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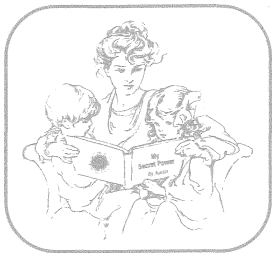
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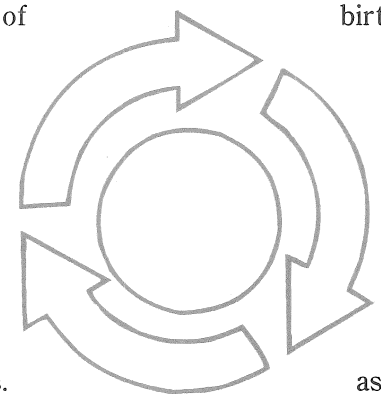
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Coming Full-Circle

LAURA LEE PERKINS, Editor

The month of May, which includes both Mother's Day and Memorial Day, is about coming full-circle. Becoming a mother is about giving birth into physical form; memorializing those who have transitioned is about being birthed into spiritual form. Both of these holidays honor the process of coming full-circle, through life, as we know it here on earth.

Our mothers cared for our physical well-being as they carried us, nestled deep in their wombs, for nine months of gestation. Then they cradled us in their physical arms of love. They molded our personalities as they guided us through years of childhood; they kept us safe and taught us how to walk our own path. Mothers are our primary source of everything that we know and experience about life because we were formed out of the very fabric of their bodies. As we entered the birth canal, and then eventually took our first breath, our mothers' voices were the core of everything familiar for us. Fathers have a vital role also in rearing children; but we grow into readiness for life inside of the mother. Her heartbeat, her voice, her movements, her rhythm of walking, her eating habits, and eventually her touch and her scent are what we first *know.*



And while we honor all mothers on Mother's Day, we also remember that we were the greatest gift and the greatest joy – during the pregnancy and birth – that our mothers have probably ever known. Mothering, while filled with the most joyous experiences, can also embrace some of the very deepest pain. On this Mother's Day, let us remember those mothers who have gone through the trauma of losing a child. These women, throughout the rest of their earthly lives, need our love and support. When a woman gives birth to a baby, part of the mother goes out into the world with the child. That is a mother's legacy – that she will continue to live on earth long after she has transitioned to spirit form.

On Memorial Day we remember all of those children who have left earth earlier than expected. We remember their parents who grieved for the loss of future time with their beloved children, and we remember our feelings as we attended memorial services, funerals, and the seeming emptiness of our lives when loved ones have transitioned. And we look back, remembering those who openly shared their love with us, and allowed us to love them back wholeheartedly. Love is about giving and receiving; experiencing love running both ways is also about knowing love full-circle.

As Spiritualists, we are also acutely attuned to their continuing existence in another realm. We *know* that they are with us, and that they continue to feel the love that we send to them. On Memorial Day we honor them while remembering their physical passing. They transitioned from earthly form, as they moved forward through the birthing process into the realm of Spirit.

Coming full-circle was really brought home to me recently when my father transitioned *on* his 89th birthday. His room was filled with "Happy Birthday" balloons when he took his final breath. The peaceful countenance that he bore belied his full 89 years—a long lifespan. He transitioned from being an elderly, frail, often-confused man who hated to be alone, into a state of blissfully peaceful relaxation and contentment. His face was smooth, unlined and almost youthful as we waited for the mortuary vehicle to arrive for transport. Sitting with him that day for 12 hours, the only experience of death was the shutting down of his physical body. Watching as his soul made its peaceful transition, I was mesmerized by his face – he looked so young! Smooth-skinned, transparent and trusting, he was on his way, being birthed into a new realm.

During the last few weeks of Dad's earthly life, he had mentioned that his father had been in to see him. (His father, of course, had transitioned some three decades earlier!) As a Spiritualist, I simply asked if his mother had come to visit. "No, Father came alone," he replied each time. I asked if his grandmother had visited and I got the same answer, "No, just Father." This was Dad's way of letting me know that he was aware of his impending transition to Spirit.

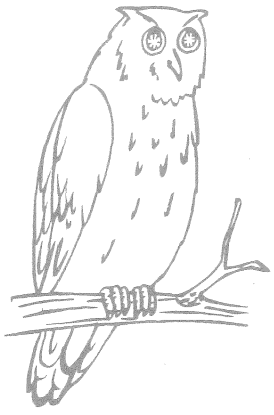
Dad had never voiced a belief in any supreme being or power, but I talked with him often about my own spiritual beliefs. Our daily talks, with Dad's very hazy memory, had become more and more confusing. Down to just 120 pounds on his formerly strapping 6' frame, we knew that his earthly time was closing. His mind and his body were tired – but not his soul. It yearned to be free to reconnect with loved ones who had preceded him and with Spirit, out

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A Word To The Wise

THE REV. CAROL BROWN, NST

Why offer a word to the wise? If they are wise already, would it not be better to give a word to someone who is not wise – to someone who would benefit more than a person who is already wise?

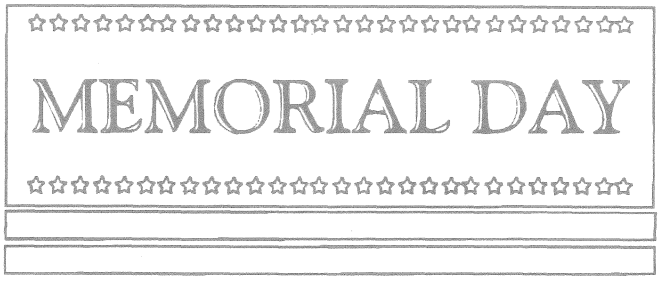


But wait...how did the wise man become so wise? Could it be that he wanted to learn? So he listened to all ideas and many people, and by listening he became aware of the wisdom of others. Wisdom comes from many sources – from a small child, from classes we attend, from books, friends and acquaintances.

Spiritualists are extremely fortunate because not only can we learn from all the orthodox methods, but we can also learn from our special guides and teachers – if we will just listen. Most of what you receive will be given to you because you have a need-to-know and because you are ready to listen. A particular idea or concept will be so clear that you will understand what only days ago you would not have been able to comprehend. Your understanding at that moment will be crystal clear, but later (although you retain the general idea) it will never again be as *real* as when you first grasped and understood the idea. Unless you *take time to jot down these words of wisdom* from your teachers, you will lose some depth of meaning. Don't stop to analyze or to improve the thoughts; let your emotions continue to flow as you write, and put the notes in a special place.

Then later (sometimes much later) take a quiet moment to re-read them. You will find that the thoughts and feelings you had when you first received the message will return. Some ideas will be practical and some will be serious or light-hearted. All will be personal – tailor-made for you and your needs. Whether they are eventually published for masses of readers, shared with only one friend, or not seen by anyone other than you, they will affect not only you but others around you. For as your ideas and concepts change, as you learn and grow and become wiser, you will (consciously or unconsciously) impart to others what you have learned.

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of which he had been birthed. The visitations by his own father brought him great comfort. In turn, I was very comforted by the awareness of Dad's clear acceptance of these encounters. Hospice workers (who seemed like angels) confirmed that these occurrences are common in their work. In the midst of Dad's confusions and loss of speech, he was able to verbalize these experiences with amazing clarity as I watched him searching carefully for the "right" words to use. Dad *knew* that I would understand and believe him.

Mother's Day offers us an opportunity to thank our mothers, in whatever ways we choose, for pairing with our fathers to give birth to our soul in physical form. Being a mother involves experiencing sacrifice, coupled with sheer joy and immeasurable love. Eventually our parents and our children all join back together with us as we transition full-circle. Each and every one of us has the opportunity to move back into our spiritual home...back into the unending folds of Spirit and love. During May, we celebrate the love that our mothers shared, and honor the experience of moving from one birth into another, arriving full-circle back into the Light of Spirit. •



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 ***Joanne B. Hanny, California.***

As Spiritualists, we have the luxury of being an independent and long established religion. We do not need to make excuses, or depend on outdated (dubious) proofs for our beliefs. Spiritualists do not need to use the *Bible* as collaboration or to justify or sustain our beliefs. **Spiritualists do not need permission to be spiritual!**

Spiritualists have a tremendous amount of faith—faith in and experience of the World of Spirit and phenomena, and a willingness to share our faith and experience. But what is the core spirituality of a Spiritualist?

Very few of us are born Spiritualists and so the modern Spiritualists have many different beliefs regarding the nature of "Infinite Intelligence." One thing we, as Spiritualists, know is that we **cannot** know the complete nature of or ever speak for Infinite Intelligence; we can only infer from our limited finite perspective. Spiritualism encourages all of us to use our own reason and experiences to develop our views about Infinite Intelligence, about our individual spirituality and about the gifts of mediumship. Our faith allows tremendous latitude for its members to develop their own understanding of spirituality and spiritual practice. We cherish, appreciate and celebrate the diversity that each of our members brings, and is willing to share, within the scope of our religion.

Modern Spiritualism is a belief system that thrives on diversity of thought and freethinking. Spiritualism is a religion based on reason and verifiable experience, and it always strives to honor members' humanity and personal experiences. Spiritualism provides the tools and spiritual framework, while allowing members to develop their own beliefs as they recognize the many ways of communicating with Spirit. Spiritualism encourages its members to have the freedom of belief to make things possible. Spiritualism always allows for the "possible."

Spiritualists have a common belief in Infinite Intelligence based on reason; we recognize that each individual spiritual view and understanding of the nature of Infinite Intelligence varies due to our religious backgrounds and our interactions with the World of Spirit.

Modern Spiritualism seeks to bring these different viewpoints about the nature of Infinite Intelligence under the umbrella of Spiritualism. The only real requirement is that the faith of the individual Spiritualist be based on Science, Philosophy and Spirit. Furthermore, Modern Spiritualism strives to incorporate the latest interpretations found in the fields of science, philosophy, psychology and history, thereby integrating classical and modern viewpoints with the wisdom of the past and the discoveries of the present.

To the Modern Spiritualist, "spirit" is not just used exclusively as a compartmentalized religious belief, but is also used in all other aspects of our daily life as well. This leads to a pragmatic, yet spiritual, point of view in all aspects of life—we see Spirit and spirituality in our personal, political, and moral life. Our pragmatic view, coupled with our belief that each living creature carries within themselves a spark of Infinite Intelligence/Eternal Spirit, leads the Spiritualist to believe that all men and women are created equal and have inherent freedom governed by Natural Laws.

