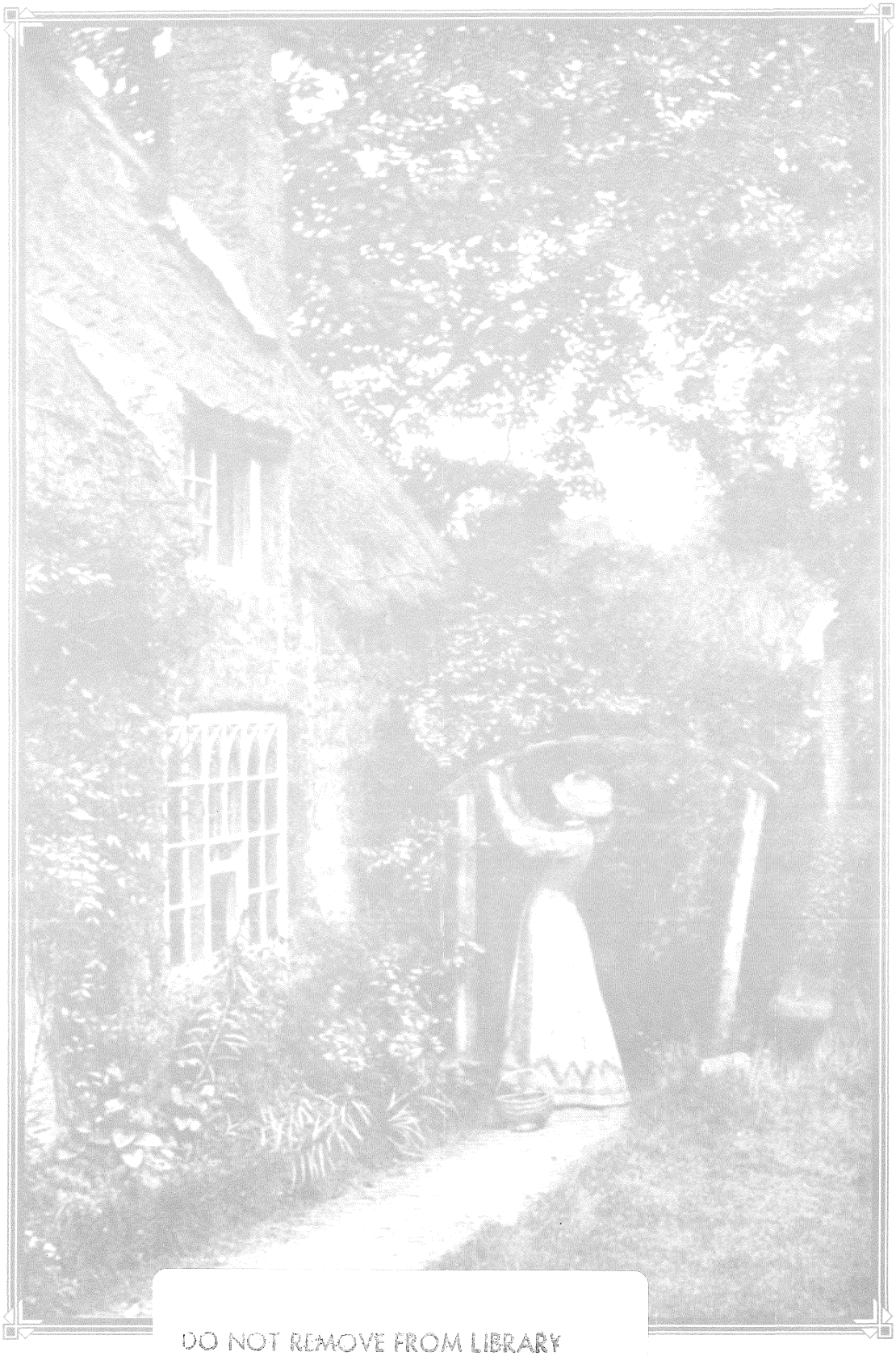
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They Just Work!

BY THE REV. SANDRA PFORTMILLER, NST

A good friend of mine was telling me that when he went to purchase the Sunday newspaper, the gal behind the counter said it was fifty cents. He asked isn't it $2.00 for the Sunday paper? The clerk was new, so asked her boss and found out it was indeed $2.00, which my friend then paid.

He said to me later, "Was the Universe testing my honesty or did I deserve a break, albeit only $1.50."

"The young girl was in training and might have been required to pay the difference herself," I commented.

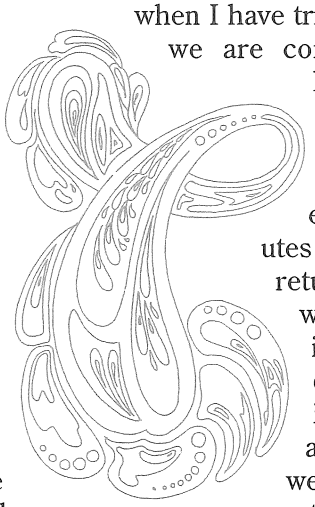
Poor guy, then I got on my soap box and explained my beliefs and disbeliefs about how the Universe was run. My response was Natural Law, God's Law, does not discriminate, it just works. The Universe doesn't consider, "He's been good and deserves a break today."

Just as it rains or the sun shines on the good and the not so good, or, whoever throws a ball up knows it will come down, so when a cause is begun, an effect will result. The effect will be in exact measure of the cause. No exceptions. The Natural Laws of the Universe don't work better because of your honesty, they just work. Of course, being honest will bring honesty back to you. Later I loaned him one of my favorite books on Natural Law, *You Can Have It All*, by Arnold M. Patent.

I recall, before I became a Spiritualist, I believed in miracles. My view of a miracle is an exception to Natural Law; an act of God. Now to believe that God would suspend the Law for someone causes us to look at our view of the God-head. Do you believe in a judging God, made in the image of man, who measures a person's worthiness and actions and then rewards or punishes accordingly? Heaven and Hell? I've been taught that Infinite Intelligence does not judge and if we view our life-path as a system of teaching, where each soul is working to be more spiritual so it may return to the God-head, then a Universe run by just Laws is the only thing that makes sense. How else would we grow and develop spiritually? Honesty doesn't need the support of the Universe, for the Laws will work anyway.

If the Universe is run by Law and impelled by Love, we have a perfect system. Think about it—intention for what we do or for our thoughts and actions comes from within. If we are living our life and following the Law with Love, then life will be a blessing for us and for those around us.

So many times we have an agenda for that which we do and how it can benefit us in the future. The agenda or intent becomes the cause. We may do something on the surface that looks benevolent, but if we resent it or think we will gain from it, then consider how the Law will react. Rather than bringing gains it just could take something away. Then some might ask, "Why did this happen to me, when I have tried to be good?" Often people believe we are completely helpless to impact what happens to us. The Universe is our teacher and is consistent, clear, and positive.



The cause or Law relates to the entire situation, all of which contributes energy. Energy flows around and returns to you in like kind. Sometimes we avoid dealing with uncomfortable issues in our lives. Of course, they don't go away, in fact, they may intensify until we deal with them. We are thinking all of the time, whether we're consciously aware of our thoughts or not. So the energy of the issue that is nagging at our thought patterns continues to increase. Arnold Patent writes: "The opposite of avoidance is awareness. Avoidance intensifies the existing discomfort. Awareness encourages us to take responsibilities and leads us to change our wants to bring us into alignment with our inherent perfection."

Most of our beliefs have been adopted in childhood and then suppressed. The results of what we achieve reflect what we really believe. Spiritualists understand the Law of Cause and Effect and while we believe we are responsible for what happens in our lives, we also know that we have the way and the power through the Law to improve our lives, to use the Law for good, to create our life the way we want it to be.

Returning to the newspaper charge. If my friend had just paid the fifty cents, knowing it was supposed to be $1.50 more, he would have set in action an energy that he would have to assume responsibility for at some point. It isn't blame or right and wrong, it is an energy that will return in like kind to the originator. Arnold Patent writes: "The universal principle involved is that there is no such thing as right or wrong, good or bad. Everything that

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The Art Of Care Giving

By Robin Quiroz

Care Giving can be an Art
The compassion we feel for others
Comes from the warmest of hearts
Our mission in life God uncovers
Through giving and doing our part,
Like raising children, being a mother
It's very important to have a "good start"
And caring for our sisters and brothers,
We don't spend time "throwing darts"
And we truly care for our spouses and lovers
We utilize what God gave us, "Our Smarts"



The End?

By Leota B. Russ

Hey look, is the end of the world today?
If it is; I've got a lot to say—
I never did all the things I wanted to do
I haven't lived enough, for life to be through
I want to tell my mother how much I love her
And of course, there are the others—
Father, family, friends, long time acquaintances
My life is full of endearing remembrances
Oh God, is it too late?
Or do I have a chance to reciprocate?
There are so many good deeds I've left undone
If the end of the world has finally come
THINK
So, I must get started, right now
To finish the unfinished, I vow
To help others wherever the need may be,
No matter what their creed or color of skin
Not to help, when there's a choice
Is really a sin
Against me, in God and country
I've got to hurry now
There are good deeds to be done
If the end of the world has finally come!



The soul would have no rainbow
Had the eyes no tears.
– John Vance Cheney

THEY JUST WORK! *(Continued from previous page.)*

occurs in the Universe is just another event. By judging something, it becomes the way we judge it."

Mr. Patent teaches that we are always in a situation that mirrors exactly what we are asking for at that time, so it is perfect. "Thus it is our interpretation of a situation, rather than anything inherent in that situation, which determines whether it will be a source of comfort or discomfort to us." Divine Law is a wonderful support system and teacher when we are observant of our inner voice or intuition telling us what is **really** happening. One thing we can control is how we feel. If everything is just another event, then we are in control of how we feel and if it is happy or stressful. If we choose happy and view the situation that way, then life will respond in a like manner. Of course, we will attract more happiness for it is a perfect world of God.

It took a Divine Source, Infinite Intelligence, to create this fantastic blessing of Life, Love and Law, and we are grateful.

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Personal Responsibility

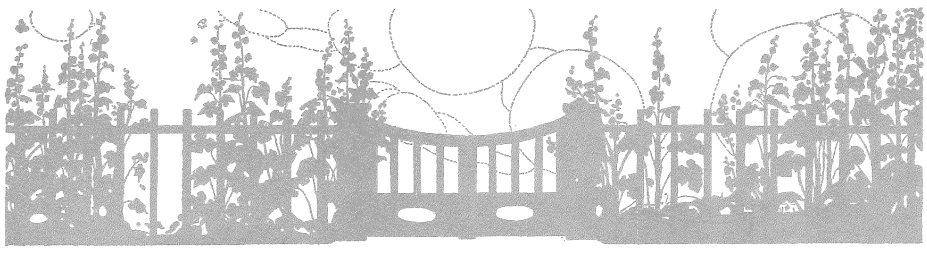
BY STEPHANIE FROBESE, Maine

As the seventh principle of Spiritualism states, "We affirm the moral responsibility of the individual...," in other words we have personal responsibility for our attitudes, thoughts and actions in every aspect of our lives. This is an important understanding to have when approaching the phenomena of mediumship, whether that demonstration takes the form of healing, spirit greetings, channeling or counseling. That phenomena is as diverse as the mediums who demonstrate it and the individuals who seek a medium's counsel. Every medium has a unique personality and style in demonstrating the phenomena of mediumship. Each seeker has their own unique set of circumstances and beliefs that they bring to a medium, which influences what will be brought through from Spirit. The best approach to obtaining the most useful information from spirit, for both the medium and sitter, is to approach the occasion with honesty, sincerity and a desire to progress spiritually through the experience.

