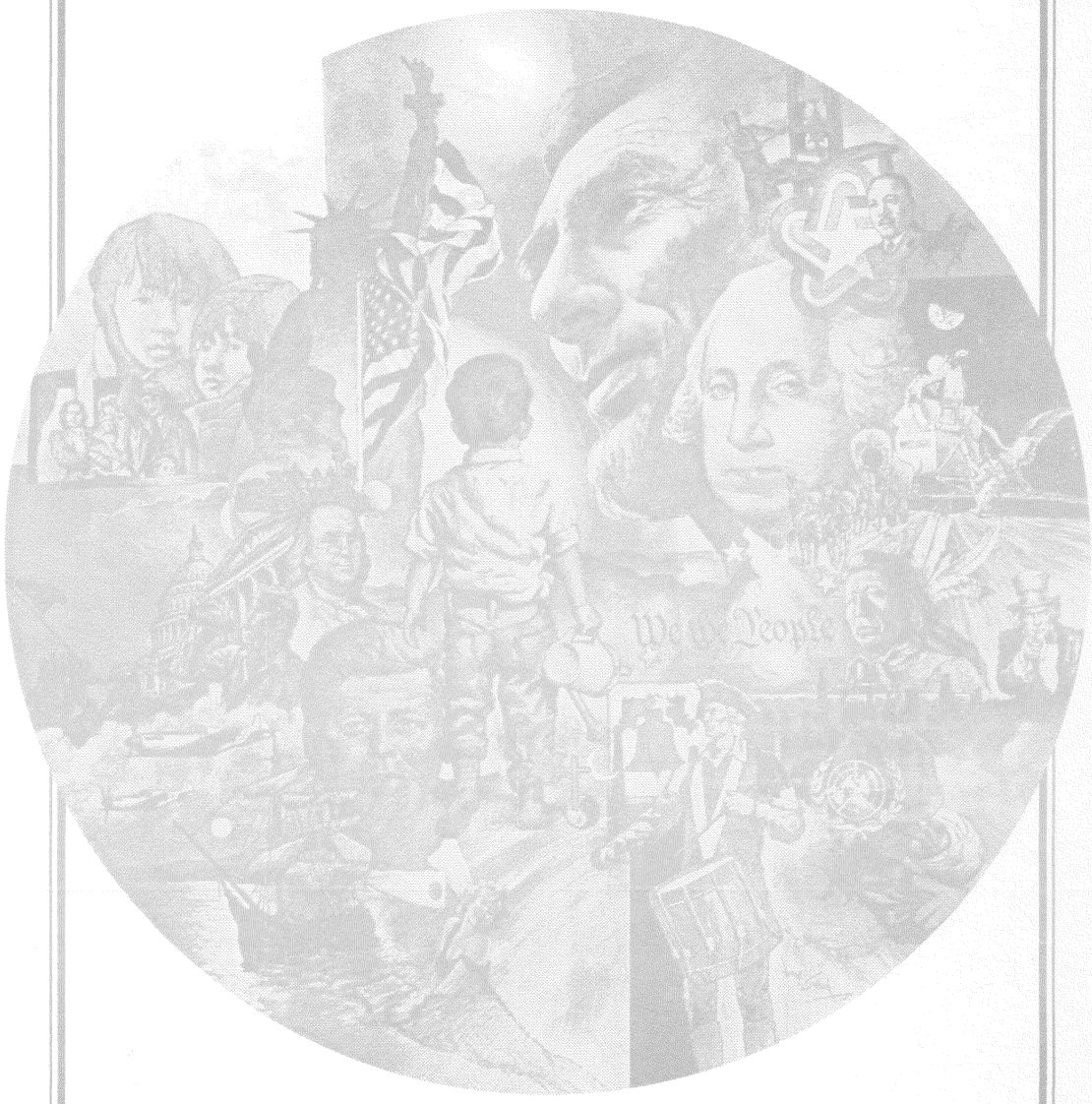
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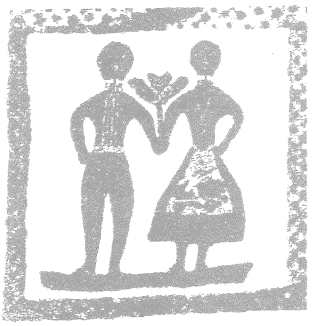
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Playing With Thoughts!

BY THE REV. SANDRA PFORTMILLER, NST

We have heard that each existence is but a play and we are all actors in the play. We are also the authors of life's script and we write the action of our drama with each thought. All creation is Infinite Intelligence, the Great Universal Mind or thought energy that is wonderfully creative. Thought is mirrored to us from the center of our being, finding our path of life in a like manner.

Recently, two affirmations brought this reflective quality to mind. The first one said: *I am too blessed to be stressed!* The other: *I love and honor my uncertainties!* Both affirmations reminded me that I am "Clueless in Phoenix." Like others, I try to live a good life, then when it gets stressful, I become uncertain. Who knows what the play of life will bring, or why, but when we look in the mirror, if we smile, we seem blessed and the reflection smiles back or returns to us the same image. Our thoughts and attitudes are so important in the events we attract to us. *I expect only the best to happen and* ***it does!***



If we have divine thoughts, existence must balance and reflect this divinity. If we have human thoughts, human things will be rewarded to us. Everything is a blessing, for we know that life is designed to create our greater good and Infinite Intelligence only wants good for us. Watch this play out in your everyday conditions.

Some days when your mood is a bit down, it seems the phone rings a lot with friends, church members and strangers telling you their problems. Listening and praying seems what we can offer most people and often we wish we could do more. Then another day when you are particularly up, you might get corresponding fun calls. "Hi, guess what? The dog had puppies and the baby named one after you. Don't you feel honored?" Or, "I just got free tickets to a concert, want to go?"

An interesting observation I have made is that on the days when I am uplifted, joyous and creative, I receive very few phone calls, if any, that require emotional heartfelt prayers. On the cloudy days of my personality the phone callers reflect my inner mood. Life is guided by very powerful Principles that teach us every moment to look for the complement and for a deeper understanding.

Probably all spiritual souls feel the desire to "play God" at sometime or another and make everything right. "If I were all powerful, I could resolve this dilemma and rewrite this scene." Of course, it might also be evident to us if we were Divine Mind we would know the dilemma was not bad or good, but an event for the growth of the individual, created by the person for some soul reason. All is Mind and this is how we learn and develop.

A recent e-mail that is being sent around has some wonderful advice.

If God brings you to it,
God will bring you through it.
Happy moments, praise God.
Difficult moments, seek God.
Quiet moments, worship God.
Painful moments, trust God.
Every moment, thank God.

God, Infinite Intelligence, Great Creator, Divine Source, Loving Energy, All That Is flows through life. It is up to us how we receive and believe this Force. When we examine the good and the not-so-good times of our being's history, we see that both are needed, and often the sorrow or anger are because we are not willing or able to empty ourselves, forgive ourselves or others and move to the next level to receive joy. When we are nourished from the heart, from love, we look at all life as part of love, part of First Cause, perfect.

Consider consciousness as Mind, Love and Law. The yin/yang symbol is a great sign of how life functions and how nature continually balances. Just as we require shadows to see light shapes, so do we require an assortment of experiences in our lives to understand existence. The two sided symbol of the yin/yang are equal and opposite, so too do we need a variety of experiences to be balanced. The one side is not better than the other side; they are both necessary and required to complete the picture.

Often when something happens to another or ourselves, we move out of being centered and feeling blessed, into thinking fear and lack. We let ourselves forget our perfection, our abundance, our health, then later we get mad within because we are not trusting God, and we know we should be.

The popular medium, Kevin Ryerson, says: "All psychic states are equal. All souls are equal." That translates to me that for some reason the Universe requires us to experience our current situation to lead us to our greater good; that one adventure is not better or worse than another. When we try to push away a trial or tribulation or to take one another's ordeal, we are trying to "play God," to rewrite the script and we are judging that this is not supposed to happen. Each moment is an adventure in our drama, from birth to death. Imagine seeing a play where one tiptoes through the tulips and never stubs their toe. How long would you remain

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interested? Oops, how do we really know what is supposed to happen in any moment, in any life? Why do we judge good and bad, when **life just is**? There are these pesky thoughts again, well still, well thoughts are always happening, trying to get our attention. Could this be the pathway to enlightenment?

The nature of energy is to flow toward balance, so if we try to flow through an experience rather than fighting it, we will naturally return to balance. Our guides and spirit helpers work through our energy centers to help us cope with both types of experience.

Life is about change and growth. Some people want to know what is the best and fastest way to grow—guess they want to write a quick script. Growth is on-going, part of the journey. Have you heard people say, "Growth comes through hardships." Again, that is their consciousness. God does not give us hardships, only love—life is experience and we choose how we relate to each act in our play.

What do you believe? What do you see? You can be certain that is the way open for you. Believe that Divine Mind knows just how things should be done in your life, in other's lives, and then trust that it will be done. Do not worry or try to fix things, because then you believe there is another power than Great Spirit. There is but One.

Our divine right of life has given us consciousness—mind, and we use Divine Law with every thought we reflect throughout our existence. When we learn a truth, we hold this truth and it is so. An example: We pray to help heal another (or ourself). We see perfection, whole and complete body, mind, emotions, and spirit. We hold this thought and declare truth. If when the healing meditation is completed, we go back to our old way of thinking, there will be limited healing. We cannot hold an idea for only a few minutes and make it a part of us. It must become an inner belief, then outer conditions are molded to conform. Live the truth, trust the Universe and accept it into your being.

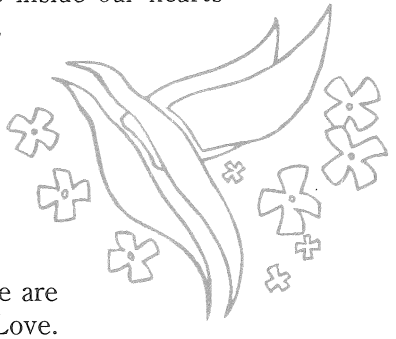
We attract our friends, our spirit helpers and our situations to us through our thoughts and emotions. It is a spiritual being's goal to continually work toward being joyful, loving and increasing awareness of the Divine. We are an active emotional center of mind that mirrors inner energy, so if we enlarge our thoughts, create joy within and look for the blessing in life, then will we write a script of creation that will mirror to us that life is positive growth and we will search out Divine Mind in each concept we receive. In the stillness of each day, play with your thoughts, plan your script, welcome inspiration from the Creative Presence, trust and know that all is good, that with God all things are possible and affirm your gratitude for every moment, every blessing.



PLAYING WITH THOUGHTS ON LOVE!

During February, with Valentine's Day, our thoughts pause to consider love. Love is a compound thing, filled with facets and degrees, but all love is good. If we grow in no other way, but grow more loving, our life in the physical will be blessed. Love is a soul quality, found within, that affects all relationships with other souls.

