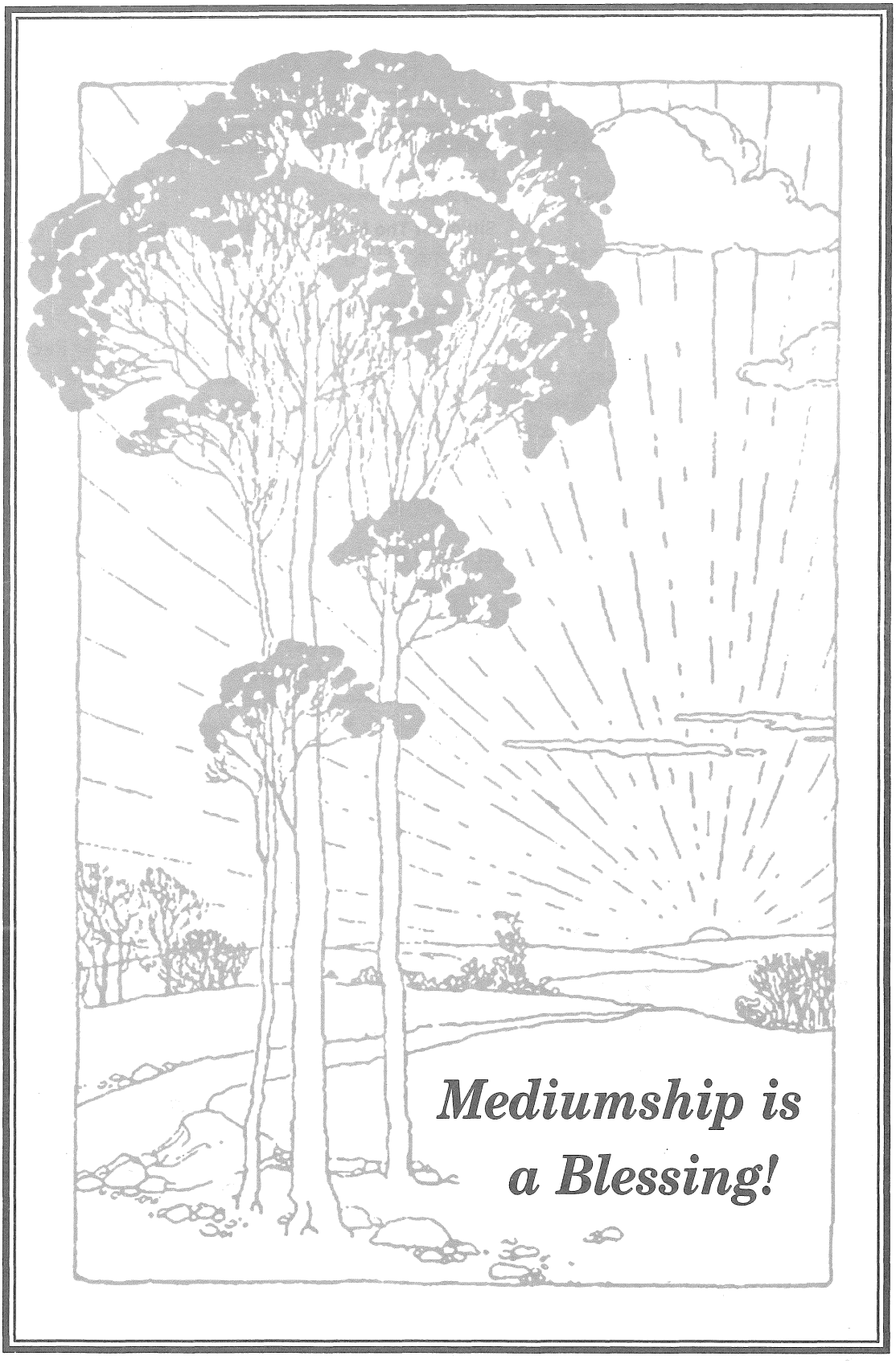
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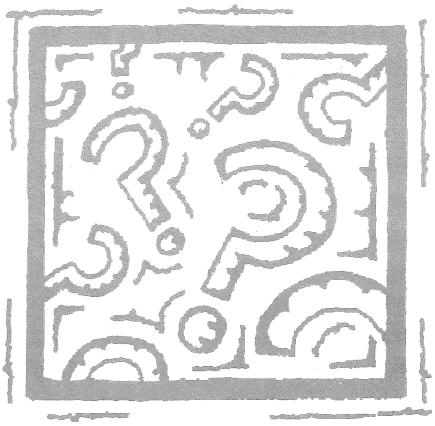
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You've Got Questions?

BY THE REV. SANDRA PFORTMILLER, NST

"The room was dark and smelled slightly sweet to me as I sat waiting for something to happen. Even though the instructor had just finished talking to us, I wasn't sure quite what to expect. Closing my eyes and breathing deeply, a calmness entered my being and I hoped I wasn't going to fall asleep and embarrass myself, then I realized it wasn't sleepiness, something else was happening and it was most pleasant. The teacher gently suggested we feel a spirit around us and..."

Many of us could have written something similar about our first development class for unfoldment and our first class attempt at spirit communication. The vibrations of a class setting helps build energy, attracts spirit entities and supports the new seeker. When you decide to attend a group, you are making two appointments. One with the group and the other with your spirit helpers. The spirit guides then also set aside this time to help you in your desired growth, so please make every effort to honor your commitment each week.

We each have mediumistic ability, so no matter what class you choose each person brings his or her own mediumistic powers with them. Our personal responsibility, the energy, desire and time each spends on development determines the rate of growth. It is up to you.

As Spiritualists, we should know our religion and especially understand mediumship and our spirit helpers. What is mediumship? "A medium is one whose organism is sensitive to vibrations from the Spirit World and through whose instrumentality intelligences in that world are able to convey messages and produce the phenomena of Spiritualism."

At the beginning of development classes I hand out a page of questions and then strive to cover each of them during the course. These are a few of the questions included in the mediumship handout with a brief response because of space.

Why would someone want to be a medium?
What's the difference between a medium and a psychic?
Why is this important?
Is mediumship new?
Was Jesus a medium?
What did Jesus say about the gifts of Spirit?
What tools can we use to assist our spirit friends?
What controls communication from the Other Side of Life?
Which Natural Laws apply to Mediumship?
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Are there various levels in the Next Dimension of Life?
What are Spirit Guides?
Who is in our Spirit Band?
How do we get to know them? Special signals?
What can we expect from our guides and guardians?

Why would someone want to be a medium? A medium takes away the fear of death by proving that life and love are continuous; we do not die; but the spirit graduates to a higher plane of existence. What a comfort a medium can be to someone who is grieving, for they demonstrate there is no separation of those united by caring. It is indeed a blessing to be able to feel the loving energy of a parent, child or spouse that has passed on. Often the guides bring messages that teach and enlighten, thus helping our evolution. Being a medium is beneficial to others, but also to the individual for it brings in the spiritual energy, teaches and expands one's consciousness. It inspires us to be a better person and teaches the advantages of living God's Laws.

What's the difference between a medium and a psychic? A psychic tunes into the physical plane to share a message and a medium tunes into spirit guides for the greetings they bring. A medium's message demonstrates continuous life. There is a fine line between the two and often while giving

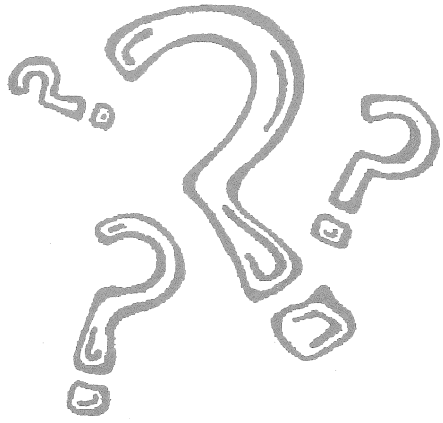
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a reading the individual may flow from mediumship to psychic messages and back to mediumship. A psychic is not always a medium, but a medium is usually a psychic.

Why is this important? This is important, for the religion of Spiritualism strives to prove that life is indeed continuous. Mediumship comes from a higher source and always shares truth. A psychic message is from the vibrations surrounding the Earth Plane and reflects this energy, therefore may or may not be truth. "Truth is the standard by which all inspired and all spiritual teachings must be tested."

Is mediumship new? Communication with the other realm of life is produced through intelligent manipulation of energy and this has been evident since the beginning of time. History is filled with mediumship stories and examples, for mediums have always been present though they have been called by various names: seer, medicine man, shaman, priestess, etc. There are many authors, poets, artists, and designers whose inspiration has been attributed to mediumship.

Was Jesus a medium? Yes, and the New Testament is filled with stories of his mediumship and healing. One example would be materialization when he fed the multitude of 5000 on five loaves and two fishes. Another would be prophecy when Jesus told the disciples he would be betrayed and denied. An example of his healing: "And Jesus put forth his hand and touched him—and immediately his leprosy was cleansed." Matt. viii-3.



What did Jesus say about the gifts of Spirit? Jesus said that there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. That spiritual gifts are available to all, that we should develop our gifts, and that great things could we do.

What tools can we use to assist our spirit friends? We can lift our vibration and attune ourselves through meditation and spiritual attunement; through development classes; through the energy we share at worship services and with like minded friends; through keeping our thoughts uplifting; through reading spiritual material; through prayer, music, visualizations and affirmations. The intention to grow spiritually, or to develop greater understanding and mediumship gives our spirit friends permission to inspire and assist us.

What controls communication from the Other Side of Life? Natural Law controls all life.

Which Natural Laws apply to Mediumship? The Laws of Desire, Love, Harmony, Co-operation, Attraction, Vibration, Passivity and the Law of Cause and Effect are the main Laws of Mediumship, however, other Natural Laws also apply.

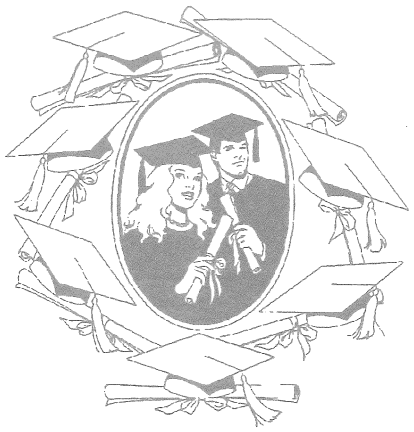
What is the Spirit World? Are there various levels in the Next Dimension of Life? The Spirit World is a plane of life or vibration that follows Natural Law and has a higher vibration of expression than we do in the Physical Plane. It has many planes of development so when a spirit departs from the earthly body into the soul body, it travels to the level best suited to its vibration and evolution. Each soul continues on its path of development for the doorway to growth is always open and encouraged. The Spirit Realm is as tangible and real to those residing there as our world is in the physical, similar in some ways, beautiful, clean and clear, yet without the problems, pollution and illnesses. There is a loving sweetness and an excitement to unfold to what the soul really enjoys doing. Helping others is a natural way of life. Communication is telepathic or a thought transference, and everything shows in the aura. We are reunited with loved ones for all relationships are based on love energy.

Where do messages come from? What are Spirit Guides? Messages come to a medium from the Etheric Spirit Realm when the medium has lifted their energy and attuned to their Spirit Guides. It is the transference of impression from spirit intelligences to the brain of the medium. When a medium requests communication and centers themself, it allows intelligences, through the manipulation of the nerve centers of the inner eye or the inner ear, to impress on the brain of the medium, pictures, sounds, feelings, symbols or images.

Who is in our Spirit Band? There is an inner and outer band of Spirit Helpers. The inner band is usually with you for most of your earthly life and consists of your doctor and chemist, your gatekeeper or doorkeeper, your main guide, and a joy guide. Your outer band comes and goes as needed and can have many, many teachers, loved ones and advisers in it. All are attracted to you through your light, your thoughts and vibrations.

How do we get to know them? Special signals? Our Spirit Friends often touch in with us in a certain way that, when we become familiar with them, signals their presence. For example, a tickle on the cheek, a heavy feeling, ringing in the ears, a tightening in the solar plexus or a strong feeling of love. When one sits in meditation or in a spirit circle and requests the guide to give them a special sign of their presence, they will receive some indication which will then help them to get to know when their loved one or helper is with them.

What can we expect from our guides and guardians? We can expect guidance, inspiration, upliftment and spirit greetings when we are open to them. Do not think your guides and guardians will run your life or make your decisions. This is against Natural Law. Our helpers from the next realm of life come to us to encourage us to develop and grow through love. ▲



The NSAC Bureau of Public Relations and the NSAC Board of Directors are pleased to announce the recipient of the

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What Spirituality Means To Me

BY SASHA FEMOYER

As a little kid, the circumstances of my life being as they were, divorced parents, struggling mother with three kids I began to feel pain, judged, criticized and even despair. It was then that I began to search through my heart for the answer to, "What is the meaning of life and where do I fit in?"

