, Doyle became a fervent Spiritualist and gave many public lectures on the subject. At one of these meetings, gesticulating enthusiastically as he spoke, he accidentally spilled a glass of water over some of the reporters in the front row. "So sorry," said Doyle. "I seem to have baptized you, even if I don't succeed in converting you!"

✎ When Doyle did not arrive for a scheduled lecture on Spiritualism, Cambridge students mounted a placard bearing the announcement: "Sir Arthur Conan Doyle has failed to materialize."

✎ As part of his belief in the spiritual world, Doyle thought communication with the dead was possible. A friend once asked him to visit a fellow author who was seriously ill. "I'll call in tomorrow," promised Doyle... "Tomorrow could be too late—he may not last the night," said his friend... "In that case," replied Doyle breezily, "I'll speak to him next week."

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The Art Of Living

BY PATRICIA WALLACE, Maine

The gently bred middle-aged man sat quietly in front of his window, his painting in front of him. He relaxed back in his chair, put his brush handle in his lips, thoughtfully gazing at his piece of work, criticizing his own techniques, without even seeing the beauty in his work.

The sounds outside interrupted the quiet solitude, and he casually glanced out the window. A young mother was pushing a stroller past, her mouth moving as briskly as she walked. It was October, and the air had turned nippy. Guaranteed the baby would be carefully bundled against the fall chill, as he listened quietly to his mother's voice, the sound of her love keeping him warm and safe.

The man took his paintbrush out of his mouth and absently rolled his tongue over his lips. He thought back with a smile to when his own children had been young, scampering around, wanting his attention. He'd been needed then. Needed, but with little time to spare. His smile saddened as he thought of all the time he had wasted. Time, precious time that can't be recalled.

Glancing at his painting, he realized that the rock on the left was just a little too dark, and he carefully mixed a bit of cadmium yellow into his brown ochre and placed a dab of paint strategically on the canvas, lightening the effect of the rock considerably.

Once again he looked out the window, thinking what a hard time he was having concentrating. He watched the neighbor boys throwing a ball back and forth. Youth, what a terrible thing to waste. Not because of the spirit of youthfulness, but because now time seems to run away from him. Ah, youth. A time when friends come easily and go just as quickly. Communication was easy then, and companionship was always there for the taking.



He remembered the little redhead from next door that he had played with almost every day of his youth. How they would fish together, swim together, even sit quietly eating peanut butter sandwiches together. He smiled at the thought. They had talked about everything under the sun, and that too. He'd married that little redhead.

Shouts of laughter interrupted his thoughts and he watched the boys laughing and rolling around in a pile of leaves carrying on without a care in the world. Best of friends, trusting. Why was life so much harder as you got older?

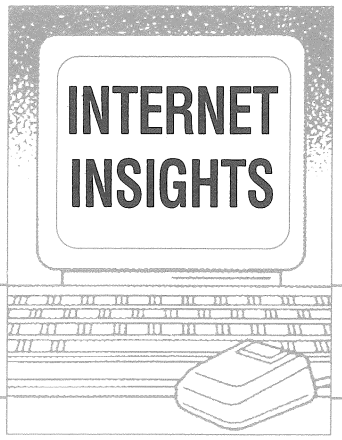
He got up, stretched his legs and went to the kitchen. Funny, his place seemed a lot quieter all of a sudden. He pulled out a loaf of bread and started making a peanut butter sandwich. The day was beginning to feel as if it was going to last forever. As he munched on his sandwich his eyes checked out every corner of the room. Every picture on the walls was straight. He'd cleaned the rugs just yesterday. Dishes were done, nothing left on the cupboard. His life was stagnant. Changes brought growth. Changes, he thought bitterly. He'd seen enough changes! His marriage to his best friend, the little redhead from next door, had slowly gone downhill until they had nothing left to talk about; nothing to share. Two individuals living in the same house, but in two different worlds. Stagnant. But a human can't stay stagnant forever without dying within, so the tension had built until a change had to occur.

It had been four years since his marriage of 22 years had ended, oh sure, it was peaceful now. He could paint all day. No one ever moved his brushes or told him his sky was too gray. Or, that his eyes were a soft warm blue. Frowning, he walked over to his painting. His sky was too gray! and the rocks too dark, he noticed. The whole picture was too somber, and there was not one living thing to be seen, no bird, no animal, no people.

This was his life and he finally "saw" it. You can only live if you love, and love if you take chances and really live. There's nothing wrong with changes. Life was meant to go on—to move—to change—to share—to feel.

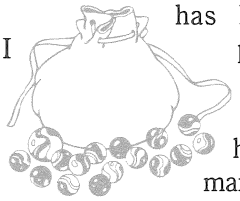
He picked up his paintbrush. Half an hour later his sky was lighter; a dog was running after a butterfly; a woman and man sat on a blanket talking and laughing, sharing a picnic. He signed his name to the painting, cleaned his brushes, and as he turned to walk out the door he thought of a title—the Art of Living.

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1000 SATURDAYS

Author Unknown



The older I get, the more I enjoy Saturday mornings. Perhaps it's the quiet solitude that comes with being the first to rise, or maybe it's the unbounded joy of not having to be at work. Either way, the first few hours of a Saturday morning are most enjoyable.

A few weeks ago, I was shuffling toward the kitchen with a steaming cup of coffee in one hand and the morning paper in the other. What began as a typical Saturday morning turned into one of those lessons that life seems to hand you from time to time. Let me tell you about it.

I turned the volume up on my radio in order to listen to a Saturday morning talk show. I heard an older sounding chap with a golden voice. You know the kind, he sounded like he should be in the broadcasting business himself.

He was talking about "a thousand marbles" to someone named "Tom." I was intrigued and sat down to listen to what he had to say.

"Well, Tom, it sure sounds like you're busy with your job. I'm sure they pay you well, but it's a shame you have to be away from home and your family so much. Hard to believe a young fellow should have to work sixty or seventy hours a week to make ends meet. Too bad you missed your daughter's dance recital."

He continued, "Let me tell you something Tom, something that has helped me keep a good perspective on my own priorities." And that's when he began to explain his theory of "thousand marbles."

"You see, I sat down one day and did a little arithmetic. The average person lives about seventy-five years. I know, some live more and some live less, but on average, folks live about seventy-five years."

"Now then, I multiplied 75 times 52 and I came up with 3900 which is the number of Saturdays that the average person has in their entire lifetime. Now stick with me Tom, I'm getting to the important part."

"It took me until I was fifty-five years old to think about all this in any detail," he went on, "and by that time I had lived through over twenty-eight hundred Saturdays. I got to thinking that if I lived to be seventy-five, I only had about a thousand of them left to enjoy."

"So I went to a toy store and bought every single marble they had. I ended up having to visit three toy stores to roundup 1000 marbles. I took them home and put them inside of a large, clear plastic container right here in my workshop next to the radio. Every Saturday since then, I have taken one marble out and thrown it away."

"I found that by watching the marbles diminish, I focused more on the really important things in life. There is nothing like watching your time here on this earth run out, to help get your priorities straight."

"Now let me tell you one last thing before I sign-off with you and take my lovely wife out for breakfast. This morning, I took the very last marble out of the container. I figure if I make it until next Saturday, then God has blessed me with a little extra time to be with my loved ones…

"It was nice to talk to you Tom, I hope you spend more time with your loved ones, and I hope to meet you again someday. Have a good morning!"

You could have heard a pin drop when he finished. Even the show's moderator didn't have anything to say for a few moments. I guess he gave us all a lot to think about. I had planned to do some work that morning, then go to the gym. Instead, I went upstairs and woke my wife up with a kiss. "C'mon honey, I'm taking you and the kids to breakfast."

"What brought this on?" she said with a smile.