It is our personal responsibility to bring love and beauty into our world, into our relationships and to become more aware of our Universal spirit or consciousness. Our divine being resides inside our hearts and minds as our psyche, our soul. "Love is all we have, the only way that each can help the other." – Euripides.



Spiritualism teaches that life is interconnected, that we are all part of the whole, and we are joined together through Love. Divine Love is impartially shared, flowing with joyous energy according to Divine Law. The Great Creator's loving energy is found in all creation and as we open ourselves to receive this beautiful energy, we will come into closer association with God and with others. We serve the Universe as we love others, as it is the fulfilling of Natural Law and an expression of the Divine within.

The inner being is our consciousness, the true self where we experience life. Love and life are experienced at a feeling level. Life is a process of giving and receiving love. When we are filled with love, we are uplifted, healed and come into balance.

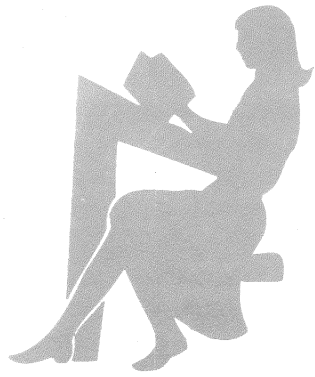
Natural Law reproduces for each person that which is natural for that person. We can use our minds to create a natural state of love, thereby drawing to us greater love and harmony. What good news this is, that the Creator gave us free choice and will to create according to our thoughts. Through prayer, affirmation, music, movement, meditation and visualization, we can create a spiritual practice that expands our energy, transforms our views to include more love and joy into each moment. The Law supports our innermost beliefs, so as we believe, demonstrate and practice being loving, so will this beautiful energy grow and blossom.

Accept your divinity, which is love, and practice love to awaken a change in consciousness. Love dissolves barriers, opens doorways and transforms awareness. We are love as we are kind, compassionate, caring, truthful and helpful to others. By your fruits shall they know you—love is the greatest commandment, the greatest teaching and calls forth the best in you. Love is the highest calling.

What A True Spiritualist Should Know



BY THE REV. NELLIE C. BROWN



Note: The Rev. Nellie C. Brown was ordained in 1939 as an NSAC Spiritualist Minister. She was a teacher and a pastor of several churches. She passed to the Spirit World in April of 1990 at the age of 101 and a half. Nellie Brown was a wonderful healer and had many marvelous healings. This article was sent in by her daughter, Helen Brown Casey, from Columbus, Ohio, who came into Spiritualism at the age of nine years. Helen has never known another religion. When she was in college, around 1940, Helen won a contest by sending in an article to *The National Spiritualist*.

1. A Spiritualist should know his or her relationship to God. In this way, they will understand just how wonderful the benefits can be and that assistance can come to them from having this knowledge.
   You have heard it said: *Knowledge is power.*

2. A Spiritualist should know that communication between this and the Spirit World is a fact, and not allow anyone to influence him or her against this fact.
   You have heard it said: *Once a Catholic, always a Catholic.*
   Likewise, *Once a Spiritualist, always a Spiritualist.*

3. A Spiritualist should be willing to support a church, not only with his or her presence, but also financially.
   You have heard it said: *God loves a cheerful giver.*

4. A Spiritualist should know that good can come to him or her by doing good.
   You have heard it said: *One good turn deserves another.*

5. A Spiritualist should be ready to be of service at all times, and to be willing to help everyone.
   You have heard it said: *Lend a helping hand.*

6. A Spiritualist should know his or her religion and be ready to answer questions pertaining to its Science, Philosophy and Religion.
   You have heard it said: *To be a good salesman, you must know your goods.*

7. A Spiritualist should know something about the *Bible* so that he or she may understand something of the many spirit manifestations therein and be able to relate these to others.
   You have heard it said: *Spiritualists do not believe the* Bible *to be the infallible word of God.*

8. A Spiritualist should never grow tired of sharing the great truths of Spiritualism, or become discouraged because he or she thinks it is not growing fast enough, or upset that more people are not coming into its ranks.
   You have heard it said: *It is a long lane that has no turning.*

9. A Spiritualist should have no fear of death, for the teachings of Spiritualism have taken away the fear that death of the physical is the end of life; and spirit communication has shown that life is continuous.
   You have heard it said: *Fear is man's worst enemy.*

10. A Spiritualist should know that no preacher or priest can save him or her, for salvation depends entirely on himself or herself—personal responsibility.
    You have heard it said: *God helps those who help themselves.*

11. A Spiritualist, above all, should practice the Golden Rule: "Whatsoever ye would have other do unto you, do ye also unto them."
    You have heard it said: *What goes around comes around.*



*Each month **The National Spiritualist** will feature the writing from a student who is currently taking the education course from the Morris Pratt Institute. Featured this month is an essay written by **Carolyn Davidson.***

CLASSIFICATION

The mid-nineteenth century saw an upsurge in psychic phenomena. People from every background gathered to observe demonstrations of mental and physical feats which by far exceeded anything regarded as "normal" in human beings; levitations, transfigurations, raps, direct writings, luminous appearances, apports, trance speaking, etc. The newly formed Spiritualist religion was teaching the existence of an afterlife based upon communication from the Spirit World through mediums in the physical world. Victorian scholars and scientists decided to investigate the powers of the human mind and the claims of consciousness survival after death. Their goal was to use scientific methods in order to confirm the truth or expose trickery.

Any scientific investigation requires a complete picture of all available data. This data picture is assembled through a process called classification. Classification is a research tool. It is a comprehensive outline of the evidence based upon common properties or characteristics. It is a way of collating all the facts in an attempt to make sense of them by arrangement into categories and groups of like-kind. Once organized and defined, the scientist, teacher, or student may use this data base to look for larger patterns, to formulate theories, or reach a personal understanding of this world and our place in it.

Classification of any field of interest can change as further data is accumulated. Andrew Jackson Davis, one of the first persons to classify Mediumship, was well aware of this fact. It was his belief that with time, we in the physical world would experience additional forms of psychic phenomena. Nevertheless, Dr. Davis determined to classify and explain those he had experienced and observed. The Davis classification system was based upon the spiritual development level of the medium, beginning with the basic or Outward Class and progressing to the Inward Class, Onward Class, and finally the Upward Class. He placed under each of the classes, six sub-classes. A. J. Davis wanted all to understand the "extraordinary attributes" of the human mind and not to confuse birthright psychic ability with spiritually originating phenomenon.

Another early classification and definition of types of mediumship was developed by one of the most important scientists of the nineteenth century in both physics and chemistry, Sir William Crookes, based upon his observations during two years of research into psychic phenomena. In order to dispel certain beliefs about seances and mediums, Sir William dictated time and place of all gatherings. He invited believers, skeptics, and non-believers to participate in his experiments. He classified his findings beginning with simple mediumship or what he called Class I, and progressed to more complex mediumship abilities ending with his Class XIII. Sir William Crookes' experiments led him to believe that "outside our scientific knowledge there exists a Force exercised by intelligence differing from the ordinary intelligence common to mortals."

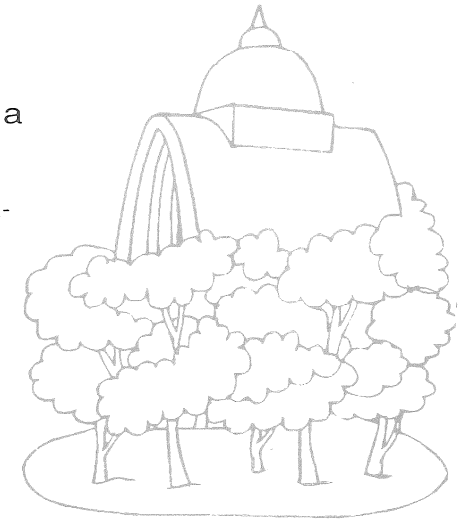
The Rev. E. W. Sprague proposed a picture of mediumship different than Davis or Crookes. Sprague placed his observations under two headings; physical mediumship and mental mediumship. Physical mediumship is communication between the Spirit World and the physical world through means that can be observed by one or more of the five physical senses and affects physical objects. Some examples of physical mediumship noted and described by Sprague are writing by planchette, trumpet speaking, and independent slate writing. Mental mediumship is also communication between the spirit and physical worlds but through the psychic senses. Examples include spiritual healing, clairvoyance, and prophecy.

The legacy of Dr. A. J. Davis', Sir William Crookes', and the Rev. E. W. Sprague's research of psychic phenomena can be found in the Science of Parapsychology offered at universities around the world. Investigation into mediumship and all paranormal events is ongoing and often government funded. Parapsychology researchers have established a classification system that groups psychic phenomena into three classes: Survival, Extra-sensory Perception, and Psychokinesis.

A large mass of credible evidence has been accumulated by researchers of psychic phenomena. It has been categorized, defined, and has been made public. It is substantive information of a "psychic force" and afterlife existence. It is knowledge that communication between those who have passed on and those still on earth is possible. It is the realization that everyone has some measure of psychic ability in the form of hunches or premonitions to help them survive. It is nothing new.

I Have A Dream

BY THE REV. CAROL A. BROWN, NST, Virginia



Spiritualism teaches us we can attain our dreams. Dreams are thoughts and thoughts are things.

It is easy to become caught up in the Big Dreams, especially when we begin consciously working with our spirituality. All of a sudden things begin to "click" when we attend a church service. What we hear begins to awaken the Divine Spark within and we, being nourished by that which we have been seeking, search for more truth. We attend church, read self-help books, ask questions, discuss our thoughts, and meditate. As we begin to find what we have been craving, we tend to want to tell the world. Our thoughts become lofty and we begin to dream the so called impossible dreams.

We dream of true equality, brotherhood, brotherly love. We dream of homes for the homeless, enough food for all humankind, education for all people, freedom from hate and war. We sometimes find ourselves trying to bring about these dreams for humanity and then becoming discouraged when we don't see immediate results.

We forget that it is only recently we have begun to see the possibilities. It is only recently that we began to feel the power of Infinite Intelligence in our lives. It is only recently that we began to really believe that we live and move within the totality of Infinite Intelligence—that Infinite Intelligence moves and works through us, and that as expressions of Divine Intelligence we are co-creators with Divine Intelligence.

We forget that each and every soul on this planet and in the Spirit World is on their individual pathway to their own understanding. Remember the phrase in the Christian Bible "do not cast pearls before swine"? If others are not ready to hear what you are so sure of, they will not hear what you say—no matter how loudly you say it.

So what are we to do? Give up? Forget these dreams of Love and Peace and Brotherhood? Quit trying? No, of course not. But, as we did when we came into the physical, we must crawl before we take our first step, take a few halting steps before we walk, and walk before we run.

