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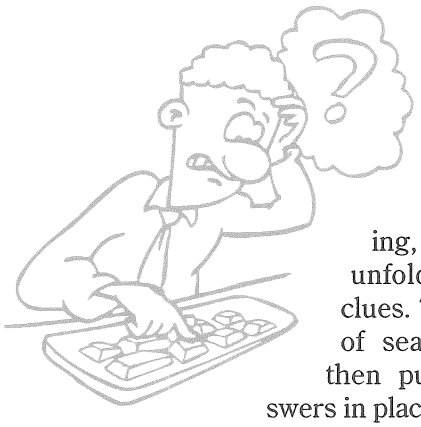
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Puzzled?

BY THE REV. SANDRA PFORTMILLER, NST



Puzzles are fun, relaxing and rewarding, as we see the picture unfold or figure out the clues. They are a quiet time of searching, finding, and then putting the pieces/answers in place. Many people do not have the patience to look to see how a piece fits into the whole. Life is like a puzzle, unfolding as we locate various pieces, creating a soul picture.

Puzzled about a situation in your life? Ask Spirit to help you put the pieces together. Some pieces will be light in color and some dark, but the various patterns and colors are necessary to create an interesting picture. Sometimes we feel like a piece of our life has gotten lost or doesn't fit in. When the problems of life puzzle you, do you ask others for help or do you ask God? Who guides you to truth?

Spiritual Law is in force forever and is the key to our unfoldment and development. The Laws of the Universe are fixed, immutable and dependable, thus the rewards of the Laws are changeless and inevitable. We are Spirit, or, the Divine Source is in all forms of creation and all forms of creation are in Divine Source. Therefore, we can trust our inner Self, knowing it is Divinely inspired.

When we view God as the Creation of all life, we understand that all situations have a reason, all belong in the design. Sometimes when something around us is upsetting, we wonder how it fits in with the journey we are traveling in life. Life is about vibration and movement. Everything is energy, yet it is said that at the highest level Infinite Intelligence/God does not move and everything is still and harmony—even Time and Space are one.

If this is true, it stands to reason if we want to contact Infinite Spirit that we have to become still in body, mind and spirit. Therefore, if we want answers and direction, we must become quiet, ask and listen.

Spirit gave me an acronym to help guide me into attunement. **S.I.T.** or remain still, quiet. S is for – **surrender**, quiet the ego, a time for Spirit. I is for – **invite**, invite a Higher Energy and your spirit helpers to be with you, ask for help. T is for – **trust**. If we request help, then we should trust what we receive or act on the advice. Surrender to Spirit, trusting this energy and you will be inspired.

There are often more questions in our thoughts than answers; decisions and responsibilities to be considered. We cannot see the whole picture, so it is important to ask and trust Infinite Intelligence, the all-knowing Source. Each opportunity that is offered to a person is also accompanied by the necessary energy, guidance and understanding to help them complete the lesson. Sometimes we need to rethink, unlearn, let go, or release our ego blocks before we can be transformed. Often we find that our priorities move from the physical dimension to a spiritual consideration.

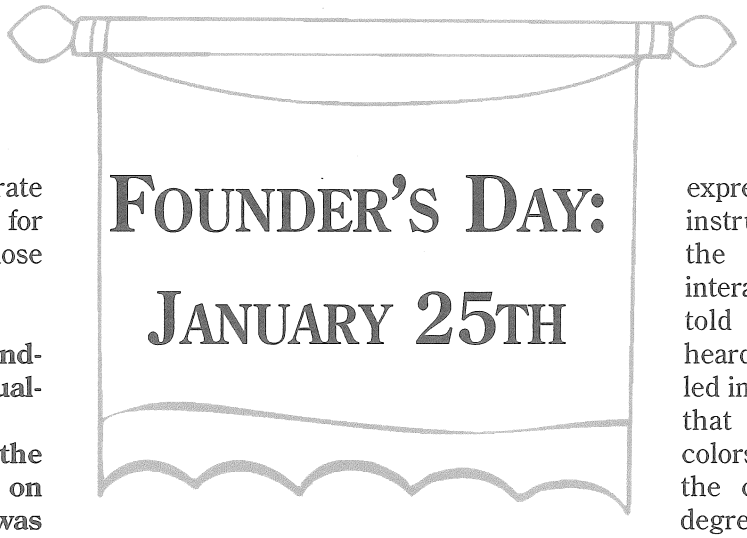
When I have a decision that must be made, I often take a candle light bath and stay in the tub until I have received some inspiration. I used to take long walks, strolling until a decision was made. Sometimes I will list the plus and minus factors, and then while doing this, the answer would come. Another exercise is to list all of—the possible results as you see them. Then project the one that seems best. Try a steady affirmation of truth, repeating it over and over until the atmosphere clears. "I put my trust in the love and power of God," is one I often use to remind me of Universal Principles. Another truth statement is "God inspires me and shows me the way." "There is an Intelligence inside me that knows only harmony and health."

Every once in awhile all my attempts to receive spirit direction bring only silence. Then if I just let it go. A bit later, when I am doing something else, the inspiration I am searching for surfaces. Spirit comes through when we let go of the fear and concern involved, which blocks our reception. Sometimes there is too much frontal brain, the intellectual element, and too little spiritual light. Usually rational thinking won't help with your puzzle as much as a prayer or affirmation of truth will, so S.I.T. and see what happens.

If we could view a puzzle that represented our life unfolding, do you think that it would continue to become more light and a more uplifting picture? Most people who are striving to follow Natural Law, who practice meditation and work to commune with Spirit, who try to live in kindness, service, cooperation and love with others, are bringing in more and more light. The newsletter *Tapas*, from India, had some special affirmations one month that apply to uplifting our lives. "We are all particles of One Great Light. Love is our nature. Silence is our language. Meditation is our way. The entire Creation is our family."

There are many kinds of puzzles. My mom likes crossword, my sister, circles the word and jigsaw puzzles. I like Sodoku and jigsaw puzzles. My one grandson likes

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FOUNDER'S DAY: JANUARY 25TH

Spiritualists commemorate January 25th, Founders Day, for several reasons. Some of those reasons are as follows:

1) **To honor the many founders of Modern Spiritualism.**
2) **To remember that the founding of Lyceum, on January 25th, 1863 was by spirit revelation.**
3) **To recall the name of the medium, Andrew Jackson Davis, who was responsible for starting the Children's Progressive Lyceum; he trusted his vision.**
4) **To honor Andrew Jackson Davis for introducing Lyceum to Modern Spiritualism.**

Although there may be many other reasons why we celebrate Founder's Day on the 25th of January, there is only one person, Andrew Jackson Davis, who is the cause for the celebration. Andrew Jackson Davis was an experienced spirit seer. Nevertheless, it took much of his trust in spirit, his confidence in self and his strong will to fight for truth for him to rise before a crowd, speak to and encourage action on a vision that he had experienced.

Today, in 2007, it has been about 144 years since that day in New York City, New York, when Andrew Jackson Davis stood asking for recognition from the Chair. The crowd, gathered in Dodsworth Hall, heard him speak vividly of a vision he had experienced. He spoke of children being taught and being encouraged to freely express themselves about their instruction. He described how the children in his vision interacted with their teachers. He told of the conversations he heard. He spoke of children being led in colorful marches; he added that there was a language of colors and that the colors worn by the children symbolized their degrees of spiritual unfoldment. He told of the colors he saw. From the particulars of his vision, Andrew Jackson Davis started the Children's Progressive Lyceum. Yes, he is the founder we recognize on the 25th of January.

As we begin our new year, let us commemorate his day by becoming more open to the possibilities Lyceum has to offer the Science, Philosophy and Religion of Spiritualism. Let us recall some of the reasons we celebrate January 25th and share them with our congregations. And finally, **May the torch of Knowledge, Truth and Understanding continue to be carried for the good of Humanity, that the Brotherhood of Man and a peace Eternal may be experienced and enjoyed by all on this plane of life.** (*Spiritualist Lyceum Manual*-1993)

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magic puzzles and another likes abstract mind-boggling ideas that rack his brain.

Puzzles could be thought of as something to be solved. Some approach life as though it is an enigmatic, unexplainable mystery—a quandary to be figured out. One day in meditation I asked how I could live a better life, a more spiritual life. The answer was very clear. "Just BE! and Love."

We try to create the picture of our world, but it is already written in Natural Law. If we consider that life is not a mystery to be solved, but an energy to be lived, a love to be shared, then will we enjoy what the Great Creator has presented to humanity—a life to ponder and meditate about, but not to be perplexed or rack one's brains about.

Enjoy the puzzle pieces as you discover them. Let your attunement to Spirit bring opportunities of syncronicities which create meaning and delight. Let life this year be a series of joyous discoveries, of enlightened perceptions, of soul innovations and of spirit recognition. ✲

RESOLUTIONS

BY THE REV. KATHLEEN CRIBB, Virginia

My life in the Spirit World will last far longer than this earthly one. When I make my progression to the Spirit World, I will be the same person who inhabited my physical body; except, I will no longer have a physical body as we know it.



The New Year's resolutions I make today will ultimately affect both my earthly life and my life after this life. I am who I am today because of the choices I made in the past. In the past I made some good choices for myself and some not so good choices. The wonderful thing about starting a new calendar year is that I believe I can make new starts in my life by choosing to do so. January first is the perfect time for me to resolve to be or do something better. Remember, each time I improve who I am in the here and now, I also improve who I will be going into eternity.

It is important to realize that most of us want the same stuff. We all want to be beautiful, healthy, vibrant, wealthy individuals surrounded by people who love us. Wow, that is a tall order. Let's break it down into something we can manage. First, if we are healthy, then beauty and vibrancy follow naturally. When we lose our good health, our body slows down and gravity wins the battle. My chiropractor inquired about my New Year's Resolution. I told him I want to get well. He agreed that sounded like a good idea. Because I held that conversation with him, I am now mentally and emotionally committed to reclaiming my healthy self. I have resolved to do what I need to do to get well. That is a good resolution. If I had said I was going to give up eating sweets and lose 20 pounds, that would have been a weak choice on my part. It would probably never happen because chocolate temptations are everywhere and I would quickly lose my motivation to accomplish that goal. Attaining good health is a make sense resolution that my subconscious brain can hold on to.

By achieving good health in this body, I accomplish several things. My energy level will sky rocket and I will be able to work longer and harder to attain my financial goals. I will also look better and feel better than I have in years. The real bonus factor is that I will live longer in this life time and therefore have a longer time to prepare for my eternity.

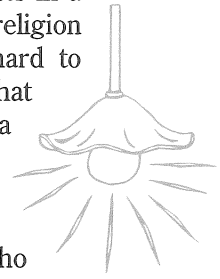
Do something nice for yourself; make a New Year's resolution you can truly live with in both worlds!

Happy New Year Everyone! ❋

BEAM OF LIGHT

BY THE REV. LELIA E. CUTLER, Virginia

As we begin the year 2007, we have an opportunity to be a beacon in a world of darkness and anxiety. Our country is in the midst of a war and we are fed news releases about its progress daily. It is no wonder that so many people are feeling the impact of terror and terrorists in a world gone mad by fear. One thing our religion teaches is the absence of fear. It is hard to practice at times, but we must be aware that we are beacons to other people as a Spiritualist in a world searching for something to give them comfort.



In order to feel this comfort, we must send love and light to all those who are fighting this war, and to all those who are involved in making decisions about our lives and our country. By sending love and light, we often feel its return, for "as we give, so we receive." Think about yourself as a light bulb giving off a glow in a darkened room or small space. I remember the times during World War II when we used "blackout shades" in order to keep planes from seeing the lights in our homes. However, we had light inside, and even the lighting of a match could be seen above without the protection of the black shades. If you can picture a small candle lit in the center of a room, or just light a candle in a dark room, it will give you an idea of the essence of light in a darkened place. If the whole world were like that darkened room, we could be the small glow of a match in order to give light to those in the darkness. Absence of fear is a fabulous thing when faced with terror or thoughts of terror. All can be intimidated by the thought of terror, and we will experience some fear, but the fear of death is not part of that fear—only of the dying.

If we are to be that beam of light for others, we must realize that we are light and let it shine to those close around us as well as those we do not know. The place to start is in our own hearts and see the light at the center of our being expand and fill our whole body. As we expand that light, it begins to glow in our aura, and others will see it. Often we can picture being a light to the masses of people, but we do not see ourselves as a light to those close to us in our homes, and in our churches. We must begin at home, and let it grow to fill the voids around us. Become that light that gives comfort to others, and brings them to our doors for guidance. Let others know that you are a seeker and they will follow the lead to become a seeker as well. Light invades even the small crevices of life around us, and we can be the source of light, love, and spiritual awareness to many.