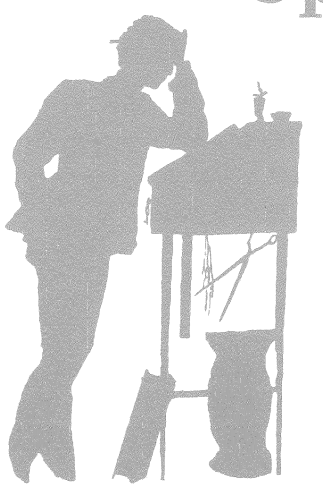
"Oh, nothing special," I said.

"It has just been a long time since we spent a Saturday together with the kids. Hey, can we stop at a toy store while we're out? I need to buy some marbles."

Have a great weekend and may all Saturdays be special and may you have many happy years after you lose all your marbles.

My God bless you in all you do. ❖

Upbeat Living: The B/Right Stuff



BY KEBBA BUCKLEY, M.S., Arizona

Words delightfully reflect how we look at things. One great example is the word "stuff." We speak of "owning stuff." We specify "that's MY stuff, so leave it alone." We say, "I'm stuffed!" Some say, "oh, stuff it!" In these phrases, we express ownership and stowage. In psychotherapy, "stuff" is used to mean one's emotional baggage, as in, "all their stuff really came up in that argument." Psychological ownership and stowage come through in this usage, as in "stuffed emotions." In popular archetypes, our culture admires a hero who "has the right stuff," meaning that s/he is filled or "stuffed" with strong, positive traits that serve him or her and humanity well.

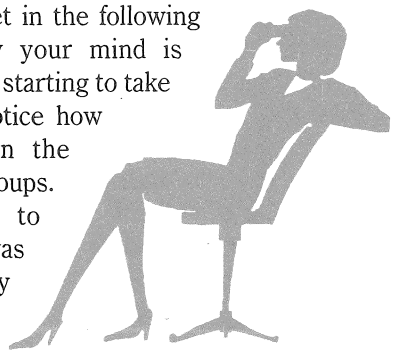
Would you like to size up your "stuff?" Do you have a notepad and pen or pencil? Let your imagination run free for a couple of minutes and try jotting down your private answers to these questions for Part 1: What is important in life? What is right and what is wrong? What are your values? What is interesting? Do you run your life according to what is important to you? What is your "stuffing?" For your personal goals and values, do you "have the right stuff?" Is there a difference between what you say is right/important/interesting and what you spend your time on?

Now, for Part 2, look around your living space briefly and keep writing, this time choosing adjectives for what you see. Do you see confusion, clutter, inconsistency, or noncompletions? Does the air smell stagnant? Are there dirty or broken things or stuff that needs to be discarded? Right now, some of you are looking at a clean home, lovely colors, pretty furniture, clear walking spaces and exercise zones. Some of you have flourishing plants, clean air, and orderly files; all the food in your fridge is probably recognizable, and it's probably even fresh. Which home would you say "has the right stuff?" If you could move in now, which home would you choose?

For Part 3, work the process in reverse. How much do your descriptions of your "living space" match the "living space" of your mind? After all, bright people do much of their living in their minds. If your home needs dusting and cobweb removal, what about your thoughts? If some furniture is broken, what would it take to fix it? Then, what would it take to repair the fixtures of your social life? If there is simply too much stuff in your home, are you often trying to deal with too many thoughts and activities in a week? How about reducing the "stuff" you cope with, in your physical living, and in your mental tasking? What can you "clean house" about? Can you drop an organization, leave one hobby to alternate years, or give a check instead of time to that fourth worthy cause?

How much clutter or gunk can be in the mind of a person with a clean, pleasant, and airy home? Our homes are the outpicturing of our minds. Just why do you think they call that one space a "living room?" Are you relaxed, happy, and satisfied in your mental living room? If not, here is an easy trick: clean your physical living room! Just as a cluttered mind generates a cluttered homescape, cleaning your homescape can clear your mind. Here's the really easy part: everything is either "Love It As Is" or "Other." The "Other" is of three types: Clean It, Fix It, and Out Out D... Spot. If it's worth cleaning or fixing, do it; hire a little help if you need to. Otherwise, toss it or donate it.

Now what's in your house? Write that down: AHA! When we get rid of the Wrong Stuff, we end up with only the Right Stuff. After this exercise, notice how many nice new people you meet in the following two weeks. Notice how your mind is clearer, and your goals are starting to take orderly mental form. Notice how you're more effective in the workplace and in social groups. Your former resistance to cleaning up your "stuff" was holding you back on many levels. Hey, now that you've "cleaned house" with your living room, have you thought about "straightening out" your "bedroom stuff?" Wow! Think of the possibilities, and write them down. Clear the "Wrong Stuff" from the rooms of your physical house, and the "Right Stuff" will express in many ways in your lifestyle.



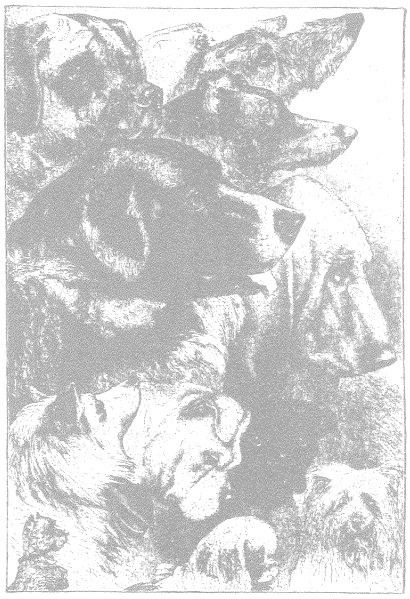
Make the b/right choices for you. Enjoy choosing your stuff and your life, starting now. ❖

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My Best Friend

BY LEONARD FELDSOTT, California

A buddy of mine had to put his dog down. I went with him and his family to try to add some support. We discussed at dinner that it is difficult to know what to do for another when they are grieving from the loss of a loved one. Later, I wrote some thoughts down, trying to think from the perspective of the pet owner.



Today I had to say goodbye to a very special friend. This was a friend like no other. He never judged me as to how I looked, how I dressed or even how I smelled. He judged me only by the most basic of scales and required only that I love him.

For this love, he gave unconditional loyalty and devotion. No matter how he felt, he was always glad to see me and let me know, in his own way, how much my presence brightened his day. When things seemed dark and gloomy for me, I had my friend to cheer me on and let me know I was never alone or unloved.

This friend grew up with me from when I was about seven years old. Only problem was we didn't age at the same rate. You see, this friend is my dog. My dog reached old age while I was still a young man, how unfair is that? It pained me to see him immobile, unable to stand, and unable to do all the fun and wonderful things he did while strong and healthy.

I put off facing the inevitable because I didn't want to be without my best friend by my side. I was not prepared to make the decision he couldn't until I knew by his understanding looks and knowing glances that he no longer wanted to live in such a degrading and humiliating way. It was sadly time to let him go, and we both knew it.

It is a painful day for me. I am, however, proud that my family and I stood by his side, held him, and let him know just how loved he truly is. He made his transition knowing that he was a part of a family that loved and cared for him just like all its other members, without a difference or exception.

I shall try to take comfort in knowing that he waits for me in spirit. That when it is my turn to transition that he will be in the tunnel of loved ones waiting to greet and help me on. It will be glorious for both of us to again experience the closeness and joy of mutual love on a side-by-side basis. Until then, I know that he will continue to lovingly look after me from his side of the veil. I know that he will take great interest and care to help me stay on the path of life that is best for me. For now however, it's goodbye my friend, until we meet again.

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Education is the instruction of the intellect in the Laws of Nature, under which name I include not merely things and their forces, but men and their ways; and the fashioning of the affections and of the will into an earnest and loving desire to move in harmony with those laws.
– Thomas Henry Huxley (1825-1895)

Positive Statements To Help Create a Positive Day.

