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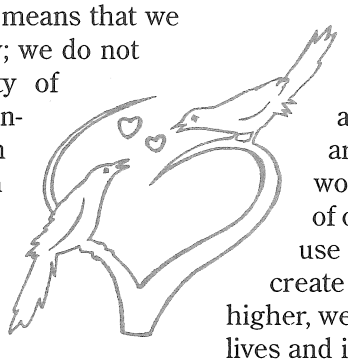
Happiness or Unhappiness?

Living by Our Spiritualist Principles

LAURA LEE PERKINS, Editor

> Truth or reality is avoided when it is painful. We can revise our maps only when we have the discipline to overcome that pain. To have such discipline, we must be totally dedicated to truth. That is to say that we must always hold truth, as best we can determine it, to be more important, more vital to our self-interest, than our comfort. Conversely, we must always consider our personal discomfort relatively unimportant and, indeed, even welcome it in the search for truth. Mental health is a dedication to reality at all costs.

Being happy is fun, and most people, if asked, would probably say that they would rather be happy as opposed to being unhappy. However, happiness is a choice which we each make for ourselves every minute of every day. The 7th Spiritualist Principle states, "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." This means that we do not blame others when we are unhappy; we do not try to escape the personal responsibility of being held accountable for our own unhappiness. This is a very high expectation that is conferred onto each one of us when we enter into the community of Spiritualism. Achieving a thorough understanding of this concept takes personal monitoring of our emotional responses over some period of time.



Everyone has some days that are better than others—that is just part of being human. And sometimes we are disappointed about one thing or another; and sometimes others' disappointments get levied back against us. It really is not about what happens in our lives every single day, but about our responses to those happenings. Do we treat others with respect, thereby maintaining our own personal dignity and Spiritualist mentoring, or do we fly off the handle and blame others for displeasing us? How we respond to personal disappointments really says so much about how we live by our Spiritualist Principles.

Of course, the Golden Rule is always the ideal response; treat others the way that we would want to be treated. But people are human, and everyone is coming from their own personal experience. As Spiritualists, hopefully we examine our part in every issue that brings feelings of disappointment or unhappiness into our lives. Whenever we are disappointed by others, and feel that it is important to let them know about our unhappiness, first we might want to consider looking inside ourselves very carefully. No one likes to be disappointed—but if we trust that we are doing what we thought was best for all concerned, then the situation is open for continued discussion.

In every situation where people are trying to work together for the betterment of the organization or cause, there will be what psychologists call "norming and storming." This is a process which includes sorting out the leaders and the followers as others find their places within the team. Usually this process involves some deep emotional work; some people are thrilled to be working in the group while others are left searching for how they can make a meaningful contribution. Spiritualism and our churches go through this process over and over again. New churches are born, while others decline. New pastors step forward and some begin new churches. Board members are re-elected or they are not. Every time people work together, these processes are repeated. One of our great strengths in Spiritualism is that we can use our Principles to serve as guideposts while we create our future. As we strive to raise our vibrations higher, we enable more abundance to be attracted into our lives and into our churches.

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, a brilliant physician and author of the Sherlock Holmes mystery novels, said, "Spiritualism is the greatest revelation known to man." We can only assume what he meant by that statement. Was Doyle referring to proving the continuity of life after death, or to the concept of God as Infinite Intelligence, or was he thinking about the fact that the doorway to reformation is never closed against any soul? Perhaps he was referring to the elevated level of personal responsibility in Spiritualism? I like to think that he was, in making the above statement, including all of our Spiritualists' beliefs.

A community should be where we can feel supported, nurtured and loved. A community is where we can feel at home, and where we can make a contribution to the well-

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being and betterment of others. A Spiritualist Church community embraces these ideals, while working to be a beacon of light to others. We want our churches, as a reflection of each member, to be a safe harbor for all. Most new people attending our churches have been on a search for a religion that could feel truly personal, loving and supportive. It is important to remember that few of our members here in the United States were actually born into a Spiritualist family. Also, many have been members of other religions before they started their exploration and spiritual journey which brought them into a Spiritualist church. Often the aspect of being personally responsible for our own happiness or unhappiness is very appealing to newcomers. The idea that we can improve our lives by accepting a high level of personal responsibility for our own happiness is something that they yearn to explore.

The richness of mind, body and spirit, which Silver Birch's messages embrace, can be fostered through Spiritualism. Our religion offers hope for the human race, and we offer the opportunity to grow spiritually through assuming full responsibility for our own lives—including whether or not we are happy. We choose to dwell on goodwill, not on war or aggression. We choose to approach difficult issues respectfully within our churches. Respect for each other promotes unity among Spiritualists—and unity makes us stronger. Any issue that remains divisive weakens us and fragments our strength. When we operate from within our Principles, there is always a way to approach each issue or concern that will result in improved relations and stronger churches. *Mediation involves respect, and it embraces flexibility and vision.*

So the next time you hear someone at church talking about what we can do to strengthen our bonds, perhaps you might suggest setting up an email pen-pal relationship with another Spiritualist church. If you have recent photos from a church event, submit them to our *TNS-Summit* for the world to view! If you have another Spiritualist church close by, perhaps you can combine for a festival or spiritual fair. Write an article for your local paper or our magazine. We need to keep stressing that we are a strong religion which has survived because it is based on truth and on personal responsibility. Our foundation is extremely strong, and we are the best advertisement for Spiritualism. Who could speak better for Spiritualism than a Spiritualist? It is important that others understand the depth of our Spiritualist philosophy, and the scientific evidence for proof of life after death. *When explaining our religion to others, it is our differences about the ways that we understand life and death, which are our greatest strengths.*

Every day is the beginning of the rest of our lives. Every day we have an opportunity to respond to others in ways that emulate the towering strengths of Spiritualism. It takes personal courage to accept responsibility for being happy or unhappy; it often feels easier to place blame on others for our unhappiness. But the *truth* is that when we look inside to uncover our own path in our unhappiness, layers of discontent, often built up over our entire lifetime, begin to dissolve. *It is as if we have brought light into our soul.* With each difficult situation, when we take the time and energy to go inside, searching for a Spiritualist way to respond, we grow, *in spiritual unity and strength.* Looking back, we are often amazed at how long we tried being angry at others, and how we often placed blame on others for "making us unhappy." In fact, when we approach difficult situations with respect and honesty, there is nothing that is unsolvable. Respect and honesty bring forth respect and honesty, resulting in common purpose and goal achievement. We move from feeling fragmented and attacked to feeling totally connected and whole. What a gift this process unveils!

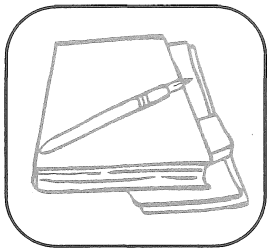
As we enter into the magnificence of new spring growth, may we each be encouraged to sprout new internal roots in our soil of personal responsibility. May we be willing to take new risks in joining together with others as we extend the welcoming hands of Spiritualist friendship. The word religion means *to bind together.* Exhibit pride in our religion which is based on connectedness! Share the Principle of accepting personal responsibility for your own happiness or unhappiness every day as you commit to strengthening your level of spiritual awareness and responsiveness. *What we give, we shall receive.*

Laura Lee Perkins, Editor

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The National Spiritualist-Summit often features writings from students who are currently taking courses from the Morris Pratt Institute. Featured this month is an essay written by ***Patricia Harrigan*** *of* ***Pennsylvania.***

INSPIRATION

I have often thought about subjects and written possible lectures, but when actually faced with the challenge of speaking, I began wondering what in the world could *I* talk about! Immediately I remembered that I hadn't read the *Daily Word*, a pamphlet of daily messages offering faith, hope, and love, as I usually do every morning. It began, "The spirit of God is moving in and through me now. I am inspired to live life fully." Then the quote from Proverbs 16 said, "The human mind plans the way, but the Lord directs the steps." Out of these few words, I felt inspired to write about how we are inspired every day, in every moment.

The word inspiration is derived from the Latin word *inspirare* meaning "to breathe into." Poetically, inspiration is known as the breath of God. Webster's *New World Dictionary* states that inspiration is "a divine influence upon human beings" that stimulates or impels some creative or effective effort. In *Contemporary Definitions of Psychic Phenomena and Related Subjects*, inspiration is "a state of psychic or spiritual awareness whereby the individual is susceptible to creative spiritual influence; such creativity is demonstrated in the form of lectures, arts, sciences or music."

For me, the true meaning of inspiration comes with a conscious awareness of Spirit, and how Spirit is moving in and through us. It is a *knowing* that Spirit is working for our highest good. That is what we shall receive, while absolutely *knowing* that a Divine order is in place for us.

To be inspired means that we are open to a conscious way of living our lives. It includes realizing that everyone we meet has a purpose. We know that divine guidance is taking place—here, right now, in our lives, at this very moment.

There have been countless times when I was gently guided to do certain things or go to certain places. And when I acquiesced, even though I may wonder why I should, I often immediately understand the answer or learn the lesson. Sometimes, it may have been someone I wanted to talk to or I notice a task that I was meant to do. I am always amazed at how quickly Spirit responds to my requests. Allow me to offer you a couple of supporting examples of how I have been inspired by the breath of God.

One evening as I was all ready to leave work with my bags packed and my coat on, a call bell rang. All of the other nurses were busy completing reports, so just a little begrudgingly, I went down to the patient's room. There sat a woman in obvious distress. As I put my hand on her forearm, I listened to her but also had a prayer of healing in mind. She looked up at me and asked, "Are you praying for me?" I answered that I was. I could see the tears welling up in her eyes as she looked into mine and said, "Thank you."

I believe that I was meant to attend to that patient at that precise time. I was finished with my work and had the time to spend with her. I felt inspired to prayer for and with her, and to offer spiritual healing. Her pain and anxiety lessened. This patient was so grateful that someone was there for her. And, I, in turn, was so thankful that I could comfort her in some way.

There are times, when working with infants, that I feel so strongly pulled to them. Actually, this has happened almost all of my nursing career. About two years ago, I began caring for more infants of drug-addicted mothers. I noted that after using TT (transcendental touch), those infants became more calm and had longer periods of restfulness. I believe I was inspired to do research to show that TT would help those particular infants. I know that Spirit is working through me to comfort those infants in my care. When I am caring for an infant, it is as if I simply know what an infant needs or what is wrong and how I could help. The other day, I happened into a patient's room to find an infant crying; her mother was getting frustrated because she was unable to settle her baby. I knew exactly what that child needed and did it. It just sounds so simple when I write or say it. But, each time I assist an infant, it feels as if I am being quietly called by Spirit.