The Spiritualist looks at the totality of existence and infers that this wondrous thing could not have been an accident. We clearly sense the presence and truth of Spirit; we can feel our connection to something greater than ourselves. We define that "something" as Infinite Intelligence. Finally, Spiritualists believe that reason is one of our most important gifts; we should use our abilities to reason and our gift of communication with Spirit to develop a deep spirituality, a connection with the immanent, Infinite Intelligence. •

Never the spirit was born; the spirit shall cease to be never;
Never was the time it was not; End and Beginning are dreams!
Birthless and deathless and changeless remaineth the spirit forever.
– The Bhagavad Gita, 500 BC

The Nature of a Spiritualist

RITA O'CONNOR, Virginia

One of my favorite speakers who visits our church is the Rev. Janet Nohavek. She always touches the heart and the mind, and she makes it look so easy. Janet starts her talks with a joke to lead into the subject.

> The new pastor was visiting some of his parishioners. At one house it seemed obvious that someone was at home, but no one answered his repeated knocks at the door.
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> So, he took out a business card and wrote "Revelation – Chapter 3: Verse 20" on the back of it and stuck it in the door.
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> When the offering was being counted the following Sunday, he found that his card had been returned in the basket. Someone had added the cryptic message, "Genesis – Chapter 3: Verse 10."
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> He knew that Revelation 3:20 begins, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock."
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> He reached for his *Bible* and found Genesis 3:10. It reads, "I heard your voice in the garden and I was afraid for I was naked."

As you may have guessed from Revelations 3:20, this article is about phenomena, such as knocks.

Spiritualists are, by nature, curious creatures. I don't mean odd. I mean "curious" in the literal sense. We question. We explore. We probe. We search. We go where the facts lead us. And for many of us, they have led us here.

Last week The Washington Post printed a survey done by the Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life. The bottom line was that more than 40% of respondents have changed their religious affiliation since childhood. *How many of you reading The National Spiritualist Summit have changed your religious affiliation since childhood?*

Of all the religions I'm familiar with, Spiritualism has the greatest percentage of members who arrived here from other belief systems. Only a tiny fraction of us were Spiritualists in childhood. And why is that? I can bet it wasn't because a pair of Spiritualists appeared on your doorstep, Spiritualist Manual in hand, asking to discuss the continuity of life with you.

It is because we are spiritual seekers. We read. We consider new ideas. We follow our intuition. And for many of us, there is another factor. We have been exposed to some kind of phenomena. *How many of you reading The National Spiritualist Summit have personally experienced phenomena at some time in your lives?*



We are curious creatures, indeed. But we are not gullible. And when it comes to phenomena, we want to know how it works. If spirit entities are involved, we want to be sure – to eliminate the possibility of other explanations.

For as long as Spiritualism has existed, there have been Spiritualists who conducted experiments to better understand. Perhaps foremost among them was Sir William Crooks, an outstanding physicist, who began his investigations into Spiritualism with the intent of exposing it as nonsense. He was so amazed by the levitations of D. D. Home and phenomena such as playing an accordion without touching it, that he created meticulous experiments to re-create these phenomena in the laboratory. Sir William Crooks was really the first modern-age scientist to step up and admit that there were things present in this world that science could not easily explain. Sir William is not alone in graduating from skepticism (or even antagonism) to belief.

Judge Robert Hare began his investigations at the age of 72. He developed a number of instruments which, contrary to his expectations, conclusively proved that an intelligent power (not that of those present) was at work.

Dr. A. Russel Wallace co-discovered (with Charles Darwin) the Theory of Evolution. Wallace painstakingly investigated Spiritualism over a number of years, and in 1873 stated that its phenomena were proved quite as well as the facts of any other science.

These are not gullible people. They are all "real" scientists – and exceptionally courageous ones, at that—considering the stigma attached to research into the paranormal.

Frank Podmore was a well-known psychical investigator and an ardent opponent of Spiritualism. A distinguished author, he rapidly became a convert to survival and communication with the deceased.

And please don't forget F. W. H. Myers who co-founded the Society for Psychical Research. We owe him a debt of gratitude, because he established psychical research as an organized science. And the experiments didn't stop in the nineteenth-century.

Professor Gary Schwartz has been conducting experiments at the University of Arizona, in a research program

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that investigates claims of communication from deceased individuals, through guides and angels, and with a higher power or divinity.

Readers of *The National Spiritualist Summit* will be familiar with The Revs. Tom and Lisa Butler who have a regular column, *Media Watch*, that includes reports on investigations into phenomena. Also, their own experiments in Electronic Voice Phenomena (EVP) are quite well known.

NSAC's Department of Phenomenal Evidence has started a website that encourages visitors to participate in gathering and submitting information. You can access it at www.nsacphenomena.net.

We are like scientists. We want to find out. Our minds are open to investigate theories about the world, the afterworld and the infinite.

Now, about phenomena that is closer to home.

When I was first exposed to phenomena, I was agnostic. I had always been scientifically inclined, and I believed that there was an explanation for everything.

The story begins when I bought an old house. Two friends, neither of whom were particularly religious, shared the house with me. So when strange things started to happen, we looked, of course, for logical explanations.

- When the kitchen light would go into spasms of flickering – faulty wiring?
- When doors opened and closed by themselves – a breeze?
- When things disappeared, then showed up days later in the spot they had disappeared from – someone must have absentmindedly moved it?

"There's got to be a logical explanation," became our mantra.

Over time these odd events became more frequent. There were several events each day – every day! Strong floral fragrances would appear suddenly, causing guests to comment on it. Then the scents would disappear just as suddenly.

Heavy things would be mysteriously moved, such as a large rock placed on the porch against the front door – making it impossible to open it. Or a plant would appear carefully set on the carpet next to the book case, where it had been.

And things would move as we watched. A spatula levitated from the kitchen counter and flew across the room, badly startling the cat when it landed next to her. A sofa cushion rose up during an episode of some crime show and flipped over as it crossed the room.

Eventually these phenomena stretched the limits of our logical explanations. Then we began to explore.



Our curiosity led us to discover that a Claudia had lived in our house, and died there under suspicious circumstances. And Claudia led each of us to a spiritual awakening.

The previously mentioned phenomena eventually became so frequent and troubling, that we decided to take some action:

1. We purchased a journal in which each of us would record phenomena as it occurred, with as much detail as possible.
2. We would eliminate the "logical explanations," to see if the phenomena stopped.
3. We would learn more about "this stuff."

First, we hired an electrician to check out the faulty wiring theory. He was in the attic working on the wiring for the kitchen light that flashed and flickered sporadically. After a little while, he called down sharply, "Hey, have you got a ghost up here or something?" Immediately we were apprehensive. Afraid to tell him our suspicions, I answered weakly, "No…?"

Suddenly there was a thump; the toaster started to smoke and the electrician came tearing down the attic steps and out the front door – never to be seen again. The man never came back for his tools!

Later our neighbor told us that Claudia's husband used to beat her. Flashing the kitchen lights on and off was her signal for the neighbor to come over and help her.

Eventually Terry and I became convinced that we really did have a ghost. But that notion made Betsy very uncomfortable and she kept stretching for "logical explanations." One day some artichokes I had bought were missing from the refrigerator. Betsy said, "What's the big deal? Somebody probably ate them." Well, if you know artichokes, you know that they're not a snack food. But she refused to see anything odd about their disappearance.

At one point, frustrated by the increasing difficulty of coming up with a "logical explanation," she issued a challenge to Claudia. "All right, Claudia, if you're really here, show me. Prove it. If you give me a sign, I'll believe." Silence. We waited – Nothing. Betsy said, "Well, then," and walked out of the kitchen.

At bedtime, Betsy went into her room and got comfortable with a good book. She had a nice setup with a high-intensity reading light clamped onto the headboard of her bed. About five minutes later, I heard a great commotion and ran to see what was happening. Betsy was standing in the hallway, shaking. Her reading light had suddenly exploded and her bed had begun thumping and pounding back and forth against the wall, shaking and rocking. She was so frightened she could barely stand. Eventually she found her voice and whispered, "I believe. I believe."

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THE NATURE OF A SPIRITUALIST

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Apparitions started out as minor league, out of the corner-of-the-eye phenomena. Someone would move the curtains and peek out the window as I drove up to the house. But no one was home.

Or I would be working on the computer and hear my housemates come in—the front door opening and closing, packages rustling, and footsteps. I'd go out to see what they had brought home and...no one was there.

Betsy is the only one who saw someone full-on in the hallway. The woman was about 60, wearing a dark dress with a tiny floral print – a style that was popular in the 1940's.

A week later our neighbor was showing us some photos of the neighborhood as it had been years ago. In our roles as psychic investigators, we asked if she had a picture of Claudia. There she was, and she was wearing that dark dress with the tiny floral print.

We rarely hear from Claudia these days. We think she's found better things to do. But we are always grateful that she led us, by our curiosity, to Spiritualism.

Spiritualists are, indeed, curious creatures. We are scientists at heart—following the evidence that most of us were raised to regard as foolishness and fraud, beyond skepticism and doubt, to wherever it may lead.

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Where Is Heaven?

Robin C. Quiroz, California

Heaven isn't any certain place! **Heaven is all around us!** Heaven can be the life we make here on earth, or the life we make on the other side of eternity. We have more than one "life." We have physical life on earth and eternal life when we leave this earth and return "home." When we go to the "light" to be with God and all of our past loved ones, we leave all physical things behind. Those things are of no use to us anymore. For we are in a "higher dimension" of being and intelligence. We need nothing more than our personalities, love and wisdom. The more wisdom we gather while on earth, the more prosperous we will be in heaven. This wisdom does not mean a college degree. Gaining spiritual wisdom is an investment in the future...a seeking truth about life. There is no such thing as death! Death cannot kill that which is within us that never dies—our *Spirit*! The *Spirit* lives on forever in the heavens around us.

CALENDAR CORNER

What happened in MAY throughout the years?

MAY 1

President Ronald Reagan signed legislation which established the **National Day of Prayer** as the first Thursday of May, which falls on May 1 in 2008. Let us join with people from all religions throughout the world in praying for peace.

MAY 2

The birth date of **Emma Hardinge Britten** in 1823. Known as the *Silver tongued Lecturer*, Emma was often described as the *Greatest Woman Propagandist* (one who spreads the particular doctrines or principles propagated by an organization or movement) *of Spiritualism*. She was referred to as a St. Paul type of figure for Spiritualism, because she devoted her life to being a missionary for Spiritualism, traveling wherever she was invited.

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Mother's Day. Let us celebrate the Love that our mothers, and those who have served as mothers, shared over the years with us. Mothers are very high in the list of our important teachers; they teach about protecting, serving, honoring, cherishing, loving, guiding, educating, and being kind to others. Thanks to all Moms everywhere who have embraced the joys involved in selfless motherhood.



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Arthur J. Findlay, born in 1883 in Glasgow, Scotland, published his autobiography titled *Looking Back* in 1955. Known for his lectures and research, he transitioned nine years later in 1964.