Affirmations . . . OCTOBER 2003

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 "Our happiness is inextricably bound up with the happiness of others." – *Dali Lama*	**2** To be content in life, we must have love and compassion.	**3** Our natural world and environment is everyone's responsibility.	**4** I affirm my body is healthy and my thoughts are healthy.
5 "God shall be to each one of us what we are to God." – *Ernest Holmes*	**6** Our power in life is our consciousness, which uses Natural Law.	**7** Our spirit loved ones value the affection we hold for them.	**8** "Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of the law." – *Psalm 119:18*	**9** I lift my consciousness above the confusion of life, to the peace of Spirit.	**10** Infinite guidance surrounds me in all of my endeavors.	**11** I affirm joy and positive energy, and express myself with enthusiasm.
12 "Our birth is but a sleep and a forgetting…" – *William Wordsworth*	**13** I desire to feel completely healthy and whole so I may express love and light.	**14** "All beings are necessary to the working out of the designs of Providence." – *Kardac*	**15** "Life is the ego's day in the sun; the hereafter is the eternity of the self." – *U. S. Anderson*	**16** I believe in the immutable Law of Good, I am one with the Living Spirit.	**17** It is comforting to know there are loving, wise Spirit Guides near me to advise me.	**18** I think simply and directly from the center of my being, which is Spirit.
19 "Much of the unhappiness we humans endure is actually of our own making." – *Dali Lama*	**20** Mother Nature is a wonderful painter of the leaves and foliage.	**21** My guardian angel inspires me from Spirit when I am quiet.	**22** Earth provides us with everything that is essential, and I give thanks.	**23** I train my mind to obey me and be positive—I direct my thoughts.	**24** I honor all Nations, all peoples and ask the Great Spirit to bless them.	**25** Contentment comes to those whose needs are few.
26 "A kind word is better than a big pie." – *Russian proverb*	**27** I ask the Great White Light to surround me and all that I do.	**28** I draw to me new awareness, truth and understanding.	**29** Today I spread smiles, kindness and love to all I meet.	**30** My mental diet is abundance, joy and anything is possible.	**31** Today I take special time to commune with those on the other side.	



Happy Halloween







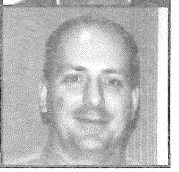

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Mail address: R1, Box 91, Canton, 04221; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m., followed by a potluck lunch; Classes Wed. 7:00-9:00 p.m.; Secy., Virginia Norris, LM, CH; Pastor, Rev. Rupert Sigurdsson, NST; For information, phone (207) 597-2600, e-mail: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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

• MINNESOTA •

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

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.

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

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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.

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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.

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SALEM - The Church of Spiritual Life, Inc.
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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
29 Vick Park A, Rochester, 14607; (585) 271-1470; Voicemail (585) 234-2362; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Third Wednesdays All Message and Healing Services 7-9 p.m.; Plymouthspiritualistchurch.org; Pastor, Robin Higgins; Pres., Joanne Antinore.

• OHIO •

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

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

COLUMBUS - First Spiritualist Church of Linden
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COLUMBUS - Spiritualist Church of Spirit Revelation
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DAYTON - Spiritual Life Center, NSAC
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• 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
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• TEXAS •

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

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• VIRGINIA •

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NORFOLK - The Memorial Spiritualist Church, NSAC
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• WEST VIRGINIA •

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• WISCONSIN •

WEST ALLIS - First Spiritualist Church of West Allis
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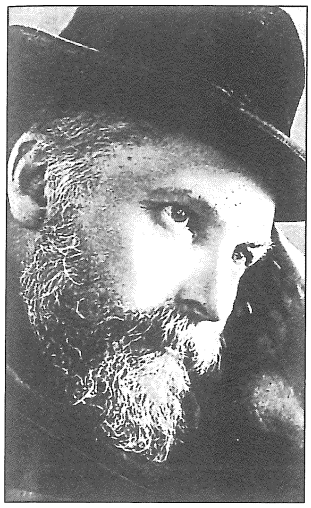
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FREDERICK MYERS

Remembering Frederic W. H. Myers

BY MICHAEL E. TYMN, Editor of the *ARPR Bulletin*

"If Myers was not a mystic, he had all the faith of a mystic and the ardour of an apostle, in conjunction with the sagacity and precision of a savant."
– Dr. Charles Richet, 1913 Nobel Prize winner

It was 100 years ago this year, in 1903, that Frederic William Henry Myers' seminal work, *Human Personality and Its Survival of Bodily Death*, was first published. Professor William James later wrote that Myers, who departed this world two years before the publication of his book, "will always be remembered in psychology as the pioneer who staked out a vast tract of mental wilderness and planted the flag of genuine science upon it." Sir Oliver Lodge, the esteemed physicist and radio pioneer, stated that Myers had been "laying the foundation for a cosmic philosophy, a scheme of existence as large and comprehensive and well founded as any that have appeared."

Although not educated as a psychologist, Myers has been credited with developing a systematic conception of the subliminal self as well as a theory holding that telepathy is one of the basic laws of life. In fact, it was Myers who coined the word "telepathy," previously called "thought transference."

According to Dr. Sherwood Eddy, a distinguished American writer of the first half of the last century, Myers began to explore the subconscious, or subliminal self, simultaneous with and independently of Freud. While Freud accepted atomic materialism, seeing philosophy as a mere rationalization and religion as outright fraud, Myers concluded that the Power behind the universe is superorganic, in a higher category to which human personality belongs. He saw psychical research as a meeting place of religion, philosophy and science. Since materialism had, in the wake of Darwinism, become the *intelligent* approach, Myers' view did not gain widespread acceptance.

Myers was born in Keswick, Cumberland, England on February 6, 1843, then became a classical lecturer at Cambridge and a fellow of Trinity. By 1869, he had, like most of his Cambridge intellectuals, lost his faith and, concomitantly, his belief in the survival of consciousness at death. Myers wrote that his agnosticism or virtual materialism affected him like "a dull pain borne with joyous doggedness, sometimes...a shock of nightmare-panic amid the glaring dreariness of the day." He felt that the hope of the world was vanishing, not his alone.

Myers' interest in psychical research was sparked during the 1870s by the mediumship of the Reverend Stainton Moses, then fueled by the mediumship of Leonore Piper. In 1882, he became one of the founding fathers of the Society for Psychical Research and in 1886 he collaborated with Edmund Gurney and Frank Podmore in his first outstanding work, *Phantasms of the Living*.

"In the long story of man's endeavors to understand his own environment and to govern his own fate, there is one gap or omission so singular that its simple statement has the air of a paradox," Myers begins the introduction to *Human Personality*. "Yet, it is strictly true to say that man has never yet applied the methods of modern science to the problem which most profoundly concerns him—whether or not his personality involves any element which can survive bodily death."

In *Human Personality*, Myers explores disintegrations of personality, genius, sleep, hypnotism, sensory automatism, phantasms of the dead, motor automatism, trance, possession, and ecstasy. "In this great book Myers brought together an immense store of information about the always strange and often wonderful goings-on in the upper stories of a man's soul-house," wrote Aldous Huxley in the foreword to the 1961 republication of *Human Personality*. "And this information he presents within a theoretical frame of reference that takes account not only of the rats and beetles in the cellarage, but also of those treasures, birds and angels so largely ignored by Freud and his followers."

