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A New Year Beginning

Marrying the Personality with the Soul



LAURA LEE PERKINS, Editor

Today I am seated at 7400' elevation in the Kaibab National Forest in northern Arizona. Although it is mid-November, by the time you read this, the New Year will be upon us. The ponderosa pine trees are majestic sentinels, tops swaying in the wind as they whisper their own melodious language. Each time the wind speed is about to increase, I am forewarned by the music of the 8" pine needles as they rub against each other with familiar dance movements, creating songs that echo across the dry 40-acre lake bed in front of me. What a happy aural agreement nature displays!

I feel like a creature of nature today, as I nestle deeper into the dropped pine needles, twigs and cones here on the skin of Mother Earth. Reclining on my red blanket with pen and paper in hand, I am reminded of the natural cycles of life which involve endings and rebirths. Looking up into Father Sky's brilliant display of limitless clear blue, I am showered with rays of sunlight breaking through the umbrella of huge tree arms hovering above. I feel small here—even smaller than the butterflies, late fall high-desert daisies, and the varieties of small insects which dot my nearby landscape. All of us are fully engaged in discarding and renewing, discarding and renewing. Perhaps the New Year is also about discarding that which no longer serves us, and reinvigorating our own life with new thoughts, new ideas and new behaviors, leading us deeper into our spiritual nature.

Life feels very bountiful in this magnificent forest; no one is in sight except my husband, sitting quietly on a large stump in the distance. We came here this weekend seeking both solitude and union—solitude for self-reflection and union with Spirit. We are filling ourselves with the glory of nature as she progresses through the changing season. Nature discards that which no longer serves, and replaces it with new life in the spring. The harmonious glory of nature, as it moves in complete tandem with Natural Law, is truly a wonder to observe.

Elk abound here in the high country, and, in late fall, they are fully engaged in their mating rituals. The males issue high-pitched trumpet calls which resound throughout the forest to summon the females; these shrill cries echo throughout the mountains and deep canyons of this high country. Squirrels scurry, filling winter hoards with pine cones, nuts and delicious forest bounty. Small birds are busy hiding seeds for winter feasts; hawks and crows are riding fall's wind currents through the canyons and mountains gorges. Late-turning yellowed leaves cling to the aspen branches, waiting for heavy fall rain to send them tumbling to the ground where they will form a winter blanket for the earth. Small mammals and rodents are running across fields, hoping to escape the eagle's talons, while drowsy flies seem to barely have enough energy for a lift off. They are all doing "what comes naturally."

Are we that smart? Are we living our lives "naturally," or are we setting up artificial internal barriers? Are our self-expectations based on our natural talents, or are we creating self-expectancies that are not really in alignment with our own personalities and soul-paths? When we spend years attempting to achieve professional or personal goals, are we deeply satisfied that we stayed with the program? If you are experiencing deep-seated joy which lasts, then you probably are achieving goals that truly feed your soul and match your personality. If this describes you, then you have "found your path."

But not everyone feels fulfilled; not everyone has found a personal/professional/spiritual path which feels "right." There are many people who still find themselves feeling empty after years of committed effort toward achieving goals. The processes often involved long hours and financial stress. The efforts were grueling, and the resulting achievements did not bring the joy that they anticipated. When this pattern begins to repeat in one's life, where does one turn? Does your life feel empty at times – no matter how hard you try? Do your own self-expectations seem to be mismatched with your personality? Do you have trouble setting and achieving goals, or if you do achieve the goals, do they seem to be less fulfilling than you had imagined? If so, maybe it is time for some deep soul-searching. Perhaps there are some ways to begin to re-think about finding your life's purpose.

I believe, deeply in my heart, that the purpose of life can only be found when we wed our soul with our personality. This can be achieved through using the Spiritualist Principles on a daily basis as the foundation for strengthening one's internal spiritual core. (I know this because I have done it.) Our unique personality yearns to be wedded to our soul, and the resulting "union" is realized from our total commitment to Infinite Intelligence. The process requires honesty about self-motivations and it requires humility coupled with patience.

Our Nine Spiritualist Principles provide the basis for

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building a strong internal spiritual house. At this 2008 New Year, you have the Spiritualist tools you need to begin renewing and growing deeper spiritually. Go through the Nine Principles honestly, and explore what each Principle means to you. As your spiritual connectivity sparks, it is re-energized through the Force as you refill your life with spiritual light. Ask to be guided, look to the Light, and promise to go where the Light leads you.

We are God's messengers. In the perfection of Infinite Intelligence's scientific and mathematical designs, we have each been given the gift of free will to explore the philosophical depths of our spiritual roots. As Spiritualists, we each have the personal responsibility "to do our part." What part of the "mystery" of spiritual experiences will you help to illuminate for others?

How will we each find the path of spiritual fulfillment? The answer to that question comes from offering ourselves *up to God's work.* What do you have to offer that will make the world a more compassionate and loving place? If you are feeling misaligned or askew, ask—over and over and over again—to be guided back onto your path. Keep the Light in front of you and see yourself walking into it—not once, not twice, but over and over and over again. Spiritual depth takes a profoundly deep level of internal focus and commitment to finely hone human comprehension and understanding.

When will you *know* that you have truly found the right path? You will know because your soul will *hum.* You will feel like these towering ponderosa pine trees swaying in the breeze above me today. You will vibrate with the energy of *knowing* about that which brings a sense of totality to you. You will feel tall—empowered. You will hum with internal singing. And you will be filled with the glory of being "filled with the Spirit." Others will know this about you too because you will radiate the Light of Spirit out into the world. You will become happy, and joy is contagious—everyone wants it! Share the joy of Spirit with everyone you meet—every day.

It is really all about Love, isn't it? It is really all about wedding the separate parts of life together into a unified *whole.* This is why I keep writing about the union of the personality and the soul. Once these two are wedded, then we shall experience *self as holy,* because we are filled with the Light which we can reflect out into the world. Do not hide your internal Light, for *you are God's messenger.* Remember the song *This Little Light of Mine, I'm Going to Let it Shine?*

As you begin anew this January, make your New Year's resolutions about that which will bring you eternal and deep-seated joy. Ask, "How can I be of service?" Everything else will, in time, fall into place for the union of your personality and your soul, resulting in a wedding of spiritual alignment. This union will be the magnet which will then attract more and more abundance to your own "Tree of Life."

It is no coincidence that many highly respected and very successful spiritual leaders stress setting one's intention, coupled with a deep level of personal commitment, to achieve deeper and higher spiritual connections. When your deeply rooted spiritual beliefs become grounded in trust, your ongoing commitment will unroll the joys of life in front of you, laying the path for you to follow. *May you each walk your path of life in beauty!*

Laura Lee Perkins, Editor

POETRY & QUOTES

GOD'S WAY

The Rev. Carol A. Brown, NST, Virginia

The passage of time can be fast as you know
Or the passage of time can be ever so slow
The new seasons come and the old seasons go
It's part of all life – like the ebb and the flow

Like the ebb and the flow of the sea every day
Throughout all of nature we see it in play
The rhythm of life in a glorious display
All set before us, for this is God's way

For this is God's way to make us aware
Of the wisdom in nature seen everywhere
To help us prepare for life right now, and
To prepare us for life in the Spirit Land



Wisdom from nature, the sea so grand
Wisdom found also in a grain of sand
The wisdom of angels – our spirit band
To protect us and give us a helping hand

A helping hand to encourage and guide
A helping hand as we decide
To live our lives to coincide
With those beliefs held dear inside
For decisions and actions, ego and pride
Determine the place where we abide

– The Rev. Carol A. Brown, NST, Virginia

What happened in JANUARY throughout the years?

Featuring some Spiritualists in JANUARY whose birthdates are unknown.

JANUARY 1

Wishing you the happiest of New Years Greetings! Today we begin to really implement our "New Beginnings" intentions. Are you ready?

JANUARY 25

NSAC Founder's Day is celebrated to commemorate the founding of the Children's Progressive Lyceum by Andrew Jackson Davis at Dodsworth Hall in New York City in 1863—a time of great civil unrest in the United States.

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Because so many of our important Spiritualist ancestors' birthdates are unknown, they have not been featured in *The National Spiritualist-Summit*. We shall honor a few of these very important individuals during January of 2008.

- **Epes Sargent** was born in 1813 in Gloucester, Maine and transitioned in 1880. He was a devout Spiritualist who was deeply interested in psychic awareness. As Editor of the *Boston Transcript* he was responsible for publicizing the Fox Cottage rappings, and he wrote many books including: *Planchette, The Despair of Science, Proof Palpable of Immortality and Scientific Basis of Spiritualism.*

- **A. B. Severance** transitioned in October, 1897. Born in the Milwaukee, Wisconsin area, he later moved to Chicago, Illinois where his demonstrations in psychometry convinced many of its scientific basis.

- **The Rev. John Pierpont** was a Unitarian clergyman, writer, poet and musician who converted to Spiritualism in the 1800s, and served a National Convention of Spiritualists in Providence, Rhode Island long before the National Spiritualist Association was formed in 1893.

- **Maria Hayden** was the first American to bring the phenomena of Spiritualism to England's shores in 1852. Known as an outstanding missionary, she remained in England and faithfully demonstrated her mediumship. She was described by the British as "young, intelligent, yet simple and candid in her manners."

- **Eileen Garrett** was born in 1893 and lead a very challenging life, which involved tuberculosis (at age 15) and the loss of three sons and three husbands. Relocating in the United States, she started publishing *Tomorrow* (a monthly magazine) with her own publishing firm, The Creative Age Press. In 1951 she founded the Parapsychology Foundation and wrote many books.

- **Laura de Force Gordon** was both a devout Spiritualist and an earnest worker in the Women's Suffrage Movement. She is reported to have traveled in heat and storm from mountain tops to deserts speaking for Spiritualism, and it is quoted, "Where there is work to be done, she will do it and do it well." •

NOTES FROM THE FIELD

AWARD IN MAINE



The Rev. Rupert Sigurdsson receives the Outstanding Lifetime Achievement Award from NSAC, which was presented to him after the 2007 convention in Maine by his wife, Virginia Norris Sigurdsson.

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I am often asked if I am not lonely on my solitary excursions. It seems so self-evident that one cannot be lonesome where everything is wild and beautiful and busy and steeped with God that the question is hard to answer.

– John Muir

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If my hands are fully occupied in holding on to something, I can neither give nor receive.

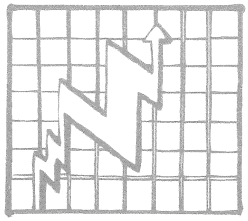
– Dorothee Solle

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THE REVS. BRIAN AND LYNN KENT

What is Trance?



According to Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, trance is:

1. A state of partly suspended animation or inability to function
2. A stupor
3. A somnolent state like deep hypnosis
4. A state of profound abstraction: ecstasy
5. A change of consciousness

Trance Mediumship is used as a type of information exchange from one person to another or one being to another. In trance work you are giving up some or all conscious control of your mind. A guide, director or doorkeeper, existing on the other side, will take over—with your permission.

Transfiguration is:

1. A forming over; a change in the appearance of one's face or body.
2. Building of a recognizable likeness of one on the side of spirit over the face of the medium.
3. The result of movement because of two primal forces (energy of the sitter and energy of spirit).

Transfiguration takes place while in a partial trance or full trance. It is the subtle appearance of the spirit or disincarnate being over the face of the medium.

The following report was sent in to reference the transfiguration on The Rev. Richard Schoeller, Pastor of the Summerland Church of Light, Hauppauge, New York. This particular trance session took place on March 24, 2007, at the Memorial Spiritualist Church of Norfolk, Virginia. The wording has only been altered for story purposes. All other information is as reported.

Type of Phenomena and Description of Event:

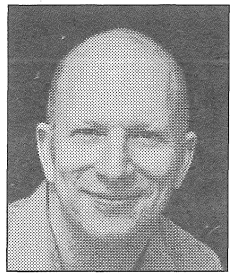
The Rev. Schoeller was a guest speaker and a workshop leader at the Memorial Spiritualist Church of Norfolk, Virginia for a Trance and Transfiguration Workshop. A sitting for phenomena took place at the end of class. The Rev. Lelia Cutler was acting as the control. The Rev. Schoeller went into a trance state to allow spirit to use him as a pallet for "transfiguration." This took approximately 35-40 minutes; during that time a number of individuals transfigured upon the face of Richard Schoeller. One woman reported seeing her mother and grandmother and others saw more later in the session.

The Trance and Transfiguration workshop was held in the church with a chair set on the platform. The Rev. Schoeller was draped in black to help block any distraction from colorful clothing. Lights in the church were turned off and the windows were covered to block out any external light. A red light was focused upon his face. The Rev. Cutler opened the sitting with a prayer; singing of songs followed and then quiet while the transfiguration took place. At the end The Rev. Cutler closed with another prayer and slowly helped The Rev. Schoeller return to an awareness of his surroundings.

The Evidence:

The most evidential transfiguration was that of The Rev. Barbara Thurman, former President of The National Spiritualist Association of Churches who passed to spirit three years ago. A number of people were present to witness this phenomena including The Rev. Lelia Cutler, current President of National Spiritualist Association of Churches and The Rev. Kathleen Cribb. Others listed on the signature page of the Phenomenal Evidence Report were Ann Marie Croteau and Frank Cribb.





Writers Note: We would like to thank all those at the Memorial Spiritualist Church in Norfolk as well as the Reverend Schoeller for sending in this wonderful evidence. Spirit seems to like working in trance sessions in Virginia. I also have no doubts that The Rev. Barbara Thurman was around The Rev. Lelia Cutler. The Rev. Thurman may be trying to guide and give The Rev. Cutler encouragement to complete some of what The Rev. Thurman had started before she moved on to the "Spirit Side of Life." *Lynn*

Spiritualism and Our World—the Big Picture

CHRIS OWEN, Maine

We've all heard the term "money talks." The reason why money is so important is that it is tied directly to ownership. What has money got to do with religion? Cynical people might say it has everything to do with it. These are people who have created their own personal beliefs out of their skepticism. Spiritual people, on the other hand, might say that money has nothing to do with religion. *But the truth is that money and power have always been around to corrupt and manipulate religion.*

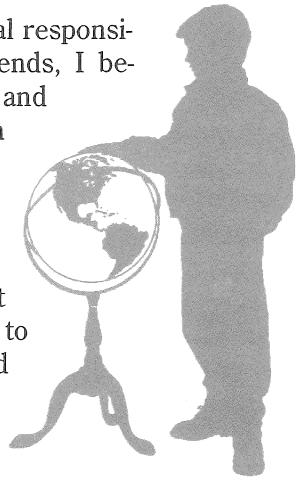
In our western tradition, the light and love that Jesus taught became twisted a few centuries after his death into the hatred and intolerance of the Holy Wars. Capital punishment for heresy became law from the time of the Emperor Justinian onward. Even today, the same church dogmas lack only the political power to bring back the practice of witch hunting that was taken from them at the time of Napoleon.

