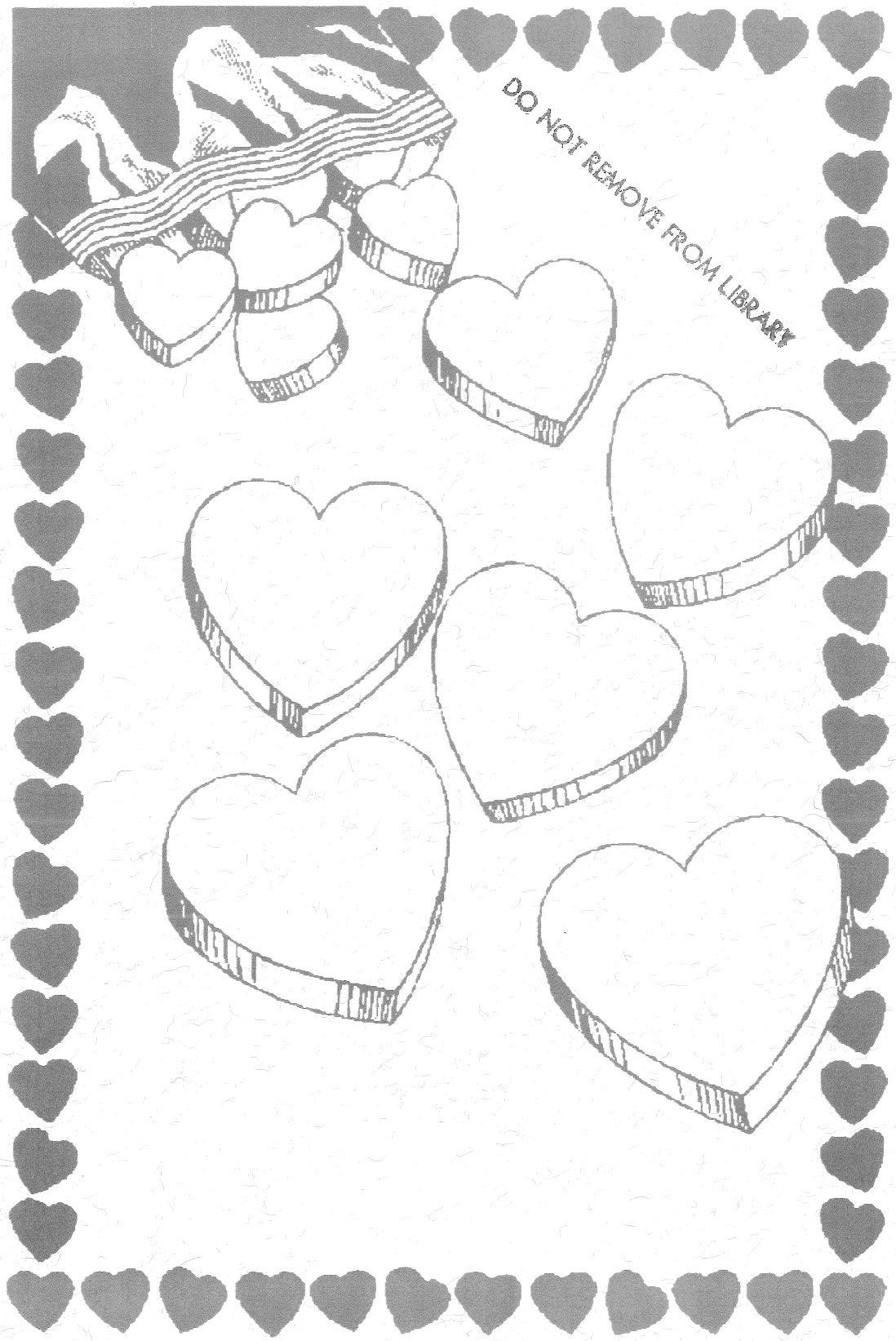
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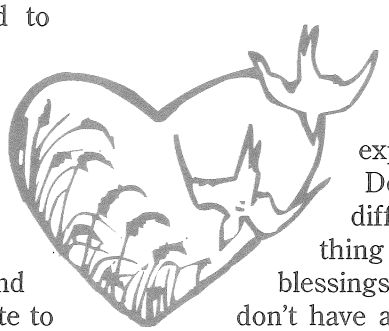
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Spirit Is!

BY THE REV. SANDRA PFORTMILLER, NST

When some of us came to Spiritualism our concept of God was sort of a kindly, grandfatherly gentleman who sat on a golden throne overlooking all humanity, surrounded by angels that did His bidding. Omnipresent, omnipotent and omniscient were words we had heard to describe the God-head, but possibly we did not really explore their meaning as it applied to all life. We also might have been taught not to break the commandments or we would spend eternity in Hell after we died in the physical realm. What a fearful concept.



My thoughts changed about the Infinite Creator and also thankfully about Heaven and Hell. Then I grew confused as to how to relate to something indescribable, to an evolved intelligence, eternal energy and infinite love and light. As I study, I find that each truth I discover is a description of a part of God; each time I experience love, joy, harmony or inspiration, it is an expression of the Divine. Here are just a few of the things I now feel and when I have a strong impression of one of them, I am filled with awe, for in my limited finite understanding I feel that something beautiful has just been added unto me.

Spirit is Mind. Spirit is mind, thought, knowledge, wisdom, Infinite Intelligence. Take care of your mind, exercising it by exploring new ideas and filling it with good thoughts, keeping it open to investigate truths. If the mind is feeling good and balanced, harmony is present. If the mind is confused, worried, angry, etc., it is out of harmony and one will have difficulty feeling good about anything. **Spirit is Harmony. There is One Mind common to all humanity, Infinite Intelligence.**

Spirit is Life. A line from a song is "Life is what you make it and what you make it, is up to you." We each arrive in the physical expression with a special pathway to explore so our soul will learn the lessons it requires to grow and develop spiritually. To grow spiritually is to learn about ourselves and about spirit. When you know more about who you are and about your life purpose, you will know who you want to be with you and where you want to travel. Life is eternal, so your pathway influences life here and life in the hereafter. There is One Source from which all energy, all life originates and flows, and this is where we live, move and have our being. Every act has a spiritual component, in some way, for there is Spirit in all creation.

Spirit is Joy. Joy and harmony do not mix with discord, anger and hate. Love fills the spirit with joy. Good feelings come from within, from the indwelling God. Often we look to the outer world of matter for our happiness and joy, but while there can be momentary pleasure, lasting happiness comes from within and from our consciousness. We are spirit now, living in the physical expression, but our spirit is our God-spark within. Touching with our Divine spark of life always brings joy. It is up to us to do this. No one can do it for you.

Spirit is Goodness. Think of the expression "God only wants good for you." Do you believe this when you are having difficulty? Hindsight shows us how each thing that happens was filled with Divine blessings for us and for those around us. We really don't have a clue what is for our highest and best good, but Infinite Intelligence knows and brings that goodness to us. Why? Because Infinite Spirit expresses through us, as us and because God is Love. With God nothing is impossible and Infinite Mind brings to us all the good we are willing to accept. When our being is devoted to the Divine Being, all things will be brought to us. There is Infinite supply, and I am grateful for my abundance.

Spirit is Love. There are two fundamental concepts that have been passed down through the ages to remember as we grow spiritually and as we think of Divine Creator. "The Universe is impelled by Love and propelled by Law." As we spiritually learn and grow, loving and caring become our way of life. Years ago I wrote in an article, "Living in love involves surrender of the ego so the inner light may emerge."

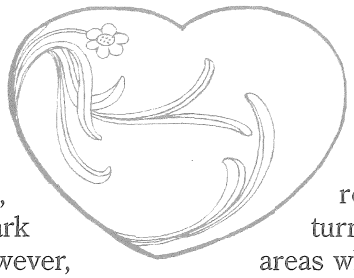
Spirit is Natural Law. Natural Law demonstrates that our universe is orderly. We can depend on God's Laws, for they are constant, with purpose, apply to all, are simple principles of right, are dependable, are continuous. They contribute to all parts of our lives, add order and coherence to everything.

Spirit is Truth. "Spiritual truth is not something outside you; it is within you in your understanding of life. All spiritual truths in life will set you free. If the truth does not set you free, it is not truth, it is dogma." Ron Rathburn, in *The Way Is Within*. Truth is a simple, clear idea that all can understand. When you hear complex thoughts, examine them closely.

Spirit is Within. The God-presence, at all times, moves through you as you. When you allow this Presence to guide your life through you, with your complete cooperation, and in trust, then your life flows smoothly and there is joy in each experience. What an exciting concept: Each moment this Presence is expressing love

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and truth through you—when you work and play, with your friends and family, when you pray and meditate, when you are still or active, Spirit is present. The more we trust and accept this God-spark within and listen in the stillness for guidance, the more aware we will be of our higher selves, of our center. The Spirit within me is All, is all Wisdom, is all Love, is all Creation.



Spirit is Energy, Light. Within all that we do there is a Divine spark that energizes the inspiration, intention or the idea. The Creator is Energy, omnipresent, therefore, evident in all creation. Without this Divine Spark there is no energy, no life, no light. However, because God is everywhere, always present, always aware and knowing, or omniscient, then this Divine spark is in all creation. The amount of energy or light possessed, determines its awareness.

Spirit is the One Who does the Works. All wisdom, all love, all energy, all healing, all life comes from God. The God-Presence moves through us as us, but it is God who is in control. Allow this Presence unrestricted (no ego) cooperation and see the wonders your life will experience. Spirit is Freedom, expressing as Love, Light and Law. When we listen to the still small voice and then act accordingly, we are doing God's will.

Spirit is Perfect. "The Life, Light, or Energy within me is perfect, is Divine." All things that happen in life are perfect, for all things are of God Who is Perfect. All Life happens for a reason and this reason brings a blessing. Mentally picture yourself as perfect, as a beautiful expression of Light and Love and draw into your head Universal Perfect Energy.

Spirit is Trust. Sometimes in the turmoil of Life I am reminded of the expression "God never gives us more than we can handle." My girlfriend Charlene says, "I wish God didn't have so much confidence in me" and I have felt that way at times, too, yet her comment makes me smile and eases my tension. It might be better if I said, "Great Creator, please help me restore my harmony. I have so much confidence and trust in You. I know this too shall pass and I am grateful for my highest and best good." Spirit always shows me the way or leads me to the light, when I am willing to receive spiritual guidance. Maybe those turmoil times are the situations, the growth areas where we need to surrender completely and not try to handle whatever is out of alignment, until we have communicated with Infinite Spirit. "In God We/I Trust!" Spirit unravels problems, is vital, able, willing and ready to respond to your every need. Let go of your concerns and turn them over to the Law and let Natural Law do its perfect work. Surrender and trust.

Spirit is Now. The time we can enjoy our life is right now and that is where we will find the Infinite Spirit and our own personal spirit. Take advantage of this precious moment, for it will never come again and there are opportunities to be experienced. Life is happening now—a complete moment in a complete universe—a Divine moment in a Divine Universe.

God is the One Power and as we grow closer to this Light and the evolution of Divine Energy, we experience the energy within and without and learn that we are co-creators in life and others are co-creators in their lives. A creative life is a spiritual life filled with inspiration. Love and Blessings to you all.

