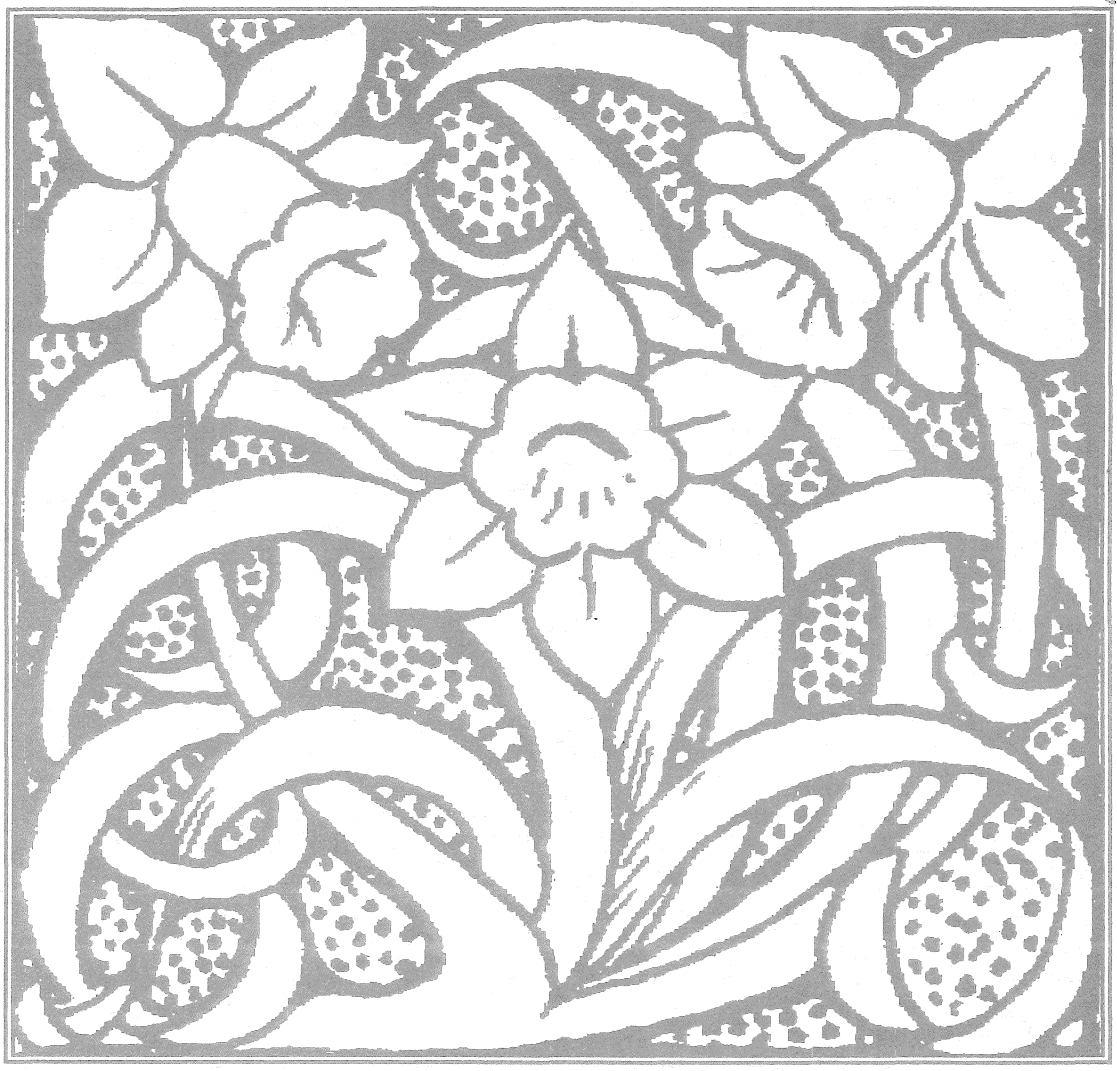
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Lighting Your Passion

LAURA LEE PERKINS, Editor



Only Passion, Great Passion, Can Set a Life on Fire.

When I struck a match to light our campfire tonight, the *magic* of fire really made an impression on me. As a Spiritualist, I know that Natural Law operates everything, including fire. But it felt like magic when I struck that match tonight! We had waited a long time to burn this wood that we deemed sacred; we had hauled it 3,000 miles, trusting that it was important.

Seated on a bank of the Colorado River, surrounded by fertile farmland and enveloped by the sound of the coyotes' night-time calls across the river valley, it could be anytime in human history. This sense of timelessness imbues me with a strong awareness of oneness – that all living things are inexorably connected. I feel like a tiny flea in the universe of life as I view the final deep pink streaks of sunset fading to darkness. The geese are settling into the riverbanks for the night, beavers navigate the islands as they head back into their dams, and a flycatcher has been plying up and down, up and down the river searching for the last morsel of evening insects skimming the mirror-smooth surface of the clear blue Colorado River.

We trucked these small yellow birch fire logs, cut from a fallen tree at Temple Heights Spiritualist Camp, nestled on the shore of Maine's magnificent Penobscot Bay, all the way here to Blythe, California. And tonight, their almost instant combustion warms and lights my soul – just as Spiritualism does. From coast to coast, the inspiration of Spirit is always with me. And there is something about striking a match to light a campfire that settles me into open invitation for spiritual connections. Seated outdoors, wrapped in the sounds of nature under the open sky, brings forward a primal connection to all. This is a magnificent time to appreciate the blessings of Spirit.

Staring into the fire, my eyes seem to glaze as my mind expands, trying to encompass the magnificence of creation. Magnetically I am drawn back, over and over again, to the incomprehensible power of Infinite Intelligence's Love for each one of us. Striking that match somehow reminded me of the power of conception, when passion ignited to create each one of us just as we are now in this moment. Our opportunity to serve as messengers, to be of spiritual service while bringing warmth and light to others, was struck at the moment of our conception...just like the match.

Fire has warmth and light; so does love. Fire demonstrates passion; so does love. The firelight reflects off the water, warming our hands and faces as we sit in silence. Fueled by wood grown in Maine Spiritualist soil, my bone marrow seems to warm to the invitation of opening the door to Spirit. I close my eyes and, at this moment, *I am peace.*

When I finally end my sacred time, mentally returning to the bench where I had placed my body earlier, the fire is all I see in the deep darkness. The coyotes have stopped howling and nature has settled in preparation for sleep. Peacefully I wait for a sign from Spirit, and a light, way up the river, becomes noticeable. It is not moving and is very dim. I wait for it to come closer to me; it does not move. Like Spirit at times, it sits very still and waits for me to respond. I am the one who needs to move closer, as the light of Spirit patiently waits. I am the one who needs to mobilize myself to move into closer alignment so that I can view the space around me (my life) more clearly. Spirit exudes patience; it is up to me to light the passion to move closer.

It was a lovely evening of relaxed silence, thinking, and just being. The air was heavy with the presence of Spirit; we were One. These times are when we are being refueled; we are being readied for action, and action requires amassing of energy until we feel passionate. Passion, like fire, can light our spiritual fuse. How do you create the passion in your life to propel you deeper into spiritual connections? How do you set the stage to meet Spirit face-to-face? Waiting for random inspiration doesn't always work; if connecting with Spirit is important, then it is important to understand what works for us and to schedule/plan for such opportunities.

The next morning we packed up and drove back into Arizona. But I kept thinking about the fire – about the wood that was carried cross-country for a special purpose...to bring Spirit along for the ride. My husband and I met at the Temple Heights Spiritualist Camp; it is a very sacred place for us. We knew that wood grown on that land would bring passionate energy forward when it was ignited; we had savored it until the right moment.

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Giving is Receiving



GRATITUDE DAY

NSAC Bylaws, Article XVI, Section 4:

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

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

Because there are people who are in need of support, we ask for your financial generosity for this very worthwhile project. On Gratitude Day, as you celebrate the founding of Modern Spiritualism, please remember those in our organization who have given so much of themselves with their time and effort. Help us to give them a loving thank you for all of their efforts to sustain Spiritualism.

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When ignited, we were both transformed and lead deeper into Spirit. The next morning we left feeling spiritually regenerated and inspired.

A few days after driving back to our Arizona home, a card arrived from the Central Spiritualist Church, NSAC in Sacramento, California, signed by Mary Barr (whom I have never met). It was a lovely card, welcoming me as editor and saying thank you for some of the new TNS-Summit features. A most appreciated gesture it was! But when I really studied the photo on the front of the card – hot, steaming, liquid, orange-red lava was flowing off a cliff and into the ocean. Talk about passion! This was truly the visual epitome of passionate energy flowing, as hot boiling liquid, touching and transforming and rebuilding.

When we need to rebuild or to create new territory in our life, we must amass the energy to light our passion. And then we need to flow, like the lava, steady and without ceasing, forward into building and creating what we want our lives to be. Islands have been formed from lava flowing, passionately, into the oceans. I like the thought of being like an island, surrounded by cool, invigorating water while being a resting place for others. What is your internal fuel? How do you amass the energy to be a spiritual flow of Spirit representation out into world? How do you light your fire?

My husband Ken recently built an in-ground firepit in our back yard; and it has been blessed and consecrated for spiritual work. We invited friends to share in the Native American Flute and Drum blessing ceremony on a full moon. We can view the firepit from the windows over the kitchen sink and beside our dining table. Every time I look out these windows, I am reminded of the intention for building the firepit; our intention was to create a sacred space for healing and inspiration. I like seeing the firepit there; it feels alive and ready to serve. It is a symbol of how we, as Spiritualists, want to live in the world; we want to serve.

Only passion, great passion, can set a life on fire.

In Spirit,

Laura Lee Perkins, Editor

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The Most Holy Season

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Christianity celebrates Easter.
Judaism celebrates Passover.
Islam celebrates Ramadan.
Spiritualists celebrate the brotherhood of all and our spiritual connections.

For the **CHRISTIAN** religion, the date of celebrating *Easter* is determined by the moon. This is why the dates for the Christian Holy Season change. To determine the dates, find the first full moon after the 25th of March and count back 40 days (excluding weekends). The closest Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, which occurs on February 6th this year. This is the beginning of the 40-day penitential season of LENT, beginning on Ash Wednesday and concluding at midnight on Holy Saturday.

Easter Sunday can fall on any date between March 22 and April 25. The year-to-year cosmic sequence is so complicated, it takes 5.7 million years to repeat! Eastern Orthodox churches sometimes celebrate Easter on the same day as the rest of Christendom. However, if that date does not follow Passover, then the Orthodox churches delay their Easter, sometimes by over a month.

HOLY WEEK commences on Palm Sunday and it includes Good Friday, the day of the crucifixion, and terminates on Holy Saturday. Modern day *Easter* is derived from two ancient traditions: one is Judeo-Christian and the other is Pagan. Both Christians and Pagans celebrate death and resurrection themes on or after the Spring Equinox. Most religious historians believe that many elements of the Christian observance of Easter were derived from earlier Pagan celebrations. The Christian celebration of Easter is also linked to the Jewish celebration of the…

PASSOVER

Passover and the *Feast of Unleavened Bread* were observed by the ancient Israelites early in each new year. (The Jewish people followed the Persian/Babylonian calendar and started each year with the Spring Equinox circa March-21.) *"Equinox"* means "equal night" when the number of hours and minutes of daylight and darkness are approximately equal. The name *Passover* was derived from the angel of death's actions as described in the Biblical book of *Exodus*. The angel "passed over" the Jews' homes, which were marked with the blood obtained from a ritual animal sacrifice. The same angel exterminated the first-born son of every family whose doorway was not so marked. *Passover* is the most important feast of the Jewish calendar, celebrated on the first full moon after the Vernal Equinox.

RAMADAN

About this same time Muslims observe **RAMADAN**. The fourth pillar of Islam (which is fasting) is practiced during the ninth month of Ramadan. The word *Ramadan* is derived from an Arabic word for "intense heat."

It is considered the most venerated, blessed and spiritually-beneficial month of the Islamic year. Prayers, fasting, charity, and self-accountability are especially stressed at this time; religious observances associated with *Ramadan* are kept throughout the month. God prescribed daily fasting for all able adult Muslims during the whole month of *Ramadan*, beginning with the sighting of the new moon. *Ramadan* is the month during which the Quran was revealed, providing guidance for the people, clear teachings, and the statue book.

Studying these observances in more detail, we learn that Lent, which typically involves fasting, penance and prayer, is a period of spiritual preparation for Easter. It was originally established by various Christian groups as an interval ranging from a few days to several weeks. It was eventually fixed in the 8th century CE at 40 days.

Among the Eastern Orthodox churches Lent is a full eight weeks, because Saturdays and Sundays are included.