Today in the Middle East we observe religion which includes elevating the traditional assassin to a new and more sinister level called the suicide bomber. All this is done in the name of religion. The word they use to greet one another, Salaam, means Peace. But where is this peace? Once again, a religion of peace has been twisted into a justification of war.

Israel is a state which is an armed camp, practicing the forced separation of people based on race and religion. The Palestinian people were kicked off their land because they were not Jewish. The money of the United States has poured into the area to keep it a Jewish state. Yes, money and power talk; where is the justice and tolerance spoken about in the Psalms?—somehow all of those altruistic principles have been lost in the shuffle. It seems to be more important to have an empire than it is to show love and kindness.

But as Shakespeare pointed out in *Hamlet;* "To be or not to be, that is the question." Is the human race the crowning glory of creation or just another failed generic experiment? The answer to this question is up to you and me. We have the answer right here today.

Our Spiritualist religion is very unlike those of the past. It is not based on a personality, cult, or an empire. It is not based on intolerant dogmas. Neither is it based on fairy tales, fantasies or mythologies. It is not based on guilt and punishment. It is a religion which is entirely modern and up to date. Moreover, it embraces the truths of all religions and philosophies, wherever those truths can be found. It is a new religion and a bright star on our horizon. It is a religion of peace that is democratic, dedicated and governed by the highest human principles known. It is a religion of personal responsibility and accountability. My friends, I believe with absolute confidence and resonance in the deepest place in my heart, that Spiritualism is the answer to the spiritual problems of the world.



Why should I say this?—because time for our little planet is quickly running out. Let's get to the bottom line. Our world is old and tired and in need of renewal. We have been depleting its resources for the purposes of acquiring power and money through open warfare since the beginning of our history. Nuclear, biological and chemical weaponry have proliferated around the globe. And our governments are still not satisfied. They require more money, more manpower, and more scarce resources for more exotic weapons systems.

The time has come for a new look at things. We need to look into ourselves and ask, "Do we want to continue to survive here on this earth?" If the answer is yes, then we have all that we need to do the job right here in our minds and in our hearts.

A great medium once said that it is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness. So the magnitude of the problem is not the issue. We, as Spiritualists, have everything we need to change our world and to create a new world based on love, light and truth. This is what must happen and it needs to happen now. The time has come to bring our light to a world darkened by hatred and war. The time has come for us to raise our voices and show the world that there is a reason for hope.

Humanity is not destined to finish out its existence in grim tragedy. The movement of humanity towards darkness is a collective choice. We can help to change that choice. Darkness is not inevitable. The spiritual gifts that we proclaim and share with the world are enough to save it. Spiritualism demonstrates that prophecy and healing are what the world needs to keep in balance. The magic staff is there for us to lean on. The world needs our light, our love and our wisdom. And it needs it now, today, more than ever.

Our age-old power struggle for money and ownership of the land is destroying us. The age of the use of religion as a cat's paw to acquire these things of the world is coming to an end. I make reference to the Cherokee prayer:

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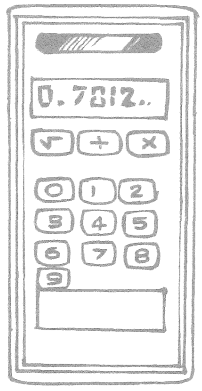
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- Part Two -

GORDON RAY©, Australia

We may use lessons and observations that arise to lift our perceptions and as motivators to challenge our existing views as we explore and discover other levels of meaning and consciousness. We can look, through the scientific process of discovery, and see that as scientists continue breaking new ground and expanding the boundaries of knowledge, most tend to interpret these findings in terms of their current world-view and not in terms of a potential revision. There are important points of connection between this process and exploring the transcendent.

Does the term "intuition" convey a different meaning from extra sensory perception or "ESP?" Intuition is a process of immediate cognition or apprehension without undergoing the process of inferring or reasoning. Some of the experiences of the Christian mystics make for wonderful reading about this. ESP is said to be the gaining information by means independent of any known physical senses; hearing, seeing, smelling, touching or tasting. Hence, ESP is said to be a "paranormal" ability. Therefore many people, particularly materialists (and I say this descriptively, not pejoratively), will reject any suggestion that some of their information is acquired by paranormal means. Acceptance of ESP would overthrow their world-view which includes exclusive focus on the physical world. However, many would embrace the idea that they are intuitive, and there is obviously some similarity between the two terms.



A historic example is the shout of "Eureka" (I have found it!) said to be uttered by Archimedes whilst in the bath. Albert Einstein (Nobel prize winner), after much work on the problems of energy and matter, suddenly saw the formula of $E=mc^2$ appear before him. Francis Clark and his team suddenly realized that they were researching in the wrong way concerning the process of how genes were made into proteins. In his words there was "...the sudden flash of inspiration...that cleared away so many of our difficulties...when I went to bed...the shining answer stood clearly before us." (Crick, 1990, Nobel prize winner) However, as with Einstein and others, it was both preceded by prior experiences, and then required more work to firmly establish the concepts. In other words, additional insight was required to blend with reasoning processes to produce full insight or understanding.

These experiences of scientists involve the awareness of integration, unity and patterns in nature. Mystical experiences also contain experiences of integration and unity (oneness). Materialists would certainly reject the notion that they had a mystical experience or have transcended the "normal." These examples illustrate that discursive reasoning has its limits and that there are other ways humans can access knowledge through expanded consciousness. Sir Peter Medawar (1915-1987, Nobel prize winner) observed that scientific hypotheses cannot emerge from solely inductive reasoning. What is further required is a comprehension, whereby a set of observations is turned into an ordered synthesis bestowing meaning. Consider the following famous example of Kekule's discovery of the structure of benzene.

> *I was sitting, writing at my text book, but the work did not progress; my thoughts were elsewhere. I turned my chair to the fire and dozed. Again the atoms came gambolling before my eyes. This time the smaller groups kept modestly in the background. My mental eye, rendered more acute by repeated visions of the kind, could now distinguish larger structures of manifold conformation; long rows, sometimes more closely fitted together, all twining and twisting in snake-like motion. But look! What was that? One of the snakes had seized hold of its own tail, and the form whirled mockingly before my eyes. As if by a flash of lightning I awoke; and I spent the rest of the night in working out the consequences of the hypothesis.*
>
> Blaker, 1976:26

As Leggett says, "Six of the atoms had arranged themselves into a ring—the benzene ring—and immediately Kekule realized that the problem had been solved. (1987:21) As remarked earlier, it seems that reason and intuition can work together. This is not to say the these alone account for paranormal experiences, but that they are part of the overall picture of consciousness and involve order, meaning and a unifying process. If consciousness is multi-level, then glimpses of unity and wholeness (as witnessed above) are possibly an entry point into a higher spiritual consciousness for those open to it. Human beings feel urged to undertake spiritual seeking, articulated as the quest for higher

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meaning. Growth and wholeness embrace transcendental insight and awareness.

I had previously referred to the Spiritualist approach to belief in God as mainly arrived at through induction, that is through logically inferring the existence of God from spirit communication, received wisdom teachings, and spiritual experiences. In accepting teachings on universal law, Spiritualists also accept the process of deducing particular instances of it in action—for example in the law of cause and effect or the law of attraction. Consider the following whereby Albert Einstein accepted:

> *"...a religious feeling of rapturous amazement at the harmony of natural law which reveals an intelligence of such superiority that compared with it, all the systematic thinking and acting of human beings is an utterly insignificant reflection.*
>
> Einstein, 1954:23

This is akin to other people's attaining mystical insight. Another Nobel prize winner arrived at the following:

> *Only those who think by halves become atheists, those who go deep with their thoughts and see the marvellous relationships among universal laws recognize a creative power. Max Planck (1858-1947)*

Both of the above quotations accord closely with Spiritualist understanding. Spiritualists also refer to God as natural or universal law and as the supreme or infinite intelligence. Planck is not trying to belittle atheists; he is seeking to show that, by not stepping beyond their paradigmatic view, materialists are unable to see a creative power at work. Regarding the roles of reason and the rational, Spiritualists do not hold that all experiences are subject to rationality. Usually *rationalism* is seen as excluding both religious beliefs and the metaphysical. A large degree of reason is used in the Spiritualist approach to understanding both inductively and deductively, but full rationalism it is not. Intuition has an important place in the Spiritualist acquisition of understanding and knowledge, which includes spirit communication and innate knowledge. These are then subjected to reflection and reason. In these ways they both believe in God. As Carl Jung remarked, "Belief is no adequate substitute for inner experience." So, too, mysticism and spirit communication are antithetical to the processes of rationalism; for many people, they are part of one's experience of reality.

Einstein accepted a God of universal laws and exalted the mysterious. He said, "The most beautiful thing we can experience is the mysterious. It is the source of all true art and science."



Max Planck, Nobel prize winner and founder of quantum physics, said, *All matter originates and exists only by virtue of a force...We must assume behind this force the existence of a conscious and intelligent Mind. This Mind is the matrix of all matter.*

This illustrates what Planck and some other quantum physicists accept that there is a kind of transcendent energy, principle, law or set of universal laws that constitute the creative, unifying and driving force of the universe.

Spiritualists in general contend that God (Infinite Intelligence) created universal law and remains its activating principle, and is greater than and beyond it as the Ultimate Essence or Ground of All Being. If we hold a world-view that embraces discovery and increased knowledge, but still do so under a set of assumptions which preclude a consideration of the metaphysical, then all knowledge gained will be interpreted "within" that paradigm. In contrast is a world-view that embraces the metaphysical, as does Spiritualism. Even if one has not yet experienced a vision of oneness with all or feelings of utter bliss, individuals (through daily service, spirit communications,, or through heightened awareness) can be open to further discovery and experiences of expanded consciousness. For Evelyn Underhill mysticism is "the art of union with reality." Others see it as experiencing the Divine. Through silence and contemplation, one may reach heights of mystical insight.

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

In the above we can see the sense of wholeness and integration conveying a wonderful feeling of the sacred. Here is another experience which does not use Christian terminology.

> *Suddenly in less than a second came this "feeling"—a knowledge of oneness, with ocean, sky, fish, birds, everything. The feeling was soon gone, but the impression remained ever since. It was not intellectual or emotional. But the feeling of certainty was there beyond all other feelings. I am surer of this than anything else in life...This left a mark on my intellectual life ever since.*
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> Quoted by Johnson, R. 1984:111

In the above comes a connection to everything, a conviction of certainty or a knowing that cannot be clearly put into words. Although it was not experienced intellectually, it impacted this person's

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WHEN TWO PLUS TWO EQUALS FIVE – PART TWO *(Continued from previous page.)*

intellectual life thereafter. This person was able to process (this experience) and put it into effect. When one receives teachings or messages from spirit, thoughts and feelings arise about the afterlife and how to live this life. Confronted with big questions (even though it is not classed as "mystical") the individual can choose how to respond spiritually. The choices we make (arising from such experiences) influence our view of the world and the universe. For example, Blaise Pascal, contemplating the stars and cosmos, said: "The eternal silence of these infinite spaces fills me with dread." Contrast this with the view of William Blake—artist, writer, poet and mystic.



Auguries of Innocence

To see the world in a grain of sand,
And a heaven in a wild flower,
Hold infinity in the palm of your hand
And eternity in an hour.

Apart from the sheer evocative power of these four beginning lines from the poem, we can see his connections: the macro, the universe, i.e. the world, infinity, and eternity to the micro, i.e. a grain of sand, a flower, a hand, and an hour. He is not terrified of those infinite spaces, but embraces them. He sees mystery and wonder, not terror. We are all connected and also connected to the whole. "Wonder at it," he seems to be saying, "You are a child of god, of the universe. Don't live within a circumscribed view of the world; open up to experience and you will arrive at 2+2=5.

Some earlier religious groups saw the world as evil and preached avoidance of worldly experiences as much as possible as a way to prepare for Heaven. Yet it is here argues that we should see the world and its setting in nature and in the universe as vital to our paranormal and spiritual understanding of self, others, nature, God and the spirit world. This is made clear in the saying of Jesus, "Be in this world, but not of it." It is our ability to open up to the 2+2=5 dimension that assists us in this.

Another example of experiencing the world, deriving spiritual insight from the encounter, is that taught by Buddhism. Buddhism holds that we have an innate Buddha nature that gives each of us the ability to seek and achieve an authentic way of life, enabling us to gain wisdom and nirvana (to become awakened). The person with an awakened consciousness can still live in the "mundane" or samsaric world, but do so in an enlightened way. It is through experiencing and reflecting on the samsaric view of reality, that enables a person to go further and experience nirvana.

Spiritualists contend that humans are triune beings comprised of spirit, soul and body. It is through coming to a realization of this and working through worldly experiences that we can respond by how we live, embracing spiritual precepts and understandings. Then we have a world-view that is not bounded (and therefore not materialist-reductionist) and embraces the metaphysical world, integrating it within their lives. 2+2=5 allows us entry into a wider world-view, determining what and how we perceive. If we can rely less on necessity, be more proactive and seek to engage with the world, we can accept that consciousness is the gateway to a continually expanding world-view, then we shall live in ways that demonstrate we are "...in this world but not of it." •

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SPIRITUALISM AND OUR WORLD—THE BIG PICTURE *(Continued from page 7.)*

When all of the trees have been cut down, when all the animals have been hunted, when all the waters are polluted, when all the air is unsafe to breathe, only then will you discover you cannot eat money.