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FAVORITE SAYINGS TO LIVE BY



What a new face
courage puts on everything!
– Ralph Waldo Emerson

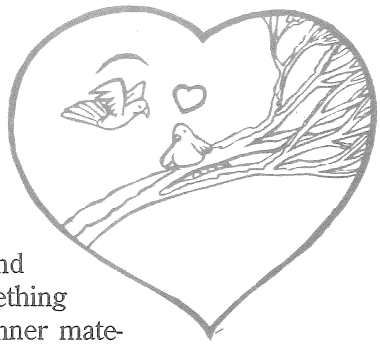
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May God give you that consolation
which is beyond all earthly powers.
– Abraham Lincoln

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Love...The Unlimited Supply

BY NANCY T. GILMORE, Missouri



A few years ago I picked up a little sign. It's metal and kind of "country" looking and has a little red metal heart hanging off of it. Not my usual predilection for decor. It says "Love comes out of heaven unasked or unsought." The sign has been living in my studio ever since I brought it home. Pretty simple phrase, but a rocker of a statement. Yet, another reminder and hello from the all-ways Infinite healing cosmos.

Having spent almost twelve years in an all girl's Catholic Convent School in the East and even though that was many years ago, it shook me to my roots.

Those roots of mine, they go pretty deep in the second generation US Irish Catholic values that I was marinated in. And because of that time in history and also from the indoctrination that was passed on to me from well-meaning parents. I spent my early life trying to figure out why what I "heard in my head and knew in my heart" didn't match up with what I was being told in my ears.

What came naturally to me was a full and expanding feeling that would well up from deep within me and then spread out to whomever or whatever I was responding to that was triggering me so completely. It felt really good and it felt really free, and it made me feel one with the person, animal or thing. It would envelope both myself and the trigger, like a cloud of wonderful energy. I learned that it was often referred to as "Love." It didn't cost me a thing. I didn't even have to try or make it up. It just was. It would come over me all unexpected and just rush around me and through me and then out of me and surround the person, animal or thing. Sometimes it would even just encompass the words on a page I was reading and then swirl around back to me and make more thoughts that felt really good and form more pictures in my head that seemed to be able to create this feeling on and on. It was what I later in life referred to as a "rush." It didn't take any preparation or planning. It was always spontaneous. It was not induced by any substance or any particular circumstance. It just was.

One of my very first conflicts of these loving feelings not matching up with some others, that felt really yucky, was not surprisingly, in school. I don't like to talk about the yucky ones much. I can tell you that with them, my muscles would contract and my mind would kind of freeze up and there was no flow.

I felt everything pull in and start to get cold. As I was growing up, I would try to stay alert enough to examine this dynamic as it was happening. I was trying to process it into experience. It was difficult to do while I was undergoing it, especially when it was in association with another human. Everyday there seemed to be another opportunity to examine this whole contraction yuck thing in the form of a face bound behind a stiff white something surrounded by a black thinner material that encompassed their whole body, and also there was a long thing with large black shiny beads connected on a chain and at the end was a crossed thing with a guy hanging on it. Scary. Looming over me and saying things that I couldn't even bear to understand, this person would be trying to convey something to me that just didn't seem to be in my ability to grasp.

The experience began to be embedded into my radar. I would feel this contraction as they seemed to emit a harsh vibrational energy that tried to encompass me and overwhelm me and it felt like death. I had no idea how I knew what death felt like then. Now I know it was just the animal instinct in me that comes about in the middle of that contraction known as fear. Ick. When I was little, death was a feeling that came up inside and was not welcome. I was still functioning as a young human instinctually; it was not a positive in any way. I naturally wanted away from this contracting and overwhelmingly ick feeling each and every time I experienced it.

Now as my life experiences accumulated, I picked up some more data while watching those around me. Other young girls may have had difficult experiences from myself. Some seemed to concentrate more on one another and would access visually and mentally what others looked like, wore or owned or even what they were as a person. I started to learn words like "mine" and "jealous" and other words that now I know come under the heading of "mean" or at least "cranky." They would say things about each other like "she is prettier than her." There was a lot of "why I can sing, dance, draw, etc. better than they can." All those interactions between them, and also adults, I would see and feel physically the differences. I could hear and feel and know in places in and around my body. I'm sure they did also. What I knew though most importantly was that there were girls and adults and even my brother and sisters at home that felt there was a limited supply of things and if one person had it that maybe they couldn't have it also. Instead of loving the them that they were, they would want to be the them that someone else was. And it made them scared. Scared enough to hurt each other even when they at other times felt love for

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the same persons.

At this time I live in a very rural part of Missouri. There are many different religious belief systems here in a small area with one thing it seems in common. They also seem to believe that there is not enough for everyone. Not enough money, work, fun, opportunities or things. They also seem to believe that anything a person acquires has to come from hard work or some kind of suffering. A couple of the religions have as their basis a rejection of material things as they are Amish and Mennonite. Some have decided they can't use machines, but nowadays a generator is alright as long as it doesn't hook up to electric. The Mennonites can drive vehicles, but the Amish have to get rides with "regular" people. I have noticed though that here also within their communities they will have these conversations that let me know they have feelings that there is not enough and they are scared. I don't think they know they are scared. I'm not sure anyone knows that they are scared. But I think it's scared cause it feels like scared to me. What is frightening them? That there isn't enough or that someone has more or that they won't get something they want. There it is again. Fear.

I will share with you a conversation I "heard in my head" when I was young on a very scary day. I heard this clear as light "Nancy, look at your hands, open your hands" (they were in fists because I was very afraid). I opened up my hands, grateful to hear the soft and loving feelings come over me, grateful for the company. Then I heard "Nancy, do you see your fingerprints? There is no other person who has your fingerprints Nancy. Each person has their own fingerprints on their hands. You are unique and so is each and every person. Fingerprints are just like snowflakes, no two alike. Nancy, God will reflect through you the Light that you were meant to reflect of God if you open up your hands." I was a child that day and it was very hard to open up my hands because there was fear and violence all around me. But those words penetrated my very spirit and have never left me to this very day.

I'm sharing this message with you now 'cause no matter how old you are and no matter what is happening, I want you to know that I know for sure that you are a reflection of Infinite Love and Light. There is no one like you and you are a gift. There is no mistake that you breathe a breath today in just the way you do. You are loved and you are love. Try to remember when you feel your hand making fists or you are scared that there is not enough, there is more than enough for all and that any other thought is not the Truth. Your gifts are yours. You can share them and you won't lose them. Each person has their own individual gifts, like their fingerprints. You don't have to worry that you should have what anyone else has. You have what you are supposed to have when you are supposed to have it. Open up your hands! Receive and Give!

When little babies come out of their moms, they have little fists. Most often when these same little babies get older and it's time to go back to The One Source of All, then our hands always seem to relax and fall open. So you may as well start now.

Love you all-ways,
Nancy T. Gilmore •

FEATURE

Things To Think About

BY MERRY BROWNE

Valentine Day

A day to say I love you
Falls very short indeed.
In view of how the hearing
Of it is in such need.
In view of this truism,
I very much suggest.
We say it on this day, Yes,
And on all the rest.



When I love others
as much as myself,
I'm tapping at Heaven's door,
which swings open only
when I love others more.

The Good Life

To not return evil for evil
is living the way that we should,
but better still is the daily will
to overcome evil with good.

SPIRIT IN MY LIFE

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

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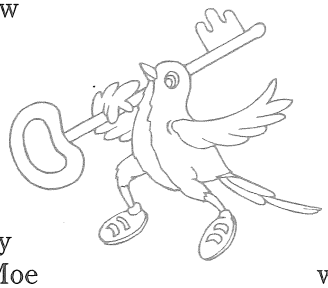
BY CHER DYLE, Illinois

Some days are just more difficult than others...I had one of those last week.

It was late Saturday afternoon. We had just had a heavy wet snowfall the day before and it took until about now for the city to dig out. The streets were still icy, but motorists were making their way about town.

After being stuck inside for a day and a half, I decided to take the dog, Moe, to the dog park to get some much needed exercise. She loves the dog park where she can wrestle and romp and chase all of the other dogs. I love it because when we come home, she's worn out and I am assured a quiet evening!

Well, the park is about four miles from our home. I was able to find a good parking spot not too far from the entrance. The sidewalk was covered with thick ice, so we made our way down the middle of the street. The arctic cold that accompanied the snow made being out, even for a little while, very unpleasant. I resolved "a half an hour, and we're on the way home!" Luckily there were a few other dogs in the park and they all needed the workout they gave each other.



About 45 minutes later, the cold had penetrated the soles of my boots and my gloves. My nose was running, so I called Moe and we left the park. The streets had iced up a bit again. We carefully made our way back to the car. I was so happy to hit the fob and open the door! I really longed for a cup of hot tea and I was so eager to be home for the evening. Just then I discovered the ignition key was missing from my key ring! All of the other keys were there, but this important one was gone! I couldn't believe it—how could it fall off the ring?

Only one thing to do and that was search for it. I left Moe in the cold car and started back to the park the way we had come. Nothing. My eyes scoured the street and the icy slush that marked the tire tracks down the street. Nothing. Nothing to be found on the sidewalk near the park's entrance. I told the other owners of my loss and they helped me look in the park...nothing. I retraced my steps back to the car, but the key was not to be found. Luckily, I thought of two friends who were going to be visiting in the neighborhood this afternoon, so I called them and asked to be rescued from the park.

A little while later they picked Moe and me up and delivered us home. Thank you. Now, how to get to work tomorrow? You see, my spare was with my husband and he would be out of town until Tuesday, so I would be without the car for at least another day. Luckily, in this city, we do have good public transportation. I knew I could take three busses to get to work and then three busses back home. On Sunday I bundled up in the heaviest coat I owned, put on a couple layers of socks and gloves; ear muffs under my hat and all of that under the hood of my down jacket. I was lucky that I didn't have to wait more than 10 minutes for any bus connection, but still standing out in the cold that long was uncomfortable.

Monday morning I called the dealership to see about having a new key cut and learned that I would need to bring in my car's registration. Oh no! It's in the glove compartment of the car that's still at the park! No registration—no key.

I bundled up again and took two busses to the park. I took the time to search again for the key, but still no luck. *Spirit don't you hear my prayer? Help me, please.* I left the park, again, without the key. Now it's three busses to the dealership and then three busses back to the car. By now, I've spent almost 3.5 hours going back and forth. I have my new key—the mechanic "thinks" it will work—and I'm praying that the car will start after sitting out in the cold for so long. I unlock the door, slide into the driver's seat and turn the new key in the ignition. It starts fine! *Thank you, Spirit!*

A little while later I parked the car at our house and hurried inside. The cold was so bitter! As I took off layer after layer, I started to tear up and I was struck with how thankful I am for the things we often take for granted. I'm lucky to have the wonderful friends that I do, who will help me in a pinch, regardless of their own plans. I'm thankful to have a warm home, a loving husband and a good dog to call my own. I'm thankful to have warm clothes and good food and a soft bed in which to lie each night. I'm thankful for the love and protection of my family. I'm thankful to know God and spirit and my heart swells with their love.