- **Ash Wednesday** is held on the first day of Lent, always a Wednesday.
- **Holy Week** is the week before Easter Sunday.
- **Palm Sunday** is held on the Sunday before Easter Sunday. It recalls Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem one week before his execution.
- **Holy Monday** commemorates Jesus' cleansing of the temple, when he assaulted money changers and overturned their tables. Some believe that this triggered his arrest and crucifixion.
- **Holy Tuesday** recalls Jesus' description of the destruction of Jerusalem to his disciples on the Mount of Olives .
- **Holy Wednesday** (once called Spy Wednesday) recalls Judas' decision to betray Jesus in exchange for 30 pieces of silver.
- **Maundy Thursday** commemorates the Last Supper,

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including Jesus' agony in the garden and his arrest. "Maundy" is derived from the Latin "man datum" meaning commandment of God. For centuries, people in authority have washed the feet of their followers on this day as a sign of humility.

- **Good Friday** recalls Jesus' death on the cross. The origin of the word good has been lost. Some claim that it is a corruption of God, and that the early Christians called this day *God's Friday*. Others claim that good refers to the blessings of humanity that Christians believe arose as a result of Jesus' execution.
- **Holy Saturday** (a.k.a. **Easter Eve**) is the final day of Holy Week and of Lent.
- **Easter Sunday** commemorates Jesus' resurrection. In the early church, converts were baptized into church membership on this day after a lengthy period of instruction. This tradition continues today in some churches.
- **Feast of the Ascension** (a.k.a. Ascension Day) is a celebration of Jesus' ascension up to heaven. Some scholars believe this happened immediately after Jesus' resurrection. Others believe it was an undefined number of days after the resurrection, while still others believe it occurred 40 days after the resurrection. The Christian church has accepted that the feast is celebrated on a Thursday, 39 days after Easter Sunday. Although tradition states that it was first celebrated in 68 CE, it did not become formally recognized by the church until the late 3rd century.
- **Pentecost** (a.k.a. Whit Sunday) is now celebrated seven weeks/49 days after Easter Sunday. It recalls the visitation of the Holy Spirit to 120 Christians, both apostles and followers. They spoke (in foreign languages that they had not previously known) to the assembled crowd and 3,000 were baptized. The day was originally a Jewish festival which was called *Pentecost*, because it was observed 50 days after *Passover*. (The Greek word for 50th day is *Pentecost*.) This is usually regarded as the date of the birth of the Christian church. The feast was mentioned in a 2nd century book, and was formally recognized in the 3rd century CE.

The *Bible*, one of many holy books, gives numerous demonstrations of beliefs throughout the Easter story.

Prophecy
"Today thou shalt be with me in Paradise."
That none of his bones would be broken.
Levitation
In the removal of the stone.
Apportation
In the disappearance of His body
Dematerialization
Jesus left the sepulcher; bandages were unaltered.
Materialization
When He appeared to His disciples. This He did several times.
Independent Voice
When He spoke to His disciples.
Clairvoyance
He ascended in triumph and was clearly seen.
Transfiguration
Mary Magdalena thought Jesus was the gardener.
Proof of survival after death
Perfect harmony with Natural Law
Angels were the Spirit Messengers
who told Mary Magdalena that Jesus had risen.

All this phenomena is governed by Natural Law! The same law, the same Spirit, works through each of us today. All of these religions demonstrate, through proper adherence to their moral beliefs, unselfish love, sacrifice, courage, serenity, loyalty and love. The leaders of these religions are Way Showers and Pioneers, just like our Spiritualist pioneers who sacrificed a great deal so that we can openly practice our religion today.

May we fast, meditate and pray during this Most Holy Season and thus prepare ourselves to serve others with love by:

- Fasting from judging others; feasting on love and understanding.
- Fast from emphasis on differences; feast on the unity of life.
- Fast from apparent darkness; feast on the reality.
- Fast from anger; feast on patience.
- Fast from worry; feast on trust.
- Fast from hostility; feast on non-violence.
- Fast from bitterness; feast on forgiveness.
- Fast from self-concern; feast on compassion for others.
- Fast from idle gossip; feast on purposeful silence.

Infinite Spirit during this most Holy Season of fasting and feasting, gift us with your presence, so we can gift others with our Spiritualist ministry.



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FOR SPIRITUALISM HISTORY BUFFS

One website that I have found to be quite trustworthy re: the history of Spiritualism is

http://www.spirithistory.com/71yrbook.html

Here one finds really fascinating details recorded in the language of the times. For those who enjoy doing research, this is a valuable tool.

The Year-Book of Spiritualism for 1871 is offered with sections titled:

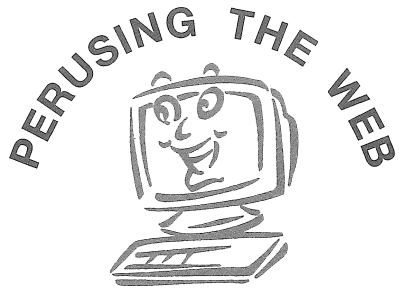
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- History of the National Organization of Spiritualists
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- List of Lecturers on Spiritualism and Relating Subjects

In addition, there is a fascinating section titled Listings of 19th Century Spiritualists from Directories, Registers, Almanacs, Newspapers, Society Membership Lists, and Convention Proceedings for those who really want to know who was doing what in Modern American Spiritualism 137 years ago when Spiritualism was reaching its peak enrollment in the United States after the Civil War.

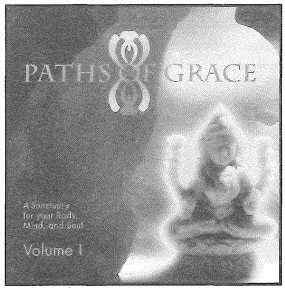
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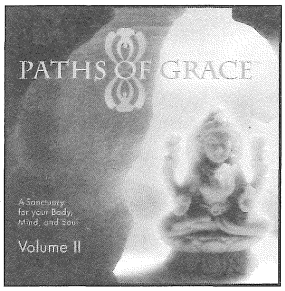


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Natural Laws

WALTER R. LONG, Arizona

It has been made clear to me that there are many Natural Laws which govern our world. The Law of Attraction may be the most popular, but each Law has its own merits and is as compelling and essential as the next. Please accept this list of Natural Laws as I currently understand them, and may they provide you with guidance, insight, and inspiration as they have done for me. The Natural Laws are, in no particular order:

1) **The Law of Attraction** states, *Like Attracts Like.* Stated another way, "Similar things tend to clump together."
2) **The Law of Creation** states, *Everything we do is Creative.* Stated another way, "Thought, word, deed are our three tools of creation."
3) **The Law of Relativity** states, *It's all Relative.* Stated another way, "Truth depends on how you look at it."
4) **The Law of Love** states, *At its Core, Everything is Love.* Stated another way, "Love is all there is."
5) **The Law of Freedom** states, *Everything, at all Times and in all Places, is Free.* Stated another way, "You cannot own anything."
6) **The Law of Opposites** states, *Everything has an Opposite.* Stated another way, "Everything exists in relation to what it is not."
7) **The Law of Self-Sufficiency** states, *Everything is Sufficient Unto Itself.* Stated another way, "You don't need anything."
8) **The Law of Conservation of Energy** states, *Matter and Energy can Neither be Created Nor Destroyed.* Stated another way, "All there is, is all there ever can be."
9) **The Law of Exchange** states, *Matter and Energy are the Same.* Stated another way, "You can convert matter to energy and vice versa using the formula $E=MC^2$."
10) **The Law of Connection/The Law of One** states, *All Things are Connected.* Stated another way, "You cannot *not* be a part of the whole."
11) **The Law of Cause and Effect** states, *Everything was Brought about by a Cause, and Everything in Turn has an Effect.* Stated another way, "Everything happens for a reason."
12) **The Law of Order** states, *Everything is in Order.* Stated another way, "Even in chaos, there is order."
13) **The Law of Progression/Law of Time** states, *Everything is Progressing in Order, and this Progression cannot be Stopped.* Stated another way, "You cannot stop your progression."
14) **The Law of Balance/Law of Homeostasis** states, *All Things are Balanced.* Stated another way, "You cannot unbalance a system, because matter and energy cannot be created or destroyed."
15) **The Law of Home** states, *In the End, all things will Return to their Source.* Stated another way, "You cannot *not* go home."
16) **The Law of Gravity** states, *All Physical things are Attracted to Each Other.* Stated another way, "This is the Law of Attraction working at the physical level."
17) **The Law of Symbiosis/Law of Mutual Reliance** states, *All things are Inter-Dependent.* Stated another way, "All things rely on all other things in order to do their job."
18) **The Law of Laws** states, *A Law cannot be Broken.* Stated another way, "Natural Laws are immutable, immovable forces."
19) **The Law of Synergy** states, *Where two or more Creative Forces Combine, a Third Shall Arise.* Stated another way, "1+1=3"
20) **The Law of Feeling/Law of Emotion** states, *For Every Moment of Life, there will be a Feeling for it.* Stated another way, "Life knows itself through feelings, and, you are always feeling."
21) **The Law of Illusion** states, *You will Forget all of this.* Stated another way, "You will, if even for a moment, forget everything you know, and act from the illusion that Natural Laws don't exist."
22) **The Law of Truth** states, *The Truth Shall always Prevail.* Stated another way, "You cannot suppress the truth, for the truth will always reveal itself."
23) **The Law of Evolution** states, *Everything is Evolving to a Point.* Stated another way, "All of life is progressing to a singular point."
24) **The Law of Health/Law of Healing** states, *All things have the Capacity to Heal.* Stated another way, "All things have inherent within them, the ability to return themselves to any desired state."
25) **The Law of Now** states, *There is only One Holy Moment.* Stated another way, "Time is an illusion, and all things are happening *right now*."
26) **The Law of Cycles** states, *All things Move in Cycles.* Stated another way, "Life always moves in seasons, circles, or cycles."
27) **The Law of Seeking** states, *All things will Leave their Source to Seek their own Identity.* Stated another way, "Everything has within it the innate desire to know itself."

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NEWS FROM MAINE

This photo was taken after the first service of the Harrison D. Barrett Church of 2008 in our new location. After almost 12 years in our old location, we decided it was time to make a change, hopefully to facilitate more growth. In our new location at 514 Broadway Ave., Bangor, Maine, we have better exposure, easier access and more parking. We hope that this change will bring Spiritualism to more people, and that we will prosper and grow.

In Light and Love,

Patty Palmer
HDB Board Member



From left to right: Teresa, Kathy, Lenore, Betty, Steve, Randy, Hazel, Ila, Patty & Glenn, and Aira.

NATURAL LAWS *(Continued from previous page.)*

28) **The Law of Individuation** states, *All things are Unique.* Stated another way, "There are no two alike in the universe."

29) **The Law of Breathing** states, *Life Breathes.* Stated another way, "Everything in life repeats the process of moving in and out, away and toward, ebb and tide, home and away."

30) **The Law of Rules** states, *Rules are Made to be Broken.* Stated another way, "Rules are humankind's way of creating stability in their lives, and the exceptions to these rules are built into the rules themselves."

31) **The Law of Existence** states, *Everything Exists.* Stated another way, "All things, even ideas, thoughts and fantasies, are real things, and thus, exist."

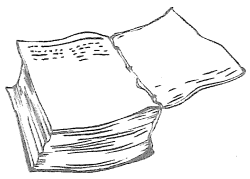
32) **The Law of Vibration** states, *All things Vibrate.* Stated another way, "All things are moving in place, or vibrating at a unique rate."

33) **The Law of the Jungle/Law of Survival** states, *All things will Fight for their Survival.* Stated another way, "Built into life is the desire to be *alive*."

34) **The Law of Focus** states, *What you Focus on Becomes Stronger.* Stated another way, "Power and energy follow your attention."

35) **The Law of Karma** states, *The Soul will Choose to Experience all Things.* Stated another way, "Karma is not a force, but a choice, and the soul will choose to experience all possibilities of life."

36) **The Law of Opportunity** states, *All Moments are an Opportunity.* Stated another way, "Each moment in life is a chance for you to know, think, say, do, and feel what you have always wanted to.



37) **The Law of Diversity** states, *There is Built into Unity, a Natural Diversity.* Stated another way, "Even though all is One, there is a diversity among the many parts that make up the whole."

38) **The Law of Entropy/Law of Equalization** states, *In a Closed System, all Energies will Equalize.* Stated another way, "When a system is closed to the outer world, its inner energies will eventually equalize and become homogenous or One."