For the sitter, the experience should be one of upliftment and enlightenment. They should have an understanding of the world of spirit and accept that just as we are progressing through our Earthly experience, those in the Spirit Realm are learning and growing in their experience. The sitter must be open-minded about the information given, and understand that the intention of spirit is to comfort and counsel them on matters related to their spiritual development. Spirit is not concerned with the mundane events and activities of our day to day life, except as they effect our spiritual growth. Spirit cannot give us the answers to all the questions we have. They are not all knowing, and sometimes the concerns we bring to them are issues we must resolve for ourselves. We must evaluate and judge for ourselves the applicability and usefulness of all the information we receive from Spirit, just as we would with information provided by another person. The seeker should also be comfortable with the medium and trust their sincerity and honesty as a channel between this world and the world of spirit.

The medium should always approach the practice of mediumship seeking the highest and best information they are capable of receiving. They should be in good physical, emotional and mental health, and see themselves as the intermediary for spirit, and not as the solver of other's problems. The higher the quality of life the medium observes, the higher the quality of spirits that will come through. Every effort must be given to communicating the message given by spirit without coloring or making their own interpretation of the meaning. The medium should always give what they receive from spirit exactly as it is given to them. One undertaking the practice of mediumship should be knowledgeable regarding the spirit teachers, guides and gatekeepers working with them.

Both the medium and sitter need to educate themselves continually regarding the phenomena of mediumship. We can never know all the answers to every question, but an earnest seeking of further knowledge and continued practice at working with spirit and communicating for them will make us a better instrument for that communication. The phenomena of mediumship changes and shifts as we practice and progress. The old adage, "practice makes perfect," applies to all our undertakings in life, but more especially to the development of mediumship. We must always seek to improve our knowledge as well as heighten our spirituality. The practice of mediumship is a great responsibility that can effect the paths of those seeking counsel. Positive results can only be obtained if all concerned have a sincere desire to grow from the experience. Exposure to the phenomena of mediumship can open the doors to having a more spiritual approach to life. It encourages us to seek further knowledge and understanding of the continuity of life and the importance of our own spirituality. At the same time, we receive the love, comfort and encouragement from the Spirit World that helps us maintain balance in our day to day life. That is where intent plays a role. Anyone seeking to represent spirit here on the earth plane must have the best intentions for the good of all concerned. They must seek to serve rather than to be served by their special ability, whether in healing, counseling or the demonstration of mediumship. ◊



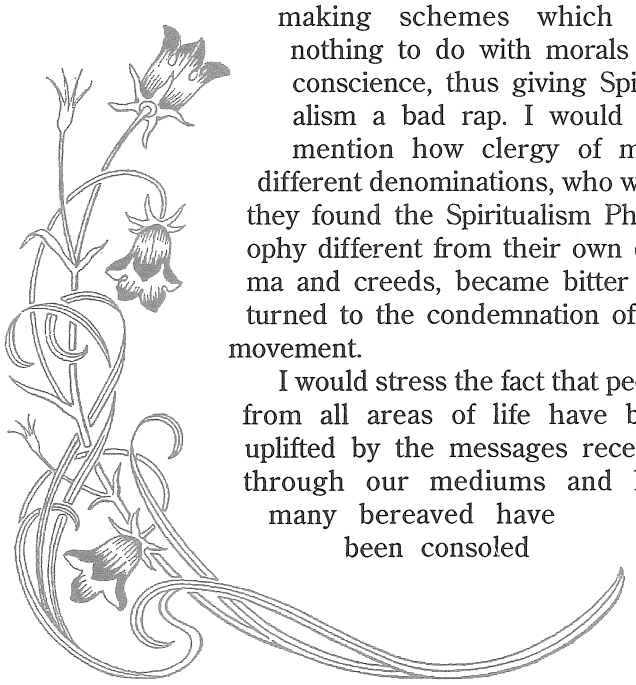
Help From Spirit

BY AUDREY STRANZ, New York

I was speaking to a friend who mentioned to me that sometimes it's difficult for us to proclaim ourselves as Spiritualist. True, some people are open-minded and genuinely interested in our religion, while others are extremely disinterested and sometimes rude. To the former, I am happy to answer any questions they may have. Sometimes I even volunteer information that includes the story of how Modern Spiritualism began in 1848 with the Fox sisters in Hydesville, New York. If they were still interested, I would tell them how Spiritualism swept the country in the 1800's and how many famous Americans like Judge Edmonds who gave up his career to foster Spiritualism, Horace Greeley, the reporter, Abraham Lincoln, the President, and Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, the author, joined in the movement.

Lincoln actually held séances in the White House and issued the Emancipation Proclamation, at the urging of a 16-year-old medium named Nettie Maynard who told him it, the Proclamation, would be the crowning glory of his presidency, as well as his whole life. Acting on that advice from spirit, he issued that very spiritual document which led to freedom for American slaves.

I would mention those many unsavory characters who fraudulently copied the phenomena of Spiritualism in a bunch of money-making schemes which had nothing to do with morals and conscience, thus giving Spiritualism a bad rap. I would also mention how clergy of many different denominations, who when they found the Spiritualism Philosophy different from their own dogma and creeds, became bitter and turned to the condemnation of the movement.



I would stress the fact that people from all areas of life have been uplifted by the messages received through our mediums and how many bereaved have been consoled in their losses. I would inform them about the practice of meditation of how it could be used as a tool for uplifting body, mind and spirit and a means to develop their own mediumship. If they were still interested, I would provide information about the NSAC website, try to give the location of the nearest church of meeting place or arrange to meet with them at some other time and place.

There are also many people who have closed minds. Sadly, this group may include our own family and friends. My family shut me out when I first mentioned Spiritualism. One of my own sons, do-do-do-d me for years, and the rest had no idea of what I was doing because they had no interest in what I was doing. Some even told me that it was not right to switch religions in spite of the fact that they hadn't attended their own church in years. Or, for that matter, any church in years. So, I did what any red-blooded Spiritualist would do. I IGNORED THEM and went about learning and practicing Spiritualism. Gradually, when they accepted that I was serious about it, they became used to me and somewhere along the line began to respect me and my beliefs. This, because I myself was changing. I tried to live up to the Principles, tried to understand people and situations and tried to help where I was needed. Today I live in Corinth, upstate New York, in a 2,500 community that boasts Methodists, Presbyterians and Catholics and I'm happy to say I'm accepted as a Spiritualist. I like to think it's because of the way I try to act. Recently, through one of my friends, I volunteered to help a woman who is very ill. The woman asked why I wanted to help her because I really didn't know her very well. My friend answered, "Because Audrey is that kind of person." That answer led her to thanking and accepting me. The point I'm trying to make is: once someone begins to respect you as a person, it follows they will also begin to respect what you are. So, if you're ever feeling left out and a little persecuted, please do not be afraid of sharing your truth. Remember how spirit performs the little miracles in your daily life when you think to ask.

I want to add something here (which hadn't happened before I started writing this). Last weekend I performed my first marriage ceremony. I'm happy to say it was for one of my nieces, a godchild of mine. There were about 100 people at the reception hall where the wedding took place. Throughout the evening, most of them

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congratulated ME on the beautiful words I spoke. The ceremony was taken from the Spiritualist Special Services manual. A minor victory, you say. But posterity, our family's anyway, will hear about it.

A couple of days ago I had spent a great deal of time looking for my granddaughter's four-inch toy elephant. I could have saved some trouble if I had thought to call on spirit first. Only, after making the bed and tearing the room apart, did I finally call on spirit with my usual cry. "spirit, please help me out with this." And, there, in the middle of the bed, appeared the elephant, where it wasn't before. I'm sure you've all had the same kind of experiences and some even greater. Well, right after the elephant episode I started on this writing and had no idea on what I was going to write about. So, with the elephant still in my mind, I asked spirit for help. A little later, while I was looking through my library for ideas, and discovering a little book on the floor, found that I was inspired to talk about it. Four years ago, I was sitting in a lawyer's office, closing on my house, when a real estate agent handed me that book, probably because SHE was inspired to do so, as I didn't even know her. I accepted it and absent mindedly left it on a shelf in my new home. I never thought about it or opened it until now. It is the story of the "Prayer of Jabez," which is noted in Chronicles, chapter 4 in the Old Testament of the *Bible*.

It starts like this. Now Jabez was more honorable than his brothers, and his mother called his name Jabez, saying she named him so "because I bore him in pain." Jabez, who one day was feeling low and lacking, called on the God of Israel with this prayer. "Oh, that You would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory, that Your hand would be with me, and that You would keep me from evil, that I may not cause pain."

And God granted him what he requested.

This is what actually happened:

Things started badly for a nondescript person...He prayed an unusual one sentence prayer. Things ended exceedingly well, he eventually became the head of a clan, earned the respect of his kinsmen and become possessed of much material wealth and happiness.

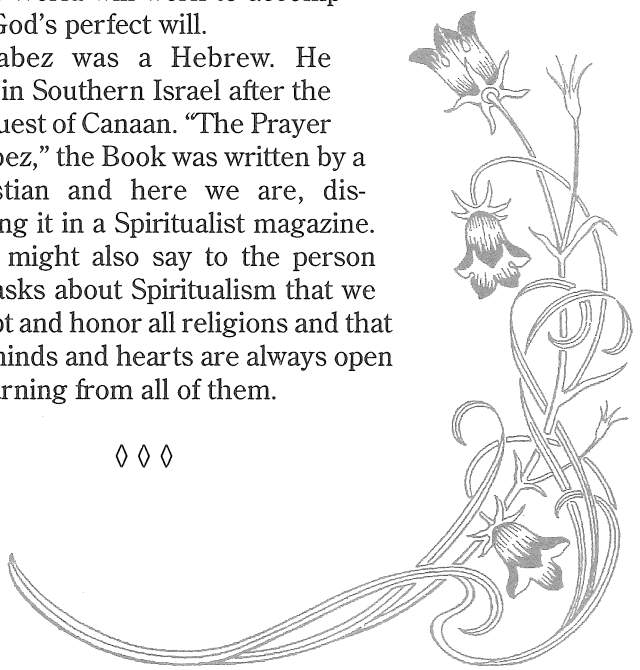
Like Jabez, we all want good things to happen in our lives. And like Jabez, we only have to ask. A sincere spiritual prayer brought him his desires. He was born into the tribe of Judah and eventually became the head of a clan. But the story really begins with his name. His name means "I bore you in pain." The thing was, that in Biblical times a name was so important that it defined a man's future. To cut off the name of an individual meant the same thing as killing him. Example: Jacob meant "grabber," a good name for that patriarch who stole the birthright from his brother. Naomi named her sons Mahlon & Chilion which meant puny & pining. Both of them died in early childhood. Solomon meant peace and there was no war in his reign. So Jabez really had a problem with a name that meant "I bore you in pain."

