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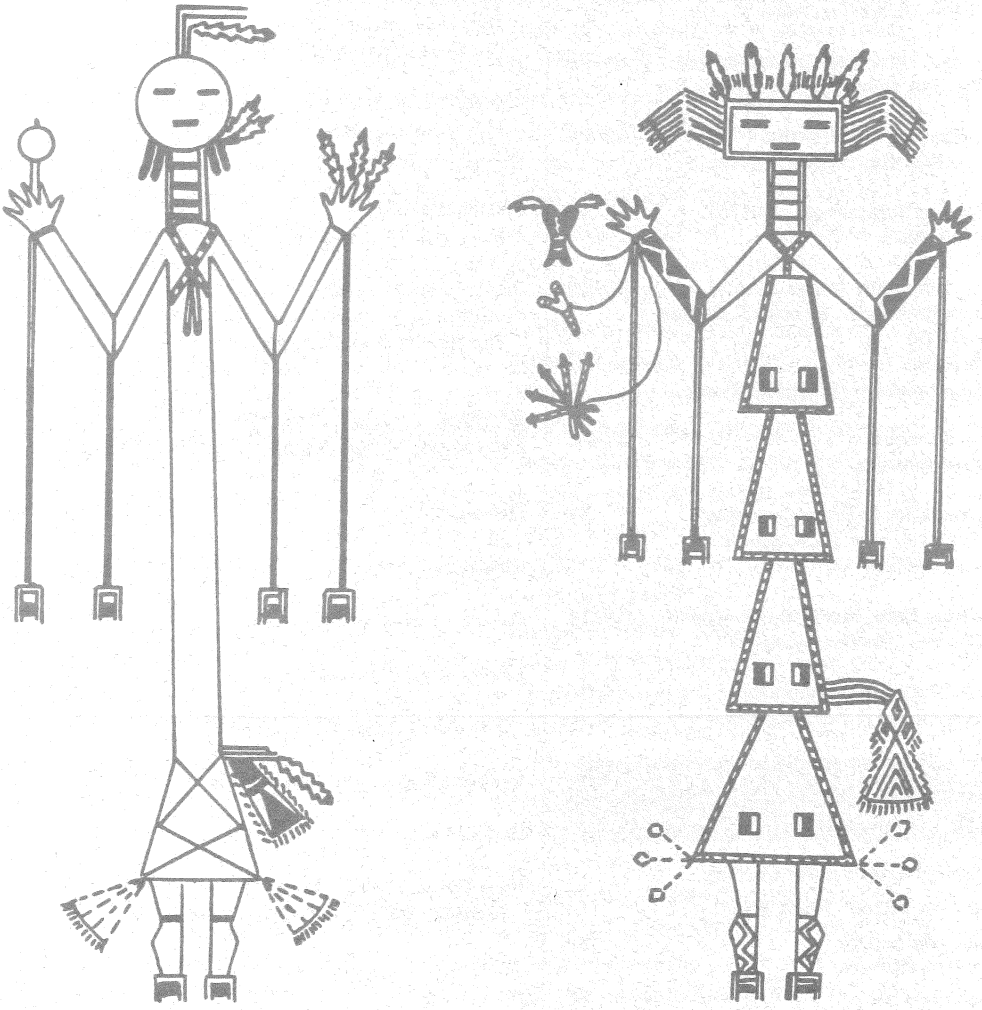
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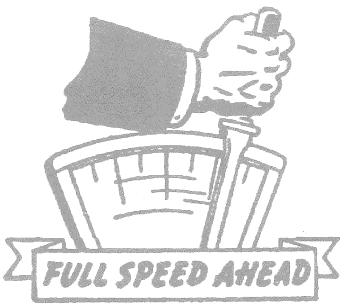
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Moving Forward Into Center

LAURA LEE PERKINS, Editor



Spiritualism stresses personal responsibility. This fall the United States will be choosing between two very different political philosophies as we elect a new president. As Spiritualists who enjoy the freedom to practice our chosen beliefs, we each have a responsibility to be involved in our country's political process. When we are actively engaged in participating, we have an opportunity to be part of making a difference in the future of the world. Indifference has never solved any problems.

Each religious movement believes that if the world would just follow their accepted tenets, then all would be right. This attitude sets up conflict between religious systems, and we end up exactly where we have always been – enmeshed in seemingly irresolvable differences. We see similar situations between countries. And we watch as science and religion, often described at opposite poles, move forward around the circle of awareness. We have heard more and more about the agreements between science and religion in recent years, and perhaps it is in their union that we might be able to glimpse the possibility of moving forward into a more peaceful co-existence – not only between science and religion, but between all peoples in all countries upon planet Earth.

When we are able to come to an agreement where all sides benefit, there is a deep feeling of co-operation and respect. However, if we continue to pursue a desire to win, everyone ends up losing. Power struggles never result in victory; power struggles result in inequality. Everything on our planet works at optimum efficiency when there is deep respect for the flourishing of all life; only then do we truly have a sustainable co-existence.

Let us always remember that we are conscious agents in our own evolutionary development. If you are feeling like your voice doesn't really make any difference, maybe it is because you have been silent? Is it time to add your Spiritualist voice to the cares and concerns of the world in which we are so privileged to live? Is it time for you to contribute an idea for a peaceful solution to a problem in your home, church, community, state, country or world? Maybe, just maybe, your idea is the solution.