39) **The Law of Dichotomy** states, *All Truths in our World are made up of Two Halves.* Stated another way, "In our world of the Relative, each of our truths consists of two parts; eg, a ying and a yang. Stated another way yet, there are two sides to every story."

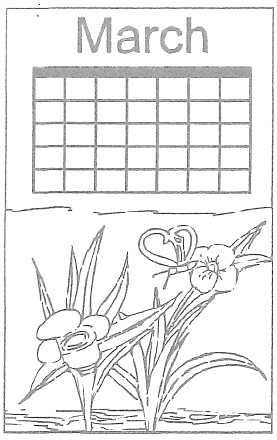
40) **The Law of Center** states, *Each thing is its own True Center."* Statd another way, "All things are naturally centered on themselves, or...*self-centered.*"

41) **The Law of Motion** states, *All things are in Motion.* Stated another way, "You cannot stop the motion of the Universe and all of Life."

42) **The Law of Equality** states, *All things are Equal in Value.* Stated another way, "While there is diversity and uniqueness in Life, no one thing has more inherent value than another."

43) **The Law of Reflection** states, *When Faced with our True Self, we will Desire to Return to that Self.* Stated another way, "When we are reminded of who we really are, we will exhibit a natural desire to return to that self."

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Wonderful, Wonderful March

PETER BERG, Texas

March 31, 1848 was the Birth of Modern Spiritualism

Just the word march reminds me of many things — some good, and some seemingly not so good experiences. I would like to share them with you.

March - The word reminds me of a regiment walking together as one unit. Team work is what Spiritualism is all about.

March Winds blow out the stale winter air and bring in the fresh air for spring, the new beginning.

March 10, 1956 I met my wife, The Rev. Virginia Berg. She was Lutheran at the time and that is what I had prayed for. She was a good Lutheran girl.

We met in church and I knew she was the gal for me. I didn't know at the time that I was getting Spirit's help. Spirit knows what is best for you.

Ginnie (Virginia) didn't stay Lutheran. She read a lot of books and explored many religions; finally she found Spiritualism.

At first I thought that was horrible, but then I slowly gravitated to the religion of Spiritualism.

March 10, 1989 my first grandson was born; what a thrill! Only those who are grandparents can experience that wonderful feeling.

March 10, 1992 is the day I was really convinced that Spirit intervenes with your life. This was the day of my grandson's third birthday.

I was working in my basement shop and I was cutting a notch out of a piece of wood. I picked up the circular saw, picked up the guard and pulled the trigger; nothing happened.

I looked for the trouble and I found that the plug was unplugged. So, I plugged it in and proceeded to do the same thing and it didn't work the second time. I looked for the trouble and I saw that it was unplugged for the second time. One time I can understand, although I was sure I had plugged it in. The second time, I don't think so. I even said to myself, "Spirit, I guess you don't want me to use this saw." But I didn't listen to Spirit and I continued to do my project. Well, you guessed it, I cut off my thumb!

Now, every time I look at my thumb I remember to listen to Spirit. This is the day I decided to be a real Spiritualist.

March 10, 1993 is the day I had my first heart attack. It was a small one, but it did require me to have an angioplasty. This made me realize that I need to take care of myself.

I retired early and Ginnie and I enjoyed traveling and the simple pleasures of life.

March 17th - We cannot forget St. Patrick's Day which brightens up March with zesto.

March 21 of every year reminds me of my Grandmother because it was her birthday. I always feel her strong presence during the spring equinox season.

March 25, 1983 was the day that my mother made her crossing into the spirit world. I wonder what she saw prior to crossing? The nurse on duty said that she was giggling and laughing when she checked on her in the morning. Minutes later she came back into mother's room to find that her spirit had left her body. I experienced my mother leaving the earthly plane once her church funeral service was over. She had stayed around to be with us.

March 28,1985 was the day that my father made his crossing. The day before he crossed we tried to get him to go to the hospital as he was having a severe back ache. Checking on him in the morning, we found my father sitting in the chair watching the 100 Club, a religious program. He was dressed as though he wanted to go to church. His bed was made and everything was so neat. (This was not like my father.)

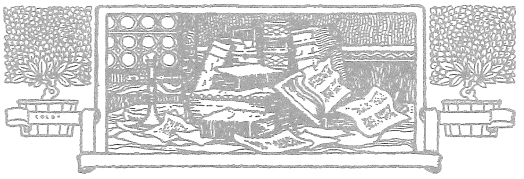
My father did not respond when we talked to him. Rescue came and took him to the hospital. I knew at that time my father's spirit rushed out of him as he was in a hurry to get to Mom. He did not wait around for his funeral.

March 31st of every year we remember the birth of Modern Spiritualism. This is why we have Gratitude Sunday, celebrated on the last Sunday in March. We want to show our gratitude to all those who served so faithfully to keep Spiritualism alive. NSAC has set up a fund called the "Spiritualist Benevolent Society" (SBS). This fund right now is paying out more than $1,000 a month to help ten of our Spiritualist members who are serving Spiritualism so faithfully and are in need of funds because of limited income. To keep this fund going we rely on donations from our members and friends. Most of the churches have a special event when the proceeds are given for SBS.

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Mediums of the Advent of Modern Spiritualism

THE REV. MARILYN J. AWTRY, Florida



Yes, it's March 31, 2008! We are proud of our 160 year heritage of Modern Spiritualism in America, and rightfully so!

The names Margaretta and Catherine Fox should be given recognition for the wonderful works they did from March 31, 1848 on throughout their lives in both the good and the bad times. And while they are the two given this recognition, we must especially remember Leah Fox. Had it not been for her, the happenings of Hydesville, New York, may have remained a community event to soon be forgotten. It became apparent to Leah that this was the beginning of a new awareness.

As young children of eleven and one-half and nine respectfully, they stepped up to the plate and did their job. Though the task was often difficult, they did not waiver from the responsibility placed on their young shoulders. While young Katie (Catherine) continued her schooling in Hydesville for a short time, older Margaretta was taken to Rochester. There Leah held circles and séances that drew the attention of some important people. After some very delicate times in Rochester, the spirit entities informed them that since they would not take the message forward and perform their duty, the spirits would have to leave them. The final message came, "We will now bid you farewell." The girls were happy realizing that all the rapping, banging, and tossing of furniture would stop. Friends called periodically to see if the spirits had returned. Leah's house was normal for a short while. But after a few days passed, the girls missed the protection and communication of the spirits.

Eliab Wilkinson Capron was given the message that the work should be made public and he, along with George Willet and some accomplices, went to Rochester to visit the family. They were met with sad faces as the girls told him of the happening. The spirits returned! He stepped forward to encourage and schedule the demonstrations on November 14, 1849, at Corinthian Hall in Rochester. Capron would give the lecture explaining the Hydesville happenings before the demonstration. George Willets would act as business man and doorkeeper. A 25 cent charge would be made to enter. From the audience, a committee of five would be selected to investigate the happenings. This meeting on November 14 was an event that opened the doorway for the new movement to become Modern American Spiritualism.

After this meeting, the spirits said that the meetings should take place in private homes with large parlors. Spiritualism was on the move. Catherine was taken to Auburn as a guest at the Capron's home. The rappings carried on there, just as they did in Rochester. By March 16, 1850, excellent manifestations were going on in the home of the Rev. Eliakim Phelps, D.D. in Stratford, Connecticut. Then the Fox sisters went to New York City. One of their first callers was Horace Greeley, who became a staunch supporter of the sisters, opening many doors for them using his *New York Tribune* as a voice.

Although Spiritualism had a humble beginning, it moved to become a recognized science, philosophy and religion. Under the laws of the District of Columbia, Spiritualism was incorporated as a religion in 1893. We owe our sincere gratitude to the Fox Family.

Note: Margaretta and Catherine are interred in Cypress Hills Cemetery, Brooklyn, NY Section 3, Plot #355 in the old part of the Cemetery. Leah is interred in the Green-wood Cemetery, Brooklyn, NY in the Underhill Plot lot 12294/5, Section 172.

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WONDERFUL, WONDERFUL MARCH

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When you became a member of the Spiritualist church you were most likely asked the following question:

"Will you aid and assist your suffering fellowmen by supplying their physical needs, so far as you can without injury to yourself or family, and by giving them such spiritual consolation as may be yours to impart whenever proper opportunity offers?"

Well, this is your opportunity! You can make your donation directly by calling the NSAC office, 716-595-2000 and using your Master Card or Visa to make that donation.

I hope you enjoyed reading why I feel that March is a wonderful month. Yes, there were some sad happenings, but they only enriched my spiritual life. May we all march together in love, joy and happiness this March and throughout the year!

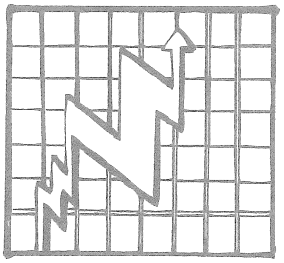
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BY THE REVS. BRIAN AND LYNN KENT

The Rev. Richard Schoeller does it again!



On August 14, 2007 The Rev. Richard Schoeller of the Summerland Church of Light in Hauppauge, Long Island, NY gave a "Trance and Transfiguration" demonstration at Assembly Hall, Lily Dale, NY. There were 50 plus in attendance and they were treated by Spirit relatives who were also in attendance for this "phenomenal experience."

Many took advantage of checking the cabinet, constructed of wood and black velvet curtains. A red light was clearly visible and illuminated the area where the medium would sit. The room and podium were also lit by the light inside the cabinet, yet it was easy to see everything. Peg Johnson, NSAC Bookkeeper and The Rev. Sharon Snowman, NSAC Secretary, witnessed placement and construction of the cabinet by three men who were given instructions by the medium, Richard Schoeller. Paper, brushes and paint were placed on one side of the cabinet (on the outside) and on the other side, a trumpet was placed. These were also inspected by many in the room.

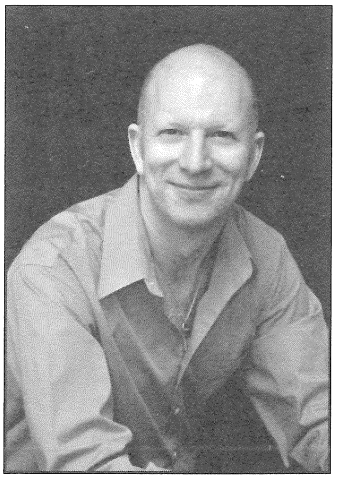
After opening with a prayer, Peg Johnson sat on one side and Sharon Snowman sat on the other side of Richard Schoeller. In the dim red light, attendees were able to visually see ectoplasm-like white fog flow along Richard's frame to the curtain, climb the curtain and reach to the light. A circle of ectoplasm extended about six inches from the light and was commented on by onlookers. Some in attendance recognized family members. Many people transfigured over the medium; most were recognizable, and those that were not were described verbally.

Spirit relatives recognized were: William and Jane McGarvie, Dennis Heintz, Victoria Barnes, Steve Morse and past NSAC President, The Rev. Joseph Merrill.

Among the witnesses that night and whose written comments this story comes from are: Irene McGarvie, Judith Murnan, Theodore Rivers, Marilyn J. Awtry, Mike Morley, Ann Barrett, Ellen Morse, Peg Johnson and Sharon Snowman.

It was mentioned that Richard Schoeller has been growing in this area of mediumship, and those in attendance at Lily Dale on the night of August 14, 2007, were witnesses to this. It is in this type of phenomenal growth that we, as a religion, will be able to bring back the old style mediumship within a new light and grow in understanding of this phenomenon.

To all who are reading this, always be willing to learn, no matter how much you think you already know. Spirit always has more in mind than we do!



The Rev. Richard Schoeller, NSAC Trustee



The Rev. Joseph Merrill, NSAC 6th President

With all our respect and gratitude,
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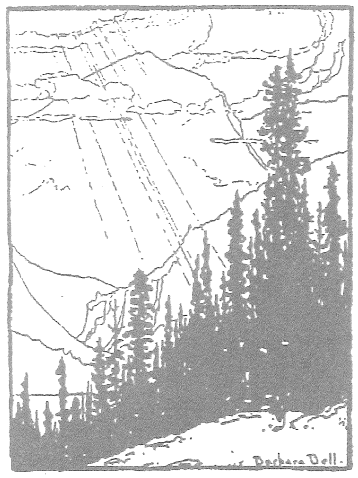
**An online form can now be used to report paranormal phenomena at www.nsacphenomena.net.