Saturday, Sunday and Monday were not the easiest of days for the challenges they held. They were great days for the lesson they presented. *Thank you, Spirit!*

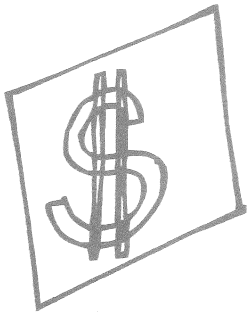
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The Soul's Breath Of Life - Part 2

BY JUNE JOHNSON, California

Many years ago a merchant named Gyot lived in the town of Marseilles, in France. Through his life he "amassed a large fortune by the most laborious industry and by habits of the severest abstinence and privation." His neighbors thought he was a miser, hoarding up money from mean and avaricious motives. When he went into the street, people pursued him with name calling and children were known to throw stones at him.

When he died, Monsieur Gyot's will contained the following words:



"Having observed from my infancy that the poor of Marseilles are badly supplied with water which they can only purchase at a high price, I have cheerfully labored the whole of my life to procure for them this great blessing, and I direct that the whole of my property be laid out in building an aqueduct for their use."

I bring you this story because it illustrates what a difference *Interpretation* can make in our perception. Today I'm revisiting the seventh of the Spiritual Faculties brought to us through the Rev. Florence Becker's mediumship: the inseparable qualities of *Rhythm, Interpretation* and *Application*. She says the impulses and sounds caused by this Faculty impress us to agree with that which is true. I call it the Soul's Breath of Life.

By way of review, the first six Faculties help us realize:

1) By striving to do our best and give service, we grow from a purely material view of the world to an awareness of our connection to others and a sense of *Gratitude;*
2) By educating, or "ripening" our ego-personality—the idea we've constructed about ourselves—we shrink false pretensions and with growing *Humility* recognize that our consciousness is Infinite Intelligence;
3) By opening our minds to receive *Knowledge* about ourselves and nature's physical and spiritual laws, we come to approach life with *Reverence* for truth;
4) By choosing to recall and fulfill our eternal promise we find a supportive environment, set achievable goals and take manageable, comfortable steps toward our *Aspiration;*
5) By consciously including the meaning we perceive from interior inquiry into our *Understanding,* we balance our *Reason* with intuition;
6) By intending to *Discern* the highest and best, and by paying *Attention* to what we attract, we begin to perceive reality from the soul's point of view.

The Spiritual Faculties are what house our soul. Of those we've explored so far, the Faculty of *Rhythm, Interpretation* and *Application* most strongly link to developing awareness of the needs of our soul. In "The Soul's Breath of Life" Part 1, we focused on the *Rhythm* aspect. Today, we will look at *Interpretation* and *Application*.

However much we might be drawn into the illusion created by the senses and resist accepting a spiritual interpretation of our experience, the personality and the soul do eventually come to trust one another and choose to join in awareness to seek truth.

Let me propose three stages in this process:

1st) Attachment to illusion and addiction
2nd) Accepting a spiritual *Interpretation* of experience
3rd) Choosing to learn through the *Application* of Wisdom.

Attachment to illusion and addiction

The Rev. Florence Becker teaches that problems and discord present themselves through our attachment to the "appearances that are created by the brain without the reflection on the mind from the soul."

Gary Zukov, in his book, *The Seat of the Soul,* writes, "Your lesser self is tempting and powerful, because it is not as responsible and not as loving and not as disciplined." He adds, "addictions are the wants of the parts of your personality that are very strong and resistant to the energy of your soul." They are your "greatest inadequacies...the aspects of your personality most in need of healing." Underlying every addiction and every crisis—emotional, spiritual, physical or psychological—is the issue of power, "the perception of power as external, as the ability to control and use the environment or others."

Altering our perception of power is not easy. We have to practice asking ourselves about our motivation. What are we trying to control? Are we trying to feel better by controlling others or are we doing the real work of self-development and self-control?

Zukov tells us, "Feelings...are the means through which we can discern the parts of itself the soul seeks to heal, and through which we come to see the action of the soul in physical matter. The road to your soul is through

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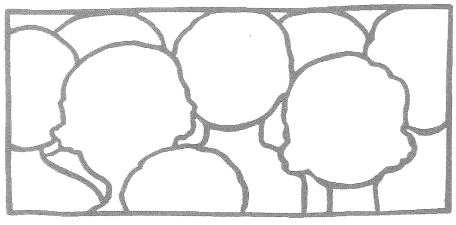
your heart."

The Rev. Florence Becker tells us the Faculties dissolve illusion, and that the difference between a person of weakness and one of spiritual power "lies not in the strength of the personal will, but in character, (and) *Application*...When a (person) begins to check (their) impulses and selfish inclinations, (they) commence to develop a power."

She advises: "All effort grounded upon self perishes, but work endures that is built upon indestructible principle...the problem of experience drops away when (the person) adheres to principle. (One) then finds Peace, Brotherhood and Universal Love."

Such development is only accomplished by opening through the heart to the natural qualities of the soul. The brain is simply unable to perceive a spiritual *Interpretation* of events while confined to the senses.

Gary Zukov writes, "It is not natural for us to live without reverence, because that separates us from the basic energy of the soul...The reverent person cannot consider himself or herself superior to another person or to any other form of Life, because the reverent person sees Divinity in all forms of Life, and honors it." Consider Monsieur Gyot's gift of a water system for the poor people of Marseilles. Zukov tells us, "the decision to approach Life with reverence means acting and thinking as a spiritual person in a world that does not recognize spirit."



While we're in the process of learning, we have to continually examine whether our *Interpretation* of truth is in alignment with the harmonious soul qualities of love, compassion and reverence, or if what we are feeling is a self-righteous superiority that condemns or belittles others to boost our unripened ego.

As the Apostle Paul wrote in First Corinthians, "If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal."

Accepting a spiritual *Interpretation* of experience

Gary Zukov writes, "Depending upon the lens that you wear to interpret your crises, you will either step closer to your soul or closer to the Earth."

Zukov says the soul comes to learn the lessons it must learn to balance its energy and chooses, voluntarily, to undertake this experience in order to heal. "Always each situation serves each person involved. You cannot and will not encounter a circumstance, or a single moment, that does not serve directly and immediately the need of your soul to heal, to come into wholeness. The illusion for each soul is created by its intention. Therefore, the illusion is alive at each moment with the most appropriate experiences that you can take in order for your soul to heal."

The Rev. Florence Becker states, "If one continues aimlessly endeavoring to eradicate uncertainty and difficulty by merely juggling or manipulating the outward expression, you are giving birth to greater illusion." She strongly advises us to discern our "storms" as a great opportunity to eliminate the hidden causes or errors in our thought process and thus open the way for *true* power to enter. She says, "Do not search and speculate in externals for the real—for all the while it stands before you." She asks us to "awaken from the weary wondering" and "pursue with unsealed eyes," looking upon nature "with a vision clarified from ignorance and egotism." She says, "The nearer a body is to reality, it is being further removed from the world of egoism, for the ego is the power producing illusion..." and, "We manifest our soul through this ego."

Again, keep checking your motivation. With each choice, are you merely trying to look good and impress others? Or are you seeking to join the *Rhythm* of your soul by honoring the highest and best?

Choosing to learn through the *Application* of Wisdom

Gary Zukov advises: "When you challenge an addiction, and choose to become whole, you align yourself with your nonphysical help. The work to be done is yours, but assistance is always there for you."

The Rev. Florence Becker tells us: "Our (Spiritual) Faculties open the channel for our organized band of invisible helpers and teachers to ferry us and to pilot us across experience and problems." She encourages us to decide between personal comfort, which she characterizes as ego false comfort, and truth, for, she says, "Earth and all created things change, but your soul and God stand secure."

Zukov adds, "As you choose to empower yourself, the part of you that you challenge, the temptation that you challenge, will surface again and again. Each time that you challenge it, you gain power and it loses power." Instead of viewing each occurrence of attraction as a setback, you can choose to "look upon each recurrence as an opportunity that is offered to you, in response to your intention, to release your inadequacy and to acquire power over it...This is choosing the path of learning through Wisdom."

"As you live and make conscious choices each moment and each day you fill with strength and your lesser self disintegrates."

"Only through responsible choice can you choose consciously to cultivate and nourish the needs of your soul, and to challenge and release the wants of your personality. This is the choice of clarity and wisdom...the

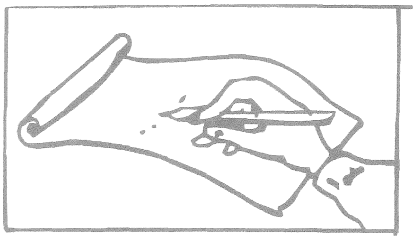
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Church Protection May Require Written Directions

BY ROBIN THOMAS DUBORD, AAI, LUTCF, Connecticut

It began one day when I volunteered to do a platform decorum workshop for a local church. What I found was astounding and created a great need for all churches to step forward into the current business world. I am not the church authority on these subjects I am writing about today. These are my findings and opinions on how to possibly handle them. I recommend every church to review their bylaws, their state laws, and their insurance policy.

As I was creating this platform decorum workshop, the question came to me whether or not members and/or nonmembers would be used by the church, and would they be protected by insurance while volunteering to help the church. I was most concerned with the healing portion of the service. I did not know the answers and firmly believe in living the Golden Rule in my life. So I reviewed all the bylaws and asked the church board, who was responsible for all religious, spiritual, and most importantly financial matters of the church. I wanted to make sure all persons would be covered while helping the church. So, I was able to get a copy of the church insurance policy. I would like to say that I am an "Accredited Advisor in Insurance" and have helped many businesses with their insurance needs for over 25 years.



My experience with insurance is, at the time of a claim, an insurance adjuster's job is to look for ways to deny a claim within the policy first. All insurance policies will first give you coverage, and then take away coverage through exclusions. The first area I looked at in the policy was "Who is an insured." It basically stated the church, the clergy, the church board, the members and volunteers. There was no wording that stated the volunteers had to be members. Great! Then I spotted the problem. The wording in the insurance required the members and volunteers to be under "direction" and within the scope of their "duties." I asked the church board and there were no directions or duties to be found.

I approached a friend who is an attorney, and asked what the judicial courts look for as directions and duties. He said that the courts are looking for "written" directions, and the reasoning for such, is that a person cannot remember five years later what the directions were. So my interpretation is that the insurance will protect and defend those volunteers who have been given written directions and explanations of their duties as a healer, as a healing chair person, and as a service moderator.

There are three exclusions I found within the insurance policy that tie in with this topic of directions and healing. They are the definition of sexual misconduct, the exclusion of failure to supervise, and failure to dismiss. The main concern for healing decorum is the placement of the hands on someone. Prior to becoming a Commissioned Healer, I searched the state laws and consulted the churches looking for guidance within this area. My friend the attorney, was again asked if he knew of any laws. I was informed that, in America, it was a federal right to be free from harm. No one has a right to touch and harm you. My opinion only, to help address this, would be to announce at the beginning of all healing services, that there "will" be laying on of hands at the healing chairs from the top of the shoulders and above only. This introductory statement before healing, may help defend the church, because the persons sitting in a healing chair were aware, and gave permission prior to laying on of hands.

The biggest concern during the healing portion of the service is proper placement of hands. I am not deciding the proper placement; the insurance policy does this for you. Within the insurance will be "definitions" that explain for example, what sexual misconduct is. The insurance I read defined "sexual misconduct" as many things, including "unauthorized touching and undue familiarity." Basically, the insurance states that it will not defend or protect the person, including a healer, who acts in a way that can be construed as sexual misconduct or molestation. All healers need to be aware of this exclusion prior to healing.