Huxley saw Myers as a classical scholar, a minor poet, a conscientious observer, and a platonic philosopher,

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October 2002 Department of Phenomenal Evidence Report

BY THE REVS. TOM AND LISA BUTLER, NST

Does Spiritual Prayer Heal? Many religions believe that prayer has the power to heal. That belief is now being put to tough scientific testing in Tucson. University of Arizona open-heart surgery patients are receiving special prayers to see if prayer can ease pain and speed up the recovery process. Patients will not know whether they are being prayed for or not. Chief of Surgery, Dr. Allan Hamilton, a Harvard-trained neurosurgeon said, "...I'm interested in the scientific outcome of surgical therapies and the use of advanced technologies, but we can't forget that these are human beings in our care...I have seen that patients who are spiritually and emotionally connected do very well in their recovery. What we want to find out is if there is scientific validity to this – yes or no."

The University of Arizona study is funded through the National Institutes of Health. The project follows several smaller studies in the past two decades that indicate distant prayer benefits patients with serious illness and injuries. From: www.dailystar.com/star/today/30508powerofprayer2fpmb2fmst2f.html

Present Thought May Influence Past Actions. In his report, *Time-reversed human experience: Experimental evidence and implications*, Dean Radin discusses research suggesting that it is possible to affect past events with current circumstances. For instance, the "Experimenter effect," in which the negative attitude of the experimenter may cause a negative result, may not be felt during the experiment. Instead, it may be possible that the experimenter's attitude is actually changing the data to show a negative result **after** it has been collected.

The implications that present thought can influence past actions poses a number of challenging possibilities. For instance, we might be "caused" to do something today, because in the future, we will feel the need for that something. Yes, there are some interesting paradoxes, but we are very good at creating reality. Just as our mind will seamlessly weave an outside event into our dreams, so might our mind easily "fit" the sudden appearance of an answer to our current needs into the normal flow of our experiences. This is all the more reason to "manage" our thoughts.

From: www.boundaryinstitute.org/articles/timereversed.pdf. Dr. Radin is currently on the staff of the Institute of Noetic Sciences.



Everyone is Psychic. In his June 2001 *Fate* Magazine column, "Psychic Frontiers," Parapsychologist, Loyd Auerbach points out that, "Everyone is psychic." He observes that our ability to screen out psychic impressions may be a survival trait, because otherwise, we would be inundated with psi information.

Auerbach writes that the late psychic, Alex Tanous, offered the following technique as a way to awaken latent psi ability: "He suggests spending a few minutes using one's conscious focus of attention, directed first at the normal senses, consciously noting everything you see. Don't just scan the environment around you, really see and take notice. Then do the same with your hearing, especially noticing the background noises...[Editor: and your other senses]...there may be some extra bits of information that can't be connected to the normal sense perception...Focus your attention on the extras."

Attitude is important in developing psi ability. Auerbach said that someone who believes in psi tends to score higher than those who do not, and that we often limit what we will allow ourselves to experience and believe. Perhaps this is why some psi teachers suggest that people behave "as if" they are psychic.

Beneficial Book. A book that is getting high marks for being informative as well as educational is, *How to Get a Good Reading from A Psychic Medium*, by Carole Lynne. Carol Lynne provides useful suggestions on how to evaluate a reading and what to expect. She offers candid and frank advice regarding what mediums can and can't do and how to prepare to get the most out of contact with those in the Spirit World. The book is being recommended by Spiritualists, not only for students, but also for those who have been receiving readings from mediums for many years.

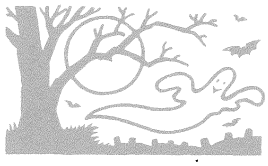
Immortal Remains. A new book by Stephen Braude titled, *Immortal Remains*, delves into an assortment of phenomena, including drop-in communicators and the case of Patience Worth. From the back cover, "Some underestimate the evidence for life after death, not realizing how impressive the most convincing cases are...*Immortal Remains* takes a fresh look at some of the most puzzling cases suggesting life after death, and considers how to tell evidence for an afterlife from evidence for exotic things (including psychic things) done by the living. Author

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Stephen E. Braude, who has done extensive research in parapsychology and dissociation, explores previously ignored issues about dissociation, creativity, linguistic skills, and the nature and limits of human abilities. He concludes that we have some reason, finally, for believing in life after death."

In Honor of Halloween



Happy Halloween! October is the time of year people involved in things paranormal are the most popular. A friend who has written a book on Ghosts remarked that everyone wants to interview or have her give a talk in October but they seem to forget about her the rest of the year. We have also noticed that we receive much more media attention regarding Electronic Voice Phenomena in October. More people stop by to look at the aaevp.com web site as well.

Perhaps October is a good time for Spiritualists to have special activities that might attract younger members. When we are invited to give a presentation to a paranormal or ghost hunter group we find that eighty percent of attendees are less than thirty years of age. Ghosts, hauntings and other paranormal occurrences are often a younger person's first introduction to the idea of survival.

Ghost Directs Family to Old Letter. The South African newspaper, *The Natal Witness*, published an article in January about a family being directed by a woman's ghost to the location of a letter written 40 years earlier. The letter, written on December 23, 1961, is addressed to the woman's children. The family has appealed to whoever lived in the house at that time to come and get the letter.

The family's 15-year-old daughter was the first to see the apparition of a young woman clad in white, with blue eyes and long blonde hair. The lady's feet did not touch the ground, her face looked like a bright light and her mouth was moving. The mother's boyfriend later saw the same apparition, reflected in a mirror.

In early January, the mother had a dream about where the woman had placed a letter. In the dream she saw the woman put the letter in a groove in the oven where bread was baked in the old days, and that is exactly where it was found. The outside of the letter read, "You will find when the time is right." In the letter, the woman expressed guilt over the way that she had treated her children. She wrote that she did not have long to live. She asked her children never to forget her and said that she would always love them. It ended, "Goodbye my angels, your loving Mother."
From www.witness.co.za/showcontent.asp?id=12177&action=full&catid=6

The Ghost of Private Rex. In the June issue of the of the *ARPR Bulletin*, editor Michael Tymn, wrote a very interesting article on Hereward Carrington's book *Psychical Phenomena and The War*. Tymn listed various stories that Carrington had documented regarding prophecies, premonitions, apparitions, dreams, clairvoyant description of death, and communications from "dead" solders during World War I. One of them was the story of Private Rex.

Private Rex's unit was being marched to another area by a Lieutenant Smith. Smith noticed that Private Rex was falling behind and asked him if he was hungry. The Private responded, "A little," and so Smith gave him a malted milk tablet taking note that the Private looked pale and that his hand was icy cold.

The officer went off to take care of other matters and when he returned once more to check on Private Rex he could not find him. Lieutenant Smith was then reminded by another officer that Private Rex had been killed three days earlier in battle.

Smith told Carrington that he had temporarily forgotten due to the stress of battle and the deaths of so many others, but he was adamant that he had not only seen and talked to Private Rex but had also touched him. Smith is quoted as saying, "It takes away all the fear of death for I know that Private Rex lives, though dead." From "War and Psychical Phenomena," *ARPR Bulletin* Volume 12 No. 2, by Michael E. Tymn, editor.



Hereward Carrington

Hereward Carrington was an anti-Spiritualist whose pessimism was shaken after reading *Essays in Psychical Research* by Miss X.

On behalf of the English S.P.R. he was one of the individuals who investigated the phenomena of physical medium, Eusapia Paladino. A quote from his book, *Eusapia Paladino and her Phenomena* tells much about how he changed, "My own sittings convinced me finally and conclusively that genuine phenomena do occur, and that being the case, the question of their interpretation naturally looms before me. I think that not only is the Spiritualistic hypothesis justified as a working theory, but it is, in fact, the only one capable of rationally explaining the facts."

Picture and article from The International Survivalist Society www.survivalafterdeath.org/scientists/1.htm

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Questions & Answers

BY THE REV. LELIA E. CUTLER, NST, Virginia

Some questions from a Thought Exchange held at The Memorial Spiritualist Church, NSAC, Norfolk, VA.

Q "How can you tell the difference between intuition and channeling?"