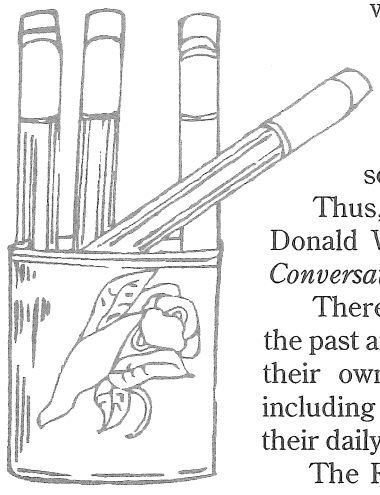
Many of us feel that sense of being inspired when we

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hear a piece of music or read a passage from a book or hear someone speak. It is at these times that my heart overflows with emotions of love and joy.

An inspirational speaker can be defined as "one who, being inspired, verbalizes through free-flowing ideas." An inspirational writer is someone "who, being inspired, writes or records through free-flowing ideas." The phenomena may occur in both a conscious state and in a trance state.

Our own history of Modern Spiritualism is rich with inspired speakers and writers. Some of these include Cora L. V. Richmond, the "Orator of Modern Spiritualism." Cora was born near Cuba, N.Y., on April 21, 1840. By the age of 11, she demonstrated automatic writing and then began giving messages. By the time she was 15 years old, Cora began speaking to large audiences about spiritual teachings. Cora L. V. Richmond developed the "Presentation of Spiritualism," a treatise that provided an explanation of Spiritualism. This presentation was delivered to the Congress of Religions held in Chicago, in 1893. It was based upon the three aspects of Spiritualism as a Science, a Philosophy, and a Religion. This became the basis for our Declaration of Principles. Wilberforce J. Colville, dubbed "The Kitten Orator," would speak through Spirit on any subject for hours.



Emma Hardinge Britten, "The Silver-Tongued Orator," or "The Greatest Woman Propagandist Modern Spiritualism Ever Had," was also an inspirational speaker. Born in 1823 in London, she was a clairvoyant, medium, author, inspirational speaker and writer, healer, editor and psychometrist. She wrote *Modern American Spiritualism* (1870), *19th Century Miracles* (1884), and *Ghostland or Researches into the Mystery of Occultism*. She admired Cora L. V. Richmond and worked with her. Britten also helped Madame Helene Blavinsky found the Theosophical Society (1875), which still holds its meetings at Pumpkin Hollow in Craryville, N.Y. Emma Hardinge Britten is also credited with defining the Seven Principles of Spiritualism which are used by the Spiritualists' National Union in the United Kingdom. Those principles are:

1. Fatherhood of God
2. Brotherhood of Man
3. Communion of Spirits and Angels
4. Continued existence of the human soul
5. Personal Responsibility
6. Compensation and retribution for good and evil deeds
7. Eternal progression is open to all.

There have been and continue to be great leaders who have been inspired to uplift the world through lectures and writings. Authors, scientists, musicians, and artists have all shared their inspired works with us. A few years ago, I was led to an audio book, *Self-Esteem and Peak Performance*, by Jack Canfield. This book is one of the reasons I am writing this today. It is Canfield's mission to inspire and empower people to live their highest vision in the context of love and joy. He does this by offering inspiring stories and suggestions on stretching oneself.

Jack Canfield used meditation to help him come up with a title for one of his books, *Chicken Soup for the Soul*. During his meditations, he had images of his grandmother making chicken soup for him when he was sick. He thought, "Chicken soup – but not for the body, for the soul. Thus, he had the title for his best seller. Neale Donald Walsch was also inspired when he wrote *Conversations with God*.

There are countless examples of people, from the past and the present who inspire us as a result of their own inspirations. There are many people, including those right in our own churches, who live their daily lives as examples of Spirit-inspiring living.

The Rev. B. Anne Gehman was inspired more than 20 years ago when she suggested that I might want to look into Therapeutic Touch. That single suggestion changed my life. She was inspired by Spirit to found the church, which has brought comfort and knowledge to all who enter it. The Rev. Richard P. Schoeller is an inspired speaker, healer, medium, who has also played a significant role in my life. My sister-in-law, Deborah, continually inspires me to be the best person I can be because she moves through her everyday life inspired by Spirit. Shelly (in our church) is moved by Spirit through her mediumistic gift and that inspires me to move forward with mine. Everyone who feels or senses the "breath of God" or Infinite Spirit, has been impelled to move forward through learning, speaking, writing, healing or mediumship. All of us have been influenced in our lives in extraordinary ways through the inspiration of Spirit. Our lives, and the lives of others we touch, become enriched.

This breath, the spirit of Infinite Intelligence, moves in and through me, stimulating and encouraging me to move forward in my own life in my own unique way. I encourage you to go forward with your own lives, paying heed to the inspiration that moves in and through you from Spirit.

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Intuition is the deepest wisdom of the soul. – *Jeffrey Mishlove*

What happened in APRIL throughout the years?

April is the month to honor and to celebrate Spiritual Healing.
THIS IS A WONDERFUL MONTH TO FOCUS ON THE GIFTS OF SPIRITUAL HEALING, WHICH ALL EMANATE FROM INFINITE INTELLIGENCE.

During the month of April, we have birthed numerous Spiritualist churches and camps where spiritual healing has been offered and received for decades. We shall celebrate their continuance!

APRIL 5, 1924

The **Golden Gate Spiritualist Church, NSAC** in San Francisco, California. Services, lyceums and classes are offered. www.ggsc.org

APRIL 6, 1926

The **Church of Eternal Life, NSAC** in Westville, New Jersey remains active with Sunday services. www.NJCOEL.org

APRIL 7, 1993

The **Central Spiritualist Church, NSAC** was founded in Roseville, California and continues to hold services and classes in Sacramento. www.centralspirit.com

APRIL 9, 1960

The **Church of Spiritual Life** in Salem, New Hampshire. Classes and services continue to be held. www.nhspiritualist.com

APRIL 12, 1895

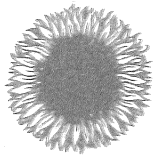
The **Second Spiritualist Church** of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Services. lyceums and classes are offered.

APRIL 12, 1953

The **First Spiritualist Church** of Clinton, Iowa was established and continues today.

APRIL 15, 1937

The **Church of Two Worlds, NSAC** was established in Washington, D.C. They offer services and a weekly class. www.church-of-two-worlds.org



APRIL 17, 1929

The **First Spiritualist Church, NSAC** in Gary, Indiana was founded during the depression. They hold lyceums, services and classes.

APRIL 23, 1939

The **Puritan (Burnham) Spiritualist Church** in Burnham, Illinois continues to hold Sunday services.

APRIL 24, 1902

The **Western Wisconsin Camp Association, NSAC** was organized and remains active today. www.campwonewoc.com

APRIL 28, 1989

The **Center for Spiritual Enlightenment, NSAC** was established in Springfield, Virginia and continues offering lyceums, services and classes in Falls Church, Virginia. www.TheCSE.org

APRIL 29, 1992

The **Sunflower Spiritualist Church** was founded in Clinton, Iowa and services are offered.

APRIL 30, 1990

The **New Horizons Spiritualist Church, NSAC** was established in Elmont, New York. Sunday services are conducted.

APRIL 30, 1994

The **Church of the Living Spirit, NSAC** was founded in Glendale, Arizona and holds Sunday services and classes in their new church building. www.churchofthelivingspirit.org.

The most beautiful experience we can have is the mysterious...He to whom this emotion is a stranger, who can no longer pause to wonder and stand rapt in awe, is as good as dead.

– Albert Einstein [1879-1955]

READING MATTERS

Everyday Holiness

The Jewish Spiritual Path of Mussar
Alan Morinis

Reviewed by Shirley Williams, Texas

The Mussar tradition is one of a long line of Jewish guideliness for living a meaningful, well-directed life. It is based on the belief that your life is a curriculum, and that there are steps you can take to master your particular curriculum. This is demonstrated most clearly in issues that repeatedly challenge you. The sooner you become aware of your curriculum and master it, the faster you will be free of your empty habitual patterns, and the more meaningful life becomes. The Soul-Trait Inventory in the Appendix helps the reader identify soul-traits that are part of the reader's own curriculum.

The Spiritualist would view the curriculum as part of the Principles; in *Torah*, Jews are admonished to remember they can initiate the Natural Laws or God will initiate you. In the *Torah*, as well as in the Spiritualist principles, we have the option to take the steps to initiate our hearts to better ourselves and the world.

As Spiritualists we study the Natural Laws. The goal of those practicing Mussar has been the study of the Natural Laws of God, where 18 Laws are discussed and guidelines are presented, leading to a greater understanding of the Laws. These guidelines have been derived over the past thousand years from great Jewish thinkers and spiritual seekers.

Alan Morinis has provided the reader with what you need to understand Mussar, to garner its insights, and to guide you into a Mussar practice of your own. This allows you to engage with and to master your own personal spiritual curriculum.

Part One provides an overview of Mussar as it evolved, but it is in Part Two that the Spiritualist will recognize familiar concepts. Part Two is made up of 18 chapters, each of which focuses on an inner trait that is important in our lives. The Spiritualist would recognize these traits as Infinite Intelligence's Laws.

Each chapter in Part Two draws upon the observations and profound insights of the Mussar teachers. These teachings lead the reader into a deeper understanding of how these inner qualities play out in our lives. Through this learning, the reader is guided to identify where to focus on one's own practice, since each person's spiritual curriculum is different. The Spiritualist would observe that particular Natural Laws present a greater challenge and thus a greater opportunity for personal growth.

Mussar means correction or instruction. It also serves as the simple Modern Hebrew word for ethics. The practice of Mussar is most accurately described as a way of life. It can be traced back to tenth-century Babylonia. Every succeeding generation of rabbis has added its own reflections and prescriptions to the initial tradition. All shared a profound commitment to guiding the individual in cultivating personal inner traits. These teachings are as applicable to our lives today as they have been to generations gone by. They articulate perennial truths in a contemporary form. Mussar's teachings have universal application.