All is like a dream or a magic show.
– Tibetan Buddhist Treatise

Freedom and Personal Responsibility

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With freedom comes personal responsibility, a virtue Spiritualism has adopted as one of its Nine Principles. We are faced with a period in human evolution that challenges our willingness to take personal responsibility for our actions, both as an individual and as a member of the human race. The pioneers of Modern Spiritualism faced similar challenges during the time when our new religion was simply an embryo in the ever-evolving progress of humanity. We've come a long way in the almost 200 years since Andrew Jackson Davis began publishing his inspired writings. At the same time, many things are just as they were then, if we look at our society with a more global perspective, as many people are doing.



Just as today, it was during a time of war. Not only the Civil War that was brewing here in the US, but wars were all around the world. What was our civil unrest about? It was spawned by the same principles upon which the United States was founded – equality and justice. Freedom was the reward of applying these principles in a positive manner at all levels of society for individuals and groups. Just as today, there were people around the world struggling for equality and self-determination. The ideal for the Civil War was to abolish slavery. The women's movement for equality was afoot and taking hold. The native tribes of the country were being obliterated. Racism was rampant among the different nationalities who had migrated to the "Melting Pot" of America. In the midst of this unrest, phenomena of spirit communication emerged to the general public.

Many of the early offshoots of that developing embryo of Spiritualism were referred to as "societies" in those early years. The London Dialectical Society was founded in London in 1867. The American Society for Psychical Research was founded in 1885, and still functions today. When groups of people with the same interest came together, they were described as a society.

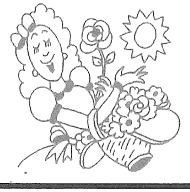
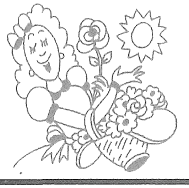
Spiritualism was not an established religion in the early years. It was a newly emerging philosophy and a subject for scientific investigation. Spiritualism evolved into a Science, Philosophy and Religion over time. It is interesting that many other new things (telephone, telegraph) were happening in the field of communication just as a society of Spiritualists embarked on the first form of wireless communication—mediumship.

Like our country, Spiritualism shared the ideals of equality, justice and freedom. It is important to aspire to the principles of equality and justice at all levels of society: family, community, nation, world, and let's not forget the beyond. The Law of Cause and Effect teaches us how Natural Laws work in our lives. Not only do our actions affect us in our personal and spiritual development, but the ripple effects of those actions move out into the etheric world, like the ripples caused by a pebble thrown into a pond. The Law of Attraction causes a magnetic reaction that draws those like forms of energy together, seeking the same vibration to merge and harmonize with, and increasing the power and influence of that ideal. Spiritualism has always expressed a belief in the Oneness of all existence, a larger whole of which we are but a part. The Creator in which we live, move and have our being, we call Infinite Intelligence.

We are so very fortunate to live in a country that allows us to freely express our beliefs. The world is opening up to accepting other realms of existence—of reality. We still have a long way to go before the principles of equality and justice prevail. Perhaps they never will in this Earthly place, and maybe our sojourn here is to develop and refine these qualities so that we can put them to use in another realm. We each have a responsibility to foster the ideals of equality and justice as we work with those on the spirit side of life to harmonize the vibrations here on the Earth plane. •

Positive Statements To Help Create a Positive Day.

Affirmations . . . MARCH 2008

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
This month's affirmations were written by Nancy Ashworth of Missouri.						**1** God is always with you...only a breath away.
2 In times of trouble look to Infinite Intelligence.	**3** In times of grief feel Spirit's arms around you.	**4** In times of joy remember the Source of joy.	**5** At all times remember that you are loved.	**6** You will never have this moment again...enjoy it.	**7** God's love is eternal and everlasting.	**8** Seeing is Believing.
9 Let each give what they can.	**10** Everyone needs help some days.	**11** To be appreciated is a wonderful feeling.	**12** To be wise you must listen.	**13** Every moment God gives you another chance.	**14** Truth is a gem of great value.	**15** Praise brings messages upon the wings of angels.
16 Change is a concept of the mind.	**17** We are not all saints like St. Patrick!	**18** Inspiration comes from above.	**19** To go where you are lead is to open your heart to God.	**20** You are unique... no one is exactly like you.	**21** SPRING brings new growth!	**22** Make the most of today.
23 God never ends and never fails.	**24** Today is but a moment in eternity.	**25** The path may be rocky but the rewards are beyond imagination.	**26** Love is never a debatable option; you do or you don't.	**27** Giving from the heart is a never ending fountain.	**28** Cherish what you have at this moment.	**29** Life is short but God's love is eternal.
30 The right choice can change your destiny.	**31** "I am with you every moment and in every breathe you take." God.		**SPRING is the opening of life into beauty and new growth.**			





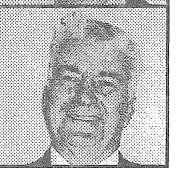

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BANGOR - The Harrison D. Barrett Memorial Church, NSAC • 114-118 Harlow St., (under Silo Seven); Sun. Serv. 10:00 a.m.; Secy., Betty Simpson, 715 Newburgh Rd., Hermon, 04401, (207) 848-2273, e-mail: betty.simpson@maine.gov. Church services may be canceled 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 @ 12:30 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.

• 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. 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., followed by fellowship; Spiritual Unfoldment Classes Tues. even. 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.; Wed. Open Class 6 p.m. & Serv. 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.

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.

LESLIE - Flower Memorial Spiritualist Church • 430 Bellevue St., 49251; Serv. 10:45 a.m. Sundays; Contact Jackie North, e-mail J91943@ALLDIAL.NET or (517) 796-2858.

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

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

• MINNESOTA •

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

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

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ST. LOUIS - Fifth Spiritualist Church of St. Louis • 6026 S. Kingshighway Blvd., 63109-3558; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Healing, Meditation & All Message Service, 1st Wed. of the month at 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Paula Homan, 3297 Hawthorne Blvd., Alton, IL 62002 - cell: (618) 799-8866; Pres., Carl Davis, 4451 Catherine Place, 63115 - (314) 383-5954.

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

• NEW HAMPSHIRE •

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

• NEW JERSEY •

WESTVILLE - Church of Eternal Life • 243 W. Olive & Folsom Sts., 08093; Sun Healing, Worship & Message Service 11:00 a.m. Call (856) 456-2196 for cancellations. Pres Rev Dr John Bassett Jr., PhD, 320 Savannah Rd, Essex,

MD 21221 (410) 391-3656. Sec Kathleen M. Pallack 430 S. Broadway, Gloucester, MD 08030 (856) 456-3401. Website: NJCOEL.org.
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• NEW YORK •

EAST AURORA - First Spiritualist Temple • 29 Temple Pl., P.O. Box 465, 14052, (716) 652-5018, www.eastauroraspiritualism.com; Sun. Healing Service 10:30 a.m.; Lecture and Message Service 11:00 a.m.; Social Hour 12:15 p.m.; Dinner Day 3rd Sun. of month; Secy., Jeanne Phoenix Laurel, (716) 286-8628 or (716) 876-4805.
LILY DALE - Lily Dale Assembly • 5 Melrose Park, 14752, (716) 595-8721, Fax (716) 595-2442; Office Hours, Sept.-June, M-F, 10 a.m.-2 p.m; June-Aug, M-F, 9 a.m.-4p.m., Sat. 9 a.m.-12 Noon, closed Sunday; Camp Season: Last Friday in June to day before Labor Day; contact Lynne Forget, Secretary; website: www.lilydaleassembly.com; e-mail: lilydale@netsync.net.
LILY DALE - Lily Dale Spiritualist Church • East St. P.O. Box 1128, 14752-1128, (716) 595-3971; Sun. Serv. 10:00 a.m.; Healing & Message Serv. each Wed. 7:30 p.m.; Pres., Rev. Sharon Snowman; Sec. Darleen Storm (716) 595-2083; website: http://www.lilydalespiritualistchurch.com
LONG ISLAND - A Sanctuary of Infinite Spirit, Inc., NSAC • Healing & Worship Service, Sun. 11:00 a.m. at the Smithtown Masonic Lodge, 34 River Rd. (Nisequogue River Rd.), Smithtown; Pastor, Rev. Patricia Anne Duffield, NST, (631) 588-5869; Mailing address: 10 Ackerly Lane, Lake Ronkonkoma, 11779; e-mail: kenpatduff@hotmail.com.
LONG ISLAND - New Horizons Spiritualist Church, NSAC • Sun. Service 10:00 a.m., 1585 Round Swamp Rd (Homewood Suites), Plainview, NY. F. Werbeck, Sec. 43 Grand Ave, Lynbrook, NY 11563 (516) 593-7213. Rev. N Lloyd, NST - Pastor, 10 Muncy Ave Apt #301, West Babylon, NY 11704 (631) 669-3226. Email NlloydNsuffolk.lib.ny.us.
LONG ISLAND - Summerland Church of Light, NSAC • Healing and Worship Service: Sunday 10:00 a.m. service held at 225 Wireless Blvd., Hauppauge; Church Mailing Address: P.O. Box 5209, Hauppauge, 11788-5209, (631) 732-0421; Pastor, Rev. Richard Schoeller, NST, (631) 470-0221; website: www.summerlandchurchoflight.com.
LONG ISLAND - Temple of Metaphysical Science, NSAC • So. Ocean Ave. & Baker St., Patchogue, 11772; Sun. Serv.: Healing and Worship 11:00 a.m.; Pastor, Rev. Hugo Ruiz, NST; Mailing address: P.O. Box 3400, Patchogue, 11772, 800-316-1231; website: http://www.TMS-Li.org.
ROCHESTER - Plymouth Spiritualist Church • 29 Vick Park A, 14607; (585) 271-1470; Voicemail (585) 234-2362; Sunday Devotional Services: 10:30 a.m. - 12 noon; Third Wednesdays All Message Service with Spiritual Healing 7-9 p.m.; e-mail & website: Plymouthspiritualistchurch.org (check our website for up-to-date circle and development class information; Pastor, Robin Higgins; President, Joanne Antinore; Secretary, Valerie Grosche, Valerie.Grosche@xerox.com.

• OHIO •

ASHLEY - Ashley Spiritualist Camp Association • 6 Wooley Park Drive, 43003; Mail to: Selina Duffey, Secy., P.O. Box 277, 43003-0277; For additional information contact: Steven Duffey, (740) 747-2212.
ASHLEY - First Spiritualist Church of Linden • 6 Wooley Park Drive, 43003; Mail to: Chrys Rice, Secy., P.O. Box 648, 43003-0648; Sun. Serv. 7:00 p.m.; For additional information, please contact: Treas., Steven Duffey, (740) 747-2212.
ASHLEY - Spiritualist Church of Spirit Revelation • Mail to: P.O. Box 253, 43003-0253; Wed. Serv., 7:00 p.m.; For additional information, please contact: Secy., Judy A. Pearsell, (740) 747-2688, e-mail: JJPearsell@hotmail.com.
DAYTON - Spiritual Life Center, NSAC • 611 Watervliet Ave., 45420-2544, (937) 878-1165; Pastor, Rev. Raymond Moschke, e-mail: RMoschke@aol.com.

• OKLAHOMA •

OKLAHOMA CITY - Central Spiritualist Church • 2348 N.W. 36th St., Sun. Serv. 2:30 p.m.; Lyceum Sun. 1:00 p.m.; Pastor, Juanita Oyer; Pres., Charlotte Griffin, 1331 Lafayette; Secy., Juanita R. Oyer, 6216 S.E. 10th St., 73110, (405) 732-7975.

• PENNSYLVANIA •

ALLENTOWN - Getter Memorial Church, NSAC • 1123 Oak, 18102; e-mail: getter@entermail.net; Lyceum 9:30 a.m. with Sun. Service to follow at 10:00 a.m. including healing and message work; Pastor, Rev. Ludwig Zernicek, NST; e-mail: rev_lance@entermail.net, phone (610) 770-7560; Pres., Sharon George-Politz, C.M., (610) 434-3454; Secy., Susan Zernicek, e-mail: getter_sec@entermail.net. or phone (610) 770-7560.
McKEESPORT - First Spiritualist Church • 809 Locust St., 15132, (412) 672-1272; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m. Healing/Meditation, 11:00 a.m. Lecture and Messages; Tues. Mediumship Dev. Class; Church Social 2nd Friday each month; Minister, Carol O. Perella, L.M.; Pres., Gary Miller, (412) 901-3320, e-mail: gmsprt@comcast.net; Secy./Treas., Jeanne Turchek, (412) 414-7812; e-mail: angelgide@juno.com; website www.firstspiritualist.org.
PHILADELPHIA - Second Spiritualist Church • 423 S. Broad St., 19147, (215) 735-9630; Lyceum Sun. 4:30 p.m.; Healing and Worship Service 5:30 p.m.; Wed. all message, 7:45 p.m.; Pastor, John E. Faison, Sr.; Co-Pastor, Betty Hutt; Secy., Gladys M. Faison, 2118 N. Natrona St., 19121, (215) 232-9219.