I then turned to God, being raised Catholic, but not a churchgoer; I was led to great books, by brilliant authors, much throughout my teen years. In these books I learned that the mind is programmed from all experiences that one has seen since birth, and most of the times these experiences can be negative and these are the ones we all learn from. The most surprising fact that I learned was, one finds it more comforting having those negative things playing over and over in their head, rather than searching and searching for all the right answers. I learned that the unknown and the twenty-four hours we are given each day, could be filled with positive lessons, and I wanted mine to be. This began to entice me and I read more and more. I realized that people, as human beings are much more, we're spiritual beings. We are all having an Earth experience and all this around us is an illusion. Moreover, after all of our learned lessons are learned, we all return to God.

Trying to live a spiritual life is a challenge everyday in itself because of how hard it is to believe that with all the drama in life, there is a silver lining. I strive to always be grateful for all the experiences that have passed through my life. I know that in order to learn the most about me and who I am, I must go through these ups and downs. I try to live in the moment, which I have found to be a lot easier than living in the past or future. People who don't live in the moment are too often caught up in the frustration of the past or the future. I try to be as loving as I can be to everyone in every situation. I have found that this gives me great peace. Spirituality is something we all have and live with; everyone has witnessed it at some point. It's knowing that God is love and loving is the way to love and the way to finding all your answers as a spiritual being here on Earth. I am so very grateful to the higher Power that has led me to my answers. I am still searching, still learning, I'm becoming aware and learning how to love each day I'm here on this very Earth. I plan to get the most out of my time here and learn and love the most I can.

*Ms. Femoyer has been accepted at Towson University of Towson, Maryland. ▲



DREAMS *By Merry Browne*

When all my days are over
And all my songs are sung,
I'll recall the music
Of my life when young.
And I'll recall the dreaming
Of the dreams that could not be,
And all the later seeming
That somehow came to me,
And I'll revert to childhood
At that moment—Then—
I will start my singing
And dreaming once again.

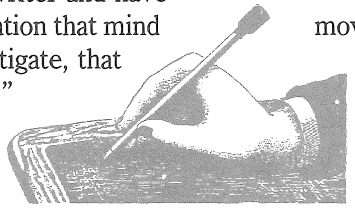


Automatic Writing

BY MICHAEL E. TYMN, Oregon

"Finally, after a long time, a message began to write itself on the paper. It was the most peculiar feeling I'd ever experienced. The hand was just writing by itself without my conscious will being involved in any way. It wrote scragglingly across the page in run-together words."

So wrote the late Susy Smith in her 2000 book, *the Afterlife Codes*, of her introduction to the process known as automatic writing. Smith went on to become one of the best known modern day automatic writers, eventually moving from the pencil to the typewriter. "Can you imagine how it feels to sit at your typewriter and have your fingers type information that mind does not consciously instigate, that you don't even know?" she offered, going on to explain that her fingers seemed to move of their own volition and what they wrote was as different from what she wanted to say "as popcorn is from peanut butter."



The initial messages purportedly came from her deceased mother, but her mother eventually introduced a new scribe, one who knew much more than she. He was identified as James Anderson, but Smith later discovered that Anderson was a pseudonym for William James, the famous philosopher and psychologist of a century ago. James explained that he used a pseudonym because he was concerned that Smith would have suspected he was a phony if he gave his true identity.

Another fairly recent automatic writer was Grace Rosher of England. In her 1961 book, *Beyond the Horizon,* Rosher explained that she was writing letters to friends one afternoon in 1957 when she heard, apparently clairaudiently, the words, "Leave your hands there and see what happens." To her amazement, the pen started to move without any effort on her part. Words began to form, and the message, "With love from Gordon," slowly appeared. Thus began her regular communication with Gordon Burdick, a long-deceased friend from her youth. Burdick described life on the Other Side and delivered many profound messages.

In the course of time, Rosher was told not to grasp the pen, but to simply close her hand in a loose fist and to let the pen rest on top of it. The writing then flowed more fluently.

"...I watched the pen move without any conscious effort on my part, and write about things I had never dreamed of, and in a style of writing as different from my own as it could possibly be," Rosher wrote.

In the 1918 classic, *The Seven Purposes*, author Margaret Cameron described her sensation in automatic writing as "comparable to that of holding a quiet, live bird, wrapped in a handkerchief, its energy muffled but palpable. Sometimes this sensation of a current from without is communicated to the hand and arm, sometimes only to the fingers."

After Frederick Bligh Bond was commissioned in 1907 to excavate the grounds of Glastonbury Abbey in England, he decided to see if he could expedite his search by having his friend, John Allen Bartlett, tap into what Bond saw as some kind of universal memory or cosmic consciousness by means of automatic writing. Bond held the foolscap paper under the pencil held by

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The Subconscious Mind: "That Glib Resort of the Amateur Psychologist"

Psychologist, parapsychologists, and other researchers of the paranormal frequently conclude that automatic writing, other forms of mediumship, past life memories, and sundry other paranormal happenings are all products of the subconscious. If they are not repressed memories surfacing, then they must be secondary personalities buried away in the subconscious as a result of some childhood traumas that are manifesting themselves in a peculiar way.

Such explanations are for the most part materialistic and seemingly allow the researchers to give an "intellectual" analysis that will not result in them being scorned by their scientific peers.

"Neither the 'subconscious mind,' that glib resort of the amateur psychologist, nor 'telepathy,' that amiable, sturdy, and most serviceable pack horse of the near-materialist, provides a satisfying explanation," wrote Lawrence Gilman, a literary critic, concerning the famous case of Patience Worth, an entity who communicated through Pearl Curran, a somewhat reluctant St. Louis medium of the early 1900s.

Gilman observed that it was virtually impossible for the archaic speech of Patience Worth, including many ancient Anglo-Saxon words no longer in existence, to have made their way into Curran's subconscious mind.

Dr. William Slaught, professor of psychology at Cornell University, agreed. "A fair-minded investigation will not allow me to accept any adequate basis in Mrs. Curran's experience for all the wide variety of facts presented in Patience's literature," Slaught offered, after commenting that "the subconscious, as we know it, contains nothing that has not come in through the channels of the consciousness."

Dr. Walter Franklin Prince, another scientist who investigated the Patience Worth case, wrote: "Either our concept of what we call the subconscious must be radically altered, so as to include potencies of which we hitherto have had not knowledge, or else some cause operating through, but no originating in, the subconscious of Mrs. Curran must be acknowledged."

All that is not to say that the subconscious of the medium is not capable of distorting or coloring messages. In fact, many communicating entities have said that their messages have not been accurately recorded, that the medium's subconscious has interfered with the intended message.

If the mediumship of Pearl Curran was not the most famous in American history, then that distinction must go to Jane Roberts, an Elmira, NY woman who, from 1963 until her death in 1984, "channeled" volumes of information from an entity calling himself Seth. Roberts wondered if her subconscious was playing some kind of trick on her, but Seth assured her that he was not a product of her subconscious. "Nor am I a secondary personality, cleverly trying to undermine a precarious ego," Seth offered.

Seth identified himself as a departed Elmira man, "Frank Withers," who had died during the 1940s, but later explained that "Withers" was only part of a larger entity. The name "Seth," he further explained, better fit his entity. Additional information coming from Seth suggests a multidimensional reality that is for the most part beyond the comprehension of humans. It is a supraconscious rather than a subconscious explanation, one that is consistent with the survival of consciousness at death as well as spirit communication.

– Michael E. Tymn

Bartlett and placed his other hand over Bartlett's in order to add his psychic energy to that of Bartlett's. Bond would then read from something totally unrelated to the abbey in order to divert their minds from what they were attempting to achieve. "...during our sittings my attention is fully given to Mr. Bond's reading, and I feel my hand to be moved quite independently of my own volition," Bartlett, who used the pseudonym John Alleyne, wrote in the attestations to Bond's second book, *The Hill of Vision.*

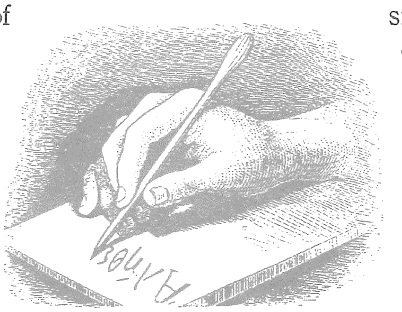
Bond got the idea from the writings of William Stainton Moses, as published in *Light* magazine. "I cultivated the power of occupying my mind with other things during the time that the writing was going on," Moses explained, "and was able to read an abstruse book, and follow out a line of close reasoning, while the message was written with unbroken regularity. Messages so written extended over many pages, and in their course there is no correction, no fault in composition, and often a sustained vigour and beauty of style."

Initially, Bond put the question out "to the universe:" "Can you tell us anything about Glastonbury?" After some delay, the pencil wrote: "All knowledge is eternal and is available to mental sympathy." However, the communicator then stated: "I was not in sympathy with monks – I cannot find a monk yet." Bond then contacted a living monk friend in the hope that he might be a sympathetic link, and the writing was resumed. Messages describing the layout of the original abbey buildings dating back to the fourth century A.D. began to come through in Latin, the first one signed by "Gulielmus Monachus." Later messages came through in Old English. "Ye names of builded things are very hard to Latin tongue – transome, fanne tracery, and the like. My son, thou canst not understande. Wee wold speak in the Englyshe tongue..." the change in language began.

As there were distinct personalities coming through, Bond changed from his universal memory theory to that of spirit entities. The primary communicator identified himself as Johannes Bryant, stating that he was born in 1497 and died in 1533.

Probably the most famous and studied case of automatic writing was that of Pearl Curran of St. Louis. First from a friend's ouija board, then a pencil, then a typewriter, flowed the writings of a person identifying herself as Patience Worth, a 17th Century English woman. In some of her scripts, she used Anglo-Saxon words that are no longer part of the English vocabulary; yet, researchers were able to confirm that these words did exist at one time, although it would have been virtually impossible for Curran, an uneducated 31-year-old woman, to have come upon them.

According to Dr. Walter Franklin Prince, one of the men who studied the phenomena, Patience Worth's writing "displayed original genius, enormous erudition, familiarity with literature and history of many ages, versatility of experience, philosophical depth, piercing wit, moral spirituality, swiftness of thought, and penetrating wisdom," qualities and characteristics which were totally foreign to Pearl Curran. Moreover, Curran was witnessed carrying on simultaneous mental operations at the same time she was recording.



Many automatists, including Smith and Rosher, have questioned whether the subconscious mind was playing tricks on them, as is so often claimed by psychologists. Both wondered how things they had never been exposed to or thought about could come from the subconscious. Smith recognized that her own thoughts and beliefs were sometimes "coloring" the messages and worked diligently to "blank out" her mind.

Rosher consulted a graphologist who compared the handwriting with that in letters received from Burdick when he was alive and concluded that it was indeed the same. Rosher had never heard anything about Burdick's final days and asked him to provide her with some detail. He did and she confirmed the information with mutual friends.

Burdick explained that in order to come into real and tangible contact with Rosher he had to get down to a lower vibration, something which he found very difficult at first but was able to perfect with practice.

William T. Stead, a British journalist who went down with the Titanic, was an accomplished automatist. In one of his books, *Letters from Julia,* Stead wrote that he could not believe that any part of his unconscious self would deliberately practice a hoax upon his conscious self about the most serious of all subjects, and keep it up year after year with the most sincerity and consistency. "The simple explanation that my friend who passed over can use my hand as her own seems much more natural and probable," concluded Stead, who was observed by Titanic survivors serenely sitting in the smoking room and reading his Bible as pandemonium took place all around him.

Both Smith and Rosher were warned by their communicators about intruders. "Mother said the misinformation had been written by spirit intruders who were sometimes able to exert more power than she and so could push her aside and take control of the pencil," Smith wrote, further stating that "everyone who dies rebellious is a potential source of mischief." Burdick warned Rosher that there are spirits on his side "who would try to use you in a wrong way."

The New Testament's advice to test the spirits to determine if they are of God (1 John 4:1) and to be discerning of the spirits (1 Corinthians 12:10) make sense in the light of these warnings.

Probably the best known automatist of the 20th Century was Geraldine Cummins of Ireland. In the Introduction

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of *the Road to Immortality,* published in 1953, E. B. Gibbes described the method employed by Cummins. She would sit at a table, cover her eyes with her left hand and concentrate on "stillness." She would then fall into a light trance or dream state. Her hand would then begin to write. Usually, her "control" would make some introductory remarks and announce that another entity was waiting to speak. Because of her semi-trance condition and also because of the speed at which the writing would come, Gibbes would sit beside her and remove each sheet of paper as it was filled. Cummins' hand was quickly lifted by Gibbes to the top of the new page, and the writing would continue without break. In one sitting, Gibbes stated, Cummins wrote 2,000 words in 75 minutes, whereas her normal compositions were laboriously put together, perhaps 800 words in seven or eight hours.

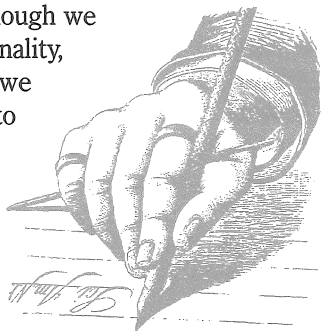
Gibbes added that she witnessed the writing of about 50 different personalities, all claiming to be "dead," all differing in character and style, coming through Cummins' hand.

