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Perfect Holidays

BY THE REV. SANDRA PFORTMILLER, NST



The Holidays are coming, the Holidays are coming. Thanksgiving marks for me the beginning of a busy season for family and friends; a time of smiles and joy, of surprises and laughter, of good food and good talk. Each year I used to have an expectation of perfect holidays. Of course, I was usually disappointed, because my expectations for the time span were not perfectly met. Life is basically unequal and if this inequality did not exist we wouldn't have a universe, yet imperfection itself is one of the things that makes the world interesting and beautiful. We decide our own happiness.

We are each Divine beings/spirits with the right and ability to touch in with other spirits, who are also Divine. God or Divine Life is everywhere, connecting all life, so there is no need of separateness.

Often around the holidays we take extra time to be with our friends and family on both sides of the veil. It has been said that having special friends and close family ties is a strong indication of happiness and health. We can truly be ourselves with good friends and with our family. What a blessing that is. Friends and family mirror for us that which we might desire to look at in ourselves.

Being with familiar people is comfortable, safe and predictable. There are usually some at any gathering that you really like and some that you avoid. Both are needed to help us remember to be open to all creation. Andrew Jackson Davis taught us to have an open/even mind and heart. An open heart does not mean we are spiritual and an open mind does not mean we are intellectual, but it means we have an open attitude, looking at the broken pieces as well as the whole picture. It means seeing reality as an expression of the Creator and knowing that it is good, it has a purpose. It means knowing that Spirit is not absent in any part of life and that even illness, hardship, war, anguish, loneliness, grief or pain is also filled with benevolence. This love and compassion is not somewhere else, but where you are right now. Know that God's Energy is here and everywhere. This is comforting, encouraging and truth.

We have a choice to practice love and acceptance and to release all else. *A Course Of Miracles* teaches that there is only love or fear. The love energy may seem easier at this time of the year, for others seem to be kinder too.

When we are in a group, sometimes we see faults in others. Think about it—your finding fault in another might be worse than their fault—imperfection is the basis of beauty. Let us practice this year to be divine loving beings at every event we attend. We are divine beings, that is our true nature, so we really don't have to practice, yet if we study and display loving emotions, we will be creatively filling life's moments with goodness. Love is a harmonizing, constructive, restorative power when it is made active in our minds and in our hearts.

Be what you wish life to be. If you are with family or friends, let them know how much you appreciate them. When shopping for food and presents, appreciate that the stores are there so you don't have to grow the products, sew the clothing or build the toys. If you are in an unknown situation, see what ideas or concepts it holds. All life is a blessing; open your awareness to the wonders and adventures of each moment. Invite God into each event and see how alive and light life can be.

Our Creator is Infinite, loving and accepting. Any neuroses, imperfection or fault we may think we, or another has, is just a small part of who we are. God loves all of who we are. Shouldn't we also love who we are? And who others are?

Only Infinite Intelligence can love all contradictions and limitations, but as we work to share love with others we will find it easier to have compassion and acceptance for them, for who they are, and for who we are, for the good and the inconsistent. If we can remember that God does not judge, then who are we to judge? Life and growth are not about becoming perfect, but rather about our ability to love. Life is not about becoming enlightened as a state or thing, but about moment to moment awareness.

Jason Shulman writes in his thought provoking book *The Instruction Manual for Receiving God:* "It might be easier to understand what love is if we redefine love as an action. What *action* of love have you taken today? Actions affect other people and things. Their existence is changed in some way by your use of applied love..." How special to think that our act of love affects others so positively, yet we know that is how Natural Law works. What a blessing.

The Holidays remind us of love. Let us sense love everywhere, for God's presence is everywhere. Once we believe this, then the world becomes sacred. Happy, Holy Holidays. ❋

"Christmas For Spiritualists"

BY DANIEL C. O'ROURKE, New York

Christmas arrives soon with its frantic shopping, the endless gifts, the family tensions, non-stop parties, and the caloric food. No wonder some call it "stressmas."

One Christmas Eve, my nieces' Catholic parish had a pageant. The children dressed up like the characters in the Christmas story—like Mary and Joseph, like shepherds and magi, like the angels in the heavens and the animals in the stable.

Last year one second-grade boy was the innkeeper. He had one line. He was to say to Joseph, "There's no room in the inn." After he spoke it, he felt sorry and improvised. "Wait a minute," he added. "You're in luck. We just had a cancellation!"

I'd like us to revisit that pageant, enter into that story in order to uncover its *universal* message. Let's see what the story has to say to non-Christians, to Bahais and Buddhists, to Unitarians—and to Spiritualists. For whatever our religion or faith, the myth has profound significance. Whatever we think of Jesus, there is a deep message here. Under the poetry, art and music, the story carries a spiritual meaning on how the Infinite Spirit manifests in our world.

The lead female role in the script is Mary. She is the mother. She is key. You couldn't have the story without her. At Christmas the Madonna and child are everywhere. They even stare out at us from the Christmas stamps of the United States Postal Service. The universal, deeper meaning of her role, however, has been smothered in sentimentality. Meister Eckert, a thirteenth century mystic, in the language of *his* faith and *his* age said it well: "We are all called—we *all* are called—to be mothers of God." You and I are invited by Spirit to give birth to the Holy in our own way.



If you find the phrase "to give birth" too feminine, let me reframe it. You and I are destined to be bearers of the Infinite Spirit, to manifest the Mystery, which we in the West call God.

The Greek Orthodoxy named Mary, "theotokos," a bearer of God. Our role is to bear that Mystery and make it real in our time. Mary at Bethlehem is symbolic of that.

How do we do it? How do we give birth to the Infinite Spirit God? The answer is both remarkably simple and exceptionally difficult. We love. We help. We heal. We are peacemakers.

We do it by speaking kind words, with welcoming smiles and hospitable homes. We feed the hungry, visit the sick, comfort the grieving and bury the dead—as Jesus taught. Or as the Buddha put it, we come down from the mountaintop into the marketplace and practice compassion for every sentient being. That's how we enflesh to the Mystery.

Then the magi came. The story tells us they saw the star from afar, sensed the Good and set out. Jesus was a religious Jew; the magi were not. They were not circumcised; they probably ate pork; they did not celebrate Jewish rites and holidays. Yet, the Mystery drew them to the city of David. Despite their religion, the Holy manifested to them.

Infinite Spirit does not come just for the special few. The Mystery does not appear only for a chosen people; it does not come exclusively for any group. The Infinite Spirit comes to *all* races, tribes and peoples. It breaks into history with its masters without regard for the petty tribal or religious divisions we value so highly.

The magi were foreigners. Tradition tells us they looked more like Nelson Mandela than King Herod. They were black and swarthy—after all, they did not come from Sweden or England, but from Egypt and Africa.

When the Holy shines forth in human beings, it attracts. It attracts all. Seekers sense, as the magi sensed, the Wonder of the Transcendent. The magi teach that whenever, wherever God appears in teacher, event or prophet, it is for all. There are no favorites. No matter what the Jehovah Witnesses, some Jews, or Presbyterians say, we are *all* among the elect. We are *all* predestined. We are *all* the chosen people. Our institutional religions may be parochial, self-centered and exclusive, but the Holy Spirit isn't.

There are other players in the pageant who also have much to teach us. They are the angels who, according to the classic story, sang in the heavens. Someone in Lily

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Dale once told me that "Angels We Have Heard on High" is the greatest Spiritualist hymn ever written. Could be.

We all have our spirit teachers, our spirit guides, the angels of our better nature, which prod and nudge, encourage and support us as we struggle to birth the Holy.

We could not do it without them. Angels are midwives for the birthing of the Mystery. They inspire us to make Spirit present in our lives. The highest expression of Spiritualism is not mediums giving messages, but we ourselves hearing and heeding our spirits—and living accordingly. The angels still sing in our hearts—not only over the stable at Bethlehem.

And what do angels sing? They sing what they sang in the original script, "glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to all of good will." (Lk. 2:14) That's a prayer for us to honor Infinite Spirit by bringing its peace and loving kindness to those we touch. The angels bless and affirm the good we do, the people we help, and the wounds we heal. We are not alone; the spirits help us. We should listen to them.

Perhaps, though, we can best identify with the shepherds. They only had a supporting role, but were the first to respond to the Coming of Spirit. The priests and Sadducees, the Pharisees and the powerful did not perceive it. When God enters history, the unsophisticated are much more likely to recognize it. Presidents, popes and ayatollahs are blinded by their rank and power. Ordinary folk, however, get it. The shepherds tending their sheep got it; they sensed the Wonder and came to the manger.

Finally, there is the central lead in this drama: Jesus himself. Jesus, **not** Christ. Some think that "Christ" is Jesus' last name. Like Jesus Smith, Jesus Kelly or Jesus Suekorski, but there were not family names in first century Palestine. It was a primitive patriarchal society, and children were known by the names of their father or village. Jesus was the son of Joseph or the Nazarene. He wasn't Jesus Christ. The **Christ-ing** came later. It unfolded in his life as it could unfold in ours.



Despite the slogans, Christmas is not a celebration of Christ's birthday. It's the birthday of Jesus. Nor is that a distinction without a difference. The Jesus of history was born; the Christ of faith developed. Jesus was an itinerant rabbi, a traveling teacher and healer. The title "Christ" ultimately given him came after his lifetime because of his response and openness to Infinite Spirit. Only gradually did he become **Christ-ed**. He grew as we all can grow.

"Christ" means, "anointed" in Greek. Here it is a figure of speech. It doesn't mean literally having your head smeared with oil like King David. It means being blessed by God, by experience, by grace. The anointed ones are enlightened teachers, avatars and incarnations of the Mystery. For many, Jesus is such (he is for me), but he is not the only one.

There were many. They still are many: Buddha, Luther and Mohammed, Albert Schweitzer and Mother Theresa, Ralph Emerson and Walt Whitman.

God's breakthrough continued in Gandhi, King and Dorothy Day and it continues in Elkhart Tolle, in Wayne Dyer and Anne Lamont. And in you—and in me.

That is what Christmas means. That is the kernel of this message: the Mystery of God becomes incarnate, enfleshed in us. It manifests itself through **our** life and **our** work. Our task is to be open for that enlightenment, to be receptive for that **Christ-ing**.

Recently, my wife and I were in North Carolina visiting grandchildren. We drove through the Bible belt. On back highways, we saw billboards proclaiming, "Jesus is the answer." I think those billboards are wrong. Jesus, like all the great masters, points us towards answers, but he is not **the** answer. He and other anointed ones help show us the purpose of life, but ultimately, the answer is hidden in that Mystery of Infinite Spirit we lamely call God—which ironically manifests in us.