MAY 26

Memorial Day. We choose to thank and remember all who have served in our armed forces throughout the history of America on this Memorial Day. In addition, Memorial Day is a day of remembrance for all of those who have gone on before us to connect with Spirit. Their contributions to our lives are honored on this holiday of celebration, when families choose to picnic and share familial love. Let us particularly remember our Spiritualist ancestors' achievements and contributions to our beloved Spiritualism.

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A Dog's Purpose

ANONYMOUS



Being a (female) veterinarian, I had been called to examine a ten-year-old Irish Wolf hound named Belker. The dog's owners, Ron, his wife, Lisa, and their little boy, Shane, were all very attached to Belker, and they were hoping for a miracle.

I examined Belker and found he was dying of cancer. I told the family we couldn't do anything for Belker, and offered to perform the euthanasia procedure for the old dog in their home.

As we made arrangements, Ron and Lisa told me they thought it would be good for six-year-old Shane to observe the procedure. They felt as though Shane might learn something from the experience.

The next day, I felt the familiar catch in my throat as Belker's family surrounded him. Shane seemed so calm, petting the old dog for the last time, that I wondered if he understood what was going on.

Within a few minutes, Belker slipped peacefully away.

The little boy seemed to accept Belker's transition without any difficulty or confusion. We sat together for a while after Belker's death, wondering aloud about the sad fact that animal lives are shorter than human lives. Shane, who had been listening quietly, piped up, "I know why."

Startled, we all turned to him.

What came out of his mouth next stunned me. I'd never heard a more comforting explanation.

He said, "People are born so that they can learn how to live a good life—like loving everybody all the time and being nice, right?"

The six-year-old continued, "Well, dogs already know how to do that, so they don't have to stay as long."

Live simply.
Love generously.
Care deeply.
Speak kindly.

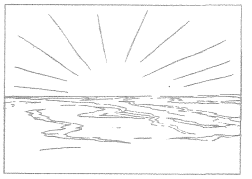
Remember, if a dog was the teacher you would learn things like:
When loved ones come home, always run to greet them.
Never pass up the opportunity to go for a joyride.
Allow the experience of fresh air and the wind in your face to be pure Ecstasy.
Take naps.
Stretch before rising.
Run, romp, and play daily.
Thrive on attention and let people touch you.
Avoid biting when a simple growl will do.
On warm days, stop to lie on your back on the grass.
On hot days, drink lots of water and lie under a shady tree.
When you're happy, dance around and wag your entire body.
Delight in the simple joy of a long walk.
Be loyal.
Never pretend to be something you're not.
If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it.
When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by and nuzzle them gently.

ENJOY EVERY MOMENT OF EVERY DAY!

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The Morning Symphony

Eve Evidon, Minnesota/Arizona



I am sitting in my meditation chair as I do most mornings, looking out the window, relaxing and preparing to meditate. My neighbor's tree with its frothy yellow lace is bending, graceful as a dancer at the practice barre.

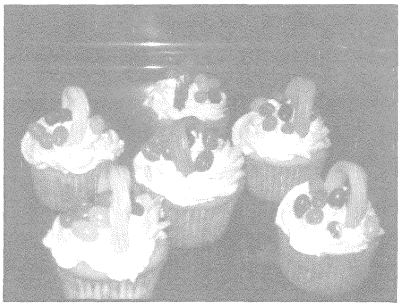
My eye catches a slight movement at the edge of the tree. I look closer but see only the tree branches, golden limbs silhouetted in the morning sun. I relax into my chair, delighting in the beauty before me. Light and shadow play with shrubs and trees.

There it is again, movement at the edge of the tree though no breeze appears. Nothing else is moving and then I see it clearly. A long strand of spider web vibrating in the morning air. Ripples of sunlight glide up and down, up and down—a divine melody floating in the morning air. The master conductor is directing an orchestra; the sound is majestic in quality and complexity. Are we listening?

This seemingly ordinary strand of spider web is one player in the song of creation. We must listen to the melody. The music is everywhere, in all things, in all of us and in the spaces between. Stop, reflect for a moment and know that we are both the players and the music. Creators and created, we are notes in God's magnificent symphony. •

The First Easter Basket

THE REV. KATHLEEN L. ROTTINO, NST



When I agreed to serve the First Spiritualist Church of Willimantic on Easter Sunday, I decided to have a little fun with those who attended. I asked them what they knew about the first Easter Basket. Some of the answers were that it had to do with sharing, it had to do with being thankful, it had to do with love, it had to do with planting seeds, it had do to with giving, and it had to do with Spirit. I told them they were all right, and explained that I believed we can read about the first Easter Basket in the Gospel of John.

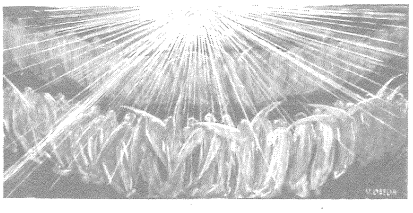
John talks about a young boy who had brought his lunch, and upon hearing the disciples ask Jesus how they would feed everyone, he offered his basket to Jesus. Jesus opened the basket and saw five loaves of bread and two fish. Jesus told his disciples to have the people sit on the ground. The word spread and the crowd eagerly sat, facing Jesus. They wondered if maybe Jesus was going to talk with them or maybe they would witness someone being healed. Holding the young boy's hand, he looked up into the heaven and simply said, "Thank You." Then Jesus handed the boy his basket back. As the boy held his little basket, Jesus reached in and took one loaf of bread. He tore a piece and dropped the piece into a basket. He tore the loaf again and again until the basket filled. Then Jesus did the same with the fish. The story says that when all the people were fed, there were still twelve baskets left, filled with fish and bread.

I then explained that while many look upon this and Jesus' many other accomplishments as performing miracles, as Spiritualists we look at these same accomplishments as examples of his vast knowledge of Natural Laws and Mediumship.

After the service those who attended were treated to Easter Basket Cup Cakes that I had made for everyone. •

The Place Where My Son Is...With God

DORENE GALLO



I found out that my son Russell was shot and that he was dead on December 24, 2006 at 2 a.m. His friend Art told me this in a phone call. When I heard the word *"dead"* – time froze for me...words can't express what this was...what it was that I experienced...that will come everyday of my life.

I have been on a spiritual journey since I got that call. My son told me that he is "...in a happy, safe place..." as discerned for me by George Anderson, who is truly gifted. I continue to experience peace when I receive signs from my son—I am becoming more astute as to when his energy draws closer. I know this experience brings joy to both of us.

The Spiritualist church that I attend in Monrovia, California has brought me peace as well. I attended my first service there on the one-year anniversary of my son's death. That was indeed a *God-incidence* that Russell's death-anniversary fell on the Sunday service.

Today is my oldest son's birthday. I was driving around doing my usual chores this morning, when a song (Danny Boy – the famous Irish ballad) continued to ring in my head. I experienced deep emotional feelings about the loss of Russell and thought, "What's going on? Why is this happening to me today?" – and remembered, "...Oh...it's James' 30th birthday—Russell is drawing near to me (and to James)—he loved his brother dearly."

By seeking my child with each passing day I also seek God, my Creator—and seek to grow each day more and more...until I am complete in Him. I receive this gift through my son Russell's passing. My son is where He is – that deep, transcendent eternal place within my soul and my heart. •

"Reverend" – When and Where

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Many times over the years, the question has been, "What is the correct use of the title *Reverend*?" Many an article has appeared in an attempt to clear up confusion on this issue. It is no wonder the question rises, for the title has been embossed on coffee mugs, ball point pens, welcome signs, license plates, e-mails, address labels, and just about anywhere it can be placed. Some of the inquiries have questioned the lack of respect shown to the clerics in some of the usages.

At a recent convention, I was asked if I was ashamed of being a Reverend. I asked, "Why do ask such a question of me?" The response was, "Well, you don't have it on your return envelope, and you don't sign as Reverend Awtry. One day, you told me to address you as Marilyn." My response was, "You are very observant and absolutely correct." I then explained there is no such thing as a Reverend. It is a title. My reason for non-use in the places mentioned is that it is simply wrong and inappropriate to do so. Unfortunately, the use of the title has too often been used unwisely.

The title has been a part of our language long before the advent of Modern Spiritualism. It is a good title, with a definite meaning. The correct use of the title has been firmly established by scholars and educated people throughout the world. It is not a matter of religion but a matter of correct usage and speech. The use of the term inappropriately shows our lack of knowledge and often cheapens the title. The incorrect use invites ridicule.

So the question is, how and when is the title Reverend used?

If we consult an approved dictionary or modern books on correct speech, we find that the title Reverend is not a degree that is offered. It is a Certificate of Ordination which "duly and regularly ordains one as a Minister." It is a descriptive title of respect. Mr. Frank Colby, authority on word usage, points out the fact that Reverend is a title similar to Honorable and should be used in the same way. It is incorrect to say, "Good morning, Honorable Joe Smith" or "How do you do, Honorable Joe Smith?" It is equally incorrect to say, "Good morning, Reverend Smith" or "How do you do Reverend Smith?" Another incorrect use is to say, "He/She is **our** Reverend." The correct expression is, "He/she is our Pastor." Remember there is no such person as a Reverend; it's a title that identifies one as having been ordained into the ministry. If we go a step further, there is neither a "Reverend Paper nor Reverendship Paper. It is an "Ordination Certificate."

So how do we introduce our Minister or Pastor?

It is correct to use the title with his/her full name. For example, **The** Reverend James Smith or The Reverend Mr. Smith, but **never just** Reverend Smith. The title of Reverend is always followed by the given name or by Mr., Mrs., Miss, Dr. or whatever the case may be. Once you have introduced **The** Reverend, you then should refer to the person by his/her first name. In speaking directly to Reverend Smith, you should address him/her as Mr. or Mrs. Smith.

The next question is, "How would I write to the minister/pastor?" The same rule applies as in introducing him/her. When writing to the minister/pastor, it is correct to begin the letter with Dear Sir; Dear Madam; Dear Mr. Jones; etc. but **never** Dear Reverend Jones.

Well, why should I not sign my name as Reverend?

It simply is not good form for a minister/pastor to refer to him/herself as Reverend nor to use the title in his signature. If he/she holds a degree, it is correct to use that with the signature. For example: James Jones, Ph.D. or James Jones, N.S.T. If the minister/pastor holds no degree, his signature is just like anyone else. Now if the minister/pastor is writing on church letterhead, it should be signed as James Smith, Minister or James Smith, Pastor, **not** Reverend James Smith.