One of the Spiritualist principles focuses on service. One of the central tenets of Mussar is dedication to be of service while holding the needs of the other in your heart as you work on yourself.

Mussar offers a map of one's inner life and a body of practices one can employ to transform one's inner ways. The 18 spiritual qualities will lead to an easy identification of particular Spiritual Laws and to a greater understanding of how each Spiritual Law can be incorporated in one's life.

This book expands one's knowledge of Natural Law, and can be used in Spiritualist services. While the explanation of each Natural Law or Spiritual value stands alone, there is a singular purpose behind each explanation and it would provide continuity between and among services. The chapters contain poetry, Biblical verses, and wonderful examples to make one's speaking more effective. Furthering the education of the congregation remains a priority for the Spiritualist church. Mussar supports this goal.

Everyday Holiness is written by Alan Morinis and published by Trumpeter in 2007.

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Sharing My Secrets about The Angels in My Life

Cathy Foster, Massachusetts

Cathy Foster has just released her first book, *Sharing My Secrets about The Angels in My Life*. She was born and raised in Taunton, Massachusetts where she still resides with her husband and two children. The inspiration to write this book came from her personal experiences with the presence of the Angels. After recognizing divine

New England News

Spring Thaw Service & Pot Luck

The members of First Spiritualist Church of Willimantic, CT held their annual Spring Thaw Service and Pot Luck on February 10, 2008. Now we know some readers are thinking that February is not Spring, but in New England in February New Englanders start to look forward to Spring, so we throw a party. This year The Rev. Kathleen L. Rottino, NST was the guest speaker and medium. Good fellowship and food followed the service. A few guests were surprised to find out that the bouquet on the table not only looked good but tasted even better as it was made out of candy kisses. •



Candy Kisses bouquet



Some guests as they enjoyed sharing.

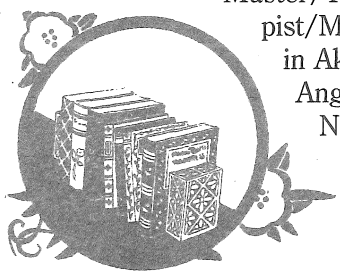
For the truly faithful, no miracle is necessary.
For those who doubt, no miracle is sufficient.

– *Nancy Gibbs*

READING MATTERS *(Continued from previous page.)*

intervention as an integral component in her life, Cathy was inspired to share her sacred experiences with others, so they might understand the angelic influences that have touched their lives.

In this book, Cathy shares all of the 'secrets' that her angels have taught her while she was growing up. Cathy says that growing up 40 years ago was very tough for one with so many questions about spiritual happenings; no one was available to answer her questions. Spiritual topics were not as openly discussed as they are today. Fearing the unknown can be very scary to a child who has no clue about what is happening when they see and hear things that they do not understand.



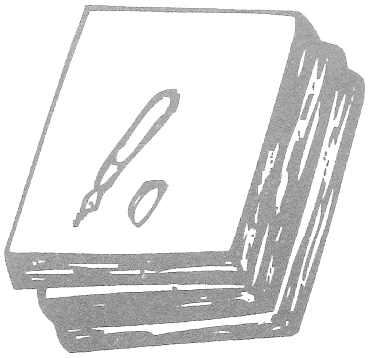
Sharing My Secrets truly is about sharing personal experiences that Cathy had kept to herself about angels in her life. Cathy's stories explain how angels have been involved in her life as far back as she can remember. These angels played major roles by making their presence known to her and by keeping her safe during times of danger.

Cathy spent the next 20 years educating herself about what was happening to her. Cathy Foster says, "At this point in my life, I have found myself drawn towards many different healing modalities and intuitive developments. I have devoted thousands of hours and many years to extensive studying and training to continue my spiritual evolution and understanding. Learning is a never-ending process for me."

Cathy's path has led her to become a Certified Reiki Master/Teacher and an Integrated Energy Therapist/Master Instructor. She also holds certifications in Akisni Healing, Healing with the Energy of the Angels, and as an Angelic Reader. Through the National Spiritualist Associations of Churches, she holds certifications as a Certified Medium, a Commissioned Healer, and as a Licentiate Minister. She is a member of The First Spiritualist Church of Brockton, located in Rehoboth, Massachusetts where she serves on the board of directors as treasurer.

The NSAC Bookstore in Lily Dale, New York has reviewed and accepted her book to sell, as have several other stores in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Maine. Her book is also available on her website: www.mysite.verizon.net/vzesln6l/sharingmysecrets

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The Law of Duality

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As Spiritualists, much focus in our day to day lives deals with the influence of Natural Law.

Consider how the Law of Cause and Effect and the Law of Attraction guide our lives, however these influences do not always demonstrate themselves immediately. Their impact might manifest over a long period of time.

The Law of Duality, however, is ever-present and demonstrates itself in almost every aspect of our lives many times (not just a few times) in the course of a day. On the physical plane, we are constantly making decisions about whether something is good or bad. How often has what we perceived to be a good decision initially turned out all wrong? The basis of all life on the planet revolves around the duality of the sexes – male and female. In fact, the Law of Continuity in the physical realms depends upon the duality of male and female. Without this duality, life as we know it would not exist. These influences are needed to procreate living things, not only in the human kingdom, but in the animal, amphibian, insect and plant kingdoms as well. Without the characteristics of these opposites, all these kingdoms would cease to exist. Even the Laws of Nature are sometimes dualistic.

The Law of Attraction has its opposite in the Law of Repulsion. We are attracted to what resonates with our personal vibration, and repulsed by what does not. We either like something or we don't like it, and that is Natural Law in action.

Our free will is constantly exercised by the Law of Duality. We are constantly faced with choices, and those choices impact our lives – for better or for worse. Sometimes, what seems to be the worst is actually for the better, perhaps not for the self, but for others.

Our planet Earth, as well as many other planets in our solar system, is effected by the Law of Polarity. The magnetic fields around the planets gravitate to the north and south poles. The positive and negative electrical charges that constitute magnetism are in constant motion. Magnetism is responsible for both the creation of light and for the creation of matter. The plasma of the Sun and the iron core of the satellites that surround it are as much influenced by Natural Law as we are here on Earth. Our universe consists of visible matter and invisible influences we are still striving to understand. The seen, or visible, and the unseen, or the invisible, have influenced the development and progression of humanity since the beginning of time.

Humanity has always contemplated and studied our inner and outer worlds. Even in this advanced age of technology, we continue to find deeper mysteries in our planet, our visible universe, and the invisible realms of our minds and emotions. We, ourselves, are dualistic beings. We are Spirit and we are matter. We realize our limitations. We cannot see all that is; we cannot hear all that is. Through our technology, we have been able to see beyond our physical boundaries by using tools such as the photographic lenses used in space research. We often assume, based on our current understanding, how something works, only to find through continued study that we didn't have it quite right. Life is like that. We often find that our decisions, good or bad, positive or negative, do not always turn out as we expect. We make choices, using our free will, for a desired outcome, which doesn't always come out the way we wished it would.

Our spirit friends tell us that our purpose on this Earth is to learn, so that we can evolve as spiritual beings to be of service to others. Many do not have this understanding, and make choices that serve themselves with little regard for others. As Spiritualists, we know that the Law of Cause and Effect will eventually catch up with them. As my mother used to tell me, "The mills of the Gods turn slowly, but they turn exceedingly fine." Whether we believe it or not, there is justice in the universe, and we do indeed reap what we have sown. In speaking of the Law of Cause and Effect, which is a basis for the religion of Buddhism, His Holiness the XIV Dalai Lama (Lhamo Thondup) tells us not to be so mindful of our actions, but to always make our choices with the best intentions for all concerned. For our own spiritual progression, our intentions carry far more weight than the outcome of our actions, whether that outcome is positive or negative. As our 6th and 7th Principles teach us, we should desire the good for all, just as we desire good for ourselves, and we are responsible for the intention behind our actions. So, as we try to observe and respect the many Natural Laws that influence our lives, let's not forget the Law of Duality. It is within us and all around us, and is perhaps the most observable of all the Laws of Nature affecting our lives.

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Interviews with Judge John W. Edmonds and Dr. George T. Dexter

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This lengthy article will be split into three sections to run in April, May and June as Part I, II and III.



PART I

Interview with Judge John W. Edmonds

John W. Edmonds, who served as Chief Justice of the New York State Supreme Court, is believed to have been the first true psychical researcher. Following the advent of the spirit communication epidemic that hit the world with the so-called "Rochester Knocking" in 1848, a number of educated and prominent men and women observed various mediumistic phenomena, but Edmonds carried his investigation beyond a few casual observations. Beginning in early 1851, he sat with numerous mediums, closely testing them in every conceivable way in search of the truth.

Several months after beginning his investigation, Edmonds realized that he had mediumistic powers of his own. Early in 1852, he met George T. Dexter, a New York physician, who, like Edwards, had begun as a doubter, then had become a believer, and then a medium himself. Edmonds, Dexter, and several others formed a circle that met on a regular basis and received frequent essays purportedly coming from the spirits of Emanuel Swedenborg and Francis Bacon through the hand of Dexter.

When Edmonds went public with his findings, he was attacked by the press, the pulpit, and politicians, and he was forced to resign his position on the Bench and return to the practice of law. One of the more sympathetic articles appeared in the *New York Evening Mirror* during 1853:

"John W. Edwards, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of this District, is an able lawyer, an industrious judge, and a good citizen. For the last eight years, occupying without interruption the highest judicial station, whatever may be his faults, no one can justly accuse him of a lack of ability, industry, honesty, or fearlessness. No one can doubt his general saneness, or can believe for a moment that the ordinary operations of his mind are not as rapid, accurate, and reliable as ever."

Before being elevated to the State Supreme Court, Edmonds (1816-74) served in both houses of the New York legislature, including as president of the Senate. These "interviews" are based on the two books, *Spiritualism*, Volumes I and II, co-authored by Edmonds and Dexter. Volume I was published in 1853 and Volume II in 1855. Except for words in brackets which have been inferred and added to allow proper transition and flow, the words are verbatim from the books. The questions have been tailored to fit the answers.

Judge Edmonds, it is my understanding that you began your investigation of mediums in January 1851, soon after the death of your wife. Is that the case?

"[Yes,] I was at the time withdrawn from general society. I was laboring under the great depression of spirits. I was occupying at my leisure in reading on the subject of death and man's existence afterwards. I was invited by a friend to witness the 'Rochester Knockings.' I complied, more to oblige her and to while away a tedious hour."