Let your light shine in this new and glorious new year.

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To request information on "How to Form a Spiritual Healing Prayer Group,"

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The first week of each month the names received are compiled and sent to the NSAC Office for inclusion in the NSAC monthly mailing to all churches. Also many healers around the country receive the list. Because of the length of the lists an individual's name will usually be kept on the healing prayer list for one month unless we hear from you that more healing is required. We also request prayer groups to keep in touch with the National Healing Center throughout the year.

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

– Prayer for Spiritual Healing –

I ask the great Unseen Healing Force to remove all obstructions from my mind and body and to restore me to perfect health.

I ask this in all sincerity and honesty and I will do my part.

I ask this great Unseen Healing Force to help both present and absent ones who are in need of help and to restore them to perfect health.

I put my trust in the love and power of God.



Healing Prayers

BY THE REV. SANDRA PFORTMILLER, NST

Please give thanks to the many prayer healers who spend their time offering prayers for those who are on the NSAC healing list and the church healing lists. Most people who take the time to submit their name or the name of a loved one, really need the help and the healing energy, so try to include the healing list in **your** daily prayers.

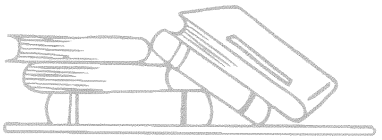
Prayer healing really is beneficial. There are amazed doctors who are now beginning to realize that spirituality and prayers work with the healing process and with traditional medicine. Science is finding that "people with solid spiritual foundations tend to be healthier and recover better when their lives take a turn for the worst. (*Los Angeles Times* by K. Connie Kang.) We, Spiritualists, affirm this and every church could offer testimonies that prove the healing power.

Some believe that the purpose of prayer is to ask for material things, rather it is to build an intimacy with the Divine. When our thoughts are focused on Light and Love, we are connected to Spirit and grow in this likeness. When we are open and pleased to experience Divine Energy, Spirit moves to transform our hearts and to heal our mind/thoughts. One of the greatest benefits of prayer is that we can relate to Infinite Spirit, Who supplies all needs.

Contact Kathleen Rottino at (860) 642-7976 or e-mail her at k.rottino@snet.net if you have a name to include on the NSAC healing prayer list. Remember, as you pray, to ask Universal Intelligence for the highest and best for each individual, and thank you so much for each and every prayer. Many blessings to all who give of their time and energy. ✲

BOOK REVIEW

BY MICHAEL E. TYMN, Hawaii



Your Immortal Body Of Light
By Mitchell Earl Gibson, M.D., Reality Entertainment, Foresthill, CA, 2006, 123 pages, $17.95 (at Amazon.com)

It's very unusual, but encouraging, to see a board-certified forensic psychiatrist writing a book that addresses the spiritual causes of mental health. Of course, mainstream psychiatry, still seriously afflicted with the disorder of scientific materialism, will likely want to distance itself from Dr. Gibson, if it hasn't already done so.

According to the "bio" page in the book, the author received his medical degree at the University of North Carolina and completed his residency at Albert Einstein Medical Center in Philadelphia. He received the Albert Einstein Foundation Research Award for his work in sleep disorders. He is a former chief of staff at East Valley Camelback Hospital in Mesa, Arizona, and a clinical professor of medicine and psychiatry at the Midwestern College of Medicine.

So why is a psychiatrist with such excellent credentials risking his reputation among his professional peers by writing that he can see auras, leave his physical body, and talk to the "dead"? Why would he possibly go public with stories about negative energies or earthbound spirits attaching themselves to living humans and causing their mental disorders? Isn't this called professional suicide?

Gibson does not really address the risks of going public with his experiences, but one might infer that he has evolved beyond the point of being concerned with his reputation. He appears to be the rare scientifically trained man with "guts."

Early in the book, Gibson, through meditation, encounters an entity calling himself Djehuti. This spirit guide or component of higher self, whatever classification is given to him or it, provides much wisdom and guidance for Gibson and is often quoted. "It is important for you to relieve yourself of the prison of your limited acceptance of reality." Djehuti tells him. "The real you is alive in dreams and beyond. It is time for you to become more active in these realms."

As Gibson learned from Djehuti, he "felt like a caveman who just stumbled onto a 747 Jumbo Jet packed in the forest." In his out-of-body states, he was able to observe the spirit leaving the body of a deceased patient and to communicate with deceased souls. Gradually, he was able to fit the pieces of the puzzle together and make sense of the whole picture. In the final chapter, he states that while he has attempted to apply his newfound understanding of spiritual matters to his growing psychiatric practice, about 90 percent of his patients have no desire to hear about the spiritual causes of their problems. But for the 10 percent who are open to it, he has seen miraculous, sometimes spontaneous, healing take place. He ends by saying that his passion in life is to help as many souls as possible, "wisely employing what I see as the emerging science of the soul in the 21st Century."

This makes for a fascinating read for the open-minded. ❋

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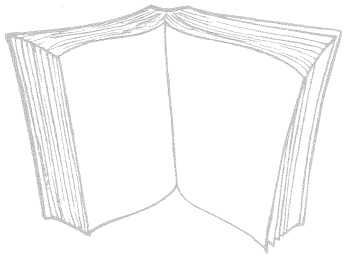
There is nothing in the world so much admired
as a man who knows how to bear unhappiness with courage.
– Seneca

The Imprisoned Splendor

BY GORDON RAY, Australia

We all know that superman arrives in time to answer the call for help. A crisis or emergency ensues, people look helplessly around unable or unwilling to cope; but never mind, superman flies in and solves everything until next time. He is a nice person, never abuses his power or wants anything in exchange, but paradoxically the real problem is not the situation that he solves for us, but that he is always there for us and so we continue to call on him. So we do not learn to develop our own coping strategies. We do not attempt to develop our interior awareness.

To put this into a spiritual context he represents a solely external source of salvation. To passively accept this is to abdicate personal responsibility. To restate this, it indicates a willingness to rely on and believe in salvation solely from an external source, in other words in vicarious salvation. Jesus and other world teachers did not come to save us. There is no individual merit for us in that; he and they came to show us how to save ourselves, by the way we should live. As Jesus said, "Man does not live by bread alone." (i.e. materialism).



Silver Birch said:

> *Each individual has the opportunities for unfolding the latent divinity with which he begins his earthly pilgrimage. He determines which way he goes, whether he lives in the light or the darkness, whether he serves or is selfish. This is the constant struggle of human existence in your world. It explains all actions and reactions, determines the growth of the soul and its unfoldment...* (Dooley, 1986:34)

This is an uncompromising statement, which it must be given its essential importance. Being here in the world is challenging and testing. Silver Birch says we can bear the burden if we turn inward to our "latent divinity." One increasingly seductive challenge is that of contemporary materialism.

To have an increasingly comfortable life is an understandable aim and, in itself, constitutes no problem for a person's full development. It is when it is allowed to obscure or overwhelm spiritual progress that the problem arises. In addition, we can too easily accept being beholden for our information, (upon which we may base our decisions and actions) on easy read newspapers, popular role models and the TV. Again not bad in themselves, but it all makes it easy for us not to employ our own awareness and intuition or look into ourselves for any hidden wisdom and spiritual insight. The world seems to become increasingly trivialized and superficial, despite all the benefits of progress. This makes it easier than in previous ages to avoid asking the hard questions involving the meaning of life about how we should respond to life's challenges. We may choose an alternative view instead and settle for triviality or a comparatively easy or comfortable life. Sociologists warn that there is such a bombardment of information and technology heaped upon us that we become "saturated" and overwhelmed which can lead to feelings of indifference and helplessness.

If we allow this to switch off our own individual internal voices, then our latent divinity cannot counteract these external forces. Also, we may fail to turn to others for learning, wisdom and guidance which we can reflect upon. If we live at a self-regarding level and fail to use our awareness to turn reflectively inward enough to access our spirituality and outward to the insight of others, then we may live in a secure cocoon, but we fail to grow. The "comfort" or "ease" we settle for are themselves tests and challenges. How do we respond to them?

We live in a hedonistic age and with ever increasing reliance on entertainment and diversions to the extent of failing to confront life. This can persuade us to live in a kind of permanent Disneyland and tempt us to accept very limited horizons focusing almost exclusively upon the "good" material life. Whether we consider we have enough of these "goodies" or not, they can exert such an influence, together with ever increasing technological "toys" that we may not widen our horizons sufficiently to embrace the spiritual dimension.

Psychologists speak of a psychology of expectations in which we increasingly expect to have our material wants satisfied, and the distinction between needs and wants tends to be obliterated. So we do not touch the higher internal growth needs we all have. Consider Silver Birch again:

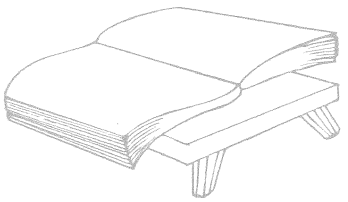
> *We are engaged in driving out the materialism that is the concern of your world, the selfishness, the greed, cupidity, violence that are by-products of this materialism, so that the children of the Great Spirit may find and fulfill themselves.* (Ortzen, 1990, quoted on the back cover.)

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Crises and difficulties are testing times but can yield positive benefits for spiritual development. They are a wake-up call. We must use them as opportunities for insight and growth revealing our true nature and destiny, and as aids in acquiring greater self-reliance and responsibility. It is through interior understanding and awakening leading to action and service that we respond to our external environment and to the imperative of spiritual growth.

In our type of society the temptations are many; it is easy to escape into drugs and alcohol or TV, or just skim through life like a human butterfly, treating it as something entirely transient and not contributing to the development of one's spirit. Carlos Suares writing on Krishnamurti tells an apposite story. The devil and a friend were walking down the road and saw a man stoop and pick something up. The friend said, "What did that man pick up?" "He picked up a piece of truth," said the devil. "That is bad business for you then," said the friend. "Not at all," said the devil, "I am going to let him organize it." Once organized ritual and dogma come in, they may obscure the essential message. In this regard, consider Paramahansa Yogananda:

What a travesty of religion!
To allow the sweetness
Of inner silence
To be drowned
In the clang and hubbub
Of temple lectures,
Theologian's arguments
And noisy rituals.
(Yogananda, 1995:53)



And again relevant in our context:

Perfection can be attained
Only by attuning
One's actions
To inner
Soul – guidance
(Yogananda, 1995:59)

Let me illustrate again what I mean by personal responsibility, awareness and action. We may come to have faith and believe in certain principles and a philosophy of living contained within the scriptures and the teachings of Jesus, the Pentateuch, Buddha, The Vedas, or Spiritualism, etc., on the basis of the love, purity and the authority of the message that shines through, but it is only when we personally know a teaching to be true for us, and by understanding it and acting upon it that we respond positively and effectively to it. Any wisdom coming from external sources can only strike a chord in the soul that is appropriately awake enough to receive it. This personal awakening, knowing and action can only come from one's own personal journey of searching and experience. If we accept inertia and a willingness to be sidelined by distracting elements in the material and social forces, then we deny ourselves an authentic journey of discovery and we prevent the truth arising within us.

This is shown superbly by Browning writing on the imprisoned splendor, as in the following extract.

PARACELSUS
by Robert Browning

Truth is within ourselves; it takes no rise
From outward things, whate'er you may believe.
There is an inmost centre in us all,
Where truth abides in fullness; and around,
Wall upon wall, the gross flesh hems it in,
This perfect, clear perception—which is truth.

A baffling and perverting carnal mess
Binds it and makes all error: and to know
Rather consists in opening out a way
Whence the imprisoned splendour may escape,
Than in effecting entry for a light
Supposed to be without.

So what is needed he says, is for each of us to open a way out so the imprisoned splendor – latent divinity – can blossom out. We can reject outward things if they do not strike a chord with our inmost being. A spiritual truth abides within us that must be awakened by our earthly experiences not hemmed in by the fully physical and material, this carnal mess that ensnares and prevents spiritual awakening. Here Browning is referring to the divine spark or spirit within.

Andrew Jackson Davis, the great American seer and clairvoyant, also stressed that the truth resides inward. He said that we know in our consciousness: "A strict obedience to the highest idea of truth that resides in your own soul." (Schneider, 1980:59). Davis explained that:

Pure intelligence is therefore the only primordial stuff of things—the one eternal substance at the basis of bodies. Material substance is the outmost and slowest expression of spirit (or mind).

It is only in pure intellect or spirit that being is known. Pure intellect is pure being knowing itself. (Davis, 1878:256).