• TEXAS •

AUSTIN - First Spiritualist Church of Austin • 4200 Ave "D" - Austin, TX 78751, (512) 458-3987; Devotional, healing & message service every Sunday at 10:00 a.m.; Pres., Wanda Garcia; Corr. Secy., Wanda Garcia.
HOUSTON - First Church Of Divine Science, NSAC • 2115 Turner Dr., 77093; Mailing Addr.: P.O. Box 11088, 77293-1088; Pres., Rev. Jovita Jessup; Rev. Marie W. Smith; Secy., Liana V. Liles; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Wed. Service: 7:30 p.m. Open healing, meditation, & messages from Spirit; Fri. Spiritual Development 8:00 p.m.; Sat. Spiritual Development 10:00 a.m.; Private Spiritualist readings by appt., (713) 695-2550; e-mail: lileshouston@aol.com; website: www.houstonspiritualists.org.
SAN ANTONIO - Louise Scholtz Memorial Chapel, NSAC • 1627 PanAm Expwy. North, 78208-1143, (210) 225-2354; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; Co-Pastors, Hector Caldera and Alex Sifuentes.

• VIRGINIA •

FALLS CHURCH - Center for Spiritual Enlightenment, NSAC • 222 N. Washington Street; Mailing Address: CSE (NSAC), P.O. Box 6535, 22040-6535; (703) 645-8060; website: www.TheCSE.org; e-mail: thecse@TheCSE.org; Year-round Serv.; Healing Serv. each Sun. 10:00 a.m., followed by Devotional Serv. at 10:30 a.m.; Children's Lyceum 10:00 a.m., Sept. through June; Shelly Wooldridge, Lyceum Director; Judy Griesse, Debbie Shoop, Lyceum Co-Directors; Pastor, Rev. B. Anne Gehman; Asst. Pastor, Rev. Patricia A. Stranahan; Pres., Rita O'Connor; Secy., Awilda Abaza, 2301 N. Street NW #606, Washington, DC 20037 / (202) 775-1907, e-mail: agabaza@earthlink.net; Exec. Coordinator, Sherry Truhlar, 1670 Fitzgerald Lane, Alexandria, 22302, (703) 577-7807.
NORFOLK - The Memorial Spiritualist Church, NSAC • 307 W. 37th St., 23508-3207, (757) 622-5070; website http://www.memorialspiritualistchurch.com; Service held on Sundays at 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Wed. at 7:30 p.m.; Healing available at 7:00 p.m. Sun. and Wed.; Pres., Jim Watson; Secy., Ann Marie Croteau; Lyceum Director, Rev. Kathleen Cribb.

• WASHINGTON •

MILTON - Edgewood - Church of Divine Grace, NSAC • Services held Sun @ 2:30 P.M., Unity Church of Christianity, 2908 Meridian E #101, Edgewood, WA 98371. Student minister Atira Hatton, Pres Bernie Allers (253) 833-4250 11113 SE 323rd St, Auburn, WA 98092. Sec Robin Maylor (253) 565-4190. Email DivinegraceNSAC@comcast.com to Karen Wennerlind.
MILTON - Camp Edgewood, NSAC • 1228 26th Ave Ct, Milton, WA 98354 Ph: (253) 927-2050 / Fax (253) 927-7531. Pres. David Chapman, Sec. Denice Chapman - Email: campedgewood@yahoo.com. Please visit our website for information on year-round Development and Educational Classes. http://campedgewood.nsac-churches.org.
MILTON - Church of Spiritual Unity, NSAC • Held @ Camp Edgewood NSAC - 1228 26th Ave Ct. Church Service Sun @ 2:00 PM Sep-May. Mailing address c/o Pres. Colleen Mohler, 1210 26th Ave Ct 98354, Ph: (253) 927-2365. Pastor Rev. LaVerne Pemberton Ph: (253) 833-9279. Sec. Jennifer Currier (253) 927-7081, Email cynthia92969@yahoo.com.
MILTON - Church of Spiritual Truth, NSAC • Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m. at 1228 26th Ave. Ct., Milton, WA Center. Student Pastor Denice (Dee) L. Chapman; Mailing address PO Box 1856 Milton, WA 98354.

• WEST VIRGINIA •

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

• WISCONSIN •

WEST ALLIS - First Spiritualist Church of West Allis • 6228 W. Washington St., 53214, (414) 778-0088; Sun. Serv. & Healing at 10:30 a.m.; Pres., Heather Michaels; website: www.myspace.com\fscwa.
WONEWOC - Western Wisconsin Camp Association, Inc. NSAC, (Wonewoc Spiritualist Camp) • 304 Hill St., 53968-0187, (608) 464-7770; Open June-August; Camp website: http://www.campwonewoc.com.

• CANADA •

Britten Memorial Church of Canada • 657 Lansdowne Ave., Toronto, Ontario, M6H 3Y2.
The First Spiritual Church of Montreal • 2186 St. Catherine St. West, Montreal, Quebec, H3H 1M7; English Serv. - Sun. 2:00 p.m. & Wed. 7:30 p.m.; French Serv. - Sun. 4:30 pm., 2nd & 4th Wed. 7:30 p.m; Rev. Mary Amato, Minister, (514) 365-0661.
The First Spiritualist Church of Galt • 72 Grand Ave. North, Cambridge, Ontario, N1S 2K9, (519) 622-7177; Pastor, Rev. Karen Charles; Pastor, Rev. Ed Kenning (retired); Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m. (includes Healing and Scheduled Mediums). Meditation, healing, education and Message circle, 1st & 3rd Wed. 7:00 p.m. Development & Healing Classes available. Call (519) 622-7177 for updates.
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Spiritualist Church of Canada • 83 Ottawa Street North, Hamilton, Ontario, L8H 3Y9; Pres., Rev. James Kinnear; website: www.spiritualistchurchofcanada.com.

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

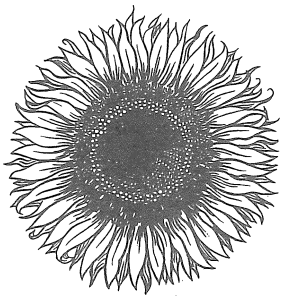
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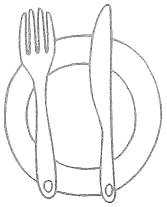
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- 3 cups shredded coconut - the fresher the better!
- 1 cup sweetened condensed milk
- 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1/2 teaspoon almond extract
- A few drops of GREEN food coloring

Drop by a spoonful about 1" apart onto a greased cookie sheet. Bake at 350° for 15 minutes, or until macaroons are golden brown. Cool 5 minutes and then remove from baking sheet. Makes about 3 dozen GREEN coconut macaroons.

GLAZED CORN BEEF

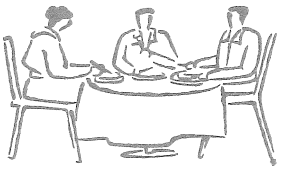
Using an apricot glaze really makes a special Irish corned beef dish for St. Patrick's Day!

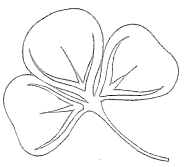
- 4-5 lbs. corned beef
- 1 cup water
- 1 cup apricot preserves
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 2 Tbsp. soy sauce

Preheat oven to 350°. Rinse corned beef and place in a glass baking dish that has been sprayed with non-stick spray. Add water, cover tightly with aluminum foil and bake at 350° for 2 hours. Remove from oven and drain off the liquid. Combine apricot preserves, brown sugar, and soy sauce and spread the apricot mixture evenly over the corned beef. Bake uncovered at 350° for 30 additional minutes, or until the meat is tender, basting occasionally with pan drippings.

Slice corned beef across grain to serve.

Boiled cabbage, carrots and potatoes compliment this glazed corned beef. Serve some simple oven biscuits brushed with melted butter and sprinkled with green parsley for an additional "green flair." •





Spiritualism was introduced to Ireland in 1857 by Captain Casement of England. Iver MacDonnell was told by Spirit that she would be the means for forwarding the Truth. Based on this message and completing study in the practice of mesmerism, she formed a circle. As a result, three writing mediums developed. As a result of this success, other circles were formed and it was found that Ireland was a grand field for Spiritualism. She said of Spiritualism:

1. Spiritualism verified the Scriptures.
2. Spiritualism reconciled the character of Deity of goodness and love.
3. Spiritualism created a living belief which affects our lives with the transient nature of human life.

Information provided by The Rev. Marilyn Awtry.

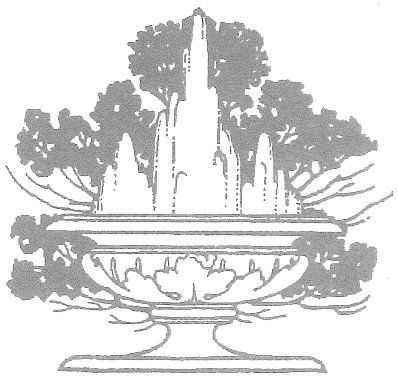
The Guiding Vein of Gold

JUNE JOHNSON, California

"All of us are far richer than we imagine...Our inner resources, often unmined and even unknown or unacknowledged, are the treasures we carry." It is "our spiritual DNA" which "we are charged with developing."

These words are from Julia Cameron's 1996 book, *The Vein of Gold*, "A Journey to Your Creative Heart."

She says, "through alignment with this vein of gold, we are able to manifest our lives in a richer way. It is, however, less a matter of productivity than a matter of alchemy. Alchemy is a process of transformation."



I want to encourage you to mine your vein of gold and help you to recognize this treasure which is within you. I recommend that you keep a journal which includes both your interior and exterior journey. Based on my experience, seeing your dreams, prayers, ideas, and visions written down in relation to what's happening in your exterior life helps to clarify your perception of the underlying energy of spiritual wholeness which can emerge like a guiding vein of gold into your consciousness, leading you to:

1) Heal yourself and develop your inner resources;
2) Live in meaningful and healing relationship to others;
3) Express vitality through your life and all that you do.

Cameron writes, "The vein of gold in every life is located in the heart of that life. The heart is the origin of creative impulses. If that heart has been wounded, it must be healed for our vein of gold to flow freely...As we travel further and further into our own interiors, we will be taking the dross of our lives—the disappointments, wounds, and burdens—and we will make them into gold through the power of creativity. All of our lives are already golden—in potential—if we are willing to do the necessary work of transformation."

The Egyptians, Cameron says, referred to this spiritual gold as "the golden ray"—the individual, indisputable, indestructible connection to the divine."

The Rev. Florence Becker, founder of the Golden Gate Spiritualist Church of San Francisco, described a spiritual "golden thread" representing our oneness with God, calling it the "chain of life that links all mankind together." She advised: "You pause, you think, you apply, you concentrate, you meditate. Then search for this mighty treasure. When you have found it, nothing can take it from you."

J. Donald Walters, a student of Paramahansa Yogananda, in his book, *The Artist as Channel*, introduces a closely related idea he calls Crystal Clarity. "Crystal Clarity means to see oneself, and all things, as aspects of a greater reality" and "to seek to enter into conscious attunement with that reality."

Coming across Cameron's book, *The Vein of Gold*, recalled to me how I came to experience this interior awareness years before reading about it.

I'd been meditating and keeping a record of messages from my spirit band for nearly ten years, when I was surprised by an unmistakable spiritual light encouraging me to participate in a week-long workshop, at the studio of a master glass artist. Within a few days I received a glass panel commission which would cover the expense. During the workshop I found the teacher in deep emotional pain. It took years for me to realize that this teacher was pointed out to me to help me develop my inner seeing and healing skills more than my work as a stained glass artist. Our infrequent, but phenomena-filled, exchanges generated amazing energy for ongoing development and transformation. I was learning to more clearly discern a greater reality.

A few years after that workshop I felt drawn to attend a glass art convention in Reno where this man was to speak. As I prepared for my trip, I entered a compelling vision:

On a bright sunny day, walking along a tree-lined road, I approach a castle surrounded by a high dense wall of dark brambles. I know that inside the castle, like a prince in a fairy tale, the man who had been my mentor lies trapped, unable to call out to give direction or encouragement.

Spirit helpers come to my aid as we concentrate our efforts to pull away the wall of thorns. The unmoving body we come upon is dead to us—but how beautiful! How we long for the beloved to wake! How we grieve at the promise and the loss. There must be something we can do to restore life.

One prays, one asks for direction. One pledges oneself to any journey, any task, any effort that will lead to recovery of the beloved one.

Guide me, God, I prayed. The brambles have been cut away, light has been restored to the castle, yet the Prince remains entranced.