I read somewhere that you expected to uncover fraud.

"I was all this time an unbeliever, and tried the patience of believers sorely by my skepticism, my captiousness, and my obdurate refusal to yield my belief. I saw around me some who yielded a ready faith on one or two sittings only; others again, under the same circumstances, avowing a determined unbelief; and some who refused to witness it at all, and yet were confirmed unbelievers. I could not imitate any of these parties, and refused to yield unless upon most irrefragable testimony."

What were your religious beliefs at the time you commenced your investigation?

"I had in the course of my life read and heard from the pulpit so many contradictory and conflicting doctrines on the subject that I hardly knew what to believe. I could not, if I would, believe what I could not understand, and was anxiously seeking to know if after death we should again meet with those whom we loved here, and under what circumstances."

What happened at your first sitting?

"My first interview (sitting) was with the rappings (*one rap for each letter of the alphabet, so three raps for 'yes,' and one for 'no'*), and three things struck me as remarkable. One was that under the circumstances it was beyond all cavil that the sounds were not produced by the instrumentality of any

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person present. Another was that my mental questions were answered, when I knew no person present could know what they were, or even that I was asking any; and a third was, that I was directed to correct a mistake I had made in my written memorandum of what was occurring, when I knew that no one present was aware that I had made a mistake, or what it was."

Do you recall the mistake?

"A communication was being spelled out by the alphabet, and I was writing it down. I wrote, 'No one. No two.' My mistake was not seen by any of the party, but it was corrected by [raps] spelling out 'Number one. Number two.'"

What did you make of the rappings?

"Of course I was on the look out for deception, and at first relied upon my senses and the conclusions which my reason might draw from their evidence. But I was at a loss to tell how the mediums could cause what I witnessed under these circumstances...I thought a good deal on what I witnessed, and determined to investigate the matter and find out what it was. If it was a deception or a delusion, I thought that I could detect it. For about four months, I devoted at least two evenings in a week, and sometimes more, to witnessing the phenomena in all its phases. I kept careful records of all I witnessed, and from time to time compared them with each other, to detect inconsistencies and contradictions. I read all I could lay my hands on, on the subject, and especially all the professed 'exposures of the humbug.' I went from place to place, seeing different mediums, meeting with different parties of persons, often with persons I had never seen before, and sometimes where I was myself entirely unknown. In time, I availed myself of every opportunity that was afforded, thoroughly to sift the matter to the bottom."

Were you assisted by anyone in your investigation?

"After depending upon my senses, as to the various phases of the phenomenon, I invoked the aid of science, and with the assistance of an accomplished electrician and his machinery, and of eight or ten intelligent, educated, shrewd persons, examined the matter. We pursued our inquiries many days, and established to our satisfaction two things: first, that the sounds were not produced by the agency of any person present or near us; and, second, that they were not forthcoming at our will and pleasure."

Would you mind relating a little more about those early investigations?

"At my [second] interview, several things occurred to attract my attention. None of my questions were asked orally, some were written, and some merely framed in my mind, yet all were answered correctly. Once I began writing a question which I had thought, and it was answered when I had written only two words of it. Again was I told to correct a mistake in my minutes – for I was a novice, and did not do the business as well as I might – and we were told of what was occurring in the adjoining parlor with a person who had entered the room since we had left it, and which, on throwing open the folding doors, we found to be correct."

So, what was your initial reaction to all that?

"I was startled, for here was to me evidence from which I could not escape, that my most secret thoughts were known to the intelligence that was dealing with me. There was no avoiding the conclusion. Reason upon it as I would, imagine what solution I might, there was the fact plainly before me, and I knew it."

I understand that the communication sometimes came through in other languages.

"I have known Latin, French, and Spanish words spelled out through the rappings, and I have heard mediums who knew no language but their own speak in those languages, and in Italian, German, and Greek, and in other languages unknown to me, but which were represented to be Arabic, Chinese, and Indian, and all done with the ease and rapidity of a native."

In your book, you wrote that one medium told you about the death of your friend, Isaac T. Hooper.

"[Correct], about 10 o'clock in the evening, while attending the circle, I asked if I might put a mental question. I did so, and I knew that no person present could know what it was, or to what subject even it referred. My question related to Mr. Hopper [who had been ill], and I received for answer through the rappings, as from himself, that he was dead! I hastened immediately to his house, and found it was so. That could not have been [known] by anyone present, for they did not know of his death, they did not know my question, nor did they understand the answer I received. It could not have been the reflex of my own mind, for I had left him alive, and thought he would live several days. And what it was but what it purported to be, I can not imagine...On [another] occasion the medium in New York was told that his sister was sick in the State of Michigan. A few days afterward he received a letter through the mail, giving him the same information.

How about physical phenomena?

"To detail what I witnessed would far exceed the limits of this communication, for my records of it for those four months alone fill at least one hundred and thirty closely-written pages. I will, however, mention a few things, which will give a general idea of that which characterized interviews, now numbering several hundred...I have known a pine table with four legs lifted bodily up from the floor, in the center of a circle of six or eight persons, turned upside down and laid upon its top at our feet, then lifted up over our heads, and put leaning against the back of the sofa on which we sat. I have known that same table to be tilted up on two legs, its top at an angle with the floor of forty-five degrees, when it neither fell over of itself, nor could

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any person present put it back on its four legs. I have seen a mahogany table, having only a center leg, and with a lamp burning on it, lifted from the floor at least a foot, in spite of the effort of those present, and shaken backward and forward as one would shake a goblet in his hand, and the lamp retain its place though its glass pendants rang again. I have seen the same table tipped up with the lamp upon it, so far that the lamp must have fallen off unless retained there by something else than its own gravity, yet it fell not, moved not...I have frequently known persons pulled about with a force which it was impossible for them to resist, and once, when all my strength was added in vain to that of the one thus affected. This is not a tithe – nay! not a hundredth part of what I have witnessed of the same character, but it is enough to show the general nature of what was before me."

I recall reading somewhere that all this tomfoolery was intended by the spirits to prove their existence. Is that what you understood?

"[It was said at one sitting that] 'these manifestations are given to mankind to prove their immortality, and teach them to look forward to the change from one sphere to another with pleasure.'...I was satisfied that something more was intended than the gratification of an idle curiosity; something more than pandering to a diseased appetite for the marvelous; something more than the promulgation of oracular platitudes; something more than upsetting material objects to the admiration of the wonder-lover; something more than telling the age of the living or the dead, etc."

What was that "something more"?

"[It] was the intelligence displayed by this unseen power. That was almost always manifested at every interview, and the question that obviously presented itself on the very outset was, whether that was from the mind of any mortal present, or from some other source. So that, even if it had been established that the sounds and physical manifestations of which I have been speaking were produced by mortal agency, still the question remained, whence came the intelligence was displayed? For instance: What was the power that read the thoughts which I had buried for a quarter of a century in the depths of my heart? What was the power that knew my interrogatory the instant it was formed in my mind? What was the power that read the questions which I had written in the solitude of my study? What was the power that revealed my secret purposes to the bystanders, and the purposes of the bystanders, and the purposes of others to me?

But did you ask the communicating spirits what it was all about?

"[Certainly], one of the first of [my] questions was this: What is this which I am witnessing? Is it a departure from nature's laws or in conformity with them? Is it a miracle, or is it the operation of some hitherto unknown but pre-existing cause, now for the first manifesting itself? The answer I got was: It is the result of human progress, it is an execution, not a suspension, of nature's laws, and it is not now for the first time manifesting itself, but in all ages of the world has at times been displayed."

As you and others have often asked, Cui Bono?

"To that inquiry I have directed my earnest attention, devoting to the task for over two years all the leisure I could command, and increasing that leisure as far as I could by withdrawing myself from all my former recreations...I found there were very many ways in which this unseen intelligence communed with us, besides the rappings and table tippings (*automatic writing, direct writing, trance voice*), and that through those other modes there came very many communications distinguished for their eloquence, their high order of intellect and their pure and lofty moral tone; at the same time I discovered many inconsistencies and contradictions that were calculated to mislead."

Calculated to mislead? I don't understand.

"The difficulty in all this matter lies in our expecting too much perfection in the spirits, in looking upon them in knowing more than they do, and as being able to do more than they can; in other words in the erroneous conception of the true nature and character of the Spirit World... [Moreover] I have good reason to believe that there is in the Spirit World much opposition to this intercourse with us, and that a combination has been formed to interrupt and, if possible, to overthrow it, and one mode is by visiting circles and individuals, exciting their suspicions of spirits, and bad thoughts as to their good faith and purity of purpose."

So there may very well be reasons why some passages in Scripture warn against it?

"Oh, how sad is the mistake of him, who from a superficial examination, ventures to pronounce it all evil! He may as well enter the dens of iniquity in this great city, and hearing amid its festering wickedness the mingled shout of blasphemy and ribaldry that will ascend before him, thence infer that such is the character of this whole community."

There was so much wisdom that came through.

"[The] general character has been such as to warrant me saying that I have been struck with their beauty – their sublimity at times – and the uniformly elevated tone of morals which they teach. They are eminently practical in their character, and not in a sentiment is to be found that would be unacceptable to the most pure and humble Christian. The lessons which they teach are those of love, kindness, and are addressed to the calm, deliberate reason of man, asking from him no blind faith, but a careful inquiry and a deliberate judgment...[At one sitting] it was said, 'Imitate Christ in his humility, in his submission to the will of God, and in his love to man, and you will be acceptable to God.'"