This leads us to another important exclusion, "Failure to Supervise." The insurance will not defend or protect the church, the church board, etc. for failure to supervise. So the insurance is looking for supervision. Yes, it sounds like we are back to the "written directions" thing again. My interpretation and opinion: In order to supervise, one would need directions and explanation of duties. Solution: written directions and duties.

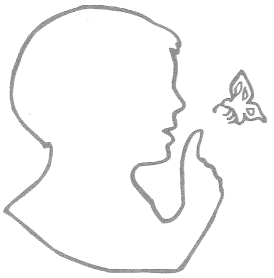
This now brings us to the final exclusion, "failure to dismiss." This insurance exclusion is basically stating that once a member or volunteer or clergy or board member has been alleged to have committed an act of sexual misconduct..., there is not insurance protection for that person anymore, and if the church fails to dismiss such person, there is no insurance to defend or protect the

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choice of the highest frequency energy currents of love, forgiveness and compassion. It is the choice to follow your higher self, your soul. It is the decision to open yourself to the guidance and assistance of your guides and teachers."

He concludes, "Eventually, you will choose to create harmony and love. You will choose to draw to you the highest-frequency currents that each situation has to offer." You learn to "value and to identify with those currents that generate creativity, healing and love, and to challenge and release those currents that create negativity, disharmony and violence. In this way, a personality comes to experience the energy of its soul."



The Rev. Florence Becker tells us the senses become quiet as they meet with vibration from the Faculties and this vibration reacts through all our activities. "The nature of the soul by its perfect completeness automatically rejects sense concepts," she adds, and, "Soul Substance takes precedence over the inferior, then you settle your differences and reach this *Rhythm* and Harmony of the Universe."

We've discussed three stages in this process:

1st) Attachment to illusion and addiction
2nd) Accepting a spiritual *Interpretation* of experience
3rd) Choosing to learn through the *Application* of Wisdom.

Each of us has come part way. At times our lessons seem too painful to have come from a loving source, let alone be a part of our own soul's intention. We may try everything else we can think of before we finally come to accept the possibility of spirit and choose to develop our spiritual awareness.

Spiritualism teaches us that the doorway to reformation is never closed. By facing our adversities and applying nature's physical and spiritual laws we will eventually learn the lessons our soul is eager to learn. As we face these lessons, and seek to find the spiritual *Interpretation,* the soul qualities of Gratitude, Poise, Reverence, Harmony, Understanding and Attention gradually become part of our everyday experience.

Zukov comments further: "When we align our thoughts, emotions, and actions with the highest part of ourselves, we are filled with enthusiasm, purpose, and meaning. Life is rich and full. We have no thoughts of bitterness. We have no memory of fear. We are joyously and intimately engaged with our world."

The impulses of the energy of the soul, the Faculty of *Rhythm, Interpretation* and *Application,* impress us to agree with that which is true and prompt us to radiate that truth through all our activities.

With "the reflection on the mind from the soul," our soul is able to "breathe in" the lessons of our experience, and "breathe out" our spiritual gifts as we apply them in the world.

This *Rhythm* is our Soul's Breath of Life.

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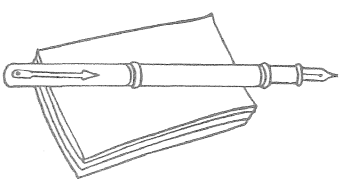
One must have spiritual strength and remain brave and cheerful in these hard times. Pain and suffering are but externals; for such things it is not worth losing God's love and the ability to smile.

– Guy de Larigaudie

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church, the church board, etc. for that person's future actions.

So, a lot of doors were opened when I decided to do a platform decorum workshop. The key to closing these doors is to develop "written directions" to define the scope of duties. This is not a luxury; this is a prudent requirement of the insurance policy and the judicial courts. This is what is currently expected of all businesses whether they are profit or nonprofit. These are my interpretations and opinions and are not meant to be legal advice. I highly recommend and urge all churches and associations to consult local attorneys on all matters pertaining to the laws of America and your specific state. If talking to your insurance agent, get everything said in writing.



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MEDIA WATCH

BY THE REVS. TOM AND LISA BUTLER, NST

Pets in Paradise: An article with the same title by Maureen Hutfless, which appeared in the *Lincoln Journal Star,* was an interesting look at how various religions view our spending an afterlife with our pets. The Roman Catholic Church was quoted as saying, "We don't believe that animals have immortal souls and therefore they can't share in eternal life. They won't be in heaven." Both Judaism and Islamic belief had differing reasons but gave no hope of a reunion with our beloved pet friends in the after-life.



Trans-communication image of a man holding a dog as collected by Tom and Lisa Butler.

Lucky for us the author interviewed a Lakota medicine person and spiritual leader, Joe Bad Moccasin. He told of an experience that he had when he nearly died. He saw in the next world not only his deceased relatives, but also all the dogs and a cat he had raised, as well as birds flying. "I came to the conclusion that anything that has life, like the animals...they too have a place to go in the spirit world. I believe Tunkasila (Grandfather/God) gave all these four-legged animals, the feathered fowl, the fish that swim...he gave us all a spirit."

From: Pets in paradise? By Maureen Hutfless, For the *Lincoln Journal Star* www.journalstar.com.

A Guiding Dream: We wanted to share the personal experience of Laura Mann published in *The Paranormal Review.* "In April 2006, I had a dream that was striking enough for me to tell people about it the next day. Parents...all were told that I dreamt my eighteen-year-old cat had walked into my room and spoke to me in English. She said, 'Laura, I need a pen.' So I promptly got up and gave her one, wondering what she needed it for. Then later in the dream she sat on the landing filling in a form, where I saw that she was entering herself into 'Pop Idol.' My immediate thought was not to query why she was doing this, but that I should be entering for her, as she really is talented.

That was my dream, of which I thought nothing more until a couple of weeks later, when my mother handed me the local paper...I turned the page, and there was a big advert for a competition called, 'Pet Idol,' in which entrants had to send a photo of their pets and say in twelve words why they were so special. Normally I wouldn't have bothered, but remembering the dream, decided to take part.

There were seventy-six entries varying from Labradors to lambs, but two weeks later I received a phone call from the editor informing me that my cat had won! The prize was £100, a weekend break, and a trophy for my very special cat – Topsy.

From: Experiences, Topsy comes top – via a dream, Society for Psychical Research, *The Paranormal Review* October 2006 Issue 40.

Developments in Quantum Physics: There are many theories proposed to explain the phenomena of Spiritualism using principles of quantum physics. In every such theory we have examined, quantum principles were used to explain observed phenomena, such as the information gathered via mental mediumship, without requiring the existence of discarnate people as part of the explanation. In other words, these theories usually hold that the people in spirit who our mediums communicate with are only "echoes of the past." Of course, there is considerably more experimental evidence showing that our communicators are sentient, self-aware entities and there is essentially no experimental evidence supporting the notion that our communicators are echoes of the past. This disparity in experimental evidence does not seem to be a problem for orthodox science researchers, however. This is probably because the researchers are beginning with the assumption that there is no such thing as survival

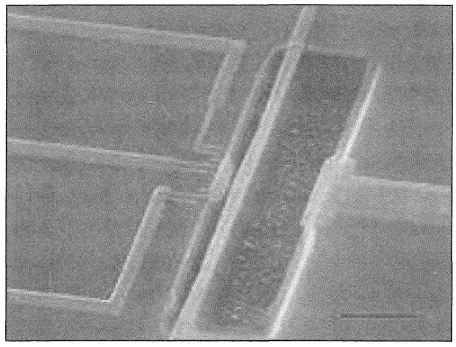
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of personality after so called death.

With this said, it is important that Spiritualists are aware of some of the developments in quantum physical research. This is because for physical science to acknowledge survival of the personality, they will have to find a way to describe the interface between things physical and things etheric. It is quantum physics that will probably provide that description, and allow scientists to finally begin modeling the greater reality in terms they can understand.

One of the most promising characteristics of quantum physics for the interest of Spiritualists is research concerning the concept of "entanglement." In entanglement, once two particles have become entangled, they can be separated and still behave as if they were connected. In keeping with physicist's sense of humor, this is often referred to as "spooky action at a distance." From our viewpoint the mechanism that propagates this influence between entangled particles may point to the physical – etheric interface.

Entanglement has always been thought of as a subatomic phenomenon, but researchers at Cornell University in Ithaca, NY have shown that at least one quantum effect, the uncertainty principle, can occur in much larger domains. The accompanying picture is of a nanomachine that is free to vibrate. The vibration is detected with a nearby detector called a superconducting single electron transistor. They found that, when the detector was tuned for maximum sensitivity, the vibrating reed slowed down. According to the scientists at Cornell, "This effect is a basically a quantum-mechanical phenomenon called back-action, in which the act of observing something actually gives it a nudge."



The dark gray area is a nanomechanical resonator, a sub- microscopic device that can vibrate like a piano string. The image was taken with a scanning electron microscope and colorized. (Courtesy Cornell University)

This is one of the first times quantum phenomena has been observed in relatively large scale structures, posing important possibilities for future quantum computers. For Spiritualism, the unseen force and media that allows that force to propagate represents the hoped for interface between things physical and etheric.

From: www.world-science.net/othernews/060923_quantum.htm

Signs: Feeling a touch, lights going off and on, seeing butterflies, these are just a few of the kinds of signs the living say they have received from the dead. These stories are often shared cautiously for fear of being called delusional with grief by a skeptical listener. Even in grief support groups like Compassionate Friends, these types of stories may be discouraged, say Phran and Bob Ginsberg whose daughter, Bailey, died in 2002. Unable to discuss the ways that their children were contacting them, a "second meeting" was often held in the parking lot after the Compassionate Friends meeting was over.

Phran stated that, "The knowledge that our kids were still with us gave us the hope we so desperately needed just to survive each day." Phran and Bob began "Afterlife Discussion Groups" in their home state of New York in 2003. There are now groups in eight states and they hope to have one in every state within a couple of years. All that is needed is ten to twenty people in drivable distance of each other and a facilitator. In 2004, the Ginsbergs incorporated the nonprofit **Forever Family Foundation** to coordinate the groups and support research into survival of consciousness. For more information see www.foreverfamilyfoundation.org or write to Forever Family, 222 Atlantic Avenue, Oceanside, New York 11572.

From: Signs: gifts from dead? Scientists study question; many bereaved believe, By Elaine Jarvik *Deseret Morning News* http://deseretnews.com/dn/view/0,1249,640185709,00.html

Where Truth Lies: Michael Tymn wrote, "There is so much to be found outside the highly guarded boundaries of mainstream science and orthodox religion for those willing to open their minds to it, for those willing to recognize that the dissemination of truth did not stop with the good books of organized religion and cannot always be found in the laboratory. If the world is ready to hear it, science must move from pseudo-skepticism to true, open-minded skepticism, looking at the results of psychical research in areas such as the near-death experience and after-death communication, while orthodox religion must exit its fortress and permit its faithful to move from pseudo-faith to conviction by opening itself to the lessons of the near-death experience and credible, discernible post-biblical spirit communication."

From: "Truth lies beyond shut minds," by Michael E. Tymn Oct 28, 2006 *Island Life.*

Keep your face to the sunshine and you cannot see the shadow.