A The general consensus of our workers was that this is a very difficult area of our work. Sometimes we get thoughts that we think may be intuitive, but it could also be "spirit communication." Channeling is simply passing on communication from spirit so any inspiration from spirit could be called channeling, and our intuitive thoughts could also be from spirit. If the thoughts are "foreign" to your way of thinking, then they are probably from spirit—if they are "normal" to your way of thinking and phrasing, then they are probably from your own mind.

Q "How does one know to listen and when it is just one's own mind talking?"

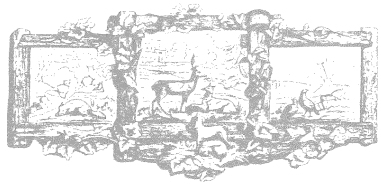
A The same information seemed to apply to this question. It is difficult to determine when we are listening to spirit and when we are reacting to "desire fulfillment." Sometimes the desire fulfillment is so strong that we think it is a message from spirit.

Q "How do you keep your work with spirit from encroaching on your every day life?"

A My response was: "It is supposed to encroach on our life, not to interfere with our life." Spirit is around us all the time and all we have to do is ask for their help—in any situation. However, if we want to work independently of spirit, we just surround ourselves in light, and do not ask for spirit help.

Q "We have lost our dog, who had been with us for thirteen years. Everything reminds us of her. Some of our friends have suggested a new puppy, but my husband got really upset with their suggestion. Is there anything I can do for my own grief and for my family's grief?"

A Our pets are a part of our family, and it hurts to lose someone we love. Those of us who have pets appreciate the love, affection and trust we receive from our animal friends, so it is not surprising that we grieve when they leave the physical. Offer sympathy to all who grieve, give a card or a hug that lets them know they don't have to go through this time alone. Check out a pet-loss web-site and see if sharing thoughts with others in the same situation might help. One web-site we have heard about is www.ourpals.com.



May we suggest to the family the idea of creating a tribute or memorial to the animal. It could be a tree planted in her memory; create a scrapbook of events that happened; have a favorite photograph enlarged and framed; make a donation to the Humane Society; or have a prayer circle to honor the pet. Allow some time to pass before considering a new pet.

As Spiritualists, we know our animal friends continue to exist in the next realm of life and await our arrival to be together once again. Some of our pets pay a visit now and then, and other animals in the home often perk up when the animal spirits are there. They may stare at a corner where humans can see nothing; the hair on their back might stand up; they may bark at the air; or wag their tail in recognition. Love connects us with others, so as long as we continue to love our animal, the connection will be close and strong. – SP

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– *Prayer for Spiritual Healing* –

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

The Prayer For Spiritual Healing

BY DONNA AZZARELLI, New York

I ask the Great Unseen Healing Force
To remove **all obstructions** from my mind and body
And to restore **me** to perfect health
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And I will **do my part**
I ask this Great Unseen Healing Force
To help both **present** and **absent** ones
Who are in **need** of help
And to restore **them** to **perfect** health
I put **my** Trust
In the **love** and **power of God**

What does this simple prayer mean? Do you just say it in church? Is it only used to heal a physical ailment? Do you say it for yourself? Do you say it for others? Do you say it everyday?

Let's look at the simplicity in this wonderful prayer.

I ask the Great Unseen Healing Force—Who is that?, what is that? Is it God, spirit helpers, or both? Is it you, your subconscious, your higher self, your spirit? Is it the God spirit in you? I think it is all of the above and you'll see why.

To remove all obstructions from my mind and body—We know there is a multitude of physical obstructions, from injury, dis-ease, and so on. Let's think for a minute about the obstructions of mind. The ones we create, and hold as our very own. The mind obstructions are fear, other than ill mental health, which can be from chemical imbalances, or injury, which I am not trained or qualified to discuss or diagnose. I can speak of the fears that we create ourselves or allow others to instill in us: The fear of death, of winning, succeeding, failing; the annoyances common in everyday life; the fear of the unknown, what will happen next; the fear of living, the fear of change, of loneliness; fears fed to us by the mass media, hysterical fears; made up fears, created fears to control your thoughts and beliefs. These fears and obstructions are everywhere, they are all around you. Some are new and some are so deeply imbedded, so ingrained in your unconscious that they can and will make you unhealthy, put you in dis-ease, bring you out of harmony mentally and physically, unless they are faced.



Will they go away because you say the prayer? Probably not. You and the God in you have a job to do.

And restore me to perfect health—Ask and you shall receive. But be careful of what you ask for and **how** you ask for it. If you ask without sincerity and don't believe perfect health is there for you, then it won't be there. Abundance and perfection are your heritage, and that which was once perfect will become so again. Ask God to restore your heritage.

I ask this in all sincerity and honesty and I will do my part—When you ask

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

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in sincerity and honesty, you are asking, not begging. Each individual is potentially the most spiritually wealthy expression of life on this planet and must recognize the physical and mental wealth within. To be sincere and honest, you need to be consistent. You will need to be honest enough to uncover old habits and fears, and be sincere and consistent in your desire to get rid of them. You have to do your part.

Well, "I did, I said the prayer." You don't get off that easily. What else can you do as your part to remove the obstructions? That may depend on the obstruction, the stumbling block. You will need to find the source of it, the root, the cause. How did it get there and why? Why are you holding on to it? If it isn't a part of your belief system, or part of your understanding of the Laws of God and Nature, then weed it out! Find it and release it.

Do not accept it as part of your being. Change the way you think. Remember that you, and you alone, are the creator of your life, and your health, and all that surrounds you. Create your life with love and compassion for yourself and your fellow man. That is your part. Then you have to believe it is complete. You have to see yourself free of all that is holding your back, all your fears and obstructions.

I ask the Great Unseen Healing Force to help both present and absent ones who are in need of help—Now, you can change the way you think about yourself and your life, and pretty soon you are more open and free to help others. In helping others you will also need to be sincere and honest, because it will all be for naught if you are only seeking glory for yourself. You want to help both present and absent ones—how do you do that? You help present and absent ones with thoughts of love; it heals all, it conquers all. Naturally, we think of family and friends that are near to us or absent from us, right? So, visualize them as happy, healthy, loving individuals. Hold that picture in your mind's eye and believe it to be true. Believe it to be so.

When you turn on the TV news, or read the newspapers, you see an awful lot of human beings suffering and in need of help. In the world today, there are still thousands fighting and dying in the name of religious beliefs.



What they fight for, what they do to each other, and have done to us is deplorable in our eyes. We don't understand how these things can be so in this day and age. But they are indeed a part of our world today.

These are the absent ones that need help. Will we change their belief systems overnight, or make a profound difference in an instant of time? I hardly think so. But, we can remember them in our healing prayer. They live and love, they have families, friends, dreams, and children, just like we do. They deserve the same heritage, as they do belong to the brotherhood of man.

And restore them to perfect health—Because in your doing well, and feeling well, it's natural to want it for others. You cannot want something good for yourself and wish ill on others, because what goes around comes around a thousand fold. Then there you are again at the beginning, trying to get on the right track. A vicious circle indeed! Give yourself in service, one of the objectives of this religion. Give unto others as you would have given unto you.

I put my trust in the love and power of God. Absolutely! We cannot do it on our own. That is not why we are here. We are here to progress, and I can't think of a finer partner to progress with than Divine Spirit. Can you?

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Did You Know...

- Al Capone's business card said he was a used furniture dealer;
- Tigers have stripped skin, not just stripped fur;
- The average person falls asleep in 7 minutes;
- It is impossible to sneeze with your eyes open;
- At its deepest point, an iron ball would take more than an hour to sink to the ocean floor;
- Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated;
- There are 293 ways to make change for a dollar;
- A shark is the only fish that can blink both eyes;
- The longest one-syllable word in the English language is "screeched."
- On a Canadian 2 dollar bill, the flag flying over the Parliament Building is an American flag.