Spiritualism teaches personal responsibility. We are responsible for our own self, and we are responsible for what we think, do and say that affects others. We are not responsible for what someone else thinks or says or does. We can not force our dreams, desires, or way of life on any other soul. We must not decide what is best for someone else and then do everything in our power to bring it about. Would we want another to decide what is best for us and then make us follow their desires? Infinite Intelligence has given each of us free will—to make our own choices, to sow our own seeds, to reap that which we have sown. This is the Law of Cause and Effect.

But what of our dreams? What of love and peace and brotherhood? How can we hope to change, uplift, make better the lives of others? Let's look back at our own progress.

Could it be that we have looked for the light and found it in the example of others? Could it be that as we asked, we were given new understanding? Could it be that now, as we begin to see and understand the teachings of the past masters, we are beginning to live what we are learning? Could it be that we have now learned to see the light in those around us and to understand they are also expressions of Infinite Intelligence? Could it be that we are consciously beginning to live in accordance with our new understanding? Could it be that these teachings and these truths are becoming a part of who we are?

Now we can begin to see how our dreams will become reality. We can change, uplift, make better, the lives of others as we change, uplift, and make better our own lives.

When we are growing and learning, when we continue to walk along the path of light and love, we will not have to tell anyone how great we are or what they should do. When they are ready to learn, they will find their light—their example.

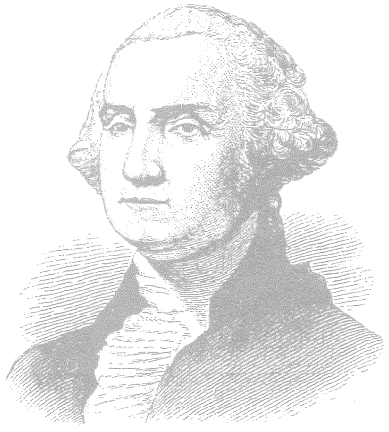
What of our lofty dreams? Keep dreaming. Keep dreaming those lofty dreams. Know we can make a difference.

Pray for new understanding and always ask for the highest good in all our prayers. Continue saying "I have a dream" and singing "To Dream the Impossible Dream." Let us remember these dreams are already a reality and show it by our actions and deeds. Let us be an example. Let us allow our light to shine.

Dreams are the Stuff of Life.

George Washington's Vision

Told by Wesley Bradshaw in the Illinois Free Press, February 13, 1862.



The last time I ever saw Anthony Sherman was on the 4th of July, 1858, in Independence Square. He was then 91 and becoming very feeble.

"Come," he said, "I want to tell you an incident of Washington's own life, one which no man alive knows except myself, and as you live you will before long see it verified. Mark me, I am not superstitious, but you will see it verified."

My venerable friend related to me the following singular narrative, which from the peculiarity of our national affairs at this time I have been induced to give to the world. I gave it as nearly as possible in his words:

"From the opening of the Revolution we experienced all phases of fortune, now good, now ill, at one time victorious and at another conquered. The darkest period we had, however, was I think, when Washington, after several reverses, retreated to Valley Forge, where he had resolved to pass the winter of '77. Ah, I have often seen the tears coursing down our dear old commander's care-worn cheeks as he would be conversing with another officer about the condition of his poor soldiers. You have doubtless heard the story of Washington going to the thicket to pray. Well, it is not only true but he used often to pray in secret for aid and comfort from that God the interposition of whose divine providence alone brought us safely through those days of trial and tribulation.

"One day—I remember it well; the chilly wind whistled and howled through the leafless trees, though the sky was cloudless and the sun was shining brightly—he remained in his quarters nearly the whole afternoon alone. When he came out I noticed his face was a shade paler than usual and there seemed something on his mind of more than ordinary importance. Returning just after dusk he dispatched an orderly to the quarters of the officer I mentioned, who was presently in attendance. After a preliminary conversation which lasted some half an hour, Washington, gazing upon his companion with the strange look of dignity which he alone could command, said to the latter:

" 'I do not know whether it was owing to the anxiety of my mind or what, but this afternoon as I was sitting at this table engaged in preparing a dispatch, something in the apartment seemed to disturb me. Looking up I beheld, standing exactly opposite me, a singularly beautiful female. So astonished was I—for I had given strict orders not to be disturbed—that it was some minutes ere I found language to inquire the cause of her presence. A second, third, and even fourth time did I repeat the question but received no answer from my mysterious visitor other than a slight raising of her eyes. By this time I felt a strong sensation spreading over me. I would have risen, but the riveted gaze of the being before me rendered volition impossible. I essayed once more to address her, but my tongue had become paralyzed. A new influence, mysterious, potent, irresistible, took possession of me. All I could do was gaze steadily, vacantly at my unknown visitor. Gradually the surrounding atmosphere seemed as though becoming filled with sensations and grew luminous. Everything about me seemed to rarefy, my mysterious visitor herself becoming more airy and yet more distinct to my sight than before. I now began to feel as one dying or rather to experience sensations which I have sometimes imagined accompany dissolution. I did not move; all were alike impossible. I was only conscious of gazing fixedly, vacantly, on my companion.

" 'Presently I heard a voice saying: "Son of the Republic, look and learn!" while at the same time my visitor extended her arm and forefinger eastwardly. I now beheld a heavy white vapor at some distance rising fold upon fold. This gradually dissipated and I looked upon a strange scene. Before me lay stretched out in one vast plain all the countries of the world—Europe, Asia, Africa and America. I saw rolling and tossing between Europe and America the billows of the Atlantic and between Asia and America the Pacific. "Son of the Republic," said the same mysterious voice as before, "look and learn!"

" 'At that moment I beheld a dark shadowy being like an angel standing, or rather floating in midair between Europe and America. Dipping water out of the ocean in the hollow of each hand, she sprinkled some upon America with the right hand while she cast some upon Europe with her left hand. Immediately a dark cloud arose from each of these countries and joined in the mid-ocean. For a while it

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remained stationary and then moved slowly eastward until it enveloped America in its murky folds. Sharp flashes of lightning now gleamed through it at intervals and I heard the smothered groans of American people. A second angel dipped from the ocean and sprinkled it out as before. The dark cloud was then drawn back to the ocean, into whose heaving waves it sank from view. A third time I heard the mysterious voice saying, "Son of the Republic, look and learn!"

" 'I cast my eyes upon America and beheld villages, towns and cities springing up one after another until the whole land from the Atlantic to the Pacific was dotted with them. Again I heard the mysterious voice say, "Son of the Republic, look and learn!"

" 'At this moment the dark shadowy angel turned her face southward and from Africa I saw an ill-omened spectre approaching our land. It fitted slowly and heavily over every village, town and city of the latter, the inhabitants of which speedily set themselves in battle array one against the other. As I continued looking I beheld a bright angel on whose brow rested a crown of light, on which was traced the word union, bearing the American flag which he placed between the divided nation and said: "Remember, ye are brethren."

" 'Instantly the inhabitants, casting from them their weapons, united around the national standard. And again I heard the mysterious voice saying, "Son of the Republic, look and learn!"

" 'And I beheld the villages, towns and cities of America increase in size and numbers, till at last they covered all the land from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and their inhabitants became as countless as the stars in the heavens or the sand upon the seashore. And again I heard the mysterious voice saying, "Son of the Republic, the end of a century cometh; look and learn!"

" 'At this the dark, shadowy angel placed a trumpet to his mouth and blew three distinct blasts and taking water from the ocean sprinkled it upon Europe, Asia and Africa.

" 'Then my eyes looked upon a fearful scene. From each of those countries arose thick, black clouds, which soon joined into one; and through this mass gleamed a dark red light by which I saw hordes of armed men, who moving with the cloud, marched by land and sailed by sea to America, which country was presently enveloped in the volume of cloud. And I dimly saw these vast armies desolate the whole country and pillage and burn cities and villages and towns that I beheld springing up. As my ears listened to the thundering ring of cannon, clashing of swords and shouts and cries of millions in mortal combat, I again heard the mysterious voice saying, "Son of the Republic, look and learn."

" 'When the voice had ceased, the dark shadowy angel placed his trumpet once more to his mouth and blew a long and fearful blast. Instantly a light as from a thousand suns shone down from above me and pierced and broke into fragments the dark cloud which enveloped America.

" 'At the same moment I saw the angel upon whose forehead still shone the word union and who bore our national flag in one hand and a sword in the other, descend from heaven attended by legions of bright spirits. These immediately joined the inhabitants of America, who I perceived were well nigh overcome but who, immediately taking courage, again closed up their ranks and renewed the battle. Again amid the fearful noise of the conflict I heard the mysterious voice saying, "Son of the Republic, look and learn!"

" 'As the voice ceased, the shadowy angel for the last time dipped water from the ocean and sprinkled it upon America. Instantly the dark cloud rolled back, together with the armies it had brought, leaving the inhabitants victorious. Then once more I beheld the cities, villages and towns springing up where they had been before, while the bright angel, planting the azure standard he had brought in the midst of them, cried in a loud voice to the inhabitants, "While the stars remain and the heavens send down dews upon the earth, so long shall the Republic last!"



" 'And taking from his brow the crown on which still blazed the word union, he placed it upon the standard while all the people kneeling down said "Amen!"

" 'The scene instantly began to fade and I at last saw nothing but the rising, curling vapor I had first beheld. This also disappearing, I found myself once more gazing upon my mysterious visitor, who in the solemn voice I had heard before, said, "Son of the Republic, what you have seen thus interpret: Three perils will come upon the Republic; the most fearful is the second passing which the whole world united shall never be able to prevail against her. Let every child of the Republic learn to live for his God, his land and nation."

" 'With these words the figure vanished. I started from my seat and felt that I had been shown the birth, progress and destiny of the Republic of the United States. In Union she will have strength; in disunion her destruction."

"Such, my friend," continued the venerable narrator, "were the words I heard from Washington's own lips, and America will do well to profit by them. Let her remember that in union she has strength; in disunion her destruction."

Fox Sisters Picture On National T.V. Documentary

Taken from *TNS* March and April 1979.



THE FOX SISTERS

Back in January 1979, a documentary on public television was hosted by Raymond Burr and offered a wonderful lift in support of mental and physical mediumship. The content of the film sifted through the evidence of phenomena until some thread of positive proof was found. It was entirely free of negative comments and approached the subject without the usual preconceived notions the occasional onlooker might be tempted to foster. Host Raymond Burr provided explanations and commentary throughout the film which added to the clarity of what was often being demonstrated on the screen.

Mr. Burr briefly referred to Spiritualism and the Fox sisters, but religion and philosophy were not the subject of the film. The pictures of the Fox Sisters were pictured during this hour long presentation concerning Psychic Phenomena and the attitude was that Spiritualism's Phenomena has been scientifically proven time after time. Credit was given the Fox Sisters for restoring respectability to communication between the two worlds of life.

Abraham Lincoln's psychic abilities were detailed, and the fact that he often sought the advice of mediums throughout his career. The documentary made points such as: "The belief in ghosts is based on the premise that matter cannot be destroyed, only transformed." This factual attitude prevailed throughout the show. Many well known American and European psychics and mediums were featured.