It's the opposite of Pogo's famous line. "We have met the enemy and he is us." We have met the Holy One and he is us. The kingdom of God is within. We seek the answers and they are within. The spiritual life is not a journey to God; it is a journey in God. Better: it is God's journey in us.

Spiritual seekers are alert to this Christ-ing, the illumination that lights the road and scatters the egocentric darkness. We receive it to share and spread the Goodness. That's what it is to give birth to the Spirit God.

The scriptural account of Jesus' birth is a story. How much is factual, how much myth doesn't matter. It's a poetic, creative instruction layered with spiritual meanings. Ordinary human beings are the bearers of the Mystery, instruments of divine compassion and good. Our spirit guides and teachers assist us in birthing the Holy One. They help us in this work. And this work is for everyone regardless of race, belief or station.

We here in Lily Dale sing, "All of health and good are mine, Since like God, I am divine." The Holy One is struggling to be born in us. Not just under a bo tree in India—or in a stable at Bethlehem.

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The Traveler

From "Aunt Barbie's" Fables



There was one on a journey. Sometimes it seemed he knew not where, for the wilderness was vast and his wandering endless. Originally, he had been seeking a lush valley where there was rumored to be the Golden City. This was the dream he had embraced in his youth, but that was when he was young and strong, and full of dreams and courage.

The years of endless travel had worn his hope. Doubt was now stronger than the dream. He doubted the Golden City was ever more than a myth. Our traveler was weary from a lifetime of wandering. He had traversed swamps with beastly bugs and other creatures in the heat of summer and bleak of winter. He'd forged through seemingly endless deserts, found his way through forests, and crossed mighty rivers, even oceans, yet his quest seemed pointless. There were momentary joys and the constant hardships he endured which had made him the man he was, strong yet tired.

Once, just as he came over a mountain ridge, he thought he could see the Golden City in the sunset, but there was a bog in his way. From the bog rose a terrifying beast he couldn't seem to get past. He grew frustrated. Tired and full of sorrow, and weak from disappointment, he crumbled to his knees and called out in frustration, to be shown the way.

It had taken him a lifetime, but he had stumbled upon the secret entrance! For the secret to entrance, was with the humble, not the proud. It was not in one's own strength, but trust in the strength beyond one's self. Immediately the weary traveler was lifted up. He could see the way before him and was rejuvenated. The way seemed so simple and clear. He enthusiastically set out once again. Soon he was around the bog and into a green thicket of trees. Sadly he did not retain the lesson as to why he had been given entrance. It wasn't long before he took pride in his own self and the more he did so, the less he gave thanks. As his confidence in his own might grew, he forgot to depend on the strength beyond him. He was certain of the way and didn't realize he had turned from the way made before him, and back to the trails he had already been down. Soon, he would forget what he was even looking for, lost to his confusion.

Life, being the patient teacher, would again bring the Traveler to his knees. Again he would cry out. Again he would be answered, but only the Traveler can determine to retain what is taught. ❋

What happened in DECEMBER throughout the years?

DECEMBER 7

Pearl Harbor Day, a time to send a blessing and a prayer to all who have given their lives in the pursuit of freedom.

DECEMBER 16

Hanukkah, the Festival of Lights, a Hebrew religious eight day celebration of the victory of the Maccabees and the rededication of the temple.

DECEMBER 19, 1871

The **Rev. August Cervin** celebrated his birth on this date. Mr. Cervin and his wife served Spiritualism locally and nationally. He was a mental medium, a spiritual healer, the pastor of two churches in Texas, the President of the Texas Spiritualist Association, a missionary and served the N.S.A. Board for ten years as a trustee.

DECEMBER 24



We wish the **Rev. Marrice Coverson** a great birthday and special year to come. As well as loving wishes, we also send thanks for all her work for Spiritualism at her church and on the NSAC National Board as a trustee.

DECEMBER 25

The joyous day that the **birth of Jesus of Nazareth** is remembered. Christians around the world recount the Christmas story. This baby grew into a great teacher of spiritual truth, a wonderful spiritual healer and medium. Christmas is a time of giving and receiving and the greatest gift is the gift of love. Let the spirit of love be reflected every day of this season and every day of the new year. Merry Christmas to one and all.

DECEMBER 26

The first day of the festival of **Kwanzaa**, a celebration by the African-American people to emphasize the principles of unity, self-determination, collective work, creativity and their rich heritage in a seven day festival which began in 1966.

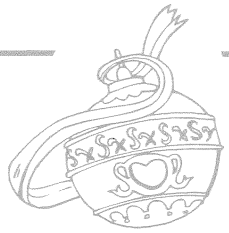
DECEMBER 31

World Healing Meditation, an International prayer and meditation event to send out positive energy to our wonderful planet Earth and all that is upon it. We know that there is power in prayer, so let our thoughts contribute to this combined loving effort. Do your part, please, and allocate some quiet moments to send prayers of harmony, brotherhood, healing, prosperity, love and goodwill to all. Let this New Year be a spiritually uplifting year, a time of positive growth and kind service to all humanity. Happy New Year.



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Holiday Blessings



Holiday Greetings.
First Spiritualist Church of Salem, Massachusetts.

Seasons Greetings from your friends at
First Spiritualist Church of West Allis, Wisconsin.

At this joyous time of the year may we wish all the peoples of the world, peace.
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Happy Holidays to all from
New Horizon Spiritualist Church, NSAC, New York

May the Blessings of Spirit be with you this holiday season.
Rev. Carol A. Brown, NST and Mr. Lawrence Brown, Virginia

I wish you Spiritual Light and Love during the season and every day in the coming year.
Rev. Sandy Pfortmiller, Arizona.

With best wishes for this holiday season from
Ginnie and Peter Berg, Texas.

May Peace, Love and Joy fill your life in 2007.
Rev. Lelia Cutler, NST, Norfolk, Virginia

Infinite Blessings to all from
The Spiritualist Church of Awareness, Orlando, Florida.

Let there be joy in all hearts, today, tomorrow and forever.
Church of the Living Spirit, NSAC, Phoenix, Arizona

May the Blessings of Spirit sustain you throughout the year. Blessings,
James and Pamla McPherson, West Allis, Wisconsin.

We are all one in Spirit! Love & blessings for the coming year.
Rev. Jeannie and Ron Lerch, Casselberry, Florida.

The NSAC Board greets all Spiritualists with wishes for Health, Happiness and Harmony during this Holiday Season, and we wish you all a very spiritual New Year! Blessings of growth to all NSAC Churches and Camps.

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May the blessings of this holiday enrich you throughout 2007.
A Sanctuary of Infinite Spirit, New York.

Happy Holidays from
the Reverends Brian and Linda Kent, Rhode Island.

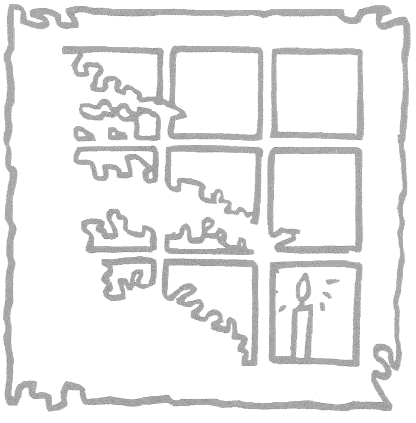
Holiday Greetings to All from
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Spiritualism And The Winter Holidays

BY DR. KEN JAMES, Illinois

We have entered the season of the winter holidays. This should be obvious from all the decorations and the rush to show how much we love others by spending money on them. It is a season that celebrates mindless excess and a narcissistic self-promoting generosity, which of course must be matched or bettered by the narcissistic, self-promoting generosity of others toward us. It is indeed a crazy time.

As a Spiritualist, when I refer to this season as "the winter holidays," I am not choosing those words to be politically correct, or to be certain that I don't offend someone by wishing them a happy wrong holiday. In fact, as a Spiritualist, I am brought to a place to question why we celebrate at this time of year at all. We are supposed to be happy because we have to dig our cars out of snow drifts, rush to catch buses that are more than happy to leave us drenched in salt-laden sleety brine, and cover up all of our exposed skin or it will be frostbitten away. We are supposed to be happy in this season why, again?



Spiritualists hold that the door to reformation is never closed against any soul here or hereafter, and each of us must work to better ourselves before God, Infinite Intelligence. There is no savior in Spiritualism who does our work for us. So really, celebrating the birth of Christ, the mediator between God and humanity is not, strictly speaking, a Spiritualist holiday.

Since we don't celebrate or believe in miracles as Spiritualists, then Chanukah, which celebrates the miracle that there was enough oil to keep the lights burning for eight days and nights in ancient Israel doesn't really fit in with our teachings. So, Chanukah is really not an appropriate holiday for Spiritualists to celebrate.

What about Kwanzaa?

Kwanzaa is a pan-African holiday, developed fairly recently, which celebrates the principles of unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity and faith. As such, Kwanzaa resonates well with Spiritualists principles, but as Spiritualists we emphasize that there is co-operation not only among our brothers and sisters on the earth plane, but also in the realm of Spirit. Some of this is reflected in Kwanzaa teachings about the connection we have to our ancestors, but in Spiritualism we do not take this on faith alone, nor as a metaphor for the inter-connectedness of all beings. We claim that we have proven the existence of Spirit and the continuity of life after the change called death. With this as our focus, Kwanzaa is not precisely the holiday we should be embracing as Spiritualists.

The Muslim observance of the Hajj, or pilgrimage to Mecca, coincides this year with our January 8, the eighth day of the Muslim month Dhul-Hijjah. For Muslims, a particular place on the planet, Mecca, the city of the Kaaba, is the most holy point in the universe, and visiting it is considered a blessing. In Spiritualism, we have no particular place that we venerate. The Fox Cottage is interesting to us, but we don't say it is blessed. Lily Dale is nice, but it isn't Spiritualist Holy Land.

For Spiritualists, geographic place on the globe is less important than a recognition of the link between the world of matter and the world of spirit, and this link happens everywhere and nowhere special. The Islamic requirement that each faithful Muslim must make a pilgrimage to Mecca once during his or her lifetime has no reflection in Spiritualism, so this winter celebration won't work for us either.

In Hinduism, from December 21 through December 25, the Pancha Ganapati festival is celebrated. This holiday celebrates five aspects of the elephant-headed god Ganesha, and each day is dedicated to one of the following qualities or virtues: harmony in the home, concord among relatives, neighbors and friends, good public relations, cultural upliftment and heartfelt charity. It is a festival that is celebrated with gift-giving, visiting with family and friends, and meditating on the abundance of the universe. Ganesha is the god who destroys obstacles, and an image of him is often placed near thresholds of doorways to secure safe passage.