But he also thought up a solution. He had grown up hearing about the God of Israel and His wondrous works: How God had freed his forefathers from slavery, rescued them from powerful enemies and placed them in the land of plenty. He believed and hoped in that God of love and new beginnings. He decided to ask and then he prayed the biggest and most improbable request he could imagine. "Oh that God would bless me indeed." In Hebrew, adding "INDEED" to the prayer was like adding a bunch of exclamation points, or writing the request in capitals and underlining it. It was equivalent to saying "BLESS ME A LOT." And things did change for Jabez. Because in the Biblical sense "bless" means to ask for or impart Supernatural favor. It means crying out for the wonderful, unlimited goodness that Spirit (with the Big S), like we Spiritualists define God, or Infinite Intelligence, has the power to know about and give us. This is what the writer was referring to in Proverbs "The Lord's blessing is our greatest wealth; all our work adds nothing to it." Remember too that Jabez in his prayer left it up to God to decide what the blessings would be, and where and when, and how Jabez would receive them. In other words, he focused on wanting nothing more and nothing less than what God wanted for him.

You may ask why I chose this particular story with its references to Proverbs and the *Bible*, a good book, which Spiritualists do not consider the written word of God. Simply, I chose it because it is a good one. I chose it because I asked for the elephant and received it, asked for the topic of this writing and received it and know that over the years I have asked spirit for much and received much. And I now realize that if I pray for exactly what God wants, the forces of the Spirit World will work to accomplish God's perfect will.

Jabez was a Hebrew. He lived in Southern Israel after the conquest of Canaan. "The Prayer of Jabez," the Book was written by a Christian and here we are, discussing it in a Spiritualist magazine. So, I might also say to the person that asks about Spiritualism that we accept and honor all religions and that our minds and hearts are always open to learning from all of them.

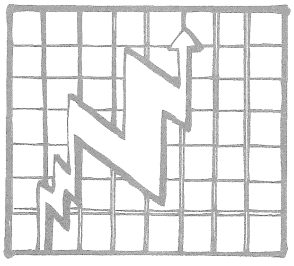
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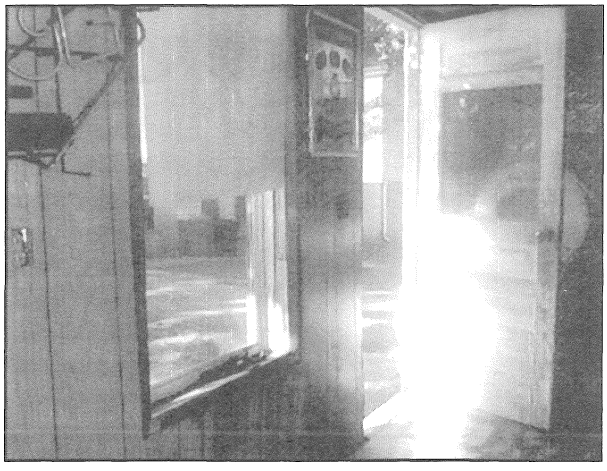
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BY THE REVS. BRIAN AND LYNN KENT



Below, you will find an interesting photo sent in by Patti Craig of the First Spiritualist Church of Brockton. The story is taken directly from the Department of Phenomenal Evidence Report form. A blank form was published in the *TNS* in February and sent to all NSAC Churches in November of 2006. The story follows the report that was sent in by Patti.

Patti and her husband, Bob, spend quite a lot of time taking pictures in the hopes of capturing spirit or some evidence of a spirit loved one on film. She uses a digital camera and always takes 2 pictures of the same setting. This is a very good practice, especially when there is a need to compare. This information was included in her account on the report form, making it easier for this department to examine her photo and come to a conclusion.



On the property of Patti's ancestral home, there is a small building the family calls the "little house." In years past, Patti's father and brothers, now deceased, her husband and other members of the family, along with friends, would spend many hours in this "little house."

Over the years, since the death of her family members, Patti has taken many pictures inside this well known family "hang out" hoping to capture something on film. In the summer of 2003, early in the afternoon, she took her usual two pictures. The first was normal, with no reflecting light of any kind, below is the second picture.

One of Patti's brothers is short, she wondered if the bright light could be him letting her know he was still "hanging around" the family property. Patti had been taking pictures on her property for many years and it is my belief that her loved ones wanted to present themselves in a very obvious way. Patti has many pictures of orbs, but I believe that her spirit loved ones were trying to make sure she realized they were there in this picture. Patti's husband, Bob, and son, were with her while she took the pictures.

Our conclusion is that this is evidential proof of a loved one trying to let her know they are still "hanging around" their favorite gathering place.

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A Nostradamus Prediction

Nostradamus was a French astrologer (1503-1566) who made some amazing predictions.

Century VII, Quatrain 41 reads:
"The bones of the feet and hands locked up,
because of the noise the house is
uninhabited for a long time.
Digging in dreams they will be unearthed,
the house healthy and inhabited without noise."

This was submitted by the Rev. Elizabeth Carter from Maine and she comments, "Now, to me that sounds like the pedlar, Hydesville and the Advent of Spiritualism."

A SPIRITUAL GIVER OF 'PEACE'!

BY THE REV. WILLIAM E. BUCHHOLZ, Iowa

May the blessings of Infinite Intelligence be with you this day! Our nation is fighting for peace in Iraq, while we're living in a dark state of mind here at home. Darkness resides within me while watching the news and seeing pictures of soldiers lost in battle. I have talked to many people through the years who are trying hard to deal with death of a child or loved one. I tell them there is still life within the spirit of that individual. It eases their minds some, but inner emptiness still takes the front row.

A Spiritualist viewpoint is often like a suture in a wound in the mind. It helps to reassure a mind starving for peace, but such pain never fully goes away during the rest of lifetime. We don't know about feelings of hereafter, but if "life after death" is as we hope and believe it is, we should be able to meet our loved one once more.

We must find a church within our mind. There is found a sanctuary to enter, and close the door when trouble and sorrow haunt us. May we there find a God-given spiritual "crying-rag" to soak up our inner tears, a sort of silent megaphone to shout out our emotions, and a special God-given friend to talk to, even when we seem unable to find one in this mortal plane of life. Infinite Intelligence speaks and works everywhere, and in fact is EVERYTHING!

Peace of mind is hard to find. When I try to look for it, I go to a place I discovered August 8, 1999 with a poem I wrote:

A HEAVENLY CHURCH

Though I can't find a church on earth
That I can visit tenderly,
Then, just perhaps, at Heaven's gates,
Is one which fits me perfectly.

A road of cobblestones winds gently
Up a hill of greenest grass.
Unlike earth's, it gives acceptance
To all believers who may pass.

Catholics, Jews, e'en non-believers,
Looking for a place to rest,
Will not feel they must make detours,
As another thinks THEY'RE best!

Methodists, and Moslems, too,
May travel upward hand-in-hand.
Spiritualists (Oh, my, The spacing!)
Like the others, won't be banned.

Each, at last, arrives at hilltop,
And for a moment, find dismay,
Since temples, shrines, and small wood chapels
Seemingly have flown away.

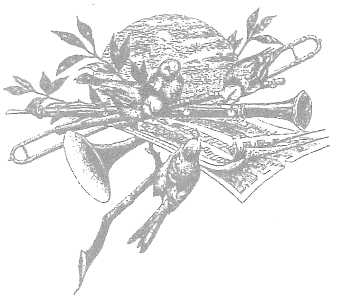
Not even wooden crosses stand tall.
Only tall, green, wooden trees.
And each one standing seems to whisper:
"Within us, ALL your churches see!!

Churches are not walls and windows.
Green, sparkling grass are tiny pews.
And altars (whether simple...fancy...)
Come first from US instead of YOU!

Oh, you may stand or kneel among us.
How ere you worship is YOUR choice.
But please remember, God's been speaking.
Trees otherwise would have no voice.

So, as I find this church in heaven,
May I know, too, it's here on earth.
Oh, please excuse me! Leaves are rustling.
I must dress to go to church!

Searching for a heavenly church, we touch into Nature. Nature allows us to feel and talk more directly to Infinite Intelligence. A breath of fresh air helps hopes, dreams, and mental awareness awaken within us. The voice of God can make itself known if we move into the proper state of mind. Whether we are near noisy engines, loud radios, ringing cell phones, or busy streets, we can enter into mental silence through exercise of our spiritual faculties. Fresh air should fill our nostrils, grass and trees be in our sight, while we listen to the animals, come morning, noon or night. Rain must not be criticized, if it falls upon our brow, God's most important blessing has three letters, spelling 'NOW'!!! ◊



The Book And Newspaper Tests

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The book and newspaper tests conducted by the Rev. Charles Drayton Thomas, a member of the Society for Psychical Research (SPR), are considered some of the very best evidence for spirit communication. "The primary purpose of these efforts was said (by my father) to be a demonstration that spirit people were able to do that for which telepathy from human minds could not account, a demonstration calculated to clarify the evidence already existing for the authorship of their communication," Thomas wrote in 1922.

A Wesleyan minister, Thomas was especially interested in the popular theory that the medium was reading the mind of the sitter in providing information. He said that it was his father, the Rev. John Thomas, also a Wesleyan minister, who, posthumously, gave him the idea of the book and newspaper tests. It was during a sitting with Gladys Osborne Leonard, the renowned British medium, early in 1917, that the father and son on different sides of the veil began collaborating in the experiments.



Gladys Osborne Leonard

The senior Thomas, who died in 1903, told his son that the tests had been devised by others in a more advanced sphere than his and the idea passed on to him. At the time, Drayton Thomas (he went by his middle name) had had over 100 sittings with Mrs. Leonard, although later in his career that number exceeded 500. He mentions that the tests were secondary to other business which he and his father discussed and that his father continually gave other evidence of his own identity.

Drayton Thomas would arrange a notebook on a table with a lighted lamp. Leonard would take a seat several feet from him and after two or three minutes of silence she would go into a trance. Suddenly, in a clear and distinct voice, Feda, Leonard's spirit control, would take over Leonard's body and begin using her speech mechanism while relaying messages from the senior Thomas and others in the spirit world. There was no similarity between Leonard's voice and that of Feda, who spoke like a young girl. Moreover, Feda spoke with an accent and had frequent lapses of grammar.



Occasionally, just after Leonard went into the trance state, Thomas would hear whispering of which he could catch fragments, such as, "Yes, Mr. John, Feda will tell him...Yes, all right..." Feda often referred to herself in the third person, e.g., "Feda says she is having trouble understanding Mr. John."

The idea behind the book tests was to communicate information gleaned by the father from a book in the son's extensive library. For example, in one of the earliest experiments, the father told the son to go to the lowest shelf and take the sixth book from the left. On page 149, three-quarters down, he would find a word conveying the meaning of falling back or stumbling. When the younger Thomas arrived home that evening after his sitting with Mrs. Leonard, he went to the book and place on the page, where he found the words, "...to whom a crucified Messiah was an insuperable stumbling-block."