Many test phases of phenomena were presented in the light of modern day science and laboratory controlled conditions. Most were presented as documented evidence.

Editor's note: It is most rewarding to witness such documentaries and programs presenting the fact of the phenomena and philosophy which Modern Spiritualism has been teaching for about 156 years. Programs, movies, articles, and books have become even more available in the past 25 years—the truth spreads—we do not die, life continues.

FAVORITE SAYINGS TO LIVE BY

"God is within you, but we place Him outside and worship Him. Clever is the person who sees God both inside and outside."
– *Yogaswami*

"The man who was made in God's image is the inner man, the incorporeal, incorruptible immortal one.
– *Origen (185-254)*

Spirit Photography Defended

Taken from *TNS* February 1979.

As a humanitarian, former President Abraham Lincoln wrote the book for others to follow. The same is true in offering proof of the continuity of life, though some might consider his demonstration in 1867 less subtle.

Reporting on the trial of Spiritualist photographer William Mumler in the 1860's, the New York Times penned another entry in the *book of life* as accomplished by Mr. Lincoln. Two years after the great emancipater's passing, his widow visited the photographer's gallery in Boston, Mass. In sitting for the photograph, she gave a different name, perhaps in light of the attention she had once known as the *first lady*. This was in 1867.



The print of Mrs. Lincoln seated in front of her late husband, Abraham, reverberated around the world, appearing in newspapers and magazines and being collected by students of Spiritualism---and the demand for reprints grew for 10 years—during a period in history when communication was severely limited.

The result shocked American society and rocked the political scene in Washington. As a virtual unknown, Mumler would never gain the limelight. But after pioneering in spirit photography with the deposit of President Lincoln's image in the presence of his wife, world-wide interest was assured.

Mumler was placed on trial in the 1860's for fraudulent production. However, it was the great Civil War photographer, Brady, who testified that Mumler obtained genuine spirit photos and that he never handled plates showing such images. The jury was ordered to render a verdict of *Charge Not Proven*. It took a personal demonstration to convince Brady, but like any honest skeptic, he openly accepted the truth of a continuity of life. It was 1872 before Brady saw the original negative of the famous Lincoln print.

Today, many prints reportedly from the original, have come from one of the many slides taken of this negative. In the actual print, Mr. Lincoln's shadow was all white, with his wife dressed in black mourning. Reproductions, however, often show clouding around the late president.

"With malice toward none,
With charity for all,
With firmness in the right,
As God gives us to see the right."

The words and deeds of this man shall live for all time. He was a man before his time whose faith in the value of mankind rivaled most of his congressional colleagues. In a country torn with hate, it took a great spirit to resist oppression. For an inside look at the man and the Spiritualist, read Nettie Colburn Maynard's *Was Abraham Lincoln a Spiritualist?*

– Author Unknown

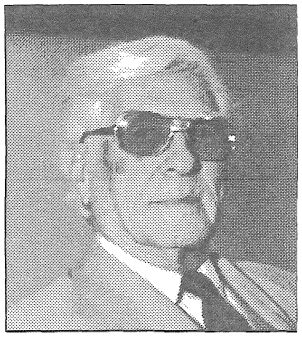
"There is no such thing as an accident. The Law of Cause and Effect mandates that *we take responsibility for everything* in our lives."
You Can Have It All by Arnold M. Patent.

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February 2005 Department of Phenomenal Evidence Report

BY THE REVS. TOM AND LISA BUTLER, NST

Transfiguration Mediumship: In October, the Department of Phenomenal Evidence received a Physical Phenomena affidavit for the Rev. Richard P. Schoeller from the Summerland Church of Light, in Hauppauge, NY. Richard was serving The Memorial Spiritualist Church in Norfolk, Virginia and had put together a Saturday workshop on Trance and Transfiguration.



The Rev. Joe Merrill in 1988.

Twenty-two people attended the workshop and had the pleasure of seeing The Reverend Joseph Merrill transfigure over Richard's features. Several sitters confirmed that it was Rev. Merrill and that as he came through he was seen smiling and laughing. Another transfigured personality was also confirmed. One of the sitters had her father come through. The Physical Phenomena Affidavit was signed by eight witnesses.

Talks by the Dalai Lama: The Dalai Lama has inspired millions of people from around the world with his teachings on peace and religious harmony. Now some of his talks have been made available by Beliefnet at www.beliefnet.com/story/152/story_15260_1.html. Just a couple of the titles that are available are, "Religion is not necessary for happiness" and, "The whole world is one body."

Prayer Research Facing Critics: An article in the New York Times by Benedict Carey talks about the Government financing of intercessory prayer research which began in the mid-1990s. Critics are expressing indignation that the federal government has contributed $2.3 million for prayer research in the past four years. They say the government should not spend taxpayer money to study something that has nothing to do with science.

Dr. Richard J. McNalley, a psychologist at Harvard, is quoted as saying, "Intercessory prayer presupposes some supernatural intervention that is by definition beyond the reach of science, it is just a nonstarter, in my opinion, a total waste of time and money."

Prayer researchers, many themselves believers in prayer's healing powers, say scientists do not need to know how a treatment or intervention works before testing it.

From the *New York Times* "Can prayers Heal? Critics Say Studies Go Past Science's Reach, by Benedict Carey, www.nytimes.com/2004/10/10/health/10prayer.html

More on the Girl with X-Ray Vision. Last month, we reported about tests carried out through the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal (CSICOP), an organization of professional skeptics, on Nataha Demkina a seventeen year old Russian Girl who claims to see inside people's bodies. Now we learn from Victor Zammit, that the designers of the experiment, shown in a documentary on the Discovery Channel, "falsely represented to the viewers that they were the world's 'top' objective, impartially unencumbered 'scientists' and that Natasha would be subjected to legitimate 'scientific scrutiny.' Throughout the documentary this claim was repeated to the extent that the average viewer would accept that Natasha was tested by professional scientists of top caliber who had nothing to gain, nothing to lose." Instead the experiment was designed by Andrew Skolnick a debunking journalist who is a close associate to the extreme skeptic James Randi. Skolnick was assisted by two fellow debunkers who are psychologists.



They asked Natasha to identify which patients had had which operations five out of seven tries. Natasha fails because she only got four out of seven correct. Zammit writes, "The odds of scoring four out of seven by chance, in the experiment that they had

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designed, was one in fifty. Whereas the experimenters state Natasha 'failed' the test, other statisticians state that Natasha's results were significant. Recent experiments on telepathy conducted by a British scientist with a team from 20/20 Productions were hailed as a success when the odds against chance as an explanation were one in nineteen. It also has to be remembered that Natasha scored an amazing five out of six in the first test."

From: www.victorzammit.com/articles/natashacansue.html

Psychic Detective: Court TV is airing the show, *Psychic Detective*, on Wednesday evenings. An interesting story that will likely run in February 2005 is about a police officer who was caught running a con scheme that cheated a man out of $40,000. He then disappeared. Police detective, William Knowles, searched endlessly for his fellow officer but only reached dead ends. Knowles read an article about a psychic who worked with police, and having nothing to lose, says that he made contact.

Knowles said that when he arrived at the psychic's office the psychic turned down the lights and stretched out on the sofa. Knowles remembers the psychic's chest heaving and felt that the man was in a trance. He and his partner had difficulty suppressing their laughter until the psychic had visions of palm trees, a horse farm in Arizona and a college campus. Knowles knew that the wanted man had relatives in Arizona and all turned out just as the Psychic envisioned them and the wanted man was finally convicted for the crime.

From: About.com and News-Timeslive.com "'Psychic Detective' looks at Bethel cop's capture" by Robin DeMerrell

Prayer and Dreams Lead to Crash Site: In October, a Seattle seventeen year old, Laura Hatch, was found in her wrecked car after being missing for eight days. There had been no police search as the police had felt she was a runaway. The parents had hired a private investigator and had organized 200 people in a search for their daughter who had last been seen at a party. Sha Nohr, a fellow church member and mother of a friend of the missing girl, said that she had several vivid dreams of a wooded area with the message, "Keep going, keep going," on Saturday night. She woke up on Sunday with an urgent need to look for Hatch. She, along with her daughter, drove to the area. Along the way, she asked the lost girl to speak out to them. Something drew them to a part of a country road. They stopped and Nohr climbed over a concrete barrier and went one hundred feet down a steep, densely vegetated embankment where the wreck was found. Hatch was treated for severe dehydration, broken ribs, a broken leg and facial injuries.

From: "Teen is Found Alive After Eight Days," Associated Press, October 11, 2004.



Guardian Angel saves NASCAR Legend. Dale Earnhardt Jr. was engulfed in flames in July of 2004 after he lost control of the car he was driving and hit a wall. Earnhardt asked about the person who had helped him out of the car but was told that no one had helped. He was quoted as saying, "That's strange because I swear somebody...had me underneath...my arms and was carrying me out of the car." Dale Earnhardt, Jr's father died in a crash at the Daytona 500 but Dale feels that it was his father who saved his life.

From: "I see by the Papers" by Phyllis Galde, *Fate*, October 2004.

Injured Dog goes to the Hospital. In Milwaukee, Wisconsin an eight-month old boxer was hit by a car. The dog limped to St. Francis Hospital, made it through two sets of doors, and collapsed at the registration desk. St Francis, as many of you know, is the Catholic patron saint of animals. The dog was rushed to a veterinary clinic and made a full recovery. You may remember a similar instance in 2003, in which a dog was injured by a truck and took itself to a veterinarian's office six miles across town.

From: "I see by the Papers" by Phyllis Galde Fate October 2004

Writing Off Bad Health: Research done by Chad Burton (Southern Methodist University) and Laura King (University of Missouri) shows that writing about your positive experiences could benefit your health. The two researchers recruited ninety students to participate in a writing exercise for twenty minutes a day over a three day period.

Half the students wrote about intensely positive experiences that they had. Their instructions were taken from the founder of humanistic psychology, Abraham Maslow (1908-70), the first line reading, "Think of the most wonderful experiences in your life, happiest moments, ecstatic moments, moments of rapture..." The other half of the students wrote about mundane things, their plans for the day, their shoes or bedroom contents.

For the three months before the exercise there was no difference in visits to the health center between the two groups. But in the three months following the writing exercise, the mundane-writing students made significantly more health-centre visits than the positive-writing group.