– Helen Keller

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Our thoughts ease or disease our physical bodies.	2 Others mirror the good feelings I have about myself.	3 Good is everywhere and in everyone. Good flows from me.
4 "We should consider the Law and the Spirit as friends." – *The Science of Mind*	5 My decisions are based on Natural Law.	6 A loving God is my point of reference for all I do in life.	7 When you are relaxed and peaceful, you are centered in strength.	8 "I assimilate the new every moment of every day. All is well." – *Louis Hay*	9 I welcome all the good in life. Life is spirit in action and it is good.	10 Spiritual gifts should promote Spirit, not individuals.
11 "Go on mini-vacations—daily." 5 minutes every hour. – *Joan Borsenko, Ph.D.*	12 Each day begins and ends with you—make sure God is in each thought, too.	13 Be "others-centered" today instead of focused on yourself.	14 Love is the way, love is the answer—share love with others.	15 "Within change is the beauty of life's mysteries." – *Ron Rathburn*	16 As we grow, the spark of Divine Wisdom emerges.	17 The more energy and power we give to a thought, the more power it will have.
18 Talking about your problems reinforces them in your mind.	19 My surroundings reflect my growth.	20 "I am one with the Power that created me." – *Louise Hay*	21 Remember your attitude of gratitude for all life—gratitude involves feeling.	22 Every intake of breath is Life and each time I breathe out, I am grateful and let go.	23 The people who are special to me support me in life, and I am grateful.	24 "There is nothing in the Universe that denies us the right to be happy." – *E. Holmes*
25 My life within and without is balanced.	26 I have a living awareness of the good in myself and in others.	27 Spirit inspires my ideas and I am open and quiet to receive the inspiration.	28 "There is One Creative Mind that moves through me as intelligence." – *SOM*			



Love can bring you peace.







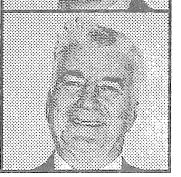

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CLINTON - Sunflower Spiritualist Church
10 Mt. Pleasant Park; Mail to: P.O. Box 6, 52733-0006; Sun. Serv. at 10:00 a.m.

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., Phyllis Kenney, (207) 582-3912, e-mail: QofE@adelphia.net; Pres., Richard Woodworth, (207) 873-1188, 8 Sheldon Place, Lewiston 04240.

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, 1331 Lafayette; 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.

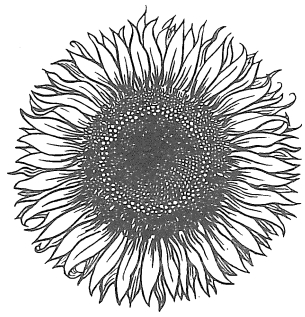
THE FIRST SPIRITUAL CHURCH OF MONTREAL
2186 St. Catherine St. West, Montreal, Quebec, H3H 1M7; English Serv. - Sun. 2:00 p.m. & Wed. 7:30 p.m.; French Serv. - Sun. 4:30 pm., 2nd & 4th Wed. 7:30 p.m; Rev. Mary Amato, Minister, (514) 365-0661.

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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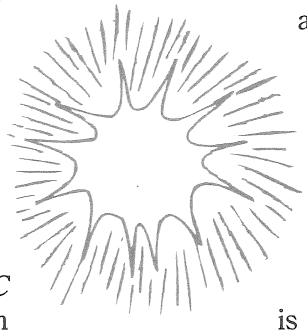
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Where's The Light?
& What do you do with it when you find it?

BY THE REV. KATHLEEN L. ROTTINO, NST, Connecticut

Everyone talks about the "Light" so it shouldn't be too hard to find. There are countless books written about the "Light." *Embraced by the Light – Closer to the Light – Working with the Light – Saved by the Light – Voices of Light – This Little Light of Mine* – Oops, the last one was a song, but I am sure you get the picture. So where does one find the "Light?"

One would have figured that since we live in a computer age that we shouldn't have too much trouble finding the "Light." So I started with the computer dictionary, typed in "Light" and pressed search: Bright, opposite of dark, spotlight, lighthouse, that which admits light, Divine Light (I must be getting close). I know mapquest, that will lead me to the "Light." Red lights, yellow lights and green lights, but that's not the right "Light." So, next, I tried the Encyclopedia, but all I found there was a man named Edison.



Another place to look was the *NSAC Spiritualist Manual* and there I found "from within." But from within what? Where could it be? Being very puzzled and frustrated by this time, I decided to meditate. The question of course was, where could it be? Then a thought floated in...could it be? Yes, Yes! I can see it, I can feel it, it's really there. The "Light" I was searching for was not out there, but was within me.

J.F. Newton wrote "that man wandered over the earth for ages, searching in all places, high and low, near and far for divinity (Light) he sought" when all one had to do is to look within.

So now you know where your "Light" is, but only you can decide whether to go within and retrieve it or not. You cannot appoint or hire someone; you cannot bribe or bully someone; this is one of those things, if you choose to look for it, you and only you can look for it.

So you took the big step and looked within and found your "Light." Finding your "Light" was the first step. Now letting it shine will be the best step. So what do you do with it? Keep it safely stored away so you don't lose it? Wrong! Rather try practicing Random Acts of Kindness and Senseless Acts of Beauty, Passing it On, and Paying it Forward. Whether you realize it or not now, your "Light" will shine brighter because of it. There are a couple of quotes that I believe sum up the true meaning;

Fr. James Keller said, "A candle loses nothing of its light by lighting another candle. So, too, the candle you light with constructive action could give life to yet another candle, while losing none of its own brilliance and reminding us of the uniqueness of each individual."

In the Bible, Matthew 6:3, "When you help a needy person, do it in such a way that even your closest friend will not know it." We all need to be on "alert" so that opportunities do not slip by. You could be cashing in soda cans and the machine won't take some cans. A homeless lady there sees what is happening and explains to you that those cans are from another store. She mentions that she is going there later that day to redeem that store's cans. You tell her that you are pressed for time and wonder if she would take the cans? You put a coin in a parking meter of someone you don't know just as it is about to run out. Wave someone in at an intersection. Leave a case of dog and/or cat food on the doorstep of someone who is on a limited income and has a pet. The where and how is up to you, but know that every day you are given opportunities. When you take advantage of these opportunities you will not only give the receiver a pleasant surprise, but you will also feel pleasantly surprised as well. Caring and Light are perfect gifts to give anyone, anywhere, at anytime. Who knows what your actions will do to inspire the receiver?

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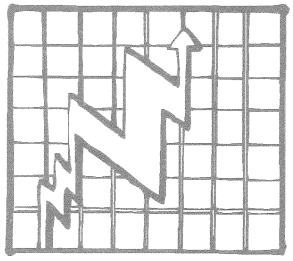
When you have shut your doors, and darkened your room, remember never to say that you are alone; for God is within and your genius is within, and what need have they of light to see what you are doing?

– Epictetus

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BY THE REVS. BRIAN AND LYNN KENT



Proof of Spirit Communication through Table Tipping

By Reverend Lynn Kent, CM

On January 14, 1999, Brian's mother Sylvia passed to spirit at St. Luke's hospital in New Bedford, Massachusetts, rather unexpectedly. Several things happened after that stormy New England day starting at 6:00 am the next morning. As I opened my car door when leaving for work after receiving over 5 inches of snow, I received an unexpected surprise. A robin was on the front seat of the car. I did not know who was scared more, myself or the poor bird. Yes, I wondered where this springtime bird came from and felt it was a message from "Spirit." I learned later that the robin was Sylvia's favorite bird. As of yet I did not know, but I was learning, that a spirit message should not be ignored, no matter where it comes from.

On the prior day, I left work before noontime even though it was still snowing hard, to meet Brian at the hospital in New Bedford. There we waited together until the surgery was over. Brian felt his mother's pain and whispered in her ear it was okay to leave and go into spirit while we left for lunch at the hospital's cafeteria. After a short lunch we returned back to the intense care unit and were told Sylvia, Brian's mom had passed peacefully.

Brian was devastated. This was not expected, but we also knew that it might have been her time. Brian kept asking if we could "do the table" when we got home. I knew he wanted answers as to how she was doing on the side of spirit and so I promised we would, but still trying to talk him out of it because I thought it was too soon and didn't want to let him down if his mother did not come through.

We went about our usual routine of prayer and singing to raise the vibration, and the table started moving almost as we put our hands on it. It turned out that the spirit coming through was Brian's mom, Sylvia Kent. She gave information by tapping out letters through the table of who she was (even though she never saw a table tipping session). The process was normal, but it was unusual for me that a spirit could come through so fast, yet we went along for the ride to see where it would lead us. At that time I believed spirit needed much more time to get accustomed to their new environment. Since then we have found that if "spirit consciousness" wants to get information to someone, they will, whenever and however they can. She told us that *"if she knew it was going to be so wonderful and beautiful here, (spirit plane), she would have gone sooner".* (Sylvia was 86 years young when she passed). She also told us about a cloth bag she had in one of her drawers of her dresser that had money in it. She kept saying 5…5, when we asked how much money was in it. We really took this with a "grain of salt" because at that time we truly thought spirit needed more time to communicate and this was only about eight hours after she had passed.

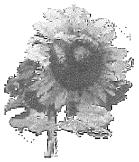
The next day we met Carol, Brian's sister, and went about ordering flowers and the like. Carol's husband, Carl and her daughter Vicky started cleaning out the apartment to take some of the furniture home to Maine. While we were out, we told Carol about our experience the night before and reminisced about Sylvia. With all the grief and hurt, we forgot about looking for the money Sylvia communicated through the table tipping session, because the information was not too believable and with everything else going on, we just did not consider it at that time.

Upon arriving back to Sylvia's apartment, we had an exciting and unexpected announcement. Vicky was all excited about what she had found in her grandmother's dresser drawer. Just as Sylvia was trying to tell us the evening before, Vicky was holding a silk pouch-type bag with about $500.00 in it. What more proof did we need that Sylvia was her old self, feisty as ever (born and raised in Maine) and her concern for us left on the physical plane!

Since that time we have learned to look more closely at the information given to us through spirit communication by "Table Tipping" or Mediumship. •

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Phenomena Report Form

The following is a list of a few areas of evidential phenomena that could be reported to the Department of Phenomenal Evidence. You must be the judge of the extraordinary. If you are in doubt bring forth your information to your pastor or a medium at your church. If you do not attend a Spiritualist Church check www.nsac.org, which will have a listing of Churches and Mediums in your area. Reports should be limited to phenomenal events that can be verified with witnesses, and if possible, material evidence such as photography or recordings can be included with your report.