The father explained to the son, through Feda, that he was able to get the "appropriate spirit of the passage" much easier than he could the actual words. However, over a period of 18 months experimentation, he found himself able to pick up more and more words and numbers, gradually shifting from "sensing" to "clairvoyance." It was made abundantly clear by the father that he was experimenting on his side as much as his son was on the earthly side.

It was certain that Mrs. Leonard had never visited Thomas' house and knew nothing of the library of books in it. Realizing, however, that his subconscious might somehow have recorded such detailed information in the book when he read it years before as well as the exact location of the book in his library, Thomas decided to experiment with books in a friend's house. He informed his father of the plan so that the father knew where to search. In one of the tests there, Feda told Thomas that on page 2 of the second book from the right on a particular shelf, he would find a reference to sea or ocean. She added that the discarnate Thomas was not sure which, because he got the idea and not the words. When Drayton Thomas pulled the book from the shelf of his friend's house, he read, "A first-rate seaman, grown old between sky and ocean."

In another experiment, Drayton Thomas was told to look at page 9 where he would find a reference to changing of colors. Upon opening this book, Thomas found, "Along the northern horizon the sky suddenly changes from light blue to a dark lead colour." In still

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another test at his home, Feda told Drayton Thomas to go to a book at a certain point on a shelf and he would find words looking like "A-sh-ill-ee" on the cover. Feda explained that she was giving the sound but not the correct spelling. When Thomas arrived home, he went to the exact spot indicated by Feda and found a book authored by Mrs. Ashley Carus-Wilson.

Over a period of about two years, the father and son researchers carried out 348 tests. Of those, 242 were deemed good, 46 indefinite, and 60 failures. The discarnate Thomas explained the failures as his inability to get the idea through the mind of the medium or the medium's mind somehow distorting the message.

In 1919, the discarnate Thomas suggested to his son that they attempt a new type of experiment, to be called the "newspaper tests." In these tests, the discarnate Thomas would provide information to be found in newspapers and magazines not yet printed. Thus, he would exercise a sort of precognition and clairvoyance. This would seemingly rule out what was being called Super ESP, the ability of the medium to go beyond reading the mind of the sitter and tap into the mind of anyone having a particular knowledge of a subject.

In a test on January 16, 1920, Thomas was told to examine the *Daily Telegraph* for the following day and to notice that near the top of the second column of the first page the name of the place he was born. Thomas was born in Victoria Terrace on Victoria Street in Tuanton. When Thomas checked the paper the following day, he found the word "Victoria" exactly where his father said it would be.

In a test on February 13, 1920, Thomas was told to go to the *London Times* of the following day and near the top of column two of the first page he would find the name of a minister with whom he (the father) had been friendly when living in Leek. Lower in the column, he would find his (Drayton's) name, his mother's name, and an aunt's name, all within a space of two inches. When the paper appeared the morning after the sitting, Thomas saw no familiar names relative to the minister friend. He then consulted with his mother who immediately called his attention to the name "Perks," informing her son that the Rev. George T. Perks was a friend of his father's and had visited him while they were living in Leek. Looking lower in the column, Thomas found his name, a slight variation of his mother's name, and an aunt's name, all within a space of 1 1/4 by 1 1/2 inches.

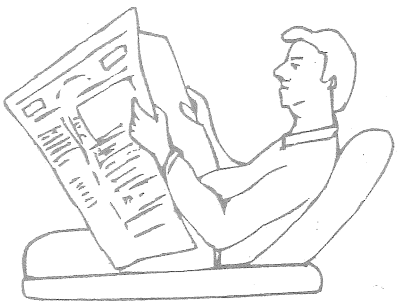
In the same test, Thomas was told that two-thirds of the way down column one, he would find a word suggesting ammunition, and between that and the name of a former teacher of his he would find a French place name, looking like three words hyphenated into one. While Thomas found the name of a former teacher, "Watts," it was in the column next to the one indicated by his father. As for the ammunition reference, the word "canon" appeared twice, apparently taken by the discarnate Thomas as "cannon." The Belgian town of Braine-le-Château was also found in the column indicated.

Drayton Thomas checked with the *London Times* and concluded that the page from which his father took the information had not yet been typeset at the time the information was given to him through Leonard and Feda.

Many other newspaper tests were carried out by Drayton Thomas. In each case, he would immediately write down the information and file it in a sealed envelope with the Society for Psychical Research at a time before the type was set at the newspaper office. Further, Thomas would check papers from at least 10 other days, being sure that the same names did not appear in those editions, thereby ruling out coincidence. Some of the tests were inconclusive and a few were failures, but there were many more positive results.

When Thomas asked his father how he was able to obtain information from newspapers not yet typeset, the father replied that he didn't quite understand it himself. He referred to it as some kind of "etheric foreshadowing." He likened it to seeing the shadow of a man around the corner before actually seeing the man. "Now the things I see are frequently the spiritual counterparts of things which are about to take form; some of my tests from the *Times* might be called shadows of a substance," the discarnate Thomas explained. "When you see a shadow it is but an outline, and you do not look for detail, and that explains the difficulty of these tests; we cannot always sufficiently observe detail." He further explained that as he had moved from sensing to seeing, he could not always see the word clearly, as in one case he gave the word "rain" for what proved to be "raisin."

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Have mercy on me, O Beneficent One, I was angered for I had no shoes:
then I met a man who had no feet.
– Chinese saying

Why Spiritualism?

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Why choose the Science, Philosophy and Religion of Spiritualism?

I want to share three ideas that make Spiritualism a valuable choice in addition to the great gift of demonstrating that there is no death.

The teachings of Spiritualism:

1. Address the crisis brought about by resistance to sensitivity
2. Offer a concept of God that encourages personal development, and
3. Offer practical methods for developing and expressing our unique potential.



1st, Spiritualism holds the tools, scientifically and intuitively developed through years of experimentation, to address the crisis brought about by a society resistant to the value of sensitivity. The development of the quality of sensitivity is so greatly missing in our world that examples of dishonesty and lack of harmony are daily news. It is nothing short of appalling that in our continuously outer directed culture so few people recognize their sensitivities as having the potential to become their most precious strength.

All people have sensitivity. Too often, by following the materialistic bias of our society, people lead lives which blunt or damage their natural receptivity. It is sorrowful that anyone turns to drugs or alcohol in an attempt to medicate their emotional pain, or try to fill the void of what is missing in their lives, when we know that Spiritualism can help all people find and develop the uplifting gifts of the true self without sacrificing the highest and best of their being.

Spiritualism demonstrates to the world that development of our subtle receptive abilities leads to a natural and healthful receptivity to the spiritual energies of the universe which ever lead us toward our truest expression, true health and true happiness, the most valued outcomes that cannot be bought at any price.

2nd, the Spiritualist concept of God encourages personal development. Spiritualist's learn that the phenomena of nature, both physical and spiritual, are the expression of Infinite Intelligence, and that true religion is developing our understanding of this expression that we might learn to live in accordance with Nature's physical and spiritual laws. To develop our understanding, we're encouraged to explore the physical world and the discoveries of science as well as our intuitive interior realization of sacred wisdom. Spiritualists are especially well prepared to appreciate the writings of those who explore both science and religion.

In the best selling book, *How to Know God*, Deepak Chopra reminds us science and religion are not opposites but just different ways of trying to decode the universe. The world of objects and events in time is the domain of the physical realm; and science, which can trace the cosmos back only so far before time and space dissolve, now recognizes a realm beyond time and space which is the unseen Source of the universe. Chopra writes:

> *Everything that we experience as material reality is born in an invisible realm beyond space and time, a realm revealed by science to consist of energy and information. This invisible source of all that exists is not an empty void but the womb of creation itself.*

Between the physical world and it's unseen source, there is a realm physicists refer to as quantum reality. Quantum reality is a transition zone where energy turns into matter, and in which photons, operating at a rate of vibration beyond the awareness of our physical senses, are observed to blink in and out of existence.

This transition zone is where "God and humans meet on common ground." It is here, at what has been called the soul level, the phenomena of Spiritualism develop, following what Spiritualist's know to be Natural Law, yet often called miraculous.

Chopra relates that each mind, according to its understanding and development, projects a different view of reality with a God to match that view of reality. We instinctively turn to the sort of God image we need to help us with the issues we're currently confronting: from survival; to identity; to a calm center; to intuitive inner knowledge; to inspiration; to visions and healing; and to pure being. Chopra offers several fascinating lists which further describe these changes in perception as seekers come to deeper levels of understanding about living in accordance with the expression of Infinite Intelligence. The different levels of spiritual work are each related to seven definite events taking place inside the brain which form the (seemingly) unshakable basis of each person's

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religious outlook. Yet we know the practice of spiritual unfoldment creates a shift.

3rd, Spiritualism offers practical methods for developing and expressing our unique potential by strengthening our connection to the God led spirit within. The literature of Spiritualism is filled with the experiences and lessons of our pioneers. Our teachers, and we ourselves, have more than a hundred years of wisdom to draw upon. For example, I recently read a well thumbed book which was donated to the California State Spiritualist Association by a long time Spiritualist. This book, written in 1928 by Brown Landone is titled, *The Methods of Truth Which I Use.*

The first lesson, "How To Begin 'Being Yourself'," states that since God creates through expression, "You, to keep in line with God's activity, must also radiate outward, and create what you want by manifesting your powers."

"You have the powers of mind, love, life, and action which will never fail you, for they are of God."

"Express yourself, so that what you conceive by your thought will come out into actual existence as the thing or condition you desire."

Landone tells us his methods for using our innate powers have proved to bring results, "each in accord with its nature after its own kind." He says:

These methods will aid you in securing three kinds of spiritual help: one to sustain you hour by hour when you are busy with the work of the day; another to help you to understand Truth; and still another to aid you to grow.

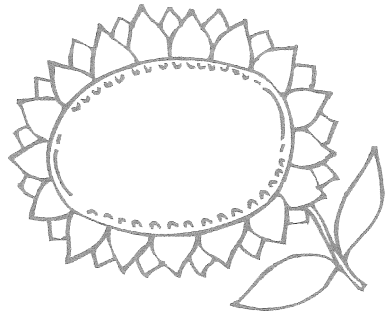
Yet, he reminds us, a method is only a method. If you begin to depend on a method, it becomes useless. As Spiritualists, we're encouraged to seek the help of methods, to learn to use our own powers, yet depend only on the expression of the God powers which lie within.

Landone presents this beautiful affirmation:

I shine forever in the one path provided by God for me. Since it is provided for ME, no other soul can shine in my path or interfere in any way with my expression!

And—joy of joys—I do not need to try to do the shining for anyone else, for, since each soul shines in a path of its own provided for it by God, each is supplied by God and each is the source of all its needs.

I shine WITH others, but not for them. They shine in harmony WITH me, and not against me. I radiate from God, and so I am the source of all I need..."



As in the *Chronicles of Narnia* story of *The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe*, if ever we should go inward seeking personal power, the soul's progress is halted; life grows cold as if in eternal winter.

Going within, we learn to discriminate between the rigid "frozen" aspect of the ego brain which seeks to be in perfect control and the clear flowing life filled stream of the soul which waters the fruitful garden. Growth is indicated symbolically by spring thaws, budding leaves and blossoms.