In order to heal the land on which we live, we must first heal ourselves. This we can do with our Nine Spiritualist Principles. And once we have done our duty to ourselves, we can begin to do our duty as citizens of this world by sharing these Principles with others. We can do this and we will do this. The Universe is available to renew our lives and the life of our planet Earth!

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– 2007 ANNUAL NSAC CONVENTION –

President's Report



Rev. Lelia Cutler, NST

To the Officers, Delegates and Guests Assembled at the National Spiritualist Association of Churches 115th Annual Convention held in Portland, Maine

Greetings:

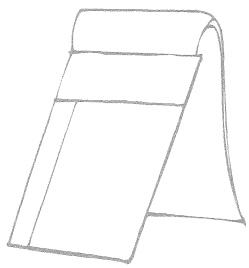
To the Maine State Spiritualist Association of Churches and the Portland Spiritualist Church, we say "Thank You" for all your work to make this convention a successful meeting and a special "Thank You" to Beth Carter and her committee. The work of the host church is not over when we arrive. Watch for all the wonderful activity by those members of the Maine Spiritualist Churches as we enjoy this week of fellowship together, as well as the time we spend working with the business of our organization, NSAC.

The theme of our convention comes from the words of our first National President, Harrison D. Barrett, "Think purely, speak truly, act nobly." This gives us a challenge and creates an uplifting energy for our convention and our members. I believe we should "grow through understanding and take the challenges of life as opportunities to progress through this understanding. Many of you are aware of the extensive three-part opinion paper written in response to my question (more than two years ago), "Why is attendance on the decline in our Spiritualist Churches?" In the monthly President's newsletter, you can see that I am still getting responses. The members of your National Board have read and are taking action on some of the suggestions by the authors of this report, Karen Kelley and Wally Phillips with input from others. You will hear more about the action being taken during this convention and in this report.

You will hear the numbers for our membership in the Secretary's report, but I am so excited that I will share the news that there are five new churches chartered or in the process of being chartered. The Celebrate Life Spiritualist Church in San Francisco, California is chartered and expanding rapidly; the Spiritualist Church of Indianapolis, Indiana is also growing and reviving the Spiritualist movement in Indianapolis; The Celestial Spiritualist Church of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania is being chartered, along with the Church of Joyful Living, NSAC in Charleston, West Virginia. There is also a group starting the charter process in Reno, Nevada. Congratulations to all these groups and their leadership. On the flip side, the loss of the Rev. Dr. Jean Hamner resulted in the closing of the Angels of Light Spiritualist Church in Texas, and the loss of its leadership resulted in the closing of the First Spiritualist Church of Ashtabula, Ohio. There is interest in reviving the Spiritualist Church in Dallas, Texas, but the Taylor and Cameron churches have closed and the delegates will be asked to allow the sale of their properties. They have not been active for several years. Please note that the gains outweigh the losses, and we are working to make sure that the auxiliary committee accounts for all members. Those auxiliaries who have not sent their report to the National Office are being contacted and asked to report. We need to have a full picture of the operations of our churches, camps, and state associations.

It is noted, however, that our membership has increased. The auxiliary report for 2005 showed a total membership of 2,417, while the total membership for 2006 was 2,536. We expect the 2007 numbers to again show an increase. The downward trend noted in the opinion report authored by Kelly and Phillips does not apply to NSAC since we are increasing our numbers for membership in both churches and camps. The original question was directed at attendance in our churches, and it was hoped that we would receive suggestions for improving our church services to attract greater numbers. From the replies received to date, this would mean using more upbeat and contemporary music, as well as encouraging our lecturers to be positive, upbeat, and inspiring to those attending. People love to gather with others of like mind, particularly when they come away with a feeling of loving energy and inspired leadership.

In connection with this need for music, the long-range planning committee continues to inspire us and they have created a new CD containing thirty-three (33) hymns sung by the Golden Gate Chorus from the Golden Gate Spiritualist Church in San Francisco, California and accompanied by Carla Wong Gee. It also includes five (5) inspirational harp solos for every church occasion which are also by Carla Wong Gee as the harpist. This is in addition to the previous recording of harp music on a CD to be used for meditation and healing music. Both CD's are available at the book table during convention and the proceeds are used to fund future projects of the long-range planning committee, including procurement of advertising for the NSAC. Sales will allow the committee to raise enough money to start work on the Public Relations and Advertising portion of their goals. Several of our churches do not have an accompanist for their services, and this new CD gives them a choice of hymns they can sing along with to raise the vibration for each service. A huge "thank you" goes to Sonny and Carla Gee, and Carla's sister, Toynette Wong



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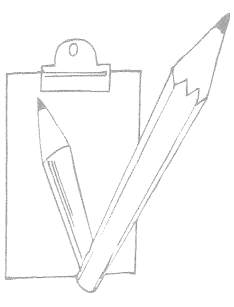
Johnson, who have volunteered their time and talents for this great project.

Our focus on education is taking hold, and we are attracting new and growing numbers of students. There are plans in the works for both the Morris Pratt Institute and the Center for Spiritualist Studies to make additional courses and classes available in the coming year. Morris Pratt has undergone some changes, but still expands its roster of students. It continues to be the most recommended course for the certification of workers in the religion of Spiritualism. The Center for Spiritualist Studies offered four classes/workshops on the grounds of the Lily Dale Spiritualist Camp in Lily Dale, New York, this year and they were very successful. Plans are being made to offer additional courses at Lily Dale during 2008. In their report, you will hear that progress is being made on the accreditation process, that the curriculum is to be expanded for their correspondence students, and progress is being made on offering Continuing Education Units for our workers.

Once again, congratulations go to our treasurer, Mr. Peter Berg. He continues to work diligently to reduce expenses and control our funds flow. It has been a continuing challenge to keep our endowment funds financially stable in the fluctuating stock market environment and it is our goal to only use the earnings on our accounts without invading the principal. This has been difficult, and we are looking to an upward trend in the financial markets to rebuild some of our funds. The passing of the bylaw designating the last Sunday in September as NSAC day helped with donations going into an endowment account to generate earnings for use in the general fund and continued donations on Gratitude Sunday in March of each year helps support the Spiritualist Benevolent Society. Thank you for supporting these special days.

Our attorney, Jeffrey B. Lucas, is on a monthly retainer enabling our auxiliaries and members to have access to legal advice. He has been involved in several situations during the year, and he is still actively working with the Edgewood Spiritualist Camp in Milton, Washington concerning the desire of the City of Milton to take the property under eminent domain for their own expansion. He is working with the members of the Board of Trustees of the camp to attend all city meetings held on this subject, and he is keeping everyone informed as to the legal ramifications of any decisions made by the City and by the camp. They have addressed the eminent domain issue and the prayers and goal of the members is that we can retain the camp property, which is owned by the NSAC. Mr. Lucas will address this subject during the convention.

Our board members continue to be active and have helped several auxiliaries avoid litigation through offers to mediate their differences. As we continue to keep Spiritualism as the focus in our churches, and not individuals, the need for litigation has diminished.



The Long-Range Planning Committee continues its search for a pro bono Ad/PR agency, and your board of directors is working with the committee to create a reasonable and workable campaign budget. This committee also supports the use of a grant writer for our organization; the Rev. Marilyn Awtry is working in that capacity. Watch for the Long-Range Planning Committee report at this convention for further ideas and goals. The ideas to create brochures for each church to answer frequently asked questions, and to improve the quality of all our workers is part of our strategic plan, and your board is working on these concepts. The suggestions for improving our convention attendance, including encouraging students to attend and giving them an opportunity to be showcased in the proceedings, will be observed when our students serve during the on-going student service on Friday morning.

Carol Brown, Director of the Outreach Program reports that the Outreach Program has received inquiries from all fifty (50) states and thirteen (13) countries—Botswana, Brazil, Canada, England (UK), India, Ireland, Israel, Germany, Mexico, Nigeria, Scotland, The Netherlands and West Africa. All inquiries have received a minimum of one email, letter, and/or telephone call addressing their questions and/or giving them basic information about NSAC and the science, philosophy and religion of Spiritualism. One hundred four (104) packages have been sent by priority mail to requesters this year. The packages included NSAC informational brochures, Morris-Pratt Institute (MPI) and Center for Spiritualist Studies (CSS) educational brochures and applications for enrollment, copies of the *Spotlight* and *The National Spiritualist-Summit* (TNS) magazines and, in some cases, a copy of the current NSAC Book List. They are primarily searching for churches and or groups to attend, but she has also handled inquiries about educational opportunities, requirements for certification with NSAC, and explaining the types of members and requirements of membership. Carol has also visited some locations personally and talked to individuals who are willing to start home circles. This is the groundwork for new auxiliaries, and churches. Congratulations, Carol, for a job very well done.

The education of the public would include the work of our Department of Phenomenal Evidence, our Department of Publications, our Department of Public Relations, and the Department of Lyceums. During the past year, programs concerning communication with spirit continue to be showcased on TV, and it is a time when we need to advertise our presence and let people know where they can attend a church with good mediumship and learn about the philosophy of our religion. If you are interested in helping any of these Departments, please fill out a talent search form or department application form, as done in previous years, and turn it in to our Secretary, the Rev. Sharon Snowman, or to the President. You may also update your talent search form for our records by completing a new form.

We are excited that the Fox Cottage property in Hydesville, New York is entering Phase II

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with the building completed. They are now working on the pavers. However, it has been discovered that we need to raise the level of the groundwork around the building, and at this time, fill dirt is being delivered for this purpose. The pavers were installed but some had to be re-set since the ground allowed them to "settle." The Rev. Cosie Allen will bring you up to date on this project, but we are sincerely hoping that we will be at a point in this project to have a celebratory occasion in 2008, the 160th anniversary of the advent of Modern American Spiritualism. Those who have not purchased a "paver" for this project still have an opportunity at this convention to have a part in this very special project honoring the birthplace of our beloved Modern Spiritualism.

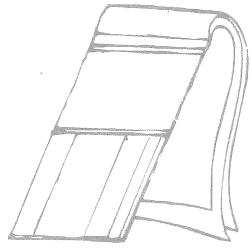
As previously noted, the opinion report referred to as the Kelly/Phillips report and/or the "California Report" which has nothing to do with the State of California and its churches, has a part three out this year. Members of the National Board are assigned a list of churches and camps for which they are the Board representatives. Each Board member tries to keep in touch with their assigned auxiliaries. We find that the majority works hard to represent the religion, philosophy and science of Spiritualism in an upbeat and inspired way. Our increasing membership numbers and outreach contacts indicate that this is true. There are a few auxiliaries who have suffered due to the "Founder Syndrome" featured in parts one and two of the report, and these situations usually correct themselves with help of mediators or a board representative. The idea of evaluations of the leadership of an auxiliary should be handled by the individual church or camp members, and can be included in their bylaws for administration. An on-going NSAC internal investigation indicates that most losses are due to age, a desire to incorporate ideas and rituals of a previous religious connection into the Spiritualist Church, and the ever-expanding ego of leaders. We are experiencing growth in membership as seen by our numbers.

The question was "Why is our Attendance on the Decline," not membership. We find that a major reply to the question is that we do not instill fear in our members if they do not attend services. Main line churches do. The concept of "Self-responsibility" is very important to the Spiritualist. As noted in my response to the report, membership input in the NSAC is only limited by the willingness of the individual to phone, e-mail, or write to the National Office or any board member. We are extremely accessible and love to hear from our members. Our numbers and addresses are listed in *The Summit* magazine, and are available on the web site. Contrary to the report, we do have policies in place for problems in the churches and camps, and they are listed in our Bylaws.

The members of the National Board have a full copy of the report, and we are taking action to respond to some of the concerns by appointing committees, going through our files of "Talent Search Forms" and adding a dimension to the Long-Range Planning Committee with their Strategic Plan for the NSAC. Our internal investigation reveals that many of the suggestions are already in place, and we are expanding our involvement with others. We have many phenomenal workers, and I "Thank You" sincerely for all you do and your support of the NSAC.

The NSAC/Department of Public Relations awards presented this year are: The Reverend Rupert Sigurdsson of the Pinpoint of Light Spiritualist Church in Hartford, Maine for Lifetime Service Award; the Reverends Tom and Alisa Butler of Reno, Nevada for the Literary Award; Joyce Orcutt of the First Spiritualist Church of Willimantic, Connecticut for the Outstanding Achievement Award; and the Rev. Jovita Jessup of the First Church of Divine Science, NSAC of Houston, Texas for the Teacher's Award. We have many exceptional workers in our organization, and we invite you to nominate them for awards next year. They are selected at the Spring Board Meeting in April, so have your nominations in early.

As we continue to grow through understanding and take the challenges of life as opportunities to progress through this understanding, we will surely "Think purely, speak truly, and act nobly," the theme for this convention. We acknowledge spirit in our lives, learn from every moment of life, and grow from each experience. Thank you to each and every person present and each and every member of the NSAC for helping your National Board during the past year. With your insight and help, we can only lead the NSAC to a purer and more loving organization to educate and nurture all Spiritualists.



Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Lelia E. Cutler, NST, President

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A religion old or new, that stressed the magnificence of the universe as revealed by modern science, might be able to draw forth reserves of reverence and awe hardly tapped by the conventional faiths. Sooner or later, such a religion will emerge.

– Carl Sagan

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
This month's affirmations were written by Nancy Ashworth of Missouri.		1 A good New Beginning begins with a good idea!	2 The New Year begins with choices; have you made yours?	3 Spirit is here with us every moment of our lives.	4 Be what you naturally are—loving, giving and honest.	5 The wonders of the world are in your heart.
6 No day is a bad day when Spirit accompanies our walk.	7 Remember that OUR time is not necessarily Spirit's time.	8 Grace often happens when least expected.	9 A wish is a dream waiting to happen.	10 Thanks is a beautiful word – use it often.	11 Let Spirit shower you with Glory and Peace.	12 Live as if you can solve the world's problems – because maybe YOU are the one who can!
13 Be aware of all around you, because some need your help.	14 Walk in step with Spirit.	15 Turn your heart over to Spirit and Know that you are LOVED.	16 My heart soars to hear your prayers.	17 You are a "miracle" in many lives. KNOW IT!	18 You are the way that Spirit manifests on Earth.	19 To fear is a human thing; to love is Divine!
20 Faith is dependable and everlasting.	21 Those who are willing hear from the heart.	22 Renewal is continual.	23 Forgiveness is a necessity in life.	24 Willingness to give of oneself is a perfect jewel.	25 Hope is never-ending; it is a well that we can always drink from.	26 Listen to your own heartbeat and feel Spirit pulsing through you.
27 Anger withers and dies, but Love is everlasting.	28 Rejoice in the Love of Spirit.	29 Peace is like a waterfall – filled with grace and awe.	30 To help one is to help all.	31 The power of Infinite Intelligence is more awesome than you can ever imagine.		