I was led from within to recognize that the importance

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of this trip was not in the man's speech, nor in anything we might say, but in his consciously experiencing our soul connection in such a powerful way he would know he's awakened to a larger reality. I noted in my journal: "It is not I who come to you. It is the God within that draws me, irrevocably, to join the God in you."

The Rev. Florence Becker's teachings confirm this perception. She taught that when God's likeness (Christ principle) is awakened in your consciousness, you can strengthen not only your weakness but the error of others.

She cautioned, "But if the way points to force of the human, you are mixed with illusion. If it leads to spiritual substance it points the way to freedom...Gratitude, tolerance and duty store up spiritual substance."

When I arrived at the MGM Grand for the convention, preconceived thoughts about casinos made it challenging for me to remain open to my spiritual perspective which had arisen from gratitude for the inspiration I'd received, and created my sense of duty toward helping my teacher if I could. I was called upon to maintain a compassionate tolerance toward his shortcomings and whatever existed in the environment.

As Julia Cameron comments, "We (are asked to) withdraw our energy from any mis-investments in the priorities, expectations, and interpretations of others...You are the traveler and the destination."



Cameron adds, "Each bit of authenticity we are able to own constitutes a part of our vein of gold." And, "Once uncovered, the original self is vital and vibrant."

My spirit helpers counseled, "To present ourselves as naturally, as close to our real nature as physical reality will allow, takes more than choosing only from the physical, the mental, or the emotional. There is no wholeness without the natural base," and they added, "The path requires more than strength. It demands increasing compassion and sensitivity."

Walters writes, "The wise person's insight is born of deep kindness, compassion, and good humor. His wisdom arises naturally from a calm acceptance of life's vicissitudes...The broader the vision, the more positive it tends to be, not because it ignores the darknesses, but because it sees them as parts of a greater whole."

Walters says Crystal Clarity is to "seek always to be guided by the simple truth, not by opinion, and by what *is*, not by one's own desires or prejudices...Clarity implies wisdom. And wisdom is the mark of one who has learned to accept the world as it is, and himself as he is."

He suggests if we ask, "'What is trying to happen here?' accepting that there are currents of thought and consciousness around us to which we can attune ourselves, in that process we find more support for our energies than if we work against those currents."

Crystal Clarity means seeking always to include other people's realities in one's own. Including other people's realities brings an opening within...of *fresh*, and *ever fresher*, levels of awareness...The perceptive person reaches out 'mental tendrils' to persons or environments, and asks, 'What have we to say to each other?'...He will enter into a kind of soul-conversation...It will be a sense of actual communication with the subject, not a mere projection."

"As he looks upon the world with this attitude, he will begin to find himself living in more conscious, clearer, and (to him) more meaningful relationship to everything and everyone."

Julia Cameron calls such a journey of healing and creative endeavor a quest, and encourages us to choose as our traveling companions those who "support our knowing that creativity is an act of the soul, an expansion and extension of divine creative force."

She reminds us that "our pilgrimage to the self is not an intellectual process...Finding the vein of gold within must engage our heart and soul, and requires practice, not theory." She suggests we think of the vein of gold not in material terms as a way of striking it rich, but as "a heart vessel, carrying the precious cargo of the flow of our true nature."

The Rev. Florence Becker said, "It is a wisdom which must be found, and when there is confusion, struggle and unrest, it is because of our failure to use the Power intelligently which God has for us to use."

Cameron writes, "As long as we remain closed to the possibility of spiritual help in our unfolding, we are choosing to operate off the battery pack of our limited resources. When we open to spiritual assistance—however tentatively, however experimentally—we tap into unlimited supply. No longer restricted by the circumstances of our birth (or our current life, for that matter) we are able to receive sustenance, guidance, and even material resources that support our dreams and our flowering."

I was amazed to experience my guiding vein of gold as if it were absolutely solid, like a handrail in my hand. The development of this interior conviction would soon lead me to close the stained glass studio which had been my passion, and move to San Francisco to start a new life built on my conscious attunement with this greater reality.

This is an excerpt from the poem I wrote in the 1980's when I first perceived the vein of gold. I called it:

THE REAL (In Reno)

I found a vein of purest gold
Exposed among the desert stones and sand

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My Healing Mind

The Rev. Sandra Pfortmiller, NST, Arizona

Oh mind, awaken to the God within, the perfect healer.
With perfect energy flowing through my every cell.

Oh mind, alter my awareness of Divine Light and Love.
Allow consciousness to become an inner partner restoring balance.

Oh mind, open to the Collective Consciousness to receive,
Images of how to transcend the unconscious and know the true Source.

Oh mind, do not nourish disease, remove my support of it.
Reverse the process, let me perceive the cause of the One.

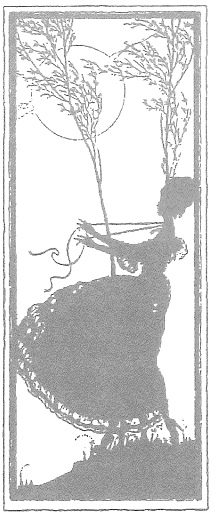
Oh mind, help me to remember the way to health and growth.
Let happiness evolve as I am vitalized through God, Who strengthens me.

Oh mind, surrender to the Healing Source's Eternal Energy.
Visualize the physical becoming light, revitalized, transmuted.

Oh mind, flow to the spiritual level, the home of the All.
Heal my separation and enfold me in a spiritual union.

Oh Divine Mind, Thank you for Your Love, Your Light,
Your Healing Power, Your Blessings, Your Peace. All is a gift from God.

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THE GUIDING VEIN OF GOLD *(Continued from previous page.)*

As long as I remained beside that stable metal gleam
I was enriched in friends and fun and feelings,
Fully and enthusiastically connected to the world.
Wandering off from my glistening Guideline
I faced fearsome isolation, a disorientation,
A deepening distress I could not endure.
Disregarding the well-marked worldly paths
I hurried back to seek that sturdy inward strand
Which mystically creates an outer world that's real to me.
Concentrating my energy in the search, at once I saw
Its arching golden branch rise before me from the ground
Virgin ore, seldom touched, its surface barely worn.

Its way of wisdom gnarls and twists in places like ancient
Roots exposed to weather…
New faces met along its path are recognized with joy
And beloved, was I glad to find you there!

Speaking of this sense of clarity as it relates to the artistic process, Walters writes: "An artist of real insight can take us through suffering and despair to an *expansion*, not a destruction, of inner peace. Through pain (the great artist) awakens in us a broader sense of the mystery and beauty of life, an effect which Aristotle defined as *catharsis*. The starkest tragedy, penned with clear understanding, leaves one feeling cleansed, not pessimistic.

"*Energy*, not drudgery, is the true key of greatness…Great works invariably proceed from great resources of energy…the strength of the energy-flow, not the doggedness of one's perseverance, is what determines the quality of the results."

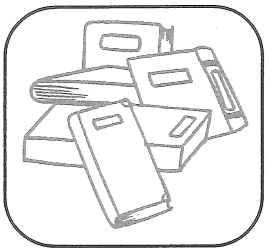
"A strong flow of energy can be vividly sensed in all great works of art. They carry an almost intangible aura of vitality…so it is that the greatest works of art always suggest a kind of spirituality."

Spirituality is the hidden power in works that we "cherish rather than simply endure."

To encourage awareness of your natural base, the underlying energy flow of your authentic self, it helps to keep a journal of your dreams, prayers, ideas, and visions along with the simple truth of your exterior life and relationships. If you also aspire to develop compassion and seek to enter into conscious attunement with a greater reality, your vein of gold can emerge into and transform your life, leading you to:

1) Heal yourself and develop your inner resources;
2) Live in meaningful and healing relationship to others;
3) Express vitality through your life and all that you do.

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Each month The National Spiritualist will feature the writing from a student who is currently taking the education course from the Morris Pratt Institute. Featured this month is an essay written by ***Gregory Mitchell.***

Ideas, Thoughts and Viewpoints

I have learned about the true aspects of Spiritualism: the teachings, the fundamentals, what is expected of us as Spiritualists, our personal responses, how we dress, how we speak, how we demonstrate our gifts, what to do and what not to do, how we perform on the platform, our dress code, our mannerisms, and how we express our feelings when we are around people of different religious beliefs.

Spiritualism teaches that when a loved one passes away, we do not lose that person, but he or she goes on to exist spiritually in another plane. There they achieve a better understanding of what they have yet to learn, but can still continue their identity that they had while on earth.

Spiritualism also teaches that Hell is just a state of consciousness. There is no Devil; it does not exist. When a person has made mistakes during their lifetime, we know that the door to reformation is never closed to any soul here or hereafter.

Spiritualists know that there is no death. The fear of passing away should be a glorious time of celebration; there will be no more pain, suffering, or loss of our own consciousness.

As Spiritualists, we should be able to assist people with their loss of loved ones. We know the spirit does not die, but has everlasting life in the spiritual form. We can encourage others to explore contacting their loved ones, and that they will still be with them.

We should realize that what we have learned, with our training, has been proven through mediumship and research; there is no doubt in our minds that this is a true proven religion. I have found that the *Bible*, as I knew it, was not written by God, but by dreams, inspiration and meditations of men. It should be considered as a reference, a book that we can look at and see how some of our aspects are included therein.

I previously had a great interest in crystal gazing, tarot cards, palmistry, numerology, and astrology. I have known many who make money by letting people think that this is a real way of getting in touch, with what may or may not have happened to them. I, myself, have even gone to fortune tellers at some of the county fairs, just for the fun of seeing just what they had to say about me. What a joke—we all have to learn at different times of our life.

An important thing that I experienced in Spiritualism that I can now get in touch with my wife who passed away months ago from a brain tumor. I now do not feel alone, and have learned to release her so that she can continue on to a much more rewarding existence. What a blessing this has been to me! Spiritualism has opened my eyes to a new standard of living; now I try to live by the Golden Rule, to do unto others as I would have them do unto me. I feel it is a more rewarding way of living.

I also found it interesting about the differences in celebrations of Easter and Christmas. The orthodox celebration is a whole different way of celebrating these holidays. I believe Christmas is a time of giving, gifts, love and fellowship. The getting together of families who haven't seen each other for quite a while is important. Easter is a time to renew myself, to take a look at what I have done during the past year, and try to make the changes that need changing. The freshness of life, like the newborn, is important also. What might make others feel happy, is knowing that there is someone who loves them just as they are.

If there is something that I wish could have happened, it would be that the experience of knowing about Spiritualism could have happened sooner. The beliefs and the knowledge that I am gaining now are so valuable. Too bad it has to come so late in my life! I thank the Infinite Intelligence for allowing my life to be a much more fulfilling way of living.

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What happened in MARCH throughout the years?

This month we are featuring historical facts about the establishment of March 31st as the Anniversary of Modern Spiritualism.

MARCH 17 Happy Birthday to NSAC Board member **The Rev. Richard P. Schoeller,** who shares the day with St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland.



MARCH

James Lawrence was the first to suggest a public celebration to commemorate the advent of modern Spiritualism through the rappings at Hydesville. Perhaps we might take time to remember where our country was in its own history in 1870. This was just a few years after the end of the American Civil War, which pitted family members against each other in the fight between the northern Union and the southern Confederacy. Soldier deaths numbered more than 620,000 and civilian death numbers are unknown. While the United States of America was restored and slavery was abolished, the war's end did not resolve many of the social, political, economic and racial tensions that remained. Spiritualism was a beacon of light, a ray of hope for communication with those who had passed on in the war, and its acceptance and growth were very timely. Below is the account of those communications as reported in the *1871 Yearbook of Spiritualism.*

THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE ADVENT OF MODERN SPIRITUALISM.

The Thirty-First of March.

Having incidentally learned that Mr. Lawrence of Cleveland, O., was the first to suggest the observance of an anniversary day, we (Hon. J. M. Peebles and Hudson Tuttle) addressed him the following note:

"MR. JAMES LAWRENCE. *Dear Sir*—Will you be so kind as to furnish for 'The Year-Book' the exact circumstances connected with the origination and presentation of the idea of an anniversary to be held in commemoration of the advent of modern Spiritualism?"

To this request we received the following reply:

CLEVELAND, OHIO, May 2, 1870.

MY FRIENDS TUTTLE AND PEEBLES—Yours of the 20th of April was duly received. The suggestion for a public celebration, commemorative of the advent of modern Spiritualism through the rappings at Hydesville, emanated from myself. The particulars, in brief, are these. On the twelfth day of November I was using the spirit-dial, known as Prof. Hare's dial. I received a communication of which I had no previous thought; consequently it could not be deemed a design of my own, and hence must be recognized as an emanation from those who are freed from earth's encumbrances.