Cummins' book, the foreword of which was written by the esteemed British physicist Sir Oliver Lodge, sets forth the communications purportedly coming from Frederick W. H. Myers during the period 1924 to 1931, a pioneer of psychical research who died in 1901 .

The entity identifying himself as Myers explained the difficulty in communicating by means of automatic writing. "The inner mind is very difficult to deal with from this side," Cummins recorded. "We impress it with our message. We never impress the brain of the medium directly. That is out of the question. But the inner mind receives our message and sends it on to the brain. The brain is the mere mechanism. The inner mind is like soft wax, it receives our thoughts, their whole content, but it must produce the words to clothe it."

Myers went on to explain that success in sending the thought through depends on the inner mind of the automatist, which must contribute to the body of the message. "In other words, we send the thoughts and the words usually in which they must be framed, but the actual letters or spelling of the words is drawn from the medium's memory. Sometimes we only send the thoughts and the medium's unconscious mind clothes them in words."

Myers also offered that when discarnate beings want to communicate through a sensitive, they must enter a dream or subjective state which detaches them from the memory of concrete facts in their past lives. "Further, if we communicate directly through the medium, though we often retain our personality, our manner of speech, we are frequently unable to communicate through the medium's hand or voice many exact facts about our past career on earth, sometimes not even our own names."



The anonymous spirit communicating with John Scott of England, as documented in Scott's 1948 book, *As One Ghost to Another,* seems to have said much the same thing as Myers. "I send out my thought to your mind and it fuses with yours, and then you and I produce words together, which you, or rather we, write with your hand," the unseen communicator explained. "There is no way of describing to you with your present knowledge the intricate process of communication."

In the preface to the book, Scott states that he had previously regarded such things as "a pathetic delusion provoking humour in the daily press and an anger in the churches." However, after he had retired to the country, he began experimenting with psychic matters and soon found that in his right hand a "vague urge." When he allowed his muscles to collaborate with the urge, he found his hand scrawling across the paper under it line after line in the semblance of writing. After some experimenting and practice the words became legible and made much sense.

At some point in the discourse, Scott asked his communicator why more spirits do not communicate in such a manner. "There are a few who at first return and communicate through your mediums, but their experience does not encourage them; in fact they soon despair of effecting any notable good," the communicating spirit told him, going on to inform him that it is very difficult to find minds which have the ability to receive such communication.

"I think I may say that most of them become thus absorbed (with their new environment), to the exclusion of all thought of earth," the communicating spirit further told Scott, also mentioning that absolutely no communication comes through without a portion of error, which further frustrates communication.

Scott concluded his preface of his book with the comment that the product of his hand has been laughed at by family and friends, while doctors have diagnosed him as suffering from a morbid state of schizophrenia. "I have broken into the shadowy abode of the suggested subconscious, seeking 'compensation for frustration' and 'escape,' thus letting loose an actor to simulate two dead persons, one not known to me at all and the other through hearsay," Scott wryly summarized one medical opinion.

"Meanwhile," he ended, "I remain the ordinary human animal of social routine, distinguished from the herd merely by the label."

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What happened in SEPTEMBER throughout the years?

SEPTEMBER

The second week—You are each invited to participate in **Random Acts of Kindness Week.** This has become a global event and was introduced to counteract world negativity. You are encouraged to focus only on the positive during this week of good intentions. As Albert Einstein remarked: "We cannot solve the problems of the world with the same level of thinking that created them." Please try to perform at least one act of kindness, anonymously, towards one stranger, during this week, for no other reason than you can!

SEPTEMBER 1876

The Progressive Age was begun as a weekly publication to explore new thoughts. The Rev. Moses Hull was its editor.



SEPTEMBER 1, 1939

World War II began on this date. Let us send a prayer of gratitude, light and love to all who have given their lives fighting for what they believed was right.

SEPTEMBER 5, 1860

Born at sea on this date, **Wilburforce Juvenal Colville's** mediumship was evident even as a small child. This earned him the title "The Kitten Orator." He was an inspirational speaker allowing the audience to choose the subject. Colville traveled around the United States and Europe demonstrating his powerful spiritual talents. Besides inspirational speaking he also wrote through inspiration.

SEPTEMBER 6

Labor Day is celebrated to honor all of the working force. Everyone's efforts and skills help make everyone else's lives easier.



SEPTEMBER 11

The **Rev. Lelia E. Cutler,** president of NSAC, has a birthday on this date. We are grateful for all she does for Spiritualism and send blessings for a happy day and a spiritual year.

SEPTEMBER 12

National Grandparents' Day makes us remember all the good grandparents do. They share unconditional love, they tell us stories and they teach us to play. From a Grandparent's point of view, grandchildren are wonderful!

SEPTEMBER 14

The eleventh **Annual World Day of Prayer** which is a 24 hour worldwide prayer vigil. "I center my thoughts in the sacred energy of Infinite Intelligence and affirm a blessing for our world."

SEPTEMBER 24, 1861

John Slater was born on this date. His mediumship began at age four when he first experienced communication with the spirit of a playmate who had just been buried. While in his early twenties, he was told in a sitting with Leah Fox Underhill that he had been born to do the work of the Spirit World and he made this his life's profession. Slater's wonderful and evidential work for the promulgation of Spiritualism carried him many places around the world, often startling people with his accuracy. He was an outstanding sealed-billet reader and his trance lectures made him renowned.

SEPTEMBER 27, 1893

The First Delegate Convention met in Chicago, Illinois, to discuss the formulation of a national Spiritualist organization. There were delegates from around the United States, and the National Spiritualist Association of the United States of America began with Harrison D. Barrett as its first president.

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A person should hear a little music, read a little poetry and see a fine picture every day in order that worldly cares do not obliterate the sense of the beautiful which God has implanted in the human soul.

– Goethe



THE REV.
BARBARA THURMAN, NST

A Fine Teacher Moves On To The Next Dimension

The Rev. Barbara Thurman, NST, was an active, educated woman. She had a BA and MA from San Diego State University and became a school teacher, first for elementary students, and then for the High School, as a Program Assistant. But Barbara wasn't just a teacher as a profession, she was a teacher in all she did in regular life and for Spiritualism. Even after retirement she was a computer instructor.

She became a Spiritualist and joined Golden Gate Spiritualist Church in 1965. There she served as a Lyceum teacher and secretary for 10 years, was the Guild secretary for 11 years and taught classes on Spiritualism for 15 years. During this time she took the Morris Pratt Institute Courses—all of them—the old courses, the mini courses, the *Bible* studies and the New Educational Course and MPI Pastoral Skills. She received all her Credentials: Licentiate Minister (1973), Commissioned Spiritualist Healer (1975), Ordained Minister (1979), Certified Medium (1984). She was also a NSAC Missionary.

The Rev. Barbara Thurman had many accomplishments in Spiritualism. On a State level she was the first woman president of the California State Spiritualists' Association (1975-78, '79-83); was a director of CSSA for three years and its secretary for two years; was the editor of CSSA Newsletter for 13 years; organized Platform Decorum and Study Guides for exams; served as convention secretary for CSSA for numerous years and was a presenter of workshops at the State Conventions many times; she revised the bylaws various times; was the Northern Council of CSSA secretary various years. On the national level, NSAC, she was the first recipient of NSAC Teacher of the Year Award (1989); Chairperson of NSAC Bylaws Revision (1993-1996); NSAC Board Trustee (1993-1996); NSAC Board President (1997-2003). She resigned as president because of health issues. She was on the boards of the NSAC Service Clubs at various times, a workshop presenter and assisted the Service Clubs with bylaws revisions and scholarship forms. Morris Pratt Institute was an educational interest and she was a member since 1991, a Board Member since 1993, its president in 1995, on the Education Committee since 1992 and an examiner for lessons from 1993 until her death. She published several beneficial informational books. *Introductory Lessons on Spiritualism,* Art Patterns and Ideas for Lyceum Lessons; was the editor of: *The Centennial Album* by Audra Cutlip, *NSAC Centennial Calendar, NSAC Centennial Book, Index of Names & Calendar Dates Associated with Spiritualism* and *the Revision of MPI Correspondence Course.* Barbara also helped to proofread *The National Spiritualist* each month.

In 1995, the Rev. Barbara Thurman founded the San Francisco Spiritualist Society and was its pastor and board secretary. She will be missed by her church members and by Spiritualism, but I am sure she was welcomed into the Spirit World by Spiritualists who had graduated before her, and she is already figuring out how she can continue her teaching from the other side.

A Memorial Service will be held August 14, 2004, 11 a.m., at the Spiritualist Church of Two Worlds, 1550 San Leandro Blvd., San Leandro, CA.

A Dedicated Spiritualist Crosses Over

By Robert Egby

Westville, NJ USA – June 24, 2004 – The Rev. Barbara Thurman, former President of The National Spiritualist Association of Churches, early today at her Larkspur, California home, crossed into the Spirit World. Her transition comes after an almost three year battle with cancer. A school teacher for much of her adult life, she became a devoted Spiritualist and progressive teacher in the Religion, Philosophy and Science of Modern Spiritualism.

She worked at teaching people almost to the end—in fact, she was still teaching at the beginning of this month. At the first annual conference of American Association of Electronic

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A FINE TEACHER MOVES ON...

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Voice Phenomena in Reno, Nevada, Barbara conducted her favorite spoon-bending phenomena workshop for some 25 people—most achieved the phenomena. Looking frail and weak, she conducted it from a wheelchair. She insisted on sitting through the three day conference, and said afterwards, "I wouldn't have missed it for the world. There is still so much to learn." Five days ago, she closed the church she had started in October 1995, known as the San Francisco Spiritualist Society. She expressed deep disappointment. "We had a good congregation, but I just cannot go on, I'm tired," she told me.

Her battle with cancer started in the Fall of 2001, just before the NSAC's annual convention in Rochester, New York. Reluctantly, she resigned her post shortly after to look after her health. She had been an active director, and later, president for a number of years. Barbara Thurman always believed Spiritualism needs good public relations. She motivated me to start a monthly email newsletter, which I wrote and edited for over three years. When I started an Independent Spiritualist oriented newsletter, 19 months ago, called *Parapsychic Journal*, which also appears in *Britain Psychic World* newspaper, Barbara was on the phone offering to help. She became the proof reader, story finder, supervising editor and general mentor. She proofed the last *Parapsychic Journal* that went out Friday, June 18th.

I called to thank her on Saturday. It was the strangest conversation I have ever had with anyone. "I'm going home soon," she said. "I know," I responded. "I'll be damned sorry to see you go—you know that." She tried to laugh. "I'm going to make sure that all those Spiritualists who have crossed over, start working with Spiritualists still in the physical. Modern Spiritualism needs a shakeup. There are too many people occupying pews and not enough getting out and telling people about our religion and the afterlife. I'm going to work in the Spirit World to get Spiritualists to come back to churches, groups and circles, and not with simple lovey messages. We need to stroke the fires of Spiritualism and belief in the afterlife."

Knowing Barbara Thurman the way we did, she'll be back very soon. Bon Voyage, Barbara. ▲



Love is all we have, the only way
that each can help the other.
– Euripides (c. 485-406)

FEATURE



2004 NSAC Convention Workshop

Monday, October 4, 2004

An All Day Workshop/Seminar

presented by the NSAC Service Clubs:
Healer's League, Ministerial Association,
National Spiritualist Teachers Club,
Licentiate Ministers and Certified Mediums Club.

An exciting workshop is being planned for this year.

You will enjoy a great deal of information and fun as you are presented with different ideas to help you on your path of spiritual development.

SPIRITUAL PHENOMENA WORKSHOP

9:00-10:15	Healer's League, Reverends Elaine Hager, and Sharon Watson, "How To and How *Not* To Give Healing."
10:15-10:30	BREAK TIME
10:30-11:45	Ministerial Association, Reverend Rik Kristinet, "Home Circles, How, When and What To Do."
11:45-1:00	LUNCH BREAK
1:00-2:15	NST Club, Reverend Pamla Ashlay, "Trance, Natural Laws Involved, How To Develop."
2:15-2:30	BREAK TIME
2:30-3:45	LM/CM, Reverends Janet Tisdale and Earl Wallace, "Law Of Cooperation In Mediumship."
3:45-4:00	Open Forum For Discussion Of Information Received

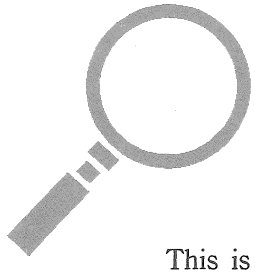
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September 2004 Department of Phenomenal Evidence Report

BY THE REVS. TOM AND LISA BUTLER, NST



Psychic Art. The lead article in the April 2004 issue of *Fate* Magazine was about Psychic Art. The article began with some information on the Fox sisters, Spiritualism and mediumship. The mediumship of the Bang sisters was discussed leading up to their achievement of precipitating spirit paintings. The Bang sisters were able to demonstrate this phenomenon in lighted exhibition halls. Some paintings were precipitated in as little as five minutes. The spirit paintings were of a quality that would have taken a human artist days to complete. A couple of instances are mentioned in which the person requesting the painting asked for changes while the painting was being precipitated and the changes were made as requested. Changes often occurred after the paintings were taken home with the hair or clothing changing to conform more to the style worn by the deceased.
From: *The Phenomena of Psychic Art* by Elisabeth Owens

> This issue of *The National Spiritualist Summit* includes an article about our experience with what we think is a copy of a Spirit painting. The painting is thought to be haunted; see "The Mystery of the Roses."