He, She, It?

BY THE REV. RUPERT SIGURDSSON, NST, Maine



How may times during a class or service do you hear the following, "He spoke to me while I was meditating." or "He told me so and so." Who is He? It is generally taken that God, or as we prefer Infinite Intelligence, is being referred to. Spiritualists do not accept an anthrophoric God or a God in the likeness of man or woman.

Christians say God, and in many of their thoughts picture an aged man, sitting on a throne, dealing out justice or punishment depending on the lives we have led during our earthly stay. This is not the way Spiritualism accepts our Creator.

As Spiritualists, we accept a universal loving, creative all knowing force equally throughout the universe that we call Infinite Intelligence. It is not He, She or It, so how do we get through to those that will get up in front of the church and still say He spoke to me, referring to God.

Years ago my psychology professor once said, "As humans, we can not completely understand the thoughts of an animal and far less a human, so how can we understand the scope of one we call a God." Whenever the word God, He, is referred in a Spiritualist service or class instead of Infinite Intelligence, it would be wise to offer an explanation that we are not referring to a God in the likeness of humanity, but the Spiritualists understanding of Infinite Intelligence.

Two thousand years ago a great teacher by the name of Jesus stated, "That the kingdom of God is within you." This teaches us that a Universal Power is throughout everything and everywhere. It would be the same if we were on the Moon or another planet. No more and no less, the same creative, loving energy or force, everywhere equally.

Many religions seem to be blind to truths that have been evident since the beginning of time. Another of the statements by Jesus, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and all these things will be added unto you." This is a clear statement that if we meditate and go within, we will find the Universal Creative Power.

One of the parables credited to Jesus sums up Divine Power very well: *Heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up; Then in his joy he sells all that he has and buys the field. – Matthew 13:44.*

Humans have been seeking the God power in all manner of rituals, elaborate structures, even human and animal sacrifices, since the beginning of time, when it has only been necessary to go within to find the real treasure. It couldn't be stated better than the seventh Principle of our Declaration of Principles. *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.*

When, in our churches, He is used in reference to a higher power, it connects us to the orthodox thinking of an anthrophoric God on his throne, and is far from what we are attempting to teach. Since most people coming to a Spiritualist church, class or camp were originally members of another religion, this makes the wrong connection in their mind. They might think we accept God as their old church did, and this does not teach our knowledge of a loving, creative, intelligent Power.

So let's all try to keep away from the He, She or It, and state what we really mean, **Infinite Intelligence**. It takes a moment longer to say or write, but isn't it what our belief accepts—a loving, creative, all knowing Intelligence, without which there would be nothing!

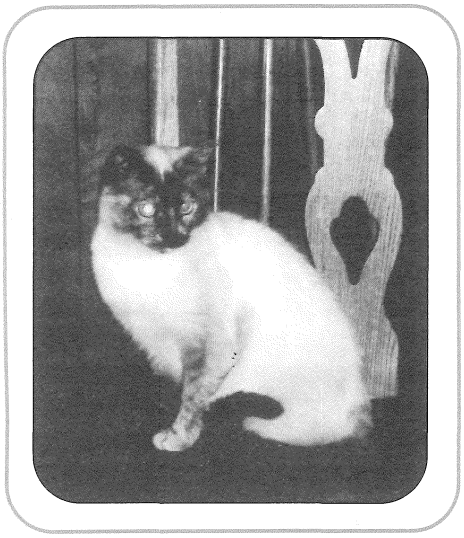
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A great man is one who has not lost the child's heart.
– *Mencius*

Cat Tail

BY KATHLEEN ROTTINO, Connecticut

Infinite Spirit puts people and animals together, for the right reason, at the right time and here is a cat tail to prove it. The Rev. Susan Ferency didn't know that she was going to be the guardian angel to help two people find their answers from spirit on June 21, 2003 at "The Camp" banquet in Connecticut. Susan was seated at one of the tables between the Rev. Kathleen Rottino and the Rev. Charlotte Gordon. Everyone was enjoying the fellowship and the conversation led to how Kathy had rescued some cats. Susan talked about one in particular named Sweetie and how she came close to taking her home herself. Kathy added that she was looking for a home for Sweetie's daughter, and that if anyone knew of a really good home, the cat was theirs for the asking. Charlotte asked what the cat looked like, and after some back and forth comments, Charlotte said she was interested, and asked if she could see her.



The next day Lola, now called Lady Love, came to the camp for a visit. When she was let out of the carrier, she went into the room where Charlotte had unpacked. She sniffed everything that belonged to Charlotte, from her shoes to her suitcase. Charlotte made the remark that the cat was checking her out. She said, you know I may want her, but if she doesn't want me, it won't be a good match. Charlotte continued talking to Lady Love, and a few minutes later, she came over to Charlotte, purring and rubbing against her, wanting Charlotte to pet her on the head. With tears in her eyes, Charlotte said she approves of me. With tears in her eyes, Kathy said you approve of each other.

When Kathy asked Infinite Spirit for a home for this cat, she asked Spirit to find a real good home, with someone who would appreciate this little girl and give her a lot of love and attention. Charlotte is a retired registered nurse who loves Siamese cats.

Charlotte had recently lost her cat, George, and someone asked her if she might get another. She said she wasn't sure, but if she did, she thought she would like a cat about a year old, Siamese and female. Lady Love is a year and half old, female, Siamese cat.

Some people would say this was all just a series of coincidences. If you ask Kathy or Charlotte, they'll say, once they let Spirit know what was their heart's desire, Spirit put them in the right place, at the right time.

When it was time for Lady Love to travel to her new home, the following was read:

Infinite Spirit, we gather this day to celebrate the giving and receiving of this precious spirit known as Lady Love.

Infinite Spirit, Charlotte, Kathy and Lady Love thank you for answering their prayers. Kathy offers to Charlotte, without attachment or regret, Lady Love. This act she makes with a joyful heart and humble attitude knowing that Spirit heard her prayer.

Charlotte offers herself as caretaker to Lady Love. This act she makes with a joyful heart and humble attitude, knowing that Spirit heard her prayer.

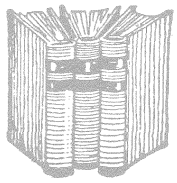
Lady Love offers herself as teacher to all. This act she makes with a joyful heart and humble attitude, knowing that Spirit heard her prayer.

May they all be fulfilled in the glory of their role.

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Poetry

By Merry Browne



"Successful"

Our life is successful
if we succeed
in bettering the lives
of others.

"Explanation"

The Divine within,
The Divine without,
Is what Life is
All about.



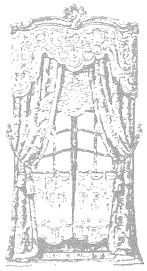


Better guidance
Than evening star,
Is knowing who and what we are.
The hidden factor
So very saving,
We're more than we're being
Or behaving.
Just to Know
Helps us Grow.

We need not weep
Walking memory lane,
It's never too late
To begin again,
We yet may be
What we might have been.
In summing,
We always have been
What we are becoming.



"Gratitude"



This room defines me,
This bed confines me.
One window to the world,
My only view.
The shades withhold it
But the upper part unfolds it
With a wondrous look upon the sky.
How fortunate,
How fortunate
Am I.

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Do Dogs Go To Heaven?

— Anonymous

"Say, dad, when Rover dies will he
Go straight to heaven, same as me?
'Cause Rover's never mean or bad.
I'd like to know dad, for in case
He can't—I'll go some other place."



"I think that heaven will be glad
To have you both, my little lad.
For it is little boys like you,
And friends like Rover,
fine and true,
That heaven uses now and then
To bring faith wondrously to men."