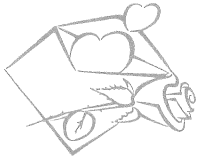
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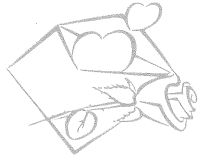
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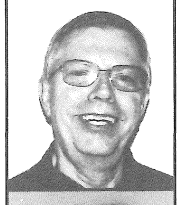
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 "What is universal is eternal, because it does not exist as an individual." – *Lao-Tzu*	**2** Most things are better in the morning, but say a prayer before sleep.	**3** "We carry within us the wonders we seek without us." – *Sir Thomas Browne*	**4** Life can be confusing, but let the energy flow and the answer will come.	**5** "Learn who you are and act accordingly." – *Pindar*
6 Be open for all of God's surprises.	**7** Call your family and friends for prayer in all things, prayer partners help.	**8** "The worst difficulties begin when one can do exactly as one pleases." – *Huxley*	**9** Inner communion is healing for the soul, in fact essential for the soul.	**10** "Effort is only effort when it begins to hurt." – *Jose Orgeta y Gasset*	**11** Ask for the presence of God to be in your awareness each moment.	**12** "Let us not be judges of peace, rather angels of peace." – *St. Theresa*
13 Work to enjoy each step along the way, for life is an adventure.	**14** Love is all there is, so love everyone, everyday.	**15** "There is no such thing as pure pleasure; for some anxiety always goes with it." – *Ovid*	**16** God blesses me with unlimited abundance, good health and good friends.	**17** A most important question to ask yourself: "What myth are you living?" – *Dr. Carl Jung*	**18** "Sadness dulls the heart more than the grossest sin." – *Aaron of Karlin*	**19** "I never worry about the future. It comes soon enough." – *Albert Einstein*
20 "Chaos is the score upon which reality is written." – *Henry Miller*	**21** Happiness has no recipe for each person is their own chef.	**22** "Never reproach providence." – *The Talmud*	**23** "Everything intercepts us from ourselves." – *Ralph Waldo Emerson*	**24** "Passions make men live, knowledge simply makes them last." – *Chamfort*	**25** "Prayer is a co-creation between God and ourselves." – *Nikki Goodman*	**26** Affirmative prayer allows us to change our perception and energy flow.
27 Divine Light is within us and is a life-giving essence.	**28** I willingly embrace each circumstance God presents to me—it is good happening.					



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1901 Franklin St. (Corner of Clay) 94109; Sunday, Lyceum 9:30 a.m., Sept. thru May; Healing 10:30 a.m., Devotional Serv. 11:00 a.m.; Wed. Healing 7:30 p.m., Serv. 8:00 p.m., (415) 885-9976; Pastor, Rev. David Burr, NST; Pres., Sonny B. Gee; Secy., Engeltie Lauderback; website: www.GGSC.org.

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

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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; e-mail: rupert@megalink.net.

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MADISON - Madison Spiritualist Camp
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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.; 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; website: www.templeheightscamp.org .

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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.

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• MICHIGAN •

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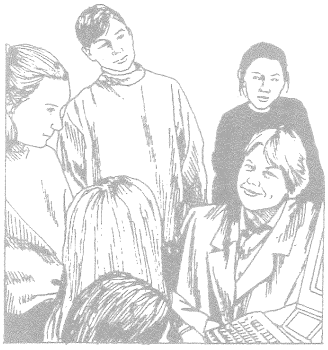
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Unfolding YOUR Mediumship

BY LENA BARNES JEFTS,
Author and Teacher

Editor's Note: *The National Spiritualist* ran a series of articles in 1953 by the Rev. Lena Barnes Jefts that are very informative. These articles were from her class work and contain many basics which are always good to review.

The Study Class



It is my personal opinion that the unfoldment of Mediumship should go hand in hand with the study of the philosophy and religion of Spiritualism and the Laws of Mediumship. Mediums are not much of an asset to our cause unless they understand the fundamentals of Spiritualism and are able to explain intelligently just what a Medium really is.

The National Spiritualist Association gives us a foundation upon which to build in its Definitions and Declaration of Principles. It defines the word Medium as follows:

"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."

You should also study the rest of the definitions and the Declaration of Principles that you may thoroughly understand the basis of the Science, Philosophy and Religion of Spiritualism.

Next month we shall discuss the forming of the Home Circle and how to sit for development but there is something that I would like to discuss with you before we go into the class work. I find that many who wish to sit for unfoldment have been told that it is dangerous to do so without a fully developed Medium being present to protect them from evil spirits. I realize that there are many Spiritualists who believe in Spirit Obsession, but personally I do not believe that an evil spirit can harm you or obsess you unless you attract them by your own thoughts and deeds. If you are a clean-living, right-thinking person you need not fear evil forces. We only attract to ourselves that which we ourselves are. If you are not mentally balanced of course that leaves an opportunity for evil forces to slip in—but if you are not mentally balanced you should not sit for Psychic Unfoldment.

Be logical and practical in all your efforts to develop Mediumship and I am sure that you will attract only the highest and best. In the words of the poet— "Hitch your wagon to a star, but keep your feet on the ground."

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Next month: "The Home Circle."

Suggested Supplementary Reading...

The Fundamentals of Spiritualism
By Lena Barnes Jefts

Spiritualist Manual
For sale at the National Spiritualist Assoc. Book Store



LETTERS

Editor's Note: *TNS* is going to try a new/old section for the magazine—*Letters*. Your letter can be about something that happened to you, as is the following one, or may be a comment about something, or a question that we will try to answer, or find someone who can. This section will only be successful if you write, so let me hear from you.

Music to My Heart

By Sharon Ernstrom

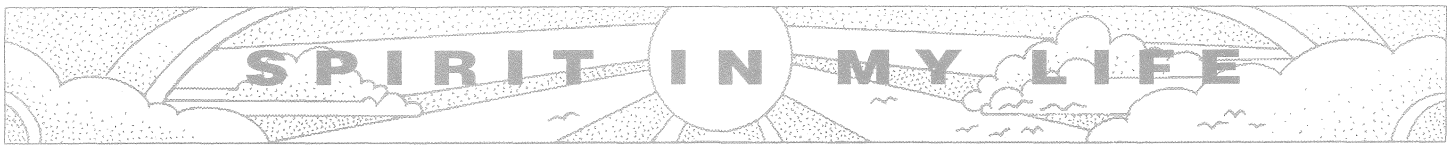


When I learned a relative had passed away, I sat down at the piano to play my favorite hymns. As a church organist and pianist, I often use music to express my feelings.

Suddenly I realized I wasn't playing solo. A little bird had flown in to sit on the telephone wire just outside an open door near the piano. He sang and sang, and didn't stop until I did.

Our 45-minute duet brought such peace to my heart. His message seemed to be, "You don't have to go through this difficult time alone."

To this day, I can still hear those clear trills as I accompanied my singing friend. When I get to the Spirit Realm, I'm going to request a repeat performance.

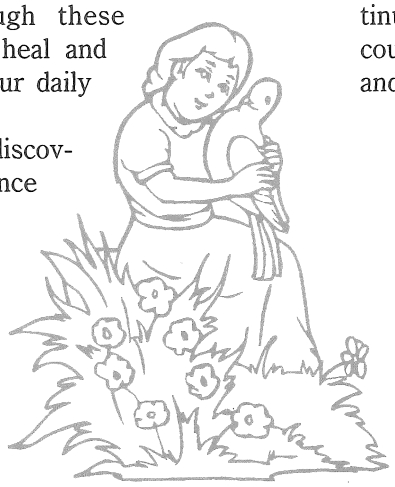


***Spirit In My Life** is a monthly column for each of us to share something that has affected our lives where our spirit friends are involved. We all have a story, let us hear yours.*

Ways Of The Spirit

BY THE REV. SANDRA DAWSON, NST, California

As I reflect on my life, the many benefits of being a Spiritualist have been continually demonstrated to me and manifest in my life in personal and practical ways. For example, we have all experienced changes in our family and friends and the knowledge of Natural Law helps us through these changes. God's Laws help us heal and encourage positive growth in our daily living.



With Spiritualism I have discovered the joy of receiving guidance from my spirit guides and a loving friendship that goes beyond words. It is as if love communicates with love in a personal needed way. As an individual I sometimes struggle to include love in all areas of my life and to share it with all others, but spirit friend's guidance, awareness and encouragement is always there helping me to be a better person. Our inspiration from the next dimension is of the highest and best for what is at hand.

Many years ago, as I sat in meditation, it was suggested by Spirit that I have paper and pencil ready to write. From that day on, through my clairaudience, poems, daily meditations, prayers, articles and my own story called "The Value of Listening" have come from my spirit guides. I have shared these lessons and inspirations with my family, friends and for our church book table ever since.

Each day is such a blessing, and I am grateful for Spirit and Spiritualism and the many ways we can share and care about each other. Recently, both my husband and I had doctor's appointments. With two appointments on two days, there was a lot of waiting. During that quiet waiting time, I received ten poems and prayers.

Even after these many years in Spiritualism, mediumship still amazes me, and I am very grateful how life continues on with the loving ways of Spirit. The following are a couple of my inspired poems. May the ways of Love, Light and Truth always guide us all.

IN MY VIEW

What do my eyes see?
There's options and opportunity in my view.
The window is clear inside and out.
The house is arranged with light and color too.
The variables of what I see have meaning to me.
The options and opportunities, I think about.
I decide to do my best for this day is new.
Nothing can fade my view because I need
and I am needed too.

THE SPIRIT OF LOVE AND GENEROSITY

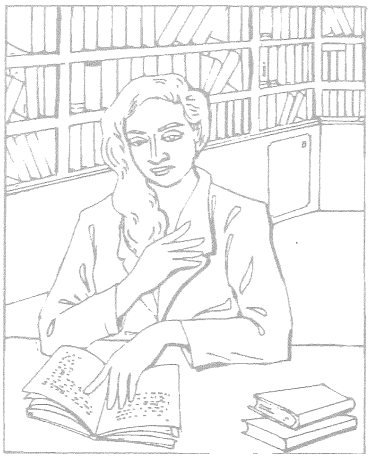
I pray for patience to appreciate the value in today.
I pray for gratitude for friendship along the way.
I pray for wisdom that I might learn and understand.
I pray for health and peacefulness to be shared
in every land.
I pray for fulfillment of dream, laughter, work and play.
May the Spirit of Generosity Guide My Day.

Helen Keller wrote:

"Strike against war, for without you no battles can be fought!"

Lyceum Is For Everyone

BY THE REV. CHARLENE KLEINSCHMIDT, NST, New York



Does your church have a lyceum? Every church should offer a lyceum for everyone. Many people want to just be a parishioner in the congregation. They may not be interested in development although they support and want to understand Spiritualism's effect on their daily life.

Lyceum is often called the "Sunday School" of Spiritualism. Even A. J. Davis used the term. To many of us this may sound like it is for children only. It may invoke memories of tiresome lessons taught by unpleasant and dogmatic rules. Many orthodox churches have Sunday School classes for all ages. For the adult, they deal with such subjects as *Bible* study and questions of ethics.