As Spiritualists, we can resonate with the holiday but we really can't claim to be celebrating a festival that venerates Ganesha, even though we may enjoy the message.

Buddhists celebrate Bodhi Day, the day the Buddha attained enlightenment, on December 8. Buddhists are very careful to remind us that Buddha is not to be worshiped but is an exemplar of the necessity for all sentient beings to attain enlightenment, and penetrate the veil of illusion that we call the world. As Spiritualists, we recognize the need to penetrate the veil of the illusion of death, and to recognize that the personality continues

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Things To Think About

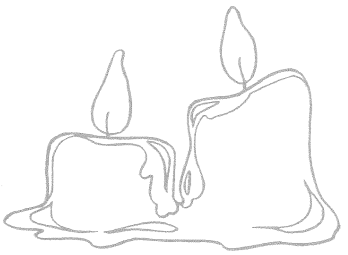
BY MERRY BROWNE

According to the Joh Templeton Foundation research of college students, the students are asking for enlightenment on the big questions of life and colleges are not able to answer them.

This shows the decline of academic ability to educate in other ways than how to acquire jobs to make money. This is called success.

Success is gaining knowledge in how to live, to gain health and happiness, and comes from teaching our character—being moral, ethical, and loving.

Life automatically brings us experience equivalent to what we are. If we are striving to be moral, ethical, and loving, life will bring good experiences—good people, places, and things, into our life—in due time. ❋



God's Little Acorns

As an acorn is made in the image of the Oak, we are made in the image of God.

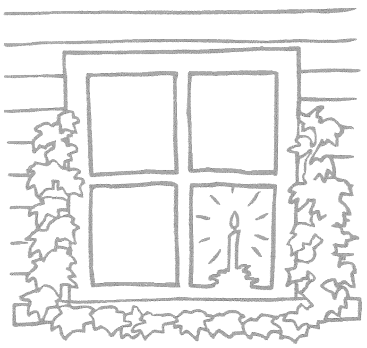
It is difficult to realize that an acorn contains an Oak Tree unless we can see it growing into one. By the same token, we have to see people growing into godliness to realize they contain godliness. ❋

I will honor Christmas in my heart,
and try to keep it all the year.
– Charles Dickens

SPIRITUALISM AND THE WINTER HOLIDAYS

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after this change; to this extent I suppose we can understand Bodhi Day. But as Spiritualists we do not believe that the world of matter is any more or less real than the world of Spirit, and we do not claim that all is illusion. For this reason it is probably best we not wish each other a Happy Bodhi Day.



So what does this mean for us at this time of year? Are we supposed to refrain from wishing people Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah, Joyous Kwanzaa, Healthful Pilgrimage, Abundant Pancha Ganapati, or Peaceful Bodhi Day? No, we are not to refrain from ever sharing well-wishes with others.

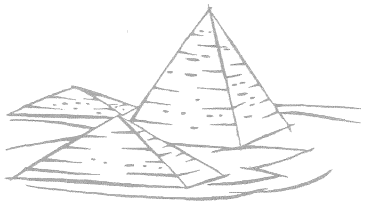
Spiritualism is the most ecumenical religion on the planet. Because Spiritualism claims a truth that has no national, economic, ethnic or class boundaries, a Spiritualist can honestly and with integrity celebrate with others in whatever way is considered respectful and contributes to community-building. Spiritualists bear witness to a truth that can bring peace to all, throughout the year, and we should not be stingy with our celebrations during this winter holiday season.

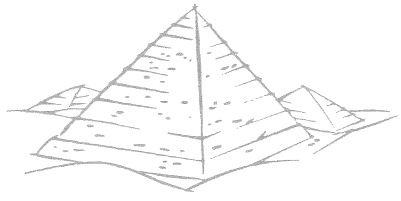
Because Spiritualism destroys fear, the fear of the change called death, it truly is a religion of joy. As such, let us rejoice with our sisters and brothers of whatever religion they embrace, knowing that as we do so we are affirming the fundamental truth of our religion: There is no death, and there are no dead. We do not end, we do not go away, and we do not cease to celebrate Life.

Happy Winter! ❋

SPIRITUALISM'S PYRAMID
For Right Living With Infinite Intelligence

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Declaration of Principles

"We believe in Infinite Intelligence (God)

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

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

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

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

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

"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."

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

"We affirm that the precepts of Prophecy and Healing are divine attributes proven through Mediumship."

The foundation of the Spiritualist religion is the Declaration of Principles.

Spiritualism's Pyramid of Spiritual Growth—what a firm foundation!

Spiritualism's Pyramid for Daily Living

At the top of the pyramid, we find the words that read, "We believe in Infinite Intelligence." (God) This statement tells everyone who and what we believe. Spiritualism's God has no form. Infinite Intelligence is the great creative energy of the whole universe and therefore is present in all things. It is the dynamic force behind this world and all worlds that exist. Divine purpose is creation and progression, the ultimate reward in life will not be seen here on the earth plane but in the higher planes of spiritual existence.

Infinite Intelligence is Spirit, perfect life, perfect love, perfect truth, perfect law, and harmonious; one Creator, one creation and one Law that controls both the Spirit world and the physical world; a living God, the same in the past, today and hereafter; A Divine Presence filling the whole universe.

The second Principle contends with Natural Law. "We believe that the phenomena of Nature, both physical and spiritual, are the expression of Infinite Intelligence." Infinite Intelligence created Natural Law for all creation.

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The third Principle states, "We affirm that a correct understanding of such expression and living in accordance therewith constitute true religion." Natural Law is God's Law. This law was given to us so that we might know how to live our lives as God would have us do. As one learns and understands these Laws, the more knowledge is gained, the better one is attuned to living within God's Laws. One can use this knowledge to assist others to grow in this beautiful religion of Spiritualism. This knowledge that we gain can also be given to others who are seeking God's truth. It will help them understand about Spiritual Phenomena and why Spiritualism investigates to prove what we believe in is true and why certain things take place.

The fourth Principle states, "We affirm the existence and personal identity of the individual continue after the change called death." When we depart from this world and enter into the spirit realm, we leave our earthly bodies behind. We humans are three fold beings; we have an earthly body, a spiritual body or soul and a spirit. When we no longer need our earthly (physical) body, we discard it much like the cocoon of the butterfly. It disintegrates and returns to the earth. Our soul or spiritual body is then the temple of the spirit. In the Spirit World, it then functions in a new body. This spirit has made the change called death and this new form has the same personality as it had when on the earth plane. One cannot advance until we learn the Law of Progression and seek to compensate for our errors. Our actions and thoughts are with us when we enter the Spirit World. We will be on the same plane in the Spirit World as we were here on earth. We can only progress when we compensate for errors.

The fifth Principle states, "We affirm that communication with the so-called dead is a fact, scientifically proven by the phenomena of Spiritualism."

Every time we have communication with those who reside and function in the higher phases of life, we learn that there is no death, that life is continuous. Death is but a transition into a higher and more beautiful place of existence. We have had personal experience in the seance room, and through scientifically proven facts by research done by people like Conan Doyle and Camille Flammarion. Spirit communication, both physical and mental, has proven time and time again that one can communicate with those who have made the transition from this world to dwell in the Spirit World.

We need to look at the fourth and fifth Principles together, for each goes along with the other. Every time we communicate with a loved one in spirit, we are confirming that there is no death. To me, death is like going to sleep at night time and waking up to a new day that gives forth light and love around you. These two Principles prove immortality and the continuity of life.

Our sixth Principle states, "We believe that the highest morality is contained in the Golden Rule: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

Robert G. Ingersoll gave us a saying that can be put into place at this time, and is a good concept of the Golden Rule. His concept goes like this: "When all men give to all other men the same privileges that they would claim for themselves, then indeed will this world be civilized."

This key, when put to use, can unlock any door, for by it we can better understand the laws that govern all things. Using it as a guide, we can improve our daily lives here and in the hereafter.

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

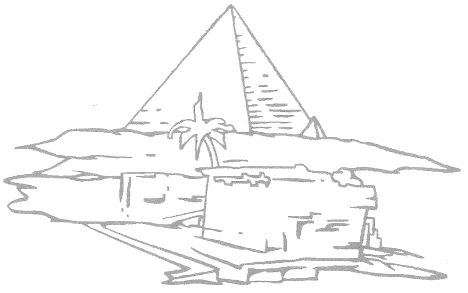
Spiritualism does not accept the idea of vicarious atonement. Why? Spiritualism through communication with those who have made the change called death, absolutely confirms that all individuals are morally responsible not only for their wrong actions, but also for every thought, word or deed (thoughts are actions). Every wrong that we commit here must be made right, if not here and now, then in the hereafter. Know thyself, know the Law and be responsible to God and all humanity.

Our eighth Principle states, "We affirm that the doorway to reformation is never closed against any soul here or hereafter."

This Principle holds the very proof of the promise to humanity that whatever mistakes made here on earth, eternal damnation does not exist. It takes away destructive thought of fear and replaces it with knowledge of our ability to make just compensation for all earthly mistakes and that one can truly walk in the pathway to light of spiritual happiness. The Law of Reparation opens the doorway to spiritual progression in the Spirit World.

The ninth Principle states, "We affirm that precepts of Prophecy and Healing are divine attributes proven through Mediumship."

Joseph P. Whitwell states, "We thus affirm our belief in and acceptance of the truths which are contained in the *Bible* and are not unique nor of recent occurrence alone, but that they are universal and everlasting, and have been witnessed and observed in all ages of the world."



Words of wisdom and guidance to assist one in their daily lives.

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MEDIA WATCH

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British Paranormal Poll: A survey done by Access/BMRB International and commissioned by *Readers Digest* in Great Britain found that more than half of those polled said that they believed in the power of mind reading. Nearly forty-three percent of respondents said that they had read the thoughts of others or had their thoughts read. Over fifty percent reported dreams or premonitions of events before they happened. Almost thirty percent said they believed that near-death experiences were evidence of an afterlife. Twenty percent claimed that they had seen a ghost and twenty-six percent declared that they had sensed when a loved one was ill or in trouble. Nearly thirty-four percent of women said that they had consulted a psychic or medium and one out of ten of all those questioned considered themselves to be psychic.