Let's remember, as minister or pastor, we are the face of our organization. Because the title has been used incorrectly, does not make it right. We should all make it a point of using the term correctly. By so doing, we are respecting our religion and our clergy. We also show the world we have been trained properly. When using the term incorrectly, we are allowing ourselves to be open to criticism from others. Are we so overanxious for recognition? Is our ego going before us? Let us remember, "By their fruit ye shall know them." Our good works and our character will earn us worth-while recognition. It does not say, "By their title shall ye know them." If we each do the work of a pastor or a minister properly, those around us will grace our introduction with the proper title.

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MEDIA WATCH

BY THE REVS. TOM AND LISA BUTLER, NST



A Proof of Infinite Intelligence? Spiritualists see Infinite Intelligence as a universal source of energy from which all things in reality are formed and which embodies the rules that control its operation. We generally know this energy as spirit, and the governing rules as Natural Law.

One might think of this concept as being just a religious tenet, but remember that Spiritualism is the Science, Philosophy and Religion of survival and that the phenomena of Spiritualism are scientifically proven. So has the existence of Infinite Intelligence, Spirit and Natural Law been proven? Well...the answer is more "yes" than "no." Current quantum theory holds that there is an underlying field of energy described as "Zero Point Energy" (ZPE). This is comparable to the cosmological constant Albert Einstein speculated about as the difference between the absolute zero energy level of a true vacuum and the real zero level of space.

In her book, *The Field,* Lynne McTaggart described how ZPE might be a field that underlies all of reality, and which may be the medium that propagates the nonlocal effects of quantum entanglement. If this is the case, then it would also account for how life is interconnected and may even explain how thought propagates.

Dr, Dean Radin of the Institute of Noetic Sciences described a subtle field of energy that connects all of us. Some characteristics of this "biofield" have been measured using random number generator arrays. It is associated with energy healing, clairvoyance and presentment (a person responding to something before it occurs).

Dr. Rupert Sheldrake also describes a field of subtle energy that connects all of us. He maintains that this field holds the memory of how things are formed and how they behave. For instance, biological organisms are formed according to this memory, and things learned in one part of the world can propagate through this field to be influential in other parts of the world.

There are actually many field theories designed to explain same or similar observations, and the common denominator is that it is easy to find the Spiritualist view of Infinite Intelligence, spirit and Natural Law in each of them. These researchers are unlikely to say they are studying a first cause or any kind of God, but it is unavoidable that they are giving us fresh scientific proof of the phenomena of Spiritualism.

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Sheldrake, Rupert, www.sheldrake.org/papers/Morphic/morphic_intro.html, 3 Feburary 2008

Clairvoyance • Dr Roe, a parapsychologist based at the University of Northampton, is investigating whether it is possible to project your "mind's eye" to a distant location and observe what is going on—even if that place is hundreds of miles away. His early findings have been very interesting and suggest that up to 85 percent of us may possess some form of clairvoyance or what scientist call "remote viewing."

From: *After Life News,* "Research suggests that 85 percent of us could be Psychic" www.afterlifenews.com/a/1552.html

Remote Viewing • During a talk at the "Investigations of Consciousness and The Unseen World, Proof of an Afterlife?" conference sponsored by the Forever Family Foundation (www.foreverfamilyfoundation.org) in San Francisco this past January, Dean Radin talked about a review of "remote viewing" evidence done for the CIA in 1995. Jessica Utts, Professor of Statistics at the University of California in Davis, and Ray Hyman, a well known skeptic and Professor of Psychology at the University of Oregon, both looked at the data. Utts concluded that, using the standards applied to any other area of science, psychic functioning had been well established in the remote viewing experiments. Hyman found the experimental evidence free of methodological weaknesses, and the effect sizes were too large and consistent to be dismissed as statistical flukes.

Radin says the bottom-line is that if you begin to look at scientific oversight committees and review articles over the past 130 years, you find increasingly sophisticated methods where these effects do not disappear even under scrutiny with the latest techniques.

Online PSI Testing • (From the website) Rupert Sheldrake invites you to participate in his ongoing research. No previous experience is necessary, and the online tests can be done immediately. Most of these experiments are suitable for use in schools and colleges, and some make an excellent basis for student projects. Go to www.sheldrake.org/Online exp/portal/. Tests include:

The Email Precognition Test – Can you guess who is about to send you an email?

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The Email Telepathy Test – A telepathy test using emails.

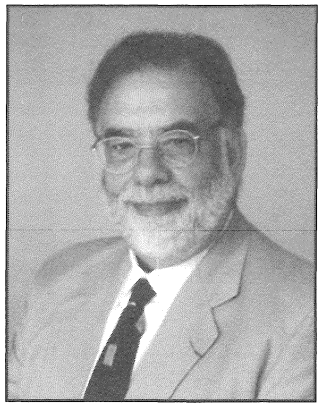
The Joint Attention Test – In this test you and one other person see a series of pictures for 10 seconds each. In some trials your partner is shown the same picture as you, in others, you each see a different picture. At the end of each ten-second period both of you guess whether the other person has been looking at the same picture or not.

The Precognitive Text Test – A test using your mobile phone (UK only) to see if you can guess who will soon be sending you a text message.

The Photo Telepathy Test – Can you feel when someone is looking at your photo and thinking about you?

The Online Staring Test – This experiment enables you to participate online in research on the Extended Mind. The results of your experiment are transmitted automatically to be recorded in the database.

Award-Winning Director Believes Life After Death: Five-time Academy Award-Winning film director, producer and screenwriter Francis Ford Coppola was asked during an interview if he believed in the afterlife. Coppola responded, "I sort of think that the people I have loved and lost are somehow still there. I can't believe that something so specific is gone." When Coppola acknowledged that he would most likely be remembered for the movie, *The Godfather,* the interviewer asked what he would prefer to be remembered for. His comment, "If I have to be remembered for something, I want it remembered that I really liked children and was a good camp counselor."



FRANCIS FORD COPPOLA

From: *the New York Times,* "Questions for Francis Ford Coppola," by Deborah Solomon Dec. 16.2007

A Tomb for All People • A German group has gained funding from the German Federal Cultural Foundation to build the world's largest structure. It will be a new version of the Great Pyramid, but it will reportedly be ten times bigger when completed. It will serve as a resting place for all nationalities and religions. Individuals who are either unwilling or unable to have their ashes buried there can opt to have a memorial stone placed. This new Great Pyramid will continue to grow with every stone placed, eventually forming the largest structure in the history of man.

From: www.thegreatpyramid.org/

Animal Talk: The December 2007 issue of *Fate Magazine* carried a wonderful story on communicating with animals. The author discussed Koko the Gorilla who uses sign language and has a vocabulary of over 800 signs, along with several parrots with impressive vocabularies and communication skills. But perhaps the most interesting was the part about Lady Wonder, a celebrated talking horse, who communicated by flipping large tin letters with her nose to spell out words.

Frank Edwards, author of *Strangest of All,* was the news director of a Bloomington Television Station. A local boy had gone missing and after two months of searching without finding a body, everyone felt the boy had been kidnapped and the search was called off. Frank's wife reminded him of a similar case in New England where a horse had helped find a missing child. Frank sent a friend to Richmond, Virginia to speak with Lady Wonder. Lady informed the friend that he had come regarding a boy named "Rone" (the missing boy was Ronnie) and that the boy was "dead." The friend asked if the boy had been kidnapped? Lady said, "No," and went on to say that he would be found in a hole in the month of December. An elm was near the hole, and sandy soil. In December, two teenagers found the boy's body just exactly as Lady had described.

From: *Fate* Dec 2007, "Animals Talk Back," by Valenya.

Planchette Experiment • In a letter sent to the *Paranormal Review*, John Newton writes about his distrust of Ouija boards. Newton feels that messages spelled out with the board are the product of autonomic nerve response. He says that this is verified by the fact that communications using the planchette become complete gibberish when the person operating it is blindfolded halfway through the procedure. If we have readers who use the planchette for spirit communication, we would like them to try by being blindfolded halfway through a session and let us know about their results.

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"Youth fades; love droops; the leaves of friendship fall;
A mother's secret love outlives them all."
– Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr.

Positive Statements To Help Create a Positive Day.

Affirmations . . . MAY 2008

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
This month's affirmations were written by Nancy Ashworth of Missouri.				1 When you add something to your life, don't subtract a living soul.	2 For God's sake, will you bend or break?	3 The ending of a life is the beginning of another.
4 When your heart is breaking, turn your face to the sun.	5 Take the peace of God and fill up your heart.	6 A way will always be found when you search in the right places.	7 Inspire others to greatness by doing your best.	8 Let joy fill the air!	9 A friend in "deed" is precious.	10 Keep God's hand upon your heart.
11 Mothers are God's way of showing us what love is.	12 Spirit welcomes all.	13 May the healing of the heart be with you today.	14 Be helpful and hopeful and happy you will be!	15 Grace humbles us.	16 Intelligence lies in awareness of Truth.	17 Touch others' hearts and feel God's love flow.
18 Renew your spirit with God's power.	19 Life is a game; are you in it or are you watching it?	20 Love is a speedy arrow into the heart.	21 Don't rush your days and learn all you can.	22 Nothing can stop the delivery of prayers.	23 Happiness lies deep within the well of your soul.	24 Infinite Intelligence *knows the plan.*
25 Trust and abide.	26 Memorial Day is a time to stop and remember.	27 Give your patience out into the world.	28 Smile, smile, smile because God loves YOU.	29 Be Inspired.	30 Implode Infinite Intelligence into every moment.	31 Happiness is always a choice.



Be helpful and hopeful and happy you will be!








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BANGOR - The Harrison D. Barrett Memorial Church • 514 Broadway, beside Coldwell Banker Realty, Sun. Serv. 10:00 a.m.; Secy., Betty Simpson, 715 Newburgh Rd., Hermon, 04401, (207) 848-2273, email address betty.simpson@maine.gov; Gallery Readings are held the second Friday of every month at 7:00 p.m., Medium's Day is held the second Saturday of every month. Please call the secy. for more information, other contact number for the church is Kathy Goodness, VP, at 989-7266. Please visit our website, http://www.hdbspiritualistchurch.org.

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.

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• 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 •

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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@qwestoffice.net. 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
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• 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.

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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.

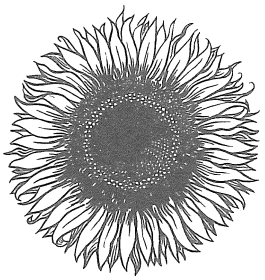
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Do Something!

LONNA BALDINGER, Maryland



I had seen the homeless man several days in a row as I took Christopher to kindergarten. "Do something," God said, but I wasn't sure what. Every day he would walk up the street pulling his grocery cart. I attended a missions study and was reminded that the mission field wasn't limited to other countries; it was also in my own backyard. "Do something," God said, but what? It was January in Delaware, not as cold as in Maine where I grew up, but certainly not warm enough to sleep outside by any means. This particular night was in the single digits and the wind was gusting to up to 50 mph. The wind chill was below zero. As I helped my six-year-old into his cozy pajamas and into a nice warm soft bed, I told him that the man with the shopping cart was sleeping outside. "Do something," God said, so we prayed.