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Positive Statements To Help Create a Positive Day.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Faith is dependable and everlasting.	**2** THE journey begins with a choice.	**3** Renewal is continual.	**4** Forgiveness is a necessity.	**5** Heartbreak strengthens you.
6 Be willing to give of self.	**7** Hope is never ending.	**8** God does do-overs!	**9** The heart holds wonders!	**10** Children know how to soar.	**11** Hope is renewable every moment.	**12** Rule by love only.
13 Wishes are small prayers.	**14** You are more precious than gold.	**15** A good idea is a good start.	**16** The power of the mind is awesome!	**17** Ideas are as plentiful as blades of grass.	**18** Doing something for nothing is NEVER for nothing.	**19** Ideas are plans in the making.
20 Memories are windows of time.	**21** Be glad you love and are loved.	**22** Great loves are blessings from God.	**23** Everlasting life is a promise.	**24** I *know*.	**25** Tell the truth.	**26** Speak from the heart.
27 Change is always a possibility.	**28** Magnify your blessings.	**29** God loves YOU always.	**30** Have faith and love.	*This month's affirmations were written by Nancy Ashworth of Missouri.*		



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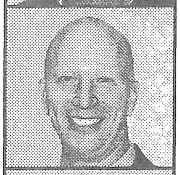



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AUGUSTA - Augusta Spiritualist Church • Corner of Perham & Court Sts.; P.O. Box 2492, 04338; (207) 622-8980; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Thurs. Awareness Class 7:00 p.m.; Co-Pastors, Rev. Kay Hawkins and Rev. Pat Wallace; Secy., Rev. Pat Wallace; Pres.,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

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

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

CANTON - Pinpoint of Light Spiritualist Center • Mail Address: PO Box 69, Paris ME 04271; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., followed by a potluck lunch; Classes Thursday 7:30 - 9:00 p.m; Pres., Laurie Xanthos; For more information, call (207) 562-7555.

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

NORTHPORT - Temple Heights Spiritual Camp Assoc. • Shore Road with Penobscot Bay view. Pres. Ernie Van Den Bossche. Camp runs mid-May-Labor Day w/different medium each week offering private readings by appt. Church services Sun @ 2:30 & Thu @ 7:30 PM. Message Circles @ 7:30 PM Wed & Sat. Workshop Sat morning, Seance Tue @ 7:30 PM, Social Enlightenment Fri @ 7:30 PM, "How Do Mediums Do That" class Sun @ 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.

• NEBRASKA •

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

• NEVADA •

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

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

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

ROCHESTER - Plymouth Spiritualist Church • 29 Vick Park A, 14607; (585) 271-1470; Voicemail (585) 234-2362; 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.

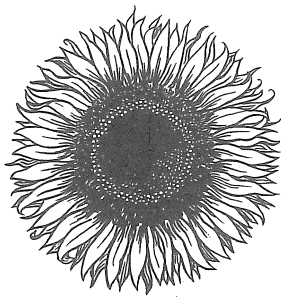
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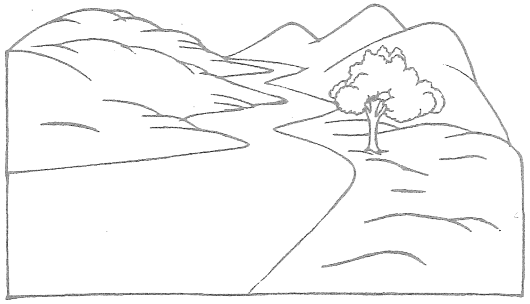
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Retreat!! Retreat!!

LYN COLLIER



I sat with 20 other women from several states, at long tables in a hunting lodge in the middle of a wooded area in Northern Michigan. It was a crisp April evening when we six women made an eight-hour journey in a rented van from Chicago's Midway Airport to attend the **Northern Michigan Women's Retreat**. We had flown the night before from Las Vegas, Nevada, and it was the first time I had ever seen the Great Lakes. It would be a first for many things that weekend!

I listened to The Rev. Cosie Allen, who stood in front of the group and told us what Spiritualism is and what it is not. Behind her, on a memorabilia-covered, pine-wood wall, hung a sign that read: "No shooting on lodge property." And people say Vegas is wild?!

Looking around, I saw women of all ages and backgrounds chatting with each other. During our introductions, I wondered if this many women, some who did not know each other, could survive a weekend together out in the woods. It turned out that they cannot only survive but thrive—reaching great heights of self discovery with the help of Cosie Allen, Dr. Burgess and retreat organizers Jinki Boyer-Goodwin and Kelly Sue Kline. The weekend kicked off with messages and healing from Dr. Burgess, channeled by Cosie Allen. Later that night those who weren't knocked out by a spiritual healing surge (like I was) were treated to a Dr. Seuss bedtime story.

Throughout the entire weekend we got to know each other through long conversations, great meals and pranks (you have to watch those Michigan women who tell tall tales of bears eating pancakes in the woods).

There were also lectures, table-tipping (it did take a few spins around the room after a good warm up), a Chinese auction to help raise money for area churches, and long talks in the kitchen (over hot fudge sundaes) about spirit, skepticism and psychology.

One of the things that we Vegas traveling mates really enjoyed was the early morning walks through the woods. The cool breezes and tall trees were a refreshing change to the blistering Nevada desert landscape.

Some of the women have been attending the retreat for years. Jinki said the greatest reward for coordinating the weekend event for the past decade was to see the great changes women go through.

The beautiful poet Eve Meegan, who has been attending the event for the past five years and often records her experiences of the women's retreat, posted this letter to Jinki on a blog:

> *"Spring is a time of renewal, and I can't think of a better way to remind my own body and spirit that it is time to renew. Every year, you and everyone else who is a part of this retreat make this possible for myself, and for each other. This is how I've changed, muchly due to the love, truth, and support of my chosen Spiritualist family."*

Her poetry also paints the picture of how the event has helped heal and move many forward into a brighter light.

> *"Now, I will teach, I will heal, I will give what's been given*
> *I will remember to reach out through the darkness*
> *And remain the same to show all who are near me*
> *That they may do the same; go even beyond the Gold.*
> *It took many friends to show me how very special I am."*

The 10th anniversary event will be held April 24-27, 2008 in Indian River, Michigan. The retreat has added an optional day (Thursday) to the schedule. Cost is $150 to $125 with discounts for groups of 10 or more. The cost includes seminars, lectures, Chinese auction (bring a wrapped donation), lodging and food. Participants must bring their own linen. For more information, call Jinki at 231-537-2938. •

To the mind that is still, the whole universe surrenders.
– Lao Tzu

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BY THE REV. LYNN KENT

The Memories of Camp Silver Bell

From a November 2007 letter written by Peter R. Gaidon of Red Bank, New Jersey.

As the years continue to roll by, I realize how fortunate it was for me to have found the Spiritualist Camp at Ephrata, Pennsylvania in the Amish Countryside. During the many summers at camp, I sat with numerous well-known mediums, especially those exhibiting various phases of physical phenomena mediumship.



The Mountain Springs Hotel at Camp Silver Bell in Ephrata, Pennsylvania, where U.S. presidents including Lincoln and Grant once stayed. (This picture was taken between 1975-1980.)

The following photos in this article, taken by Roland Riley, are typical lasting examples of this physical mediumship of which I speak. Ectoplasm from the medium and sitter were manipulated by Spirit operators for this photographic "spirit picture." The photos are taken in a completely darkened room, utilizing some form of infrared technology of that time.

When first seen by me, the pictures were very startling. Two of the faces are of dear loved ones that looked exactly like this when they were with me on the earth plane. Ahmed Ley is the Egyptian Master. In the picture taken of my mother, Germana, there are three dear loved ones who looked exactly as they did when here on the earth plane. The Indian is Blue Feather, her trusted guide and protector.

Roland Riley was the son of Ethyl Riley Post Parrish, the world-renowned materialization medium and founder of Camp Silver Belle, located on eight spacious acres at the Mountain Springs Hotel. The Camp received its name in honor of Ethyl's beautiful Indian maiden guide, "Silver Bell."

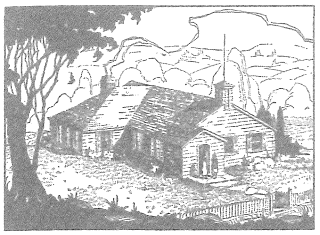
Warren Smith appeared at the camp for many seasons, and it was my good fortune to have sat numerous times during his many powerful materialization séances. People from many parts of the world traveled to the camp specifically to be present, during his séances. Some evenings there were as many as 40 sitters present and it would last three to four hours until totally completed. During these sessions loved ones, guides, teachers and masters fully materialized.

At times, Warren's guide "Fire Fly" told us we could touch the materialized form and I literally danced, at times, with these forms including my grandmother who passed to Spirit 20 years before I was born. Germana, my mother, also danced with many materialized forms of her loved ones including her husband. Warren also had his famous "Thunderbird Healing Sessions." Chief Thunderbird and his healers came forth and applied healing energies to the sitters. Often we could recognize the scent of the healing herbs brought in by Spirit.

Harold Ahrens exhibited a most profound trumpet mediumship! Several trumpets simultaneously could be recognized flying around the séance room. Messages could be heard by the sitters from loved ones and spirit guides through the trumpets. Ectoplasm is utilized by spirit chemists to manufacture artificial voice boxes within the trumpets in order for the manifestation for direct voice mediumship. Apports were often received through the trumpet. *(Apports are tangible objects that are materialized by Spirit, in this case, through the trumpet.)* At other times spirit doctors would touch a sitter with the trumpet, applying various energies for the purpose of healing.

Mildred Gourley Smith and her guide "Yellow Rose" exhibited a most profound form of trance. Reed Brown

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The Church

THE REV. RUPERT SIGURDSSON, NST, Maine

It is very pleasant to have a comfortable building to sit and hold a church service in, but that is not the church. It is great to have a pastor who can present an interesting service, but that again is not the church. An efficient board of directors is important, but again that is not the church. All these items are very important and make the church a pleasant place to come to, but the real church is the congregation.

The congregation is the spirit of the church. Each member is like a single cell of your car battery and we all know that feeling when we turn the key on and the motor comes immediately to life, or just groans to a sluggish start, or is dead. That is the way it feels when you are up front presenting a service. If the members of the congregation are in tune with each other and free of any negative feeling, a basic feeling of love prevails, the energy you feel up front is wonderful, but if there is a negative person it is like a dead cell in your car battery and it feels very flat and dead.

Recently on a TV News program there was a discussion as to whether a sick person should go to work and it was stated that a sick person was better staying at home, as their productivity was not good and it generally lowered the efficiency and health of the business. This also applies to a church, not just to physical sickness, but more importantly to the mental state of the member. A person who has prejudice against another member, or other negative feelings, is like a dead cell in the car battery. The service goes on but it lacks that sparkle that all can feel when there is love and harmony in the congregation.

I will agree it is not always easy to have a loving feeling towards everyone in the congregation, especially when there have been changes, or conflicts between members, but harmony is a goal we all need to work towards. My late wife Mary, who always lived more on the spirit side than on the material side of life and spent over 50 years letting spirits speak through her in trance to bring their philosophy to the material world, felt that the material didn't really matter. We are here to develop our spiritual side and that is what is important.