From UK Psychics.com www.ukpsychics.com/paranormal_ survey .html

Psychic Museum: Would you like to spend an hour and a half in an amazing old building, exploring your powers of telepathy, studying a giant real time Technicolor depiction of your aura, developing your hidden gift of telekinesis, learning to control your brain waves and deepening your natural talent for clairvoyance? If you visit York, England you'll be able to do just that. The museum, which is more of an exploration center for psi functioning, is the brainchild of Jonathan Cainer and psychic celebrity Uri Geller. "This is about encouraging interest in psychic phenomena," Geller says of the museum. "It's about teaching people and making them understand that there is a sixth sense and it's not magic...What's happening around the world now is that people are beginning to validate psychic phenomena, whether it's the power of healing, the power of prayer or the power of positive thinking. It does work, otherwise people wouldn't be interested in it."

From: Yorkshire Post Today www.yorkshiretoday.co.uk and The Psychic Museum www.psychicmuseum.com/

The Atlantis Memorial Reef: After three years of design and engineering, the re-creation of the Lost City of Atlantis has become a reality. Envisioned by entrepreneur Gary Levin, world renowned sculptor Kim Brandell, and graphic artist Joey Burns, this underwater graveyard will eventually hold the remains of up to 80,000 people. Designed to replicate the Lost City of Atlantis, the reef will be nine hundred feet in diameter and cover more than 600,000 square feet of ocean floor off the coast of Florida. There will be five concentric circles with forty themed areas. More information is available at their web site: www.atlantismemorialreef.com/home.htm



Vision Saves Life: Clifford Foss had a vision at 3:00 AM that woke him up. Someone was trapped in Prairie Creek and could not get out. He tried to ignore it. He was tired and wanted to go back to sleep but the vision would not go away.

At 7:30 AM, Foss and his son left their home, and as they passed over Prairie Creek, he looked for any sign of trouble but saw nothing, and began discounting his vision. But as they passed over Milburn Creek, he noticed a three-foot section of guard rail bent back. He reasoned that accidents happen all the time at night and are then cleared away. "Did you hear an ambulance last night?" Foss asked his son. When the son responded "No," Foss decided to go back.

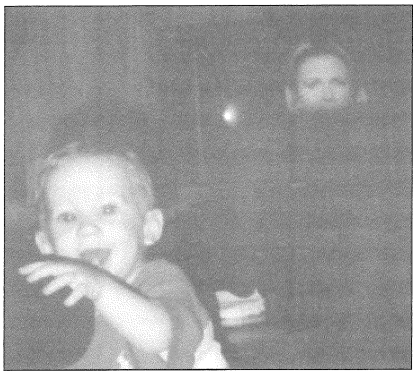
They parked and peered down the twenty foot ravine to the creek. There, obscured by trees, was a battered black pick-up. The driver was hanging out of the window covered in blood and screaming for help. Emergency personnel say it would be difficult to tell how long the man would have survived. Hundreds of cars had already passed the wreck, as it was impossible to see from the road.

Foss said that he was not religious but that he was sure the vision was sent from above. "If I hadn't had visions all night, I wouldn't have seen it. We would have been like the other 150 cars that passed by. All there was, was a beat-up guard rail."

From: The Daily World, www.thedailyworld.com/

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Ghost appears on TV: In June, Ananova, a British News Magazine, reported a woman who claimed she had a ghost in her TV discovered by her eighteen-month-old. Tracey Taylor took a photo of her daughter, Faith, as she was dusting the TV. When she got the photos developed she spotted a mysterious face on the TV screen. She insists the TV was off and there was no one else in the room, reports The Sun. When she showed the photo to Faith she exclaimed: "That's Ben."



From: www.ananova.com/news/story/sm_1906012.html

Comment: *The National Spiritualist Summit* published a photograph of a "face on a turned off TV" in October 1995 that was taken in Las Vegas, Nevada. We have included it here. We also learned from the photographer, Cathy, that she recognizes the woman on the screen as her sister. We have a number of the "face on a turned off TV" photographs, and all have a child in the scene and the TV set is incidental to the scene.

Think Positive and Live Longer: A study published in the Archives of Internal Medicine showed optimism is good for the heart. The most optimistic among a group of 545 Dutch men age sixty-four to eighty-four had a fifty percent lower risk of cardiovascular death over fifteen years of follow-up. Previous research has suggested being optimistic boosts overall physical health and lowers the risk of death from all causes

From: Third Age www.thirdage.com/news/articles/ALT02/06/03/06/ALT02060306-01.html

Four Views of God: Baylor University's Institute for Studies of Religion commissioned a national survey of 1,721 Americans to study people's religious beliefs. Though 91.8% say they believe in God, a higher power or a cosmic force, they had four distinct views of God's personality and engagement in human affairs. These four God personalities were dubbed by researchers as Authoritarian, Benevolent, Critical and Distant. The researchers observed that these four categories tell more about a person's social, moral and political views than the traditional labels of Jewish, Protestant, Catholic or even red state/blue state. According to the report:

The Authoritarian God (31.4% overall but 43.3% in the South) is angry at humanity's sins and engaged in every creature's life and world affairs. People who see God in this way are religious and political conservatives.

The Benevolent God (23% overall, 28.8% in the Midwest) still sets absolute standards for mankind in the Bible. This group sees primarily a forgiving God, more like the father who embraces his repentant prodigal son in the Bible. Southern Baptists often relate to this view.

The Critical God (16% overall, 21.2 in the East) has his judgment eye on the world, but he's not going to intervene, either to punish or to comfort. Researchers say that this group still believes in God as the classic bearded old man, but they are less inclined to be affiliated with any religious group. They are not liberal, but neither are they conservative.

The Distant God (24.4% overall, 30.3% in the West) is "no bearded old man in the sky raining down his opinions on us," according to the researchers. Followers of this God see a cosmic force that launched the world, then left it spinning on its own. According to the article, this has strongest appeal for Catholics, mainline Protestants and Jewish.

According to *USA Today*, Baylor is a Baptist-affiliated school much as Notre Dame is a Catholic affiliated school, and the questions had a definite "Protestant tilt." Nevertheless, the survey with seventy-seven questions and nearly four hundred possible answers does appear to tell us much about the religious view of America that was not already known. And no, we did not see any references to Spiritualism.

From: USA Today, September 11, 2006.

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I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their old familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet
The word repeat
Of peace on earth,
good-will to men!

– Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Positive Statements To Help Create a Positive Day.

Affirmations . . . DECEMBER 2006

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 "God has given us power and we must use it." – *The Science of Mind*	**2** Every activity begins with intention and the Universe answers affirmatively.
3 Truth is always, is law, is love and it applies to all.	**4** "Mind is not a vessel to be filled but a fire to be lighted." – *Plutarch*	**5** Be a reflection of the Spirit of Love each moment of each day.	**6** I express from deeper levels than from my outer consciousness.	**7** I pray for wholeness and oneness for myself and for all life.	**8** Spirit, please bless all of my activities and inspire me with Divine ideas.	**9** Life happens all around you, be an active part of it, enjoy it.
10 Meet challenges and courageously take steps to deal with them.	**11** Because Spirit is everywhere present, God is always available.	**12** I celebrate my connection to Infinite love and wisdom.	**13** "Fate makes our relatives, choice makes our friends." – *Jacques Delille*	**14** Life goes on, a series of cycles, a flow of possibilities.	**15** "Remember God is the silent partner behind all things." – *The Science of Mind.*	**16** There is no limit to Divine Blessings, open yourself to receive. Believe.
17 "Just to be is a blessing. Just to live is holy." – *Abraham Herschel*	**18** Thank you to all my family for the lessons they teach me.	**19** Each day is an opportunity to express Spirit, to create loving energy.	**20** Life is constantly regenerating itself.	**21** Keep your intention fixed on the right outcome, then you can't make a mistake.	**22** "God is only aware of the Eternal now." – *Roger Juline* Live now.	**23** Spirit will help us self-correct if we listen and trust in Spirit.
24 Jingle bells, all is well, love is with us today.	**25** And Heaven and Nature sing, joy to the world.	**26** "Oh! Death where is thy sting?"	**27** I celebrate God working in every area of my life.	**28** Seek a creative expression in everything you do.	**29** "Life is what happens on the way." – *SW Airlines Poster*	**30** Beginnings and endings are sign posts we set for ourselves.
31 "Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me."		JOY TO THE WORLD!!!				






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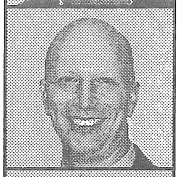
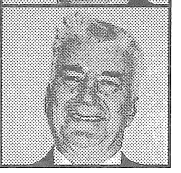
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• MARYLAND •

PASADENA/BALTIMORE - The Light Center Spiritualist Church
HELD AT: 4505 Mountain Rd., Pasadena, 21122; Office: 7851 Foxfarm Ln., Glen Burnie, 21061; (410) 590-9167; www.LightCenter.org; Services: Sunday Devotional Serv. 11:00 a.m.; fellowship following service; Friday night classes 7:30 p.m.; 5th Friday Healing/Message Serv. 7:30 p.m.; Events: Workshops, Guest Speakers/Mediums, Circles, Gallery Readings.

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ONSET - On-I-Set Wigwam Co-Workers Spiritualist Camp
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REHOBOTH - First Spiritualist Church of Brockton, Inc., NSAC
Services held at 10:00 a.m. every Sunday at the Anawan Grange Bldg., junction Rts. 44 & 118; Mailing address: P.O. Box 145, 02769, e-mail: firstspiritualistchurch.com. For more information contact Secretary, Sally Kubitschek, (508) 226-6580.

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SPRINGFIELD - The First Spiritualist Church of Springfield, Inc.
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ROYAL OAK - First Spiritual Temple
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SOUTH BRANCH - Chain Lake Spiritualist Camp Association
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ST. PAUL - Spiritual Science Spiritualist Church
Conference Rm. - 411 Main St., Labor Union Hall; Sun. Morning Serv. only, 10:00 a.m.; Pres./Speaker, Joan LeDuc, 2169 Scheffer Ave., 55116-1255, (651) 699-4858; Secy., Gerald Kemling; Church phone (651) 225-4609.

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• NEBRASKA •

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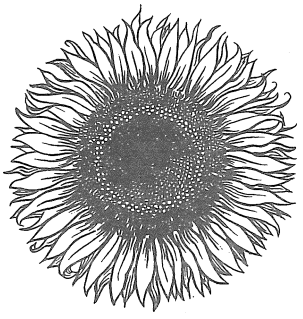
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Divine Purpose

BY THE REV. CHARLENE KLEINSCHMIDT, NST, New York

This time of year, among the hustle and bustle of preparing for the holidays, we may find ourselves questioning our spiritual development. This title sounds like it means some higher mission we are all lacking to serve. I believe it means something quite different.