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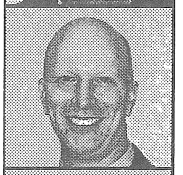
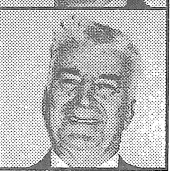
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2430 W. 11th Ave.; Serv. Sun. 3:00 p.m.; Pastor & Pres., Rev. Jesse James, Jr., 1301 Pennsylvania St., 46407; Secy., Erma Russell, 2233 Vermont St., 46407; Unfoldment Classes 1st & 2nd Sat. of each month, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., Lyceum Sun. 3:00 p.m.

INDIANAPOLIS - The Spiritualist Church of Indiana
Secy., Bonnie J. Darby, 7274 Lakeside Woods Dr., 46278, (317) 329-1217, Fax (317) 329-1218, e-mail: bdarby02@sbcglobal.net; Pres., Rev. Mildred Schlagel, (37) 291-0799.

INDIANAPOLIS - New Dawn Spirit of Light Church, Inc., NSAC
3637 W. 10th St., 46222; Sun. Serv: Healing 11:00 a.m., Worship and Message Serv. 11:30 a.m.; 5th Sunday Month, All Message Service, carry-in dinner; Wed. Meditation and Development Class 7 p.m.; Spirit Readings 1st Sat. Month 12:30 & 4:30; Pastor, Rev. Mildred Schlagel, (317) 291-0799; Secy., Marilyn Smith (317) 291-9550; Church phone (317) 937-6292; website: www.newdawnchurch.org.

MICHIGAN CITY - Spiritual Science Church, NSAC, Inc.
314 W. Coolspring Ave., 46360; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Pastor, John Kampf, (574) 298-5080; All corresp., Spiritual Science Church, 1506 Farrand, LaPorte, 46350.

• IOWA •

CLINTON - First Spiritualist Church of Clinton, Iowa
(Basement of Universal Universalists on 30th & 3rd St.); Pastor, Rev. Georgia M. Reed, (563) 243-9738.

CLINTON - Mississippi Valley Spiritualist Assoc. Camp
2140 Jersey Ridge Rd., Davenport, 52803; Secy., Holly K. Chase, (563) 650-1188; 2007 Camp Season 7-7-07 thru 8-17-07.

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

DAVENPORT - Spiritualist Harmony Church
1429 W. Seventh St., 52802-1212, (563) 324-9659; Sun. Healing Serv. 1:30 p.m.; Worship & Message Serv. 2:00 p.m.; Secy./Treas., Rev. William Buchholz, (563) 326-3201.

• MAINE •

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

AUGUSTA - Augusta Spiritualist Church
Corner of Perham & Court Sts.; P.O. Box 2492, 04338; (207) 622-8980; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Thurs. Awareness Class 7:00 p.m.; Co-Pastors, Rev. Kay Hawkins and Rev. Pat Wallace; Secy., Rev. Pat Wallace; Pres., Richard Woodworth, (207) 783-1188, 8 Sheldon Place, Lewiston 04240.

BANGOR - The Harrison D. Barrett Memorial Church, NSAC
114-118 Harlow St., (under Silo Seven); Sun. Serv. 10:00 a.m.; Secy., Betty Simpson, 715 Newburgh Rd., Hermon, 04401, (207) 848-2273, e-mail: betty.simpson@maine.gov. Church services may be canceled due to inclement weather or for the summer, also location may be changing, website, http://www.hdbspiritualistchurch.org will be updated in case of changes. Gallery Readings are held the second Friday of every month at 7:00 p.m., Medium's Days are held the 2nd Saturday of every month. Please call the secy. for more information; other contact number for the church is Kathy Goodness, VP (207) 989-7266.

CANTON - Pinpoint of Light Spiritualist Camp
Mail address: PO Box 69, Paris ME 04271; President Laurie Xanthos (207) 562-7555.

CANTON - Pinpoint of Light Spiritualist Center
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) 562-7555.

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 with Penobscot Bay view. Pres. Ernie Van Den Bossche. Camp runs mid-May-Labor Day w/different medium each week offering private readings by appt. Church services Sun @ 2:30 & Thu @ 7:30 PM. Message Circles @ 7:30 PM Wed & Sat. Workshop Sat morning, Seance Tue @ 7:30 PM, Social Enlightenment Fri @ 7:30 PM, "How Do Mediums Do That" class Sun @ 13:30 PM. Lodging available. During Camp Season Ph: (207) 338-3029 / Off-season call Sec. Sue Jalbert (207) 655-6673 or write 66 Martin Heights, Raymond, ME 04071 or Email thsc@mainespiritualism.org 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 corner of Shore Rd. and Cove Rd. Northport, from Nov. 1 to April 30; Pres, Janice Nelson (207) 845-2885; Sec/Treas., Jean Bower, 159 Northport Ave., Belfast 04915-6003 - (207) 338-1355.

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

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

• MARYLAND •

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

• MASSACHUSETTS •

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

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

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

SPRINGFIELD - The First Spiritualist Church of Springfield, Inc.
33-37 Bliss St., 01105, (413) 732-1234; Worship Serv., Sun. after Labor Day until last Sun. in June at 10:30 a.m.; Development classes upon sign-up; Info on web site: springfield.spiritualistchurch.net; Pastor, Rev. John Sullivan, Box 392, Worthington, 01098 - (413) 238-5344, e-mail: sully1942@hughes.net; Sec. Denise St Pierre, e-mail: denise1957@hughes.net.

• MICHIGAN •

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

CHARLEVOIX - The Golden Rule Spiritualist Church
07444 Old US 31 North, 49720-9422; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m., except during July and August because our "camp" operates in the same location. Located halfway between Petroskey and Charlevoix. Turn on Murray Road and immediately turn right on Old 31 N - go 8 tenths of a mile on the left; website: www.nlmsc.org; Contact Person: Susan Hoshield, Secy., 8688 Cedar Creek, Petroskey, 49770, (231) 247-9417; e-mail: shosh@youraccordion.com.

The 115th Annual NSAC Convention

Portland, Maine • October 23-26, 2007

Think Purely, Speak Truly, Act Nobly

Sunny 70° weather greeted weary Spiritualist travelers arriving in Portland, Maine for the 115th Annual NSAC Convention from all over the United States on Saturday, October 22, 2007. Anticipating several days of spiritual renewal and comradeship, greetings echoed through the halls of the HOLIDAY INN, Portland West. Hugs, laughter, and joy flourished and became magnified throughout the following days as old friendships were renewed and new communal bonds were formed.

The NSAC Convention serves as an annual retreat filled with educational classes, business meetings, socializing (including a banquet with dancing), and the sharing of worshiping together each day/evening. Healing and message work is offered and the service organizations review their past year and plan their future work. The facility was conducive to both large delegate meetings and smaller committee work, and the wonderful hotel dining room presented Maine seafood at its best!

The Convention is very democratic in nature, and every delegate who wishes to speak is offered an opportunity to do so. This NSAC Convention was truly a time of honoring, celebrating, planning and sharing Spiritualism. The Maine State Spiritualist Association was congratulated by The National Spiritualist Association of Churches President, The Rev. Lelia Cutler, on behalf of everyone attending. Popular opinion stated that this 115th NSAC Convention was filled with highly organized local preparation, under the direction of Maine Spiritualist The Rev. Elizabeth Carter. Well-deserved accolades were flowing freely to Elizabeth throughout the Convention. Thank you to all on the local, state and national levels who worked hard to make this Convention such an enormous success! •



BOARD OF DIRECTORS: (L to R) The Rev. Lelia E. Cutler, NST, The Rev. E. Ann Otzelberger, NST, The Rev. Richard P. Schoeller, NST, The Rev. Sharon L. Snowman, NST, The Rev. Catherine Snell, NST, The Rev. Marrice Coverson, NST, The Rev. Cosie Allen, NST and Peter Berg

Service Organizations



National Spiritualist Teachers Club: (L to R) Elaine Hager, John Young, Ann Otzelberger, Arsenia Williams and Louise Peruch



Ministerial Association: (L to R) Elaine Hager, Tammi Jo Anderson, Earl Wallace, Marian Boesen and Joyce Young



Healer's League: (rear L to R) Brian Kent, Pat Duffield, Sharon Watson, John Young and (front) Jovita Jessup



Licentiate Ministers and Certified Medium's Society: (L to R) Lynn Kent, Janet Tisdale, Pat Duffield, Mildred Schlagel and Sharon Watson

Worship Services

Sunday Evening Service



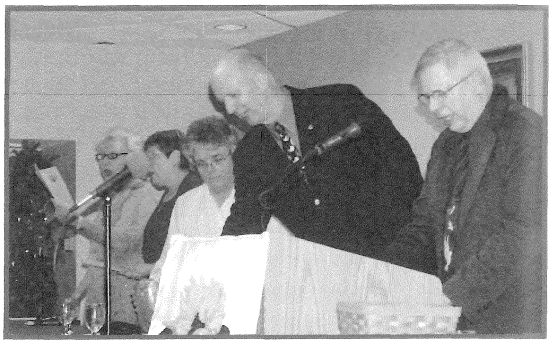
The Sunday Evening worship service, presented by the NSAC Board and chaired by Peter Berg, featured Richard Schoeller who delivered a fascinating and inspirational talk.



Beth Carter was our pianist for all evening services. THANK YOU!



Cosie Allen and Marrice Coverson



(L to R) Ann Otzelberger, Catherine Snell, Cosie Allen, Richard Schoeller (speaker) and Peter Berg



Tuesday Evening Service

Lelia Cutler (speaker)

Others not pictured: Catherine Snell (chair), Elizabeth Gosselin, James Stewart Ehrhart and Lynn Kent



Wednesday Evening Service

Marilyn Awtry (speaker)

Others not pictured: Sharon Snowman (chair), Gretchen Clark, Joyce Young and Tammi Jo Anderson

Thursday Evening Service



Pat Duffield (chair), Verline Eldridge, Graham Connolly, John Sullivan (speaker), Elaine Hager and Peter Berg

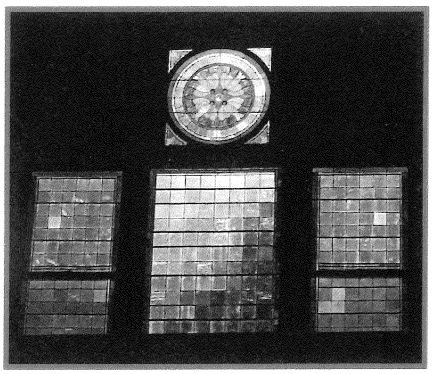
Friday Evening Service



John Meerschart (chair-not in photo), Earl Wallace, Gloria Nye, Christine Krithades (speaker), Sharon Watson and Bradley Gosselin

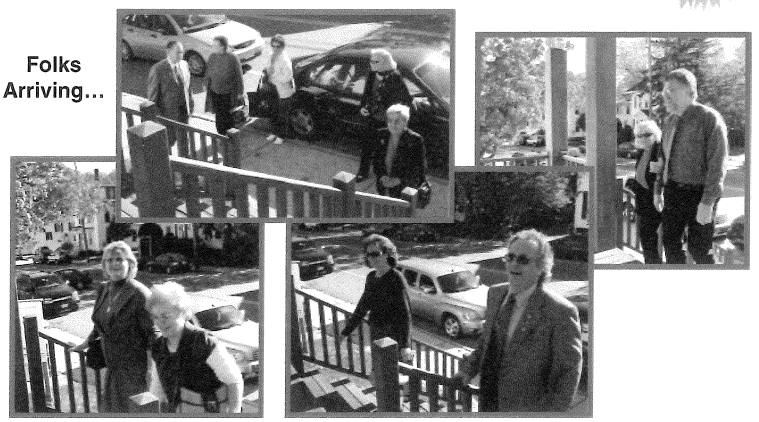


Choir



The Sunday Morning worship Service was held at the 200 year old Westbrook, Maine Unitarian-Universalist Church—stained glass window above the balcony.

Folks Arriving...



Board members (L to R) Bradley Gosselin, Lelia Cutler, Sharon Snowman and NSAC Bookkeeper Peggy Johnson





Maine State Spiritualist workers who presented the Sunday morning worship service.

Hospitality Reception on Sunday afternoon.





Sunday afternoon registration...busy, busy, busy!

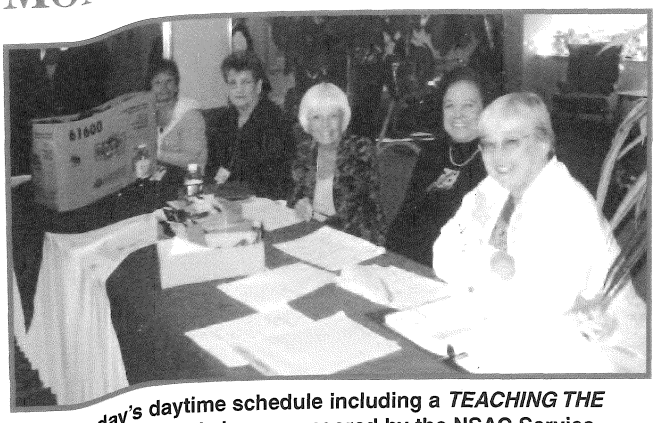




Lelia Cutler and Sharon Snowman with newly-ordained members Rev. Tammi Jo Anderson (L) and Rev. Alexis Sharon Rolnick (2nd from R).