But most of us have to live in the material world, taking care of material needs. During the time we devote to our church (or to any other spiritual enterprise), we should leave our material thoughts outside of the church door, entering the church with a cheerful, loving attitude to all present. In that way the service will be more rewarding for all.

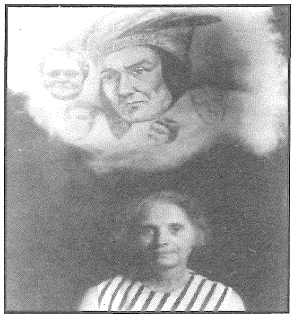
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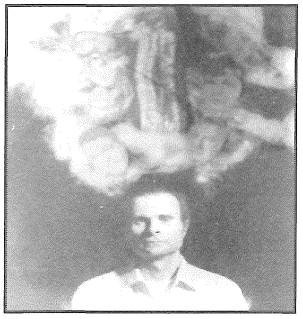
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had developed numerous phases of mediumship, including full materialization, trance and precipitation on silk in the red light. Joe Riley, Roland's son, also developed trance and full materializations. William Donnelly, Ernest Nichols and Ralph Jordan were also very powerful physical mediums.

The above mentioned mediums (plus many others at the camp) in their own unique way demonstrated immortality and continuity of consciousness following demise of the physical body. It demonstrated that we are never alone.





These two photos were taken between the years of 1976 and 1978 by Roland Riley.

Camp Silver Belle, located upon eight beautiful acres, closed its doors to the public after the 1988 season. I truly miss this once holy ground that has now been commercialized with condos, fast food restaurants and a motel. We, as Spiritualists, must do all we can to support existing churches and camp grounds that practice our Science, Philosophy and Religion of Spiritualism. Peter Gaidon (signed)

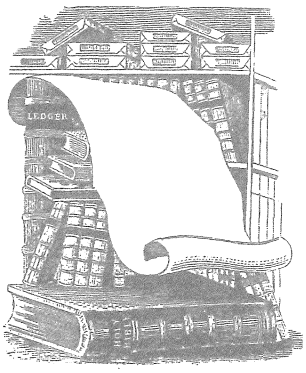
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Spiritual Healing

THE REV. SHARON A. WATSON, NST, REGISTERED NURSE



April is spiritual healing month. In this article, we shall address some of the causes of illness and how our Healing Prayer helps us heal. Our Healing Prayer talks about healing, Infinite Intelligence and doing our part. We know that there are three parts of us that make up the whole: body, mind and spirit. Healing always involves these three areas. In this article, we shall address the physical, mental and spiritual aspects of healing.

The physical aspect.

So why is it that we get sick? Many people believe that illness can be attributed to our food intake. Let's explore the topic of food. Most of us didn't think much about food during our infancy and childhood years. That was left up to our parents. Statistics show that some new parents do choose very wisely for their children starting in the womb and continuing through infancy. As our society has progressed into a society of convenience, there are more fast food places, "hurry up and eat" lunches and even skipping meals. You have heard the saying, "You are what you eat." The family used to sit down and eat meals together at a leisurely pace and talk about the day. This fulfilled the eating and socializing of the family unit. Today to sit and eat at a slow pace is almost unheard of.

There is also the question of what is healthy and what is not. There are many "fad" diets available that were not heard of in the 1960 and 1970 decades. New information is continually coming out about foods that we thought were healthy and are now considered not so healthy. How do we know what to eat?

Moderation is the key to any diet. Quality must be thought of along with quantity. Good common sense and reasoning along with our doctor's advice can help assure better health at any age. Organic, natural – we can drive ourselves crazy with all the terminology. Following the food groups and moderation are what our parents and their parents used, and many of them are living into their 90's.

Laying on of hands.

In correlation with the physical aspect of food, let's address the physical aspect of laying on of hands. Hands are the tools we use to show intent. Hands on healing begins with the healers' hands on the recipient's shoulders. This links the pituitary, pineal and thyroid glands because it is at the center of this group of glands. The pineal gland is considered the "organ of spiritual sight." It is second in brilliance and size to the aura of the heart, which is the largest and most completely organized magnetic field in the human body. The pineal gland's energy and power is derived from the aura of the heart. Placing the hands near the head is an action that healers use. The brain is the center from which impulses are sent and the brain governs the movement of the entire body. Right hand on the forehead (positive) and the left hand (negative) on the nape of the neck create a circular force field. The movement of the hands down the spinal column signifies the balancing of the group of nerve cells in the spinal column.

The mental aspect.

How do our thoughts affect our health? Recently, there has been a lot of attention on the "Law of Attraction." The book *The Secret* talks about this Law. We, as Spiritualists, have known and studied this Law in our classes. Yes, thoughts are things. Who controls our thoughts? We do. This is great news because we can change our thoughts at any second. We can replace old, negative thoughts with new, positive ones. It sounds simple and it can be. How do we start? By paying attention to our thoughts and changing them when we notice a thought that we do not want to manifest, we begin the process of change. When a negative thought occurs, immediately think "cancel that," and replace it with a positive thought. Our brains are like computers: they give us what we program through our thoughts. We attract all that comes into our lives by our thoughts. We talk to ourselves all day long in our minds. What are we saying, "I'm good *or* I'm worthless." Put the positive back into your thoughts and draw it in to your physical and mental being.

The spiritual aspect.

Remember, we are spirit first. Our spirit cannot be sick or diseased because it abides in the perfect state of its own nature. Our spirit is the part of us that moves on with the change called death. The spirit is the non-physical part of us. How do we keep this part healthy? By meditation and prayer. Prayer and meditation are an important part of spiritual healing. Prayer is talking to Infinite Intelligence and meditation is listening. Most of us find it easy to talk to Infinite Intelligence but don't take the time to listen. It is important for us physically and spiritually to stop and

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My Cells Touch The Universe



LYNNE KRESGE, Maine

There is a passage in Beethoven's Pastorale that stops me in my tracks wherever, whenever, whatever. When I begin to anticipate that passage, I must stand still, close my eyes and clutch my stomach in anticipation of the pain. Yes, pain, because the exquisite beauty of the music is so beyond this earthly realm that the pain of such pleasure is inevitable.

It is at these times that I know with certainty that there exists a Higher Power, call it what you will – The One, The Mystery, Infinite Intelligence, The Divine, Pure Love, Pure Truth, or God. Lately, I have begun to think God may be found in Quantum Physics – and could be called Pure Energy. We know now that every living thing, and even every inanimate object, consists of energy, constantly emitting electrical vibrations. Of course our ancient healers knew this long ago.

Perhaps we fully live when our energy vibrations align with the energy flow of the universe; when we are able to touch that energy with all of our quarks and become attuned with it in unison and enlightenment. Is that not how creativity feels?

I will never doubt that the music of the ages was composed in that union with the energy of the universe. I will never doubt that the discovery of musical harmony by early man was made possible by that connection with the energy of the universe. Are not the creations by and compositions of Beethoven a miracle? Is not the sound of the human voice in combination with others a miracle?

When I experience Beethoven's Pastorale, and that gloriously transcending passage, I leave the earth, and know that my cells touch the universe, perhaps connecting with the same timeless vibrations as did those of Beethoven.

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meditate. There have been many studies in the medical field about meditation and its affect on health. It has been found to lower blood pressure, heart rate and decrease stress. Stress can deplete our body and change our physiology (how our body functions). It is not necessary to meditate for hours at a time. Quieting the mind and body allows us to "hear" spirit better and any information that we ask for about our healing. Remember we must do our part.

Let us take a look at our **Healing Prayer** from a different perspective. We all can send healing. Healers learn to be an open channel for spiritual healing by studying and learning the actions and attitudes that are necessary to become a healer.

I ask the Great Unseen Healing Force –

To "get" we must "ask." Spirit is willing and able to help but we must ask. They will not force anything upon us. It is our choice to ask for what we need/want. Infinite Intelligence – all healing comes from God.

To remove all obstructions from my mind and body and restore me to perfect health...to help both present and absent ones who are in need of help.

Harry Edwards addresses spiritual healing in his books and gives examples of how Spirit can manipulate energies in the physical body to bring about healing. Spiritual healing has no negative side effects. It improves the person as a whole and works extremely well *with* conventional and alternative medicine. (A physician should monitor any illness.)

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

We must do our part by keeping ourselves balanced (meditation); keep a clean, healthy vessel. The general ways to keep healthy are rest, exercise and proper diet.

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

Spiritual healing is a thought process, especially in absent healing. One must put the thought for healing out and continue to send light and love to that person knowing that spiritual healing is taking place. Those people who study healing in all aspects have a sincere desire and intent to help others. This can be felt by the recipient and allows for the healing energy to flow freely for the highest and the best.

May this article inspire you to consider spiritual healing for the physical, mental and spiritual aspects of your life.

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MEDIA WATCH

BY THE REVS. TOM AND LISA BUTLER, NST



Thoughts on Aging • Dr. Ellen Langer studied a group of male volunteers aged 75-80 at Harvard University. The men lived in a closely supervised retreat center where they were instructed to be who they were in 1959 when they would have been considered in their prime. They hung pictures on the walls of themselves in 1959. They watched movies from 1959, had music from 1959 playing on the radio and lived with only things from that time period. Before and after the five days the group was appraised on a number of criteria associated with aging. After the five day experiment, the group dramatically improved on physical health measures such as joint flexibility, vision, muscle, breadth and even on IQ tests.

From: Langer, E. J. *Mindfulness*, Addison Wesley, Reading, Massachusetts, 1989

A Happy Heart is a Healthy Heart • In a study of nearly 3000 adults done by Dr. Andrew Steptoe at the University College, London, people who reported having upbeat moods had lower levels of a "stress" hormone that when chronically elevated could contribute to high blood pressure, suppressed immune function and other problems. Women in the study who reported positive emotions had lower blood levels of two proteins that are an indication of inflammation in the body. Chronic inflammation is believed to contribute to heart disease and cancer.

One possibility that has been brought up in this type of study is that happier people lead more healthful lifestyles. However not all studies have found this to be the case and Steptoe says that because of this they have been looking for more direct biological links between positive states and health. He says that current findings are showing that happiness and other positive emotions are "associated with biological responses that are health-protective...We need to help people to recognize the things that make them feel good and truly satisfied with their lives, so that they spend more time doing these things."