The next day started as usual; we had a nice warm breakfast, put on our comfortable, clean clothes, added our warm coats, hats and mittens and headed out the door for school. There he was on his usual course fighting the gusty winds, pulling his cart bare-handed, switching back and forth, trying to warm his hands one at a time in his pocket. "Do something," God said.

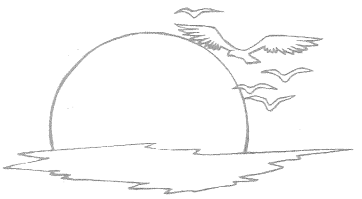
I couldn't ignore him any longer; I couldn't wait until God told me what to do. I went home, warmed two breakfast pastries, made a turkey sandwich, grabbed an apple, two bottles of water and threw in some snacks and granola bars that I thought might last him a few days. While the pastries were toasting, I ran to the basement and grabbed a pair of my husband's extra gloves. "Take the socks," God said. There were a few pairs of thick wool socks, so I grabbed some and ran out the door. I drove to the usual area and he was nowhere to be found. I drove around for about half-an-hour checking the dumpsters and just couldn't figure out where he could have gone. I stopped and prayed and told God that I knew He had me get this food together, and I knew the man needed those gloves, and that I knew He'd lead me to him. After driving through a couple of neighborhoods I came to an intersection, and asked God which way to go. He led me straight through the intersection and straight to the man. He was behind an elementary school, in the dumpster area opening up a plastic bag. "What do I say?"

"I have something warm for you for breakfast," I said, "and I have a lunch for you." He just let out a little nervous laugh and eagerly took what I handed him. "These should help," as I handed him the gloves. He smiled again and placed them in his cart. I told him that God loved him and wanted me to bring him something to eat. I started to put the car in reverse and remembered the socks. "Oh, could you use these?" His eyes got wide and he lifted his pant legs to reveal that he had no socks on his feet! I gave him the socks and, as I pulled away, I blinked through tears and watched in my rear view mirror as he sat on the curb and put them on.

Thank you, God, for letting me hear you. Thank you, God, for urging me to obey. Thank you, God, for warm socks for that man's feet. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your plan for that man on that day. •

The Beauty of Contentment

Nancy Ashworth, Missouri



Contentment is peace of mind. Being content with what you have brings beauty to all places in your life. When you see the beauty surrounding you, then you will enjoy it. Watch a sunrise or a sunset, and absorb the beauty of the glowing reds and burning oranges. Seeing it daily reminds me of God's promises to always be with me minute-by-minute and day-by-day.

Being content is an effort sometimes, because we want sooo much, and then we often are not happy after we receive it. Think back to last Christmas and the "things" you had to have—or you wouldn't be happy. Did they make you happy? Did they? Or was it the thoughtfulness of the giver who loves you so much that they gave you what you wanted...ummm... that is real contentment... having someone who loves you that much.

This is a valuable lesson for children. Children bring beauty to our lives...great joy along with mega-stress! Their wants get bigger and bigger, but are they content with all they receive? Sometimes it is just your attention that they desire more than the costly presents. Love brings contentment, joy and value to everyones' lives, so spread it around. Go with God Always. •

I'll Put It in God's Hands

BONNIE WHEELER, Maine



"I'll put it in God's hands." These are the words my mother said when asked, "What will you do now, Ruby? After your heart attack, you can no longer care for your husband, who has Alzheimer's, at home. You need to make the decision to live with one of your children or go into a nursing home with your husband, Ralph.

As my mother lay in the hospital bed thinking about the decision, she found herself looking back through the tapestry of her life, remembering her childhood, the young girl who traveled to Oklahoma on a train and by covered wagon 70 years ago. Her own mother had fallen ill, and became unable to care for her or her younger siblings. With God's help, Ruby had filled that role and raised her sister and two brothers.

She remembered when, as a young wife in the Depression years, her farmer husband lost the farm and their home – when pinto beans and cornbread were the daily fare. This was a time when there wasn't two cents for a postage stamp, when basic needs had to be put in God's hands.

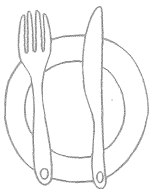
Over the years, nine children blessed her womb. As babies, she carried them to Sunday School and church to learn about God's loving care. She raised them with discipline and common sense, taught them to appreciate what they had, and not to whine about what material things were lacking. She taught them to share, to work, respect others and to endure, because God would see them through.

When a drunk driver ran down her son, when a daughter died of diabetes (both dying far too young), she comforted others with her words, "I'm thankful God gave them to me for a few years." She shed many tears and there was a deep sadness, but she did not blame God. She seemed to put her grief in God's hands.

Through the years, Ruby canned her fruits and vegetables, quilted warm quilts for her family's beds, and prayed for her children, always asking God to guide them and bring them joy. She allowed them to live their lives.

The daily care of her husband became overwhelmingly hard for her. Then came her heart attack. Tonight, her question, "What will I do now?" And tonight her answer, "I will not burden my children with Ralph's Alzheimer's illness and my care. A move into the nursing home would not solve our problems. Ralph would still expect me to fill his every need. I no longer have the strength. Therefore, I will do what I've always done throughout my life. I'll put it in God's hands."

That night Ruby's decision was made for her as God lifted her to her heavenly home. •



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MOTHER'S DAY PIE

This will seem quite runny when you first combine all ingredients, but it will firm-up in baking. You can add a fruit topping such as berries or canned pie filling on top to dress it up for special occasions.

- 1 cup white sugar
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 2 medium tart apples, peeled and chopped
- 6 tablespoons butter, melted
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 3 eggs
- 1 (12 fluid ounce) can evaporated milk
- 1 cup shredded coconut

Set oven to 325 degrees. Grease and flour a 9-inch pie plate. In a medium bowl, mix together sugar, flour, and salt. Stir in melted butter or margarine and vanilla extract. Add eggs one at a time, mixing well after each addition. Stir in evaporated milk. Fold in chopped apples. Add the coconut and pour the mixture into the prepared pie plate. Bake in preheated oven for 35 to 40 minutes. Chill before serving. •



"The commonest fallacy among women is that simply having children makes one a mother – which is as absurd as believing that having a piano makes one a musician."

– Sydney Harris

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The Chronicles of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle



Sir Arthur Conan Doyle is one of Spiritualism's most famous people. His brilliant mind and articulate nature combined with a strong passion to create a vibrant spokesman. His interest in Spiritualism and all that it entailed during his lifetime was a magnetic draw. A sample from this website offers the web-surfer a wonderful opportunity to learn more about this fascinating man. Here is detailed information about his relationship with his mother and the importance that carried with him throughout his life.

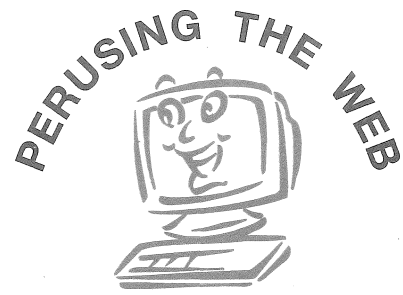
As early as 1881 Conan Doyle showed an interest in Spiritualism by attending a lecture on the topic. In 1887 *The Light*, a spiritualistic magazine, published an article by Conan Doyle describing a séance that he had attended. In 1893 Conan Doyle joined the British Society for Psychical Research. In 1917 Doyle publicly declared his belief in Spiritualism.

Mary Foley Doyle was Arthur Conan Doyle's Mother

By anyone's definition Mary Foley Doyle, known as "the Ma'am" by her son Arthur Conan Doyle, was an interesting woman. She saved the Doyle family from ruin when her husband was institutionalized. She gave her children hope for tomorrow with tales of past glories and victories. She also had a mysterious relationship with a man fifteen years her junior after her marriage to Charles Doyle collapsed.

Mary Foley met her future husband, Charles, in Edinburgh where her mother ran a boarding house. Charles Doyle had recently arrived from England to take a civil service job and needed a place to live. In 1855 Mary and Charles married. Over the course of time they had seven children who survived to adulthood. Charles did his best to provide for his large family. He supplemented his income with money he earned from painting and drawing. He was a talented artist who longed to devote himself to his art full-time. Eventually the unfulfilled longings turned into despair which culminated in a deep depression with heavy drinking. He was dismissed from his job and later that year was sent to a hospital specializing in the treatment of alcoholics. Later he developed epilepsy. At that time the condition was misunderstood and untreatable. As a result Charles Doyle spent the rest of his life confined to a series of hospitals and asylums.

Even before her husband was sent away, life was hard for Mary Doyle. Charles was emotionally absent because of his depression and drinking. After he was sent away the financial worries were considerable. However, Mary had a unique coping mechanism. Mary had long been interested in the tradition of chivalry and tales of knights. She shared these stories and values with her children. She also told them that they were of noble blood through her mother's family. The veracity of her claim is unproven, but the outcome of her actions is not. The stories gave the family courage. The tales of deeds of bravery sustained the family as they dealt with the uncertainty of their situation.



The stories also inspired Mary's oldest son, **Arthur Conan Doyle**, in other ways. He would later say that he got his love of literature and storytelling from his mother. He once said, "I am sure, looking back, that it was in attempting to emulate these stories of my childhood that I began weaving dreams myself."

To make extra money after her husband was institutionalized, Mary Doyle started taking in boarders. Dr. Bryan Waller was one of those boarders. It would seem that he had a positive effect on the family. His presence helped to financially stabilize the household. While he was only six years older than Arthur, certainly he must have acted as a role model for him. Arthur followed Waller into medicine and even attended the same university as Waller. Dr. Waller and Mary Doyle unquestionably had a good relationship because in 1882 she and two of her daughters moved into a cottage on Waller's estate where she lived, rent free, for more than thirty years.

Conan Doyle had an excellent relationship with his mother. He always sought her advice, but felt free to disagree with it. He was inspired by her example in the face of adversity and respected her opinion in all matters. One can but wonder if the following quote from his *Sir Nigel* was inspired by Mary Doyle:

To his pure and knightly soul not Edith alone, but every woman, sat high and aloof, enthroned and exalted, with a thousand mystic excellencies and virtues which raised her far above the rude world of man. •

From this website you can peruse: Doyle's Life; Timeline of Events; His Father; His Mother; His Wives; Doctor Conan Doyle; Ship's Surgeon; Doctor Conan Doyle and George Budd; Conan Doyle and James M. Barrie; Conan Doyle the Sportsman; Skiing in Davos; The George Edalji Case; The Oscar Slater Case; The Knighting of Conan Doyle; World War One; Spiritualism; The Titanic.