Our goal is not perfection, but the fullest expression of our own spirit. Such an aspiration attracts inspiration by our spirit helpers. Gradually, we gain in ability, accepting the development of our gifts without undue pride by also realizing those aspects we have yet to work on.

The teachings of Spiritualism not only demonstrate that there is no death, they address the crisis brought about by resistance to sensitivity; offer a concept of God that encourages personal development; and offer practical methods for developing and expressing our unique potential by providing helpful guidelines which support our personal spiritual journey as we learn to honor our intuition and take council with our spirit guides to explore whatever line of inquiry is most appropriate to the development of our awareness.

Thus, the teachings of Spiritualism provide a safe and sensible mental bridge for us to walk across into the interior landscape.

This pioneering undertaking to lay the tracks of a mental railway has been accomplished. This is the frontier Spiritualism has begun to settle and feel at home in. It is as if Spiritualism has been at work since 1848 building frontier communities which are now prepared to welcome trainloads of newcomers.

I encourage you to learn the proven lessons Spiritualism teaches. Your truth is your truth. No one can learn your lessons for you, but by gathering together week after week, focusing on what is true, honest, just and beautiful and encouraging one another to develop our own talents, we help one another restore and maintain a sensitive connection with the sacred and bring into our lives a renewed sense of well being. That is why I choose Spiritualism.

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May we walk with grace
and may the light of the universe
shine upon our path.
– Anonymous

Positive Statements To Help Create a Positive Day.

Affirmations . . . MARCH 2007

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 I speak my truth with love.	**2** Curiosity is a permanent characteristic of a vigorous mind. – *S. Johnson*	**3** Today, I heighten and expand my conscious awareness.
4 "I am born of the Spirit...I am the Spirit made manifest." – *The Science of Mind*	**5** Our body is a spiritual instrument, with Divine Spirit in every atom.	**6** When in the presence of God, we live in mind, a Divine companionship.	**7** I open myself for Spirit to express through me, bringing joy and love.	**8** Nothing opposes the good of God. All unlike Its good is overcome.	**9** Playing is a joyous, creative expression that touches the child within.	**10** There are abundant blessings unfolding in my life every day.
11 "The soul unfolds itself, like a lotus of countless petals." – *Kahlil Gibran*	**12** "Perceive the situation differently. Create another interpretation of it." – *Patent*	**13** Expressing joy draws the same expression to and from those you meet.	**14** The ideal is to view everything in present time, the perfect moment.	**15** "The presence of the Living God lives Its life as us." – *Karen S. Wylie*	**16** Every day I strive to grow more spiritual, to evolve into a light being.	**17** "The Universe created Divine Laws to support us and give us guidelines."
18 The essence of spirit of all creation in the Universe cannot die.	**19** I focus my thoughts on healthy friendships, loving relationships.	**20** "As spiritual beings we can touch one another at any moment." – *Safire Rose*	**21** I release all upsets, for I know there is a Divine reason for everything.	**22** Spirit has the power to overcome a sense of fear or confusion.	**23** "All discomfort involves withholding of love." – *Arnold M. Patent*	**24** "...that which is Eternal can never be non-existent." – *E. Holmes*
25 Look at all life and all that happens as perfect.	**26** When you focus on the life you want, focus on how you wish to feel.	**27** The world is an abundant place, filled with God's blessings.	**28** Everything in the Universe is an aspect of energy, the result of thought.	**29** We each make a difference, so how we direct our awareness is important.	**30** What Spiritual gift am I sharing with others today?	**31** Let us visualize Spiritualism growing and helping, spreading Light and Love.



Modern Spiritualism is 159 years old!





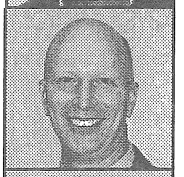
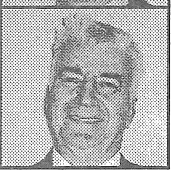



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Mail Address: PO Box 69, Paris ME 04271; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., followed by a potluck lunch; Classes Thursday 7:30 - 9:00 p.m; Pres., Laurie Xanthos; For more information, call (207) 562-7152.

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
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• MARYLAND •

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

• MASSACHUSETTS •

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

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.
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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
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ST. PAUL - Spiritual Science Spiritualist Church
Conference Rm. - 411 Main St., Labor Union Hall; Sun. Morning Serv. only, 10:00 a.m.; Pres./Speaker, Joan LeDuc, 2169 Scheffer Ave., 55116-1255, (651) 699-4858; Secy., Gerald Kemling; Church phone (651) 225-4609.

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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.

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SALEM - The Church of Spiritual Life, Inc.
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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.

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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
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LONG ISLAND - Temple of Metaphysical Science, NSAC
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• OHIO •

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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
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ASHTABULA - First Spiritualist Church
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• PENNSYLVANIA •

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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.

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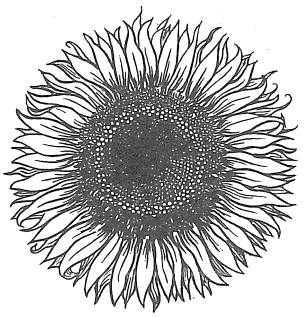
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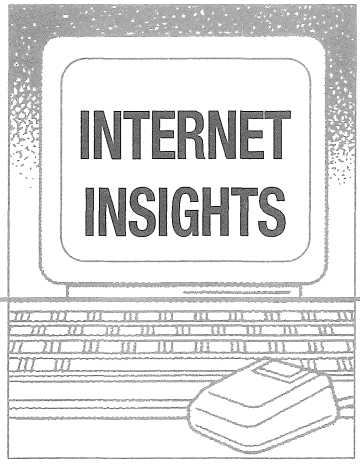
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• Stress

– Author Unknown

A lecturer, when explaining stress management to an audience, raised a glass of water and asked, "How heavy is this glass of water?"

Answers called out ranged from 8 oz. to 20 oz.

The lecturer replied, "The absolute weight doesn't matter. It depends on how long you try to hold it. If I hold it for a minute, that's not a problem. If I hold it for an hour, I'll have an ache in my right arm. If I hold it for a day, you'll have to call an ambulance."

"In each case, it's the same weight, but the longer I hold it, the heavier it becomes."

He continued, "And that's the way it is with stress management. If we carry our burdens all the time, sooner or later, as the burden becomes increasingly heavy, we won't be able to carry on."

"As with the glass of water, you have to put it down for a while and rest before holding it again. When we're refreshed, we can carry on with the burden."

"So, before you return home tonight, put the burden of work/life down. Don't carry it home. You can pick it up tomorrow. Whatever burdens you're carrying now, let them down for a moment if you can."

"Relax; pick them up later after you've rested. Life is short. Enjoy!"

And then he shared some ways of dealing with the burdens of life:

- Accept that some days you're the pigeon, and some days you're the statue.
- Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them.
- Always read stuff that will make you look good if you die in the middle of it.
- Drive carefully. It's not only cars that can be recalled by their Maker.
- If you can't be kind, at least have the decency to be vague.
- If you lend someone $20 and never see that person again, it was probably worth it.
- It may be that your sole purpose in life is simply to serve as a warning to others.



- Never buy a car you can't push.
- Never put both feet in your mouth at the same time, because then you won't have a leg to stand on.
- Nobody cares if you can't dance well. Just get up and dance.
- Since it's the early worm that gets eaten by the bird, sleep late.
- The second mouse gets the cheese.
- When everything's coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.
- Birthdays are good for you. The more you have, the longer you live.
- You may be only one person in the world, but you may also be the world to one person.
- Some mistakes are too much fun to only make once.
- We could learn a lot from crayons. Some are sharp, some are pretty and some are dull, some have weird names, and all are different colors, but they all have to live in the same box.
- A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.
- Our mind is like a parachute – it works best when open.

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Every man prays in his own language, and there is no language that God does not understand.

– Duke Ellington

MEDIA WATCH

BY THE REVS. TOM AND LISA BUTLER, NST

Spiritualist's Art Now has Cult Following: The life's work of one of East London's most prolific and collectable artists remains hidden in storage in the borough of Newham. Madge Gill hoarded thousands of drawings over a period of forty years, rarely exhibiting her work and never selling any of it. Her art is now highly prized by a cult following willing to pay thousands of pounds for a full-size piece.



Madge Gill

Madge showed no interest in drawing until she lost the second of her three sons to the Spanish flu and gave birth to a stillborn baby girl the following year. She then became ill and lost sight in one eye. She was confined to bed for months and became interested in Spiritualism during her recovery.

Madge regularly held séances and maintained that her drawings were not her own work, but that of her spirit guide, Myrninerest. Although she occasionally exhibited her work, she refused to sell it as she was reluctant to take ownership of it. A near-constant in her work is repeated and disembodied doll-like faces. Although the drawing technique was not advanced, the work shows an expert eye for composition and arrangement of form and line.

From: "A lifetime's work preserved by David Williams *Croydon Guardian,* www.croydonguardian.co.uk.
Picture is from Wikipedia,
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Madge_Gill

Bilocation: In an article written by Jamie Licauco, the author asks, "What causes a person to bilocate unconsciously and if you see your doppelganger (your double) does it mean you are about to die? Or, is it just a spirit trying to imitate you? Is it possible to control or prevent this from happening so you don't start doing or saying things you are not aware of?"

Bilocation is a phenomenon in which a person is seen in two places at the same time. Bilocation is thought to be possible because it is believed that we have more than one body. Eastern mystics say that we have seven such bodies. Whereas western philosophy is aware of only two: the body and the spirit. Of course most western scientists deny the existence of the spiritual body.



An example of her work which she attributed to her spirit guide, Myrninerest.

The author states that when a person is tired, sick, or completely relaxed, the astral body can sometimes detach and go elsewhere. This is called astral projection or an out-of-body experience (OOBE). When this body is seen somewhere else by another person, we have bilocation.

In his article, Licauco says that unintentional bilocation is not as rare as might be thought. Lisa found a particular interest in this article as she remembers an incident many years ago in which she parked her car in a multi-story garage at work and then headed to the bottom floor to exit for her office only to see herself, in her car, drive by right in front of her and exit the garage. That experience may have involved something more like a time shift or vision of the past than a bilocation, but it was quite shocking and she even returned to the upper level to make sure her car was where she had left it.

From: Does seeing your double mean you are about to die? By Jaime Licauco *Inquirer*

The "God Spot" is a Myth: According to a new study detailed in *Neuroscience Letters,* the human brain does not

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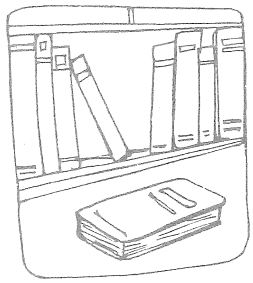
contain a single "God Spot" responsible for mystical and religious experiences. This is contrary to claims that have come from skeptics and atheists. Instead, the sense of union with God or something greater than the self often described by those who have undergone such experiences involves the recruitment and activation of a variety of brain regions normally implicated in different functions such as self-consciousness, emotion and body representation.