From: "Happiness may be good for your health" by Amy Norton, Reuters Health source the American Journal of Epidemiology, January 1, 2008.

Newborns can have Near-Death Experience • Dr. P. M. H. Atwater, who is an authority on Near-Death Experiences (NDE) and the author of *Coming Back to Life* and *Beyond the Light*, says that one-third of those who face death are likely to have an NDE but with children the figure is 75%. Dr. Atwater says, "Even newborns can have a near-death experience and tell their parents when old enough to be proficient at language."

From: *Fate Magazine*, September 2007 "Children and the Near-Death Experience" by Brad and Sherry Steiger.

Ghost's Clothes • An article by Shane McCorristine in the October 2007, *Paranormal Review* addressed a heated criticism that took place in the nineteenth century over the way ghosts were attired. One camp felt that if a ghost was an objective reality it should not be seen wearing clothes, it should be ethereal or at the least clothes-less. The fact that most people reported seeing an apparition in clothes of the period during which it was on earth was used to justify contesting arguments that seeing a ghost was a form of "dreaming while awake." It was Allen Kardec who wrote that spirits needed to present themselves in a manner in which they could be recognized and identified. No matter how many Spiritualists attempted to explain the clothes of ghosts, it was the concept of hallucinations that gained the most credence and support among the scientific community during that period. The experience of seeing a ghost was said to be a mental creation in which the figures perceived were dressed according to the percipient's memory of that person.

From: *Paranormal Review,* October 2007, Issue 44, "The Clothes of Ghosts: A survey of a Nineteenth-Century Problem" by Shane McCorristine.

Proving Survival • Miles Edward Allen talks about proof of an afterlife in the Summer/Fall Issue of *Signs of Life.* He discusses the difficulty with proving survival using the scientific method because all outside influences need to be controlled. He explains that the actions of the deceased are beyond our control and so there can be no "scientific proof." He goes on to say, "Those who seek proof must turn to another cultural institution: Our legal system. Using the legal approach, to ask for proof is to ask to be

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convinced beyond a reasonable doubt....Since everyone is biased one way or another, how much evidence is required to meet this criterion will vary from person to person. Thus, proof is relative, not absolute."
From: *Signs of Life* a publication of the Forever Family Foundation, www.foreverfamilyfoundation.org

Telepathy • Dean Radin points out that in 25 studies conducted to see whether taking aspirin prevents a second heart attack, the overall average showed a small effect of 0.03 but this was large enough for Bayer Aspirin to get approval from the FDA to label the bottle with "...Aspirin can reduce the risk of death if taken as directed by a doctor as soon as a heart attack is suspected." By comparison, telepathy experiments have shown a significant affect size five times greater and yet telepathy is somehow not considered real.
From: *Science and the Taboo of Psi* by Dean Radin.

31st Annual Society for Psychical Research (SPR) • Papers at the 31st annual conference held in the Welsh capital of Cardiff comprised a mixture of topics including reincarnation, telepathy, paranormal belief, mediumistic experience, and ESP. Steven Parsons and Ann Winsper presented two papers concerning paranormal experiences. The first was research done on a haunted location and the second focused on a survey exploring types of apparitional experiences. They were surprised that a large number of respondents reported that the apparition appeared to be aware of its surroundings. David Fontana questioned why parapsychology has lost interest in survival research and noted that the evidence in favor of survival is stronger today than it has been before. Sylvia Hart Wright presented her paper on the family backgrounds of highly psychic adults. Her research suggests that intensely psychic adults are likely to have suffered severe trauma in their first 10-12 years. Robert Charman's talk was on spiritual healing, a topic rarely mentioned by the SPR. Charman provided information on studies that raise interesting questions and point out the need for further research in this area.
From: *Paranormal Review,* October 2007, Issue 44, "The 31st SPR Annual Conference in Cardiff" by Hannah Gilbert.

Online MSc Program in Parapsychology • Coventry University has offered undergraduate courses in Parapsychology for over 10 years. Students look at extrasensory perception, psychokinesis, mediumship, apparitions, poltergeists, near-death experiences, out-of-body experiences and other phenomena considered paranormal. Students are encouraged to adopt an open but critical approach. In 2006, "The Psychology of Exceptional Human Experiences" was offered as a part-time MSc (Masters of Science) course. This course has created interest all over the world and has led to the development of an online MSc in Parapsychology that will be available in September 2008.
From: *Paranormal Review,* October 2007, Issue 44, "Researching the Anomalous" University Based Research Units – Part Two.

The Parapsychology Foundation • is a not-for-profit foundation dedicated to the scientific study of psychic phenomena. The Foundation gives grants and maintains the Eileen J. Garrett Library with its collection of more than 12,000 volumes and 100 periodicals on parapsychology and related topics. They have a wide range of information on no less than four websites: www.parapsychology.org, www.pflyceum.org, www.psychicexplorers.org and www.psi-mart.com.

Psychic Phoneline makes Big Bucks • The author of a piece on the Irish psychic phoneline service telephoned Psychic Live, one of the most successful psychic phonelines in the world, and called his reading with one of their phone psychics a ripoff with a half-hour of nebulous rambling. But Realm Communications, the company that runs Irish Psychics Live, made more than €5 million in profits last year. It has 40,000 regular users and over 100 psychics.
From: *Independent.ie* "space-cadet," Sunday, November 25, 2007.

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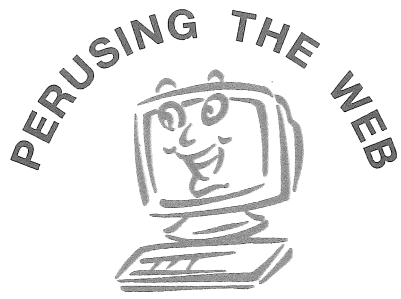
American paranormal researcher **Sarah Wilson Estep** made her transition on January 3, 2008. She was the premier pioneer researcher in Electronic Voice Phenomena (EVP) in the United States and was considered one of the world's leading experts in the field.

Sarah founded the American Association of Electronic Voice Phenomena in 1982 and began publishing a quarterly newsletter. Membership in the Association grew from twenty to several hundred people in twenty-seven states and twelve countries. There was no Internet and Sarah was the glue that allowed researchers to gain knowledge about the work that others were doing. She held three national conferences and helped countless people learn about the voices and how to record them. For eighteen years Sarah led the AA-EVP and then in the year 2000 she decided to retire and asked Tom and Lisa Butler to assume leadership. •

Men cannot see their reflection in running water, but only in still water.
Only that which is itself still can still the seekers of stillness.

– Chuang Tzu

www.nsac.org/healing.htm



Because this month is *Spiritual Healing* month, we are featuring information from the National Spiritualist Association of Churches' website www.nsac.org/healing.htm Healing contact information can be found on page 20 in this issue.

Definition of a Spiritual Healer

A Spiritualist Healer is one who, either through one's own inherent powers or through mediumship, is able to impart vital, curative force to pathologic condition. A Spiritualist Healer works with the spirit, mind, emotions, and the body of the recipient. A Spiritualist Healer is aware that once stress is removed from the mind and emotions, the body will respond naturally. This brings about holistic healing in the patient. Spiritualist Healers acknowledge the importance of the medical community and work in cooperation with it at all times. Spiritualism recognizes that the medical community is an instrument of healing of the Infinite.

Prayer for Spiritual Healing

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

Children's Healing Prayer

I ask God's Healing Power
to make me whole and well.
I know that I work with God,
through my thoughts and actions
to make this healing happen.
I ask God's Healing Power
to heal other people near and far away.
I trust that God will answer
this healing prayer.

Types of Spiritual Healing

An endless reservoir of healing is available from the spirit side of life for the use of individuals of the Earth Plane. Various methods can be used to tap into this power.

HEALING WITH SPIRIT INTERVENTION

Absent Healing • Absent Healing is a curative power sent to someone at a distance. The healer first cleanses their mind of doubt, the seed from which failure grows. Knowing that healing is a reality aids the healing in allowing healing power to flow through easily. The word impossible disappears from their vocabulary, and true love for the one in need is expressed. Positive prayer creates a bond with Infinite Intelligence and healing spirit entities. Without this help, the healer is powerless to relieve the recipient's condition. The NSAC Prayer for Spiritual Healing is more than mere words. It first appeals to the Unseen Healing Force to cleanse the Healer's mind and body, then asks that it heal others. Finally, it affirms our trust in the Infinite's power and love. Prayer is a mighty force. When linked with energy from the spirit realms, it expands to embrace the positive, eliminates the negative, and helps perfect health to manifest.

Contact Healing • With contact healing the actual physical contact assists the healer transfer curative energy to the recipient. The healer's hand or hands are placed upon the recipient's head, shoulders, or both; thus becomes a conduit through which this energy flows. The spiritual healer may be acting as a transformer of the spiritual energy to make it more readily absorbed by the recipient.

Many contact healers place one hand upon the recipient's forehead and another upon the back of the neck. Contact with the head and shoulders is sufficient for the purpose of healing. Touching the recipient any other place on their body is unnecessary, and charges of unprofessional conduct can result from doing so.

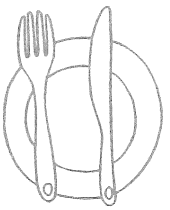
Spirit Healing • With spirit healing, spirit doctors work directly upon the recipient to correct, or relieve conditions. With this type of healing the spirit entity, or entities, do not require the use of a healer in a physical body, but are able to work directly upon the etheric, or spirit body of the person in need.

HEALING WITHOUT SPIRIT INTERVENTION

There are other means of bringing about healing without the intervention of spirit doctors or the Infinite.

Magnetic Healing • A superabundance of magnetic energy within the physical being of some persons helps to facilitate the ready transference of the extra healing energy to others. Yet, however easily this power flows from the magnetic healer, it can also be depleted if too many healings are given in succession.

Suggestive Healing • Suggestive healing is positive thoughts implanted in the mind to serve as a catalyst to promote healing. The finite mind of a person is part of



Soul Food

Recipes to feed our spiritual, emotional and physical hungers.

Spring's earliest vegetables bring thoughts of tender asparagus shoots. Here are several appetizing ways to share your spring asparagus bounty:

ASPARAGUS SAUTÉED WITH GARLIC

- Melt 3 Tablespoons butter in a large skillet over medium-high heat.
- Add 3 cloves of garlic, finely chopped and one pound of asparagus.
- Cover and cook for 6-8 minutes, stirring a couple of times.