Interviews with Judge John W. Edmonds and Dr. George T. Dexter (1853-1855)

SUBMITTED BY MICHAEL E. TYMN, Hawaii

(Continued from Part I in last month's *TNS-Summit.)*

PART II

I understand that the discourses from Swedenborg and Bacon were received through Dr. Dexter's hand. Would you mind explaining a little of that?

"The handwriting of each is unlike the other, and though both are written by Dr. Dexter's hand, they are both unlike his; so that with ease, when he is under the influence {*of spirits*}, he writes several different kinds of handwriting, and some of them more rapidly than he can write his own. This he cannot do when he is not under the influence; and I have never seen any person that could, in his normal condition, write with such rapidity, at one sitting, four of five different kinds of handwriting, each distinctly marked, and having and always retaining its peculiar characteristic."

Although Swedenborg and Bacon appear to be in agreement with each other, one of the difficulties in accepting all of this spirit communication is the fact that there are occasionally various contradictions relative to what is supposedly truth. I take it that this is because the spirits are at different levels of advancement.

"[True], there are at times contradictions and inconsistencies in spiritual intercourse, as all must be aware, but there is one remarkable fact, viz., that amid all these incongruities – through all mediums, whether partially or highly developed – from all the spirits who commune, whether progressed or unprogressed, there is a universal accordance on one point, and that is that we pass into the next state of existence just what we are in this; and that we are not suddenly changed into a state of perfection or imperfection, but find ourselves in a state of progression, and that this life on earth is but a preparation for the next, and the next but a continuation of this."

It's often said the messages are distorted by the mind of the medium. Are you in agreement with that?

"I know of no mode of spiritual intercourse that is exempt from a mortal taint – no kind of mediumship where the communication may not be affected by the mind of the instrument. Take my own mediumship as an illustration. The visions which I have are impressed on my mind as vividly and distinctly as any material object possibly can be, yet in giving them to others, I must rely upon and use my own powers of observation, my own memory, my own command of language, and I not infrequently labor under the difficulty of feeling that there is no work known to me that is adequate to conveying the novel ideas communicated. I am often conscious that I fail, from poverty of language, in conveying the sentiment I receive with the same vigor and clearness with which it comes to me...So it is also with what I may call the didactic teachings through me. Sometimes the influence is so strong that I am given, not merely the ideas, but the very words in which they are clothed, and I am unconscious what I am going to say until I actually say it. At other times, the thought is given me sentence by sentence, and I know not what idea or sentence is to follow, but the language used is my own and is selected by myself from my own memory's storehouse. And at other times the whole current of thought or process of reasoning is given me in advance, and I choose for myself the language and the illustrations used to convey it, and sometimes the order of giving it. But in all these modes there is more or less of myself in them, more or less of my individuality underlying it all. It must indeed be so, or why should I speak or write in my own tongue rather than in a dead or a foreign language unknown to me?

Before you released your reports to the public, what was the popular view of all this spirit intercourse?

"I was early aware that the world at large looked upon the subject as exceedingly trivial and inconsiderable. I was not surprised at this, because I saw that what reached the general ear through the common newspapers of the day was almost always unimportant, and frequently absurd and ridiculous. There were good reasons for this. The conductors of those journals desired to insert only what would amuse their readers, and were unwilling, and often refused, to open their columns to the graver and more important matters that flowed from the same source. And then they who received those more serious communications did not often feel themselves called upon to court the scoffs and sneers and persecution of the world, merely for the purpose of giving to that world that which aimed only at the general good."

What made you decide to go public with your feelings?

"I went into the investigation originally thinking it a

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deception, and intending to make public my exposure of it. Having from my researches, come to a different conclusion, I feel that the obligation to make known to the world. I say mainly, because there is another consideration which influences me, and that is the desire to extend to others a knowledge which I am conscious can not but make them happier and better."

I know you received much criticism from politicians and the press for making public your views. Do you have any regrets?

"I knew full well what I should draw down upon myself by speaking out. I could not mistake all I saw around me: one universal shout of ridicule and condemnation of all who professed to believe, nay! even of those who went into the investigation at all, unless they came out of it fiery red in their denunciation of it as an 'atrocious imposture.' I knew full well that truth was ever born with many a bitter pang, and most to him who give it birth. And I had no right to expect, nor did I expect, to escape this common and apparently inevitable fate. But I confess that at first I shrank at the prospect before me."

Why do you think so many people scoff and sneer at what should be welcome news?

"His wisdom is that of the driven sheep, which leaps over an unreal obstacle because another sheep has just done it before him; and of him, at least it can not be truly said, 'Never does nature open her breast before a worthy mind only that it may behold, and then fall asleep.'"

Thank you, Judge Edmonds. Any parting thoughts?

["Let me leave you with the message given to me at one of the sittings]: 'No one can begin to progress until he has correct ideas of the future existence; and it is only when not in error on that subject, only when knowing our spiritual nature and destiny that we begin to progress.'"

Interview with George T. Dexter, M.D.

Dr. Dexter, thank you for sitting so patiently and listening to this interview with Judge Edmonds. would you mind if I put a few questions to you?



"[Certainly, however] it should be understood that I was not only conservative in regard to this question of spirit communication when it was first presented to my consideration, but I was positively opposed to it, and regarded the whole matter as either a foolish delusion or an absolute, outrageous deception, and that this opposition continued long after such proof had been offered."

I understand, but please tell me about your introduction to this whole subject of spirit communication.

"I made arrangement with a friend to invite to my own house a medium of considerable powers, and thus to have an opportunity of careful investigation where I knew there could be no collusion, and the chances for deception would be very few. Previous to this time, about the 10th of September 1851, I had never witnessed any spiritual manifestation, and neither had any of the members of my family been present at a circle; both they and myself were entirely ignorant of the whole subject...For the first time, I heard the peculiar sounds called spirit-raps. I was not satisfied with the results of the sitting, though many mental questions were propounded and answered correctly."

As I recall reading in Volume I of your book, things really happened the next day when you again sat with the same medium. Your nine-year-old daughter was suddenly seized by some unknown force, her arms flailing in all directions.

"[Very True], this effect of the magnetic influences was so sudden, so strange, so entirely unexpected by the child, that she became very much alarmed, and running to her mother, who was also deeply moved at this unlooked for manifestation, she said, while her voice trembled with fear, 'Oh mother! Take me away, take me away;' but her arms were forcibly wrested, as it were, from her mother's neck, and thrown violently up and down, and yet while they were so rapidly and forcibly moving in all directions, every fiber of the textures quivered as if trembling with palsy."

Very Strange. And what happened then?

"One can easily conceive of the deep impression this singular exhibition made on us all. And the more so, when, having soothed the frightened child, we induced her to remain in the circle some twenty minutes longer, her hand was made to write legibly and in bold, large letters, not in the least resembling her ordinary handwriting, full answers to all our questions, both mental and oral. And what was yet more remarkable, she wrote rapidly and easily, and the style of the composition and the spelling far excelled what we know was the character of her original attempts at composition, or her spelling, previous to this time."

And how long did this go on?

"The circle was immediately formed after breakfast...About one o'clock [my daughter] was ordered to leave the circle by the spirit – as being fatigued – and not immediately complying with the directions her chair was drawn from under her by some invisible agency, and she fell to the floor. She arose to go to the next room, and as she was passing a sofa she was taken up bodily, by the

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same unseen force, and deposited upon it, as gently as if laid there by her parents. At this sitting, there were many correct answers given to questions, and of such a character as satisfied some individuals that the spirits of their friends were there."

Were you satisfied that spirits were responsible?

"I could not bring myself to believe that spirits had anything to do with the matter. I tried to explain it by the action of the mind over mind, or the power of magnetic motion, and many other reasons, but I was not satisfied. I was as much in the fog of my own solutions of the phenomena, as I was at the singularity of the disclosures...The idea that spirits of our deceased friends could hold communion with ourselves on earth, could impart their feelings to us, give us a description of the various stages and conditions of their progress in the spheres above us, that they are constantly with those to whom they are attached, except when called away by the duties they are required to perform; they have the power, through this new discovery, to explain to us every act of their spirit life, and receive from us the ordinary ideas which characterize our existence and connection here, was so strange, wonderful, and extraordinary, so incompatible with my education, so much opposed to all my preconceived opinions, conflicted so much with my religious belief, and with all that I had been instructed the *Bible* revealed to us, when compared with all I had seen at the circle, bewildered me. But I could not understand – I did not believe."

But your investigation continued. What else did you observe with your daughter?

"I have witnessed [her] so completely under the control of the spirit that speech, motion, and even thought itself was at the command of the spirit influencing her. I have listened to the most elevated thoughts couched in language far beyond her comprehension, describing facts in science, and circumstances in the daily life of the spirit after death, which were corroborated fact by fact, idea by idea, by other mediums with whom she was entirely unacquainted, uttered by a little girl scarce nine-years-old. The same medium I have heard repeat verse after verse, impromptu, of poetry, glowing with inspiration and sparkling with profound thoughts and sentiment, and yet this child never wrote a line of poetry before in her life. I have taken notes of certain circumstance revealed to me through one medium, and then at another circle, and through another medium who knew nothing of my intention, and who was unacquainted with the first medium, have had the same statements made, in every particular corresponding with those I received."

This is fascinating. Please continue.

"I have heard an illiterate mechanic repeat Greek, Latin, Hebrew, and Chaldaic, and describe the customs and habits of men living on the earth thousands of years ago, which have been found correct by the researches and discoveries given to the world by those who are and have been engaged in the exploration of ancient nations, either by their architectural remains or through their hieroglyphics. I have been present when a medium answered many questions in the Italian language, of which she was ignorant, and also uttered several sentences in the same language, and then gave the name of an Italian gentleman of whom she had never heard, but who was—when living—the friend of one of the party at the circle.

How about your own mediumship? How did it come about?

"I was sitting alone in my office, late at night, and was leaning back in a rocking chair, my right hand resting on the arm of the chair. I was not, neither had I been thinking of Spiritualism, for my thoughts were occupied in the subject I had been reading upon a few moments before. As my hand lay on the arm of the chair I felt a singular sensation in the whole limb, as if the arm were grasped by two hands at the upper part. I attempted to raise it, but was unable to do so, and as soon as I made the effort to move it, the fingers were bent down tightly on the arm of the chair and grasped it firmly. Immediately the hand began to tremble, and as I watched the movement the whole limb was shaken violently. At this moment I distinctly heard two loud raps on the upper part of the side wall of the room, and it then occurred to me that this unseen power, whose manifestation I had so often witnessed, was in some way operating on me. To satisfy myself, I asked in an audible voice, 'Did the spirits just rap?' There were three distinct raps in reply. I then replied, 'Are the spirits trying to influence me?' Again, there were three distinct raps. At this I arose from my chair, arranged my books, and retired."