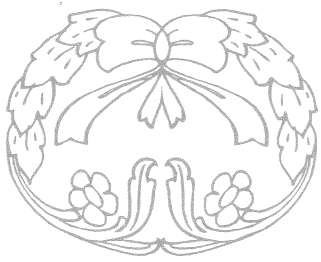
We hear over and over that our life has meaning, that we are here to learn lessons and to gain spiritual knowledge. The greatest lessons we have to learn are love and tolerance for others' points of view. This can be a difficult challenge in this day and age with so many conflicting veiwpoints on so many subjects. The key is to learn to discuss and compromise with others rather than insisting ours is the only legitimate way to handle a situation. This does not mean we must always acquiesce to the other person, but it does mean we need to be appreciative of their right to their viewpoint. That may not sound like divine purpose, yet when we work for harmony with others we are indeed working in a spiritual manner.

During the often strained and contentious shopping and preparation time, we may lose sight of the very fact we are getting ready to celebrate love and thanksgiving for all we have. Instead of worrying about fancy gifts and the large meals we will be preparing, we need to give our family and friends the gift of knowing how important they are in our lives.

I propose that divine purpose means living your life in such a way that each person you meet feels validated and unconditionally loved. If someone is rude, then reply with kindness. If someone seems harried, then offer your help. We can make a spiritual difference in the atmosphere around us when we speak from love and are tolerant of others' needs.

Divine purpose in our lives does not need to be some unattainable goal or "someday I will get to that goal" part of our life. It needs to be a part of our everyday existence. We need to feel that our divine purpose is to give unconditional love to everyone and not just for family and friends.

We will be bombarded with solicitations for help from many charities and organizations in the coming weeks. We should carefully weigh and choose to spend our finances in areas where we feel a particular need meets our values. We must allow ourselves, if we can not help, the compassion we would show others. We can always send prayers to any situation or organization when we



are not capable of furnishing financial support. If we gave to every solicitation we would soon have to join the solicitors. Give what you are able to give with love, and pray for those you can not assist at this time. Above all, give yourself the understanding that whatever you are able to do for others is a part of your divine purpose.

Often we look around and think every one else must be doing better than we at playing the game of life. Truth be known, each of us has our own challenges with which to deal. We all wear a public persona that may mask a deep feeling of inferiority or incompetence in some area of our lives. Society teaches us to keep it to ourselves. When we learn not only to help, but to be willing to be helped, we learn a great deal about divine purpose. Too often we think we must be constantly giving out. When we do this, we may rob someone else of the opportunity to give us the unconditional love and tolerance we all need. Divine purpose is a two way street. No one needs to walk the spiritual path alone.

We forget that our brothers and sisters on the earth plane are as much spirit today as we will be when we reach the other side. Spirit speaks of harmony and the beauty of the love that is shown in the Spirit World. Our divine purpose here is to bring that same harmony and understanding to our corner of the world. Be willing to open your heart to others and to give yourself the same compassion you would give someone else. Be willing to admit when you need help and a shoulder to cry on. Take the opportunity to talk to someone who looks like they could use a friend. Be willing to be open with those in your spiritual associations and discuss the ways you can help others. It is not always a financial gift that keeps on giving, it can be volunteering to help at church or visiting the ill. If you have a talent, share it with the less fortunate. Make clothing for the homeless shelter or help the local food bank. In our church we keep a basket in the entrance and people drop non-perishable goods for the local charity. It doesn't cost that much, it is all done anonymously. One lady I happen to know drops a can of something in the basket every week. It is her way of giving thanks for all the things she has now that she didn't have at another time in her life. There are many people struggling today to make ends meet. If you know a young couple with children, offer to stay with them sometimes so the parents can have a few hours away. If you know someone who is a caretaker for an ill relative, give them a break. If you couldn't handle the physical care that may be required, you can still sit while the other person takes a nap or just has a cup of tea without having to constantly check the patient. You can call them if it is something you can't handle. They may just enjoy your company.

See your divine purpose not in some grandiose goal, but in simple acts of love and understanding every day.

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The Soul's Breath Of Life

BY JUNE JOHNSON, California

Consider this quote from the Reverend Florence Becker:

"God is to be found within oneself by means of introspection, and attained by *Application*."

Introspection is a receptive breathing in of the lessons the Soul aspires to learn and *Application* is a breathing out of gifts from the Soul to promote health and harmony. Consistent spiritual aspiration creates a rhythmic pattern of spiritual receptivity and action. This *Rhythm* is our "Soul's Breath of Life."

The Reverend Florence Becker remarked that the demonstration of Spirit is lost to many of us, for finding it requires that we be in tune with our Soul, with the Rhythm and Harmony of the Universe.

She taught us, "The 7th Faculty of *Rhythm, Interpretation* and *Application*...puts you in tune with the *Rhythm* and Harmony of the Universe."

When the spiritual Faculty of *Rhythm* is in operation, it so permeates your being that even when you're not consciously aware of it, you're attuned to a spiritual vibration which "causes impulses and sounds" which are "diligently applied to affix, attach, and join all disconnected elements," for its *Rhythm* is inseparable from a spiritual *Interpretation* and its purposeful spiritual *Application*.

The *development* of the Faculty of *Rhythm* requires:

1) Ripening our perception beyond the illusion of the senses;
2) Opening a passageway to inner guidance through spiritual practice; and
3) Practice in using our imagination.

First: Ripening our perception beyond the illusion of the senses.

The Reverend Florence Becker tells us:

"Nature and Spirit are two aspects of one eternal truth, not opposed to each other."

"Nature is the Spirit made visible and tangible. The seen is the expressed form and the unseen, the meaning." Both spiritual truth and the truth of creation are everlasting and eternal. The difference is that spiritual truth is changeless and the truth of creation is subject to change.

Our brains are specifically designed to recognize the changing physical world through our senses. According to a recent scientific study featured on PBS radio, our brains are "wired to greet *change* with a rush of excitement and pleasure."

As we focus on the senses, the brain creates a convincing illusion that the changing visible world is more real and more wonderful than the all-potential reality of the unseen Infinite Intelligence which created it. Our senses are simply not designed to perceive the truth of the changeless and eternal. The Reverend Florence Becker tells us:

"The entry way from our senses to the home of our soul is our *imagination*."

She adds:

"The reality of matter endures only when it maintains life and consciousness through the upward movement of evolution."

Gary Zukov, in his book, *The Seat of the Soul*, teaches we evolve through the decisions we make and the actions we take upon the earth. He says, "If you choose unconsciously, you evolve unconsciously. If you choose consciously, you evolve consciously."

In his book, *World of the Senses and the World of the Spirit*, Rudolf Steiner writes that when we confront the reality of the world of the senses everything that we see behind it makes itself known to us as proceeding from either a process of sprouting life or of death and decay. And what lies behind this world of arising and passing away is *Ruling Wisdom*. He writes:

Wherever wisdom rules, it does really rule and the effects of its working find actual expression. When [Ruling Wisdom] withdraws from reality, then begins the dying process; where it flows into reality, there you find a coming into existence, there you find budding, sprouting life.

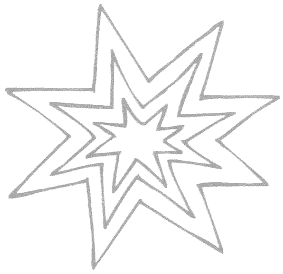
Steiner also states:

He alone can hope to come to a true judgment of a

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matter who applies all his care and thought to making himself riper and riper to receive the right judgments from the revelations which will then stream into him because he has grown ripe to receive them.



In an as yet unpublished manuscript, the Reverend Miriam Bostwick writes, "Spiritual awareness is not possible without daily **application** of the spiritual principles or laws." She reminds us that "Reputation is indispensable to **rhythm**... and that by *quieting our minds* we slowly become aware of dimensions 'in which we are moving' of which we had not been consciously aware."

The Reverend Florence Becker notes that intuitive perception is the invisible link through which the individual communicates with the universal or cosmos, and in this way the spiritual faculties come into being "the senses become educated and the ego ripens." She says:

"When the senses meet with vibration from the faculties, they become quiet."

Second: Opening a passageway to inner guidance through spiritual practice.

Gary Zukov writes, "a personality that is limited in its perception to the five senses is not aware of its soul, and therefore, cannot recognize the influences of its soul..."

"Intuition is the voice of the nonphysical world."

Intuition provides a direct link with information that the five senses cannot provide. As we process the knowledge we acquire through our intuition, we align ourselves, step by step with our soul. The multisensory human does not need to rely solely upon his or her own perceptions and *interpretations* of events for guidance, because he or she is in conscious communication with other, more advanced intelligences. Zukov continues:

When you choose consciously to move toward the energy of your soul, you invite that guidance. When you ask the Universe to bless you in your effort to align yourself with your soul, you open a passageway between yourself and your guides and Teachers.

This "authentic power" as Gary Zukov calls it, "is built step by step, choice by choice. It cannot be mediated or prayed into being. It must be earned."

One way to practice is to follow the Reverend Florence Becker's advice, given in *The Science of Being,* to begin daily practice with the "Cleansing Breath"; then repeat aloud the affirmation "The Spirit of Infinite Intelligence"; followed by a rhythmic breathing exercise she calls "The Breath of Life"; before starting concentration and meditation on whatever quality one aspires to work on.

This discipline of regularly going within to find meaning, then finding ways to express spirit in daily life, gradually and step by step, establishes a pattern.

Operation of the Faculty of *Rhythm, Interpretation* and *Application* represents a level of spiritual development in which the pattern of introspection and *Application*, through repetition after repetition, becomes so much a part of the entire consciousness that we and our soul feel safe together.

The Reverend Florence Becker taught, "When the Soul level is involved *Application* becomes *inevitable* and harmony and balance result."

She said the Faculty of *Rhythm* "causes you to interpret, find meaning, decipher, define, expound, unfold, solve, [and] unravel all problems, all secrets, yes, even of the universe—for this faculty when used or employed puts you in tune with the Rhythm and Harmony of the Universe."

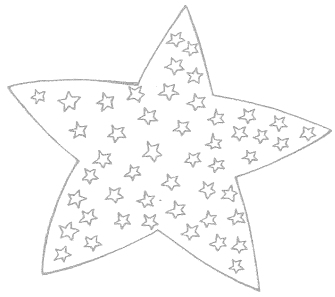
Third: Practice in using our imagination, "the entry way from our senses to the home of our soul."