Davis was adamant that the interior was the reality and superior to the material that was really passive and responded to the inner side. It was this inner side which

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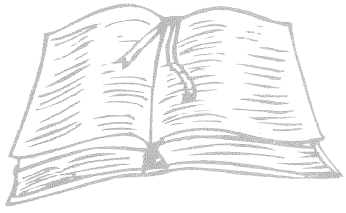
directed growth. My interpretation, rightly or wrongly, is that the consciousness operates at different levels of awareness and at the lower levels the spirit/mind is more easily oriented to the material urges in its interaction with the physical as seen in the following example.

This can also be illustrated from The Parable of the Sower, Luke 8, 4-15. This parable can be paraphrased. A sower went out to sow seed—*the word of God.* Some seed fell on hard ground and the birds ate it. At the next level of impact, it fell on rocks and withered. Some seed fell among thorns and the thorns grew up with it and choked it. Some fell in good soil and produced sixty fold, and yet, other seed yielded one hundred fold.

This demonstrates how individuals differ in their receptivity to the word of God, i.e., to the spirit within them. At the first level, people are easily tempted away from the spiritual path. The rocks at the second level illustrate how the seed or divine spark within got a start, but it was too shallowly based and succumbed to early testing. No spiritual sustenance nourished it and so it withered.

At the next level, spiritual awareness was initially acknowledged by individuals and they started to respond. But the earthly temptations overwhelmed the spiritual impulse and the thorns of materialism took over as such people failed to meet the tests and so soul/spirit growth was choked off.

However, at the highest level were those who acknowledged the word within and nourished and tended it by the manner of their lives. The reference to producing fruit sixty fold or one hundred fold is to illustrate that all individuals do not develop spiritually at necessarily the same pace. This parable is a powerful universal teaching applicable to all people everywhere.



Lao Tze, credited with being the author or main author of the Tao te Ching (Taoism) over 2500 years ago, advocated releasing oneself from selfishness and then following the middle way. He said nurture your garden before the weeds grow. This makes an interesting comparison to the Parable of the Sower. The Tao is the power or energy within us and outside of us.

As the following Biblical quotation shows the seed is within us. So the spirit with all its latent possibilities needs action to facilitate its growth.

> *Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. It is not in Heaven, that you should say, 'Who will go up to Heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe. (Holy Bible NRSV, 1995, Deuteronomy 30:11-14).*

A Hindu legend teaches the same as Deuteronomy that the Atman/spirit is within us, but it does so with an interesting difference.

> *At one time all men on earth were Gods, but men so sinned that Brahma, the god of all gods, decided that the godhead should be taken away from man and hid someplace where he would never again find it and abuse it. "We will bury it deep in the earth," said the other gods. "No," said Brahman, "because man will dig down in the earth and find it," "Then we will sink it in the deepest ocean," they said. "No," said Brahman, "because man will learn to dive and find it there, too." "We will hide it on the highest mountain," they said. "No," said Brahma, "because man will someday climb every mountain on earth and again capture the Godhead." "Then we do not know where to hide it where he cannot find it," said the lesser gods. "I will tell you," said Brahma, "hide it down in man himself. He will never think to look there."* (Danforth, 1963).
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> *And that is what they did. Hidden down in every person is some of the divine. Ever since then, humans have gone over the earth digging, diving, and climbing, looking for that godlike quality which all the time is hidden down within each of them.*

The Biblical quotation suggests accessing the spirit is challenging but in no way insuperable or requiring prolonged lengths of time. (Keep in mind this is the awakening of the spirit and does not imply its entire developmental journey which lies ahead.) It also implies clearly that the spirit or divine spark is within all people and not external so that is where one's search should be directed. In the Hindu legend we need not be sidetracked by the reference to 'gods' as these are all aspects of Brahma the one God. However, it stresses how very difficult developing the interior Atman (soul/spirit) is. This is because Hindu's believe in countless reincarnations and in a tremendously prolonged earth time for searching and development. The legends reference to the 'godhead' is in line with the Hindu belief that all people have part of the godhead within them so that on their death after the final incarnation comes absorption/assimilation into the ultimate oneness. This differs from the belief of several other religions that hold the view that after death the spirit continues as an individual spirit but in a relationship with God. Nevertheless, both approaches insist upon the spirit as the 'imprisoned

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splendor' seeking spiritual awakening. One very powerful illustration of how the spirit can be imprisoned by one's materialistic values and then how the crisis so generated becomes a turning point for spiritual awakening is the Parable of The Prodigal Son.

This can be read in full at Luke 15:11-12. Very briefly a young man left home and took his inheritance with him. This was in reality his spiritual inheritance and he proceeded to waste it by being prodigal that is recklessly extravagant. It is cast as material extravagance in the parable it was more importantly spiritual extravagance. This means the prodigal was self indulgent and focusing upon materialistic values to the exclusion of spiritual values. Then comes the short phrase which I wish to comment on, the parable says of the prodigal son: "But when he came to himself..." the parable then goes on to demonstrate renunciation and forgiveness, but the trigger for these is the telling phrase: "But he came to himself" and this is his moment of spiritual awakening as the soul the "Splendor" starts to come into its own. This would also be the start of a values reversal whereby the son (or daughter) puts spirituality first. In this way we can see that tests and temptations are important teachers allowing us insight into the human condition.

So it is a reciprocal process of external guidance and help from teachings, received wisdom, individual experience, internal awareness and growth. The external does not really impact until the spirit is ready and that is why one's spiritual light must shine out in order for the person to receive any incoming wisdom. The Christian mystics taught to receive the divine inflowing the individual had to be prepared through uniformity with God that is the spirit can only receive an inflowing commensurate to its spiritual status. The following statement from a famous thirteenth century Christian mystic shows this.

> *The more God is in all things, the more He is outside Them. The more he is within, the more without.* (Meister Eckhart (Huxley, 2004:2).

In other words, the more one sees God out in the world, the more one is able to see God inside oneself, and the more God is seen inside, the more one can grasp that God is outside. This concept of God being everywhere is eloquently expressed below:

> *The eyes of my soul were opened, and I beheld the plenitude of God, whereby I did comprehend the whole world, both here and beyond the sea, and the abyss and all things else: and therein I beheld naught save the divine power in a manner assuredly indescribable, so that through excess of marveling the soul cried with a loud voice, saying; "This world is full of God."*
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> Angela of Foligno, Franciscan nun, 13th century

So the individual needs to know the interior spiritual dimension of being within the spirit/soul but also know God—however conceptualized—as the Infinite in the world and in the transcendental dimension. Silver Birch says; "locked within your soul is an energy greater than any known in the physical world because it is part of the Great Spirit" and "The extent to which you are susceptible to these dual forces depends upon your awareness" (Dooley, 1986:26). The dual forces to which Silver Birch refers are, of course, the physical and the spiritual. In accepting the authenticity of our own journey we all must get the spiritual-physical balance correct and demonstrate the vital role of interior insight and growth and an openness to God—the Divine, the Ground of all Being, together with reflective understanding of externally offered lessons. We do not need an external superman, because we have discovered the superman or superwoman within.

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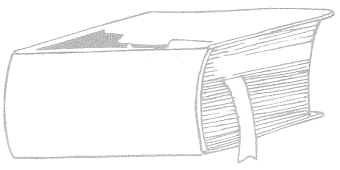
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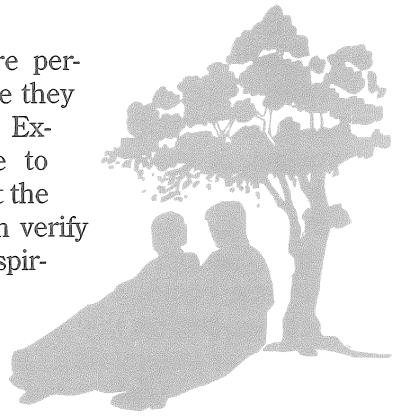
BY THE REV. WILLIAM E. BUCHHOLZ, Iowa

If Foresight, Understanding of Nature's Direction, Awareness, Mental Enlightenment, Never-ending Truth and Awakened Love were Scientifically, Philosophically, Intelligently, Religiously, Inspirationally, Thoroughly and Undeniably Achieved, Life's Infinity and Spirituality could properly manifest. In effect, what I call FUNDAMENTAL SPIRITUALISM would be born.

This concept found its way onto the top shelf of my mental storehouse as I was speaking to the Rev. Sandra Pfortmiller upon the telephone awhile back. I mentioned how Spiritualism has changed a great extent since Margaret and Katherine Fox were able to declare that "Look, Mother! It can see as well as hear!", and peddler Charles Rosna proved he still existed.

Words familiar and acceptable to Spiritualists include: mediumship, clairvoyance, clairaudience, clairsentience, trance, apports, materialization, prophesy, inspirational and automatic speaking and writing, etc., etc. Reincarnation lies in a more questionable category. In my view, a sort of infancy resides in spiritual photography which, though many years occurring, is just now being carefully studied in a scientific and meticulous manner.

The main point is that messages given by excarnate spirits help prove life-after-death, show they've not lost their identities, they live and communicate with others on the unseen side of life, exhibit emotions and (if they wish and have learned how) communicate and aid us in knowing and understanding life and Law in the here and hereafter. They know not everything about tomorrow, but often seem to have more perspective than we do, since they lack physical limitations. Excarnate spirits are able to travel to other locations at the speed of thought. We can verify this when we have an inspiration of items happening elsewhere, or have an astral travel of our own. Yet, only Infinite Intelligence knows about everything here and hereafter, since all that exists is a part of God.



According to the Christian's Holy Bible, the teacher and leader Jesus said: "These things that I do, ye shall do also. And greater things than these shall ye do." Perhaps we should add, according to our modern world's demand for specifics "...if we always stay under the proper state of mind, based upon true love and care for all others, since all is a part of Infinite Intelligence."

We have personal responsibility for our thoughts and deeds, a duty to follow the Golden Rule, and the privilege to dream creatively. Beside these priceless jewels, may we turn as well to a fundamental concept of Spiritualism's basic purpose. That is, to hold and prove life is eternal through direct communication with those who reside in the spiritual realms.

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Humor to put you in

Good Spirits...

Cleanse Yourself At Church

By The Rev. Lena Halstead

Duz you Drift with the Tide? Now is the time to Cheer up. If you want real Joy, the Trend is to Breeze to church each Sunday. Too many people Woodbury their heads in a pillow or work to make their car Sparkle, forgetting their church for Lestoil. When Spirit is put first, a Dove will never have to be put out, and SOS for you who put the Almighty last. Maybe we ought to Dial you and remind you of the Ivory palaces yonder. This is no Bab-O. Worship is intended as your Lifebouy, so why not Wisk yourself out of bed next Sunday, dress up Spick 'n Span and Dash like a Comet to Lyceum (or Church).



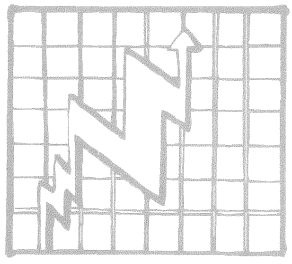
As you sing praises to God and truth, you'll get a wonderful cleanser for your soul, and you will feel like Mr. Clean all through the week. *

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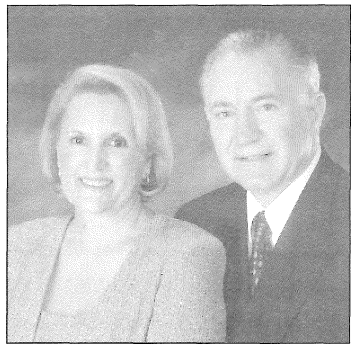
BY THE REVS. BRIAN AND LYNN KENT

Our mission with the Department of Phenomenal Evidence ("DPE") is to bring the individual NSAC Spiritualist Churches closer together in working with this exciting world of Evidence from the Spirit World. In working together, we hope to generate more interest within the general public.



In the next few months, we will be looking closely at the paperwork, how to restructure and simplify the report form, web site design and ease of use. We will also be sharing some of our personal experiences so that those reporting will get a better idea of what is needed for reporting purposes.

We will be welcoming Spiritualist Churches in the New England and New York area to give classes on different ways of obtaining phenomenal evidence such as table tipping, electronic voice phenomena ("EVP") and Transformation, for minimal compensation. All compensation will be toward travel expenses and equipment for the DPE. We have enlisted the aid of the Reverend John Sullivan from the First Spiritualist Church of Springfield, MA, to help us in analyzing the photography end of Phenomenal Evidence, as John Sullivan is an accomplished professional photographer and brings along years of experience as a spirit investigator.