At the National Convention the following year, by the advice of my spirit-friends and my own convictions, I brought it before the delegates as a resolution, which was accepted, not as mine, but under angel-guidance—as coming from the higher realm, to keep alive the gratitude of those who can accept and comprehend the glorious boon—the assurance of immortality—furnished by Spiritualism. To that God whose ways are inscrutable, and beyond the ken of mortal minds, would I express my gratitude for being made the humble instrument, through angel-promptings, to impart the thought that millions now existing, and millions yet unborn, may hail with gratitude unbounded the opportunity to celebrate an event more joyous in its character than mortal eyes have ever witnessed.

Your friend and brother,
JAMES LAWRENCE.

The resolution alluded to was as follows:

"*Whereas* Spiritualism has become a power in the land, and may be deemed the great growing religious idea of the country; and whereas it is well to revert to the time of small beginnings, and hold in remembrance the first pioneers in this Spiritual movement; therefore *Resolved*, That this convention recommend to all State conventions and local societies to make the time of the appearance of the Rochester rappings an anniversary-day—the services of that day to be conducted in each locality as may be deemed most practical."

To this Mr. Lawrence responded by reading the communication he had received through his dial, a portion of which we insert:

"...Some acknowledgement should be made for this most glorious change, the advent of which has never yet been

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celebrated as a matter of public rejoicing by the assembled multitudes of Spiritualists throughout the land. Shall all the minor circumstances of earth-life have their days of commemoration, and this glorious, new, and holy dispensation be neglected? ...It is time some such tribute should be paid to those who have thus presented to the world a means of emancipation from error, such as well meet the requirements of all—a day of universal jubilee, to be observed through all coming time."

Mr. Lawrence has already passed the term of years said to be allotted to man. His snow-white hair and beard, connected as they are with singularly erect and manly bearing, make him a conspicuous personage at the assemblies of the Spiritualists in his city. Widely and honorably connected, the most bigoted opposer would not dare to charge him with knowing imposture.

The suggestion was timely, and was at once acted upon. The 31st of March, 1870, was almost universally observed, not only by the societies in the cities, but by the smaller and less conspicuous. The programme adopted was nearly the same in all cases; speaking occupying the early evening, followed by a social.

Every social which claims to be based in any wise on the reception of Spiritualism should celebrate this auspicious day, and make it, for the future, incomparably more suggestive than Christmas has been in the past.

The Banner of Light, in an editorial on this twenty-second anniversary, beautifully remarks—

"The truth as it is in Nature has spread its warming rays; and thousands of hearts all over our broad nation, the countries of the Old World, and, indeed, the far-off islands of the sea, are to-day rejoicing in its advancing light. How appropriate, then, in the language of a contemporary, that we should celebrate the anniversary of 'the coming of that first mysterious rap, which, exciting only derision in those narrow souls whose mental horizon is bounded by their bodily vision, sounded throughout all space the kneel of superstition and the birth of the new Prometheus of science, the future God, who will rule the universe by a knowledge of its laws!"

"But, while we rejoice in the triumphs of our cause, let us remember the work which we, as cooperative agents with the angels, must perform. There are Gethsemanes and Calvaries, and thorns and crosses, even in this our lower world, for the brave disciples of a maturing good to humanity. As in ancient days, so now, the Great Spirit has spoken, not in the whirlwind of Horeb, but in the 'still small voice;' as thus, rather in quiet, earnest devotion to principle, than in stormy and vindictive denunciation of those differing with us, shall our cause 'have its due course, and be glorified.' With the earnest prayer that the spirit of that charity which 'suffereth long, and is kind,' may abide with and be exercised by the believers in our philosophy in the year that is to come—both with regard to their brethren and sisters of the faith, and the outer world as well—we close the volume of the past, and enter hopefully upon the deeds and duties of the future."

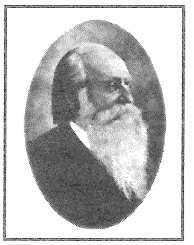
HUDSON TUTTLE



American seer of the early days of Spiritualism. Tuttle was born October 4, 1836, in Berlin Heights, Ohio, and spent his early years in a wilderness on the southern shores of Lake Erie. His father's house was the headquarters for itinerant Unitarian preachers and the atmosphere was burdened with dogmatic disputations. As a result young Tuttle became at an early age skeptical of organized religion.

Tuttle attended his first Spiritualist séance at the home of a retired Congregational minister who had heard of the Rochester rappings and called in a few friends for an experiment. Tuttle fell into trance and wrote spirit messages automatically. Simultaneously with his automatic writing, raps developed and the table moved. The séances were free. The communicators, in hours of seclusion, were his teachers.; "It was my only source of knowledge," he wrote in the preface to his book *Arcana of Spiritualism* (1871), "for I had access to few books. I had attended school eleven months in all, six of which were at a district school, and five at a small academy." Tuttle was the secretary at the First Convention of the Ohio State Association of Spiritualists held at Clyde, Ohio, March 8-10, 1867.

HON. J. M. PEEBLES



Hon. J. M. Peebles, the well-known author and speaker, visited California in 1861. He came in search of healing balm. But the field demanded laborers; and he was pressed into service, working with a *will*—mostly in Woodland and Sacramento. Though frail, what vitality he had was consecrated to humanity and the dissemination of the Spiritual philosophy. His earth-work, we are glad to say, did not end on this coast. He is now United States consul to Trebizond, Turkey in Asia, where he is doing government duty, and prosecuting exhaustive researches into the Spiritualism of the East. During four years previous to his leaving America for the Old World, he was connected editorially with *The Banner of Light*.

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Pascal's Wager

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Blaise Pascal (1623-62). Pascal was an important French mathematician and a philosopher. He wrote the *Pensees*, in which the passage referred to as 'Pascal's Wager' or 'The Gambler's Argument' appeared. His argument, that a sensible and rational gambler would be advised to bet that God exists, was for a long time severely criticized as being irreligious. In more recent times some people have offered another viewpoint. His argument is given below.

During Pascal's time there was much skepticism, and many intellectuals criticized medieval philosophy and theology. Traditional arguments for the existence of God were often rejected, resulting in a climate of both belief and unbelief. In this climate, Pascal addressed skeptics and suggested that there was a third approach that could be taken.

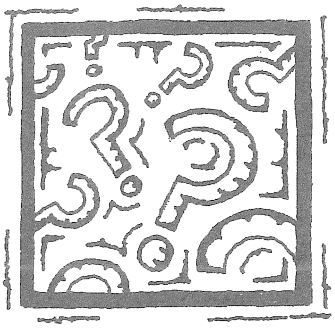
One way was the way of faith whereby Christians accepted the existence of God. Atheists said that there was no God and no proof of His existence; this was a second way. (Pascal rejected the agnostic position as untenable. He said we all have to make a choice because we are here *in life*. To him, agnostics failed to accept that they were participants in life, not outside it, so their stance was really impossible.) Pascal said that a third approach, that of seeming self-interest, was the rational approach. There were three approaches for Pascal: faith, atheism, and placing a wager on God's existence. (Spiritualists would say that there is another approach—theirs.) Confronting these are two choices, either God exists or He does not exist, Pascal wrote:

> *You have two things to lose: the true and the good; and two things to stake: your reason and your will, your knowledge and your happiness; and your nature has two things to avoid: error and wretchedness. Since you must necessarily choose, your reason is no more affronted by choosing one rather than the other. That is one point cleared up. but your happiness? Let us weigh up the gain and the loss involved in calling heads that God exists. Let us assess the two cases: if you win, you win everything; if you lose, you lose nothing. Do not hesitate then: wager that he does exist.*

The four outcomes can be put as follows:

1. Bet that God exists and win if God exists. Here one gains eternal life.
2. Bet that God exists and lose if God does not exist. Life ends for all anyway, so the loss is not as great as the possible gain of #1 above. Although one could have lived a life of hedonism without fear of damnation.
3. Bet that God does not exist, and win if God does not exist. But what do you win? Here there is no eternal life or eternal damnation.
4. Be that God does not exist and lose if God does exist. Here one misses out on eternal life and possibly suffers damnation.

Pascal appears to be a very early supporter of decision theory. As can be imagined, his use of gambling to illustrate his decision process, and his sidestepping of the Christian way to attaining belief, brought criticism. His aim was to decide on the basis of maximizing gain and minimizing loss. Critics replied that we cannot believe in what we want to and then just accept it. We need to believe that something is true. Also it is a repugnant way to approach God and demeans the nature of belief.



However, revisionist approaches have looked more deeply into his argument. Pascal also said the wager is the initial step and further steps are required. What disbelievers should do is to start acting as if they believe, and this will lead in time to sincere belief in God. They should reflect on the literature, attend church services, become involved in the rituals and roles. It is a quest that does not harm others or abase one's self. Such seekers, said Pascal, will come across stumbling blocks in their endeavors; these are contrary emotions and thoughts. These need to be suppressed and individuals should win themselves to continue the search. Viewed this way,

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These poems and thoughts have been copied from audio taped messages received using our Spiritual Circle Meetings through the trance mediumship of Mary E. Sigurdsson, except for some punctuation they have not been edited.

– The Rev. Rupert Sigurdsson, NST

POEMS FROM THE MEDIUMSHIP OF MARY SIGURDSSON.

Do not shed a tear because I am gone.
As it is sad to see those who mourn.
We'd rather that they know we are now well.
Go on with life their weeping do quell.
One day we will send a message that's true.
Hope it will stop them from feeling blue.
Hold your head up and give a deep sigh.
Trust you will feel good, just as will I.

You watch a white feather wafting in the sky
A gentle breeze taking it up so high
Blowing hither and yon first here and then there
From side to side without a care
Do you not wish your life was such
Just like that feather without a fuss
Well take heart my friends, what will be, will be.
We are joined in spirit, you and me.



A Song and A Truth

Augusta Cooper Bristol,
New Hampshire 1835-1910



A song grew out of my unfolding soul—
A miracle of sweetness and of strength.
It held the rhythm of the universe!
I sang it to the never-failing stars;
I murmured it in leafy solitudes;
I woke the thunders of the caverned hills
With its completeness. All elate with joy,
And glad to generosity, I placed
My perfect song into the lips of men;
And lo! instead of harmony, I heard
The wild notes of confusion, the harsh tones
Of discord and disorder, the fierce swell
And dissonance of Passion's hateful voice.

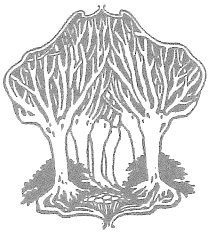
A sacred truth was born within my soul:
Divinely fed, it was the life of life,
And made my earthly state a paradise.
Out of my heaven into the worldly hell
I dropped that pure white truth; and it became
The father of all license—the foul sire
Of lust, with all its heritage of lies!

And was my perfect song for ever lost?
Can death or change annihilate a truth?

I can not grieve or doubt; for I have seen
By spirit-vision waiting angels bend
Above the seeming ruin I have wrought,
Their faces glorious with the smile of faith.

Spring

The south wind skims with breezy feet,
The tattered rags of snow,
That robe the breast of mother earth,
To weave a new trousseau,
The earth drinks up the winter wine,
The sunshine lights the way,
Upon the rocks with glow benign,
He lets His spotlights play.
"Wake up! Wake up! My little friend,"
I heard a robin sing!
"Come on! Come on! Your nap must end,
The snow has gone, it's spring!"



The violet rubbed his little eyes,
and blinked up at the sun
And then, he yawned at April skies
"another day's begun."
The south wind skims with dancing feet,
Where apple blossoms blow,
In pink and white a lacy sheet,
Upon the earth below.

– Anne Mae Gillis Frobese
Feb. 14, 1907 – Mar. 25, 2004 (Massachusetts)

MEDIA WATCH

THE REVS. TOM AND LISA BUTLER, NST

Hermetic Wisdoms • In *Unraveling The Secret*, David Rippe points out that *The Secret* by Rhonda Byrnr begins with, "As above, so below. As within, so without," from the Emerald Tablet, circa 3000BCE, but makes no further reference to it. Rippe goes on to discuss some of the important teachings attributed to the person thought to be the author of the Tablet, Hermes Trismegistus.