Monday

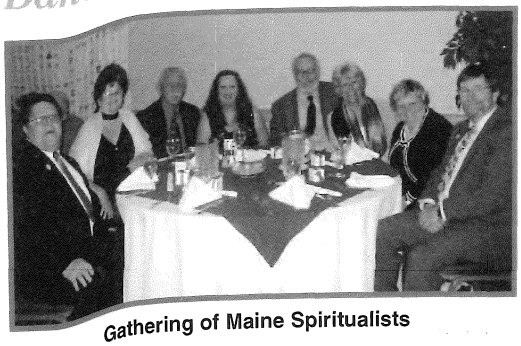


Monday's daytime schedule including a *TEACHING THE TEACHER* workshop, sponsored by the NSAC Service Organizations, with more registrations with 150 attending.



The presenters were (L to R) Jovita Jessup, Kathleen Rottino, Lynn Kent and Arsenia Williams. THANK YOU for the wonderfully educational experience!

Banquet, Awards, Silent Auction, Dancing & Guest Speaker – What a Night!

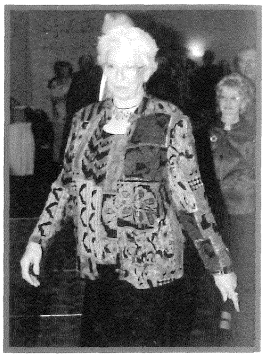


Gathering of Maine Spiritualists



Appetizers

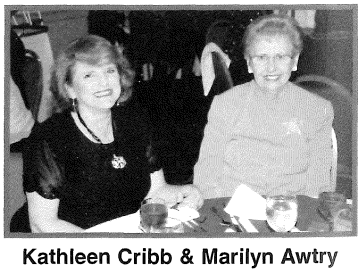




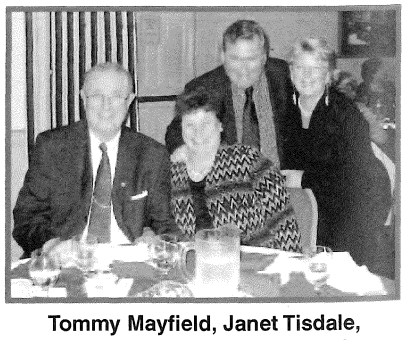
President Lelia Cutler (leading the Board) and Secretary Sharon Snowman entering the Banquet Hall.

Desert, friends, and what's next?





Kathleen Cribb & Marilyn Awtry



Tommy Mayfield, Janet Tisdale, Richard McMarthy and friend.



Susan Glasier & Gretchen Clark



Ginnie & Peter Berg

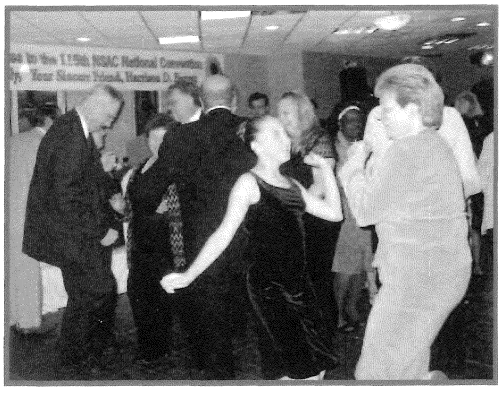


Gloria & Charles Nye

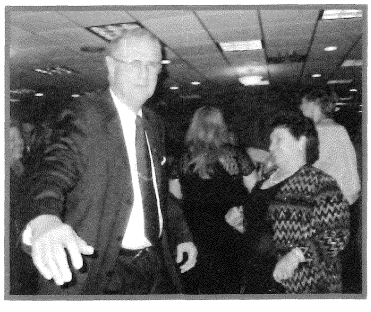


Flowers of gratitude for a tearful Elizabeth (Beth) Carter, Maine Convention Chair.

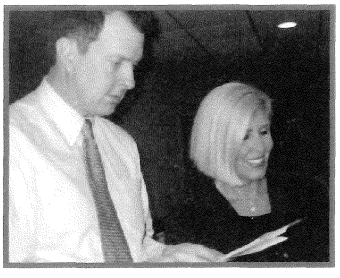




Spiritualist *do* know how to have fun on the dance floor!



Tommy Mayfield and Janet Tisdale can dance!



Portland, Maine's WMTW Channel 8 local news anchor Tory Ryden was the keynote speaker. WMTW's chief weatherman Tom Chisholm accompanied her.



Brian & Lynn Kent

AWARDS PRESENTED TO HIGH-ACHIEVERS INCLUDED:



Rev. Jovita Jessup receives the 2007 Individual Teacher Award from Peter Berg.



Rev. Joyce Orcutt receives the 2007 Outstanding Achievement Award from Catherine Snell.



Vickie Homann received the 2007 Literary Award (presented by Ann Otzelberger) for Revs. Tom and Lisa Butler.



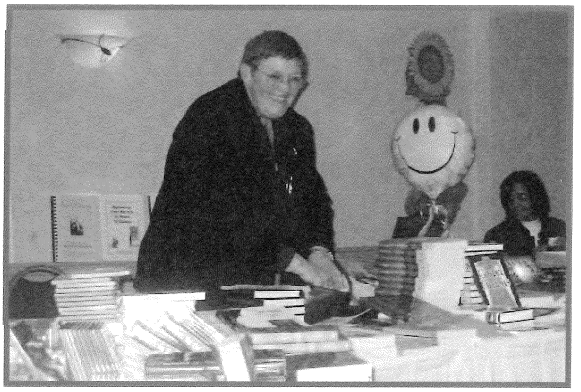
Rupert Sigurdsson, who was not in attendance, was later presented with the 2007 Lifetime Service Award by his wife Virginia Norris Sigurdsson.

Tuesday brought the all-important business meetings, which moved smoothly for four days. Everyone had a chance to speak, to voice opinions, to have questions answered, and delegates voted on issues determining the vibrant future of Spiritualism! During breaks there were many interesting Ways 'n Means tables to visit and auctions raised record-breaking amounts of money! Also we had tables featuring Lyceums, TNS-Summit, The Spotlight, Department of Phenomenal Evidence, Madison Camp, and the NSAC Bookstore. THANKS to all who worked, donating their time and their talents. •





Vicky Homann wearing her ever-present SBS Pig Hat – but it was passed to Mickey later in the week. The hat couldn't have gone to a better person!



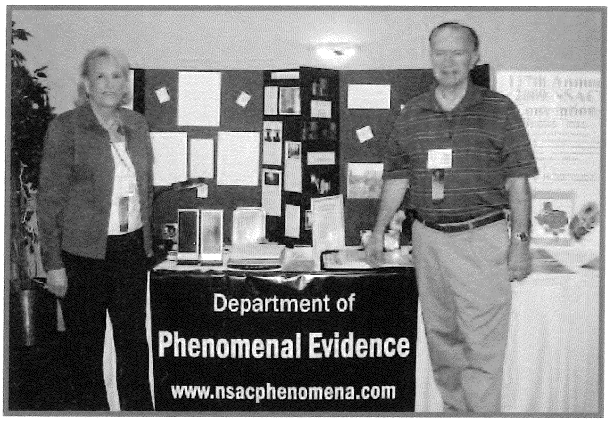
Bookkeeper Peggy Johnson was diligently managing the bookstore sales often during the week.



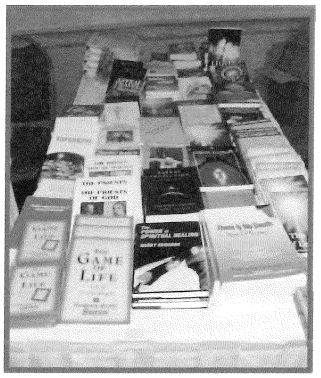
Pat Wallace staffing the Maine Spiritualists' booth.



Laura Lee Perkins, *The National Spiritualist-Summit* Editor recruiting more subscriptions.



Lynn and Brian Kent – doing a phenomenal job with the Phenomenal Evidence Department!



Looking for "a good read?"



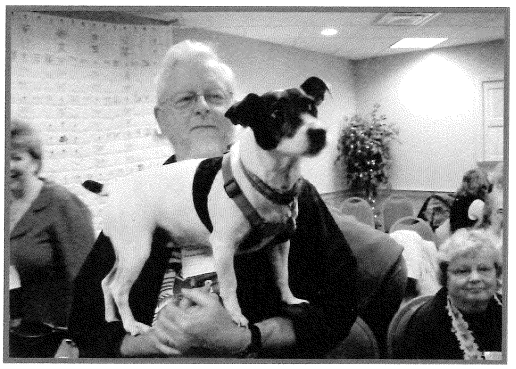
Cosie Allen, *The Spotlight* Editor raising money through hugs and kisses.



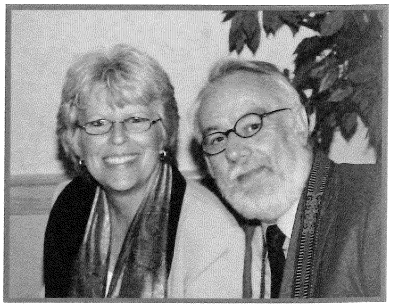
What a QUILT! Wow!



Steve Vogel (foreground) and many delegates seated in meetings.

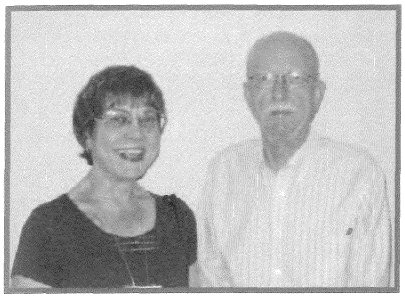


Do we have everyone's attention yet?



Sue Jalbert & Graham Connolly

2007 Folks to Remember!



Carol and Larry Brown – Carol is NSAC's Outreach Coordinator who patiently answers inquiries about Spiritualism.



Ann Otzelberger and Cosie Allen share a fun moment.



Marilyn Awtry is a wonderful author and speaker. Her Wednesday evening address was most inspiring!



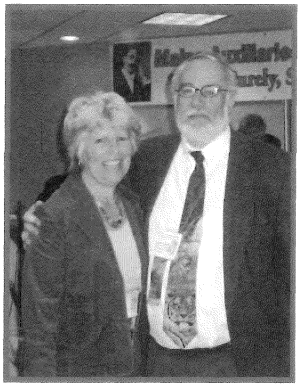
Beth and Michael Carter were tireless workers! THANK YOU.



Betty and Glenn Simpson could be found staffing the wonderful Hospitality Room.



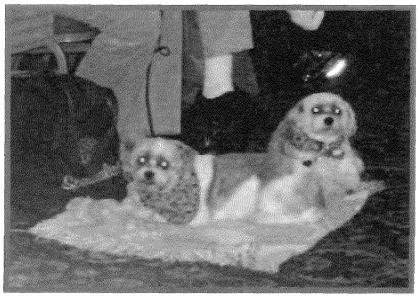
Peter Berg, NSAC Treasurer



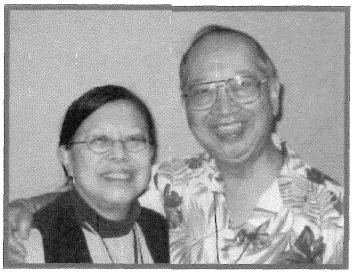
Sue Jalbert and Graham Connolly managed the Hospitality Room, which meant many grocery trips! Sue also chaired the Sunday morning worship service. THANK YOU!



Pat Duffield



Some who came to Convention were really patient and cute!



Carla and Sonny Gee are diligent workers for Spiritualism. Sonny chairs the Long Range Planning Committee while Carla is busy recording music for use in our churches. THANK YOU!



Louise Peruch



Joyce Barlow



Patty Palmer & Nedra Foster



Earl & Pat Wallace



B. Anne Gehman

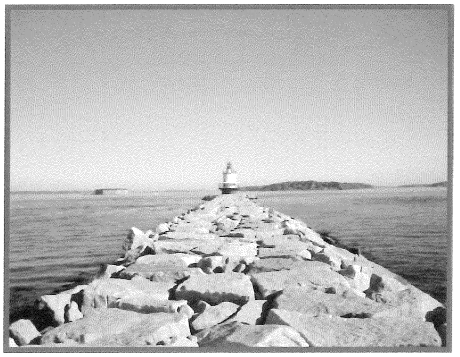
Maine Sightseeing Trip to Portland Head Lighthouse and More



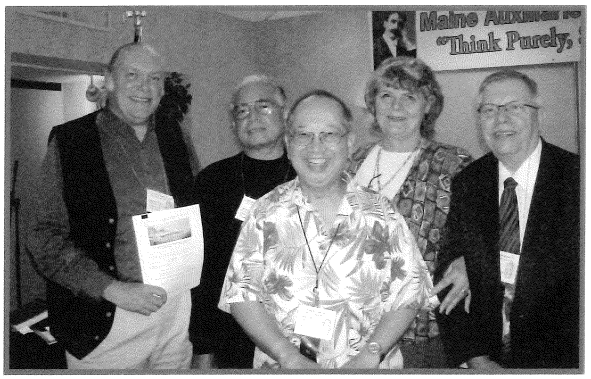
Kathleen and Frank Cribb before boarding the tour bus.



Portland Lighthouse



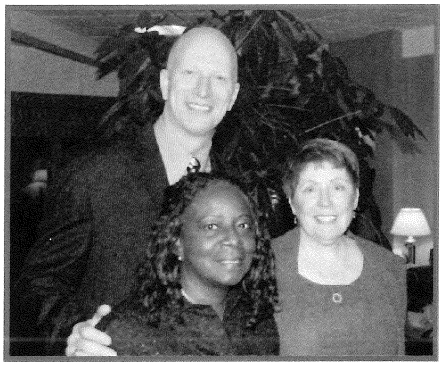
Portland Lighthouse



Long Range Planning Committee

Janet Tisdale talking about the 2008 Convention in Phoenix.

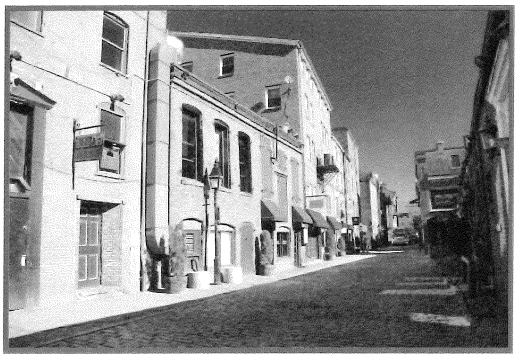




Richard with Catherine Snell and Marrice.



Jennifer and her grandmother, LaVerne Pemberton.