Revs. Lynn and Brian Kent

As we move along this pathway, we will be inviting those willing to help in other areas of phenomena who may be more experienced in evaluating submissions. We encourage our church classes to experiment with different ways of acquiring phenomena. As we expand our areas of learning about phenomenal evidence procedures, we will pass this on to the churches via *The National Spiritualist Summit*, NSAC Phenomenal web site and letters in the NSAC monthly mailing, with the hopes that those who receive the information will pass it along to their members and non-member parishioners.

Next month you will find a report and the story to go along with it. Hopefully this will give you an idea of what to look for and do. We have had several experiences of this sort from friends and will report on them when there is a shortage of participation from NSAC Churches.

With peace, love and gratitude to all,
Brian and Lynn Kent

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MONTHLY

FAVORITE SAYINGS TO LIVE BY

Nothing happens to anybody
which he is not fitted
by nature to bear.

– Marcus Aurelius

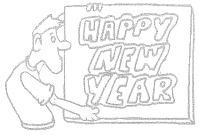
Faith lifts up shining arms and
points to a happier world where
our loved ones await us.

– Helen Keller

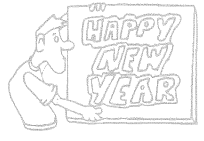
Positive Statements To Help Create a Positive Day.

Affirmations . . . JANUARY 2007

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Spirit, please bless all of my activities each day of this New Year.	**2** As we change old habits, we initiate a growth process.	**3** Divinity is always clothed in gentleness, creativity, and progress.	**4** "Consider the Law and the Spirit as friends." – *The Science of Mind*	**5** Living is joyous as I awaken to Spirit and to Love.	**6** I am aware that I am a magnet—my vibrations attract according to thought.
7 I am free and able to express the wonders of the Universe.	**8** The inner Presence of Spirit speaks and inspires when I am quiet.	**9** Acceptance and trust in God is the secret of the embodiment of our desires.	**10** Each day there are opportunities to enjoy new experiences.	**11** Spirit and the vital energy within me is perfect.	**12** I am sensitive to the feelings of others. We are each an expression of God.	**13** "I am alive in life." The Living Spirit is within me and all around me.
14 I am willing to allow the Law to do Its perfect work without hindrance.	**15** "Inspire me in your ways, Dear Spirit, lead me into the Light."	**16** Meditation and prayer guide all my decisions.	**17** "People concern themselves with being normal rather than natural." – *R. Anthony*	**18** My creative imagination is filled with Divine inspiration.	**19** Trusting is believing—Spirit is perfect trust.	**20** Today is the day I make changes in my life, creating new light.
21 My mind is peaceful, filled with love and light.	**22** "The world is your exercise book…It is not reality…" – *Richard Bach*	**23** Money is a natural exchange or energy of God. Spirit is Substance.	**24** "Forgive yourself and others for the shadows of the past." – *Ernest Holmes*	**25** Today is the day to begin anew—treat yourself to a delightful experience.	**26** The Infinite Spirit expresses as me. How wonderful that is!	**27** When I look for beauty, beauty appears.
28 When I share love, love comes back to me.	**29** "The biggest risk in life is not risking." – *Dr. Robert Anthony*	**30** Don't label yourself or others, for Spirit expresses through every thing.	**31** "The truth you speak has no past and no future. It is." – *Richard Bach*			



A blessed New Year to All!!!





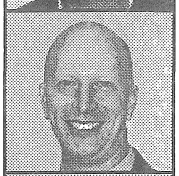
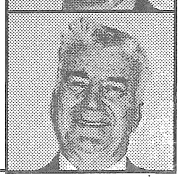



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10 Mt. Pleasant Park; Mail to: P.O. Box 6, 52733-0006; Sun. Serv. at 10:00 a.m.

DAVENPORT - Spiritualist Harmony Church
1429 W. Seventh St., 52802-1212, (563) 324-9659; Sun. Healing Serv. 1:30 p.m.; Worship & Message Serv. 2:00 p.m.; Secy./Treas., Joy Strasser, (563) 445-1144.

• MAINE •

MAINE STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION OF CHURCHES
Pres., Graham Connolly, 66 Martin Heights, Raymond, 04071, (207) 655-6673; Secy., Betty Simpson, 715 Newburgh Rd., Hermon, 04401, (207) 848-2273; Treas., Jeanne Bower, 159 Northport Ave., Belfast, 04915, (207) 338-1355. Please visit our website, http://www.mainespiritualism.org.

AUGUSTA - Augusta Spiritualist Church
Corner of Perham & Court Sts.; P.O. Box 2492, 04338; (207) 622-8980; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Thurs. Awareness Class 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Vaikko P. Allen, Sr., NST, (207) 622-2799, e-mail: vallen@adelphia.net; Secy., Rev. Patricia Wallace, NST, 124 Spring St., Gardiner, 04345, e-mail: secretaryASC@aol.com, (207) 582-6745; Pres., Rev. Earl L. Wallace, (207) 582-6745; e-mail: godfreed@aol.com.

BANGOR - The Harrison D. Barrett Memorial Church, NSAC
114-118 Harlow St., (under Silo Seven Bookstore); Sun. Serv. 10:00 a.m.; Secy., Betty Simpson, 715 Newburgh Rd., Hermon, 04401, (207) 848-2273, e-mail: betty.simpson@maine.gov. Church services may be canceled due to inclement weather, location may be changing in the future; website, http://www.hdbspiritualistchurch.org; Gallery Readings are held the second Friday of every month at 7:00 p.m. & Mediums Days are held the 2nd Saturday of every month, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please call the secy. for more information; other contact number for the church is Sandy Scott, Pres. (207) 942-4098.

CANTON - Pinpoint of Light Spiritualist Center
28 Cross St.; Mailing Address: P.O. Box 540, 04221; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., followed by a potluck lunch; For class schedules or other information, contact Pastor, Rev. Kathleen Hawkins, NST, (207) 597-3140; e-mail: khawkins@megalink.net; or Secy., Frances Lee, (207) 674-3993; e-mail: sadiedog415@yahoo.com.

MADISON - Madison Spiritualist Camp
Located at Historic Lakewood Village, Rt. 201, six miles north of Skowhegan. Camp season runs July & August; Camp (207) 474-0124. Off season, contact Pres., Sue Jalbert, CH at (207) 655-6673 or Secy., Betty Simpson at (207) 848-2273; For program information and events, visit our website at www.madisoncamp.org.

NORTHPORT - Temple Heights Spiritual Camp Assoc.
Shore Road, Northport on Penobscot Bay; Camp session is from mid-June through Labor Day. A different featured medium each week. Church services Sun. at 2:30 p.m.; Tues. & Thurs. at 7:30 p.m.; Message Circles Wed. & Sat. at 7:30 p.m.; Workshops/seminars on Sat.; Accommodations available; June-Sept. call (207) 338-3029; Off season contact Pres., Earl Wallace at (207) 582-6745 or 124 Spring St., Gardiner, 04345; e-mail; godfreed@aol.com or Secy., Sue Jalbert, 66 Martin Heights, Raymond, 04071; e-mail: cats2@maine.rr.com; website: www.templeheightscamp.org .

NORTHPORT - Temple Heights Spiritualist Church
Shore Road, Northport; Services 2:30 p.m. Sundays at Temple Heights Spiritual Camp from May to October and at Excelsior Lodge on the Shore Road, Saturday Cove, Northport from Nov. to April; (207) 338-3029; Pres, Jean E. Bower, 159 Northport Ave., Belfast, 04915-6003, (207) 338-1355; Secy., Aloha Foley, Belfast, 04915-6003.

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

SCARBOROUGH - Inner Light Spiritualist Church
Gov. King Masonic Lodge, Rt. 1; Sun. Healing 10:00 a.m.; Service 10:30 a.m. to 12:00; Rev. Gloria Nye, (207) 786-4401.

• 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.

• MASSACHUSETTS •

ONSET - On-I-Set Wigwam Co-Workers Spiritualist Camp
Season opens June 9th till Labor Day weekend; Camp phone (860) 439-1395; Sun. Serv. 2:30 p.m.; Wed. Open Class 6 p.m. & Service 7:30 p.m.; Mediums Day's - Message Circles - Workshops/Seminars scheduled; Prior to season call or write for a full program: P.O. Box 1556, 02558.

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.

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

SPRINGFIELD - The First Spiritualist Church of Springfield, Inc.
33-37 Bliss St., 01105, (413) 732-1234; Worship Serv., 2nd Sun. after Labor Day until last Sun. in June at 10:30 a.m.; Development classes with sign-up; Pastor, Rev. John F. Sullivan, P.O. Box 392, Worthington, 01098 - (413) 238-5344, e-mail: jsulli1942@aol.com; Pres., Tom Ruelke, 86 Orchard Hill Rd., Littleton, NH 03561, e-mail: bigrock@verizon.net; Secy., Denise St. Pierre, e-mail: Denise1957@aol.com.

• MICHIGAN •

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

CHARLEVOIX - The Golden Rule Spiritualist Church
07444 Old US 31 North, 49720-9422; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m., except during July and August because our "camp" operates in the same location. Located halfway between Petroskey and Charlevoix. Turn on Murray Road and immediately turn right on Old 31 N - go 8 tenths of a mile on the left; Pastor, Rev. Cosie Allen, NST and Certified Medium; website: www.nlmsc.org; Contact Person: Susan Hoshield, Secy., 421 Emmet St., Petroskey, 49770, (231) 247-9417; e-mail: shosh@youraccordion.com.

CHARLEVOIX - Northern Lake Michigan Spiritualist Camp
Please see Golden Rule Spiritualist Church listing for contact information, driving directions, or website www.nlmsc.org: Open July and August for Sunday services at 10:30 a.m. and Wednesday services at 7:30 p.m.; Potluck follows Sunday service and bonfire with snacks follows Wednesday service;

Classes, circles and readings/private consultations available. Pastor, Rev. Cosie Allen, NST and Certified Medium.

FERNDALE - First Spiritualist Temple of Detroit
2724 Goodrich, 48220; Sat. Serv. 7:00 p.m.; Secy., Dianne Smith.

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

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

SOUTH BRANCH - Chain Lake Spiritualist Camp Association
8000 W. Chain Lake Rd., 48761-0089; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m., June, July, August; Annual Retreat July; Lyceum Dir., Dawn Hyatt; Pres., Wendall Weichner, 8004 W. Chain Lake Rd., 48761; Mailing Address: Dianne Smith, 631 Spencer, Ferndale, 48220.

• MINNESOTA •

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

ROCHESTER - Third Spirit of Life Spiritualist Church
Meeting place: 1500 First Ave. NE, Ste. 112; Services Mon. 7:00 p.m.; Pastors, Rev. Joyce E. Young, NST, and Rev. John E. Young, NST; Secy., (507) 775-6358; Mailing address, P.O. Box 7312, 55903.

ST. PAUL - Spiritual Science 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.

• MISSOURI •

ST. LOUIS - Fifth Spiritualist Church of St. Louis
6026 S. Kingshighway Blvd., 63109-3558; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Healing, Meditation & All Message Service, 1st Wed. of the month at 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Toye E. Stinson, 214 Nadine, Cahokia, IL 63114; Pres., Mike Homan, 3297 Hawthorne, Alton, IL 62002, (618) 463-0357.

• NEBRASKA •

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

• NEVADA •

LAS VEGAS - Spiritualist Desert Church
3355 W. Spring Mountain Rd., #19, 89102, (702) 876-8783, website: http://communitylink.reviewjournal.com/lvrj/sdclv; Service times: Sun. 11:00 a.m., Sunday evening 6:30 p.m., Thurs. 6:30 p.m., Healing Meditation, with a Spiritualist development class following the service, every one welcome. Vicky Homann, Pres., (702) 369-9449, e-mail: VickyVJean@aol.com.

• NEW HAMPSHIRE •

SALEM - The Church of Spiritual Life, Inc.
Masonic Hall on Main St., Rte. 97; Mailing address: P.O. Box 144, 03079; Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.; Wed. classes 7:15 p.m.; Call Pastor, Dwight Broadstone, (609) 783-4456; website: http:www.nhspiritualist.com.

• NEW JERSEY •

WESTVILLE - Church of Eternal Life
243 W. Olive & Folsom Sts., 08093; Sun. Worship & Message Serv. 11:00 a.m., (856) 456-2196 for cancellations; Pres., Russell E. Joyce, 300 McCourt Ave., Berlin, (856) 767-1651; Secy., Kathleen M. Pollack, 4305 Broadway, Gloucester, 08030, (856) 456-3401; website: http://users.snip.net/~spiritone.