Accuracy of Mediums. NewsNet5 of Cleveland, Ohio ran a story about the work of Dr. Gary Schwartz of the University of Arizona and his afterlife experiments. Schwartz is beginning his seventh year of using the scientific method and controlled conditions to test mediums. Schwartz is quoted as saying, "When you look at the totality of the data from our laboratory, the simplest explanation is actually that survival of consciousness is real."
From: NewsNet5, www.newsnet5.com/index.html

China's Psychics. In the book, *China's Super Psychics*, by Paul Dong and Thomas Raffill (ISBN 1-56924-715-3), we learn that the Chinese government financially supports psychics. This means that the government of China accepts the existence of psychic phenomena. This is happening in a country that we think of as very conservative and is in stark contrast to the view of psychics and phenomena in the much more liberal but very skeptical United States. China is, of course, using psychics for espionage against other countries.
From: Victor's Friday Report, www.victorzammit.com/index.html

Filipino Reality TV Series on the Paranormal. According to its producers, "Nginiiig, the Hidden Files," is the first mainstream television show that incorporates drama into a paranormal documentary. The show hopes to widen the understanding of the paranormal for the Filipino audience. Unlike myths, "Nginiiig" is about real people and their experiences with the paranormal. To make the show an authority in explaining ghost sightings, wandering spirits and the supernatural, "Nginiiig" brings in five psychics. The University of the Philippines Paranormal Society under Paul Reyes is also participating in the television series. The series will showcase raw footage of the psychics and Bagatsing investigating paranormal activities in different parts of their country.
From: "Raymond Bagatsing will make you shiver in fright!" By Walden Sadiri, March 5, 04 Manila Bulletin

Electric Dreams. We all spend a substantial amount of our lives sleeping; however, being asleep does not necessarily mean that we are inactive. Spiritualists know that we are etheric beings temporarily living in a physical body, and that when we sleep or when we transition to a different "atmosphere and awareness" at the end of our physical life, we are still very much alive and aware. The problem is that it is so difficult to bring what we experience, when we are dissociated from our physical body, into our physical awareness. Thus, learning to remember and understand our dreams opens an important window into who we really are—or at least what we are up to when our perspective moves from the physical to the etheric.

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A significant aid in learning to work with dreams is the Dreamgate publication, *Electric Dreams*. Creator, Richard Catlett Wilkerson, states that, "DreamGate began as a networking project for regional and global sleep and dream research, education and information. Over the years, a global virtual community developed. The leader in computer mediated dream sharing, the Electric Dreams Community, encompasses and serves many other communities online." The *Electric Dreams* publication is available at Dreamgate, 4644 Geary Blvd PMB 171, San Francisco, CA 94118, Phone: (415) 221-3239, info@dreamgate.com, http://dreamgate.com.

There is a wealth of information on the Dreamgate site, including a link to www.cyberdreamwork.com/, the web site of a group that offers a free "Nightmare Hotline" at 1-866-DRMS911 (1-866-376-7911). Cyberdreamworks.com also offers an online forum where the visitor can discuss their dreams. Another important source of information about dream research and how one can learn to work with their dreams is the monthly emailed newsletter at http://groups.yahoo.com/group/electric-dreams/.



The Reverend Robert Egby addressing the audience about developing psychic abilities.

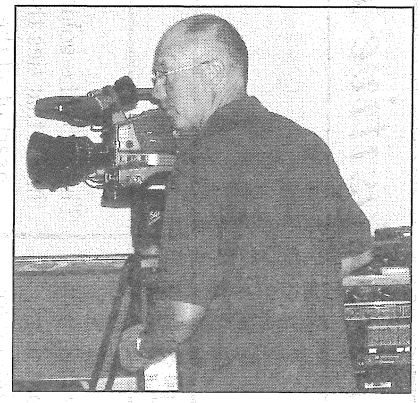
AA-EVP Conference a Success. By all accounts, the first AA-EVP conference since we assumed leadership of the Association fulfilled all expectations. The conference was designed to address both the world of communicating with the other side using technology and development of human potential. The Rev. Barbara Thurman held a spoon bending class and there was even a message service!

The Reverend Robert Egby's talk and workshop about developing psychic ability was well received by the audience, which was split between people who use Electronic Voice Phenomena (EVP) to communicate with loved ones and those who prefer to use mental mediumship.

AA-EVP members, Martha Copeland and Karen Mossey, conducted a workshop about using EVP for grief management. They are continuing their relationship with their children who are on the other side via EVP and are teaching a rapidly growing group of "survivors" to do the same.

Other presentations and workshops concerned such subjects as using computer software to make the phenomenal voices easier to hear and understand by Mike Sullivan, past researcher in EVP and Video Instrumental TransCommunication (ITC) by Erland Babcock and a fascinating discussion by Dr. Anabela Cardoso of Spain about communicating with her spirit team via real-time conversations using radios. We gave a presentation about EVP, Video ITC and possible areas of research, along with a workshop demonstrating how to conduct a Video ITC experiment.

Of course the pioneer researcher and original founder of the AA-EVP, Sarah Estep, did a presentation and workshop. Well known ITC historian and author Mark Macy also gave a talk and attendees were able to have pictures taken with a device called a Luminator. Pictures taken with the Luminator often produce spirit "extras."

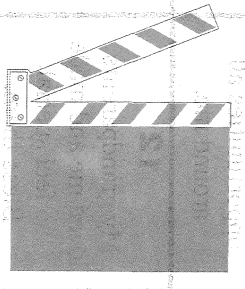


Mark Waters of Backcountry Productions.

We were surprised at the number of attendees who stopped to tell us what a "spiritual" experience the conference had been. Several even said that it had changed their lives. A member of the Universal film crew told us that she felt blessed to have gotten the job that brought her to the conference and the information on EVP.

Mark Waters, owner of Backcountry Productions, video taped the presentations and some of the more visual workshops. All other workshops were audio recorded. The tapes will provide an important tool for teaching people about EVP and spirit communications. They are available at http://aaevp.com or by writing to us. We recommend that churches consider these tapes for a workshop fund raising event, since they include quite a lot of information about physical phenomena that is not readily available elsewhere.

Universal Studios sent six people to the conference to gather video and audio material in support of a prerelease advertising campaign for the movie, *White Noise*. The movie will be released in the first quarter of 2005. The movie relies on EVP in the plot and Universal wants EVP to be as well known by the time the movie is released as UFOs and Crop Circles are today.



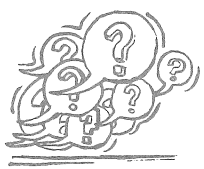
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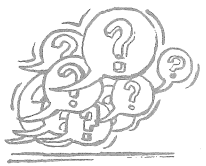
Positive Statements To Help Create a Positive Day.

Affirmations . . . SEPTEMBER 2004

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 The good memories we have of others is their legacy in life.	**2** Daily dream of great things, and intend to do them.	**3** There "is the golden thread that ties the heart of all the world." – *John Evelyn*	**4** Let there be peace in the Heart, in the Family, in the Workplace, in the World.
5 Life is happening now and I bless the opportunities all around me.	**6** Each person who labors and does their job, makes other's lives easier.	**7** I am open and accepting of my family, friends and myself.	**8** "One must remain motivated until one's objective is achieved." – *Terry Cole-Whittaker*	**9** If things aren't working, don't just talk about them, get some help.	**10** "Within, within, this is where the world's treasure has always been." – *Lao Tzu*	**11** Because Divine Mind flows through me, my thoughts are creative.
12 My grandparents loved me and made me feel special. Bless them.	**13** "Every moment is made glorious by the light of Love." – *Rumi*	**14** I give thanks for the many ways that Spirit blesses my life each day.	**15** Meditate to find awakened thoughts.	**16** "Enjoying beauty is a way to nourish the soul." – *Matthew Fox*	**17** We "decide what thought to follow, knowing that the result is automatic." – *Holmes*	**18** It is important to listen: within, to self, to spirit and to others.
19 "The Divine Plan for me is Perfect." – *Science of Mind*	**20** I stand poised in this moment, sensitive to God's light and love.	**21** My intention today is to greet all with love.	**22** This is the day, the place, and all things that God has made.	**23** I meditate on the consciousness of the Divine, where all is of the Light.	**24** "Let me learn the lessons you have hidden in every leaf and rock." – *Sioux Prayer*	**25** Thank you, Spirit, for my health and well being.
26 "Life can do for us only what it does through us." – *Ernest Holmes*	**27** My physical body is an amazing work of God.	**28** "The individual is a stream whose source is hidden." – *Ralph Waldo Emerson*	**29** I think of my family and friends and send them a smile of love.	**30** Light shines all around me and I am open to comprehend its energy.		



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AUGUSTA - Augusta Spiritualist Church
P.O. Box 2492, 04338, (207) 622-8980, corner of Perham & Court Sts.; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Thurs. Awareness Class 7:00-9:00 p.m.; Co-Pastor, Earl Wallace, (207) 582-6745, e-mail: godfreed@aol.com; Co-Pastor, Vaikko Allen, (207) 622-2799, e-mail: vallen@adelphia.net; Secy., Phyllis Norton, e-mail: secretaryasc@yahoo.com.

BANGOR - The Harrison D. Barrett Memorial Church, NSAC
114-118 Harlow St., (under Tesoro Restaurant); Sun. Serv. 10:00 a.m.; Secy., Betty Simpson, 715 Newburgh Rd., Hermon, 04401, (207) 848-2273, e-mail: simpsonb@hermon.net. Church services may be canceled due to inclement weather; From July 1 to third Sun. in Sept. the church may hold evening church services or cancel church services for the summer. As of this printing Gallery Readings are held the second Friday evening of every month at 7:00 p.m. Please call the secy. for more information.

HARTFORD - Pinpoint of Light Spiritualist Camp
Mail address: 25 Camp Rd., 04220-5207; Open July and August - Service, Seminars and Classes; Co-Pastor & Secy. Virginia Norris, LM, CH; Pastor, Rev. Rupert Sigurdsson, NST. For information, Phone (207) 597-2600, Fax (207) 597-2295; e-mail: rupert@megalink.net.

HARTFORD - Pinpoint of Light Spiritualist Center
Mail address: 25 Camp Rd., 04220-5207; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m., followed by a potluck lunch; Classes Wed. 7:00-9:00 p.m.; Co-Pastor & 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 11th through August 15th. Schedule to be announced. For information, contact President John Davidson, 74 Central Ave., Waterville, 04901, phone (207) 877-2204; e-mail: jdavidson@gwi.net; Secy., Debi Ludden. 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 Labor Day. A different featured medium each week. Church services Sun. at 2:30 p.m.; Tues. & Thurs. at 7:30 p.m.; Gallery Readings at 7:30 p.m. on Mon.; Message Circles Wed. & Sat. at 7:30 p.m.; Workshops/seminars on Sat.; Accommodations available; June-Sept. call (207) 338-3029; Off season contact Pres., Earl Wallace at (207) 582-6745 or 124 Spring St., Gardiner, 04345; e-mail; godfreed@aol.com or Secy., Sue Jalbert, 66 Martin Heights, Raymond, 04071; e-mail; cats2@maine.rr.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, 04915-6003, (207) 338-1355; Secy., Aloha Foley, Belfast, 04915-6003.

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: pschurch@maine.rr.com.

PORTLAND - Inner Light Spiritualist Church
32 Thomas St. (Welliston-West Church), 04102; Secy., Linda Smith, P.O. Box 2484, So. Portland, 04116-2484.

• MARYLAND •

GLEN BURNIE/BALTIMORE - The Light Center Spiritualist Church
HELD AT: 13 1st Avenue SW, Glen Burnie, 21061, (410) 761-7666. OFFICE: 7851 Foxfarm Lane, Glen Burnie, 21061-6324; (410) 590-9167, Fax (801) 730-9109, Info@LightCenter.org, www.LightCenter.org. SERVICES: 1st Sunday: MPI Study Group - 10 a.m., Devotional Serv. - 11 a.m., Thought Exchange - 12:30 p.m.; 3rd Sun: Adult Lyceum - 10 a.m., Devotional Service - 11 a.m., Seminar - 12:30 p.m.; 5th Fri: Healing/Message Serv. - 7:30 p.m. CLASSES: 1st Fri: Meditation - 7:30 p.m.; 2nd/3rd/4th Fri: Development - 7:30 p.m.; EVENTS: Workshops, Guest Speakers/Mediums, Picnics, Field Trips, Seances, Circles, Dinners, Community Awareness/Aid Programs.

• 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.

REHOBOTH - First Spiritualist Church of Brockton, Inc., NSAC
Services held at 10:30 a.m. every Sunday at the Anawan Grange Bldg., junction Rts. 44 & 118; Mailing address: P.O. Box 145, 02769, e-mail: firstspiritualistchurch.com. For more information contact Secretary Jodi Sheffer at (401) 885-3838.