From: Live Science, www.livescience.com

Research Upsets UK's Top Scientists: Presentations by Dr. Rupert Sheldrake on Telepathy and neuro-psychiatrist, Dr. Peter Fenwick, on the survival of consciousness after death, received a cold shoulder at the annual British Association for the Advancement of Science this past September. According to the national newspaper, *The Independent* (6 September): "Leading scientists have criticized Britain's premier public forum on science for hosting a series of lectures on controversial research into the paranormal that suggests the possibility of mental telepathy and the existence of consciousness after death." Professor Peter Atkins of Oxford University even called research on telepathy and life after death a "charlatan's fantasy." Dr. Sheldrake believes his telepathy research, recording the percentage of correct anticipations of the identity of telephone callers and email senders, has produced results that are "a thousand billion to one against it being a chance effect," while Dr. Fenwick states, "If when all brain functions are down, the patient is able to receive information, then it follows that the mind can act independently of the brain."

From: *The Independent*, www.independent.co.uk/

Direct Communication Between Brains: In an article in the *Paranormal Review,* Robert Charman wrote, "Direct communication between brains can and does, occur. This claim is supported by extraordinary evidence provided by EEG and MRI data obtained from...over some twenty published studies... If science is the unbiased exploration of ourselves and the universe, then the same courtesy of acceptance should be extended to the objective findings of these experiments. To reject them on the grounds that 'It can't happen, therefore it doesn't happen,' when there is objective replicated, evidence that the 'it' in question does happen, is not good science. It is the blind dogma of *a priori* scientism."



From: "Direct Brain to Brain Communication – Further Evidence from EEG and FMRI Studies" By Robert A. Charman *The Paranormal Review* October 2006 Issue 40, http://paranormalreview.com/.

Life After Death: The Academy of Spirituality and Paranormal Studies, Inc (ASPSI) has added a new section to their web site called, "Life After Death." In it, they have placed twenty-five intriguing cases suggesting survival of consciousness and they intend to add more cases in the future. There are eleven interviews with people who are currently involved in survival research or related fields with more to be added, along with interviews and testimonials from researchers and mediums of yesteryear. Go to www.lightlink.com/arpr and click on the "Life After Death" button.

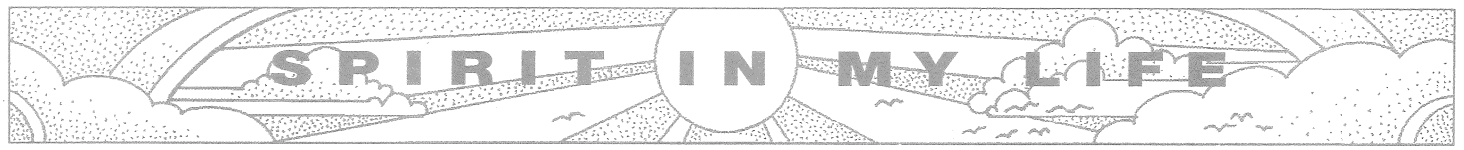
Happiness Protects Against Colds: A new study that exposed healthy volunteers to a cold or flu virus found that staying positive could be your best defense against getting sick. The research showed that people with upbeat dispositions were less likely to fall ill. The findings were published in the Journal Psychosomatic Medicine and researchers feel that the reasons for their findings may be both objective—happiness boosting the immune system—and subjective—as in happy people being less troubled by symptoms such as a runny nose or scratchy throat.

From: Reuters Health, "Happy people may suffer fewer colds" by Amy Norton

Last Laugh: Another study shows positive thinking increases life expectancy: According to a study done by Erik Giltay of the Psychiatric Center GGZ Delfland, in the Netherlands, if you're an optimist you will get the last laugh. Over nine years ago, 999 men and women ages 65 to 85, completed a questionnaire on health, relationships, morale, self-respect and optimism. Since then 397 have died. Optimistic participants had a 23 percent lower risk of death from heart failure and a 55 percent lower risk of death from all causes.

From: Live Science, www.livescience.com/human biology/ 041101_optimist_heart.html ◊

When the wind blows, that is my medicine.
When it rains, that is my medicine.
When it hails, that is my medicine.
When it becomes clear after a storm, that is my medicine.
– Anonymous



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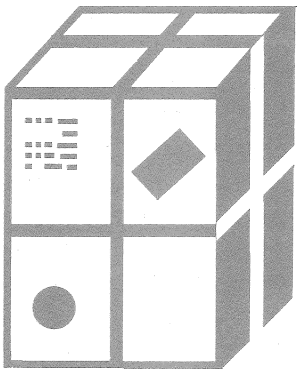
SPECIAL DELIVERY

BY CHER DYLE, Illinois

It was near the end of the first semester of my freshman year in college and we were all starting to "gear up" for finals when a letter went out to our parents. It was basically an ad telling them how much a "care package" from home would mean to their child, and for a small fee, this company would create and send that package for them. Well, my mother thought a care package would be a good idea and from that day forward I would regularly receive them from her.

All through college, and then into my "adult" years, she would send me a care package filled with what she thought I might enjoy at the time—initially it was homemade cookies or some pretty stationery, later it would be dishtowels or a special soap she had discovered or pie plates, a roasting pan or a cookbook...for 31 years she created those care packages for my brother and me.

Well, a while ago, Mom made her transition and after finalizing her affairs, there was a little something left for each of us. I often see clients at home, so I decided to use this gift for new living room furniture. I went to a favorite store and picked out a sofa and loveseat that was upholstered in a beautiful blue fabric. I placed my order and was told to expect delivery in a few weeks.



About three weeks later, the store called me and said they no longer had that blue fabric. I really felt disappointed! But they assured me that "if you liked the blue, we're sure you'll love the green!" After questioning them about what to do if I don't love the green, I accepted their advice and changed my order.

True to their word, about three weeks later, my furniture arrived, and the green fabric was really very nice. After the delivery man left and I had a chance to just admire the new pieces, I wondered "what color is that?" It was a soft green that had a bit of grey or heather in it—not really a tweed, but nice, and a little bit different. I got down on the rug, turned up the hassock and on the furniture tag was the word "Olive"—Mom's name.

Another care package—this time sent by Spirit Delivery. ◊

FAVORITE SAYINGS TO LIVE BY

Sometimes I go about pitying myself, and all the time I am being carried on great winds across the sky.

– American Indian Saying

Only one principle will give you courage; that is the principle that no evil lasts forever nor indeed for very long.

– Epicurus

Geese In V Formation

BY THE REV. KATHLEEN CRIBB, Virginia

In this age of reason, the thoughts of God cannot exist in written or spoken language. Let's look for a moment at what Spiritualists say they believe about God.

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.

Therefore, wonderful books such as *The Holy Bible* or *The NSAC Manual* or *The Talmud* or *The Koran* cannot be true religion. We are true religion. We are true religion because we are expressions of God. The way we live our lives, the way we connect with each other, the ways we react and interact and communicate are all expressions of Infinite Intelligence. Each of us has a Divine Spark. Each of us sprang from God. Therefore, take a drop of water and drop it into a glass of water. The drop of water becomes part of the glass of water—it is no longer a droplet of water. When a raindrop falls into an ocean of water, it becomes ocean. Our eyes can no longer distinguish the raindrop from the rest of the ocean of water. In reality, the ocean is a collection of raindrops. In reality, the glass of water is a container full of droplets of water. We are each of us a Spark of God. I have learned, and whether you agree with me or not is your decision, for we must all arrive at our own understanding of God. If you call God, Father or Mother or Infinite Intelligence or Allah or Claire Rebecca is a matter only important to you. The problem with all human languages is they are created by man. The English language is our way to communicate with each other. Animals communicate too. They tend to say sounds that are incomprehensible to our ears. They sometimes sound like nick nick or click click to us. These are life protecting communications to their ears. The books we use for reference materials are a form of communication too.



We are each of us trying to learn. We are trying to grasp this concept of Infinite Intelligence. We come to our churches every Sunday. We come to pray and give thanks for our wonderful lives. What are we praying for? Who are we praying to? Last Sunday the sound system in our church was not working. At 9 a.m. my husband was getting very frustrated trying to make it work properly. He threw his hands up in the air and said, "I guess I have to go out and find another one. This new system is not recording." As I watched in agonized silence, my thoughts sent out a prayer for help. Our adult lyceum class runs from 9:30 to 10:30 every Sunday morning. We had a new student arrive in our class last week, an electrical engineer. He touched a couple wires and the audio system recorded this sermon clear as a bell. My new lyceum student was truly an answer to a prayer. His arrival also demonstrated an inter-dependence between human beings. We cannot make it without each other. It is humanly impossible.

Here in Tidewater, Virginia, we have a great many Canadian Geese that have flown south and made a permanent home here. It seems they have moved south and now are Tidewater Geese, not Canadian Geese. Every now and then, in the fall, we can look up in the sky and see a huge V formation of geese. They don't start out in a V formation. They take off, one by one, and join each other in mid air. They quickly select this V formation because as each bird flaps his wings, it creates an uplift in air current for the bird flying immediately behind. Each bird going back in the line uses less effort to fly. The lead bird on the point must work the hardest. The flock can fly over 70% greater distance in a V formation than they could if each bird fought the drag and resistance trying to fly alone. When the lead goose on the point gets tired, he will drop back in the line and another goose takes the lead. How do they decide who takes the lead? Do they draw a lottery? I don't recall ever watching geese draw grass out of the marsh to see who drew the longest straw. Geese work well together. It is sensible taking turns doing demanding jobs. Why can't people work this way instinctively too? The geese instinctively use each others energy.

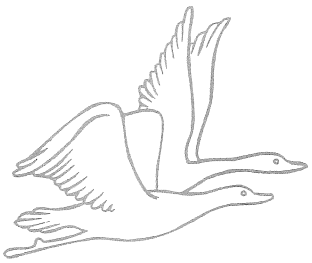
The geese in the back of the flock honk sounds of encouragement for the ones in the front of the flock. What are we saying when we honk our horns while driving in heavy traffic?

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GEESE IN V FORMATION *(Continued from previous page.)*

Another interesting fact about geese is if a goose falls out of formation because he gets sick or is shot by a hunter, two other geese will follow him down to the ground. They will stay with him and protect him until either he can fly again or passes into spirit. Once one of these two things happens, the other two geese will fly and join up with a new flock or fly to catch up with their own flock.

Chapter 7 *of Spiritual Unfoldment IV* tells us we are never alone. Each of us comes into this life already knowing a bunch of loving spirits experiencing this incarnation who are willing to be involved in our physical life and help us succeed. And in turn, we are going to help them too. We are like the geese; we just don't realize it. Some of us preen our feathers more than others, but all of us help each other to progress on our paths. We do it by being in each other's space. Just like the geese. When they are flying, they are not attached to each other by a tow line. They are only attached by desire. You and I do not have a tether binding us together. We are Spiritualists. We have a common direction and a sense of community. Each of us is progressing on his or her spiritual path more quickly because we are walking it together. Our hearts are tied to each other because like attracts like. Our loving hearts have a desire to touch with God. We have a yearning to find out what it feels like to be in God's space. Each one of us is a Spark of God. Each one of us is already there. Each one of us is an expression of Infinite Intelligence. To explain this in a visual, God had the concept of what life feels like. We are the part of God that experiences it. We are the part of God that stubs her toe or makes mistakes. We dare to try. We dare to live. We dare to make friends. We dare to experience each other's vibrations.