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

• NEW YORK •

EAST AURORA - First Spiritualist Temple
29 Temple Pl., P.O. Box 465, 14052, (716) 652-5018, www.eastauroraspiritualism.com; Sun. Healing Service 10:30 a.m.; Lecture and Message Service 11:00 a.m.; Social Hour 12:15 p.m.; Dinner Day 3rd Sun. of month; Secy., Jeanne Phoenix Laurel, (716) 286-8628 or (716) 876-4805.

LILY DALE - Lily Dale Assembly
5 Melrose Park, 14752, (716) 595-8721, Fax (716) 595-2442; Office Hours, Sept.-June, M-F, 10 a.m.-2 p.m; June-Aug, M-F, 9 a.m.-4p.m., Sat. 9 a.m.-12 Noon, closed Sunday; Camp Season: Last Friday in June to day before Labor Day; contact Lynne Forget, Secretary; website: www.lilydaleassembly.com; e-mail: lilydale@netsync.net.

LILY DALE - Lily Dale Spiritualist Church
East St., P.O. Box 1128, 14752-1128, (716) 595-3971; Sun. Serv. 10:00 a.m.; Healing & Message Serv. each Wed. 7:30 p.m.; Pres., Ronald Robertson, (716) 664-9236; Secy., Sueanna Vollmar.

LONG ISLAND - A Sanctuary of Infinite Spirit, Inc., NSAC
Healing & Worship Service, Sun. 11:00 a.m. at the Smithtown Masonic Temple, 34 River Rd. (Nisequogue River Rd.), Smithtown; Pastor, Rev. Patricia Anne Duffield, NST, (631) 588-3150; Mailing address: 10 Ackerley Lane, Lake Ronkonkoma, 11779; e-mail: kenpatduff@hotmail.com; website: www.asois.org.

LONG ISLAND - New Horizons Spiritualist Church, NSAC
Sun. Serv. 10:00 a.m., 280 Rt. 109, Farmingdale; Classes available; Mail to: Frances Werbeck, Secy., 43 Grand Ave., Lynbrook, 11563, (516) 593-7213; Pastor, Rev. N. A. Lloyd, NST, 10 Muncy Ave., Apt. 301, W. Babylon, 11704, (631) 669-3226, e-mail: nlloyd@suffolk.lib.ny.us.

LONG ISLAND - Summerland Church of Light, NSAC
Healing and Worship Service: Sunday 10:00 a.m. service held at 225 Wireless Blvd., Hauppauge; Church Mailing Address: P.O. Box 5209, Hauppauge, 11788-5209, (631) 732-0421; Pastor, Rev. Richard Schoeller, NST, (631) 470-0221; website: www.summerlandchurchoflight.com.

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

ROCHESTER - Plymouth Spiritualist Church
29 Vick Park A, 14607; (585) 271-1470; Voicemail (585) 234-2362; e-mail & website: Plymouthspiritualistchurch.org; Sun. Devotional Serv. 10:30 a.m. - noon; Guided Meditation Sundays 9:00 - 9:30 a.m.; First & Third Wed. All Message Serv. with Spiritual Healing 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.; Mediumship & Meditation Circle every Tuesday 7:00 - 9:30 p.m.; Pastor, Robin Higgins; Pres., Joanne Antinore; Secy., Kathy Manikowski; Sunflowernl@aol.com.

• OHIO •

ASHLEY - Ashley Spiritualist Camp Association
6 Wooley Park Drive, 43003; Mail to: Selina Duffey, Secy., P.O. Box 277, 43003-0277; For additional information contact: Steven Duffey, (740) 747-2212.

ASHLEY - First Spiritualist Church of Linden
6 Wooley Park Drive, 43003; Mail to: Chrys Rice, Secy., P.O. Box 648, 43003-0648; Sun. Serv. 7:00 p.m.; For additional information, please contact: Treas., Steven Duffey, (740) 747-2212.

ASHLEY - Spiritualist Church of Spirit Revelation
Mail to: P.O. Box 253, 43003-0253; Wed. Serv., 7:00 p.m.; For additional information, please contact: Secy., Judy A. Pearsell, (740) 747-2688, e-mail: JJPearsell@hotmail.com.

ASHTABULA - First Spiritualist Church
4230 Main Ave.; 44004-6851; Sun. Serv., 2:00 p.m., Healing & Clairvoyance; **TELEPHONE FOR WEATHER CANCELLATIONS.** Pres., Dorothy A. Benes, 8513 Creek Rd., Williamsfield, 44093-9712; Phone: (440) 293-7056; For information contact: Charles J. Benes, 8513 Creek Rd., Williamsfield, 44093; Phone: (440) 293-7056. **LET PHONE RING.** Services are held starting with the 2nd Sun. in Sept. and continue through the last Sun. in May. Church is not in session during June, July, and Aug.

DAYTON - Spiritual Life Center, NSAC
611 Watervliet Ave., 45420-2544, (937) 878-1165; Pastor, Rev. Raymond Moschke, e-mail: RMoschke@aol.com.

• OKLAHOMA •

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

• PENNSYLVANIA •

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

McKEESPORT - First Spiritualist Church
809 Locust St., 15132, (412) 672-1272, Fax (412) 469-2686; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m., Healing, 11:00 a.m. Lecture and Messages; Tues. Mediumship Development Class; Church Social 2nd Friday each month; Minister, Carol O. Perella, L.M.; Pres., Gary Miller, (412) 901-3320, e-mail: gmsprt@comcast.net; Secy./Treas., Jeanne Turchek, (412) 414-7812; e-mail: angelgide@juno.com; web site www.firstspiritualist.org.

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

DIRECTORY OF CHURCHES, *(Continued from previous page.)*

• TEXAS •

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

CAMERON - First Spiritualist Church of Cameron
Pres., Pearlie Krenek, 627 F.M. 1600, 76520, Fax: (254) 697-2275.

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

HOUSTON - First Church Of Divine Science, NSAC
2115 Turner Dr., 77093; Mailing Addr.: P.O. Box 11088, 77293-1088; Pres., Rev. Jovita Jessup; Rev. Marie W. Smith; Secy., Liana V. Liles; Sun. Serv. 2:30 p.m.; Wed. Service: 7:30 p.m. Open healing, meditation, & messages from Spirit; Fri. Spiritual Development 8:00 p.m.; Sat. Spiritual Development 10:00 a.m.; (713) 695-2550; e-mail: firstchurchofdiv@aol.com; website: www.houstonspiritualist.church.org.

LOCKHART - Angels of Light Spiritualist Church, NSAC
2714 FM 713, 78644-4163; Traditional Services 2:00 p.m. every 2nd & 4th Sundays, refreshments, open class; Rev. Dr. Jean Hamner, NST, Pastor; (512) 398-5424.

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

• VIRGINIA •

FALLS CHURCH - Center for Spiritual Enlightenment, NSAC
222 N. Washington Street; Mailing Address: CSE (NSAC), P.O. Box 6535, 22040-6535; (703) 645-8060; website: www.TheCSE.org; e-mail: thecse@TheCSE.org; Year-round Serv.; Healing Serv. each Sun. 10:00 a.m., followed by Devotional Serv. at 10:30 a.m.; Children's Lyceum 10:00 a.m., Sept. through June; Judy Griesse, Debbie Shoop, Lyceum Co-Directors; Pastor, Rev. B. Anne Gehman; Asst. Pastor, Rev. Patricia A. Stranahan; Pres., Rita O'Connor; Secy., Steve Vogel, 449 Hampton Court, 22046-4121; (703) 241-3763; e-mail: steven.j.vogel@earthlink.net; Exec. Coordinator, Sherry Truhlar, 1670 Fitzgerald Lane, Alexandria, 22302, (703) 577-7807.

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

• WASHINGTON •

MILTON - Church of Divine Grace, NSAC
Services held Sunday at 11:00 a.m., Camp Edgewood, 1228 26th Ave. Ct., 98354; Student Pastor, Atira Hatton; Pres., Sherry Valentine, (253) 833-4250, 11113 SE 323rd St., Auburn, 98092; Secy., Karen Wennerlind, e-mail: DivinegraceNSAC@comcast.net.

MILTON - Camp Edgewood, NSAC Assoc.
1228 - 26th Ave. Ct., 98354; Tel. (253) 927-2050, Fax (253) 927-7531; Pres., David Chapman, Sr.; Vice-Pres., Colleen Mohler (253) 927-2365; Secy., Denice Chapman, E-mail: campedgewood@yahoo.com.

MILTON - Church of Spiritual Unity, NSAC
Camp Edgewood - Church Serv. Sundays, 2:00 p.m.; Pastor, LaVerne Pemberton, (206) 722-2348; Pres., Colleen Mohler, 1210 - 26th Ave. Ct., 98354, (253) 927-2365; Secy., Cynthia Frye, (253) 925-2050.

MILTON - Church of Spiritual Truth, NSAC
Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m., held in the Healing Center located at Camp Edgewood, NSAC, 1228 26th Ave. Ct., 98354; Student Pastor, Dee Chapman; Pres., David R. Chapman, Sr.; Secy., Denice (Dee) L. Chapman, P.O. Box 1856, 98354.

• WEST VIRGINIA •

WHEELING - First Spiritualist Association of Wheeling
(Way Memorial Temple) N. Broadway & Maryland Sts., (304) 233-5065; Sun. Lyceum at 9:30 a.m.; Sun. Healing and Worship Serv. 10:45 a.m.; Tues. Development Circle 7:00 p.m. with Alan Zerla; Wed. Healing 6:30 p.m., Wed. Message Serv. 7:30 p.m. with Pam Baker Shaw; Secy., Don Scott (740) 695-9940; e-mail: spirittime@webtv.net; Pres., Sue-Beth Warren (304) 242-6032; e-mail: suebethwarren@comcast.net; Church website: http://www.waymemorialtemple.org.

• WISCONSIN •

WEST ALLIS - First Spiritualist Church of West Allis
6228 W. Washington St., 53214; Sun. Healing & Worship Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Pastor, Rev. Pamla Ashlay-McPherson, (414) 788-7508; Pres., Manila Kochanski, W1371 Hwy. O, Oconomowoc, 53066, (920) 474-7332; website: www.fscwa.org.

WONEWOC - West Wisconsin Spiritualist Camp Association
304 Hill St., 53968-9328, 1-800-974-7035 or (608) 464-7770; Open mid-June to mid-September; Church website: http://www.campwonewoc.com.

• CANADA •

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

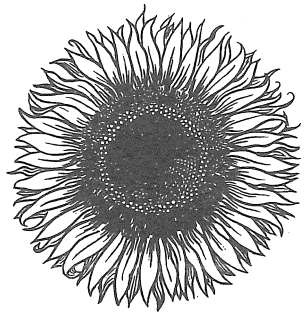
THE FIRST SPIRITUAL CHURCH OF MONTREAL
2186 St. Catherine St. West, Montreal, Quebec, H3H 1M7; English Serv. - Sun. 2:00 p.m. & Wed. 7:30 p.m.; French Serv. - Sun. 4:30 pm., 2nd & 4th Wed. 7:30 p.m; Rev. Mary Amato, Minister, (514) 365-0661.

THE FIRST SPIRITUALIST CHURCH OF GALT
72 Grand Ave. North, Cambridge, Ontario, N1S 2K9, (519) 622-7177; Pastor, Rev. Karen Charles; Pastor, Rev. Ed Kenning (semi-retired); Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m. (includes Healing and Scheduled Mediums). Meditation, healing and message circle, Wed. 7:00 p.m. Development & Healing Classes available. Call (519) 622-7177 for updates.

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

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

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



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Getting Out Of The Ruts

BY THE REV. DREW VOGT, California



I grew up camping in the desert with my family.

We felt like adventurers exploring new lands. Driving on sandy roads was tedious, and riding in the ruts was safer than the sand. Our goal was always to find a scenic campsite before sunset. But sometimes after hours of slow progress we'd end up at a dead end.

We learned that even though the ruts were well-traveled they may not lead to our desired destination. Dead ends go nowhere! But leaving the safety of the ruts is risky.

Racing the sun we'd rev up the truck engines and drive up onto a plateau discovering marvelous new views. As a young man I learned this lesson: Don't get trapped in other people's ruts! If someone says that you can't do something, they're probably wrong. God, as Infinite new possibilities, usually says yes because the soul craves exciting new territory. New opportunities lead forward and upward.

Are you trapped in a job or relationship that has no future, no reward? Are the ruts leading you nowhere? Where would Infinite Spirit with infinite new opportunities lead you?