Imagine you've been concentrating on the Faculty of *Rhythm, Interpretation,* and *Application.* Today, entering your meditation, your spirits are immediately lifted by receiving an invitation to visit Mother Nature at her home in a great woods. You are a person who appreciates nature. You're eager to see her. As you enter the woods, you realize you've known her from earliest childhood. She is a beloved benefactor. After a heartwarming welcoming hug and cordial greetings, she invites you to go out into the woods to explore. It's a beautiful warm day. Walking along a path through fallen leaves bordered by tall trees, you come to an inviting stream of clear water, deep and wide enough to swim in. Without thought, you remove your shoes, step into the stream in your shorts and T-shirt, and swim upstream to your left.

The water feels comfortably refreshing. After a few yards, you approach what looks like a cavern. Feeling a little uncertainty, you turn and swim back. As soon as you near Mother Nature's house you feel renewed energy and courage. Now full of curiosity, you turn again and swim on into the darkness of the cavern. Not too far in, you can see a light farther ahead. You swim on through what proves to be a tunnel into open daylight. The aromatic scent of herbs and flowers wafts across the stream from the growth along the banks. Enjoying this fragrant delight while you swim a few more yards, you turn again and swim back through the natural tunnel toward the house. It's a perfect day. You roll onto your back to view the

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balance of light and dark of sunlight filtering through the overhead canopy of tree leaves. You peacefully swim up and back in the stream five or six times. Each time you feel renewed energy, swim a little farther, relaxing more, taking time for glimpses of the beauty of the woods. Swimming upstream once again, you become lost in a daydream and effortlessly swim farther than before.



A movement in the brush ahead momentarily startles you. A deer with reddish brown and tawny fur becomes visible through the surrounding brush on your right. When the head appears through the leaves, you tread water, holding as still as possible so as not to frighten this wild creature. The deer steps closer, the tip of its nose touching the edge of the stream. Gazing into its eyes you are glad you had the courage and stamina to reach this place. Unable to hold your gaze for long, and not wishing to impose, you gently turn in the water, swimming calmly and silently back toward your benefactor's house. Unexpectedly, the deer follows along beside the stream, speaking a few words, haltingly, as if trying out a foreign language. You're amazed, for you understood every word.

The deer continues to walk alongside the stream as you swim, accompanying you. When you reach the area of aromatic herbs and flowers just before the cavern, the deer changes into a human form which shows in its bearing every quality you most admire. You swim on into the dark cavern filled with wonder, realizing you have met your ideal self. On the far side of the tunnel, nearing your starting point, you feel open and welcoming as your ideal self enters the stream in the most gentle and agreeable way to swim along with you. You clearly love and accept one another. This is a person you'll want to be with and work with from this time forward. Reaching Mother Nature's house, the two of you step out of the stream onto the path, side by side.

As you sit down to put on your shoes, you realize this is your soul which has come to join you. Communication's grown easier. Walking toward the house, you know your soul is answering the question which has formed in your heart. Not necessarily in words, but you're being led to the answer.

When you reenter her house, Mother Nature is wonderfully pleased to see you together and welcomes you both with open arms. You recognize her as your true spiritual mother. You know you are welcome to meet here with your soul at any time. She beams.

Having the soul so close is both a joy and an obligation. Everything we do takes on deeper meaning, for the soul's perspective causes us to act with strong conviction to maintain an environment in which the soul feels as at home as in the home of Mother Nature.

It is wonderful to know when we have the will to practice and the choice to consciously ripen, our spiritual understanding is available to us. Even if we take no action, the Reverend Florence Becker assures us:

"Truth is. We gravitate toward this consciousness."

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FAVORITE SAYINGS TO LIVE BY



A great many people think they are thinking when they are merely rearranging their prejudices.

– William James

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A man is called selfish, not for pursuing his own good, but for neglecting his neighbor's.

– Richard Whately

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"CHRISTMAS & SPIRITUALISM"

BY THE REV. DR. JOHN BASSETT,
NST, PH.D, Maryland

Spiritualism sees Christmas as a time of giving or sharing life's most precious gift—love. All of us can give love because God is a part of each of us and God is love. We all have a never ending supply.

Spiritualism recognizes the importance of Jesus and celebrating his fantastic life. We celebrate Jesus as our wayshower and a master teacher. Jesus taught and demonstrated love and brotherhood for all mankind.

The Christmas season allows us as Spiritualists to demonstrate our happiness and our peace within and to share our spiritual awareness with our fellowman as each of us celebrates the season in our own understanding.

We, as Spiritualists, can say that to us the Christmas message is the reawakening of spiritual awareness. It permits us to try to follow the teachings of Jesus in our daily lives. To try to become a better person and to make a dedicated effort to help others.

Learning to be of service to others is one of the really important lessons we are to learn during our physical life.

Christmas is a joyful time and God meant for the soul of man to be joyful. We cannot praise God with a sorrowing heart. The atmosphere of Christmas foretells for us the joy we are told that one will experience when one exits this world and returns to the world of spirit from whence we came.

Let us seek to reflect the happiness and brightness of Christmas in our celebration of it. Let tidings of joy spread through all the land. Our spirit friends are very near us during this beautiful season, as the harmony of our songs of love raise the vibrations all around us, as well as our own. We express our love for each other as we exchange gifts. Our hearts quicken at the sight of our name on a package, but not any more than when we see the happiness others are experiencing because we thought enough of them to let them know we love them. We realize we are all one family, as we express our individual understanding of "Peace on Earth, Goodwill to Men."

It is pretty well accepted that December 25th was not when Jesus was actually born. The experts place his birth as early as Spring or October, to as late as January. So how did we come up with the 25th of December to celebrate his birth?

In the beginning years of Christianity, the Christians recognized the Jewish religion, of which being a member was a requirement to be a Christian. All other religions they termed as pagans. Now as those early Christians absorbed many of the pagan religions, they had to also recognize some of their holidays, or as they were called, feast days. Just as happens now, people did not want to give up their holidays.

Celebration of the Winter Solstice, which almost all the pagan religions used, was a time of worshiping the birth of the savior Gods who preceded Jesus. All were born of virgins and their births were prophesied and announced by a star; all died as sacrificial martyrs and had victory over the grave and ascended to be with their Father – God.

Now the dates of these festivals all centered around the Winter Solstice which we now know is either December 21st or 22nd. After years of haggling, all finally settled on December 25th for the celebration of Jesus' birth.

With Jesus, came the words "Peace on earth, goodwill toward men." Our religion, Spiritualism, is the religion of happiness and peace within, as it provides each of us with the knowledge of the continuity of life and our constant progression in our life and in the hereafter.

Many considered Jesus to be the "light of the world" and therefore a reflection of the sun which gives life to this world.

They hoped the Christmas celebration would replace the Roman Feast Day which was a day of gluttony, drunkenness, and rioting. They wanted to replace it with a feast where the rich gave some money to the poor, so that they could enjoy a little more of life. They were more successful in this than in stopping the drunkenness and rioting. This, in combination with including the three Wise Men bringing gifts to the child. Jesus, was the beginning of the gift giving as we know it today. I am sure those early Christians never expected it to become the commercial event that we have today.

The tree is symbolic of life and has been used by man as a point of his celebrations since ancient times. The fir tree became recognized as the symbol of life during the time of the reformation.

Let us, as Spiritualists, try the best we can to emulate what Christmas is supposed to represent. "Peace on earth." Love and goodwill toward all mankind.

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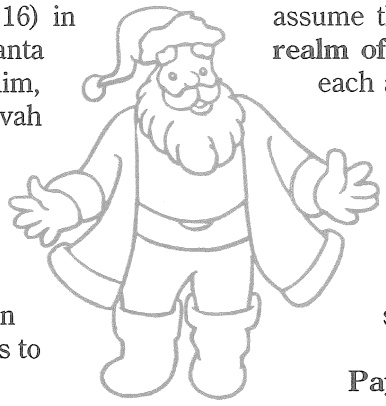
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Good Spirits . . .

Fiction & Fact from Gilly's Almanac
– Regarding Santa Claus –

Reindeer: At present even though there are at least 300,000 species of flying kinds of organisms yet to be classified, and while most of these are insects and germ types, it does not rule out flying Reindeer. Howsoever to date *no identified* species of Reindeer here in recent times have been seen flying.

Children: There are over 2 billion children (persons under the age of 16) in the world at last census. But since Santa does not normally appear to the Muslim, Buddhist, Jewish, Hindu, and Jehovah Witness children, that reduces the workload to about 15% of the total, approximately 378 million deserving children using a rate of 3.5 children per household, and assuming one out of three of those has been good. (That equals 9.18 million homes to visit on Christmas Eve.)



Delivery Schedule: If Santa travels East to West he has 31 hours in which to complete his task. (This is due to the rotation of the Earth and the different time zones.) This works out to 822.6 visits per second. In other words and by way of comparison, he has 1/1000 of a second to stop at each good little child's house, park his reindeer, grab his toy sack, hop out of the sleigh, jump down the chimneys, fill the stockings, distribute the remaining presents under the tree, consume whatever well-meaning snacks have been left, get back up the chimney (and in some cases avoid the fire), hop back in the sleigh yelling on Dasher, on Dancer, Comet and Vixen (and you know the bit) get to the next house. *(WHEW)* This time schedule doesn't even give Santa any potty stops.

Travel Time: Assume that each of these 91.8 million houses are evenly spaced and placed in a straight row, with no long distances between towns or countries (which anyone knows is not the case). But for the purpose of our calculations we must assume this **or** this feat would go **beyond the realm of *credibility*.** Therefore we must place each and every home less than 3/4 of a mile apart, thereby making a total trip of 75 and 1/2 million miles. This means that Santa's sleigh must move at 650 miles per second, 3000 times the speed of sound. (Our space probes can only move at 27.4 miles per second.)

Payload: Let's say for the sake of argument that no single child receives more than 2 pounds of gifts TOTAL. That figures out to 321,300 tons of merchandise. Not counting Santa or all the goodies he eats, etc., etc. That alone is four times the weight of the ocean liner known as the Queen Mary.

Health Hazards: All that weight traveling at that speed creates tremendous air resistance and that creates ferocious heat and an astronomical G-force (centrifugal pressure 17,500,060 times the pull of gravity). Fortunately Santa and his Reindeer are magically blessed and are impervious to all harm, but there must be some wear and tear, and that is probably why he only does it once a year. ❋

Heap on more wood! —the wind is chill;
But let it whistle as it will,
We'll keep our Christmas merry still.

– Sir Walter Scott

Watching God

BY THE REV. NEIL GRIFFEN, Ohio



Some time ago I purchased a "floating globe." This is a popular novelty seen mostly in gift catalogs. It is composed of two parts. One is a base with a "goose-neck" arm that is curved upward and through a right angle. Under the end of the arm is a globe that is spinning. The novelty is that it is suspended in mid-air. The globe is not attached to anything. Seemingly it is defying gravity.