Old Port area of Portland, Maine



Oh – the beauty of a Maine fall season!

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

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.

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

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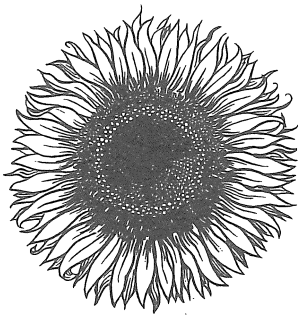
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Secretary's Report

To the Officers, Delegates and Guests Assembled at the National Spiritualist Association of Churches 115th Annual Convention



Rev. Sharon L. Snowman, NST

Greetings:

As the Secretary of the NSAC, it is my pleasure to present the following report on the NSAC General Headquarters as well as the statistical report to the Delegates of this our 115th Annual Convention.

To the Maine State Spiritualist Association and to the Convention Committee, we extend our gratitude and wish to express our deep appreciation for all of your efforts. We realize that you are still busy tending to the needs of the NSAC delegates and visitors and will be doing so throughout this convention. Your labors so graciously given, make this a wonderful experience for all of the NSAC whether present or absent.

It is a great honor to be here to celebrate with you during the 115th Anniversary of your State Association which was organized in 1892. We also wish to mark this celebration and to note the importance of Harrison D. Barrett to the entire National Spiritualist Association of Churches. Mr. Barrett was not only the first President of the National Spiritualist Association but was one of its founders and was the first President of the Maine State Spiritualist Association.

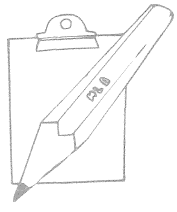
His importance to the State of Maine is reflected in the naming of the Harrison D. Barrett Memorial Spiritualist Church which was chartered in 1957 in his honor and memory. Mr. Barrett will never be forgotten.

As to the report on the status of repairs and upkeep of the NSAC Office for this past year, we have completed the work being done to finish the basement room which will allow for the archival storage of little used records as well as archival legal and financial needs. This project was the main focus of the repairs and upkeep of the NSAC Office during this past year.

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The *NSAC Spiritualist Manual* has become a fast moving book and is being sold to many Spiritualist Organizations as well as in the NSAC itself. Due to the heavy demand, we are currently in process of printing an additional 500 copies of the *NSAC Spiritualist Manual*. We have also made arrangements for a limited number of this printing to be made with the laminated white covers. Due to rising cost of publication, we have raised the cost of the new Manual $1.00 and the selling cost will be $16.00. As this book is so important to our religion, we publish and sell as close to cost as possible so no discount will be available. Pre-orders are being taken, and it is expected that the book will be available from the NSAC Book Store prior to the Holiday season.

Since last Convention, the NSAC Board has been supportive of the work of the Long Range Planning Committee in the mastering and production of a new CD entitled *Raising Vibrations.* This CD is in response to a request by many of our churches for music that can be used at times when a pianist or organist can not be present, for whatever reason, to accompany the congregation. The former CD – *On Wings of Harps,* a CD of Harp Music for Meditation and Healing has met with great success, and we hope the companion CD will meet with the same success as it offers upliftment and joy to those who use them. We also wish to thank the Golden Gate Chorus and Carla Wong Gee and all who were involved in any manner in making this new CD, which we believe will be an invaluable asset to our auxiliaries.

These CD's were specifically made for the NSAC with the purpose of funding the Long Range Planning Committee projects and are available for sale at this convention at our book table. Following Convention, both CD's will be available through the NSAC Book Store. One hundred per cent of all profits from these sales will go to funding the Long Range Planning Committee projects which are geared to benefit the entire NSAC.

The following figures presented for the NSAC Book Store have been rounded off for ease in presentation. The income this year from the sale of books, NSAC Manuals, Spiritualist Hymnals, Lyceum Materials, Lyceum Manuals and supplies, from July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007 totals $45,259.00 a decrease of $12,714.00.

Once again the decrease in sales from the previous year is accountable to a stabilizing factor produced through the initial sale of the printings of the new *NSAC Spiritualist Hymnal* and the *NSAC Spiritualist Manual.*

Cost of sales for the purchase of books and

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materials for this year was $47,135.00 an increase of $6,879.00 over the previous year. Added to this is one half of Book Store Coordinators salary of $10,231.00 which brings the total cost of sales to $57,367.00. At present our inventory value stands at $41,509.00 which reflects a decrease of $18,243.00. Again, the major percentage of our Book Store stock always comes from books which the NSAC has published in large quantities to obtain more reasonable prices.

The statistical report of the NSAC is as follows and it is our pleasure to announce that the NSAC has issued 18 credentials since last year's convention.

ORDINATIONS CONFERRED: 6 – Rev. Donna Azzarelli, New York; Rev. Silandara Bartlett-Gustina, New York; Rev. James Stewart Ehrhart, California; Rev. Betty Jean Hutt, Pennsylvania; Rev. John Kamph, Indiana; Rev. Jacqueline Randall, Connecticut.

NATIONAL SPIRITUALIST TEACHERS DEGREES: 1 – Jacqueline Randall, Connecticut.

LICENTIATE CERTIFICATE: 4 – Bonnie Darby, Indiana; Tammi Jo Anderson, Florida; Leslie Lee Chaillou, Florida; Alexis Sharon Rolnick, Virginia.

CERTIFIED MEDIUM: 5 – Vickie Sanderford-O'Connor, California; Alexis Sharon Rolnick, Virginia; Donna Azzarelli, New York; Leslie Lee Chaillou, Florida; Katie Caton, New York.

COMMISSIONED HEALER: 2 – Patricia Craig, Massachusetts; Donna Azzarelli, New York;.

Nine examinations will be given at this Convention by the NSAC Board. Three for Ordination and six for National Spiritualist Teacher Degree.

During this past year, the NSAC Board has approved re-entry into the NSAC for nine former NSAC members:

Golden Gate Spiritualist Church, San Francisco, California – Ms. Barbara Salomon; The Spiritualist Church of Awareness, Orlando, Florida – Ms. Kathleen Claypool; The Spiritualist Church of Two Worlds, San Leandro, California – Ms. Leslie Crews; Summerland Church of Light, Hauppague, New York – Mr. Tristan Diaz; Chapel of Spiritual Awareness, Denver, Colorado – Ms. Loraine Pearson; National Spiritualist Church, Norwich, Connecticut – Mr. Bern Mayhew; First Spiritualist Church, West Allis, Wisconsin – Ms. Charlotte Mishefske; First Spiritualist Church, West Allis, Wisconsin – Ms. Veronica Tinnon; Flower Memorial Spiritualist Church, Leslie, Michigan – Ms. Melissa Schroeder.

These former member have been made most welcome in their new church homes. We feel confident that these people will enjoy the fellowship offered and that they and their respective churches will be richly blessed through their combined endeavors.

The NSAC Executive Church, of Lily Dale, New York has approved four new members: Ms. Arlene De Angelus of Clifton Park, New York; Ms. Dorothy Benes of Ashtabula, Ohio; Mr. Charles Benes of Ashtabula, Ohio; Ms. Trixye Starr Case of Ashtabula, Ohio.

Individual Student Membership in the NSAC has been approved for five new members: Ms. Maryanne Fisher of Erie, Pennsylvania; Mr. Fred Heath of Salt Lake City, Utah; Ms. Adrean Selina clark of Salt Lake City, Utah; Mr. Christopher Brill of Wellsboro, Pennsylvania; Ms. Shannan Rohde of Sarasota, Florida.

As to the statistical report of our auxiliaries, two new churches have officially Chartered since last Convention and it is a great privilege to welcome the *Celebrate Life Spiritualist Community* of San Francisco, California and *The Spiritualist Church of Indianapolis,* Indianapolis, Indiana into the NSAC. We do pray that these new auxiliaries will thoroughly enjoy the fellowship, camaraderie and substantial support structure offered by the NSAC.

We have three new churches in the process of chartering and intend to hold Charter with the NSAC before the end of this year. They are, *The Church of Joyful Living, NSAC* of Charles Town, West Virginia; the *Celestial Spiritualist Church* of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; the *High Desert Church* of Reno, Nevada; and a strong possibility of a fourth church that is outside of the United States bringing its entire membership and credentialed workers into the NSAC.

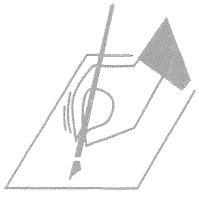
The NSAC has had four churches close during this past year. The Angels of Light Spiritualist Church of Mc Mahan, Texas was a relatively new church and with the passing of its Pastor the Rev. Jean Hamner, there was no one to take over the leadership of this church and it closed.

The First Spiritualist Church of Ashtabula, Ohio which had been built as an NSAC Spiritualist Church and was chartered as an NSAC Church in 1910 has closed. For the past six years this Board and a dedicated few members had been working to assist them in staying open. However, the current leadership fell into ill health and during that time there was no one willing to accept the leadership of the church.

The Sunflower Spiritualist Church of Clinton, Iowa and the Spirit of Life Spiritualist Church of Minneapolis, Minnesota have closed due to a lack of leadership. The leadership of these churches were desperately seeking someone to help them and to take over the leadership of the church. Again, there was no one willing to accept leadership, not even among their own membership. Many efforts had been made to assist activation of these churches but without trained people to accept the responsibility of leadership, all efforts fell and the churches have closed.

We are sorry to see this occur but are grateful to all those who worked so hard to try to keep these auxiliaries moving forward.

Our State Associations, the NSAC Department of Missionaries, all of the NSAC Service organizations as well as the NSAC Board Members who are assigned as representatives to each of our auxiliaries, are available to assist any auxiliary or auxiliary member as often as necessary. We are often being told that the benefit of these visitations or the ability to receive immediate contact by phone, prove to be invaluable. If you want to know what is available to assist you or your church, look at the information literature piece *Why NSAC.* If someone tells you that you can't contact anyone in our support system or the NSAC, or that you need permission to do so, the proverbial red flag should go up, and I would recommend that you call immediately.



The peace and renewal that can be found in our

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churches is a blessing to the lives of many. In order to keep these churches open and moving forward, we all need the assistance of a trained leadership. A leadership that is willing to accept the responsibility of that training. We celebrate when we see a new auxiliary charter and well we should for it represents another harbor for peace, love and the harmonious attunement of its members and visitors. However, we become very concerned when we see churches closed due to a lack of leadership. We need members in every auxiliary who are ready to step forward and take their place in the history of not only their church but of their religion. Everyone of us would like to simply go to church on any given day and sit there while others do all the work. That is human nature. But it is also human nature to want a place to worship, for by nature, humanity as a whole has always believed and given recognition to some form of a higher cause.

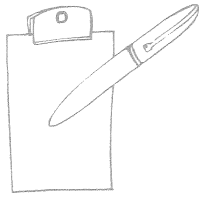
We provide courses for our Ministry and leadership through the Morris Pratt Institute and the Center for Spiritualist Studies. Additional education for all phases of our Ministry and leadership are easily obtainable through Continuing Education which is a major focus of the NSAC and our educational institutions. Membership demands for an educated leadership and a variety of classes, workshops and seminars are still a major focus in our most successful churches. The NSAC hosts a vastly educated membership whose talents and abilities are readily accessible and who see a very real need for further education not only for themselves but for their leaders.

Situations change daily, needs change daily and members as well as leaders need to be prepared to meet the needs of those who come to us for guidance not only spiritually but secularly. To assist in meeting that need, Continuing Education Courses have been designed with that purpose in mind.

As stated in my report last year, churches with an educated professional Ministry and leadership, are still looked upon as a place of respite from daily activities and the problems facing us in every day life. Along with nurturing all levels of spirituality, the church offers a haven, a place of peace, harmony and like minded camaraderie. It offers patience, understanding, temperance, unconditional and non-judgmental acceptance, and assistance in bringing balance to daily life. Our camps lead the way, our churches offer the meeting place, and these combined with education and knowledge bring about renewed understanding.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Sharon L. Snowman, Secretary

Convention Thank You



A huge thank you to everyone who participated in the 115th NSAC Convention in Portland, Maine and to Infinite Intelligence who answered my prayers for an Indian Summer. The unseasonably warm weather, following several mild frosts, was for all of you to enjoy. It is impossible to thank each individual because there are too many from all across the country who helped, often just by listening, understanding and offering encouragement through emails and phone calls. These gave me a lift often when it was most needed after a day of challenges.

For those who attended, you saw the evidence of help in the items for raffles, auctions, the ways and means table, and the abundant hospitality room. Artists provided paintings, photos, quilts, afghans, pillows, a tipping table and smaller items for ways and means. And there was the satisfaction of the Harrison D. Barrett Church celebrating 50 years. New churches have that marker as a goal. Didn't you just love the impact of the HDB banner?

All hands were on-board in Maine with the MSSAC and the Portland Church hosting the event. The Inner Light Spiritualist Church and the Pinpoint of Light Church – both direct charters – did their share also with gifts for Sandy Dawkins, Jeff Lucas and Priscilla McIlvein, with auction/raffle items and selling tickets. The great Maine team included: Treasurer Sue Jalbert, Ways and Means table and banquet centerpieces by the Rev. Pat Wallace and Theresa Clifford; Hospitality Chair Sue Jalbert with the Rev. Graham Connolly, Glenn and Betty Simpson; Acoustic/Sound Technician, typing, delegate badges, setting up staging and running interference—my hubby Mike; chairing with me for raffles/auctions was the Rev. Gloria Nye and Michael's backup crew for set-up/take-down of staging, Lance Cyr and Randy Mayse. What's that saying—it takes a village?

Hey, did you see that fella selling 50/50 tickets? Thanks to the Rev. Earl Wallace and the raffle team – the Rev. Kay Hawkins, Jeanie Bower, Nedra Foster and Fionnula Davis. I particularly want to thank a non-Spiritualist, Marie Villanucci, who attends our classes, for selling raffle tickets along with Annette Haak from Wisconsin. Was there an auctioneer in the house? Indeed, there was; thank you "Bucky" (the Rev. William Buchholz) for offering your talents. Their combined efforts raised $5,155.00!

I must also thank the Universalist Church for changing their church service to 9:30 a.m. so we could have a morning service with 150 in attendance! That service, in a non-conference setting, set the tone for the week. Thank you to everyone who provided rides from the hotel to the church and back.