You don't have to endure the dead end any longer. You don't have to sit in a parked car going nowhere. Assess what or who is blocking you, then trust you'll get to where you want to go.

Run, jump, walk, fly or drive around the obstacles. This will lead to new possibilities.

Set a new goal. Change your course. Infinite God has new options for you!

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Things To Think About

BY MERRY BROWNE

"Happy New Year"

Another year, another key of golden opportunity to fill blank pages that equip our writing of a better script of living life to love and bless assuring a year of happiness.

Perfection is glimpsed
when life reveals
your ideas
– are ideals

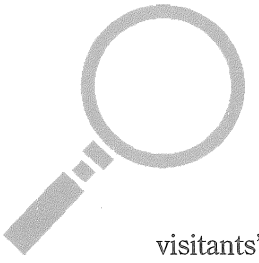


Unless compassion
consists of sharing,
Never, never call it
Caring.

Offered friendship
is hard to resist
where self-importance
does not exist.

MEDIA WATCH

BY THE REVS. TOM AND LISA BUTLER, NST



Communication Throughout History: The June 2006 issue of *Fate* magazine carried an interesting article written by astrologer, Marcia Masino, about famous figures and how spirit communication influenced their lives. When asked how he made his vast fortune, Cornelius Vanderbilt is quoted as saying, "Do as I do, consult the spirits." The information given to President Lincoln by the trance medium, Nettie Coburn Maynard, is detailed along with its significance in convincing him to proclaim freedom with the Emancipation Proclamation. Suffrage leader, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, is said to have written, *The Declaration of Right and Sentiments,* upon her three-legged spirit table used for séances. The author writes about the experiences of others such as Arthur Conan Doyle and why he became convinced of survival.

The relatively current experiences of singer, K.D. Lang, who received signs from deceased singer, Patsy Cline, are mentioned along with the authors own experience. Masino had wanted to include something about Carl Gustav Jung but decided against it when she could not find anything appropriate for her story. Just a few days later she had a dream in which a man was holding an open book and mouthing the word, "The tower." The next day, Masino opened one of Jung's books at random and found a chapter titled, "The Tower," and in it she found just what she had been looking for; a personal experience that Jung had with spirits.

Need for Serious Study: In, "Are Scientists Afraid of Ghosts?," by Pulitzer Prize-winning science writer, Deborah Blum, for the *Los Angeles Times,* Blum wrote about the cross correspondence experiments of famed American psychologist, William James, and the British physicist, Oliver Lodge, noting that the work was described at the time by newspapers as "remarkable experiments testing the reality of life after death." James and Lodge also ran an international survey of reported ghost sightings, particularly those tied to the death of a relative or friend. Tens of thousands of people in multiple countries were interviewed and reports were sifted through, and those that lacked independent witnesses or documentation, were rejected. The researchers concluded that "death visitants" occurred more than four hundred times above chance.

Blum compared the research of James and Lodge to a telepathy study presented at the annual meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science in 2006, which involved sixty-three people who were asked to say in advance which of four friends or relatives were calling on the telephone. The answers were forty-five percent correct, which is above the twenty-four percent expected by chance.

Blum felt the experiment to be small and too poorly controlled for it to be convincing. She wrote, "……it doesn't convince me as it did a host of angry British scientists, that telepathy is merely 'a charlatan's fancy.' It convinces me that we need smarter science on all levels." She continues that James, "Worried about a time when people would become 'indifferent to science because science is so callously indifferent to their experiences.' He worried that a closed-minded community of science could become a kind of cult itself, devoted to its own beliefs and no more."

From: *Los Angeles Times,* http://www.latimes.com

Policeman Hears EVP: An Edmond, Alberta Canada veteran cop is convinced that the voice of murder victim, Rachel Quinney, was picked up in an audio recording as she spoke from beyond the grave. "I saw it. I heard it. I believe," said Constable Wayne Fermaniuk, who accompanied psychic and spiritual medium Alan Hatfield, from Pictou Landing First Nation in Nova Scotia to the spot where Quinney's body was discovered. Along with the voices of Fermaniuk and Quinney's mother and sister, who were all present, Rachel's voice could be heard on the tape's playback," said Hatfield. "It was clear and came in between other dialogue," he said. "Rachel came on, and

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her grandmom and granddad, who are Delia"s mom and dad, they came on, too. I heard the clips that the mother (Delia) said were her daughter talking. It kind of sounds like it's in the background, and you have to turn it up a bit, but it's there."

Neither Hatfield nor Fermaniuk would reveal what they heard Rachel say on the recorded audio of the approximately hour-long session, saying it could jeopardize the police investigation into her unsolved death.

From: July 5, 2006, "Cop hears murdered prostitute speak," By Eliza Barlow *Edmonton Sun,* http://cnews.canoe.ca/CNEWS/WeirdNews/2006/07/05/pf-1669219.html

Paranormal Drama for CBS? Looking to follow up on his hit NBC series, "Medium," producer, Glenn Gordon Caron, is looking at another paranormal drama. CBS has given an order for the pilot, "The Meant to Be's." It is a romantic drama about a young dead woman who must return to Earth and help people before she can cross over.

Did Seth 3 Appear in the Scole Medium's Crystal Experiments? An interesting recent event in Diana and Alan Bennetts' experiments is the discovery of a picture that looks like Seth 3. Lisa Butler was working on a project and looking for pictures on the World ITC website (www.worlditc.org) of some of the (Instrumental TransCommunication (ITC) pioneers when she discovered a picture of Seth 3 that was sent to researcher, Adolf Homes. "I immediately recognized that the face was one that I had seen in some of the examples from the Bennetts' experiments." Lisa said. "I found the picture that I had in mind and was amazed by the striking likeness between two of their ITC photos and the photo sent to Adolf over ten years ago."

Adolf Homes is no longer on the physical plane and there is little information on the web about Seth 3. Dr. Ernst Senkowski documented much of the research done by Homes and the Bennetts were going to write him to get more information about Seth 3.

By looking at previous ITC journals published by Mark Macy, Lisa ran across a couple of references to Seth 3. One of them from the article, "More about the 'Rainbow People,'" in *Contact* Issue #96/03 says, "Seth 3, Ishkumar and others are also 'technicians' just like the one you are familiar with. Some of us call them great souls or creators. They live on our plane and yet are really not among us. They can ascend to higher planes and again 'bend down' to our level. Their power is almost unlimited and so is their wisdom and goodness. Their entire being is illuminated by understanding and forgiveness. It is impossible to describe the good feeling that overcomes the person who faces them and can speak to them. We seek council with these higher beings to determine the information to send to Earth."

If you have other information on Seth 3 we would love to hear about it.



The two different photographs at the left and right of center were taken of quartz crystals illuminated with a strong light. The crystals and light are used as a way to modify light, making it sufficiently chaotic for feature formation. This is similar to using noise for voice formation in EVP. The photograph in the center is of Seth 3 and was "sent" to Holmes via a television set. It is common for the lower portion of these phenomenal faces to be obscured, as if it is the eyes that matter.

From: The American Association of Electronic Voice Phenomena Fall 2006, issue 25.3 NewsJournal, http://aaevp.com.

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All our progress is an unfolding, like the vegetable bud.
You have first an instinct, then an opinion, then a knowledge,
as the plant has root, bud, and fruit. Trust the instinct
to the end, though you can render no reason.
– Ralph Waldo Emerson

Don't Hang Out The Washing Just In Case It Causes Someone To Peg It!

BY KAY HUNTER, Reprinted from *Psychic News.*



We have finally seen the last of the Christmas turkey whilst New Year's Eve bagpipes are silent. The first footing ceremony is over. Now all there is to worry about is keeping New Year resolutions.

Beginnings are fundamental in the superstitions of the British Isles. They feature in the start of a day, of spring, marriage and life itself.

As long as 2,000 years ago, the Roman philosopher Pliney asked, "Why on the first day of the year do we wish one another cheerfully a happy and prosperous New Year?"

Superstition dictates that anything which happens at New Year can be regarded as ominous. The character of the forthcoming months, for good or ill, is foretold by events on the morning of the new year.

Fire and light featured largely in ancient beliefs, so the state of the domestic hearth was important. Some householders kept the fire burning all night long.

If anyone's fire did not burn through the night of New Year's Eve, bad luck, many once believed, would befall a family during the ensuing twelve months.

An ancient superstition in the Lake District was that no light of any kind should be taken outside the house between Christmas Eve and the New Year.

For the same period, ashes from the grate had not to be cleared. Failure to comply meant that there would be an imminent death in the family.

There was a belief that this was a relic of a fire festival devoted to pagan gods. Meanwhile, a Scottish source states that witches could gain power over a household if its members were allowed to take fire outside.

The matter of what was taken in or out of a house during New Year's Eve was of profound importance. There is an 1866 written account by a servant, who recalled that when he was a boy, the mistress of the house called the staff together in the kitchen.

She warned them, under pain of dismissal, that nothing must be carried out of the house the following day, but they might bring in as much as they pleased.

Complying with this command meant that ashes, dirty water, potato peelings and all kitchen residue had to be kept until January 2 before being disposed of whereas coal, firewood and food were brought in as usual.

The ceremony of first footing still survives in many places. The first person entering the house after midnight on New Year's Eve was carefully chosen, although it often ended up by being a friend or neighbor who happened to fit requirements.

It had to be a dark-haired man. He was required to enter carrying a lump of coal, a silver coin and a piece of bread. These represented warmth, prosperity and adequate food for the family throughout the coming year.

It was also a requirement in some households that the first footer entered by one door and left by another.

The first footer was usually treated to a drink and a mince pie for his good offices. Naturally, there were opportunists who "did the rounds" and thus began the New Year with a substantial hangover!

New Year's Day often shared with Good Friday the myth that no domestic work should be done on that day, especially washing.

From Devon comes the plea, "Pray don't 'ee wash on New Year's Day or you'll wash one of the family away." In fishing and sea-going communities, the ban on domestic duties extended even further, with the accent on nautical misfortunes.

Old records state that in Hull and West Country ports, they "never shook a mat on that day because that would shake a man overboard." Another lament was "Don't peg out clothes or someone will 'peg out' in the family."

So seriously were these superstitions believed that when a Yorkshire family suffered the loss of a family member at sea in 1933, the man's sister recalled that on New Year's day, she broke the strict taboo and did the family washing. It played guiltily on her mind that she had washed her brother out of the family.

Sixty years later, the nieces of the drowned man were still meticulous in their resolution never to wash on New Year's Day.

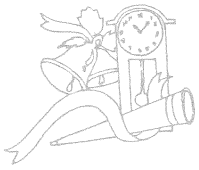
New Year's Eve is a particularly nostalgic time for those who are alone and not inclined towards party going.

The best cure in that case is to switch off the

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What happened in JANUARY throughout the years?

JANUARY 1, 2007



Happy New Year! It is our conditioning and our thoughts that say we begin a "new year." We know that life is really an ongoing process and earthly time is just a way of measure. However, since we mentally think of things new, open yourselves for new doors to swing wide and allow more light and love to enter.

JANUARY 6, 1848

George P. Colby was born on this date. He was a strong, dedicated worker for the religion of Spiritualism. He was a medium, teacher, lecturer, missionary and a delegate to the first NSA Convention in 1893.

JANUARY 15

Martin Luther King, Jr. is remembered on this day as an American apostle of nonviolence, peace and a great moral and political philosopher. He said: *The great problem facing modern man is that the means by which we live have outdistanced the spiritual ends for which we live.*

JANUARY 16, 1903

We think of **the Rev. Joseph H. Merrill**, NSAC's sixth President (1972-1994) on this date. Joe spent all of his adult life serving Spiritualism—churches, camps, conventions, and on the boards. Thank you, Mr. Merrill for all the lives you touched and all the help you gave to Spiritualism. He used to say, "Have a Blue Sky Day." NSAC's fifth President, **Robert J. Macdonald**, was also born in January on the 20th in 1901.

JANUARY 25

NSAC Founder's Day, a time to commemorate the founding of the Children's Progressive Lyceum by Andrew Jackson Davis at Dodsworth Hall in New York City on this date in 1863. His desire was that the teachings of the Lyceum would promote health of body, purity of thought and desire, love of truth, justice and the cultivation of reasonableness and spirituality.

JANUARY 29, 1688

The birth date of **Emmanuel Swedenborg** in Stockholm, Sweden. This great thinker, scientist, theologian and forerunner of Spiritualism began his spiritual search later in life. His writings on his insights, continuous life, the afterlife, communication and his views of God have influenced and inspired many. He felt the sincerest form of worship is a useful life.

JANUARY 31



Happy Birthday to you, **the Rev. E. Ann Otzelberger, NST,** NSAC Board member. We send healing and love to you for a great day and a healthy year.