I received an anonymous email saying, "One hour with nature you can learn more about God than three days reading any book about God." Then they gave me five words to contemplate revealing the nature of God: Immensity; Wisdom; Unchangeable order; Love, Mercy through abundance; and Continuity.

Immensity, God is Infinite. Life is Infinite. You are a Spark of God. You are immense. Your energy, your loving aura goes way beyond these walls. During our healing services, each of us is directed to travel around the world. We touch everyone on planet earth with our loving energies.

Wisdom, God is wisdom. Every time we have a problem, we go to God for answers. We pray. We meditate. We search for answers in spiritual books. For years, I would open *The Bible* and find the answer I was looking for on any random page. This is a book with words in it. Those words reduce everything to something very small. The answers we need are very large. Now I look for answers in meditation. I don't look in books. However, each of us finds life's answers in our own way. Wisdom is gained in the search, not the finding.

Unchangeable order, this makes me think of the Law of Attraction. Like attracts like; this is an immutable law of life. Everything we think and focus on draws this energy to us. If we worry about bills and debts, we will find our mailboxes with bills. If we think about love and how we can share our loving energies with others, it will draw unconditional love back to us.

Love, Mercy through abundance, God is unconditional love. The unconditional love energy provides abundance. Everything we can possibly need already exists. Everything belongs to God. You are a Spark of God. God in her infinitely generous heart wants you to have everything you need. Therefore, you only need to think you are a worthy recipient to draw it to you.

Continuity, one of the reasons I adore the religion of Spiritualism, is because we teach the continuity of life. Our lives never end. They had no beginning and they have no end. During a lyceum class I was asked the question, "In the beginning was there only God and he created all these souls?" My answer was, "In the beginning there was no beginning."

Meditate on your immensity. You are the symbol of infinity. You are flying through life in a V formation with many spirits just like you.

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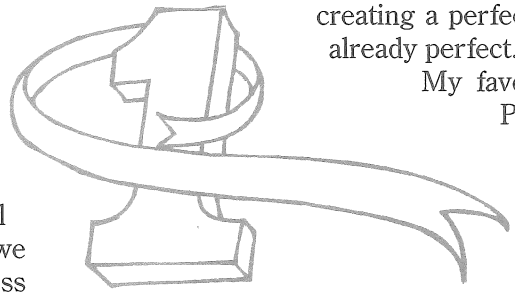
Why Not Number One?

BY THE REV. BRADLEY GOSSELIN, NST, Massachusetts

I always find it interesting when I hear speakers or read articles about our Principles.

It is most often said or written at some point, "that my favorite is." Then we hear or read about a specific Principle, usually one of the following, although not necessarily in this order:

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



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

Number 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.

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

We then hear or read about the relationship of the Principle to our lives individually or collectively; how these are guidelines for living a happy, spiritual and contented life; how one or more of these Principles have helped us through trying times, to overcome obstacles, actual or perceived in our lives.

I have also used these Principles in similar fashion. Recently I was listening to a talk about the Principles and I thought, "Do I have a favorite? I don't." The Principles are like a beautiful mosaic that fit together and tell me a story. The story is about us, about Spiritualism, about what we believe and what we can affirm. They tell a story about how we choose to live our life or at least try. They give us guidelines in how to find ourselves and how to find that inner peace that we spend so much of our lives looking for. They help find our inner self, the God Spark within.

If I had to choose a favorite, it would be the one no one uses to talk about, Number One.

"We believe in Infinite Intelligence, meaning, we believe in God."

This is the beginning, where everything stands with God. God is the creator. God gave us life, free will and a perfect body with a perfect soul.

I do not remember where I got this, but I always use it when teaching a class or healing: "Health is not creating a perfect body, but understanding that it is already perfect."

My favorite Natural Law, one that is like Principle Number One, is seldom quoted. That law is the Law of Life as stated in *Natural Law Governs*, by Sam, Inc. The Law states: "This law is sometimes described in spiritual literature as the one law behind all laws. That is, all other natural laws, both physical and spiritual, are different ways of expressing or stating this law. It is the law of life that gives expression and existence to everything else. The law of life is God's law.

It is the controlling force of the relationship between man and the Infinite source/power or that which may be termed God. As through our own being, we have the ability to adjust ourselves to the higher vibrations, we are able to express the God power within our every action and thought. Thus, the law in essence is a controlling factor of our harmony or disharmony with nature, the source—the Infinite. As we allow ourselves to be in tune with the Infinite, the law of life is expressed in its fullest. Thus, it is the law that controls the relationship between the Infinite (God) and man."

So the next time you think of our Principles, think of Number One and the next time you think of Natural Law, think of the Law of Life. That is where it all begins with God, Infinite Intelligence and life.

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We will grieve not, rather find
Strength in what remains behind...
– William Wordsworth

'Death' Is Biological, Not Religious!

BY KEN PRETTY, New Zealand

Fact! Within a hundred years or so, virtually everyone on earth now today will be "dead." Yet the very mention of "death" or "dying" conjures up some strange attitudes, not the least of which is that if we don't talk about it, we won't die, leastways not for a very long time. Certainly "death" never becomes a "party conversation piece"; indeed, one is thought to be morbid and or obsessive if one dwells upon it. Personally though, having had, throughout my 58 years of mediumistic ministry, the advantage of knowing (not simply believing) that "death" is not the end, I have, can, do and will discuss the dying process openly and honestly with anyone publicly or in private who wishes to do so.

Fortunately too, during in my life I've experienced things that people only dream about—my mediumship being an excellent example. After all, per capita, mediums are very rare in relation to other trades and or professions. Sure, I've had the good, the bad and the ugly things that happen to everybody in life on the way—but if I "died" tomorrow I would have to say it was a truly great experience while it lasted and that on arrival in the next dimension I know that I can look forward to lots more adventures.

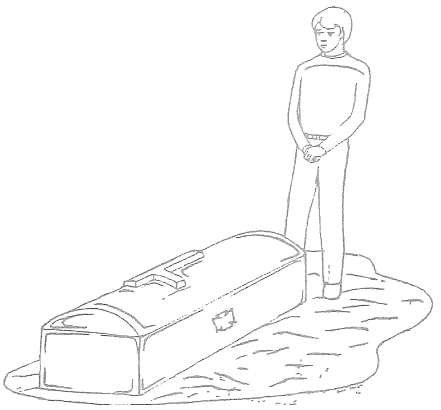
Nonetheless, many folk duck the issue of deciding what they would like done on transition, leaving it to family or friends to decide. After all, even though the next of kin own the deceased's body they cannot just drop it over a cliff or chuck it on the garden compost heap. Not realized either, are the various John and Jane Doe's left to the local (authority) taxpayers to foot the bill in the disposal of these cadavers. And why can't we just do anything we want? Well, the law apart, which of itself is often motivated by political and/or religious persuasion, religious hierarchy irrespective of a particular belief, state that it is not the way of it.

Not withstanding the obvious, what else does this show us? Well, in a nutshell, many folk are in constant denial that birth and death are virtually synonymous, to whit that both are inescapable facts of life! Worse, unless faced up to by terminal patients and their families such denial, almost always, becomes paramount. Yet I know that to talk about it openly can help both patient and loved ones during the illness. So, whilst we talk quite naturally about "life," "death" even today, remains as ever, "taboo."

However, in my experience (and I've been through—and discussed both sides of this by the way), those who *do* face up to it certainly have quality over quality of life and, with everything sorted prior to their, or one's own inevitable demise, "death" also is usually peaceful.

Rarely is one "privy to The Grim Reaper" in one's own case, yet all know about transplants. Logically then one should understand that Cadavers' parts provide valuable "tools" in the teaching of biology and surgery and also have the possibility of the extraction of any still working parts. Therefore anyone—and especially Spiritualists—should be aware that one's donation of useable parts at transition, since bodies are only "vehicles" whilst incarnate, should be in place long before one makes one's transition.

My decision is in place, so at "death" my body will be relieved of all the "donor-able" parts, while the rest will be used in teaching establishments. This means too that the bits that are left may well be in cold storage for some time, but so what? I will no longer have the need of it so if somebody can benefit by learning or enjoying better health all well and good. In addition, I have no qualms either that if when defrosted it is found to be of no use well, just consign it to the incinerator! I do not write this to shock folk. I have for a long time been a donor and wanted this, but I do sincerely hope that more donors will join the register ASAP!



My Spiritual Teachers, The Manna Group dictated the following: "Fundamentally with transition to what you term The Spirit World, "death" is a biological and not, as so many think, a religious occurrence. Indeed it has nothing to do with religion, as defined in your dictionaries. For example, the word "ecclesiastical" (meaning of the church) is incorrectly placed under spiritual, while others demonstrate a nearer and truer definition, i.e. 'of the spirit' and 'incorporeal', (adj. 'ethereal').

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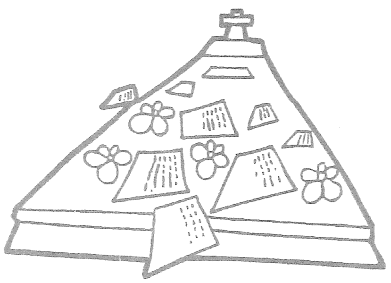
'DEATH' IS BIOLOGICAL, NOT RELIGIOUS! *(Continued from previous page.)*

"Of course, one's transition is spiritually slanted but that is solely because of and through the soul connection, not religion. It is said on your side that 'everyone wants to go to heaven, but nobody wants to die,' but in reality as well you know, Ken, one does not 'die' or go to Heaven for all survive 'death' and there is no heaven as taught in religion on your side. Totally misguided are those who opine that the good go into Heaven and sit among the angels, while the bad enter into eternal purgatory, hell and damnation, but that is not only too simplistic a statement, it is also untrue. In addition, even among many of your mediums, the term Spirit World conjures up a physical world of sorts, and many there do not know that on both sides of the veil we are here, in essence, spirit; we are simply *Non-Physical* human spirits and you are *Physical* human spirits.

"We have a totally non-denominational and non-judgmental society where all is love via and from the Great Creator and as such, we have no creed or dogma. We here are mind to mind communicators making our 'vocabulary' difficult to explain. Our thoughts are just that and we do not think in our own language, so we have to use terminology that you know on earth and we live in what we'll term a mind-force-energy state. Accordingly, being no longer physical in any way, we exist in a state of being, therefore we do not, could not in fact, live in a place such as a house, town, or even a country, something else that many of your mediums get wrong. Angels too are *not* our daily companions; indeed, of a different species, they have never been human and exist in another dimension altogether than we.

'Notwithstanding astral travel and the like, to *reside* in the one or the other side of the veil, The Great Creator's way of things is that one must be born to incarnate on your side and transition to return to ours, simply the movement from one dimension to another and we reiterate religion plays no part in *either* of these." ◊

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CALENDAR CORNER

What happened in MARCH throughout the years?

MARCH 15, 1852

Maude Lord Drake came into the world on this day. She became a very talented lecturer, psychometrist, and a physical medium displaying a variety of phenomena. She was one of America's foremost materializing mediums.

MARCH 17



St. Patrick's Day and a time to bless the nature spirits and invite a leprechaun to tea.