As I watch the globe spin, I wonder, "What magic is this?" It defies logic, something must hold it up. If this novelty were shown a few hundred years ago, the response might be that it is magic or maybe the work of the devil. Until modern science came along, there was no other explanation. Perhaps the best attempt would be to simply say, "God is holding it up and spinning it." My question is, "Is that explanation wrong; is not God spinning it?"

This question lies at the heart of Spiritualism. Our first three principles address the concept of Infinite Intelligence, the nature of existence and true religion. If God is not viewed as an anthropomorphic being, but rather as expression of nature, then I suggest that the statement is correct; God is holding up the globe.

I rarely use the word God in normal conversation as my definition is different than non-Spiritualist's definitions. So I avoid it to reduce confusion. As a result, over the years my idea of God has become simply how nature works. This "expression of nature," extends to spiritual planes as well as the physical plane.

If I drop a pencil, it falls to the floor. If I tell someone they have a pretty smile, their face lights up and they feel good. Both of these acts are acts of God. But be clear, the concept of God must be the concept as presented in our second principle. In the case of the pencil, it was the pencil being attracted to the earth by gravity; a purely physical law that is well understood.

In the second example of a compliment, physical law describes how my voice is produced and how an ear will hear the sound and transfer it to the brain via nerve pathways. The comment will affect the brain. The brain releases hormones that alter the body chemistry so that neurotransmitters are put into action. A good feeling was generated.

Something on the spirit/mind level will also happen. Natural Laws such as Cause and Effect, Attraction and Repulsion, Love are ever operating. The good that was sent out will return to the giver. The receiver's attraction and repulsion patterns or vibrations will also change. A happier disposition will cause a greater attraction to people of similar attitudes. It also will tend to repel unhappy thoughts.

Perhaps the person will see something good or do something good that otherwise would have been missed had they not initially been complimented. Thus, the simple phrase changed the person, the people this person will interact with, and perhaps even the whole world.

Does this sound silly? There is well known phenomena as the "Butterfly Effect." It generally refers to weather patterns. As one version of the story goes, a butterfly in Brazil flutters its wings. This causes a small air movement. This movement causes the gentle breeze blowing to change slightly. This small change slightly alters a rising thermal which makes a change in the formation of a cloud. The changed shape of the cloud affects a weather pattern ever so slightly. Yet it may be enough to cause a slight alteration in the jet stream that circles the world. The change may be enough to the clouds over New York City that they begin condensing. The result, because the butterfly in Brazil flapped its wings, a few days later it started to rain in New York.

Imagine the effects of one smile. Could it affect someone half-way around the world?

This is what God is to me. Not an individual intelligence, watching, deciding, helping or not helping. Rather it is Infinite Intelligence manifesting everywhere. The manifestation is not a mystery but understandable by learning the ways of nature, both physical and spiritual. What is often mistaken for God is just the intricate Laws of Nature producing results that seem miraculous. I do not accept the argument that because we do not understand it, God must be doing it. Rather, I would postulate that what is not understood today may be understood tomorrow.

I find this more exhilarating than the idea of a personal God that I was exposed to as a child. Unlimited potential exists under a system that allows growth, not limited to wisdom in ancient books but more so by simply observing the world and learning. There are still plenty of mysteries to explore. There has been much progress in learning about the material world. In my opinion, we have only scratched the surface of Spiritual Law and how it manifests.

So here I sit watching God spin the globe. I marvel while pondering the intricate balance of forces and energies, both physical and spiritual, continually creating new forms and events. I struggle to understand the principles of how they work in order to practice "the true form of religion" as expressed in the third principle. ❋

Oneness & Uniqueness

BY MARIAH CRAWFORD, Oregon
(Received from my Angel Guides)



This is the time in human history, and particularly your country's history, when each soul must strive to overcome personal fears. Choose not to be a part of the fear-mongering so prevalent today. Your government and many religious groups are already performing an excellent job of instilling intense fear into everyone. Fear is a poison and cannot benefit you in any way. It serves only to divide you from each other, from the Creator and all the angels who reach out to help Earth. *Challenge* yourself to step out of the darkness of fear. Look deeply into your own heart; see the brilliance of your glorious Self pouring out through the very cells of your body, through the words that leave your mouth, the love that flows from your spirit—and, most importantly, the thoughts that form in your mind. Thoughts are energy-forms and have great power to bring good or harm. Now is the time to realize and develop your unique God-given gifts and talents and offer them to the world.

As with all aspects of Earthly life, you have *free will* to choose which road you will take. Take 'the road less traveled' in today's world—the road of despair and darkness is already jam-packed anyway! If you awaken each day and remember that you are part of All That Is, you will choose to live your life in spiritually fastidious ways. When you awaken and have a deep inner knowing of your connection through Spirit with all, you also come to understand that to deliberately harm one person you harm every one else, including yourself. Follow the Golden Rule, found in all the world's major religions with slightly different wording: 'Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.' Let it be clear that we, in the Higher Realms of Spirit, never support wars of aggression or invasions of other souls' countries. How *could* we if we *know* we are all One? We ask that those of you who have come to that inner knowing speak up now, and take right action to bring more Light into the world instead of more fear, chaos and enmity. Avoid the error of perceiving anyone as your enemy—for in reality all are your teachers. We come to instill *hope* in each of you who is willing to listen. By your thoughts, words and deeds you, individually, as well as a people, can take heart-centered actions that will be supported by more Spirit Power than you could dream of.

Now, imagine being held in Spirit and the angels' arms, feeling the oneness of the Loving Spirit, a Mother and Child reunion. Then, reach outside your Self and your own personal fear, anger, grief, and all the human vicissitudes. Expand your auric field, visualizing all the Light that is you, reaching out to others. Break the silence and desperation of apathy, hopelessness and helplessness and raise your voices and your Spirit Power together. Create in harmony, union and joy a world worth living in! Reach into your soul's deepest core, touch the uniqueness of you that God created in each of us, *and* remember that we *are* all Children of that Living God. Act as though your lives depended upon this knowledge, as well as all the lives on this planet. Study, pray, meditate to become aware of the realities of the Spirit Realms (our True Home) and your purpose upon Earth, and you will come to understand Oneness in Spirit.

Each person who has ever lived upon Earth has left an energy imprint, positive or negative, of their spirit selves. What imprint would *you* like to leave when your time upon Earth is done? So much goodness is bubbling within you, waiting for more "spices": courage, creativity, development of your particular gifts, unique ways and ideas to serve the world. Add the "spices" of your true self, and serve the glorious dish that is you—feed others from your soul's kitchen.

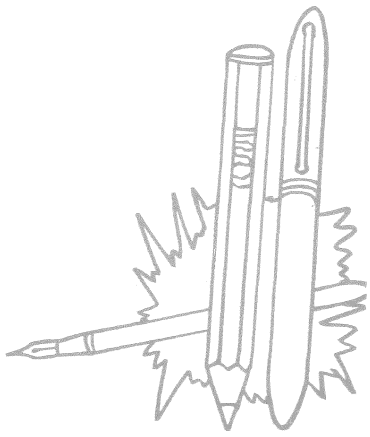
You are a **unique** spark of Spirit Fire filled with such wonder and beauty. No one understands and sees the world in just the way you do. No one has your background, talents, gifts, heart and soul. Explore yourself and what you're made of, then paint a picture of your spiritual Self upon the canvas of the world.

Remember who you were as a child, fresh from the Spirit World, then blend that together with who you are *today* and the potential that lies within you for the future. It is imperative that you make a daily time of communion with Spirit in your own way, even if you have only 5

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The Three R's Of A Spiritual Life

BY MARIAH CRAWFORD, Oregon



In "olden times" the three Rs, Reading, 'Riting and 'Rithmatic, were considered the fundamentals needed to prepare for life ahead. The angels propose a new set of R's for lives well-lived: **Responsibility, Resourcefulness and Resiliency**. Many of us in today's world are not using these fundamentals, and this is adversely affecting not only our personal lives but also our world. We must look ourselves squarely in the eye, and face up to the truth and how we're living our lives. Let's consider **responsibility** first, and ask ourselves how often we blame others for our problems and misfortunes. How would our lives be if we became more accountable, reliable and trustworthy in all areas? If we attune with our higher selves, God and our angel guides, we will determine the **right** course of action in any situation, rather than the easiest. We could actually start a new trend by becoming responsible for our conduct! We can choose to see ourselves as students in the school of life, rather than victims, when difficulties arise. We must ask what we can learn from a given lesson and how can we grow through it, allowing our spirit selves the opportunity to evolve. We can speak to ourselves in an empowering, rather than a panic-producing way. We can't control the universe and all that happens to us, but we **can** choose how we'll respond. We can decide to live a balanced, useful and joyful life, and give more than we take. If we practice the Golden Rule, and become responsible for our actions, we will find a newer inner peace and strength. Let's stop blaming others for all that is wrong in our lives and in the world, and take the responsibility to **do** something about it! What a wonderful lesson to teach our children!

Many people are worried and a bit hysterical at all the changes happening in today's world. We can work to make the world a better place, changing what is within our realm to change—including how we live our personal lives. Now is an excellent time to practice **resourcefulness**. Our ancestors made it through difficult times, and managed to flourish by planning ahead whenever possible, using common sense, making do with what was at hand and knowing that **all** things change. They created things that are still being used by us today, because they used their wits and were inventive. During the Great Depression, people's resourcefulness helped them to survive and then to help others. Being resourceful means we can handle any dilemma that presents itself and find ways to overcome the problem at hand. Connecting with our creative and ingenious selves promotes order and dignity in our lives, and prepares us for the future in sensible ways: storing basic commodities; learning good financial management; recycling whatever we can at home and work; sewing on a button, mending clothing, instead of replacing it; buying second hand, bartering, trading; wasting less, saving more. Many of us are prisoners to our credit card debts. We could break free of that habit by doing as people did only 30 or 40 years ago—saving for what they needed or wanted and being responsible for their debts. "Things" cannot fill the empty spaces in our inner selves—touching the Divine within through prayer and meditation, offering love and service to the world can. We can be resourceful for our inner selves as well, by finding healthy ways to open the doors and windows of our closed or empty places, and asking God and our angels to vanquish the darkness and all our fears with Divine Light.