A thank you to our planned and impromptu musicians. They were Mike Carter, Leslie Challiou, Lelia Cutler, Ann Marie Croteau, Eddita Felt and the choir members. A huge thank you to Stacy Davis and her traveling harp for volunteering to play during the healing services.

The tour came together after the first scheduled restaurant went belly-up, forcing us to locate a second one which would fit into our already advertised price. Janice Foote was my salvation in keeping the NSAC website current with the menu change and Mary Montgomery Clifford also helped by listing the menu changes in her newsletter.

The Reverends Lelia Cutler and Sharon Snowman were a constant source of answers to my questions along with an occasional good laugh, which was much

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Well, here we are in ***New Beginnings for 2008*** with recipes to nourish our body, mind and soul during January when many are trying to shed the extra holiday pounds they 'gathered unto them.' This month we shall feature food that warms the body, stimulates the mind and nourishes the soul but has low caloric content.

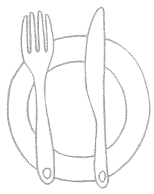


CARROT APPLE SOUP

A one-cup serving of this tasty soup has only 90 calories.

- 1 Tablespoon butter
- 8 medium carrots, thinly sliced (you can peel them if desired)
- 2 medium tart apples, peeled and chopped
- 1 medium onion, peeled and chopped
- 1 celery rib, thinly sliced
- 5 cups chicken broth
- 1/2 teaspoon rubbed sage
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1 bay leaf

Melt the butter in a large pan and add carrots, apples, onion, and celery and cook about 5 minutes or until the onion is tender. Add broth, sage, pepper and bay leaf and bring to a boil. Reduce heat, cover and simmer for 20 minutes or until the carrots are tender. Remove bay leaf, allow 5 minutes for cooling and then process in a blender. Reheat and serve. Makes 7 one-cup servings and will warm a January day!



Soul Food

Recipes to feed our spiritual, emotional and physical hungers.

HEARTY WINTER CHOWDER

This filling chowder is fit for a meal and it is low in calories.

- 4 cups of cauliflower chopped into 1" pieces
- 1 cup thinly sliced carrots
- 2 cups chicken broth
- 1 Tablespoon butter
- 1 cup 97% fat-free ham chopped into small bite-size pieces
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1/3 cup flour
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 2 cups skim milk
- 8 ounces of low-fat cheddar cheese

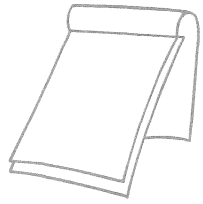
Cook the cauliflower and carrots in broth until tender. In a separate saucepan, brown the onion in the butter and add the flour and pepper. Gradually stir in the milk until the mixture boils for 2 minutes. Add the cauliflower and carrots in the broth and heat through. Stir in the cheese until it is completely melted and serve. One can add bacon bits or grated cheese to garnish. •

CONVENTION THANK YOU

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needed. Speaking of laughs, thank you Peter Berg for the wonderful and humorous "Naked Lunch" article regarding Greenville, Maine (which I read at the luncheon)!

Now to thank the wonderful Holiday Inn staff. They were superb to work with on this project—especially Karen Garrison, Jennifer Minchev, Peter and Heather Barrington and his crew. The hotel was also very co-operative in assisting with special needs in appropriate rooms. In advance, the desk also went over the delegates' list with me to compare names of those with rooms in our block. Everyone was accounted for, making Peggy's life easier when she settled the bill. Thanks also to the restaurants who provided certificates to their eateries—Zachery's at Holiday Inn, Friendly's, Verrillo's, Ruby Tuesday and Tim Horton's. Thanks as well to Denny's and Pizza Hut for their coupons.



It was such a thrill for all of us here in Maine to welcome all of you to our turf. I hope some of you had experiences (humorous or inspirational) while here worthy of an article to be submitted to the *TNS-Summit.* I have heard the 115th NSAC Convention described as the most harmonious of conventions.

God bless you all.

Together We Grow,
The Rev. Beth Carter

(and so we do)

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– *Prayer for Spiritual Healing* –

I ask the great Unseen Healing Force to remove all obstructions from my mind and body and to restore me to perfect health.
I ask this in all sincerity and honesty and I will do my part.
I ask this great Unseen Healing Force to help both present and absent ones who are in need of help and to restore them to perfect health.
I put my trust in the love and power of God.

The NSAC Healing Center

serving as a Beacon of Light to bring illumination to those in need.

REV. KATHLEEN L. ROTTINO, NST

Spiritual Healing, recognized in many ancient religions, has always been a part of Spiritualism. Today, evidence is growing in the medical community about the importance of spiritual healing. It is now accepted that the whole person needs treatment, not just the illness.

It is easy to send a request for healing prayers for yourself or another. You can send your request through the NSAC site at www.nsac.org by clicking on *Healing* and filling out a form. You can e-mail k.rottino@snet.net, or call 860-642-7976 or write to me at 109 Capitol Drive, Willimantic, CT. 06226 with the name of the person you want healing prayers for.

The NSAC Healing Center has a Healing Booklet that includes the NSAC Healing Prayer explanation and 87 affirmations to guide an individual into uplifting thoughts (which we know are helpful to the healing process). The Healing Booklet is also a wonderful tool to use when teaching a class about spiritual healing. If you are interested in forming a Healing Prayer Group, please contact me and I will forward information to you on how to get started. While there is no charge for this booklet, any donation that is received will help off-set the printing expenses and postage.

You can make a donation to the Healing Center in memory of someone and a letter can be sent to their family, acknowledging your donation.

We all know the power of prayer. Each day, when saying your prayers, please include the names on the NSAC healing list.

Thank you and Healing Blessings,
Rev. Kathleen L. Rottino, NST

SPIRITUAL HEALING REQUEST

(PLEASE PRINT)

Healing Need For _____

***Please send Healing Booklet to:**

Name_____

Address_____

City/State/Zip_____

***Please send information on "How to form a Spiritual Healing Prayer Group" to:**

Name_____

Address_____

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***Please make Love Donation out to the NSAC Healing Center:**

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The Courage To Be You



You are unique, with your own special beauty and value to give to life. What a terrible shame it would be if you were to let that beauty be hidden behind your fears.

When you worry that you're not good enough, you allow others to control you, and their domination will soon make you miserable. Or when you fool yourself into thinking you're superior to everyone else, you deny yourself the exquisite joy of offering your own special gifts of life.

It takes courage and faith, effort and initiative to be who you are. And it is so very much worth the effort.

Though no one else can do it for you, you have what it takes to be magnificently successful at being you. From the deepest secrets of your soul to the face you put forward to the world, every bit of you is meant to be the authentic and original person you are.

Listen to that quiet, persistent voice inside that you know is always right. This is your opportunity to fulfill and express the real and lasting joy of being you.

Let the beautiful person inside of you come more fully to life as each moment passes. Let yourself, and the world around you, know the joy and fulfillment that is meant just for you to express. •

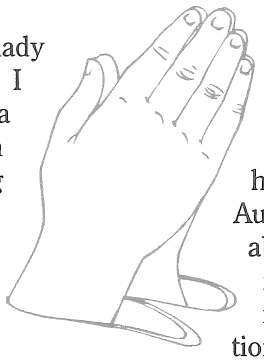
– Ralph Marston 03/03/07. http://greatday.com

Matter and Field

REV. RAYMOND JONES, U.K.

More than 40 years ago, I took an interest in the development of my spiritual and psychic abilities. Being inquisitive by nature, and earning high grades in science, it seemed logical to approach subjects from that angle. Science taught me that faith and belief act as a kind of railway track leading to a destination somewhere; that destination is knowing.

Once I was directed to give healing to a lady whom I did not even like (nor did she like me). I argued with my tutor that I did not relish the idea of standing behind some grumbling old woman for ten minutes and, as I said at the time, "Praying my head off." It seemed boring to a man of my tender years. However, my tutor was equally determined to master my arrogance and so I was dispatched to the healing room. After about five minutes of placing my hands on the lady's shoulders, my eyes seemed to open (although they were firmly closed) and there appeared to be a second right hand hinged with the palm upwards; it was holding a stone. I watched this unusual sight with interest as the thumb of this second hand moved across the palm, disintegrating the stone to a dust that subsequently trickled through my fingers. When questioned by my tutor as to what I had experienced, I blurted out that the lady had had a gallstone. "What do you mean?" the lady rudely interjected, "I have a Gaul stone?" Wow! I thought, at least I got it right; especially as I did not even know there was such a thing as a Gaul stone.



The following week the lady produced two X-Ray films of her body. The first revealed a small solid object that she referred to as the gallstone. On the second film there was no evidence of the object at all. The area was totally clear.

The area or object was an oscillatory imbalance and the inducing and directing of the appropriate energy corrected it at the source. The symptom was the pain, the warning light, in the field. The source is the matter.

Arriving at the destination of knowing can often confusing, but in the words of the great Albert Einstein, "We have two realities in life—matter and field." So if we are to correct an oscillatory imbalance, then we must direct the energies to the matter and not to the field, whether those energies are spiritual, magnetic or medicinal.

One of the simplest forms of detecting the force or energy present in any object (a human healer or medicine) is to subject it to the Kirlian Aura Detection Machine. By this method we are able to illuminate the field, reveal its comparative intensity in such a way that the human eye may read it, and know presence without presumptions of faith or belief.

The Kirlian Aura method is simple; it picks out the variety of magnetic fields and illuminates them onto a film where they can be visualized and measured. Then we can quite readily see whether a person/substance (healer/medicine) is effective and at what strength its energies measure. Remembering that to fill or recharge a depletion of energy, we must use a similar energy and frequency. We never charge an automobile battery from the direct mains do we? No, we use a system that smoothes it to a direct current and to the appropriate voltage. That way the incoming healing power or medicine is compatible. Thus the recharged battery/person will continue to do its job.

The Kirlian system monitors compatible energy frequencies for the human body and provides us with information that the scientist and physician can evaluate accordingly.

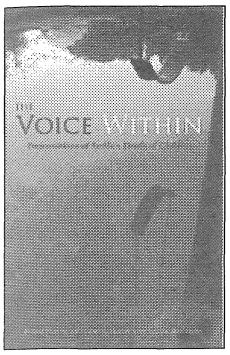
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How far you go in life depends on your being tender
with the young, compassionate with the aged,
sympathetic with the striving, and tolerant of the weak
and strong because, in life, you will be all of these.

– George Washington Carver (1864-1943)

MEDIA WATCH

BY THE REVS. TOM AND LISA BUTLER, NST



Mother's Premonitions – Pediatrician Richard Hardoin, while doing a study of sleep patterns in babies, was told a story that later inspired him to write a book. Hardoin, founder of the Southwest SIDS Institute, heard the story of a mother who had a vision of her baby's death before it happened. While putting her baby's clothes away, wide awake, she had a vision of her baby in a white casket. The woman threw the clothes on the ground, hysterical because of what she had seen. Her baby did die shortly after she had this premonition.

Sudden Infant Death Syndrome claims the lives of about 2,400 babies in the U.S. each year. Hardoin surveyed parents whose children died of SIDS and found that 21.8 percent of those who responded had premonitions about their babies' deaths. In a control group of 625 people whose babies did not die, only 2.4 percent had premonitions.

Hardoin hopes his book, *The Voice Within: Premonitions of Sudden Death of Children,* will help those who have had these experiences begin to heal. Hardoin says, "Many people who have had premonitions keep it inside... When they find thousands have had these, they can feel comfortable and maybe know that their child is safe with a higher being."

From: *The Facts,* http://thefacts.com/story.lasso?ewcd=f841176be37225ed, "Institute founder writes of SIDS dreams," by Jason Smith

Physicians and Dying Patients – Physicians say that talking about death with a patient is not easy. In addition, death often symbolizes a doctor's failure. While medical tradition says a doctor should not get too close to their patients, studies show that's not what happens. A University of Pittsburgh study looked at the emotional reactions of 188 doctors who cared for patients who died at two U.S. hospitals and found that the longer the doctor cared for a patient the stronger the doctor's emotional reactions to the patient's death was.

Experts say it's okay to show feelings, but not at the expense of compromising clinical care. Porter Storey, Executive Vice President of the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine, says that "Patients pick up on physicians' comfort or discomfort and they appreciate being cared for, but they also want you to be the doctor. To maintain that balance is tricky." Research like that published in February in the *New England Journal of Medicine* found clinicians, who had proactive communication and spent more time with the family, lessened the burden of bereavement.

Dr. Back, who has taught doctors how to communicate in end-of-life situations, says that doctors give a variety of reasons for avoiding goodbyes. They worry that the patient will feel abandoned or too sad. They may feel uncertain about what to say and feel unprepared to handle a patient's emotions. Many feel that it is unprofessional to show that they are upset or sad. But Dr. Back says that saying nothing leaves patients and families feeling perplexed and abandoned. Saying goodbye can allow the physician to bring the relationship to a close and give the patient a sense of being valued. The goodbye gives the patient a chance to say thank you and lets the physician say how the patient contributed to the physician's learning.

From: *AMNews,* "The last goodbye: Comforting your dying patient," by Damon Adams, www.ama-assn.org/amednews/2007/09/10/prsa0910.htm

U.S. Life Expectancy Slipping – Americans are living longer but people in forty-one other countries beat the U.S. in life expectancy. Japan and most of Europe rank higher. A baby born in the United States in 2004 will live an average of 77.9 years. That life expectancy ranks 42nd, down from 11th two decades earlier, according to international numbers provided by the Census Bureau and domestic numbers from the National Center for Health Statistics. Dr. Christopher Murray of the University of Washington says, "Something's wrong here when one of the richest countries in the world, the one that spends the most on health care, is not able to keep up with other countries."

Many factors have contributed to the fall in life expectancy. Forty-five million Americans lack health insurance, while Canada and many European countries have universal health care. Adults in the U.S. have one of the highest obesity rates. There are racial disparities with black Americans having a life expectancy five years shorter than white Americans. Also, a relatively high percentage of babies born in the Untied States die before their first birthday, compared with other industrialized nations. Murray says that "The starting point (to improving) is the recognition that the U.S. does not have the best health care system. There are still an awful lot of people who think it does."