MARCH 20

Spring begins. Have you planned your summer vacation yet? Consider scheduling a week at one of the NSAC Camps.

MARCH 25

Gratitude Day is a time when each of us can say thanks to the pioneers and workers of the past by contributing to the Spiritualist Benevolent Society. The funds received from these contributions are shared each month with a stipend to retired workers of Spiritualism who may now be living on limited funds.

MARCH 27, 1841

The birth date of **Catherine Fox**. "Katie" was one of the young Fox sisters who communicated with the spirit of Charles Rosna. She made a game of the noises saying, "Mr. Splitfoot, do as I do." The spirit made the same number of raps!



MARCH 30, 1852

Clarrisa D. Sprague was born on this date and became a wonderful asset for Spiritualism. She was mediumistic and a lecturer. Mrs. Sprague was a delegate in 1893, Chicago, Illinois, at the formulative Convention for Spiritualism.

MARCH 31, 1848

The mysterious percussive-like raps at the Fox cottage in Hydesville, New York, brought communication from the world beyond and proof that life does continue after the change called death. The **Advent of Modern Spiritualism** was controversial and the newspapers had a field day, but in about fifty years Spiritualism had spread worldwide. Now, 159 years later, the tenets taught by our spirit helpers and taught in the religion are becoming more acceptable beliefs.

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News From Florida



Tammi Jo Anderson receiving certificate from Rev. Ann Otzelberger.

On December 10, 2006, the Spiritualist Church of Awareness, NSAC, in Orlando, Florida was proud to present Tammi Jo Anderson with her NSAC Certificate of Mediumship and the Commissioned Healer certification. Her teacher and mentor, the Reverend Ann Otzelberger, made the presentation during the morning church service. She presented Tammi with beautiful sunflowers with her certificates. The joy and pride of the congregation brought tears to many eyes. Tammi was then requested to give the Spirit Greetings for the service and gave a wonderful demonstration of the continuity of life.

The Reverends Cosie Allen, Elaine Hager and Sharon Watson were among the family and friends present to wish Tammi much love and support for her future.

Tammi served our first NSAC Student Service at the 114th NSAC Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada as a student Healer and student Medium. Tammi is a student member of the NSAC Spiritualist Healer's League.

Tammi has great desire and dedication to do all that she can to reach out and help the NSAC to flourish, her church and the religion of Spiritualism to grow and prosper. She plans to make the history and growth of the great religion of Spiritualism her life service. She looks forward to ongoing spiritual growth and education as she makes her plans to become an NSAC Ordained Minister and National Spiritualist Teacher. Tammi holds her service to Spirit and Humanity in the highest respect.

Congratulations to Tammi Jo Anderson.

Camp Edgewood Reports

We have arranged with Sharon Snowman and the Morris Pratt Institute to hold a Pastoral Skills Course here at Camp Edgewood from July 13th thru July 27th. Our challenge is to have a minimum of 8 people, preferably 10, to sign up and attend. The course cost is $600 per person, plus $95 for books. A deposit of at least $50 must be paid to the MPI office no later than 60 days prior to July 13th. Please contact Denice Chapman at 253-927-2050 if you want to attend or need more information.

For those who attend the class or just want to visit our camp, we have sleeping rooms available on camp for a donation of $20 a night. A kitchen and bathroom are available to share. There are also many grocery stores, restaurants, hotels, and motels nearby.

In Peace and Harmony,
Denice (Dee) Chapman

Ordination In Maine

Hello, I am the newly ordained Beth Carter. My journey began in 1943 when I saw many people gathered around the Rev. Gordon Washburn of the Old South Congregationalist Church which our family attended. I was shushed.

The next major step was when I joined the Portland Spiritualist Church in 1981 and then again when I signed up for the 1st part of the Morris Pratt Course in 1992. I signed up for the remainder of the course later. Finally, in Las Vegas, Nevada, I took my final exam in 2006. I was sure I had failed. I was tired from the flight and blanking out. Oh, those beautiful words when I was called back to the board room and heard, "You passed." Oh yes, there



Ordination Charge: Beth Carter, candidate, Rev. Bradley Gosselin, Mary Lou Baumhoff, and Rev. Elizabeth Gosselin.

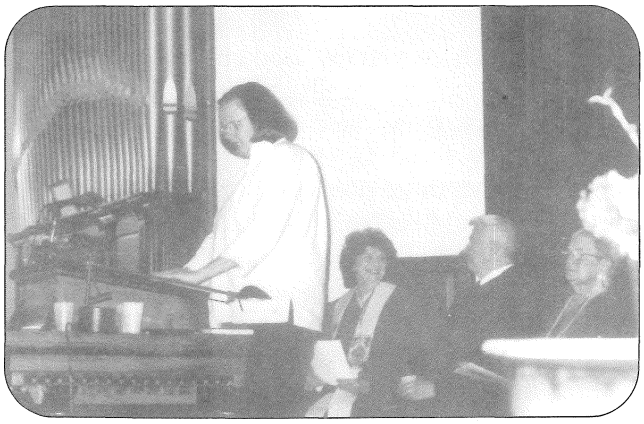
were tears. It had been a long road with fissures, uneven pavement and obstacles, but then isn't that the road of life to have challenges?

I chose to come home for the ordination so it could be shared with family and special friends on October 21, 2006. The service was held at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Westbrook where the Portland Spiritualist Church meets. The service began with a procession of ministers and dignitaries led by Maine Association of

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Churches President, the Rev. Graham Connolly. John Baumhoff, Missionary Minister from Salem, NH, introduced the members of the procession and Mary Lou Baumhoff was moderator for the service. My husband,



Gwen Chase, Rev. Beth Carter, Rev. Bradley Gosselin, and Mary Lou Baumhoff, reading poetry, "We Know The Message."

Michael Carter, was the soloist singing "I Believe." Mary Lou gave an inspiring and informative (since many were not Spiritualists) welcome. Gwen Chase, a former member of the Portland Church and former Methodist minister, read the poems, "Where There's A Will, There's a Way" written by Eliza Cook in 1859 and "We Know the Message" written by the Rev. Pat Wallace. Gwen was accompanied in her readings by the Rev. Betty Gosselin playing the harp. The Rev. Brad Gosselin ordained me and the Rev. Betty Gosselin did the beautiful flower service which my instructor, the Rev. Sharon Snowman, created a number of years ago.



Rev. Beth Carter receiving stole from husband, Michael Carter, after donning of the robe.

I told myself I would be serious and not giggly. I've seen the photos and film. I look downright angry I'm trying so hard to keep my demeanor appropriate! I loosened up and relaxed when my husband, Michael, presented me with my robe and stole.

Then it was time for my address. I spoke of and honored those who were so instrumental to me along the way. I also shared three favorite and significant quotes. "Success is to be measured not so much by position that one has reached in life, as by the obstacles that one has overcome while trying to succeed." – Booker T. Washington, educator. The second quote was "Be not afraid of growing slowly; be afraid only of standing still." Chinese proverb. And the third quote was "Live your life so that your children can tell their children that you not only stood for something wonderful—you ACTED on it." – Dan Zadra – CEO, Creative Director of Compendium. These are all worthy thoughts to dwell on for a moment.

I played and recorded the processional, recessional, soloist music and for "New Life Has Bloomed Here." I was blessed by a dear neighbor making the flower arrangements for the sanctuary and luncheon and gifting them to me. My best friend catered a sumptuous meal for us, also a gift. After the luncheon, the Rev. Betty Gosselin, John and Mary Lou Baumhoff, Nikki Allen and the Rev. Graham Connolly shared greetings from spirit.

It was a beautiful day with guests ranging in age from mid-80's to 17 months—my youngest grandchild, Quentin. It was also a surprise celebration at the luncheon for my in-laws 60th wedding anniversary.

In closing—what a journey! Despite the ups and downs, for no road is beautifully paved, I highly recommend the journey. My thanks and love to all who have been instrumental in this journey. Those who now reside on the spirit realm—Kaimora, the Rev. Ida Donadio, the Rev. Barbara Thurman, Tom Haldane and those still here—Ginette Laperierre, the Rev. Sharon Snowman, the Rev. Lynn Kent, my two dearest friends, Lisa Gadoury and Betty Murray, but most of all, bar none, my husband, Michael Carter, all receive my heartfelt gratitude, thanks and love. ◊

MONTHLY

Humor to put you in Good Spirits . . .



• The joy of motherhood: what a woman experiences when all the children are finally in bed.

• A church bulletin listed the sermon topic: "Gossip." Immediately following was the hymn: "I Love to Tell the Story."

• "Anybody who doesn't know what soap tastes like never washed a dog."

– Franklin P. Jones

Things To Think About

BY MERRY BROWNE

Evolving Consciousness

Before our 6th sense develops, our 5 senses have become:
Sense of sight of beautiful things
Sense of hearing beautiful music, words, ideas
Sense of smell for delicious odors
Sense of taste for vegetarian food
Sense of touch of soft gentle loving touches

Many kinds of beauty
hold us in thrall,
But the beauty of goodness
is most beautiful of all.

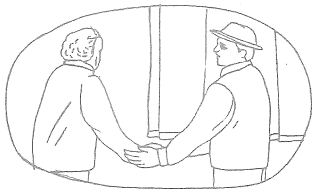


The interfaith movement is comparatively new, but gaining ground swiftly. Locally, we have two very active groups. One is comprised of Jews, Muslims and Christians. They come together to share their lives as brothers and sisters of one family under God, seeking spirituality rather than religious rites and rituals and accepting those of others with tolerance in peace and harmony. It is a beautiful thing to behold.

The core teaching of all religions is "The Golden Rule." If we do treat everyone the way we want to be treated, we will be living our religion in obedience to the Law of Love which is the summation of all the commandments of our Creator.

Ref.: Matthew 19:16-19, Matthew 7:12 ◊

Weaping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.
– Psalm 30:5



Gratitude Day

NSAC Bylaws, Article XVI, Section 4:

The Fourth Sunday in March in each year shall be known as Gratitude Day on which all auxiliaries and Churches chartered by them shall hold a special service in honor of the founding of Modern Spiritualism and of the workers who have devoted their lives to the cause, and shall take up a special love offering for the *Spiritualist Benevolent Society.*

In an effort to help these individuals, the NSAC delegates passed the above Bylaw many years ago. This request for donations for the *Spiritualist Benevolent Society* sustains and builds a designated fund for the purpose of sending a monthly stipend to those members and/or workers of long standing, who have been brought to our attention and are in need of assistance.

As there are several people who at this time are in need of remembrance, we do ask your continued support for this very worthwhile project. On Gratitude Day, as you celebrate in your church the founding of Modern Spiritualism, please remember those in our organization who have given so much to each of us with their time and effort, and help us to give them a token thank you for all they have done.

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- **LILY DALE, NEW YORK:**
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  June 9, 2007 – 7:00 p.m., Orientation
  June 10-22, 2007, Classes
  Instructor: Rev. Sharon Snowman, NST

- **LEWISTON, MAINE:**
  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**
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  July 15-27, 2007, Classes
  Instructor: Rev. Sharon Snowman, NST

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1. We believe in Infinite Intelligence.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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