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.

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 with sign-up; Pastor, Rev. John F. Sullivan, P.O. Box 392, Worthington, 01098 - (413) 238-5344, e-mail: jsulli1942@aol.com; Pres., Tom Ruelke, 86 Orchard Hill Rd., Littleton, NH 03561, e-mail: bigrock@localnet.com; Secy., Denise St. Pierre, e-mail: Denise1957@aol.com.

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• MICHIGAN •

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

CHARLEVOIX - The Golden Rule Spiritualist Church
07444 Old US 31 North, 49720-9422, (231) 347-3899; 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; Contact Person: Jinki Boyer-Goodwin, Secy., 9546 Ingleside Rd., Levering, 49755, home phone 231-537-2938.

CHARLEVOIX - Northern Lake Michigan Spiritualist Camp
Please see Golden Rule Spiritualist Church listing for contact information, driving directions, or website www.nlmsc.org: 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.

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

LESLIE - Flower Memorial Spiritualist Church
Jackie North, e-mail: J91943@AOL.com, (517) 589-9259.

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, 2004 through Sept. 1, 2004; Annual Retreat July 11-16, 2004; 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. 140; Pastors, Rev. Joyce E. Young, NST, and Rev. John E. Young, NST; Secy., (507) 775-6358; Mailing address, P.O. Box 7312, 55903.

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

• MISSOURI •

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

• NEBRASKA •

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

• NEVADA •

LAS VEGAS - Spiritualist Desert Church
3355 W. Spring Mountain Rd., Ste. 68, 89102, (702) 876-8783; Service times: Sun. 11:00 a.m., Tues. 6:30 p.m., Thurs. :30 p.m., Healing Meditation, with a Spiritualist development class following the service, every welcome. Vicky Homann, Pres., (702) 369-9449, e-mail: VickyVJean@aol.com.

• NEW HAMPSHIRE •

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

• NEW JERSEY •

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.

WENONAH - Stow Memorial Foundation
Muriel De Young, 305 Carnegie Ave., Wenonah.

• NEW YORK •

EAST AURORA - First Spiritualist Temple
29 Temple Pl., P.O. Box 465, 14052, (716) 652-5018, www.FST-East-Aurora.org; 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., Rae Cogar-Shelton, (716) 648-3881.

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., Michael Pillsbury, e-mail: pillsbury@madbbs.com; 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 Rd. (Nisequogue River Rd.), Smithtown; Pastor, Rev. Virginia Berg; Asst. Minister, Rev. Patricia Anne Duffield, NST, (631) 588-3150; Mailing address: 1280 Claas Ave., Holbrook, 11741-3902; e-mail: asisli@optonline.net.

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, 10 Muncy Ave., Apt. 301, W. Babylon, 11704, (631) 669-3226, e-mail: nlloyd@suffolk.lib.ny.us.

LONG ISLAND - Temple of Metaphysical Science, NSAC
So. Ocean Ave. & Baker St., Patchogue, 11772; Sun. Serv.: Healing and Worship 11:00 a.m.; Pastor, Rev. Hugo Ruiz, NST; Mailing address: P.O. Box 3400, Patchogue, 11772, 800-316-1231; 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 •

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

ASHTABULA - First Spiritualist Church
4230 Main Ave.; Sun. Serv., 2:00 p.m., Healing & Clairvoyance; **TELEPHONE FOR WEATHER CANCELLATIONS.** Pres., Dorothy A. Benes, 8513 Creek Rd., Williamsfield, 44093; Phone: (440) 293-7056; For information contact: Charles J. Benes, 8513 Creek Rd., Williamsfield, 44093; Phone: (440) 293-7056. **LET PHONE RING.** Services are held starting with the 2nd Sun. in Sept. and continue through the last Sun. in May. Church is not in session during June, July, and Aug.

COLUMBUS - First Spiritualist Church of Linden
1751 Aberdeen Ave., 43211, (614) 263-1631; Pastor, Natalie Smith Blakeslee.

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

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

• 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.

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• PENNSYLVANIA •

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

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

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

• TEXAS •

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

CAMERON - First Spiritualist Church of Cameron
Pres., Pearlie Kreneck, P.O. Box 1152, 76520-1152, Fax: (254) 697-2275.

DALLAS - Second Spiritualist Church, NSAC
4905 Inwood Dr., Rowlett, 75088; Devotional, Healing and Message Serv., 2nd and 4th Sunday's each month at 2:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m.; Class/Circle following service at 4:30 p.m.; Pres., Julie de Araujo, (972) 276-8232; Student Pastor, Robert Croteau, (972) 675-9080; Mail: P.O. Box 464, China Spring, 76633; e-mail: SSC@SSCNSAC.ORG; website: http://SSCNSAC.org.

HOUSTON - First Church Of Divine Science, NSAC
2115 Turner Dr., 77093; Mailing Addr.: P.O. Box 11088, 77293-1088; Pres., Rev. Jovita Garcia-Jessup; Rev. Marie W. Smith; Secy., Liana Liles, 20214 No. Briar Dr., 77073; e-mail: L_creat@hotmail.com; Sun. Serv. 2:30 p.m.; Wed. open healing and meditation 7:30 p.m.; Messages from Spirit 8:00 p.m.; Fri. Spiritual Development 7:30 p.m., (713) 695-2550; e-mail: ITZNOWOO@aol.com.

McMAHAN - Angels of Light Spiritualist Church, NSAC
2714 FM 713, Lockhart, 78644-4163; Devotional, healing and message serv. followed by class/circle, 2nd and 4th Sundays at 2 p.m.; Pastor and Secy., Rev. Dr. Jean I. Hamner, (512) 376-5310; e-mail: ALSCNSAC@AOL.COM.

SAN ANTONIO - Louise Scholtz Memorial Chapel, NSAC
1627 PanAm Expwy. North, 78208-1143, (210) 225-2354; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; Co-Pastors, Hector Caldera and Alex Sifuentes.

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

• VIRGINIA •

FALLS CHURCH - Center for Spiritual Enlightenment, NSAC
222 N. Washington St.; Mailing Addr. CSE (NSAC), P.O. Box 6535, 22040--6535; (703) 645-8060; website: www.TheCSE.org; e-mail: thecse@TheCSE.org; Year-round Serv.; Healing Serv. each Sun. 10:00 a.m., followed by Worship Serv. at 10:30 a.m.; Children's Lyceum 10:00 a.m., Sept. through June; Judy Griesse, Lyceum Dir.; Pastor, Rev. B. Anne Gehman; Pres., Wayne Knoll; Secy., Larry Leonard, 5905 Sherborn Lane, Springfield, VA 22152, (703) 569-1541; e-mail: larry@larryleonard.com.

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

• WASHINGTON •

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

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

MILTON - Church of Spiritual Unity, NSAC
Camp Edgewood - Church Serv. Sundays, 2:00 p.m.; Pastor, LaVerne Pemberton, (206) 722-2348; Pres., Colleen Mohler, 1210 - 26th Ave. Ct., 98354, (253) 927-2365; Secy., Catherine Cesaro, (206) 782-3779; e-mail: csunsac@yahoo.com.

• WEST VIRGINIA •

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

• WISCONSIN •

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

WONEWOC - West Wisconsin Spiritualist Camp Association
304 Hill St., 53968, 1-800-974-7035 or (608) 464-7770; Open mid-June to mid-September.

• CANADA •

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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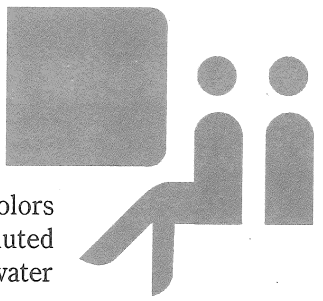
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A Critique Of The Movie, "What The Bleep Do We Know"



BY RONALD MEISSNER, Arizona

In this beautiful world we live in, there are many things we think we perceive, and many things that are hidden from our normal view and senses we do not perceive. This is a brief critique of a movie that I believe should be shown around the world.

Within this unique movie, there are statements from physicists, doctors and other educated people who recognize a new paradigm of oneness is upon us. The theme of the movie was that quantum physics, brain science and spirituality are not separate studies, but one study if we are searching for truth. What a novel idea, I wonder if they ever visited a Spiritualist church.

As physicists continue to search for the smallest particles that can exist, they are discovering that matter is more like a thought, and that all matter is movement of consciousness. Matter is consciousness in action. That is a major paradigm shift in consciousness. All humanity is beginning to realize that truth does not change because it is believed or is not believed, truth only awaits our discovery. The movie also focuses on our increased awareness, and that we, as thinking conscious humans, create our own reality. Our universe is full of potential and possibilities from which we make our choices. We participate in and co-create the universe in which we live. As stated in the movie, "we create new elsewheres." Scientists are discovering that we create our day, our life, and our future, by the choices we consciously make.

They depicted our brain, as a curved surface with many electrical charges flashing all the time like multiple thunderstorms on the surface of our brain. It reminded me of seeing the earth from space at night, when many thunderstorms are flashing all over the earth. My question is, do these electrical charges provide the earth with consciousness? These electrical discharges in the brain are called synaptic leaps. The point was made that nerve cells that fire together, also wire together and form long term relationships.

Scientists, in the movie, often referred to an inner observer within us. They stayed away from the words soul or spirit, but their dialogue in the movie was quite refreshing. Each physicist, doctor or scientist, who is quoted in the movie, has taken a bold new step into the future, and I believe it's as important as the step Neil Armstrong made on the moon when he said, "That's one small step for man, and one giant leap for mankind."

There were many thought provoking thoughts in the movie made by scientists: here is one of them. There is no good and evil, only things that evolve or things that do not evolve. These same scientists are now asking bold new questions such as: "Am I conscious enough to understand God?" Their analogy is, can a fish understand the water it swims in. My question is, can most humans fully understand the etheric dimensions that they journey through?

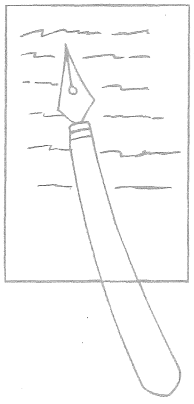
All that has been stated and shown to the general public in this movie is quite impressive, but it is my personal opinion, that the brief time given to Dr. Masaru Emoto's discoveries in the movie is the most important revelation of all. Dr. Emoto was born in Yokohama, Japan in 1943. He is a graduate of the Yokohama Municipal University. In 1992 he received the degree of Doctor of Alternative Medicine.

He focused his studies on studying the state of water at the microscopic level. He discovered how to make slices of frozen water that could be photographed under a microscope. He discovered that water prayed over with positive thoughts contains complex and beautiful geometric crystalline shapes, similar to a beautiful snowflake, but with various colors added. Polluted water or water that has negative thoughts directed at it produced dull incomplete crystal formations.

Dr. Emoto provides physical evidence that our thoughts deeply impact our lives and our fragile environment. Dr. Emoto has made the power of prayer visible for the world to see. He has the photographs to back up this research and has published them in his books. Through his research, truths of the universe take shape and become visible. His research appears to be the best evidence to date, verifying that prayer has a direct affect on what we perceive as the material world. Since we are more than 70% water, his studies should be of great interest to every living human on the planet. We now have proof that our thoughts have a direct effect on each other, and our environment. As Dr. Emoto has stated so eloquently, "Water is the mirror reflecting our level of consciousness." It is my opinion, that these tiny crystalline formations that Dr. Emoto has photographed, is only the tip of the iceberg in terms of what we can learn from his research. Universities around the world should be seizing the opportunity to verify and expand on Dr. Emoto's ground breaking research.

Dr. Emoto has two books out, *The Message of Water Volume 1 & 2*, and most recently published, *The Hidden Messages in Water*, 192 pages (64 colors) soft cover. If the book stores do not have it, you can call 1-503-531-8700 - ISBN: 1-58270-114-8, cost is $16.95. Dr. Emoto's website is www.masaruemoto.net. The film's website is www.whatthebleep.com. This should indicate where the film is showing presently.

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The Cross Correspondence

BY THE LATE MONTAGUE KEEN

By the end of the 19th Century, most of those prominent and active in psychical research had firmly convinced themselves that the conditions under which mediums like Leonore Piper and Rosalie Thompson were conveying veridical information, often via proxy sitters, not merely made the hypothesis of deception untenable, but pointed pretty clearly to more than the mere functioning of messages identifying and reminiscing about some thirty different friends and associates of the lately deceased George Pelham via the entranced Mrs. Piper left pioneer researchers like Frederic Myers and Sir Oliver Lodge in little doubt that some discarnate intelligence was at least in part responsible for evidence unlikely to be written off as mind-reading, even from an unknown source. But there seemed to be no way to torpedo the argument that all might nonetheless be ascribed to some of the extraordinary functions of the human psyche which the new disciplines of psychology and psychiatry were constantly revealing. Moreover, it was one thing to show that the memories of deceased persons were somehow accessible to us: quite another to demonstrate that their active intelligences survived after death and could communicate with those left behind.