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Be willing to have it so. Acceptance of what has happened is the first step to overcoming the consequences of any misfortune.

– William James

DON'T HANG OUT THE WASHING...

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television, go to bed early and forget the whole thing, for TV gives us the inevitable chimes of Big Ben, Scottish parties and the idea that everyone else is having a whale of a time.

They possibly are not, but New Year's Eve has its own sounds. In some places, people went out and banged dustbin lids.

My childhood memory is of New Year's Eves spent with a much-loved aunt on Tyneside and the haunting midnight sound of the foghorn on Souter Bank. I wonder if it still operates?

But away with melancholy, morbid traditions and superstitions, interesting as they may be!

Let us look forward to the new year of 2007 with optimism and a desire to do some good. There is a lot to be done in feeding starving countries, finding better, more efficient ways of looking after the sick, preventing unnecessary wars and taking a serious look at global warming before it is too late to save the planet.

It is a full and urgent program. Shall we just get on with it...

TNS Is 88!



January 1919 to January 2007—*TNS* is 88. Let's look at a couple of items from the first few issues, plus a letter written by George Warne, the NSAC president and first editor, just after completion of the first issue. There are many invisibles who still help to prepare each monthly publication with inspiration and guidance.

Letter written by George Warne:

749 Oakwood Blvd.
Chicago, Ill.
Jan. 14th, 1919

Dear Brother Kates:

Ordination matter in type for next issue. Obliged to cut book list a little this time. Make up can be improved on somewhat.

The first issue of *The National Spiritualist* is off the press today and being mailed as rapidly as possible. Brother Seely calls it "all meat and no bone."

It is not yet ideal but will do for a starter. Printers agree with me on slight change in type for February number.

My heartiest thanks for the assistance given by each one of you for its appearance. I now want your criticisms and suggestions.

Do not forget that it is up to each member of our Board to see that the undertaking succeeds. The next date of its publication will be February 10th.

Send subscriptions –
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Send all news from your own cities and states –
Send all news reaching you from elsewhere,
Pray without ceasing and work like – – – – –!.

Fraternally yours,
George Warne

Excerpt from the first issue of *TNS*:

The National Spiritualist
Volume 1 Number 1
Chicago, January 18, 1919

The National Spiritualist is born as a protest against existing and humanly created conditions that have been and are now handicapping the strengthening and extension of the normal work of The National Spiritualist Association of the United States and of its affiliated local and state bodies.

Moral and Spirit intelligences have collaborated for its launching, and enrolled themselves to sail it onward into the years that are styled Futurity.

Similar entities will continue to direct the stoking of its engines, the handling of its rudder, the charting of its courses, the filling of its larder, the manning of its quarter deck and the operation of its wireless receiving and sending station. Their labors will be for every one who sails as regular passenger thereon, as well as for all others who watch for its arrivals or receipt of its air flashed tidings.

Dependent heretofore largely upon a privately owned press for means through which to spread the propaganda of Spiritualism, the N.S.A. has sorely felt a need of its own printed mouthpiece.

The second issue of *TNS* carried a special 4 page article, Prophecies for the year, 1919, given by the Spirit Aaron through Mrs. Zaida B. Kater at Unity Spiritualist Church, Washington D.C., Jan. 5, 1919. Many prophecies were made. Most came true, including an announcement of the Second World War. Even the date of the coming war proved correct.

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TNS, April 12, 1919

Bureau of Phenomenal Evidence

Spiritualism differs from all other religions in that it is evidential rather than traditional.

The National Association has felt for a long time that the imperative need of our cause along its scientific side was the collection and preservation of well attested mediumistic facts. The leaders of our movement have seen the need of our doing within our ranks the same kind of work which the Society for Psychic Research has been doing outside our ranks. Accordingly, the National Association established the Bureau of Phenomenal Evidence.

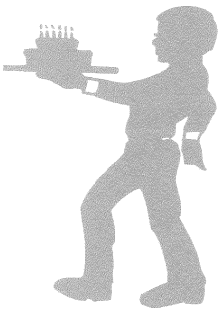
The object of this Bureau is to collect and preserve as a matter of permanent record, open to hostile as well as friendly critics, clear and exact statements of mediumistic phenomena supported by affidavits of witnesses.

TNS, May 17, 1919

John L. Jackson's bequest to the N.S.A.

The secular press has scattered far and wide the tidings that John L. Jackson of Fort Worth, Texas, has left an estate valued at nearly $500,000 for handling by the National Spiritualists' Association and named the president of that body executor of his will without bond.

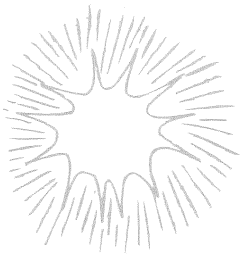
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"Conscious awareness allows us to change our thought patterns and thereby remold our offers."

– Science of Mind

POETRY



All Wise Power

BY EVELYN DICKERSON

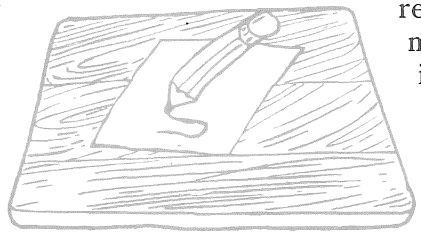
Great Loving – All Wise Power,
This is your shining hour,
All your creation you proudly show,
Your majestic mountains capped with snow,
Your wind blowing softly through the trees.
Currents caressing the waves of the sea,
The valleys laying lush with green,
Butterflies showing their beautiful wings,
The Eagle soaring gracefully through the sky,
Winds singing their songs on high,
The river gliding merrily along,
Your birds joining in beautiful song,
Your trees in the forest so tall,
Their branches bowing reverently to your call,
The rain so refreshing – makes everything new,
The clouds clear away, the sky turns blue,
The deer leaping joyfully across the field,
They know your love – is their shield,
Sun shining brightly on fields of golden grain,
Kissed by the dew drops – crystal drops of rain,
Flowers blooming profusely on the mountain side,
Birds on the wing – gracefully glide,
Man – woman – child – so proud,
They laugh – cry – sing – shout out loud,
We are protected with your love,
Your Light shines on each from above,
Great – Divine – All Wise Power,
Each moment We Live – Is Your Greatest Hour.

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Poetry From The Spirit World

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Spontaneous poetry was part of the public demonstrations given by many trance mediums, predominantly young and female,[1] in the first decades of the huge movement that Spiritualism rapidly became in the latter half of the nineteenth century.[2] After Margaret Fox and Anne Leah Fox Fish publicly demonstrated rapping mediumship in Corinthian Hall, Rochester, New York on the evening of November 14, 1849, a demonstration that continued through November 15 and 16, 1849, rapping mediums came forward all across the United States in the area above the Mason-Dixon Line. The rapping phenomena quickly expanded in many of these mediums and others to include clairvoyance, levitation, writing, and other phenomena.[3]



Within months of the Fox sisters' first public demonstration, trance mediums (again mostly girls and young women),[4] began to come forward, becoming part of the thousands of mediums of the period.[5] Trance speakers became the "missionaries of Spiritualism," in the nineteenth century.[6] Particularly in the 1850's and 1860's, the trance mediums were the ones who gave the public demonstrations in halls to audiences often numbering in the hundreds and even thousands. Other forms of mediumship were nearly always demonstrated in the home and test circles.[7] Trance mediums shared the platforms with others at the great reform meetings of the era, addressing audiences of thousands while entranced by Spirit.[8]

At a time when women were mostly denied the right to speak in public, the sight of uneducated, young, female trance mediums holding forth on public platforms, speaking with confidence and eloquence, was a startling sight.[9] The audience would choose a committee to select a topic for the medium to talk on.[10] The medium may have come onto the platform in trance or would go into trance after being given the topic, and immediately speak eloquently and with knowledge of the given subject well beyond any knowledge the medium could possibly have and beyond that of anyone in the audience.[11]

Sometimes the mediums would speak in verse,[12] sometimes in a variety of foreign languages the medium could not possibly have known.[13] Ann Braude speaks of the trance mediums "voicing extemporaneous visions of heaven in verse."[14] For example, thirteen-year-old trance medium Susie Cluer "was popular for her poetic presentations."[15] A book of poetry given through popular mid-nineteenth century trance medium Lizzie Doten was published that we are privileged to have in our church library. A volume of the poetry that came through trance medium Ascha Sprague was published shortly after her unexpected passing to Spirit in 1862 at age 34.[16] A compilation of some of the beautiful poetry received through various West Coast mediums was published in San Francisco in 1881.[17] Nettie Colburn Maynard's book, describing her work as a trance medium in the Lincoln White House, contains many lovely poems from Spirit.[18]

Cora Scott Richmond, one of the preeminent trance mediums of the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries was well known for the beautiful poetry delivered through her entranced body by her beloved American Indian guide, Ouina. Cora Scott Richmond began working from the platform as a trance medium in 1851 at age 11.[19] She would enter the lecture hall "already in trance." After she was on the platform, the audience, or committee chosen by the audience, would present the medium with a topic, chosen to "confound the young girl." Immediately, a learned discourse would be eloquently given on the topic by one or more of her guides. Following the trance address, the audience could question the entrancing Spirit. They could also ask questions before the talks.[20]

The audience or committee would then present another topic and Ouina would come through the medium and spontaneously give a lengthy and beautiful Spiritual poem.[21] Harrison D. Barrett, the first president of the National Spiritualist Association, in his biography of Cora Scott Richmond, (the first vice president of the National Spiritualist Association), estimated that 10,000 different poems were given by Ouina in this manner.[22] As the biography was published in 1895 and Cora Scott Richmond continued to work publicly for perhaps 25 more years, another several thousand beautiful Spiritual poems were probably delivered spontaneously through her by Ouina.

An epic poem of 235 pages, *Hesperia,* published in 1871, was given to humanity by Ouina.[23] Ouina gave an

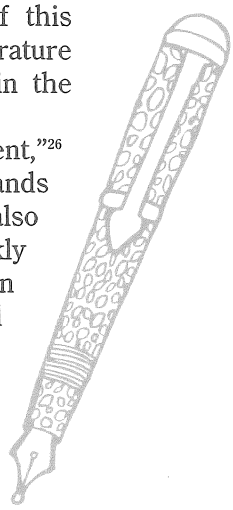
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estimated 30,000 name poems to individual people, completed and published a serialized novel, *Zulieka,* for the *Progressive Thinker,* one of the excellent Spiritualist periodicals of the day that continued well into the twentieth century, authored a book of poetry for children, *Ouina's Canoe,* and contributed many other works to the publications of her medium's time.[24]

The poetry I have found in Spiritualism that has come from the higher side of life is the most beautiful I have ever read. Only a smattering of what came into this world from Spirit is referred to here. The record of this outpouring from Spirit is contained in the vast literature that was generated by Spiritualism, particularly in the nineteenth century.[25]

The record of our "massive popular movement,"[26] Spiritualism, is contained not only in the thousands upon thousands of books that were published[27] but also in the over 200 Spiritualist periodicals, many weekly newspapers, that we now know began publication in the nineteenth century. These periodicals recorded the activities of Spiritualists in their particular areas. There we find the texts of many trance addresses given through local mediums, the beautiful poetry that flowed through them, the record of the daily and weekly doings of our movement in each local area, giving us a more complete picture of Spiritualist activities throughout the North, East, West, and, to a lesser extent, South.[28]



Mary T. Longley, M.D., another of the gifted trance mediums of the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, was involved with 32 of these periodicals as assistant editor, test medium, or both.[29] A tireless worker for Spiritualism from girlhood through womanhood, she was the third secretary of the National Spiritualist Association, and, for fourteen years, the test medium for the most prominent Spiritualist periodical of the nineteenth century, the *Banner of Light.*[30]

At one point, during her work as a medium, a little girl, recently passed, came to her from the Spirit World. As this child grew and mature in Spirit, she gave much knowledge of the Spirit life, Wisdom from the higher realms, and lovely poetry. At one of Mary Longley's gatherings, a man, not a Spiritualist, was asked to pick a topic for a poem. He quickly chose "Immortality." *Immediately* this poem, among the most beautiful of all, was given by the little girl through the entranced Mary Longley. We are privileged to share this, that it may once again bring uplifting light into our world.

Immortality[31]

Life in a golden circlet runs,
With no beginning and no end;
It flashes on from suns to suns,
And with all tides of being blends.
Life is the product of the Soul;
Without it nothing breathes or moves.
Life doth all things in space control,
And it, immortal being proves.