I remember reading that this continued to happen but you resisted the influence.

"[True.] After this concerted and continued attempt to impress me has passed over, I refrained from visiting circles, and thought by staying away I might be free from any impression; on the contrary, my arm would be moved when asleep, and awake me by its motion. During the time I abstained from sitting in the circle, I was twice lifted bodily from my bed, moved off its edge, and thus suspended in the air. The first time I was so dealt with, I had retired to a different room from the one I usually occupied. I had not been asleep, and was conscious of everything around me. As I lay composing myself for sleep, I discovered my whole body was slightly trembling in every fiber. I attempted to raise my hand, but I could

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not move; my eyes were closed, and the lids fastened. My mind was unusually active, and I noted every thing that took place with an intenseness of perception I never before experienced. My bodily sensation was likewise increased in power. As I lay there unable to move a limb, my body was lifted from the bed, and moved gently toward the edge, and with the bedclothes over it; there it remained a moment, and then it was moved off the bed into the room, suspended in the air, and there held for an instant. Just at this time the fire-bells rang an alarm, and my body was suddenly brought back to the bed and deposited in the same place I had previously occupied, with sort of a jerk, as if it had been dropped from the hands which held it."

How did that affect you?

"I was deeply moved at this special evidence of spirit manifestation. The repeated and determined attempts to bring me under their control had been disregarded when the impression left me. Heretofore my arm had been the organ to which their efforts had been chiefly directed; now my whole body was subjected to their influence, against my will and desire, and all my effort and struggles to resist them. For the first time it occurred to me that, perhaps in this evident design to develop me as a medium, I might, by submitting to their direction, arrive at the whole truth of spirit intercourse with man. I felt impelled to ask if there were spirits in the room. Three distinct raps were given in reply, indicating they were present; and then too deeply agitated to question further, I again returned to bed to ponder over this, to me, incontrovertible evidence that spirits could indeed influence man, the truth of which I was then willing to admit."

As I recall reading, you then had another experience similar to that.

"[Correct, and] I sought opportunity where I might witness more of their doings. When in pursuance of this design I attended circles, my hand was seized and made to write. At first the sentences were short, and contained a single idea, but as I became developed they wrote out many pages, embracing various ideas and subjects...From the first essay of the spirits to influence my hand to write, it was the medium by which many, both friends and strangers, communicated with the circle; but when the design was apparent that they had developed me for a special object, my hand was controlled by two spirits, whose names will be found recorded in [our book] as Sweedenborg and Bacon." *(Note: For some unstated reason Sweedenborg, not Swedenborg, is the spelling always given here to the mystic's name)*

Are you conscious of what is being written through your hand?

"I know nothing of what is written until after it is read to me, and frequently, when asked to read what has been communicated, I have found it utterly impossible to decipher it. Not only is the thought concealed, but after it has been read to me I lose all recollection of the subject, until again my memory is refreshed by the reading. This peculiar effect on my recollection occurred more frequently when the spirits commenced writing, and I have been told by them that it was produced by their efforts to separate the action of my own mind from their thoughts, when teaching on a subject which required several sittings to finish."

Must you always sit in a circle for the writing to take place?

"It was necessary during the early period of my development that I should sit in a circle before my hand could be moved, and sometimes I would sit for an hour or more before any perceptible influence would be discovered. As my susceptibility increased, the impression was felt almost as soon as the circle was formed. Now I am instantly under control the moment the business of the evening has commenced, either with or without the aid of individuals. Often, when I am alone in my office, my hand will be moved and I will be obliged to abandon every other purpose till the spirits have concluded their communication...[At one time] I was compelled to rise [from my sleep] and procure pencil and paper, and a long communication was written before they would permit me again to sleep."

Are the things written by Sweedenborg and Bacon consistent with your beliefs?

"I reiterate this statement, that it may be understood, that the teachings revealed by my instrumentality in [the book] contain thoughts, sentiments, and statements differing *in toto* from my own views when they were communicated. It will be observed also that the style and expression of Sweedenborg is unlike that of Bacon, and while the latter at once plunges *in medias res* (into the middle of things) the former almost invariably commences his teachings with some thought individual in its application to the circle."

Thank you, Dr. Dexter, for explaining all that. Is there anything you'd like to leave my readers with?

"[Yes,] there could be but one decision to which my mind could arrive when its prejudices and educational biases were forced to succumb to the power of reason. And when at last the truth opened to my view, I beheld in this intercourse of the 'spirit out of the form' with 'the spirit in the form' the positive demonstration of the immortality of the soul. In the thoughts which they uttered, the glory and might, the wisdom, power, and love of our Creator were made manifest."

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THE REVS. BRIAN AND LYNN KENT

A Mother's Day Story of Healing

"Spirit Ultrasound!"

Patti Craig of the First Spiritualist Church of Brockton, MA, submitted the ultrasound photo below and the story to go along with it. We leave the decision to our readers to draw their own conclusions. However, we believe intervention by Spirit has provided the chance for this child to be brought into the physical plane. Here is the amazing story:

When Patti's son, Matt and daughter-in-law, Clarissa, announced that they were expecting, every one was excited. This feeling of joy soon faded from their lives. Clarissa was having problems. She started bleeding and it seemed that the blood of the baby was fighting the blood of the mother. She was also diagnosed with a leaking ovarian cyst. The doctor announced that there was also a possibility that the placenta would detach sooner than it was supposed to. This all happened in the beginning to the middle of her term; as a result, the doctor put her on "a high risk for miscarriage" list.

Patti, a NSAC Commissioned Healer and grandmother to this unborn angel, felt she needed to do something to help save this much-loved child who was fighting to be born. She contacted her friend Susan, also a healer, feeling that twice the amount of healers would increase the healing energy.

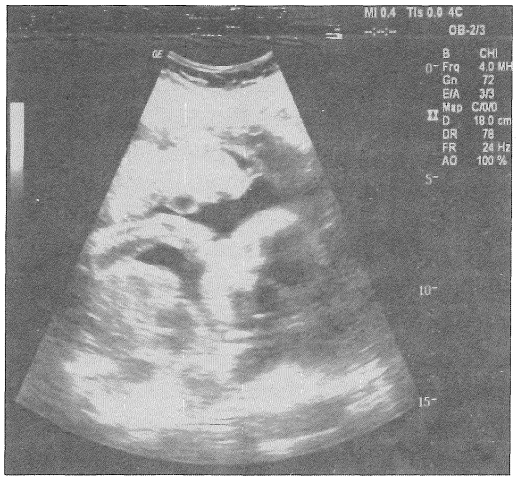
Upon laying hands on her daughter-in-law's abdomen, Patti immediately felt the outline of the child. She also felt the pressure of a tiny hand being placed on her heart; with this she felt peace and love.

When Susan placed her hands on Clarissa's abdomen, she was given the impression of a woman. When she described the woman to Patti, the description was that of Patti's mother and grandmother, this baby's great-grandmother. Patti felt that her whole family was getting involved with the healing of mother and child. Upon completion of the healing, Patti and Susan went to their respective homes with prayers still in their hearts.

Patti knew her son and Clarissa were distraught over the sad news of what was going on with this high-risk pregnancy. In her desperation, Patti wanted to do more. She sent e-mails to all healers and healing modalities related to Spiritualism, NSAC prayer and meditation groups and the individual Spiritualist Churches. At that time we also got a request and passed it along. Many sent Matt and Clarissa encouraging cards, letters, prayers and an immense amount of distance healing and love.

Upon Clarissa's next visit to the doctor's, she was surprised to hear that the bleeding had stopped. Of course we feel that sprit and our healers were at work here. The problem of the blood seemed to have "**fixed itself**" (a very unusual happening according to medical knowledge). She was taken off the "high risk for a miscarriage" list. If the bleeding had not stopped, she would have been on complete bed rest. Since the healings, she became healthier and happier. Thanks to spirit relatives and healers.

In November, 2007 Clarissa was given five ultrasounds (on the same day), yet this was the only one with a definite message within it. This ultrasound was as much as a surprise to Patti and her family as it was to me when she sent it to this department. To us it sends a very clear message. "Spirit is there and willing to help"!



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The Storm

Loll Washburn, California

Walking through a personal storm
Is part of this earth pain.
If we float and let it go
There is nothing rewarding to gain.

Isn't it amazing how we struggle and frown
Why did this happen to me?
That question is asked over again
Fill yourself with more honesty.

Laughter will come at times we know
Understanding is what it's for.
We're not the only one whose been hurting
There's change and good things in store.

Think about what you are thinking
Notice your strong attitude.
Take a deep breath and exhale slowly
While learning more gratitude.

The storm that you feel was meant to be
It teaches growing inside.
Only God has this powerful result
When His unseen rules are applied.

My Work

Loll Washburn, California

I have so much I want to give
Helping those that they may live.

Being devoted with my heart so full
Is part of this work with its joyous pull.

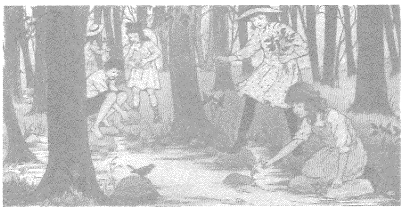
Spirit has let me simply know that
Climbing the ladder can be very slow.

Always rewarding as this journey goes on
Working in depth to right what is wrong.

I'm grateful for this Earth-Plane start
With its ups and downs and doing my part.

As my days continue with a smile
Caring and loving as I walk each mile.

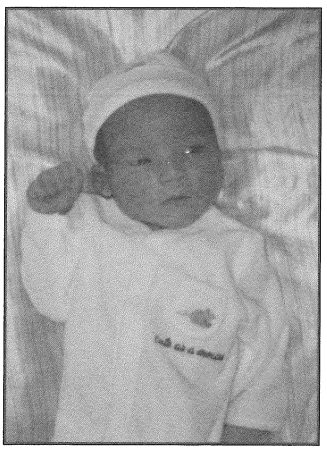
This is my mediumship as it goes
It is my privilege doing the work that I chose.



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Ethan Robert Craig
February 20, 2008
7:58 am
8 pounds 10 ounces,
21.5 inches long.



The parents, Matt and Clarissa Craig would like to thank everyone who participated in sending healing energy to this little angel. Special note and thanks go out to Tom Fredricks for doing a special healing service dedicated to this baby and his parents. Also to all Spiritualist Churches that put this mother and child on their Healing Lists

I would like to make a notation; the following is a direct quote from Patti Craig, and well worth thinking about.