What was required was an experiment which could clearly defeat what was later to become known as the super-psi hypothesis. If it were possible to distribute to more than one medium fragments of messages, in themselves meaningless, and if necessary to provide enough hints to enable a perceptive third party to piece them together to form a coherent message, that would demonstrate the existence of an external intelligence. All the better if the mediums were unknown to one another, living in different parts of the world, and puzzled by the arcane references and obscure language. It would show the final message and the intelligence promoting it incapable of attribution to any individual medium.

Although the first of these experiments came very shortly after Myers' death in January 1901, and involved messages coming through two mediums via automatic writing, it took some 18 months before the penny dropped. Indeed, it was not until seven or eight years after they had begun to appear that the full implications of the experiment dawned on the SPR investigators who were attempting to monitor all these messages. Not until then was the necessity appreciated of ensuring that no medium was consciously aware of the contents of scripts from other mediums. Up to twelve different mediums were involved, at one time or another. Most were unknown to one another; only one (Mrs. Piper) was a professional. For the main part they were well educated, intelligent women, some of them, like Mrs. Holland (Alice MacDonald), producing scripts with reluctance and only under the strongly experienced influence of some external pressure. The messages normally came by automatic writing, received in a variety of states of consciousness. They frequently repeated phrases, reassured the recipient that the apparent oddness or absurdity of the contents should neither concern nor worry them. Sometimes those who studied the messages were advised to look at much earlier scripts for clues, or to look at another medium's contributions to help solve the puzzle.

The functioning of this group was kick-started by an instruction received by Mrs. Holland in India to send her script to Margaret Verrall, whom she did not know, at an address in Cambridge. Mrs. Verrall received several scripts which appeared to refer to early events in Christian Roman history, but the specific reference was not apparent until a Latin phrase received from Mrs. Holland appeared to point to Rubens' portrait in the Vatican showing Pope Leo turning back Attila from attacking Rome. That it was not easy to rule out telepathy was illustrated by another early experiment. It appeared to have been initiated by one of the leading interpreters of the scripts, John Piddington. He confided to a sealed envelope a letter in which he said that, were he ever in spirit, he would try to transmit the number SEVEN. Over a considerable period thereafter at least six mediums produced direct or indirect allusions to seven, many of them derived from classical or poetic source was, ending finally in a challenge addressed ostensibly by the discarnate Frederic Myers through Mrs. Verrall asking whether Piddington had yet found bits of his famous sentence "scattered among you all. And does he think that is an accident started by one by you? But even if the source is human, who carries the thoughts to the receivers. Ask him that. F.W.H.M."

This was the essential question, posed again by the discarnate Myers: *who selects?* If it was the unconscious mechanism of the live Piddington, how was he able to communicate disparate pieces of often obscure and individually meaningless phrases and references through several mediums some of whom he did not even know? Moreover, since the last thing Piddington wanted was to

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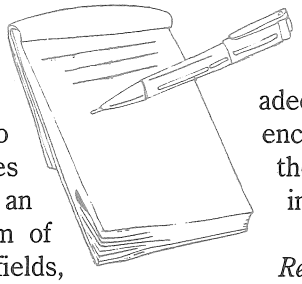
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reveal his posthumous message thus prematurely, would he have broadcast the secret even at an unconscious level?

But beyond such ingenious efforts to prove their individual survival as transmitting intelligences, the ostensible communicators used the scripts for more ambitious purposes. One was the development of a plan to help bring about a world order based on international peace and justice; and some of the evidence to support this theory has only recently come to light. Such was the secrecy in which some of these communications were shrouded. The better known, and more evidential, theme running through several years of communications was analyses by the Countess of Balfour in a masterly exposition published in 1960 under the title of The Palm Sunday Case. This showed how over the years references which could have related only to a very private episode which more than forty years later persuaded the eminent but skeptical statesman that his long deceased lover, who died suddenly on Palm Sunday, 1875, was waiting for him on the other side. Messages describing the type of ring which the youthful philosopher-politician had buried in her coffin; the satin-lined silver casket he had made to treasure a lock of her hair; the types of flowers engraved on the casket; these had come in indirect allusion, often allegorical or symbolic, but collectively unmistakable.

Anyone claiming to be an authority on the subject who is unaware, or who (worse still) chooses to disregard what he cannot explain, is not serving the interests of objective science. Let me give in summary just one experiment which, although not strictly a cross-correspondence since it was initiated from this side, challenges critics. It is an old case, but good evidence neither rusts nor withers. It is in no way dependent on subjective assessment, cold readings, inflamed emotions or religious belief.

Leonore Piper was a famous Boston medium who was investigated under controlled conditions, notably by Professor William James, the father-figure of modern psychology, and Dr. Richard Hodgson, an avowed skeptic. Such was her fame that she was invited to the UK to be tested, by, among others, Frederic Myers and Sir Oliver Lodge. Following Myers' death in 1901, a voice claiming to be his spirit communicated through the entranced medium who was undergoing rigorous investigation by George Dorr in Boston. Aware that Myers had been a distinguished classical scholar, whereas Mrs. Piper was not, Dorr invited "Myers" to say what the word Lethe conveyed to him. A considerable number of references emerged. Many were unknown to Dorr, whose classical knowledge was modest; but investigation showed that nearly all of them were accurate, if usually oblique, references to persons, incidents, descriptions and places found in Ovid's Metamorphoses, which gives an account of the mythological Hadean stream of Lethe bounding the shores of the Elysian fields, and from whose waters the newly dead must drink to purify themselves and wash away all earthly memories before re-birth.



When Lodge learned of this, he decided to pose the same question through another medium known as "Mrs. Willett" (Winifred Coombe-Tenant), with whom he was having sittings in London. She was a very intelligent, well-educated woman, but with little classical knowledge. She was also Myers' sister-in-law, and she too had been transmitting messages purporting to come from him. In response to the same question, she communicated a long series of references, many of them unknown to Lodge or his fellow classicists Piddington and Mrs. Verrall, the latter being a University classics lecturer. Virtually all of these were found to derive not from Ovid but from an entirely different account connected with Aeneas's visit to Elysium with Anchisis, his father, as described in Book Six of Virgil's Æneid, on which Myers had once written a scholarly commentary. They were equally accurate, although many were clearly allusive, and some were linked to the Ovidian messages received 3,000 miles away via Mrs. Piper.

When Lodge asked why "Myers" had not given the same responses, Mrs. Willett's automatic writing replied that, had he done so, critics would have dismissed the evidence as mere telepathy between the mediums.

This summarizes lengthy and detailed accounts of these sittings which appear in several Proceedings and issues of the *Journal of the Society for Psychical Research*, whose leading skeptic, Frank Podmore, did his best to ascribe the Piper evidence to telepathy. He died before the Willett confirmation was available, but even he was clearly rattled by it. He would have been a good deal more rattled had he known that around this time, apart from Mrs. Willett and Mrs. Piper, three other mediums, most unknown to one another, were producing scripts with references to doors or sesame (as in Ali Baba's command) or even in some cases, less punningly, to the name of Dorr. It need hardly be said that the simplistic explanations of fraud, cryptomnesia or collusion were thoroughly investigated and decisively ruled out by the highly critical group of experts who examined these cases.

Critics have long argued that, without intimate knowledge of Latin and Greek, anyone would find these cross-correspondences almost impossible to fathom, that they are too complex, ambiguous and allusive. But there are perfectly intelligible analyses extant of some aspects of them, the most important and persuasive being Jean Balfour's examination of the Palm Sunday Case. Attempts to show that chance coincidence is an adequate explanation have failed. The case for the existence of a communicating intelligence—or in the case of the cross-correspondences a group of collaborating intelligences—is as strong as it has been neglected.

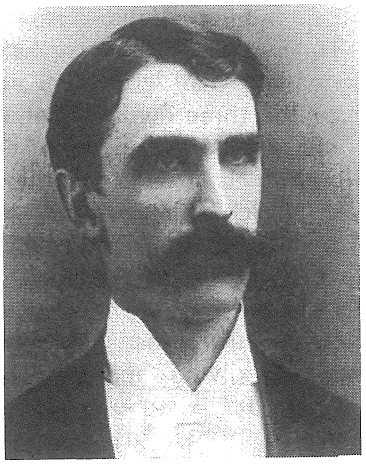
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A PROFILE OF HARRISON D. BARRETT

BY THE REV. RAYMOND JONES, First Spiritualist Assn. of Wheeling, West Virginia

Harrison D. Barrett, the first President of the National Spiritualist Association, NSA (as it was then called), was born on April 26, 1863. His parents were Lucetta and Levi Barrett, his birthplace was in Canaan, Maine. Harrison had 5 sisters; Ivaletta, Lucille, Viola, Lucette, and Ollie. He was educated at the Meadville Unitarian Theological Seminary in Pennsylvania in 1889 and became an ordained Minister. He admitted that he conflicted with several of their concepts and found difficulty in uniting the upcoming Spiritualist views with those of the Unitarian. He felt that the best way to solve the problem was to leave them both. This he did and continued his work as a teacher in public schools.



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Then his sister Ollie passed to spirit at the age of twelve, and he grieved severely. It was around this time that he experienced spiritual raps as he called them. He would call out, "Ollie, is that you?" Three raps were heard. He was convinced that sister Ollie still lived. As a result, he became a dedicated Spiritualist from that day on.

On October 13th, 1897, Harrison married Margarite Coffyn. At the time, he was also the editor of the Spiritualist paper, *The Banner of Light*, and Margarite became his assistant editor. Harrison's mediumship began at Camp Etna, in Maine. Soon, he became the president of Camp Etna and was a willing worker at all the early Camp meetings. He was a very good platform worker, having an easy listening voice and a critical mind that his audience enjoyed.

It has been told that he would walk the 25 miles from Canaan to Camp Etna, barefoot, with his shoes over his shoulders in order to present himself polished and prepared for his appointment with Spirit. His accurate mediumship and his deep golden voice made him a wonderful representative of the new insight into life after death that Spiritualism was propagating. He traveled all over the United States, many times without funds and with cardboard in his shoes.

Harrison soon became a writer as well as a speaker, and worker for Spiritualism. His best-known book, *Pantheistic Idealism,* expressed his ideas of life and religion. He also wrote *The Life and Work of Cora L. V. Richmond*, and with the help of A. W. McCoy, published, *Cassadaga...It's History and It's Teachings*. This is the Cassadaga in New York State.

Harrison was known as a man of distinct character, possessed with intense nervous energy and intellect, but with a lack of poise. He was said to be as delicate as a woman with all of the refinement of that sex, combined with a tremendous amount of masculine energy. He was an orator, poet and politician combined. He also stood as the democratic candidate for the Massachusetts General Court in 1900 in the Seventh Norfolk County district. He ran a good race, but lost to the Republican majority in his district. He was also one of the candidates for the State Senate from Somerset County in Maine. Harrison and his wife had two children: one daughter that passed at an early age and is buried at Camp Etna, and one son.

In 1893, Mr. Barrett helped form the National Spiritualist Association of Churches. This convention was on September 27th at 77 Thirty First Street, Chicago, in the State of Illinois. Harrison D. Barrett was duly elected as its first President for a term of one year. He was re-elected every year until 1906. The vote was unanimous. His supporting Officers were: Robert A. Dimmick as the Secretary and Theodore J. Mayer as Treasurer. Mr. Mayer served along side him for most of his time of office, with the exception of two years.

At about this same time, he gained a national reputation when he came to the aid of a Spiritualist Medium who was on trial for practicing witchcraft or fortune telling. In court, a judge told Mr. Barrett that if he could prove to him that Spiritualism was a true religion, that if he had a creed or definite form of religious organization, that it might be possible to free the woman. Mr. Barrett immediately asked for a recess of the court. In the building, he wrote the first three declarations of the American NSA Principles. These became the fundamental statements of the NSA as an Organization. Because of this quick action on his part, the medium was released, and a new religious organization was born.

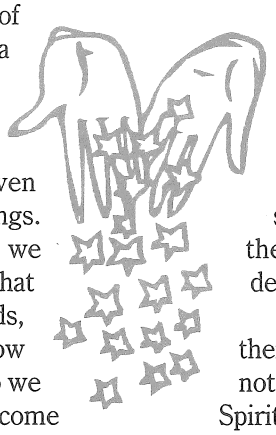
As President of the newly formed organization, Harrison worked unceasingly for mediums to have some sort of recognition and representation. His final year of office was 1906.

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Don't Expect A Miracle

BY KEN JAMES, PH.D., Illinois

It is often a surprise when new visitors to our church learn that one of the fundamental teachings of Spiritualism is that there are no miracles. Because newcomers usually know that Spiritualists receive guidance from companions who have gone through the change called death, they assume that we also believe that at certain times the normal order of things is broken and Infinite Intelligence intervenes in a special way on our behalf. When we tell them we do not believe in miracles, they are often stunned.



It isn't that Spiritualists don't believe in the mystery of life and a link with the world of Spirit proven through healers and mediums. We do believe these things. As Spiritualists, we know that death is not an end, and we affirm that the identity of the individual continues after that change. The messages we receive from our spirit friends, the so-called dead, teach us that what we think we know about life is only a glimpse into the profound truth of who we are and why we are here. Life is a mystery that we can come to understand from the perspective of Infinite Intelligence.