We use the term "Sunday School" as a definition for describing Lyceum to the public. Perhaps in doing so, we are stunting our own understanding of what a Lyceum can do. We should think of Lyceum as a doorway to new growth for our members. Lyceumists are the beneficiaries of wonderful educational opportunities and stewards of the future growth of Spiritualism. Instead of limiting our definition to a "Sunday School" let us think of Lyceum as it was described in the British *Lyceum Manual* reprinted in 1926 "Lyceum—the school of a liberal and harmonious education." Lyceum is so much more than a Sunday School, it is a place where all are students and teachers. Not confined to a dogmatic teaching, all can grow in understanding how to use the precepts and Principles in daily life. Instead of explaining Lyceum as the Spiritualist Sunday School, let us think of it as the Spiritualist Life Enrichment School. Even if we have a set program, it should be flexible enough to deal with the student's current needs. Lyceum can be a powerful and wonderful tool for introducing and bringing people into your church.

I was delighted when I first attended the Becker Memorial Lyceum at the First Spiritualist Temple in East Aurora, New York. There I took my first steps into understanding the Science, Philosophy and Religion of Spiritualism. I also met others just beginning their journey and formed bonds that exist 24 years later. Lyceum was an exciting place to be, filled with learning, fun and a new family of like minded people. To this day, the East Aurora lyceum is flourishing for both children and adults.

Have you read the **Founder's Day Service** in your *Spiritualist Manual* recently? Does your church take the time to honor the Founders of this great religion? Are there people in your congregation whom only know what they hear during the Sunday service and have no idea how practicing Spiritualism's guidance in their daily lives could benefit them?

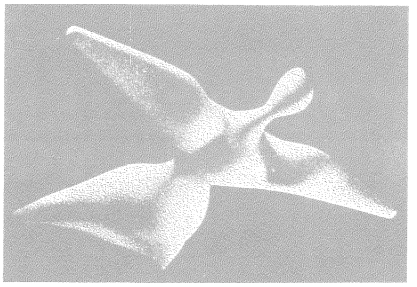
Are we today honoring those who so diligently worked to bring our truths to be public? Our current Lyceum Manual is filled with lessons for all age groups. While they may not fill your congregation's needs, they will give you ideas for your own programs. Do you have copies of *Spotlight* magazine available along with the *TNS*? Every church should have a subscription of at least one bundle to place next to *TNS* for sale. *Spotlight* is not just "for the kids" as some would believe. There are articles and ideas for everyone from toddler to adult. Encourage people to purchase both publications or give a copy of each to new people. The magazines give them an opportunity to explore our teachings in the comfort of their homes. If you have never read a copy of *Spotlight*, I encourage you to do so. Mention them in your announcements and see if sales of both *The National Spiritualist* and *Spotlight* start to grow.

Our *Spiritualist Manual* states Founder's Day honors "Andrew Jackson Davis and the Organization of the Spiritualist Progressive Lyceum on January 25th, 1863. By recognition of this particular date as 'Founder's Day' the Spiritualists proclaim the foundation of Spiritualism rests upon the philosophy of Andrew Jackson Davis and in their reverence for this day they would dwell upon the inspiration of Davis and the great work he did in preparing the world for the reception of the wonderful phenomena which burst upon it through the manifestations at Hydesville, N.Y." Honor Founder's Day in your church and remind parishioners that Spiritualism was founded by people like themselves.

Let us become new "founders" of Spiritualism by striving to have an active Lyceum in every church for every age group. Give each lyceumist the voice to tell the world the wonderful story of our right to live as a spiritual being now. Inspire your church members so they will be encouraged to lead others into the future that our great religion will no longer be "other" on information forms, but acknowledged as a great religion in its own right.

THE AFTERLIFE

BY JOE BROWN, Canada



What do we know about the afterlife? We know many things from gathered research and mediumship demonstrations. Research on this has given many views so in this article I will share with you what I have learned.

To describe the afterlife is a difficult task. Is it a mystical place, seemingly full of ghosts, angels, spirits and other apparitions? Some people say it's a world of dreams, but who's responsible for all the unexplainable phenomena? In theory, the Spirit World, or afterlife is beyond the capacity of almost every human to imagine its wonder. It is so beyond our comprehension that it's often dismissed as mere fantasy. It defies all logic and can't be rationally explained, but we the Spiritualist, knows it is there.

Webster's dictionary says that the meaning of afterlife is, an existence after death and a later period in one's life. A later period in one's life, meaning life continues after what we call death?

Albert Einstein said, "If it's beautiful, it must be true."

There are some people who have astrally traveled to the Spirit World but find it hard to explain. People don't seem to like to talk about it because it's death that's being discussed. Plus declarations are based on faith and not first-hand knowledge. There are many, who are "sitting on the fence," who would like to believe it exists, are hoping that it does, but are not sure.

Deathbed experiences have been examined and recorded over the years by many doctors, certain religious groups and others. People that had witnessed this had passed this information on to those that had the interest in knowing for documentation. The similar details from the variety of recorded accounts led to a pattern of information.

I read many books on near death experiences long before I knew Spiritualism existed. Near death experiences and out of body experiences are similar, but there is a difference. Those factual events were recorded and published by highly educated men and women with university degrees.

Doctor Raymond Moody studied deathbed experiences and approached patients after they had a cardiac arrest or another reason why their heart stopped beating, making a person clinically dead. Dr. Moody wrote a book with Doctor Melvin Morse and Paul Perry called *Closer to the Light*. In this book, a man that had a near death experience said, "I learned that life is precious and death is nothing to be feared. We're all born with the knowledge we need to solve life's problems. The answers are all inside if we can just climb over our egos."

Further on Dr. Moody writes about a nurse that had worked with children. She said after her own experience with the light and listening to the children speak about their happenings that, "Many children and adults have said that their near death experience made them more sensitive to people around them. The message given to these children of the light are not new or controversial. They are as old as mankind itself and have served as primary fuel of our great religions. These messages are:

Love your neighbor and cherish life.

Clean up your own mess.

Contribute to society.

Be the best that you can be.

Be nice, kind and loving.

Do unto others, as you would have them do unto you.

Those messages were given to them at the brink of death so they must be important."

In his study Moody writes, "God is in each and every one of us and the ability to perceive God is located in the right temporal lobe, within the Sylvian fissure; which is the deepest and most prominent of the cortical fissures, extending from the anterior perforated substance first laterally at the deep notch between the frontal and temporal lobes of the brain." Did you get all that?

In Dr. Raymond Moody's book called *Reunion*, I found a piece of information that said, "Studies suggest that as many as 66% of widows experience apparitions of their departed husbands." My younger sister has had such an experience. Her husband passed at a very young age and she grieved deeply, almost to a point of breakdown. His spirit came to comfort her more than once. She was somewhat shocked but gained comfort in his concern beyond the grave.

Dr. Moody goes on to tell of a woman who was visited by her grandmother. She said, her grandmother appeared to her but she was much younger than when she died. She felt so much love, empathy, compassion and she was transformed in a very positive way. She'd recognize her anywhere. Telepathic communication had started, but spoken words were also a part of the togetherness. She appeared no different than any other

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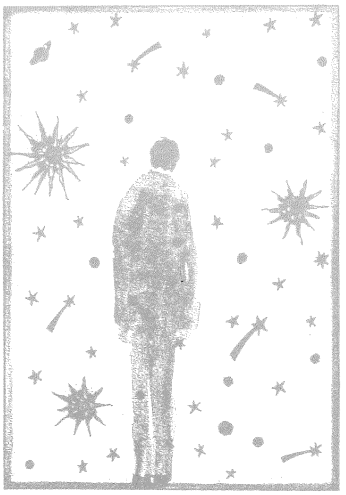
person, other than she was surrounded by light or an indication of space. She said that she was left with an abiding certainty that what we call death is not the end of life.

Let's take a look at science. Scientists can not explain electricity yet and have no idea what the spark of life is, but they know there is a life force.

Scientists have been able to explain the physical world and more often than not, brushed the unexplainable aside. They don't want to look at anything that doesn't make sense; it's embarrassing not to have answers. The need for repeatable proof cause them not to look beyond their established premises or outside of their circle for answers.

In Brad Steiger's book called *Shadow World* he says, "Accounts of ghostly manifestations, regardless of how frightening they may be, demonstrates that life exists in more than one dimension of reality."

The main understanding from all of the recorded near death experiences is that most of those involved were moving up or down a dark tunnel and seeing brightness at the end. Why would so many people have the same experience if there weren't any truth in it? Energy can not be destroyed, and at the brink of death psychic energy separates itself from the material body to begin a new existence in a higher spiritual dimension. Therefore, while we are still on the Earth Plane the more we use our psychic sense the more it will grow. It is like any other gift.



My own personal experience, which I call an out of body experience, is a departing of your spiritual body from your physical. While this is happening, you're able to observe yourself and your surroundings from outside of your material body. This is not new and has always been quite common throughout time, but people are now beginning to talk more about their experiences. It is not a hushed situation anymore for there is more understanding that it's a part of our self, experiencing the Spirit World and gaining a glimpse in to our next realm of existence.

There are many ways that people had experienced this through drugs, anesthetic, car accident—causing trauma, or just having a mild attack of dizziness and vertigo such as I had. I didn't find myself going up or down a tunnel; I literally floated up towards the ceiling and didn't look back. I felt so at peace and protected. I didn't have the need to observe my body below. I knew very well where I was and went along for the experience of a lifetime. My astral travel has opened a new door to my consciousness, one I'll never forget.

I have an illness called Bilateral Meniers Disease. It is an inner ear problem that affects the nerves with a continuous loss of hearing, frequently causing dizziness and vertigo. Sometimes the attacks are very severe, but this particular one was fairly mild in comparison.

About three years ago I was undergoing a major change in my life due to this problem and one morning, like many others, I had to go to my bed and lie down. I stay there until it runs its course. I was lying there for a short while and then it was as if I went totally within my subconscious and met a spirit that beckoned me to follow him. I felt my Spirit —my Soul—leave my body. It floated above me and off I went.

Traveling with what I felt was my Guide, we began at a slow speed, still in a lying position, I could see my feet and I was naked. I asked for covering because I felt a little embarrassed and was told there's no need for embarrassment. I was granted a pair of trousers none-the-less. Shortly after that we were upright as if standing and traveling over green lush grassy fields. I seem to be a lot smaller at this point as we traveled very close to the ground going between large tall thick leaves that looked like Isis or as the people in the UK would call them, Flag leaves. They were very tall, elegant and beautiful.

My guide never showed himself to me, but his presence was felt so vividly, I didn't need proof of his existence. I knew he was there just from the feel of his loving vibration. He was taking me on a guided tour. I felt perfectly safe, at peace, loved and protected. He took me to a large green field where there were numerous children playing—children of all races and colours. A large building was in the background and I was told it was a school. I went to one little boy of about six years of age, pinched his cheek lightly and said, "You are a beautiful child." I felt his response of gratefulness and his warm feelings of love. Somehow I felt I knew this little boy.

Next, there was another schoolyard with as many children as the first one. I was told that there are a lot of children on this side who need to be educated and cared for, and that would most likely be a part of my job when I pass. That pleased me.