"I know in my heart that if it wasn't through the help of God, Spirit, all the healers and prayers, I would not be writing this letter now. For all those in NSAC Churches and other healing modalities, our family would like to thank you for helping save this baby's life. Without all of you I feel this would not have been possible."

"When you look at the above ultrasound, I think the lady you see looking down at the child is a clear validation of how healing energy can change our world". Patti Craig.

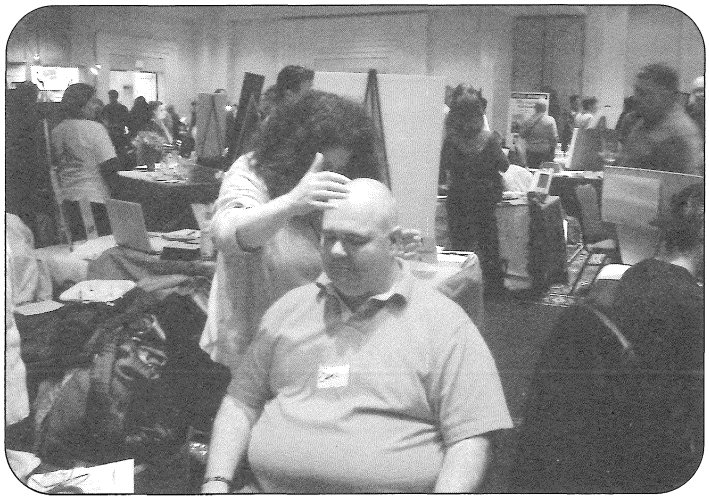
Wishing All Mothers a Phenomenal Mother's Day
From the Department of Phenomenal Evidence

A new feature has been added to the Department's web site. A direct entry form is now available along with a downloaded PDF file option. •

TNS Expo in Connecticut

Several members of The Connecticut State Spiritualist Association volunteered their time and energy to make the Center for Spiritualist Studies Association's (CSSA) presence at the Alternative Expo in Cromwell, CT a success. This is a great place for people to find out about the Spiritualist churches in their area. Attendees were offered NSAC brochures, local church schedules and if they chose, they could experience laying-on-of-hands healing by Spiritualist Healers.





NEWS FROM ARIZONA

Linda Chiles, Phoenix, AZ

Greetings from the Pastoral Skills class held in Phoenix, AZ at the Church of the Living Spirit! Orientation was Sat., March 1; we began work in earnest on Mon., March 3rd and continued until Graduation Day, Fri., March 14th.

What a grand time we had! Not only was this course, taught by The Rev. Bunny Starr, full of information and sharing of knowledge, it was fun!



Three states were represented – Arizona, California and Nevada. Rick Long, Norma Turner and Linda Chiles are members of the Church of the Living Spirit in Glendale, Arizona; Susan Peterson is a member of the Spiritualist Chapel of the Pines in Auburn, California, as is Vickie Gay, although Vickie resides in Reno, Nevada.

It wouldn't surprise me to learn that every Pastoral Skills class believes that theirs is the best class and that their class was brought together by Spirit for a particular reason. That belief was strongly felt and evidenced by all of us, and with good reason.

First of all, both Sue and Vickie have completed the MPI course work and all that remained for them to be ordained was to complete the Pastoral Skills course and, of course, the exam work. The really exciting news is that they are in hopes of being ordained at our October convention...where three of their classmates will be able to attend their ordination ceremony!

Second, it is required to have a minimum of eight attendees and eight people had originally enrolled. However, two of those, at the very last minute, were unable to attend and the thrid person decided to leave on the thrid day of class. In addition to this, The Rev. Cosie Allen was scheduled to teach the class but, due to personal circumstances, was unable to come. She had asked The Rev. Bunny Starr, the only other instructor available at this time, to replace her. Was Spirit at work? We certainly think so.

The course work was excellent and extensive. Almost every facet of a pastor's counseling life is explored during the two-week period. Best of all, there were many "hands-on" practice sessions.

Norma conducted a very touching *Blessing of the Animals Service,* giving us all the desire to conduct this service at our own churches. We agreed that it could serve as another way to make the public aware of the

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various services offered, not only by our own particular church, but by Spiritualism.

Vickie and Rick were "married" thanks to a wedding ceremony I conducted. Unlike Norma's service, I did not write the actual service but rather shared a ceremony I had recently attended. This service had so greatly moved me that I wanted to share it with the class. And best of all, Bunny said that was OK!

Rick surprised us all by having Raymond Thomas, a real baby, at his Naming Ceremony—thanks to parents Melissa and Tom Wachowski. This is yet another service that our churches provide which, perhaps, not many folks realize is available. It could be another way to bring folks to our churches.

Sue conducted a beautiful Memorial Service in honor of her mother. This is something that hadn't been done at the time of her mother's crossing over and was ever so meaningful to all of us. Thanks to Sue, we learned what a very special, fun-loving and remarkable woman Elsie Peterson was.

Vickie's service responsibility was as Chairperson of a Sunday service. Her presence and presentation were such that I thought she was a "regular" chairperson at her church. Imagine my surprise at learning it was a "first" for her. The order of the service and her words just flowed so naturally.

In addition to these services, the topics of discussion ranged from birth to death, covering upbeat, as well as the more gloomy topics. We covered family dynamics, marriage counseling, stress, anger, depression, violence, assault and chemical dependency (that was a tough day to talk through), funerals, the caregiver, hospital visits and visiting the terminally ill, dementia and, to a small extent, what is involved with church management.

Does this sound like we were rather occupied during the two weeks? You can say *that* again! But it was *so* worth it! But I'm not yet finished. Each night we also had homework to complete before the next day, so you can see that our days *and* nights were filled to the brim with learning the variety of duties that a pastor performs.

The most important two things we learned from Bunny during these two weeks are:

1) LISTEN – learn to listen attentively to the person who has come to unburden him/herself to you.
2) CONFIDENTIALITY – just like the Vegas' catchwords – "What happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas." So, too, "What happens in your counseling sessions, stays in your counseling sessions." Complete trust is established when you hold to the importance of confidentiality; isn't that what we, as counselors, need to have?

And Graduation Day was the highlight. We even had visitors...Rev. Janet Tisdale, Tommy Mayfield, Cindy Clippinger and Nancy Pivonka joined the ceremony which was blended by Rick's creative poem:

Like a Starr she fell to us
To keep our class continuous
On short word she came to be
The guiding light for you and me.

At first our group it would be eight
But numbers would be left to fate.
One we lost to misdirection
And that made our number seven
Then one more would leave our midst
And that one left our number six

But numbers only led the way
To the group you see up here today.

Were the fates to write a different end,
We would not be standing here as friends.

So off we went with that gal named Bunny
Who proved to be both wise and funny.
She guided us through Pastoral Skills
Through speaking, and listening, and paying the bills.

We stood on stage and practiced our lines,
From critters, to babies, to weddings, to dying.
We learned such skills that we could use
And such powerful skills we could never lose.

We learned how to talk, we learned how to listen
We learned about couples, and stress, and our mission.
We talked about church and the world as it stood
And we learned, to never ever, ever, ever, say "should."

We talked about plans and we learned as a bonus
That those with ideas must carry the "onus."
We laughed and we cried; we joked and we ate
And to think this all came together by fate.

So we thank you, oh Bunny, for all of your cheer
For making the time to find your way here.
We wish you the best on your journey in life.
And we hope you'll remember your dear Phoenix five.

Sadly we said our farewells at Norma's house over a delicious lunch prepared by Louise—and we know that our grand group will stay in touch with each other—not only as the friends that we've become—but as superb resources on our future paths. •

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Class size is limited to 14. Early registration is necessary. A **deposit of $50** is required **sixty (60) days** in advance, with full payment required thirty (30) days in advance, if you have not applied for the payment plan. **Complete information for the site will be sent upon payment** of a deposit. If eight students are not enrolled for a session thirty days in advance, the session may be canceled.

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- **LILY DALE, NEW YORK:**
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  June 14, 2008 – 7:00 p.m., Orientation
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  Instructor: Rev. Sharon Snowman, NST

- **MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN:**
  Morris Pratt Institute – **Split Session – Two Years**
  Week One: Oct. 25-31, 2008 – 7:30 p.m., Orientation
  Week Two: April 4-10, 2009 (subject to change)
  Instructor: Rev. Cosie Allen, NST

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– Albert Schweitzer

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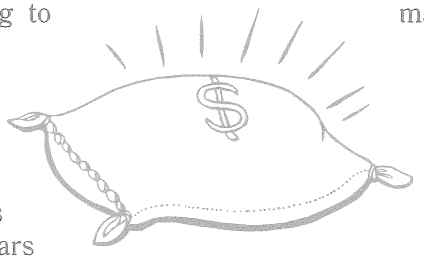
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Your Memorial Fund

THE REV. KATHLEEN CRIBB



Each year I sit in convention trying to listen attentively to all that is said so I can bring back tidbits of wisdom to my little church in Norfolk, VA. Upon my return home, I share information about the by-law changes and exciting tales about the election of officers. It has been so peaceful the past couple of years that my church thinks our delegates are mired down in boring business meetings. In any case, you would think that after attending nine annual conventions, I would at least know where the NSAC board gets the money to function. Duh! Here I sat fat, dumb and happy, thinking our $10 dues each year handled all the bills. In truth, if the board tried to function on that amount of income alone they would be running the NSAC on the equivalent of a social security check based on a lifetime of earning minimum wage. Silly me.

Have you ever heard of the Stow Memorial Foundation Fund? I just found out that our board uses the dividend and interest income derived from that fund to float our Spiritualist boat. Some very generous Spiritualists had the foresight to include the NSAC in their wills. Upon their deaths, a large sum of money was donated to the NSAC to provide the money needed to maintain and promote Modern American Spiritualism into the future. Did you ever meet the Stow sisters? Me neither; but I would love to meet them. Maybe someday their spirits will show up at a séance or church message service or a convention service. Meanwhile, we should be paying attention to where they have been trying to lead us. We can, each of us, establish a foundation fund in our own names. The fund can be named in our wills for NSAC or for our own home church or camp.

We need to plan for the future of this wonderful religion. No one can thrive on social security income alone. Each of us needs to plan for our retirement funds and for the needs of our loved ones upon our passing. Do you love Spiritualism? Have you included a donation to your church in your will or Living Trust? If you would like to know if this is the right thing for you to do, just picture your last name in front of the words Memorial Fund as you go into meditation. Ask Infinite Spirit to show you the future of your church and the future of the NSAC that will be created by your memorial fund gift. Love Spiritualism enough to put your name on it.

Bless you, Rev. Kathleen Cribb •

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1. We believe in Infinite Intelligence.

2. We believe that the phenomena of Nature, both physical and spiritual, are the expression of Infinite Intelligence.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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