Resiliency! How can we cultivate the ability to recover from or adjust to misfortune or change? By deciding today to become spiritual warriors, and using the God-given power and energy within to overcome all obstacles cast in our way. The human race has survived and thrived because we were able to be resilient. Many ancient and modern cities have been destroyed either by war or natural disasters, then rebuilt as the inhabitants created new lives for themselves. Be inspired by observing and emulating people who've survived life's storms by bending and flowing with the changing winds of life, like the willow tree, and overcoming adversities with grace, vitality and durability. All things that appear in our lives as problems have solutions, and can be overcome by connecting daily with the never-ending Divine Source of wisdom and strength, and adopting an attitude of tenacity. We can and **shall** go on with assistance from our Heavenly Helpers, learning from our mistakes and failures, becoming more elastic as we bounce back and go on with our lives, inspiring others and reminding them of **their** spiritual power.

A great challenge lies before the tribe of humanity as it continues to evolve. We must determine to find ways to develop the spiritual values of courage, honesty, compassion and tolerance, taking a stand to right the wrongs in the world, not only toward our fellow human beings, but

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minutes—remembering oneness with all, and finding clarity and compassion within. The success of your personal life depends upon this, as well as the evolution of all who reside upon Planet Earth.

Every new step you take forward affects all around you in ways that you cannot yet see. Grow, awaken, *truly* become aware of what needs to be cultivated or eradicated within and outside of you. Acknowledge the changes needed in your country and the world. Seek to spiritually see, feel and understand the Divine Plan, the Greater Picture. We in the Realms of Light work with you upon Earth every day to carry out the Divine Plan. Many strive to assist with this Plan. We ask that *you* choose to walk in the Light of Spirit, in the luminosity of love. Will you, individually and together, bring more goodness, mercy, compassionate love and understanding to your spiritual brothers and sisters?

Consider now the words of White Eagle: "You long for peace. You think of peace as being goodwill towards each other, among the nations, and the laying down of arms. But peace is far more than this—it can only be understood and realized within your heart. It lies beneath all the turmoil, noise and clamor of the world, beneath feeling and thought. It is found in the deep, deep silence and stillness of the soul. It is Spirit...it is God.

"May you find that deep, healing stillness within, and be filled with the radiance of the Highest Realms of Light. We are always with you, helping you to awaken, to be aware, to be truly *alive* again, and to go forth daily with joy and determination to co-create with God and the angels a better world! Peace be with you! Shalom! Shalaam aleikum!"

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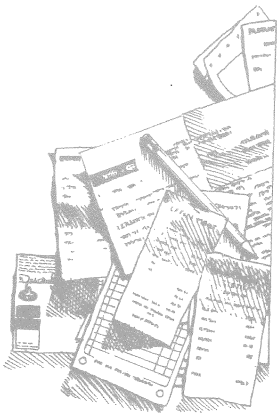
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other life-forms on Earth. Even the smallest offerings of help in our own communities will positively affect not only our little corner of the world, but will ripple outward like a pebble dropped into a pond. Peace Pilgrim, a highly evolved soul who literally walked her talk, said (paraphrased), "Every good thing you do, say, and think, vibrates on and on and never ceases. The evil remains only until it is overcome by the good, but the good remains forever." Let's sow seeds of hope and goodness for a new Garden of Eden to spring up for future generations by giving the best of ourselves to the world, and following the percepts of responsibility, resourcefulness and resiliency. We shall walk in peace with a deep heartfelt comfort, knowing we did best. Our spirit helpers will be walking with us, encouraging us to develop a sense of awe at the wonder of all life, helping us discover new ways to tap into our wonderful human brains and spiritual power, and guiding us in bringing more of Heaven to Earth! May we be filled with loving kindness toward Self and others, now and throughout our lives. Let us bask in the Light, grace and majesty in which God always lovingly envelops us, washing away fear and ignorance, and living in joy and delight. "May there be peace on Earth, may the hearts of all beings be open, may all be reborn in forgiveness, may all creation reflect the Glory of God." ❋

(This was originally taken from my newsletter, *Angelic Attitudes*, which is channeled from my angel guides.)

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Continuous Life and Taxes!

To a Spiritualist, there are two things we are sure of: that life continues after the physical change of death, and that before the transition to spirit, we must pay taxes.

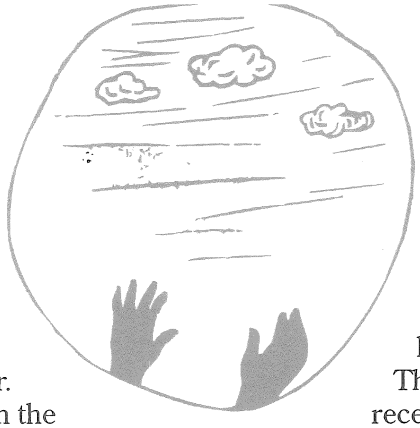
This is to remind the Churches, Camps and State Associations of the need to file before January 31, 1099 tax forms for speakers, pastors, or workers that have received $600.00 or more during the year. The duplicate copy of this form and the 1096, a companion form, must be filed with the Federal Government by February 28. Your accountant can answer any questions you may have about this requirement and/or filing, but ask a Spiritualist about Continuous Life! ❖

God's Guiding Goals

BY THE REV. DREW VOGT, California

Are you reaching your dreams and goals? Would you like it to be easier? Smoother?

A while back I was facing a major life change. I felt stuck and a good friend of mine said, "Drew, right now you're like a ship without a rudder." It was true and it felt awful.



Have you ever felt like that? There might be definite blocks that keep you from achieving your goals. People often feel that the harder they reach for something the more elusive it becomes. But, there are easier ways to achieve wants, deep desires, and good goals.

Let me share with you three simple points I've found to be effective in achieving goals in a spiritual manner. I'll be clear here: Some goals come from the ego self that wants to stay in a safe comfort zone. Other goals come from the intelligent, loving God Force that is *out there* making new galaxies while simultaneously *inside of us* spurring us toward good.

My first point is that **God's Guiding Goals provide direction.** Goals that come from God put us on a path that leads upward rather than downward. This upward path feels calming, intentional. Because being in the flow of God's guiding influence feels right, it feels purposeful! This is partially because when we are aligned with spiritual pursuits we are aligned with our highest and best self. It is Spirit, not ego.

This Spirit self that we each have is strong enough to explore new goals and achieve new heights. This bold way of living is *caused* by what I refer to as our Spiritual DNA, which means we're designed like the rest of the universe to be progressing and moving forward! How fantastic!

What a masterpiece *you* are! You're higher up the food chain than a rock, a tree, even a horse. You perceive spiritual things, receive divine guidance, and choose to act on it. Why? That's the way you're designed. So God's Guiding Goals provide direction that fulfills our Spiritual DNA—our destiny!

Second. **Fear shuts down, love opens up.** We all know that in fear we can freeze up or in desperation grasp for solutions. The human system isn't designed to prosper in fear. Divine love opens our mental and physical systems to good.

You can receive this divine love like a cozy blanket. The effects will be soothing and tranquil. Relaxation of your mind and body will open you up to receive divine hunches and ideas that will lead you forward. The more open you are, the more you can receive. For example, the Law of Attraction can bring you that new car in the easiest way possible. But your Spirit Guides know you want a blue one, so you'll be open to receiving the blue one!

This is the beauty of Spiritualism: *It's personal!* Not only are Universal Laws on your side, but loved ones in the spiritual realm who know your preferences are working to make you happy. So love opens us up to new solutions and steps to where we want to go.

Third. **God's Guiding Goals provide us with a new start.** It's a fresh start away from the ego-driven self. Accepting God's goals brings in new experiences, new options and new inspiration. These become fresh enthusiasm that wakes us up in the morning with hope in our heart and a sparkle in our eye! For God is in us, around us, and manifesting through our desires!

New inspiration can surge through your thoughts, heart and body fueling your new successes. You are now in the universal flow of progress!

Thank you Spirit for God's Guiding Goals. ❋

Thought For The Day...

The man who does not read good books has
no advantage over the man who can't read them."
– Mark Twain

What Is Alive In Winter

By Eve Meegan

Friendship is loving and caring
It's giggling and laughing
Listening and sharing
It could be hugging and standing close
Laughing together no matter the weather
Or so much your insides bunch
And whoever thought even water was hot
When dribbling down your nose

A friend is never last
They always have a shoulder
And give complete comfort
Knowing neither has to ask
Trusting both be there by choice
And not mere circumstance
Because we've gotten past the drama, our Fort
And stopped that wayward dance

Closeness is honesty
In-depth opinions that matter
Never just a yes or no answer
Staying true blue
Forever there to turn to
Even as winter sets in coldly

A guiding light in the darkness
It's knowing when to pull away
Giving small smiles of encouragement
Though you may feel friendless
And the winter might forever stay
Your friend unavailable for the moment

Friendship is a beautiful, hard thing
Staying alive, even in winter
Though cold claws of despair
Begin to take wing
Attempt to melt through your sweater
And start to harden in the air
But, you won't give in
Or let the alliance die
And get cold in its self-made grave

Warm blankets wrapped about you
On them, sharp icicles form
Yet your friend, you remember.
Blistering winds can't beat your heart forever
Though they try to forget you, belittle you
Unbelieving you're yet still warm

You remain a beacon
Outside their cold wall
And the green that may fall

The warmth might ebb
And much that was may fade
But life goes on and love remains,
Naught is permanent anyway.
You send them light all through the night
And some day soon they may realize
As the thaw begins to spread

Though you may not be their blood
You were a thing their blood was not
And more important than ever they thought

You were just you
And strong for them
Even as their winter came
And their white snows blinded them awhile.
There you were, ever so close
So vigilantly watchful
At times a mere whisper in the wind
Strength at its finest;
A feather, or a willow that will bend
But will not break with weight
Or momentary hate

You were alive in *their* winter
As they once were
In yours



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It's A Special Time Of Year

BY KARA LANGE

This is a time for celebration and sharing. However, it is always a time for celebration and sharing—celebrating our gifts and sharing them with others. We each have special and unique gifts given to us with great love by our Creator, with the intention of course, that they be used and shared. Sometimes, however, we may become so depleted or overwhelmed in our life with all the demands made upon us and challenges we have that we may lose sight of our true gifts. These wonderful and simple gifts need not be purchased and shopped for. They are found by quietly looking within and perhaps asking the question: in what simple, loving way can I make someone else's life a little brighter today?

It only takes a moment to ask. You can hardly imagine the impact that question might have on some unsuspecting person who is at the receiving end of it! If you look within and still don't know how to appropriately touch someone's life, just ask our Creator and you will certainly receive great inspiration and direction from Creator's perspective on that question...

Want to make your own life a little brighter and clearer? The best way is to help someone have a brighter and clearer outlook. It only requires moments and the results last for eternity in the eyes of our Creator.

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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.

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