"Has Rover soul and spirit then,
To live and love some day again?"
"If he has not, what can it be
In Rover's eyes and heart we see?
There's faith, there's love,
there's courage, too,
My boy—I'm sure he'll go
with you."

The Healing Hand

By Ann Herbstreith

The healing hand is upon me,
I feel the presence touch
My heart, and I am whole.
For peace is now descending,
Like a dove, it rests
upon my brow,
Till time, unending, even now,
Shall the light shine through;
That light that makes
all things new.
For He has placed His healing
Hand upon me this day.
Then I hear the whisper,
"Believest thou! this power?
According to your faith, then,
Be ye healed this hour!"



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someone who "was free to pay more attention to the positive aspects of the subliminal self than to its negative and destructive aspects," as with the doctors involved in the study of the subliminal self.

Through his extensive scientific research, Myers original belief in survival of the consciousness at death was restored. "Telepathy, I have said, looks like a law prevailing in the spiritual as well as in the material world," Myers wrote. "And that it does so prevail, I now add, is proved by the fact that those who communicated with us telepathically in this world communicate with us telepathically from the other world."

Lodge and Myers became good friends. In his autobiography, *Past Years,* Lodge states that Myers had a remarkable interest in science and a portentous memory. He knew the *Æneid* by heart and could recite many of the *Bab Ballads* without difficulty. Lodge recalled attending one of Myers' lectures on the poet Crabbe, calling it a remarkable *tour de force*. "He had no notes," Sir Oliver wrote, "but after speaking of Crabbe and his poetry in unexpectedly eulogistic terms, he recited from memory whole reams of Crabbe's poetry, which I had never heard before, and was ignorant of."

It was Myers, Lodge explained, that broke down his skepticism and showed him the reasonableness of the survival hypothesis. "He it was who put evidence in my way such as gradually convinced me of the truth of the doctrine."

Lodge further wrote that he sometimes questioned a career decision he had made many years earlier, but then he would remind himself that had he not made that decision he might not have crossed paths with Myers. Thus, he was certain he had made the right decision.

While visiting the United States, Myers took time out to swim the Niagara River, just below the falls. According to Dr. Eddy, Myers gave some thought to the possibility of dying during that somewhat risky swim, but, no longer fearing death, he undertook the swim as a "joyous adventure."

University of Geneva psychology professor, Theodor Flournoy, opined that Myers name should be joined to those of Copernicus and Darwin, completing "the triad of geniuses" who have most profoundly revolutionized scientific thought.

Myers' interest in the subject apparently continued on after his death in 1901, as he is credited with giving us perhaps the strongest evidence yet obtained for survival in the "cross correspondence" cases. In those famous cases, Myers is said to have provided fragments of information through four mediums in separate parts of the world—fragments which seemed meaningless and incoherent until pieced together.

Another friend, also a pioneer of psychical research, was physicist and chemist Sir William Barrett. In his book, *On the Threshold of the Unseen*, Barrett recalls an afterlife communication from Myers in which part of Myers' poem, *St. Paul*, came through the automatic writing of "Mrs. Holland," who later told Barrett that she had never before read the poem and knew nothing of it. While recognizing that Mrs. Holland could have read it before and stored it away in her subconscious, Barrett wrote that all of the communication through Mrs. Holland was very characteristic of Myers.

Barrett quotes Myers in another afterlife communication through Mrs. Holland: "To believe that the mere act of death enables a spirit to understand the whole mystery of death is as absurd as to imagine that the act of birth enables an infant to understand the whole mystery of life. I am still groping, surmising, conjecturing. The experience is different for each one of us...One was here lately who could not believe he was dead; he accepted the new condition as a certain state in the treatment of his illness."

In a later writing through Mrs. Holland, Myers gave this message: "The reality is infinitely more wonderful than our most daring conjectures. Indeed, no conjecture is sufficiently daring." – *Michael E. Tymn*

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Wild, Yet Trivial Statistics...

- The city with the most Rolls Royce's per capita: Hong Kong
- The amount American Airlines saved in 1987 by eliminating one olive from each salad served in first class: $40,000.
- State with the highest percentage of people who walk to work: Alaska
- Percentage of Africa that is wilderness: 28%
- Percentage of North America that is wilderness: 38%
- Percentage of American men who say they would marry the same woman if they had to do it all over again: 80%
- Percentage of American women who say they would marry the same man if they had to do it all over again: 50%
- The cost of raising a medium size dog to the age of eleven: $6,400
- Average number of people airborne over the US any given hour: 61,000
- Percentage of Americans who have visited Disneyland/world: 70%

Maine State Convention



Beautiful people, beautiful scenery, guess that is why we really enjoyed our trip to Maine. Everywhere you went there were unspoiled landscapes, cold oceans and warm lakes, mountains and fields, delicious sea food, interesting history, lighthouses, trees and water, good shopping and the people were all so kind and nice to us. That's Maine, a special place of gracious people.

Each year, a different Maine Church or Camp hosts the Annual State Convention, and this year's meeting was held at Temple Heights Spiritualist Camp, which is located on Shore Road in Northport. The inspiring position of the Camp is on an incline overlooking the ocean, surrounded by evergreens and foliage. The porch of the Temple Heights Hotel is a gathering place to meditate, talk, drink tea or coffee or socialize, so as the Maine delegates arrived the porch was plenty busy. Everyone was talking about the new improvements and changes in the hotel, catching up on the news since the last time they got together and helping to put out one of the many fabulous meals the delegates enjoyed. We found out Maine has lots of good cooks.

This year the Revs. Gene and Sandy Pfortmiller, that's us, were invited to present a workshop at the Annual Maine State Spiritualist Convention, which was held June 6th, 7th and 8th, 2003. We were pleased to get away from the Phoenix temperatures in the hundreds, but were surprised by the coolness of Maine—temperatures in the sixties most days, and the nights, well, we wore layers and jackets. What a change!

All the meetings and services were held in the historic Temple, which caresses you with spirit energy as you walk through the door. The well worn wood chairs remind you that some of the greats of Spiritualism also sat in those chairs. The State convention committee chose a workshop on trance for their Friday evening presentation. There was a lecture, along with exercises and a trance demonstration. Then, Saturday, there was the annual business meeting. Now while the meeting accomplished what needed to be accomplished, there was an awful lot of laughter and fun that was mixed throughout the day's agenda. It is a group that seems to enjoy each other and be very comfortable together.

After the work day was an evening of food and fun. A "lobster banquet," as well as chicken, and every trimming you might want, was presented to the hungry attendees. What a feast—there were very full bellies, with even a couple of to-go boxes, and then came the deserts. Yum. Following the great meal, the chairs were pushed aside, and a group of Scottish dancers, kilts, costumes and all, entertained us with a demonstration of their wonderful intricate dancing skills.

Sunday morning, the Convention held a Worship Service in the Temple, then there was a memorial service to honor those who had passed during the year. President Graham Connolly gave some gifts, awards and presentations to Spiritualists who had served well and worked hard during the year to make Spiritualism strong. Luncheon was served, and then in the afternoon, Temple Heights Spiritualist Camp conducted their weekly Worship Service. It was indeed a busy fulfilling, productive weekend of business, service, fellowship, and most of all, Spirit. Thank you Maine and all the special Spiritualists.

New York Ordination



The Reverend Richard P. Schoeller, NST.

The fact that it was raining for the sixth weekend in a row didn't dampen the spirits of those who attended the Ordination of the Reverend Richard P. Schoeller, NST. It was held on Sunday, June 1, 2003 at 11:00 a.m. in the Temple of Metaphysical Science, NSAC in Patchogue, New York.