I was then taken to a road, which looked more like a well-used path; it was in a forest and it went through a park. There were three adults, two of the adults, a man and a woman, were with a woman who appeared a little hesitant, nervous and frightened. My impression was that they were past loved ones who were close by waiting to guide her along the way. I questioned what was happening and was shown a young woman lying in a hospital bed dying. She was being told that it is okay, don't be afraid, you're perfectly safe and everything is going to be all right. She eventually left the physical.

It all abruptly ended. I felt that I had been shown enough, all which was intended for me at this moment. It was time to return. I felt so at peace and so much love, I didn't want to go back. As I watched, I felt I was letting my body die, my breathing relaxing, planning stay in spirit when my guide said, "No, not yet, this isn't your time, and you have to go back." My spirit, my soul, entered my body once again and as I opened my eyes I said, "Wow, what an experience."

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Things To Think About

BY MERRY BROWNE

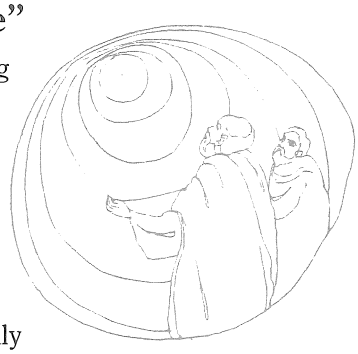
• "The Journey"

Life is a journey to perfection from imperfection and is paced by our efforts. The myth of Hercules tells the story of all of us in our struggle to transcend. The enormous and constant effort of Hercules made him enormously strong and so it is with us. As we strive to be our higher selves, we become our higher selves. If every day, hour and moment we are consciously attempting to be honest, truthful, faithful, loving and helpful to all, we will be unable to be anything else in time. We will have transcended, outgrown what we were in the past. This conscious effort is also at the same time cleansing our subconsciousness, and it cannot influence us to be anything other than our higher self. The growth continues until we reach our destination—which is well worth our Herculean efforts.

Our experiences are always exactly like our state of consciousness as surely as the face in the mirror is our face. We've got to be what we want to see.

Enormous effort is a requisite for huge success.

• "Infinity Medicine"



Larry Dossey, M.D., long the leader in the advancement of modern medicine has outdone himself recently and is pulling away to be far out in front of the other researchers in the mind-body field with his latest statement: mind is not only non-local, not confined to the brain and body, due to his experiments in distant healing, even when the patients knew nothing of it, but is infinite in time and space. This is contrary to old beliefs which assumed that birth and death were the beginning and end of life. This new medicine, says Dossey, makes immortality and eternality givens.

"What mind dictates—brain mediates." Bernie Siegel, M.D. This manifests upon body and life accommodates. All our life experiences are caused by the contents of our minds.

THE AFTERLIFE *(Continued from previous page.)*

Don't always feel the choice is yours to leave your material body and stay in spirit. I wasn't given one and was told that I had to go back.

After this experience I found myself more open and able to talk willingly about death. My acceptance of death and dying and the afterlife has opened a new door for me. I'm more willing to help, give guidance and consolation to anyone whom needs it. I've become more loving, kinder, and more understanding, probably because I became more aware of what happens after we leave our world of learning behind.

A couple of my relatives were told about my experience. I said that if ever they find me not breathing please don't be alarmed, because if the other side is as wonderful as I had been shown, then I'm not coming back if the decision is mine to make.

Brad Steiger says, "The world of the supernatural can reach out at any time and envelop any one of us. It matters not who it has signaled out to summon across its borders, for the supernatural is no respecter of persons. Whether we be rich or poor, college educated or street-smart, common laborer or white collar professional, we are all pilgrim souls in an uncharted land when we journey into the dimension of the unknown."

In a book called, *Spirit Teachings* by Rev. Stainton Moses, his guide Imperator says, "You shall know that they whom you call dead are alive amongst you; living as they lived on earth, only more really; ministering to you with undiminished love."

Conclusion:

Our soul has eternal awareness, eternal consciousness, eternal wisdom and eternal existence. At the end of life, our material world, prior to the Spirit World, the afterlife, we realize that we've lived a quick journey, a brief mystery. Think positively, there is a power much higher than ourselves. Acknowledge that there is nothing that you and God can't achieve together.

The Question Of God

BY MICHAEL E. TYMN, Oregon

As I recently watched a two-hour program titled *The Question of God* on PBS, I sat perplexed. The program, moderated by Dr. Armand Nicholi, a Harvard professor and practicing psychiatrist, featured a theoretical debate between Sigmund Freud, the atheist, and C. S. Lewis, the believer, on the existence of God. After the views of Freud and Lewis were presented by actors portraying the two men, a panel made up of educated believers, agnostics, and atheists gave their thoughts. As you might expect, the discussions went around in circles and ended up at the starting point.

My confusion was a result of the fact that the Freud, Lewis, and the panel members never got past the issue of whether God exists. They discussed such things as whether order can exist in the universe without a higher intelligence, whether God is a product of the need to believe in something greater, and how there can be a God when there is so much evil in the world. As I see it, the issue should have been whether consciousness survives physical death. If God does exist, but consciousness does not go on, what difference does it make if there is a God? Knowing that there is a Higher Intelligence, Creator, Divinity, Cosmic Force, God, whatever name we choose to attach to He, She, or It, doesn't in itself help us understand the purpose of our lives or give real meaning to them.

The "believers," including a Buddhist journalist and a Jungian analyst, talked about a "sense of connection" to the Divine and an intuitive feeling that there is something greater, to which a skeptical lawyer expressed my thoughts, "Where does that get you?"

Perhaps the viewer was supposed to assume that a belief in God meant a belief in survival of consciousness and, concomitantly, a purpose of life, but the discussions never went that far. It was as if the mere mention of survival or an afterlife was a bit too religious and rudimentary for such educated people. When the afterlife was alluded to on a couple of occasions, even the "believers" weren't prepared to discuss the subject. In fact, it appeared that none of the believers had any concept of the afterlife beyond what is espoused by orthodox religions. The Buddhist panel member never really gave her views.

It was mentioned that Dr. Nicholi has used the Freud vs. Lewis debate in all of his Harvard classes for more than 30 years.

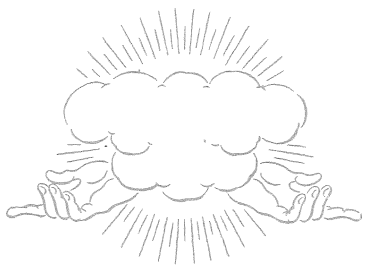
I am not qualified to argue with such an esteemed educator, but it does seem to me that such educators are missing the boat in approaching the question of God and immortality of the soul deductively, i.e., finding God before we accept the survival of consciousness. Since God apparently is beyond human comprehension, so many people stop there and are left with nothing more than orthodoxy's humdrum heaven and horrific hell, a scenario that does not invite rational people to believe. Unable to get a handle on God, those taking the deductive approach require a large leap of faith, something more and more people are reluctant to do in this scientific and materialistic age.

The inductive approach, that of psychical research, makes much more sense. That is, explore and examine the evidence for survival of consciousness in such things as near-death experiences, out-of-body travel, deathbed visions, spirit communication through various types of mediums, past-life regressions, and other forms of psychical research. Then, assuming we are satisfied with the evidence, look for an Intelligence behind it all, even though we can't comprehend that Intelligence. In the light of evidence for survival, the "Question of God" really becomes academic. Perhaps that is the problem. Academia often has a hard time dealing with the practical.

C. S. Lewis seems to have based his belief in God simply on emotion, including a "longing to believe." Although it wasn't mentioned in the PBS program, Lewis, as I understand his writing, rejected spirit communication and other psychical research as so much humbug. He would certainly not be my choice as an advocate or defender for a belief in the spiritual. I would have selected Sir Oliver Lodge, the esteemed British physicist and educator, as my advocate or defender. Of course, Sir Oliver would have to be brought up to date on research taking place since his death in 1940, although I suspect he is very much aware of it and may even be inspiring much of it.

But even Sir Oliver Lodge would not be able to sway the fundamentalists of religion and science—those whose minds are made up and closed to further enlightenment. The absolute proof they require seems neither possible nor desirable. However, the results of credible psychical research can significantly influence those who are open minded and truly searching for real meaning and purpose in life.

As I see it, the C. S. Lewis approach requires a giant leap of faith over a darkened chasm, while the Sir Oliver Lodge's approach is not much more than a short jump over a babbling brook.



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What happened in FEBRUARY throughout the years?

FEBRUARY



This **Heart Month**, a time to evaluate the basics of your life and remember to get plenty of sleep, exercise, eat good food and be as loving to all as possible. It is also **Random Acts of Kindness** time—to commit to doing simple acts to help others each day. Kindness has a special powerful effect. **The Boy Scouts** also celebrate their founding this month (2-11-1910). The Scout slogan is "Do a good turn daily," and the motto "Be prepared."

FEBRUARY 8, 1795

The birthdate of **Nathaniel Potter Tallmadge.** Tallmadge became the governor of the State of Wisconsin. He investigated Spiritualism and became convinced of its truths. He gathered and presented to the Congress of the United States a petition of 13,000 signatures for a memorial in behalf of the movement. The memorial was not granted but the petition became part of the permanent records of our government and Spiritualism was recognized.

FEBRUARY 12, 1809



Abraham Lincoln was born on this date in a roughhewn Kentucky cabin with a dirt floor and a single window. He became one of the greatest Americans to influence our world and America's greatest president. He did not attend law school as many US presidents did, in fact, it is estimated he had about a year of formal schooling, but he loved to read, so educated himself. His Emancipation Proclamation freed the slaves in Confederate territory under Union control. Full emancipation came in 1865 with the 13th Amendment. Sometimes people look for role models to help guide their lives. Lincoln was an example of honesty, integrity, compassion, justice and wisdom. He also was spiritual, listening to inner spirit guidance, visiting mediums and attending seances.

FEBRUARY 14

Valentine's Day is dedicated to love and romance. The origins of the celebration are widely debated. One "belief is that Valentine's Day began in 496 as an attempt by Pope St. Gelasius I to transform Lupercalia—a pagan springtime fertility celebration of man, animal and crops—into a Christian event." However it began, it is a day to consciously call into awareness the truth that you are love, that you are a radiating center of Divine Love. The *Revealing Word* writes: "Love is the pure essence of Being that binds together the whole human family. Of all of the attributes of God, love is undoubtedly the most beautiful. In Divine Mind, love is the power that joins and binds in divine harmony the universe and everything it is; the great harmonizing principle known to man."

FEBRUARY 15, 1855

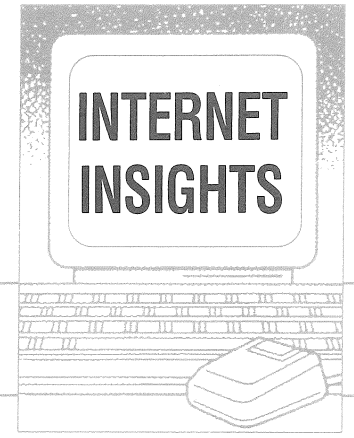
Alfred Kitson celebrated his birth on this date. This English gentleman was the Father of the British Spiritualist Lyceum, co-author of *The British Lyceum Manual*, edited *The Lyceum Banner*, and wrote articles and books on Spiritualism. He was an active Spiritualist in England as a fine lecturer and served the religion long and well.