From: "Americans Drop Down The Age of Death Ranking, www.afterlifenews.com/a/1391.html

Intercessory Prayer – David R. Hodge of the College of Human Services, on the Arizona State University campus, has conducted a meta-analysis on the effects of intercessory prayer or prayer offered for the benefit of another person.

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Some studies in this area have found positive results while others have found no effect. Hodge looked at the entire body of empirical research in this area, 17 studies, and found that prayer offered on behalf of another yielded positive results.
From: *Research on Social Works Practices,* "A Systematic Review of the Empirical Literature on Intercessory Prayer," by David R. Hodge, 3 2007; vol. 17: pp. 174 - 187

Genes Show Loneliness – Lonely people are more likely to become sick and researchers say they may have found out why—their immune systems are not functioning properly. The study done by molecular biologist Steve Cole at the University of California, Los Angeles, found that people who are chronically lonely have distinct patterns of genetic activity, almost all of which involves the immune system. The study does not show which came first, the loneliness or the physical traits, but it may be the next step in finding a treatment.
From: Reuters, "Sick? Lonely? Genes tell the tale," by Maggie Fox.

Another Study on Loneliness – Research coming out of the University of Chicago on college students and adults, age 50 to 68, show that being lonely takes a toll on the body that seems to accelerate with age. Loneliness had little effect on the health of younger subjects. Older subjects, who considered themselves to be lonely, had higher blood pressure, lower levels of "good" cholesterol and higher levels of the "fight or flight" hormone epinephrine compared to their more social peers. Sheldon Cohen, a psychologist at Carnegie Mellon University, says "there are roughly 20 large-scale epidemiologic studies now and they all show that the more socially integrated you are, the longer you live."
From: AARP Bulletin, October 2007.

Volunteer and Live Longer – A study done by Doug Oman at the University of California Berkeley, over a five year period on 2,000 individuals, found that those who volunteered for two or more organizations had a 44 percent lower likelihood of dying. Another study by Marc Musick at the University of Texas, Austin, found that individuals over age 65 who did volunteer work were less likely to die over the next eight years than those who did no volunteer work.
From: *Why Good Things Happen to Good People: The Exciting New Research that Proves the Link Between Doing Good and Living a Longer, Healthier, Happier Life,* by Stephen Post (Author), Jill Neimark (Author), www.whygoodthingshappen.com/main.php?section=science

Permission to Reincarnate – Tibet's living Buddhas have been banned from reincarnating without the permission of China's atheist leaders. It is the latest in a series of measures by the Communists to tighten their grip over Tibet and the exiled god-king, the Dalai Lama. Reincarnated lamas, known as tulkus, often lead religious communities and have enormous influence over religious life in the Himalayan region. The ban excludes the Dalai Lama from recognizing any new living Buddha. China has virtually given the government the power to ensure that no new living Buddha can be identified, sounding a possible end to a mystical system that dates back as far as the 12th century.
From: *The TimesOnLine,* "China tells living Buddhas to obtain permission before they reincarnate," www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/world/article2194682.ece •

FEATURE

Why?

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Why are we so shocked when hurting things come our way? Words like disease, incurable, painful, and death often stun us. We think, "No, not me!" or "Why me?" But, "Why not me?" Did we think all through life we would escape worry and fear? No one else does.

Look around, listen to others tell of enduring their pain. Why do we feel angry when it's our turn to face darkness? Would we appreciate light if it weren't for the dark? When illness puts us down, how grateful we are to climb out of bed and join the active world again. We appreciate all the world has to offer for a short time, then again lapse into thinking it will always be this way.

What could we experience if it were all good, every day, with no balance of darkness and light? How soon we would be out of balance. When would we rest? How long could we function that way? We couldn't. It wouldn't be real. Where would emotions go? Who would really choose to live forever like that?

So maybe we should be thankful to the Source that loaned us into world to experience it <u>all</u>. The same Source that promises to stick closer than a parent or a sibling. Could Spirit be the answer—the refuge that gives us the strength to endure life's hurts and dark days? Is that where you turn? Do you search for Spirit; do you turn your face to the light when life feels dark?

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"We rejoice when people come into our world, but you cry," says guide.

As well as being PN's founding editor, Maurice Barbanell was also the medium for Silver Birch, whose superb trance teachings are amongst the finest in Spiritualist history.

In this extract from "More Philosophy of Silver Birch," the guide starts by commenting on the physical body. Questions and comments put to Silver Birch appear in italics.

When you lack rest, then the body pays the price. Sometimes the price is high and you must take to your beds for a complete rest.

We cannot preach personal responsibility and tell you that there are exceptions to the operation of this law. Do not try to do too much. The body is only a machine and must not be overtaxed beyond its capacity.

It is so difficult when you say we must take to our beds when we are tired. We know that, but where other people are concerned that we have to look after because they are so much worse than we are, you have to give yourself.

You cannot change the operation of natural laws. I love you all. If I did not love you, I would not be here. There are no attractions for us in your world of matter.

It is because we love you that we come and work with you and among you. We have nothing to gain by so doing. Many of us have willingly sacrificed what we have attained to serve as best we can.

We do love you with a heart that is filled with affection for you, but we cannot change the laws.

You have machines that you call physical bodies. The finest machines in your world are given rest. They are not made to work as your physical bodies are made to work. If you don't rest them, the machines break down.

It is your responsibility because it is your body. The Great Spirit has given you intelligence and reason for you to use these divine powers. Do not blame me because I tell you what I know is the truth about the way the universe works.

I cannot be false to that which I know. I can only give you ideals to be achieved, spiritual maxims that are based on truth and which when applied to your lives will bring you the richness which should be your natural heritage.

It is for you to decide what to do. We help you to the best of our ability. There are circumstances sometimes beyond our control when our best is not good enough.

We cannot interfere with your free will. We have to stand by at times and watch what you do because your decision is important in your evolution.

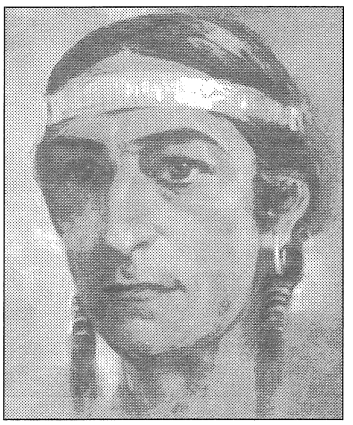
Are we forgiven then for breaking the law?

Motive is the important consideration.

It is not true that sometimes in life, because you love somebody and want to help, you deliberately break the law, but do it with the right intention?

All I can say is the law is the law is the law. It will operate because it must operate. If I could interpose between cause and effect, it would be very bad indeed.

It would be doing a disservice. The law is perfection. How else could it work?



SILVER BIRCH: "You are not bodies with spirits; you are spirits with bodies. Strive always so to order your lives that your spiritual nature will rise to the heights."

You have said on occasion you can bring laws to bear that would ease a situation.

Yes, we have helped some of you in the times of your greatest despair. What we cannot do is alter the sequence of cause and effect. Nor is any forgiveness involved. I try to be your guide, to point out to you that your body is a machine.

It must have rest. If you overwork, it cannot function. When it cannot function, you have to take to your bed until the machine is ready to work properly.

What I know is that we are all very privileged because of what has been revealed to us.

We have also seen what the power of the spirit can do, the wondrous transformation it can make, how it can point the way, give guidance and show each one the ideals to be attained to fulfill themselves. Those are the important matters.

The physical body is the means by which the spirit expresses itself. If you want to have the fullest expression, then the physical body must be fit to do so. If you overwork, it cannot fulfill its proper function.

That is why the Great Spirit, with infinite wisdom, ordained sleep so that it can bring refreshment and restore vitality to the physical body.

Look at the order of the seasons in your world, how in the autumn nature prepares itself for the sleep of winter, then awakens in the spring to achieve the full glory of the summer.

So your bodies must have rest, refreshment and

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recuperation. Learn from nature the lesson it has to teach you. Rest is essential.

Silver Birch pointed the moral by referring to two circle members who had suffered ill-health as a result of overwork.

Even with their knowledge they fall by the wayside. When they do, then they must have rest. It is our function to help you to help yourselves, to give obedience not only to the laws of the spirit and mind, but also to those that control your bodies.

When you provide this obedience and there is harmony, then you are healthy and well.

To a visitor's comment, "I am afraid I don't listen," Silver Birch said:

That is why the Great Spirit gave you ears. You have in your Spiritualism a set of principles. One of them is personal responsibility.

That is probably the most important one of all. It enshrines a truth which cannot be gainsaid. You are personally responsible for what you do, not for what anybody else does.

There is nobody and nothing that can absolve you from your responsibility. If you do not pay heed, you must pay the price. That is the natural law of cause and effect.

The visitor said: "I know about personal responsibility, but I am afraid I never thought of it for myself. I always thought of it for everyone else, but I shall remember."

Please do because the natural laws will continue to operate irrespective of what you think about them. They are not indifferent, but compelled to work their own way, just the same as we are compelled to work along certain lines.

I have always told my friends here that we can only do things in our way and in our time, not in your way and in your time. We are bound by laws, as you are, to ensure that we do what is essential when it is spiritually right.

We can pull strings, we can control matter, we can even find money for you when it is necessary, but only in accordance with the operation of natural law.

I always say that you must do whatever you think is right and whatever your conscience gives the direction.

You are in the end your own judges and will be able to assess, when looking back, whether the things you did were always right or sometimes wrong. If the motive is to serve, it cannot be wrong. Motive is the paramount consideration.

Remember always that primarily you are spiritual beings expressing yourselves through physical bodies.

You are not bodies with spirits; you are spirits with bodies. Strive always so to order your lives that your spiritual nature will rise to the heights.

The subject of lifespan was discussed by the guide when a visiting medium said, "Life seems to run out so quickly and we want to do so much." Silver Birch told him:

You have to learn to become philosophical. You must realize that long before you incarnated into matter, there were others, rugged pioneers, hewing out the path, finding it very difficult and wondering what was going to happen when their earthly life ended.

But they removed a few of the boulders and made it easier for you to tred where it was so hard for them. If you move a few more boulders, this is your contribution.

After you will come others. They will continue to keep on moving the boulders until ultimately there are no more to be removed.

Earth is your schoolhouse of experience. It is not perfect; neither are you. You are imperfect beings in an imperfect world trying to express as much of perfection as you can while you are there. So do your best: no more is expected of you.

It is important to help those who cross your path to come into their own, to recognize that they are shaped in the divine image, that they have the divine potential and that this power is capable of bringing a beauty, love and radiance into their lives that makes it all worthwhile.



So thank the Great Spirit for the challenges that come to you. As you answer them, you are better spiritually as a result.

If you find among your associates some who cannot measure up to the task, if their vision has become obscured, bypass them. Work with those who still have the vision splendid of the great purposes to be fulfilled.

Is our lifespan on earth predetermined or is it a question of physical strength or some other factor?

It is all part and parcel of the one thing. the physical structure, the body, is that which is necessary for the soul to have the experience which is essential for its growth on earth.

The two go together. The termination of the earthly period in most cases is known in advance.

You cannot isolate matter from spirit. The two are inextricably bound together, with matter restricting spirit and spirit animating matter. You cannot divide the aspects of your being into isolated compartments.

You are a comprehensive whole, with every facet reacting on other facets. All aspects merge, combine and mingle to make up the totality which is you, the soul.

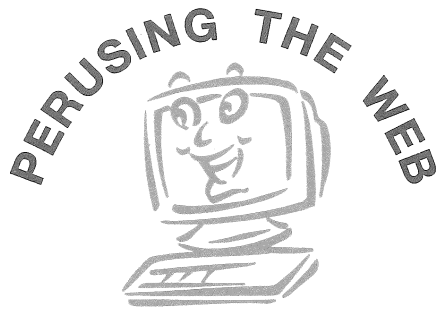
Arising out of that, if say a thousand people were drowned simultaneously, were they all ready to go at that particular time? Was the ordained span for their soul growth the same?

It is the use of words which is difficult. When you say "ordained," by whom and by what? The underlying suggestion is that in some way this is a happening arranged by the Great Spirit.

But it does not work that way. The natural laws control every aspect of being throughout the vast panorama of life.

At some stage, no matter what scientists may say in your world, death is inevitable to the physical body. It

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Reviewed by LAURA LEE PERKINS, Editor

The ***WORLD RELIGIONS INDEX*** is a wonderful tool for learning more about the foundational beliefs of many of the world's religions, including Spiritualism. There are many printable pages of information about Biblical Christianity, Christian Science, **Spiritualism,** Jehovah's Witnesses, Mormonism, Eastern Mysticism, The Way International, Unity, and the Unification Church. Subtitled as a site "Equipping Christians to Understand Other World Faiths and Religious Philosophies," it is by no means complete, but it is an easy-to-navigate tool for learning and understanding others' beliefs.

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4. ***Table Two*** includes data on Christianity (again), Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism, and Primitive Religion.
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Type **http://wri.leaderu.com** into your search bar to peruse. Happy learning! •

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serves its purpose by releasing the spirit.

Thus physical death is equivalent to physical birth. One is the exit of the spirit and the other is its entrance.

Your world regards death as a tragedy, but it is not a tragedy to us. Death is liberation because it is the spiritual birth of a soul. It is its release from all the problems of your world.

It is, in the vast majority of cases, a reward, not a punishment. People must not regard death as something to be avoided at all costs, but to recognize it as an integral part of life, the means by which the soul must come into its own.

Can you explain the cause of earthquakes and the thousands of people, regardless of their spiritual development, killed in them?

Why do you think death is such a disaster? You rejoice when babies are born into your world, but we often cry. We rejoice when people come into our world, but you cry.

Death for the majority is not a tragedy for those who die. There may be a temporary problem while adjustment is made, but death brings liberation. Death is the end of the thraldom that earth imposes on the spirit.

You are bound – and I appreciate your problem – to view all your difficulties with earth-time measurement. But you are infinite. If you live on earth for 60, 70, or 100 years, then 100 over infinity is a very small fraction.

There are no accidents in the operation of natural law. You pass from your world at the time appointed from the spirit. In many cases, this is the time the spirit has chosen for its passing before it incarnated into your world. •

Psychic News, Sep. 22, 2007 p. 4-5.

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