The Reverend Catherine Snell, NST and the Reverend Janet Travis, NST expressed pride at the opportunity to officiate at such an occasion. They were the first people Richard met when he entered the Temple of Metaphysical Science, NSAC in April of 1997. It was very appropriate that they be there to officiate for his Ordination. Cathy Snell and Janet Travis were Richard's ministers while he attended services there and was beginning to understand the Religion of Spiritualism. While going through his studies with Morris Pratt Institute to become a Certified Medium and an Ordained Minister, the Reverends were his mentors and teachers. From day one they were his friends.

It was a joyous day for the members of the Temple of Metaphysical Science as they celebrated this day with Richard. The Candidate was presented for Ordination by his parents, Richard and Geraldine Schoeller. The Announcement of Ordination was done by the Reverend Catherine Snell, NST.

As part of the Ordination Service, Richard asked his friend, the Reverend James Hughes to read "The Law" by Mary March Baker in honor of the Reverend Joseph H.

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Merrill, NST, the Reverend Edna C. Claussen, NST, the Reverend Gail T. Griffith, NST, the Reverend Catherine Snell, NST, the Reverend Janet Travis, NST, and other minister's who helped him along with his studies.

Felicitations were given by Kenneth Meyer, Ph.D. and Mrs. Vincent Guglielmo, Certified Medium. Although the Reverend Gail Griffith, NST was unable to be at the Ordination, she sent along her good wishes and love in the form of a letter and hand woven scarf made especially for Richard.

In her letter Gail Griffith writes, "To symbolize my presence, I am sending you this scarf which I wove at my loom here in North Carolina. Once I accepted the challenge of making it, I immediately knew it was for you. So, with every throw of the shuttle I sealed in fond memories, lively conversation, a twirl around the dance floor, our respect and admiration for each other, and our mutual love of the Principles of Spiritualism." She continues to bless him with a long, bold future as a Minister. The depth of love that was placed into this scarf is immeasurable and a treasure of the heart.

There was a Presentation of Sunflowers by Richard's friend Loralei Seale. Richard and Loralei spent time together in Pastoral Skills in June 2001. It was the beginning of a great friendship.

Mr. John Bottone, Richard's life partner, presented the newly ordained minister with a ministerial stole made in Africa by Rose Ngambo. It seems Rose Ngambo makes these stoles to help put her son through college. John requested that whenever Richard dons the stole, that he remember Rose and her son in his prayers. After reading Marianne Williamson's, "Let Your Light Shine," John Bottone formally presented the Reverend Richard P. Schoeller, NST.

The Reverend Richard P. Schoeller, NST spoke, offering his gratitude to all those who helped him make it to this day. He offered his love and thanks to friends who traveled from Rochester, Chicago, New Hampshire, Connecticut and especially to Steve Vogel and Laura Nimue Joy for traveling from Washington, D.C.

After he offered his gratitude, he spoke of the fact that this was a joyous occasion and that it was a celebration of the hard work done up to this point. He further explained that in fact this was only just the beginning of what he hopes to be a long life of Ministry. He looks forward to ministering to those who will call upon him and to teaching people all about the Science, Philosophy and Religion of Spiritualism.

To keep the vibration up during the service, the Hymns that were sung were; "Under the Guidance of Angels," "Wonderful Words of Life," "In the Garden," and "Open My Eyes That I May See."

Following the Ordination, a celebration was held downstairs for the one hundred and sixty guests who came to celebrate, congratulate and support Richard.

It was a magnificent celebration filled with so much love to mark the Ordination of the Reverend Richard P. Schoeller, NST. May his ministry be especially blessed.

New Jersey News

For retiree, spiritual road ends in Westville

By Lorraine Agnew, Courier-Post Staff



John Bassett, 77, chats with Pastor Lillian Joyce at the Church of Eternal Life in Westville.

For years, John V. Bassett searched for a religion.

"After World War II, I was hunting for a religion, trying one church after another," said the 77-year-old retired engineer.

The Baltimore resident's search eventually ended—in Westville, New Jersey at the Church of Eternal Life on Olive Street.

Bassett has been a Spiritualist since 1953. He joined the Westville church five years ago. And on June 8, he was ordained as a minister.

Organized in 1926, the church was first known as the Unity Spiritualist Church and located in Camden. It was chartered by the National Spiritualist Association of Churches in 1929.

"We celebrated our 74th anniversary (of our charter) in April," said Lillian S. Joyce, the 60-year-old pastor.

The congregation has about 60 members, Joyce said, some living in north and central New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland.

Since joining the Westville congregation, Bassett has been traveling about 200 miles each week from his Maryland home to New Jersey.

"John lives in Baltimore," said Joyce, who has been pastor for 11 years. "He drives here every Sunday for service."

As an ordained Spiritualist pastor, Bassett hopes to counsel people.

"I want to do this because the church needs a backup minister."

Joyce is delighted with his decision and credits Bassett for his extensive knowledge of Spiritualism.

"John knows the inside out and the upside down. It is something he started many years ago. He wants to accomplish this because he wants to be of service. He teaches at the lyceum once or twice a month," said Joyce.

A retired electromechanical engineer with the Bendix Corp. in Maryland, Bassett spent 27 years moving around the country. His job took him to every state except Oregon, Washington and Hawaii.

While living in Fort Wayne, Texas, a friend took him to a Spiritualist church. He immediately knew he had found a

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home. When he returned to the East in 1963, he attended a church in Baltimore until it closed a few years ago.

He said his first wife was a pastor, ordained by the NSAC.

"She was an evangelical minister, moving around instead of being in one specific church," he said.

They were married 40 years before she died. They had two sons together.

Five years ago he married his second wife, Rita.

"My wife and a friend had some serious medical problems and I heard they (NSAC) were having a convention in New Jersey. I asked her if she would like to try spiritual healing. The other woman who went with us could barely walk in," he said. "By the time she left, she could have danced."

With Rita's health also improving, they soon joined the congregation at the Church of Eternal Life. He said that as a steady participant, he noticed the church needed someone else to help out. That was when he decided to be ordained. He already had extensive background since he had taken NSAC courses in Milwaukee and New York.

"It was very extensive schooling," he said.

Another church member, Larry Chester, 43, of Thorofare, stands in awe of Bassett and shares his love of the religion.

"Here's a man who is 77 years old and he goes out there and does this. He is an inspiration to anybody," he said.

Chester said he found this church more than two years ago. He said he was a rather shy man, but when he joined the congregation, he received so much support and love from the other members, he was soon able to get up and speak to the group.

"From the first day I walked in, the friendliness and openness of the group was so amazing. They are very accepting of anybody regardless of who they are or what they look like."

"Many people misunderstand the religion. It is a religion of total acceptance of God and God's love," said Joyce.

Like other churches, it holds services, workshops, dinners, classes and revivals. Several years ago, Joyce began something called "Mile of Pennies," an outreach program to help the needy in the community.

She asked her members to place a jar on the kitchen table where they could see it every day. She asked them to throw in pennies at the end of each day because, she said, "They add up so quickly and help so much." The money is used to pay for heat, electricity and medical expenses.

The Winslow mother of two wants to help people, no matter what they believe. She said they never segregate. They honor and respect all of the sacred books of every world religion.

"We view Spiritualism as Science, Philosophy and a Religion. It is a Science because it has been proven through demonstration of our mediums. We do believe in communication with spirit. We believe God is spirit and that God is all," said Joyce.

In the early days, it was common practice for members to meet in private homes. In 1941, a three-story home was purchased in Camden and converted into a church. Services, development classes, circles and readings were conducted there for the next 47 years.

When that building was sold in 1987, members met in the Merchantville Community Center. Then in 1989, the current church on Olive Street was purchased and the name was changed.

The church is now associated with the National Spiritualist Association of Churches of the United States of America, the oldest and largest organization of Modern Spiritualism, founded on Sept. 27, 1893.

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"Life isn't about finding yourself. Life is about creating yourself."
– George Bernard Shaw

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1. We believe in Infinite Intelligence.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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