But none of this is abnormal, or "para"-normal. It is absolutely normal, just the way things are. It is common that friends in Spirit communicate with us. It is to be expected that we can experience healing at all levels of our being, guided by Spirit companions who work with healers on the Earth plane. It is simply that, as Spiritualists, we do not believe that any of these wonders is in any way a miracle. It is we, the so-called living, who have not fully understood the fundamental principles by which the Universe operates. These principles are referred to in Spiritualism as Natural Law.

Natural Law teaches us that every cause has an effect, and that we can change our life by modifying the vibrational level of our thoughts and operating in harmony with the Natural Law of the Universe. By understanding the relationship between the world of Spirit and our own Earth plane, and listening to the messages from Spirit, we can more clearly discern the Natural Law that sustains All that is. From this perspective, from the Spiritualist perspective these are simply demonstrations of Natural Law in action.

Let us be clear what we mean when we say there are no miracles. We don't mean that life is not wonderful. Life is full of wonder to the Spiritualist. We should remind our friends who are surprised by our "anti-miracle" teaching that we also know there is no death, there are no dead. That should bring them to a place where they can see Spiritualism is far from an easy teaching, although it is fundamentally simple. It is a call to come into alignment with Natural Law, so that we may better live both on the Earth plane, and in the world of Spirit. That gives us plenty to do and plenty to sustain our faith. Who needs miracles? ▲

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He was succeeded by Dr. George B. Warne.

For a number of years, Harrison and Margarite lived in Boston, but they spent the latter part of their lives in California. Margarite passed to spirit while in California in 1909. A few months later, Harrison returned to his early home, in Canaan. Harrison was plagued with illness for much of his life. For two years, while in Oregon, he was so ill, that he deemed himself an invalid and was cared for by a Mr. and Mrs. Pippy. After an illness of 14 months, at the age of 47, on January 12th in 1911, Mr. Harrison D. Barrett passed into the Spirit World, and his earthly remains were buried in his birthplace of Canaan. His Spirit was strong, but his earthly body had become weak. In his final will and testament, written just 5 months before his passing, he wrote: "To all who may know me, I bequeath a kind and loving thought, and urge the men and women of the nation to see to it that they possess themselves of sound health by building strong bodies and clear analytical minds; or anything appertaining thereto, for with sound health all else will be added unto them."

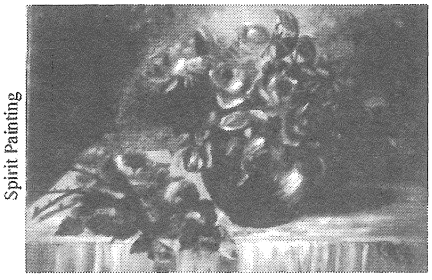
In his will, I was informed that a few other interesting and possibly eye-opening facts had emerged. First of all, the will was 7 pages long...which is considered to be long by most standards. So, he was a true orator...right to the end! Also, he seems to have been an extremely precise and stubborn man. In his will, he remarked about the manuscript that he passed out in triplicate (one to his mother, and the two others to close friends) giving specific instructions on how to handle his funeral arrangements and service. It stated who was to conduct the service, who would lead the singing, and what songs were to be sung.

With much research over the years, it has been noticed that Mr. Barrett's son was never mentioned in his will or indeed in any other writings that were studied. This interesting gentleman's legacy reveals one of true dedication to change a belief and faith into a reality and to put into practice what he preached. A lesson that many should heed. There is a Harrison D. Barrett Memorial Church, (NSAC) in Bangor, Maine, at 114-118 Harlow Street, USA. ▲

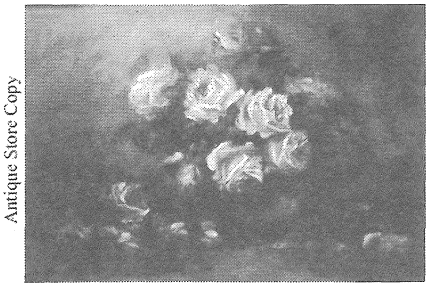
The Mystery Of The Roses

BY THE REVS. TOM AND LISA BUTLER, NST, Nevada

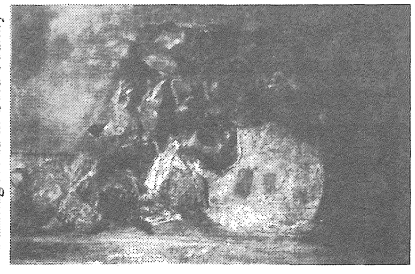
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Spirit Painting



Antique Store Copy



Painting found in Gold Country

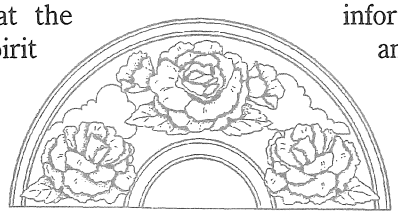
The *Encyclopedic Psychic Dictionary* defines Coincidence as, "1. (esoteric) (Carl Jung) two events occurring simultaneously, having no known cause-and-effect connection and unrelated in nature but showing a meaningful response, indicating some kind of intelligent link."

If you have read our book, *There is No Death and There are No Dead*, you know that we attended a transfiguration séance at the Golden Gate Spiritualist Church in San Francisco last May. The church is an amazing place full of historical items. Some of these items are spirit paintings painted by a spirit artist during sittings given by the Reverend Florence Becker. During these one to two hour sessions, a blank canvas was set out for the spirit artist to work with. The people attending the séance sat in total darkness, continuously singing until a loud clap was heard. The clap signaled that the painting was complete. When the lights were turned on, the canvas was seen to hold a portrait or scene with still wet paint. The Spirit Painting was then covered with a black cloth and placed away from light for over a year. It was known that, without this period of darkness, the precipitated painting would fade away.

Most of the spirit paintings were presented to Reverend Becker's students or church members and were returned to the church upon the recipient's eventual transition to spirit. The total number of such paintings is unknown but twenty-five are displayed at the Golden Gate Church. The earliest known spirit painting was completed in 1911.

In October 2003, we gave a workshop at the National Spiritualist Association of Churches' annual Conference in San Francisco, California. While there, Engeltie Lauderback approached us with two photographs. One was of a spirit painting that was precipitated at a Reverend Becker séance. It was a painting of a vase of Roses. While at the Golden Gate Church, we remember seeing several of the wonderful spirit paintings, but not the painting of roses. The other photograph was of another painting of roses that she had seen in a restaurant in the California gold country. The two were somewhat alike as you can see by the photographs and she thought we might be interested in the "coincidence."

In early November of 2003 we conducted an investigation in the Thunderbird Lodge at Lake Tahoe, Nevada with author, Janice Oberding (www.hauntednevada.com/painting.html). It was a large place and it required hours of work to analyze the audio and video we collected during the investigation. Janice writes books about haunted places and was talking to us about a haunted antique store she had discovered, even as we were working on the Thunderbird material. As she was speaking about this new location, we could only think about all the work that we had stacked up and that we were not going to let her get us interested in another investigation. We simply had more to do than we could handle! So we listened, but assured ourselves that we were not going to get involved!



A few days later an Email came from Janice informing us of the web address for the haunted antique store on her web site and asking us to let her know what we thought. The first thing that we saw on the recommended page was a photograph showing a painting of a vase of roses with the title, "Haunted

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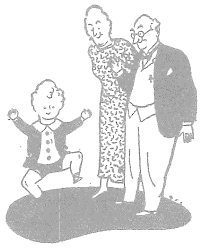
Humor to put you in

Good Spirits . . .

What Is A Grandparent?

(Taken from papers written by a class of 8-year-olds.)

- Grandparents are a lady and a man who have no little children of their own. They like other people's.
- A grandfather is a man grandmother.
- Grandparents don't have to do anything except be there when we come to see them. They are so old they shouldn't play hard or run. It is good if they drive us to the store and have lots of quarters for us.
- When they take us for walks, they slow down past things like pretty leaves and caterpillars.
- They show us and talk to us about the color of flowers and also Why we shouldn't step on "cracks."
- They don't say, "Hurry up."
- Usually grandmothers are fat, but not too fat to tie your shoes.
- They wear glasses and funny underwear.



- They can take their teeth and gums out.
- They have to answer questions like "why isn't God married?" and "How come dogs chase cats?"
- When they read to us, they don't skip. They don't mind if we ask for the same story over again.

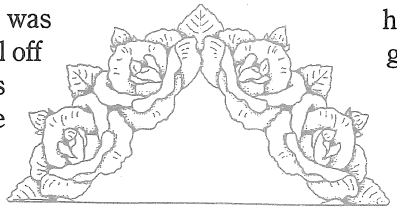
THE MYSTERY OF THE ROSES

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Painting." To say our mouths dropped open is an understatement. We immediately tore through the house to find the photographs that had been given to us at the convention in San Francisco. Holding the picture of the spirit painting beside the picture of the "haunted painting," we could see that the similarities were unmistakable. It will be difficult to see in the black and white pictures, but the form and location of each rose and leaf is the same. There is an additional bunch of roses on the table in the antiques store version. This is exactly the location of the spirit artist signature in the original. There is also a difference in the color of the roses. The spirit painting roses are toward the red shade. The roses in the painting in the antique store are pink.

Janice later explained that the "haunted" rose painting had been the property of the owner's mother. She loved the painting and even painted a room of the house to match the pink of the roses. When her mother transitioned, the daughter turned the home into an antique store. The rose painting was among the antiques for sale.

As the story was told to us, she had agreed to sell it to a man who helped in the store and was a boarder in an upstairs room. That very night the painting fell off the wall damaging an electrical outlet and nearly starting a fire. A few weeks later the man mentioned that they had not set a price for the painting and its sale was once again discussed. The painting again fell off the wall that evening, even though it was hung with an eight penny nail. After this the proprietor told the man that she felt the painting did not want to be sold.



The next day we were all in the car, making the drive to the antique store. The first thing that we asked after meeting the owner was if she knew anything about Spiritualism. She answered, "Have you ever heard of the Reverend Florence Becker?" We learned from the ensuing conversation that her mother had lived near San Francisco and attended Reverend Becker's sittings in the late 1950s. The daughter felt that the painting was from the late 1800s, but the painting is not signed or dated. The Becker painting is dated 1916 and signed by the Spirit Artist, Rapierre.

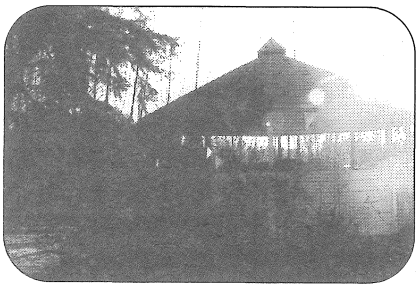
The owner will not sell the painting and is actually afraid that some terrible thing will befall her or the store if the painting were to be removed even for a few minutes. The relationship and similarity of the two paintings is obvious. We feel that the haunted painting is most likely a copy of the original, which was a gift from the spirit artist to Reverend Becker for her work and dedication. The rose painting hung over the fireplace at Reverend Becker's house during the late 1950s. A photograph could have been taken of it and a copy made. Still this was a most interesting set of coincidences. What are the odds that we would be handed a photograph of that particular spirit painting by a member of the Golden Gate Spiritualist Church? What are the odds that Janice would write a story about this particular haunted antiques store and decide to highlight the haunted painting? After all there were other ghosts she could have made the center of her article. This was a very strange experience and we wonder if the story is over yet.

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Washington Camp News

Camp Edgewood Is Alive And Well!

By The Rev. Bernice Falling Leaves
Trustee at Camp Edgewood, Milton/Tacoma, Washington


Spirit Orbs on Gazebo at Camp.

Camp Edgewood, on beautiful Surprise Lake, is now 103 years old. It is going through a rebirthing process. Like many "Old Things," it needed new blood of dedicated volunteers for its regeneration, and the volunteers have appeared!

First, the huge old bell was cleaned and remounted so it could ring out the Sunday service for all those living around the lake to hear. The message saying, "It is Sunday afternoon, two o'clock, come and worship with us."

Next, the rose garden was revitalized, making a special place for quiet meditation. It was a wonderful chance to plant new roses to honor departed loved ones. The blossoms will be used for the "Spirit of the Rose" healings.

Then the roof of the Spirit Center was replaced and the ceilings redone, so now there is a lovely classroom for teaching. It has a picture window that looks out at all our wonderful trees and our eagles that are nesting. The Seance room is all set for seances and message circles. Both rooms are used for the Wednesday development classes. There is also a new entry and exit stairs.


Blessing the Rose Garden.

The cabins and homes on Camp Edgewood's ten acres have new sewer hook ups, which meant digging up the lawns with huge equipment. It looked as if giant moles had been at work. Top soil has been brought in and all is reseeded, the green grass is up and wonderful.

The former old hotel is now the Healing Center and it is waiting for its sewer hook up and a new fire escape. The second story bedrooms have been installed and have new walls, all ready to be painted and refurbished. Each room will be done by a volunteer group. Soon the Spirit Center will ready for even more activities, more people, more workshops. It also has a new porch roof and entry.