Physical mediumship____X____ Spiritual healing that has brought about a remission_____
Levitation, apportation and other physical manifestation witnessed by others____Table Tipping____
A spirit message that has proven to include evidential information and prophecy ____yes____
Evidential messages or images via technology, EVP, video or photography of spirit manifestation ____no____
Trance mediumship in which the voice or physical transfiguration clearly signifies a communicating spirit__no__
Other, please explain _____

This is an **initial** Phenomena Report. [X] This is an **update** to an existing report [ ]

Your name: **Linda Kent**

Your church title if any: **None at the time, Now Ordained Minister of NSAC and Certified Medium**

Name of church if appropriate: **First Spiritualist Church of Brockton, at the time. Did not happen at church.**

Contact address: **28 Third Street Apt 308, Warren, RI 02885**

Email address: **lynn@lynnkent.com** Telephone: **401-864-8307**

Date of event: **January 14, 1999** Time of event: **Between 8 and 9 pm**

Type of Phenomena: **Table tipping, we were trying to find out if Brian's mother, who had passed unexpectedly that afternoon, was in peace.. We were hoping to contact other family members on the side of Spirit who would help us with our concerns.**

Please describe the experience or event: **In a Table Tipping session, Brian and I experienced communication with Brian's mother, Sylvia Kent, on the evening of her passing. We were looking for some kind of confirmation that she was in peace on the side of Spirit. During our Table Tipping session we believe she came through by spelling out her first name and letting us know that she was in peace. She also said that she would have gone sooner if she knew it was going to be so beautiful and peaceful. Sylvia was also adamant about Brian and I finding a cloth pouch somewhere at the bottom of her dresser drawer with money in it that she did not have time to tell us about. She constantly gave the number "5". What she described "the silk**

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pouch with $500.00 in it was unexpectedly found in her bottom dresser drawer the next day by her granddaughter.

Were you attempting to collect phenomenal evidence or was the event spontaneous? If so, please explain, how.

No, this was personal.

If a predetermined protocol was used, please describe it and what precautions were taken to avoid false positive results.

Our protocol for Table Tipping is as follows: **We open with a prayer of invocation and protection, lightly laying fingertips on our 3 legged table, raising the vibration by singing or music. We were both practicing mediums and had been doing Table Tipping for about 3 years at the time on a regular basis. Spirit had given us much information through our table but nothing as dramatic as this.**

Who witnessed this phenomenon? Please print names and addresses here and assure their signatures are available if required. **Linda Kent**

Brian Kent

Your thoughts about this phenomenal event: **We were excited that Sylvia would communicate so soon after her Passing. Sheldon, Brian's dad took many years to communicate. None of us knew of any money Sylvia had at home or what she kept in her dresser.**

Your signature:_____ Date: _____

Signature of witnesses:

Brian Kent

Linda Kent

***Note on Orbs:**

Spirit is energy. Orbs at times may be spirit energy. Orbs may also be formed by water drops, reflections, sunspots and many other types of energy of this earth plane. Please check out your "orbs" completely before sending to this department. If it is done by digital camera, try enlarging the photo on your computer to see if there is a recognizable face. Give reason why you think it is spirit, did you ask for confirmation of some sort that spirit would be present at a specific time? Explain in detail.

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Answer to a letter received from California:

Note: I will not be using name, just initials, in this report letter, and the pictures sent to us were of very poor quality. These are the results of the pictures VT sent to us and letter sent in reply. We were not given permission to print the pictures hence you have nothing to judge for yourself, but in reading this letter you may know what NOT to look for.

Dear VT,

Although my husband, Brian, and I have extensive experience in the area of Spirit phenomena, we are only the directors of a committee. Please understand that we do not just look at the pictures or listen to Electronic Voice Phenomena, we do investigate. We have other board members with experience in other fields, such as photography and voice-overs. Because we live in different states, this takes time. All phenomena submitted to us are submitted to others as well, and a full decision and reasons for these decisions are submitted to the person making the inquiry.

First, I would like to comment on what you would call "extras" in the pictures of the trail you have submitted. Nature is constantly making changes of her own. We would need originals of before, during and after the supposed phenomena to make a clear decision if it were phenomena. "Extras" that would be easy for you to believe are messages, may well be from your loved ones in Spirit, this includes animals of any kind. Not all is taken as "phenomenal evidence." We have looked at each photograph as carefully as possible and considered the stories that go with them. Originals are much easier to find phenomena in. Photocopies are very hard to certify proof.

I have numbered the back of each of your photos, or made pencil marks that are easily erased; the explanations are below. Please understand that with pictures like yours of natural objects, it is very easy to see faces on the rocks, and trees during the natural course of weather conditions these faces may and will change.

The following are the results of careful examination and discussion of VT's photographs. Most all the photos were of nature and not very clear.

1. Nature has a habit of forming shapes with shadows, bushes and trees. We have concluded there is no phenomenal evidence here. (Picture of wooded riding trail.)
2. Unfortunately, unless we had pictures of this beautiful animal before and after this instance, we are not able to make a proper decision. What you see may be shadows or play of light. The possible animal face in the back left side could possibly be the way the branches of the bush or tree react to the shadows or it is a possibility that there is a healing animal guide there for your horse. Again, before and after pictures would only determine the possibility. (Picture of her beloved horse where she believed an anomaly occurred.)
3. Your picture is very beautiful; did you do modeling at that time? If not, you should have. Pictures do change as they mature, especially if spirit is working on them. Many times spirit does play tricks on us to let us know they are there for us, again the trickery of shadow and light come in to play here, under careful consideration our committee does not believe this is ectoplasm in your hair.
4. The rocks at Oregon Park. In the time frame of the original picture and the now picture, many interesting shapes have been recorded on rocks. This could be spirit insignias but our committee does not believe it is Spirit manifestation.
5. The object that looks like an art piece that you had done previously, is very interesting. This may be a sign from a Spirit relative, friend, or even a well loved animal that they are still with you at times and are sending you love.

These are the results of our findings. We will keep your letter and a copy of the printed copies of the pictures you sent us along with a copy of the full report to the NSAC office.

We thank you for taking an interest in Spirit and realize just because the evidence is not considered "Phenomenal" that does not mean that your loved ones on the side of Spirit are not with you. They are always willing to help; they are with you when you truly need them.

Sincerely,

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The Ideal Hamburger And God
Illusion or Reality?

BY THE REV. ROBERT R. BIANCHI, NST, Indiana

The other day I was talking with someone and they gave me some information. Interesting as it was, it seemed rather useless, but I decided to keep it in my memory banks instead of discarding it. The information was about a fast food restaurant that was being looked into for a possible franchise purchase. However, it was found that the restaurant was not selling any franchises. They never had franchised their stores as they were all company owned. In addition, they had reached a level of success they were happy with and were not expanding, for risk of losing control and quality of their product. It seems they thought they can keep a better control through a company owned store opposed to a franchise that sometimes is allowed to have some additional freedoms in product and services presentations. Franchises may be able to decorate a little differently and may offer additional services and deviate a bit more, because they are individually owned. Differences that a company owned store would not be able to offer. However, we must realize that in the beginning of these businesses, everyone had an idea of what their product should be. As an example, every hamburger restaurant had their idea of the Ideal Hamburger that they should be presenting and selling. Problems set in invariably, when a business expands and their Ideal Hamburger is now being made and presented by others. While it may be something that is very close to the original concept or Ideal, it is somewhat different.

The idea of the Ideal Hamburger is the reality that they intended to originally create. After the product is made and remade and presented by others, that original reality becomes more of an illusion. Even though it is quite similar to their original Ideal, the reality, it is a bit different so the reality becomes an illusion.

But at the level of the company stores, or at the bottom level of the franchise chain, the product is what their experience has become. This is the experience they are presenting, selling, eating and living. At this level the illusion of the Ideal Hamburger becomes the reality of the actual experience. At the top level of the company, they know that their Ideal Hamburger has become an illusion to their original idea. Now they must strive to make everyone live up to the standards of the Ideal. Try as they might, however, how others exercise their ability to make and sell the Ideal product, is up to them. So try as they might, they continue to sell the illusion of the original reality. But at this level, it is their reality and the Ideal is their illusion. So in actuality, the only one who can maintain the original reality of their idea is the originator.



Ok, so what does this have to do with the Infinite?? Let's see.

Many times in our teachings we have heard that our physical life is really an illusion of the reality of Spirit. Although it sounds good in concept, we really do not know how to conceptualize this. (Well, until the useless information about the hamburger restaurant came along.)

This concept works the same way with God and creation. Let us look at it through the symbolic story of Adam and Eve.

In this story, we have Adam and Eve living in the Ideal of Creation. Existence in a place where there is no need for anything. All wants and needs are taken care of, everything is available at any time. Every desire and wish is met. What better place to live and grow and experience, right? This is the Ideal of Creation, the reality of Spirit.

But wait, we have a franchise opportunity that is becoming available. There is a tree with apples on it and we are given something called Free Will. This free will gives us the choice to eat from the apple tree or not. So Adam and Eve exercise free will and try the apples. Suddenly they find themselves on a different journey in a different plane. It is another level of experience.

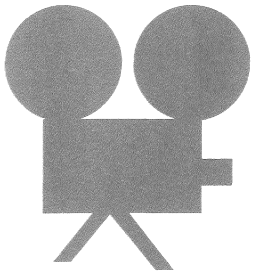
This level is a little bit different. Not every need or want is immediately taken care of. Not every wish and desire is immediately granted with no questions asked. They now have to work to take care of their needs and wants and weigh the benefits of their wishes and desires to make sure they benefit from them in the long run.

We are all on this journey (franchise) of the Ideal Life of Creation. This journey is very similar to the Ideal but not quite the same. Even though all of our wants and needs are not immediately taken care of, we are provided with all the tools to take care of them for ourselves. Even though every wish and desire is not immediately met, we have the ability to make these wishes and desires manifest in our lives. We just have to work at it instead of having it "magically" granted.

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My Critique Of The Movie "The Secret"

BY RONALD MEISSNER, Arizona



This excellent movie reveals the Great Secret of the Universe, the secret of the Law of Attraction, like attracts like...this Natural Law operates within our Universe and within us. As a Spiritualist, I have been aware of this Law since my first development class in Lily Dale, New York, but this movie brings forth a great explanation of how the Law of Attraction works, and how to apply it in our lives.

The Law of Attraction is an immutable Law of the Universe and operates continuously. It responds to our thoughts continuously. We attract things to us by visualizing images in our mind, and focusing on them. Think of yourself as a magnet that gets more powerful in attracting things to you as you focus your mind on them. We become what we think about most. Thoughts also have a frequency that is emitted consistently and thoughts become things.

Focus on the predominate thought or thoughts you want in your life. Speak and think most of what you want to create in your life—good health, prosperity, good family relations among all relatives, and a happy, joyful lifestyle.

Think of the Universe as a genie let out of the lamp, with no limits to the wishes you can have. Some people think of their higher self as the genie that grants wishes. Your wish is their command, but you have to visualize your wish continuously.

The answer comes from Universal forces, some call angels, spirit or your higher self. The Universe rearranges itself to bring your thoughts to fruition. The total process that creates this rearrangement of energies in the Universe is not fully understood, but results speak for themselves.

You can start by doing your visualizations, and affirmations, and story boards, where you have pictures of what you want to create in your life. (Like pictures of a car, or a new job or more money.) Then sometimes you get tired of this process for whatever reason and make a strong statement like: THIS IS NOT GOING TO WORK! Then guess what, the response is, your wish is command and like a new born seed about to break through the surface—plus the force and energy of your statement—causes the seed meditation to withdraw from the surface when it might be about to manifest into reality.

You must want to receive that which you wish for, by bringing our thoughts into alignment with the Universal energies that surround us continuously. See yourself with the good you desire. Do not give up. Therefore, feel joyful and know that what you visualize is yours already. Don't delay, the universe likes speed, and action.