FEBRUARY 22

A day to honor the birth of the first president of the United States, **George Washington.** This compassionate man was a visionary seeing what the new country could be. Many lives were sacrificed for the freedoms we have today and Washington was a great leader to help the freedom dreams become reality.

* *Love Is Letting Go Of Fear* quote:

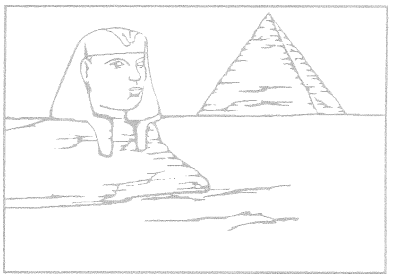
"Whenever you feel tempted today to see through the eyes of fear, repeat to yourself with determination: *I am not a robot; I am free. I am determined to see things differently.*"



7 WONDERS OF THE WORLD

A group of students were asked to list what they thought were the present Seven Wonders of the World. Though there was some disagreement, the following got the most votes:

1. Egypt's Great Pyramids
2. Taj Mahal
3. Grand Canyon
4. Panama Canal
5. Empire State Building
6. St. Peter's Basilica
7. China's Great Wall



While gathering the votes, the teacher noted that one quiet student hadn't turned in her paper yet. So she asked the girl if she was having trouble? The girl replied, "Yes, a little. I couldn't quite make up my mind, because there were so many."

The teacher said, "Well, tell us what you have, and maybe we can help."

The girl hesitated, then read, "I think the Seven Wonders of the World are:

1. to see
2. to taste
3. to touch
4. to hear

She hesitated a little, and then added,

5. to feel
6. to laugh, or smile
7. and most of all, to love

You could have heard a pin drop. Those things we overlook as simple and "ordinary" are truly wondrous. A gentle reminder for this coming year that the most precious things in life cannot be bought, or built.

Live Well and Be At Peace With Yourself and Others.

MONTHLY

Humor to put you in

Good Spirits . . .

Worst Act Of Faith

From *The Guardian* (London)

A brief plea: Keep your pants on!

A small chapel at Murtosa, in northern Portugal, is the only Roman Catholic church where it is acceptable to drop your trousers and show your bum. The reason? The local saint, Goncalo—a colorful 13th-century priest—has a reputation for curing hemorrhoids. All you have to do is show him the affected region, say a prayer and, according to locals, the pains disappear.



Now, here's a saint who gets to the bottom of things.

NSAC 2004 Convention Bylaw Changes

2004 NSAC Convention
NSAC Bylaws as adopted

ARTICLE II
Object-Principles-Definitions-Healing Prayers

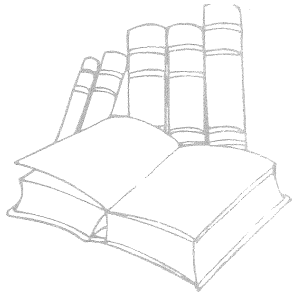
Section 2. Declaration of Principles.

6. We affirm that the highest morality is contained in the Golden Rule. "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

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ARTICLE IV

Section 16. Fees-Dues-Assessments



Exemption for Annual Certificate Registration Fee. Any Ordained Minister, Licentiate Minister, Certified Medium, or Commissioned Spiritualist Healer who has reached the age of seventy (70) years shall be exempt from payment of any Annual Certificate Registration Fee. The Ordained Minister shall file an Annual Report with the NSAC Secretary, and/or the state association secretary postmarked no later than August 31 each year. The Licentiate Minister, Certified Medium, or Commissioned Spiritualist Healer, shall file an Annual Report with the NSAC Secretary, and/or state association secretary postmarked no later than January 31 each year.

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ARTICLE V

Section 3, (page15, renumber subsequent sections) Officers.

This section is now moot and was removed from the Bylaws.

Current Wording:

Section 3. Election Group Schedule. At the convention of 2001 the election schedule was established as indicated below. Thereafter all terms for officers and trustees shall be for the full three (3) year term or until their successors are elected in line with established groups.

2001
Vice President (3)* Secretary (3) Trustee (3) Trustee (2)

2002
Treasurer (3) Trustee (3) Trustee (3)

2003
President (3) Trustee (3) Trustee (3)

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ARTICLE VI

Section 2, Board of Trustees

K. The NSAC Board, without prior approval of the membership at convention, shall take no action affecting title to property in which NSAC holds a legal interest, unless failure to take such action would cause irreparable harm to NSAC, to the auxiliary, or to the subject property. Prior to taking such action between conventions, the NSAC Board, by a majority vote, must make a written finding that such action is necessary to avoid irreparable harm. This finding by the Board shall be supported by the written legal and parliamentary opinions of the parliamentarian and general counsel retained by the general membership at the previous convention. The Board shall also solicit the written opinion of any NSAC member and/or auxiliary claiming an equitable or legal interest in the property, and shall include opinions in the record of the Board action with Board comments as appropriate.

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ARTICLE VI

Section 3, Board of Trustees (New Section 3 - renumber subsequent sections)

Section 3. Communication. The Board of Trustees will determine through policy the methods of communication for use to conduct the business of the organization. Any document requiring signatures must be dated, signed and posted by fax or postal mail.

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ARTICLE VII
Departments

Section 4. Authorized Departments:

B. The Department of Phenomenal Evidence shall have charge of the work of receiving, investigating, selecting,

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verifying and filing statements presented to them bearing on the survival of the human personality after physical death.

ARTICLE VII
Departments

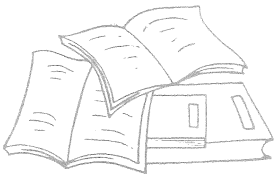
Section 4. Authorized Departments:

C. The Department of Endowments shall have charge of the work of soliciting bequests, grants, and donations, and of the special campaigns for enlarging the several endowment funds. The Director of the Department of Endowments may appoint assistants for grant research and writing.

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ARTICLE XI
Annual Reports

Section 1. Report of Auxiliary: All chartered auxiliaries shall make a complete Annual Auxiliary Report to the Secretary of this Society on the prescribed forms provided by the NSAC Board, postmarked no later than August 31 each year prior to the Annual Convention.



D. In the event of a joint service by two or more churches, services shall be reported on the NSAC Annual Report of the host church only.

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ARTICLE XIII
Authorized Exponents

Section 8. Certification Jurisdiction. The jurisdiction for granting of certification shall be as follows:

D. Testing will be done at a place and time decided upon by the individual taking the examination and a committee of three monitors who are members of the NSAC, one of which holds the certification or higher for which the examination is being given.

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ARTICLE XV
Disciplinary Procedures

Section 3. D. Upon notification that the mediation process was unsuccessful or declined, the president of the NSAC shall designate an Investigating Committee within fifteen (15) days and transmit to the committee the formal written complaints as described in this Article, Section 2. Upon receipt of the written complaints the Investigating Committee exercising jurisdiction shall make a recommendation within ninety (90) days regarding the disposition of the complaints. The NSAC Board shall have the discretion to grant one thirty (30) day extension to the Investigating Committee.

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ARTICLE XV
Disciplinary Procedures

Section 3. C. If mediation is considered appropriate by the jurisdictional body, and agreed to by the accused, then the parties to mediation may select a mediator from the membership of the NSAC, or they may retain a professional mediator available through an alternative dispute resolution service. If the accused refuses to submit to mediation and to be bound, or if mediation is not considered appropriate under the facts or circumstances of the case, charges shall then be referred to investigation

E became C
C became D
D became E

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ARTICLE XV
Disciplinary Procedures

Section 4. Referral to Trial. If referred to trial, the defendant may be placed on temporary suspension of membership pending the holding of the trial.

D. The accused shall be notified of the verdict in writing within ten (10) days of the trial.

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ARTICLE XV
Section 5

Section 5. Appeals. Appeals from disciplinary proceedings shall be filed within a period of fifteen (15) days from announcement of the findings and sentence. The appeal shall be filed with the secretary of the society having intermediate jurisdiction. If there exists no intermediate society, the appeal shall be filed directly with the Secretary of the NSAC.

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ARTICLE XVIII
Amendments

Section 4. The Code of Ethics may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote at any Annual Convention, a quorum being present, on a proposal submitted by a member in good standing, or any auxiliary of this Society, the Board of Trustees, a committee on revision or amendment.

What A Friend Should Be

By Greg Wright

A friend should be an anchor
When life's boat begins to rock,
A friend should be a shepherd
When the sheep has lost its flock.

When you feel you're sad and blue
And the world has let you down,
A friend should be a lifeguard
Who'll rescue you before you drown.

A friend should be a diary
With a lock and just one key,
Who'll keep your secrets
safe inside
So no one else will see.

When things are swell
and going fine,
And with each day
a new song you bring,
A friend should be there
by your side
To hear the words you sing.

So when I'm lonely,
sad, or confused,
Or things are going great for me,
I turn to the one I trust the most,
YOU are what a friend should be.



Love Lives On

By The Rev. Sandra Pfortmiller, NST

Love's part of God
My soul is fed.
Love lifts me up,
A song once said:

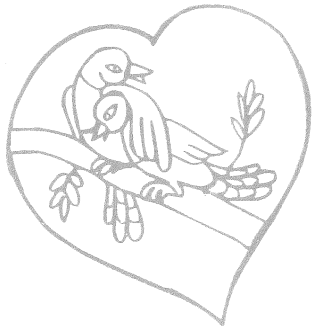
The Greatest Thing
You'll ever learn
Is just to love and
Be loved in return.

Of this I'm sure,
I've felt it true,
I have been loved,
So why I'm blue?

He is not here
My loved one's gone,
I miss him so,
He still lives on.

Meditations touch
Our souls again,
It's oh so brief
Our lives to plan.

Some day, some where,
In the next world,
Our joined lives,
Will be unfurled.



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  June 5-17, Classes
  Instructor: Rev. Sharon Snowman, NST

- **MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN:**
  Morris Pratt Institute – **Split Session – Two Years**
  Week One: Oct. 22-28, 2005 – 7:00 p.m., Orientation
  Week Two: April 15-21, 2006
  Instructor: Rev. Pamla Ashlay, NST

- **TEMPLE HEIGHTS SPIRITUAL CAMP:**
  Maine – Two Week Session
  Sept. 10 – 7:00 p.m., Orientation
  Sept. 11-23, Classes
  Instructor: Rev. Pamla Ashlay, NST

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1. We believe in Infinite Intelligence.

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

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

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

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

6. We believe that the highest morality is contained in the Golden Rule: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

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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