Seven Hermetic principles are explained in *The Kybalion,* a textbook written by "Three Initiates." We believe that they are part of a revelation of metaphysical knowledge that is as important today as they were in ancient times. In brief, they are (paraphrasing Rippe):

1) **Mentalism.** Everything is spirit in the form of Infinite Living Mind;
2) **Correspondence.** The whole is the sum of its parts and each part is a sum of its part;
3) **Vibration.** Everything is in vibration and the rate of that vibration determines the character of everything;
4) **Polarity.** Everything manifests from the one with a dual nature with degrees in between. (Parenthetically, the Ancient Wisdoms teach the seeker to find the middle way, reminiscent of "an even mind.);
5) **Rhythm.** Everything is in motion between the extremes;
6) **Causation.** Every cause has its effect and every thought has a direct and indirect response in a continuous reality;
7) **Gender.** Everything has masculine and feminine properties and all creation requires both properties.

These principles have been handed down as traditions and it is a good practice to translate them in terms of your understanding of the world. We believe that you will see strong similarities between these and the Principles of Spiritualism.

From: Institute of Noetic Sciences, *Shift,* August 2007.

Meditation Physically Alters the Brain • Sara Lazar and colleagues at Massachusetts General Hospital scanned the brains of 20 people who meditated for an average of 40 minutes per day and 15 controls with no meditation experience. The meditating participants were practitioners of Buddhist Insight meditation, which involves concentrating on stimuli "in the moment," in a non-judgmental way and without cognitive elaboration—a process known as "mindfulness."

Controlling for age and education, the researchers found that specific areas of the cortex were thicker in the participants who meditated, as compared to controls. These areas included the right anterior insula, known to be involved in monitoring bodily functions, and parts of the prefrontal cortex involved in attention and sensory processing. Parts of the prefrontal cortex showed evidence of thinning in the older control participants but not in the older participants who meditated.

From: "Meditation experience is associated with increased cortical thickness," *NeuroReport*, by Lazar, S. W., Kerr, C. E., Wasserman, R. H., Gray, J. R., Greve, D. N., Treadway, M. T., McGarvey, M., Quinn, B. T., Dusek, J. A., Benson, H., Rauch, S. L., Moore, C. I. & Fischl, B., 16, 1893-1897, www.yale.edu/scan/Lazar_2005_NR.pdf

Reminders of Death Bring Out the Good in Us • A social psychologist, Thomas Pyszczynski, and his colleagues got some interesting results from a survey that they did on the streets of Boulder Colorado. Two groups were given identical surveys. One group took the survey in front of a funeral home with a large sign reading "Howe's Mortuary" while the other group was interviewed a few blocks away. The survey showed that the group interviewed in front of the mortuary was more positive about charitable donations and more likely to say that kindness and generosity were qualities that were personally important to them.

From: Washingtonpost.com, "Reminders of Mortality Bring Out the Charitable Side," *by* Shankar Vedantam, 12/24/2007.

Giving is Powerful • Just thinking charitable thoughts can help us. A new study from the National Institutes of Health shows that merely making a decision to donate to a charity caused the release of two feel good chemicals, dopamine and serotonin. Neal Krause of the University of Michigan followed 976 church-going adults over a period of three years and found that offering social support to others reduced the anxiety of those doing the supporting when they faced their own economic stress situation. Krause also found that praying for others had health benefits for those doing the praying. A new Harvard University study even shows that just watching a movie of helping activity boosts the immune system.

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 and , Jill Neimark
www.whygoodthingshappen.com/main.php?section=science

Image of Pope Paul • Gregorz Lukasik was attending a service at Beskid Zywiecki near John Paul's birthplace on the second anniversary of his death. A bonfire was burning during the service and Gregorz took some pictures. Later he looked at the pictures and discovered this figure in the fire. "I showed them to my brother and sister and they, like me, were convinced the flames had formed the image of Pope John

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Born Twice? - An Interesting True Story

DINA

I have a daughter who is about to be three years old. She's very active but, sometimes, whenever she's quiet and relaxed, some strange things can be heard from her. So here's our story:

Back in 1998, after a series of treatments which lasted for about a year, I finally became pregnant with a baby girl. Everything seemed to be okay with the baby but, nevertheless, I lost her when I was 6.5 months pregnant. The baby turned out to have a lot of serious problems, with an unknown origin, but the main feature were the deformed hands, with the thumb misplaced.

About three months after the loss, I was so desperate (and being a Spiritualist, my actions can be well understood) that I decided to talk directly with the spirit of my deceased daughter, and asked her to come back, no matter how. One month later, without any treatment at all, I was pregnant again and, this time, the pregnancy went okay and I had a beautiful baby girl (my only living daughter).

About two weeks ago, when we were preparing to go to bed at night, and my daughter was extremely relaxed, she faced me and said: "Do you remember when C (her name) was a little baby? She didn't want to come, because her hands were not right. But now, the hands are good! Look!" I was speechless. There was no way she could have known about the other baby, and definitely about the problem with the hands (only I and my husband know about it).

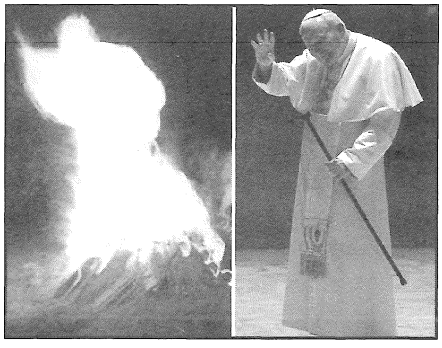
To complete the story, two days later she told me, also in a casual manner, that my grandfather (who's been dead for 22 years now) is going to be born again, because he's tired of waiting. Do I have a psychic daughter? Although children, before seven years old, may be regarded as being "half" still on the "other side," I wonder. •

Reincarnation, while not part of NSAC's accepted teachings, is often a topic of discussion among Spiritualists.

http://paranormal.about.com/library/blstory_february03_05.htm

MEDIA WATCH *(Continued from previous page.)*

Paul II. I was so happy with the picture that I showed it to our local bishop who said that Pope John Paul had made many pilgrimages during his life and he was still making them in death."



Jarek Cielecki, a Polish priest and friend of John Paul II, is convinced the picture shows the former pontiff. In October, the picture was continuously broadcast on Italian TV and also posted on religious websites, some of which crashed as thousands logged on to see the figure formed by the flames.

From: *The Daily Mail,* "Is this Pope John Paul II waving from beyond the grave? Vatican TV director says yes," by Nick Pisa, 9/15/2007. Picture is from Daily Mail website, www.dailymail.co.uk

Evidence Evaluation System • Miles Edward Allen, author of *The Survival Files*, has proposed a system for establishing a rank for phenomena reports. In effect, by following an online decision tree, website visitors can answer questions that lead to a number for Certainty of Discarnate Source (CS), Witness Reliability (WR) and Information Complexity (IC). Results of the three decision trees are combined for a total score which can be compared to the score of other reports of phenomena.

If you use the same system for an example you have, say a reported apparition, then you can compare your score with other reports the system has been used on to have a sense of how well received your report might be by the public. Allen's "Top 40" examples are listed on his website at www.thesurvivalfiles.com. The system is still being refined and Allen is asking for input from the public. You can contact him at m-media@comcast.net.

From: Field Testing the Evidence Evaluation System, Academy of Spirituality and Paranormal Studies, Inc., *Searchlight*, December 2007.

AARP Survey • A survey done by the American Association of Retired People found that more women than men believe in an afterlife. They also found that as those sampled got older, they tended to worry less about what happens after they die. Other statistics: 94% believe in God, 53% believe in the existence of spirits or ghosts, 86% believe in heaven and 70% believe in hell.

From: "Thoughts on the Afterlife Among U.S. Adults 50+," *Research Report*, Jean Koppen, AARP Knowledge Management, Gretchen Anderson, AARP Knowledge Management, June 2007, www.aarp.org/research/endoflife/death-dying/afterlife.html

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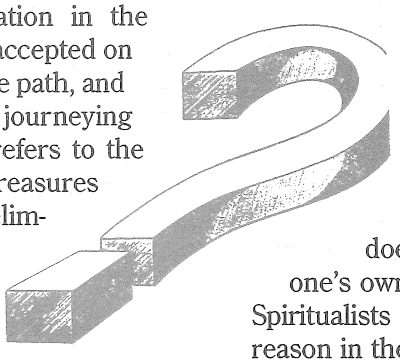
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Pascal is saying that those who seek belief this way must demonstrate sincerity and service, and from this good behavior will arise good feelings and spirituality. This would not be, it seems, mere calculation but a valid way for attaining goodness and insight. Pascal did not say that merely willing oneself to believe will lead to God but that it would aid in the *search* for God. Furthermore, God would know the motivation of all humans, so if the seeker has not ended her/his journey with genuine belief in God and has attained spiritual growth, then this would be realized. This has some similarity to how Buddhists apply the triple gem.

The triple gem, also referred to as the three jewels or the three treasures, involves three aspects:

- the Buddha as illustrating the full awakening,
- the Dharma which shows the "way" or path leading to enlightenment/awakening,
- the Sangha which is the Order or gathering of friends or people concerned with participation in the awakening. Now these treasures are accepted on faith by those who choose to follow the path, and then are seen as a refuge for those journeying along the path. However, this faith refers to the belief that those accepting these treasures will, in their travels, increasingly eliminate unwholesomeness. They will acquire wholesome thoughts and actions. So, as one journeys, one rejects temptations and false teachings while absorbing the truths of the Eight Fold Path, leading to liberation or enlightenment. Here some similarity can be made to Pascal's statement if unbelievers associate with religious people and undertake their practices (Christians in his example), then presumably they would become increasingly aware of God, the value of their new activities and thoughts, their association with believers, and the rejection of materialist values and practices.



The above was argued by Pascal when Christianity was the only religion in France. His reference to eternal damnation was made in this context, although traditional Christians would still today accept the two possible literal outcomes of Heaven and Hell. Pascal's approach does not help anyone decide how to choose from among religions, but is aimed at helping unbelievers to get to God. Spiritualists believe that all survive death and that there is no damnation or eternal punishment or extinction. so in this case the wager is worthless; but surmounting the obstacles in one's search and journey is essential. Pascal also said that reason cannot help us to decide. Christians accept God's existence through faith, not through reason. No one can prove that God exists. Spiritualists would differ with Pascal's insistence that reason does not apply, and they support the value of reason. They would say that the use of reason and attainment of knowledge are possible in one's spiritual journey, and that the individual should reflect, using discernment and reason wherever possible, but that where reason does not go, faith can be built. One major difference in the approach between Spiritualists and that of Pascal and Christians is how to arrive at God.

Spiritualists, as I have discussed in two previous *TNS* articles, generally start with spirit communication in order to establish individually acceptable evidence of survival, then absorb teachings, gain experience on the spiritual journey, and arrive, through a process, at belief in God/Infinite Intelligence. Theoretically, acceptance of God does not necessarily imply there is an afterlife. So Spiritualists tend to start with survival, not with God, and proceed to God, spiritual understanding and growth. Although this belief in God will often be strengthened along the way, and not just appear at the end of a logical process.

This short case study is an illustration that although an argument such as Pascal's may not be fully applicable to Spiritualists or others on their spiritual journey, by examining it and seeing where it leads (and does not lead) it still gives one further insight into one's own beliefs and understandings. It may influence Spiritualists to refresh their understanding of the use of reason in their own investigative searches when validating their acceptance of Spiritualism.

We can take the afterlife as example. Pascal worked within the Christian belief system. He assumed both a God and an afterlife and accepted both on faith alone—sole fide. However, theoretically it can be postulated that there can be an afterlife without a God, as some Buddhists advocate. Also, there could be a God and no afterlife. Cosmic Consciousness/Universal Mind/Infinite Intelligence does not, of itself, imply an afterlife. Furthermore, an afterlife may or may not be eternal. If so, then perhaps not for all its inhabitants, depending on their spiritual qualities.

In view of these possibilities, we can understand why Spiritualists have directed so much time to starting with and investigating the afterlife. They have developed a working hypothesis involving a structured and spiritually progressive afterlife as born out by spirit communication. Apart from the Spiritists, it appears that no other religion has done this. Pascal's argument may lead Spiritualists to revisit their Principles, reinvigorating their appreciation of their knowledge/belief system. How do your spiritual searches and journeys differ from that of the gambler, the atheist and the Christian?

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Declaration of Principles

National Spiritualist Association of Churches

1. We believe in Infinite Intelligence.
2. We believe that the phenomena of Nature, both physical and spiritual, are the expression of Infinite Intelligence.
3. We affirm that a correct understanding of such expression and living in accordance therewith, constitute true religion.
4. We affirm that the existence and personal identity of the individual continue after the change called death.
5. We affirm that communication with the so-called dead is a fact, scientifically proven by the phenomena of Spiritualism.
6. We believe that the highest morality is contained in the Golden Rule: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."
7. We affirm the moral responsibility of individuals and that we make our own happiness or unhappiness as we obey or disobey Nature's physical and spiritual laws.
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