Focus on what you have, to help shift your thinking in the most positive manner toward what you are grateful for. It is a step in the process of changing your thinking to joyful thoughts. Write them down. Make a vision board of things you want to create in your life, then get in the state of already acquiring the vision you want. Picture your bank account filled, and money flowing to you. Cut pictures out of magazines, and place these pictures of what you want to create in your life on mirrors and doors around your house. Picture yourself living in a perfectly healthy body. Albert Einstein once said: "Imagination is everything, it is the preview of life's coming attractions." We are not stuck in our current reality, because we have the conscious power to change our thinking.

Einstein said that one of the biggest questions we could ask in life is, "Do we live in a friendly universe or do we live in an unfriendly universe?" Einstein knew that the Laws of Nature favored life and therefore he recognized that we live in a friendly universe. As we think of friendly thoughts of gratitude, we align our vibration and our thinking with that of the Universe. We become one with the universe. Science has proven that a positive thought is 100 times more powerful than a negative thought.

Make a gratitude list of things you are grateful for. I am happy and grateful now that...and you fill in the blank.

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Think of your thoughts as an energy you emit, like car lights on a dark night. The car lights only show the way 200 feet in front of you at a time, but it lights the way enough for you to get to your desired destination. You are constantly emitting thought energy or light that allows you to get to desired destinations in life. Your strong thoughts, reinforced with strong emotion, create a bright light in front of you to see your way to your destination. Stay positive and don't allow your lights to go out or get dim. Stay focused on your goal. Everything in the Universe is energy, and energy is us.

In the movie someone describes the word incurable. It is made up of two words that could weaken or strengthen someone, depending on how you perceive that word in your mind. Those two words are in, and curable. So to turn a negative into a positive, the person viewed the word incurable as being cured within. It is our choice to use words and define their meaning to ourselves. Change your thinking to redefine who you are becoming. Each of us must learn to do this at our very deepest level to progress. We are not stuck in our current reality, because we can change our reality. When we truly understand this we will live in a

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THE IDEAL HAMBURGER AND GOD... *(Continued from page 28.)*

The original reality of the Ideal of Creation is still there, but now it is a bit of an illusion to us as we live and experience life on our level. So Spirit now becomes, for us, an illusion and our physical existence becomes our reality. However to those in Spirit, it is quite the opposite. They see us as living the illusion while they live the reality.

So from a bit of useless information about a fast food restaurant, I was able to apply it to a theory of a philosophy of life.

Information is given to us everyday of our lives. We receive it from everyone and everything around us. What do we do with it? Most of the time we register it and then promptly forget about it. We must realize that every experience we go through is for a reason. Whether it is a physical or spiritual experience of someone giving us information. Somehow we will be able to use and apply it to our lives. We must, however, give ourselves a chance to try and understand the value it is to our lives.

Information is the key to knowledge and knowledge is the key to power. The power of creation and God lies in our knowledge to understand ourselves physically and spiritually. Then it becomes easier to make our reality of human experience the illusion as we understand the reality of Spiritual existence.

OK, so let's have lunch...how about a burger??

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MY CRITIQUE OF THE MOVIE... *(Continued from previous page.)*

different reality.

Some examples of thoughts we should focus on are: I attract wealth and prosperity into my life like a magnet. I maintain a healthy and active lifestyle. I am creating a more joyful life each and everyday.

I now have a gratitude rock I received as a gift. I pick it up in the morning and for even brief moments, I think of what I am grateful for. Just holding this rock now automatically makes me focus my mind on an attitude of gratitude.

Some examples:

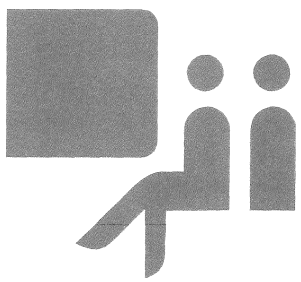
Look at the back of your hands, now close your eyes. Now picture the next vehicle you want to own and drive, feel it, be there, feel joy turning the wheel, feel the joy and happiness you get from driving this vehicle. Just feel good about driving this new vehicle you want. Make this a request that you receiving this vehicle for your highest good, and release this thought into the universe now.

I want to make $_____ a year. Close your eyes and visualize this.

When you get your bank statement. Write in the amount you want to see in your account. Visualize checks flowing to you and into your account. Wealth is a mindset. Declare what you want from the catalogue of the Universe. I will attract before the end of the year. You fill in the blank.

We are creators of our Universe. Our thoughts will manifest someplace, so make it happen here and now for you. When you have inspired thoughts, act on them. What you focus on, you will get. Feel good about yourself. The Law of Attraction matches up frequencies, and allow things to flow to you. We become what we think about most. We are unlimited beings, living in an unlimited Universe, with more than enough abundance for all.

Mother Teresa would never attend an anti-war rally. Because the focus is still on war, it still takes attention to what you don't want. She would attend a peace rally. Mother Teresa was teaching us to take our attention away from what we don't want, and focus in on what you do want in your life. There is more than enough joy, happiness, love and abundance in this Universe to be shared from an Infinite Source. **The big secret is that we create from our Infinite Nature.** This secret allows us the freedom to live our life, by design.



There is more than enough good, love and joy and abundance in the Universe, so allow it to become part of your Infinite Nature. Take your attention away from what you don't want, and focus in on what you do want in your life.

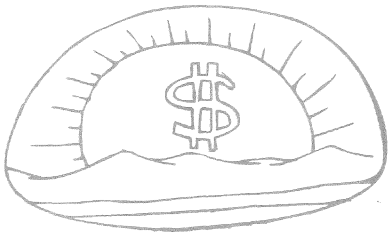
Scientists were asked to define energy, and their response was: Energy is omnipresent, it is everywhere in the Universe and within all matter. Energy cannot be created or destroyed but it can be transformed into other energies.

Religious leaders were asked to define God: Their response was that God is omnipresent, and is everywhere in all things. God cannot be created or destroyed but can be transformed and move through all forms in the Universe.

We are part of one infinite, universal energy field, some of us call God, Universal Consciousness or Infinite Intelligence. Everything is energy and energy is us. This energy that science has found everywhere in everything is consciously aware of all its surroundings. That is why Spiritualists recognize the presence of Infinite Intelligence. We do live in an intelligent Universe. We are the extension of Source energy; we are another way for the Universe to become conscious of Itself.

For more information on The Secret, go to www.thesecret.TV.

NSAC Endowment Fund



Fellow Spiritualists:

Whatever you do, do it for the glory of Infinite Intelligence. Every member is a witness to the sacred grace of the Creator.

The contributions and gifts to the Endowment Fund aid the NSAC in giving support to the effort that is being done to bring about awareness of Spiritualism to those who are searching for a new way, a new beginning. The Endowment Fund is essential to financing the ways and means to educate and support applied experiences in Spiritualism, thereby helping us to discover and develop our spiritual gifts and encourage the ministry of Spiritualism.

We need to be aware of how we are serving so that we can better encourage those who want to serve. When people are encouraged, they are being energized to spread the goodwill.

It is not only the ordained who are ministers of the faith—each member of our church is a minister of the faith. It is very important to provide the vision, leadership and fostering of the mindset that "as we work together, we are more effective than either would be alone."

By encouraging contributions through the membership ministry, you are also sending a message that it is decent and moral to ask for help in funding the NSAC in order to continue supporting the spiritual health and unity of the faith and its flock.

I can, with great certainty and absolute sincerity, testify to you that through Spiritualism my life is enriched, made whole, and I am truly blessed.

Infinite Intelligence has given to all of us many reserves—the wonders of the world, friends and family, the unique and skillful abilities that we possess, as well as, financial and material means. And our commitment to our Spiritualist stewardship is the faithful administration and awareness of all the Creator's treasures that we are afforded.

As you know, the definition of an Endowment Fund is an account that is invested to earn a return of income and growth of which a percentage of the account value is used each year for a specified charitable purpose. Some of the amazing gifts to the NSAC Endowment Fund have come through the generosity and vision of such individuals as Ms. Virginia Ella Bates, Mr. Eugene DeMarco, the Rev. Barbara Thurman, Mr. Hubert Schneider, the Rev. Joseph Merrill, the Rev. Elsie Feathersong, and certainly, the Stow sisters.

Many people give regularly through membership donation to support the ongoing activities of the churches they are affiliated with. However, there are other beneficial ways of contribution that should not be overlooked. Contributions, beneficiary receivership, donations, gifts, etc. are as individual as the givers themselves. Selecting the most appropriate vehicle, as well as, the best contribution to give requires careful thought and planning.

A bequest through an individual's Will is by far, the safest, surest, and most effective way for an individual to give to the Spiritualist cause. It is not only a charitable contribution, it is also an intimate and personal desire to continue the vision of the Spiritualist's faith long after he or she has left these earthly bonds.

While cash contributions have the advantage of immediate satisfaction of one's generosity, they are not always feasible for the individual who might like to make a major contribution that would better make use of assets that are more appropriate to supporting substantial opportunity and needs through the NSAC.

A few of these vehicles of contribution that should be considered are for example:

1. **Marketable securities:** A popular type of property contribution that often includes individual stock, bonds and shares of mutual funds. Contributions of securities can be tendered, timely and efficiently, and have tax benefits.
2. **Life Insurance:** In today's age of excessive policy coverage, this is a viable source of contribution especially when the ownership of the policy is given to the organization, there is an immediate deduction of the current value of the policy or the net cost of the policy, whichever is less, for your charitable contribution. In addition, upon transfer of ownership, future premium payments are also deductible. Also, adding the NSAC as a primary or secondary beneficiary of a current policy, or allowing your church to own a policy on your life while you make the annual premium payments also qualifies as a charitable tax deduction.
3. **Real Estate:** When appreciated real estate is given to the NSAC, capital gains taxes can be avoided and the full fair market value of the property is deducted as a charitable contribution. There are some contingencies to this regarding length of time held and business interests involving the property. You should consult a solicitor or an attorney.
4. **Gift of remainder interest in your home or farm otherwise known as a Life Estate:** An individual who is making a charitable deduction for a gift of remainder interest in their home or farm because of the significant potential benefit to all parties involved. He or she retains the right to occupy the house or farm for life and the same rights can be given to the family members as well. Upon passing, the interest in the

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property comes to the beneficiary and can then be sold for market value. Again, you should consult with a solicitor or attorney to assist you in preparing a proper Life Estate.

Recently, a bill was signed into law by President Bush with provisions designed to encourage charitable donations by individuals ages 70 plus with the ceiling of $100,000 each year, from their individual retirement accounts, tax free. Certainly, this is another significant vehicle of contribution that one can consider and should seek advisement of a competent authority in these matters.

5. **Savings Bonds:** Because of the transferability of bonds, this is not an outright charitable deduction for the face value of the bond. On the other hand, the full face value is deductible for estate tax purposes when you bequeath the bond to NSAC through your Will.
6. **CD's and Savings Accounts:** You can make your church or the NSAC joint owners with rights of survivorship on various savings plans, CD's, savings accounts, some Treasury Bills and Bonds, commercial paper, etc. You remain in control of the account, withdraw the money, or revoke the arrangement at any time and the church has no claim on the account until after your passing, if the ownership is still intact at the time of passing.
7. **Tithing:** Members are asked to contribute a percentage of their gross income to fund their church's activities and needs. Tithes are normally voluntary and paid in cash, checks and sometimes stocks.

Years ago, Spirit asked me to come and serve. Spirit touched my heart so profoundly that I could not turn from this request of me. I can think of no other vocation that I would rather be doing. And as I look back over the years, I do feel wealthy beyond measure.