There is no end to conscious life;
It pulsates through all time and space;
With it the universe is rife;
By it all worlds are held in place.
Forever stretching on and on
Through mortal spheres to heavenly zones
It sings the grand immortal song,
And it Divinity enthrones.

Sweet Immortality that glows
Like quenchless suns with vibrant fire!
Blest Immortality that knows
The ardency of pure desire,
To rise forever, grand and free;
And by it, human spirits rise
To heights through all eternity,
From realm to realm of Paradise.

The earnest hope, the grand desire
And longing in the human breast
To ever press on higher, higher,
To holier mansions of the blest;
The precious faith, the craving true,
To live and live, and never die;
The earnest wish, forever new,
To cleave the regions of the sky,

And dwell in sweet supernal bliss,
Beyond the shades of earthly care,
To reach a higher world than this,
Where life is all supremely fair;
The quenchless fire to live beyond
These earthly years of toil and strife,
The cravings of affection fond,
All tell of life, immortal life.

The grand intelligence of man,
The conscious power and memory,
The power to move and act and plan
Are attributes of Deity;
And Deity can never die,
For life eternal is its name,
Its attributes so grand and high
In Wisdom's light forever flame.

Man is the sweet epitome
Of all that life can e'er contain;
Heir is he of Eternity,

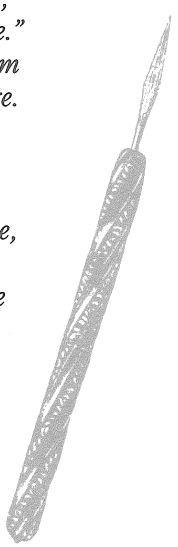
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A link in God's immortal chain.
His is the quenchless force and power
That flames into a living soul.
He rises onward, hour by hour,
E'en through eternal ages roll.

For God is Life, and Life is God,
And man a child of Deity.
Beneath the grand immortal rod
He travels to Infinity.
Onward and upward, age by age,
He rises unto grander heights,
Guided for aye by Wisdom's sage,
And led by Truth's eternal lights.

From land to land and zone to zone,
His soul may pass in Wisdom's school,
He gains its precepts for his own,
Is governed by "Love's Golden Rule."
There is no Death; the flowers bloom
From spring to spring in beauty rare.
They fill the air with rich perfume,
And make all life so sweetly fair.



And though decay may blight them here,
Their sweetness is not lost to life.
They bloom in heaven's supernal sphere
Beyond all wintry storm and strife.
There is no Death; the soul renews
Its potency from hour to hour;
It never can its luster lose,
It is endowed with noblest power

To soar aloft on viewless wings,
Towards the source of endless light,
And as it goes, it sweetly sings
Triumphant in its lofty flight,
"Sweet Immortality is free
To every soul that e'er was born,
Its heritage Eternity,
It hails the grand immortal morn."

Alike to poet and to sage,
Alike to peasant and to king,
It comes to all in every age,
And on its grand exultant wing
Each soul is lifted higher and higher
Towards the throne of perfect Love;
Forever fed by God's own fire
The spirit rises far above

The weakness and the cares of earth,
The trials and the sufferings,
for, gaining by its higher birth
A mastery over mortal things,
It reaches out, and on and on,
Its lofty exultation grand,
And sweeping other worlds along
Finds Destiny on every hand.

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For God Eternal is within,
God, in the soul that's freed from sin
Proves Everlasting Life and Power
To be Man's grand, eternal Dower.

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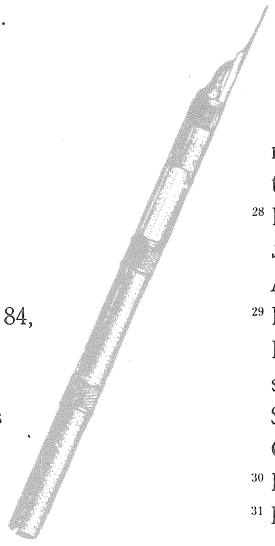
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"See Yourself As God Sees You"

BY Josh McDowell

What makes us who we are? It's not our physical appearance, our education or career history, our many accomplishments, or our spiritual gifts.

Our core identity and our perception of it plays a vital role in how we live our daily life, how much joy we experience, how we treat other people and how we respond to God.

To alter our inner self-portrait, we need the assistance of someone who views the entire picture as it is. This someone must be loving enough to accept us as we are and powerful enough to help us change what we are unable and powerless to change ourselves.

This, of course is God. God is the only one Who knows everything about you and loves you anyway. *

By Their Fruits Shall They Be Known

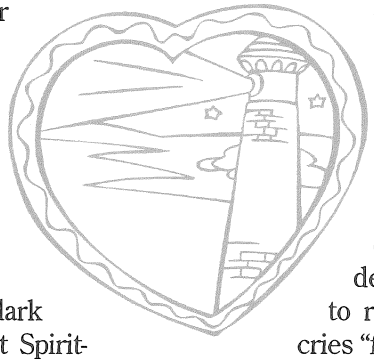
BY THE REV. GLORIA J. NYE, NST, CM, Maine

Spiritualists are under attack, and the enemy is cunning, deceitful, and self-serving.

Spiritualism is being targeted because it promotes the Light in a loving, forgiving eternal presence called Infinite Intelligence. A goal of Spiritualism is to free mankind of its most primordial fear—Death; the goal of dark entities is to destroy the emotional and spiritual light of individuals who are searching for the truth.

To deny the existence of dark entities simply because Spiritualism does not promote a belief in hellfire and eternal damnation; is not only naïve, but dangerous, because it opens the doorway to being manipulated by them.

Some Spiritualists assume incorrectly that our 8th Principle, "The doorway to reformation is never closed against any soul here or hereafter" guarantees immediate pardon and entry into the higher planes regardless of their acts. There are most definitely ascending and descending levels on the Other Side and they are not all inhabited by beings of Light.



In the early thriving days of Spiritualism, dark entities posing as psychic mediums, brought Spiritualism to its knees by preying on the millions who lost children, husbands, and loved ones during World War I and as a result of the Great Influenza epidemic of the early Twentieth Century. It has taken decades for Spiritualism to recoup from this fall from grace.

As predicted by some of the "great" Spiritualists, Spiritualism is once again slowly on the rise. I am seeing this now, even though there are only 20 members in the Inner Light Spiritualist Church of which I am Pastor, services are usually attended by thirty or more individuals on any given Sunday. I am not so concerned with the fact that they are not members, but more so, that they keep coming back.

This new generation of seekers are no longer the children of their parent's strict spiritual beliefs that promoted fear through damnation; instead, they are searching for their own version of the truth. The very light that beckons these seekers to Spiritualism, is the same beacon that attracts the dark.

Although they are found in every walk of life; in a church setting, dark entities can be likened by some to spiritual predators. These spiritual predators are skilled divisionists seeking to cause dissension and chaos within the church membership.

A spiritual predator worms their way into an individual's confidence by flattery to ferret out any evidence of weakness or past abuse. They are wonderful mimics able to repeat the words and feelings and can feign interest—including God and spirituality back to the individual, so that the individual believes that there is a strong common ground between both of them. The spiritual predator now uses the information to control and manipulate the unsuspecting as tools in their work. It is at this point that the individual becomes a victim.

Often, a spiritual predator portrays themselves as having been "wronged" by the spiritual leadership hoping to elicit compassion from their victims. The spiritual predator will say or do anything so that they may cause rifts and division in a church rather than promoting unity. These crafty cowards use their victims to spread malicious gossip and half-truths in order to weave a web of deception that is nigh impossible to break. A favorite ploy with a spiritual predator is to place doubt and work their subterfuge by accusing without evidence, twisting truth, and giving no opportunity for the targeted individual to defend them self. If a targeted individual dares to retaliate or strikes back, a spiritual predator cries "foul" and proclaims that he or she is the victim of this horrible person who wishes to harm them.

The ideal of a spiritual predator is not so lofty as to take over and run a church; worse, they seek to run it into the ground. They are methodical in their approach because they are constantly planning and plotting to set their schemes in motion. When their plan is ready to play out, they stand back and watch it unfold. They will always stand safely on the sidelines where they can't be drawn into any fight, neither will they take the chance of being revealed for who they are, believing they are so important they cannot be sacrificed. They thrive on the chaos and angst caused by their actions on the members in the church. The victim, who is compassionate and whose emotion and faith is genuine, has a tough time grasping the concept that it is all a performance. Rather than walking away from the spiritual predator once the "mask has been removed from the spiritual predator," the victim often stays loyal to a spiritual predator, trying desperate to rescue that wonderful person he or she is sure is in there because he or she saw them with their own eyes. It is at this point, that the victim now becomes a victim/persecutor. The spiritual predator has manipulated the victim/persecutor to the point in which the victim/persecutor now victimizes a targeted individual for protesting "so unjustly" to the spiritual predator's actions.

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Often, a spiritual predator will move on when the well of emotions begins to dry up, taking the opportunity to leave before their "masks are off" to claim they can no longer be associated with a group that allows the type of vindication and persecution being exhibited by the targeted individual.

The spiritual predator relies on the short memories of the victim/persecutors and the fact that they will do nothing in the face that most victim/persecutors do not want to admit their victim status and will defend the spiritual predator rather than risk losing face by admitting that they too had been a victim.

Spiritual predators have no conscience for their actions; no sense of responsibility for anything that they might do that creates havoc in the lives around them. They are literally without remorse. They are often individuals who have missed the boat, and when looked at critically, are failures in his or her own life. They have no concept of loyalty unless it suits their purposes.

Spiritual predators exist in every walk of life. They may be your mother or father, sister or brother, aunt, uncle, cousin, wife, husband, child, teacher, employer, or friend. If there has been a time in your life in which you felt self-doubt, emotional pain, been in turmoil or treated unjustly, it is undoubtedly, almost a certainty, that you have met, played with, worked with, or loved a spiritual predator.

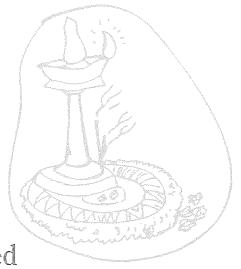
We have been given the ability to weave our own life tapestry. But many of us have allowed our tapestry to be tampered with or rewoven for us. Spiritual predators have an innate ability to see the twisted threads of our negative experiences and use that knowledge to usurp our free will through manipulation. They take the tapestry of a person's life and seek to warp that very tapestry into a parody of their own reflection.

But certainly, life is all about choices. In time, through practice and prudence and discernment you shall surely know a spiritual predator by their fruits and you will make better choices as you go along. We are not here to be shown how bad we are or how weak we are or were, but how powerful we can be. Through the results of our choices and learning through all our experiences we become co-creators with the Infinite. ❋

FEATURE

DEATH CHANGES ONLY THE FORM OF LIFE

BY ELISABETH KUBLER-ROSS, M.D.



Dr. Kubler-Ross was a famed psychiatrist who gave the medical profession and clergy cause to weigh past and present evidence of life and death. Her investigations were based primarily on interviews of persons pronounced clinically dead, yet who lived to tell of their experiences in the after-life. Once her carefully documented proof was revealed, other doctors came forth with cases they had also recorded. Dr. Kubler-Ross authored several books including *On Death and Dying,* and *Death: The Final Stage of Growth.*

She wrote: "We have many cases where people have died and made a comeback, and in my opinion, there is not a shadow of a doubt—that dying is only the shedding of the physical body...People who have shared these experiences with us have seen a light...felt the presence of great compassion and love...and after passing through a mist or a tunnel, approaching the light...were also aware of a guide or loved one who had passed ahead of them into this higher state of consciousness. What we have learned from these experiences is that we are never alone—neither in death—nor in life, that we are loved and guided—and after this peaceful transition we will have to account for what we have been doing in our own life. What has impressed me perhaps most, is that we are not only responsible for our deeds and actions—but also for our words and thoughts which affects others."

Dr. Elisabeth Kubler-Ross was a friend to Spiritualism, and her studies were printed in the world's leading newspapers which added life and weight to our Religion.

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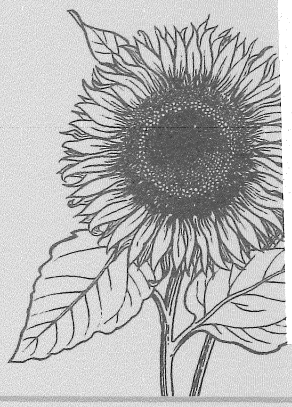
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3. We affirm that a correct understanding of such expression and living in accordance therewith, constitute true religion.
4. We affirm that the existence and personal identity of the individual continue after the change called death.
5. We affirm 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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