The little Chapel has a fresh coat of paint and a new entry too, as does the Utility building. Many hours, by many people: carpentry work, plumbing, odd jobs, painting, weeding, pruning, cutting lawns, digging, planting, sweeping and cooking have contributed to a renewed look and renewed enthusiasm. Camp Edgewood is acquiring a New Look and New Life—it is alive and well! The Green grass is growing, the flowers are blooming, the classes are interesting, the speakers knowledgeable...Come for a visit, you are sure to enjoy it and be uplifted!


Surprise Lake at Camp Edgewood.

Connecticut Convention



May 1st and 2nd, the Connecticut State Spiritualist Association held its 117th Convention. This year the annual convention was hosted by the National Spiritualist Church of Norwich. Each convention is special, as it brings members of the Connecticut churches together to see familiar friends and meet new ones.

In her President's report, the Rev. Lynn Gaffin spoke about Spiritualism being a Religion of growth and change. She closed by quoting Neale Donald Walsh, "Nothing stays the same, nothing remains static. Which way a thing changes depends on you."

The Rev. Kathleen Rottino gave the Board of Education report and encouraged everyone to take advantage of the courses that are offered. She reminded delegates about how the Rev. Lelia Cutler, President of the NSAC had set a goal for the 2004 "Growth through Education."

Joyce Orcutt reported to the delegates on the 2003, NSAC annual convention. She was impressed with the harmony and balance this convention had compared with others that she has attended.

Verline Eldridge conducted the memorial for those who have passed to the spirit side of life. Verline's

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message was that while some loved ones have physically passed to spirit, their presence is still being felt by those still here.

This year Robin Dubord was the guest speaker. Robin is a certified medium and a member of the First Spiritualist Church of Springfield. Robin's sharing was how we look at what happens to us everyday. Running out of hot water can make us upset, or we can be thankful that we have running water. The next time one of the delegates is faced with a challenge, they will be looking at it a bit differently, thanks to Robin.

Each of us are different and we have all been gifted with the ability to make a difference. If we become aware of that gift, we gain through the strength of our vision and the power to share the future—Spiritualism will flourish.

More Connecticut News

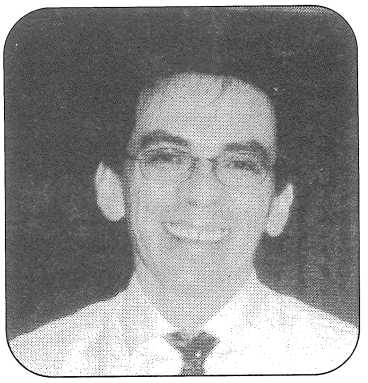


College of Spiritual Knowledge.

With Al Ferency's passing to the Spirit World, some wondered if the College of Spiritual Knowledge would be held in the coming year. To members of the New London Spiritualist Church, there was never any doubt that the CSK would be held. In fact, not long after Al's passing, he was busy letting them know that it was time to get the plans for the next CSK moving.

This year the Rev. Susan Ferency and the Rev. Kathleen Rottino oversaw the day's events. The College of Spiritual Knowledge is a full day of workshops, readings and healing. The workshops are presented on Mediumship and Healing, and the reading and healings are done by certified mediums and commissioned healers. While the Rev. Virginia Berg, Ron O'Berry, and Joyce Orcutt shared their knowledge of Mediumship, the Rev. Fletcher Bass, John Baumhoff and Charlotte Gordon shared their knowledge of Healing. The last workshop of the day, Physical Phenomena-Table Tipping was shared by the Rev.'s Brian and Lynn Kent. The CSK was, is, and will continue to be a great way to educate the community to what Spiritualism is all about and to make them aware of the NSAC Spiritualist Churches.

Pastor Elected



The Rev. Hugo Ruiz, NST.

On April 4th, 2004, as board elections were taking place after regular church service, student minister Samantha Nohs stood up and made a motion to elect the Reverend Hugo Ruiz, NST, as Pastor of the Temple of Metaphysical Science for the term of two years. TMS member Micky McLean seconded the motion, and now our spiritual family is complete.

The Rev. Hugo Ruiz appeared both surprised and elated about becoming the Pastor of the church he has attended since 1995. Mr. Ruiz has always regarded his role in the Temple, no matter what the status, as one of sacred service. From his very first day, in attending the Temple, he was eager to work for spirit in sharing the light and truth through spirit messages, later on committing to the Morris Pratt Course to become a Certified Medium, and finally—a Minister, National Spiritualist Teacher.

Among the many years of service in our spiritual home, Hugo always reinforced the vision of our founding Pastor, Edna Claussen. Today the members can rest assured that Edna Claussen's vision will be carried out, and further enhanced, through the guidance and vision of our new Pastor, the Rev. Hugo Ruiz.

On April 25th, 2004, a special service was held to officially welcome our new Pastor. TMS President, Chuck Tabron, extended his hand in receiving and congratulating Hugo Ruiz. The Rev. Hugo Ruiz then expressed his gratitude toward those who have supported him in the past, the congregation, and spoke of his desire to guide our spiritual home. Afterwards, the Ruiz family, his wife Kathleen, and young daughter Georgina, along with the congregation, celebrated further with a special cake to mark the occasion. Our Pastor was met with much enthusiasm for the future, and congratulations from all!!

Pastor Hugo received an inscribed wristwatch, from his spiritual family, as a token of appreciation in recognition of all the time he had invested towards the growth of our spiritual home, and now for our future committed as Pastor.

To find out more about Pastor Hugo Ruiz and the Temple of Metaphysical Science, please visit our website at www.tms-li.org. *You can also contact Pastor Ruiz by email at* RevHugo@tms-li.org.

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In Memory...

THE REV. RUTH E. NOVAK

MAY 17, 1917

JUNE 7, 2004



Mrs. Ruth E. Novak, 87, of Michigan City, died Monday, June 7, 2004, at The Arbors of Michigan City.

She was born May 17, 1917, in Furnessville, Ind., to Christopher and Jennie (Forbes) Frederick.

Mrs. Novak founded the cafeteria program within Michigan City Area Schools, where she worked for 31 years, retiring in 1979. In 1985, she received the "Wall of Fame" award from Michigan City Area Schools. She was an ordained minister with the Spiritual Science Church for 44 years, also serving as president. She enjoyed reading, ceramics, crocheting, gardening and spending time with her children and family.

On June 29, 1935, she married Floyd Novak, who died January 8, 1981.

Also preceding her in death were her parents; one daughter, Darlene Taylor; and one sister, Irma Jean Sawaluk.

Surviving are one son, Ronald (Nancy) of LaPorte, seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Carlisle Funeral Home, Michigan City, with Rev. John Kampf officiating. Visitation was held the day before the funeral from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8. Burial was in Greenwood Cemetery, Michigan City.

Memorial contributions were made to the Spiritual Science Church, 314 W. Coolspring Ave., Michigan City, IN 46360. ▲

Love Is Letting Go Of Fear quote:
"Our state of mind is our responsibility. Whether we experience peace or conflict is determined by the choice we make in how we see people and situations, whether we see them as worthy of Love or as justifying our fear."



One Thing To Never Forget

– Author Unknown

Your presence, is a present to the world.
You're unique and one of a kind.
Your life can be, what you want it to be.
Take the days, just one at a time.

Count your blessings, not your troubles.
You'll make it through, whatever comes along.
Within you, are so many answers.
Understand, have courage, be strong.

Don't put limits on yourself.
So many dreams, are waiting to be realized.
Decisions are too important, to leave to chance.
Reach for your peak, your goal and your prize.

Nothing wastes more energy, than worrying.
The longer one carries a problem, the heavier it gets.
Don't take things too seriously.
Live a life of serenity, not a life of regrets.

Remember, that a little love goes a long way.
Remember, that a lot of love goes forever.
Remember, that friendship is a wise investment.
Life's treasures, are people...together.

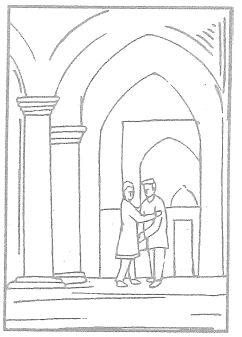
Realize, that it's never too late.
Do ordinary things, in an extraordinary way.
Have health, hope and happiness.
Take the time, to wish upon a star.

And don't ever forget...
For even a day...
How very special you are.

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Getting Beyond The Messages

BY THE REV. JOHN ROTHAMEL, NST, Maryland



The gift of mediumship is astounding. It is freeing. It is uplifting. It is loving. A number of us were drawn to a Spiritualist church in the first place to get a message. We wanted to see what God had in store for us, to be touched by a loved one from Spirit, to feel a sense of purpose in our lives. Perhaps we were drawn to a Spiritualist service because we heard that small still voice inside of us. Because we knew that Spirit existed. Because, we felt a need to share the joy of knowing with others. All of these are wonderful objectives. They are life affirming objectives. They are worthy. But, there is more to Spiritualism than messages.

Just the other day, I was told by a long time visitor that their opinion of Spiritualists is that we focus on the messages, in her terminology, "talking to the dead." The opportunity to respond did not arise until writing this.

Spiritualists, do not "talk to the dead" but to those "living" in the Spirit World.

Yes, to the individual who stops at a surface level of the understanding of Spiritualism, it would appear that we do focus on the message. But there is a great deal more and to those that endeavor to delve deeper into a more thorough understanding, it becomes apparent that the core of Spiritualism is about living in harmony with creation, doing the right thing for the right reason even though it means choosing the more difficult path, living to express the Golden Rule in every aspect of our beings.

Yes, messages provide the proof of communication, but that is only one-ninth of our principles, there are eight others. There is more to Spiritualism, there is more to mediumship.

Mediumship is not reaching to an external world of Spirit, but rather learning that the Spirit World is already inside of you.

This learning process is undertaken by experientially delving into the knowledge of your own spiritual nature and learning to trust that small still voice, the voice of your spirit (higher self), the voice of spirit guides (angels), and the voice of God (Infinite Intelligence).

Through mediumship, we can learn that those who have made their transition to the Spirit World (died) still live and maintain their individual personality and unique consciousness. This brings us consolation when bereaved. In learning of the continuity of life, we learn that we too will exist beyond the change called death, so there is not need for materialism, hate, or fear.

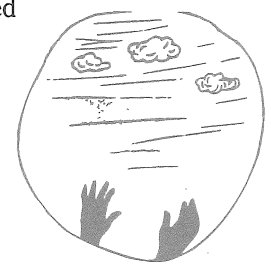
We learn of a higher purpose of this world and the next; to help each other to grow spiritually. From developing our mediumship, we derive guidance from our spirit friends much the same as we might from our friends here in the earth plane. ▲

Sitting In The Healer's Chair

by Laura Perkins

God answered my invitation today
To visit within my Being.
He came through you as you extended your hands
To support my new way of seeing.

You touched my shoulders and balanced
The disparate forces within me.
My body was ready to travel afar
And so I was ready for Thee.



You provided the channel
Which allowed my soul to run free
And into the waiting hands of God
Your trusting soul truly sent me.

I first felt relaxation and then
"Jumped" as the connection occurred,
And my spirit settled as the soul was released,
My emotions expectant and stirred.

God's hands were my stopping place
But yours steadied me like a rock.
I put myself in your trusted care
And God caught me in a lock

That felt so gentle and loving –
So warm, so real, so true,
And it was all through the Healer's hands
That this awesome experience came true.

112th Annual NSAC Convention

Ronkonkoma, New York
October 3rd–8th, 2004

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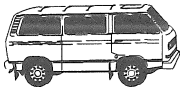
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Sunday, October 3rd
10:30 a.m. – Healing and Church Service
2 p.m. to 4 p.m. – Welcome Reception
7 p.m. – Healing
7:30 p.m. – Worship Service

Monday, October 4th
All Day – Seminar and Workshop
Theme: The Best of Phenomena
Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Cost: All Day - $18.00; 1/2 Day - $10.00
6 p.m. – Banquet with music and dancing by D. J.

Tuesday, October 5th thru Friday, October 8th
9 a.m. to 5 p.m. – Convention Business Meetings
7 p.m. – Healing
7:30 p.m. – Worship Service
followed by Service Club Meetings
Tues., NST; Wed., Ministers;
Thurs., Healers; Fri., LM/CM

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Karen Beebe

Theme:
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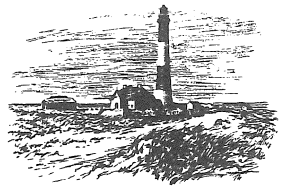


Buffet Dinner – $25.00
Variety of entrees, Vegetables, and Desserts. Cash Bar.

Reservations must be made by September 15th, 2004:

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- MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN:
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  Week Two: April 16-22, 2005
  Instructor: Rev. Cosie Allen, NST

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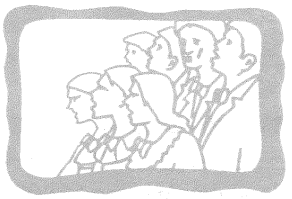
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1. We believe in Infinite Intelligence.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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