The fact of the matter is that Spiritualism is moving into the forefront. Although we have been a practicing religion for over 114 years, the "Spiritualist" movement has gone global. Organized religion has been around for thousands of years and yet it has only been in the recent years that people are concerned about the state of their spiritual self—not necessarily for salvation, but to strengthen and make fit their spiritual component. Why? Because their spiritual growth is wanting.

Your contribution, no matter how small or large, when added to the contributions of others, and then invested and managed properly to preserve the principle and generate interest, provides for the Endowment Fund to grow and gives us the means to carry out our spiritual mission of providing a secure foundation of Spiritualism in the years to come.

I ask you to give generously, as generously as the Infinite Intelligence has given to you, from the heart.

Bless you all,
Rev. Gloria J. Nye, NST, Director of Endowments

NSAC ENDOWMENT FUND

Regardless of the reason of how or what you want to give, there is a monetary gift to fit every objective. Rest assured, in giving, your gift will make a difference in the lives of those who serve tomorrow.

To select a donation option, check the box and fill out your name, address and phone number. After determining the gift that is right for you, meet with your financial advisor or attorney to implement your wishes.

- ☐ **Cash gift** $ _____
- ☐ **Living Trust** (Make a revocable gift during your lifetime that names the NSAC as beneficiary of assets in a Living Trust.) You control the Trust for your lifetime; there are possible estate tax savings.
- ☐ **Bequest in a Will** (The gift if deferred until after your lifetime.) Your donation is exempt from federal estate taxes.
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- ☐ **Retirement Plan Gift** (Names the NSAC as beneficiary of the remainder of the assets after your lifetime and avoids the twofold taxation on retirement plan assets.) Avoids the heavily taxed gift on heirs, allowing a less costly gift.
- ☐ **Charitable Remainder Annuity Trust** (Create a charitable trust that pays you a set income annually.) It allows immediate income tax deductions and fixed income for life while insuring that the remainder goes to the NSAC.
- ☐ **Retained Life Estate** (Designate the ownership of your home to the NSAC, but retain occupancy.) The benefits to you are a charitable income tax deduction and lifetime use of your home.

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Maine Certification



Rev. Kay Hawkins, NST, CH, receiving her Mediumship Certification from Penny Frobese.

The Rev. Kathleen Hawkins was presented her Mediumship Certification on November 12, 2006 at the Pinpoint of Light Spiritualist Center in Canton, Maine by Penny Frobese. Kay, as most people call her, is also a Commissioned Healer, and a National Spiritualist Teacher. Upon the retirement of the Rev. Rupert Sigurdsson, NST, she became the pastor of the Pinpoint of Light Church. Many blessings in your ministry and mediumship, Kay.

Massachusetts Ordination



The Newly Ordained Rev. Elizabeth Gosselin, NST.

Last church season, the members and friends of the First Spiritualist Church of Salem had the joy of celebrating the ordination of long-time member and worker for Spiritualism, Elizabeth (Betty) Gosselin. She joins her husband, Bradley, in the ministry of Spiritualism.

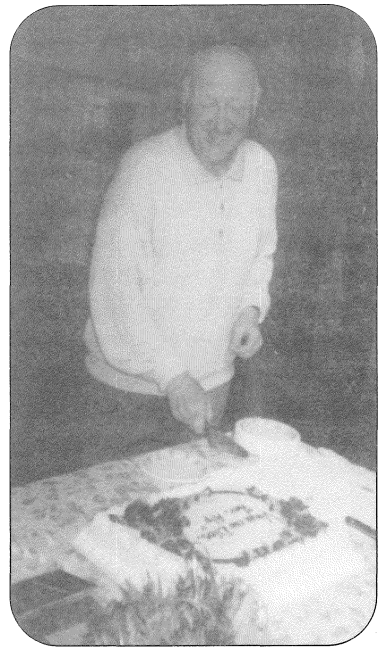
Betty has graced The First Spiritualist Church of Salem with her artistry, her inspired writing, her mediumship, her service in so many capacities (most recently as Treasurer of the Board), and her hand of friendship.

With typical grace and open heart, the Rev. Betty Gosselin invited the students who sit in the current mediumship development classes to serve from the podium during the message portion of her ordination service.

On August 20, Spiritualism proudly added Fatima Heath to the roll of Spiritualist ministers when she was ordained at the Swampscott Church of Spiritualism in Swampscott, MA. In the spirit of sharing, Fatima extended an invitation to attend her ordination to The First Spiritualist Church of Salem. Fatima is a frequent and regular guest speaker and past member of our church.

Farewell Tea in California

A Farewell Tea was held on Sunday, October 22, 2006 for the Rev. Alfred A. Conner, NST, of The First Spiritual Temple, San Francisco, California. Mr. Connor will be leaving the San Francisco Bay Area to relocate closer to his family.



Rev. Alf cutting the cake.

After enjoying delicious food provided by "Savory Affairs" catering service, we were hosted by the Rev. Donald McFarland, NST, to *"This Is Your Life"* for Rev. Alf.

"Rev. Alf," as he is affectionately known to all, has been a Spiritualist for 65 years. He has been a member of the NSAC for 45 years, and holds all the certificates they issue.

Alf Conner has been a Spiritualist all his life. He was brought up simultaneously in Spiritualism and the Church of England. He made the choice in his teens to be a full-time Spiritualist. He attended the SNU (our sister organization in Great Britain) Church in South Shields which was founded in 1883. He had several relatives who were mediums. One, a Mrs. Elisabeth Jobes, was a well-known and outstanding transfiguration medium. Alfred sat in Ms. Jobes séances from the age of seven (7).

He emigrated from England to Canada in 1950 and then to the USA (San Francisco) in 1959. Mr. Conner studied under the guidance of the Rev. Mitzie Monroe and began a formal journey of unfoldment and development. Mr. Conner also worked with such great mediums as the Rev. Maude Kline, international blindfold billet medium; and the Rev. Elizabeth Segur.

Upon the Rev. Mitzie Monroe's passing to Spirit, Alf Conner, then a Licentiate Minister, became Pastor of the church. From that time forward Mr. Conner has been pastor, teacher, counselor, and mentor for students, members and visitors to the church. He was President of the church for many, many years and also Business Administrator. To this day he is an active member of the church board as treasurer.

The Rev. Alf Conner has been active on the national

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level as well. He served on the Board of the National Spiritualist Association of Churches as Treasurer from 1988 to 1997. He has written many articles on Spiritualism over the years for *The National Spiritualist-Summit*. He has helped many students on their spiritual journey. I am pleased to have had him as my teacher, and I thank him for preparing me for my credential as a National Spiritualist Teacher last year.

Rev. Conner is well-known internationally in Spiritual circles and receives calls from all over the US and other countries. His knowledge, wisdom and expertise as a Spiritualist are sought after by many.

We are honored and blessed to have had him as part of our congregation all these years. We do not say "good bye, only farewell."

Those who attended the Farewell Tea were Joan McDaniel, Katherine Hinton, Benito Santiago, George Christ, Alexandra Christ, Erika Aberg, Sharon Annenbuy, Fernanda Gonsalves, Denise Bell, the Rev. Donald McFarland, NST, the Rev. Sandra Dawson, NST, the Rev. Patricia Johnston, Elsie Ann Soria, NST, John Johnston, Ruth Rosenthal, Susan Neuendorff, and Kim Scherer. •

Your education has been a failure, no matter how much it has done for your mind, if it has failed to open your heart.
– Stray Thoughts

CALENDAR CORNER

What happened in FEBRUARY throughout the years?

FEBRUARY
A Month For The Heart!

FEBRUARY 3, 1811
The birth date of **Horace Greeley**. Horace became an influential man of his day by being an American Journalist, political leader and a man of his convictions. He was the first caller on the Fox sisters and became a friend and protector. He has been called "the Abraham Lincoln of Modern Spiritualism."

FEBRUARY 8, 1795
Nathaniel Potter Tallmadge was born on this date. Interested in politics he became the governor of the state of Wisconsin. When he heard about Spiritualism he investigated and was thoroughly convinced, becoming a confirmed Spiritualist. He presented to the U.S. Congress a petition of 13,000 signatures for a memorial in behalf of the movement of Spiritualism.

FEBRUARY 14



Valentine's Day. Call into your awareness that you are a radiating center of Divine Love. The *Revealing Word* writes, "Love is the pure essence of Being that binds together the whole human family. Of all of the attributes of God, love is undoubtedly the most beautiful. In Divine Mind, love is the power that joins and binds in divine harmony the universe and everything it is; the great harmonizing principle known to man." Tell everyone you love them, for whoever you are dealing with is God, in manifestation.

FEBRUARY 19



President's Day: **George Washington**, born Feb. 22, 1732, became our first president and was often inspired in the decisions he was required to make. **William Henry Harrison**, the ninth president, was born Feb. 9, 1773. He became a soldier and was a hero of frontier days. Harrison went to the spirit realm a month after his inauguration. **Abraham Lincoln** was the sixteenth president, born Feb. 12, 1890. During his administration Lincoln communicated with higher guidance through mediumship. **Ronald Wilson Reagan**, born Feb. 6, 1911 was the fortieth president and served from 1981 to 1989.



FEBRUARY 26, 1798
The birthday of **Isaac Post**, who along with his wife, was a strong supporter of the Fox girls and acted as friends and helpers. Isaac developed the mediumistic talent of automatic writing and wrote *Voices From The Spirit World.* Amy was called "the Mother of Modern Spiritualism."

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- **LILY DALE, NEW YORK:**
  Lily Dale Spiritualist Camp – **Two Week Session**
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  June 10-22, 2007, Classes
  Instructor: Rev. Sharon Snowman, NST

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  Call Gloria Nye 207-786-4401 for details
  Two Week Session
  July 14, 2007 – 7:00 p.m., Orientation
  July 15-27, 2007, Classes
  Instructor: Rev. Pamla Ashlay, NST

- **MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN:**
  Morris Pratt Institute – **Split Session – Two Years**
  Week One: Oct. 6-12, 2007 – 7:00 p.m., Orientation
  Week Two: April 12-18, 2008 (subject to change)
  Instructor: Rev. Cosie Allen, NST

- **MILTON, WASHINGTON:**
  Camp Edgewood – **Two Week Session**
  Call Denice Chapman 253-927-2050 for details
  July 14, 2007 – 7:00 p.m., Orientation
  July 15-27, 2007, Classes
  Instructor: Rev. Sharon Snowman, NST

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Declaration of Principles

National Spiritualist Association of Churches

1. We believe in Infinite Intelligence.
2. We believe that the phenomena of Nature, both physical and spiritual, are the expression of Infinite Intelligence.
3. We affirm that a correct understanding of such expression and living in accordance therewith, constitute true religion.
4. We affirm that the existence and personal identity of the individual continue after the change called death.
5. We affirm that communication with the so-called dead is a fact, scientifically proven by the phenomena of Spiritualism.
6. We believe that the highest morality is contained in the Golden Rule: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."
7. We affirm the moral responsibility of individuals and that we make our own happiness or unhappiness as we obey or disobey Nature's physical and spiritual laws.
8. We affirm that the doorway to reformation is never closed against any soul here or hereafter.
9. We affirm that the precepts of Prophecy and Healing are Divine attributes proven through Mediumship.



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