ASPARAGUS SAUTÉED WITH LIME

- Melt 1 Tablespoon butter with 1 Tablespoon olive oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat.
- Add 1 clove garlic and 1 medium shallot, finely chopped and cook for 90 seconds.
- Add 1 pound of asparagus, cover and lower heat, cooking for 5 minutes.
- Pour 1/4 cup lime juice and salt and pepper over asparagus and heat through.

Lime offers a zesty and fresh new flavor for traditional steamed asparagus!



ASPARAGUS GUACAMOLE

- Trim and cut 2 pounds of asparagus into 1" pieces. Place in 1 cup boiling water and cook just 5 minutes. Set aside.
- Place 1/2 cup salsa, 3-4 ounces cream cheese, 2 Tablespoons fresh cilantro, 2 chopped cloves garlic, and 4 chopped green onions in a blender or food processor. Blend on Medium speed to desired consistency.

The cream cheese gives body to this guacamole; use up to 8 ounces cream cheese if you like it.

DELICIOUS!

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Infinite Spirit. Therefore, affirmations have an important role. Affirmations such as: "Every day in every way, I am getting better and better" find a place here since the Law of Like Attracts Like is also at work since like thoughts in turn create like conditions. Absent, spiritual, spirit, magnetic, and suggestive healing are the most common healing practices found in the Spiritualist church.

The results of Spiritual Healing are produced in several ways:

- By spiritual influences working through the body of the medium to transmit curative energies to the diseased parts of the recipient's body.
- By spiritual influences enlightening the mind of the medium to assist with healing.
- Through the application of absent healing treatments whereby spiritual beings combine their own healing energies with the energies of the medium and cause them to be absorbed by the system of the recipient.

HOW CAN YOU ASSIST IN YOUR OWN HEALING

Self Healing • Healing of oneself is most important. Suggestive healing is useful along with prayer, or meditation time upon arising or retiring. Search for the time and practice that works best for you, for healing is a personal experience.

Healing Groups • Why not start a Healing Group with others of your congregation? Only the sincere should join; for healing is serious business, hard work, and determination is required. As a group, or individually, study the Natural Laws involved with the healing process and investigate sources of information on the subject. If possible, a NSAC Spiritualist Healer should supervise the group. Each group session should begin and end with a sincere prayer, and all members should be willing to lend assistance if called upon. Singing songs may be used to attune to spirit helpers and Infinite Intelligence, as well as provide energy for the healing to follow. Group healing resembles absent healing and Love is its driving force. Prayers and affirmations harmonize and give direction to the thoughts of those present and assist the creative visualization of the healing recipient. As a group visualize a light carrying the healing to the recipient, knowing this process will be effective. A closing prayer should include thanks, or gratitude.

Healing enriches our lives and improves our resistance to illness in ways beyond our dreams.

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Narcissus and the Challenge to Spiritual Growth

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The story of Narcissus is based upon an ancient Greek myth. Myths arise in particular cultures and ancient Greeks believed in many gods. Also, myths are connected to important ideas; these may be social, psychological or religious, and insight into them can help us. Myths are not often to be taken as true. They are given as metaphors and are used to convey a teaching. Here we examine the myth of Narcissus to see if we can explain some of its significance to us in present day society, with particular application to becoming integrated individuals and to sensing the sacred (beyond the material) dimensions of life.

First we should say a little on the modern views of "narcissism." Sigmund Freud used this myth to characterize a psychological condition that later became labeled, in its extreme form, as "Narcissistic Personality Disorder." There are other forms in addition to NPD, and these fall outside of this paper. Some of the traits of these types involve: self-centeredness, self-admiration, no empathy, callousness and grandiosity. We need to bear in mind, for our purposes, that a moderate degree of narcissism is seen as essential for productive functioning. It facilitates an individual's perception of needs, including an appropriate valuing of the self, a need for thoughtful and balanced relationship, and sufficient confidence and self-worth to move towards goals. We can now look at this myth and consider its lessons for spiritual growth.

Narcissus' mother saw the seer Teiresias who told her, "Narcissus will live to a ripe old age provided he never knows himself." We might remark that this is a strange thing to say because we are all here to know ourselves. In fact, Socrates' famous advice is often quoted as sound advice, "Know Thyself." (We can return to this later.) Narcissus was an outstandingly handsome young man and many wanted to be his friend. Numerous young women and men fell in love with him. However, he was full of self-pride and rejected all comers; he seemed to think none were worthy of him.

One day he went hunting in the forest with companions and the nymph Echo followed. She had fallen deeply in love with him. Echo had been punished by the gods and, as a result, she could never speak first, but could only repeat what another person said. Narcissus was separated from his companions and called to them and said, "Come to me." Echo replied, "Come to me." She rushed out to embrace him. He pushed her away, saying, "I will die before I go with you." Echo spent the rest of her life alone seeking love.

One day Narcissus treated Armeinus, who sought his friendship, even worse than he usually did, and sent him a sword with callous disregard. Armeinus took the sword and killed himself in front of Narcissus' house. As Armeinus died he called out to the gods to avenge him. So the God Artemis made Narcissus fall in love, but without his love ever being fulfilled.

One day, again in the woods, Narcissus came upon a clear spring and bent down to drink. He saw a beautiful face in the water, but as he reached, it disappeared in ripples. He realized he could not grasp this creature for it was a reflection of himself. For a long while he gazed at this face, and grieved that nothing could be done. It was as Artemis had decreed—a love that could not be fulfilled. He was alone because he had never loved anyone else. Echo was there watching as, in despair, he plunged a dagger into his heart and called out, "Ah youth, beloved in vain, farewell." As he died his blood seeped into the earth; lovely white and also red Narcissus flowers sprang up. Echo repeated, "Beloved in vain, farewell."

As I mentioned earlier, some myths may be literally untrue, as this one is. So we can forget about the talk of gods, and ask, "What is the moral that the story teaches us?" We could discuss Echo and how important it is for an individual not to try to live only through other people without developing one's own individuality, thereby failing to "Know Thyself." We need, however, to focus on Narcissus who had lived with excessive self-pride. He had been so self-absorbed that he had no quality time for anyone else. His feelings of self-importance were so great; he felt justified in treating others with contempt and in hurting their feelings without remorse. He was egotistical in the extreme. Thus he failed to promote and nurture meaningful relationships with others or with nature. His excessive self-referential behavior also meant that he sought no connection to the creative life-source because he saw nothing as being beyond himself.

These days many people think that young people face a difficult life situation. They are constantly bombarded with attempts to persuade them that they are worth it in regard to purchasing an increasing number of things involving vanity—"desired" purchases. These persuaders trade on what they see as a self-indulgent, *me* society. They tell young

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The Place of Silence

Lynne Kresge, Maine

I sit quietly, eyes closed, and breathe.
Slowly in, slowly out.
Breathing in the golden glow of the disappearing sun.
Beaming through the windows.
Breathing out the thundercloud tensions of the day.
Breathing in the light;
Breathing out the dark.
Breathing in the warmth of winter sun;
Breathing out the remembrance of cold and chill.
Breathing in the open sky;
Breathing out the dark clouds of fear.
Breathing in the vibrations of Divine Source;
Breathing out the foibles of the daily ego.
Breathing in the serenity of silence;
Breathing out serenity to surround me.



Morning

Bonnie Wheeler, Maine

The birds woke me this morning
Singing your praise.
the flower garden bloomed
through a light pristine haze.
Your sunshine warmed
My body and soul.
The miracle of the day's beauty
Began to unfold.

NARCISSUS AND THE CHALLENGE...

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people that they are free to pursue all—everything and by doing so, they will become more successful or attractive. We seem to live in increasingly hedonistic, materialistic and socially fragmenting societies. This carries the danger of neglecting the inner person, the real self, and of treating young people (indeed all of us) as narcissistic.

Narcissus' last words tease us; are they saying, "I am too good for others, and as I cannot possess myself, then I have lived, unfulfilled, in vain?" Or do they make an important statement about finally understanding himself? Has he finally looked through his reflection into his inner self, and realized how he could have lived? Could he have lived by the golden rule, by compassion, and sharing, and giving of himself, thereby receiving in return? Then he would have been enriched, and so would others. Had he finally known himself in this way and so at the end was deeply saddened and ashamed by what he had become? Therefore, he had lost, but now thought he could not do anything about it? If so, he made a fatal decision, rather than accepting the challenge of finally facing up to life, knowing himself and others in a true way. Or had he come to know himself in terms of an intractable self-centeredness as Artemis had decreed—unable to ever fulfill himself?

Teiresas the seer had forecast that Narcissus would live a long life *if he did not know himself.* We are challenged to find out what Teiresas really meant. Which of the above alternatives did he imply? When Socrates used the phrase, he meant know yourself in all possible ways, not know yourself as the only human worth knowing. T. S. Eliot asked the question, "Where is the life we lost in living?" It is possible for us to lead the wrong life, and in doing so, lose the real life, the one we should have led. Did Narcissus ask himself this vital question at the end. Did he really come to realize the life he had led had prevented him from living a life of really knowing himself and others, and experiencing the transcendental? Was that the meaning behind his last despairing words? Perhaps the myth confronts each of us with this potential danger and challenges us to answer it in how we live our lives.

In considering the spiritual aspect we can identify certain experiences as contributory. One of these is seeking, gaining and maintaining a conceptual framework or system, (whether consciously or unconsciously) with which we can view ourselves, others, the world and nature, and experience, a transcendental or sacred dimension. Another is developing a functioning level of self-esteem to absorb positive experiences and be proactive. A third one is experiencing rich mutual relatedness. Putting these together we need to be able to have a coping and operational view of life's events such as pain, pleasure, crises, natural disasters, and love. These all argue for an inter-connected view of things. *(It should be noted here that both the NSAC Nine Principles and the SNU Seven Principles embrace the above concepts and experiences.)* These experiences not only guard against undue narcissism, but also facilitate the move towards balance and integration in the individual who then exhibits psycho-spiritual growth. This is not to suggest that we thereby become wonderful or special, but that we are undertaking holistic wellness and are using a moderate degree of narcissism as part of our total armory in meeting our destiny and confronting our challenges.

Perhaps what the myth asks of us is to think through the story and its underlying issues, and see the myth as a valuable learning experience. It seems, then, that it can offer us a moral and spiritual lesson that is of universal significance. •

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