As we enter into a politically vibrant time in our history, a time when we can exercise our gifts of living in a free democracy, let us remember that humans have exhibited a tremendous potential for violence and aggression. We have an opportunity each day to speak up by mail, email, telephone or in person to make the world a tiny bit better. We have the chance to make a difference, to slant the energy towards involved concern and caring. As rational, thinking individuals, we must remind ourselves that we are not helpless. In fact, we are truly powerful beyond measure. As Spiritualists, we know this.

So why do countries continue to send troops to be slaughtered? Why do we continue to have wars based on differences in religious beliefs? Why do we have increasing terrorism and violence? And if we do not begin to think and move forward in new ways, how will humankind survive on our planet?

It is very exciting that science has discovered that energy is all there is. That is really profound, and it relates to everything that we know as real. If matter simply is composed of energy, and if our soul's path is about movement, then there is certainly hope that our conditioned response of declaring war on everything that we disagree with might be transformed. Rather than having a mentality aimed towards winning, perhaps we can have an evolution of human mentality that is about nurturing and sustaining. This is happening with increased awareness of damage to our planet, and it is beginning to occur with the United Nations work moving into an understanding that people need clean water, unpolluted earth to grow food, and shelter from the elements. Without these fundamental needs being fulfilled, there will continue to be attitudes of "you have it, I don't, and I am coming to take it away from you." We call it war, but it is really about fear and inequality. Our coexistence is not (and never has been) about winning; coexistence is about cooperation and learning to work together by attempting to understand another's viewpoint – whatever the issue might be.

We know the peace that comes from connecting with Spirit, and we know that this experience of peace is always available to us. It is when we forget about the availability of peace, when it is undermined by some sense of fear, that we move into the mode of aggression. Just like our cells, which are dividing constantly, we are in a continual stage of reproduction and moving forward. Experiencing peace encourages more healthy growth; experiencing fear absolutely inhibits healthy forward progress. Once again we come back to the element of trust. When we trust, there is no fear, and then peace is possible.

Trust means not looking back over our shoulders at "how we have been wronged." Trust is about looking forward into ways that we can merge more deeply with all that is, moving forward into center, resulting in a higher evolutionary process of movement towards peace. When there is an experience of deep connectedness and

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belonging, this works like a magnet to attract not only us back to the Source, but it magnifies the Light of Love as it draws more and more individuals. This is what peace work is all about – attracting more and more individuals into the fold of inter-connectedness.

Science is rational; spirituality is innate. It is in the blending of these two necessary elements that we shall come into full-circle awareness, leading to an understanding of the mission of peace. I personally felt that our NSAC 2007 Annual Convention was that type of experience; everyone seemed to serve the mission of what was best for Spiritualism. Everyone participated in the awareness of "if it is deemed to be in the best interest of the movement of Spiritualism, then it is in my best interest also." Personally, I was extremely proud of the leadership demonstrated by our President Lelia Cutler and by all the members of our NSAC Board of Directors.

Are we are hard-wired for peace? When we trust, like an infant, we will grab onto any hand that reaches out to us. We do not come into the world filled with fear and self-protection. We want to be connected – we love to be held, to hug, to laugh, and to simply be with others. We need to know that comfort can be achieved; our needs can be met. Again it is about trusting that there is always a peaceful resolution available.

Fear is learned; let us be very careful what we are teaching our young people about lack of trust. Yes, we do have to live in today's world, but if we each model trust and acceptance then it will bloom and spread. Perhaps we are not hard-wired for peace or fear – but hard-wired with the amazing responsibility of choice. We can choose which mode of operation we want to exhibit in the world.

I remember an interview with the Dalai Lama. He was describing an ancient Buddhist meditation technique which involved sitting in silence and feeling self completely filled with love that is supportive, kind and warm in every way. Then the Buddhist directs this feeling of total Love out to others. It is easy to send loving thoughts to those we already love, but the intent here is to include those whom you feel neutral about, and then move on to those whom you really do not feel drawn to love. This meditation is about opening the heart through an act of kindness and giving. We can train ourselves to be more loving by having loving thoughts and by acting in loving ways. Just imagine the joy that this could bring into our daily lives!

If you think that you are too small to make a difference in this election year, you might want to remember the experience of being in bed with a mosquito! You are only as small as you think you are. Spiritualism can only be as important in the world as we choose to make it. If it has made a positive difference in your life, then propel it forward into the center of your being.

In Spirit,

Laura Lee Perkins, Editor •

CALENDAR CORNER

What happened in JUNE throughout the years?

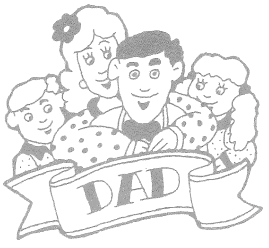
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Harold Palmer Courtney (Born Nov. 18, 1881 – T. 1954) He was a proud Spiritualist who served as the California State Association of Spiritualism's president for 10 years, and as Trustee and Treasurer of the National Spiritualist Association.

JUNE 11

First Annual Convention of the General Assembly of Spiritualists in 1915.

JUNE 15



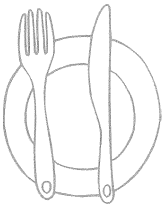
Father's Day, which began in Spokane, Washington, is celebrated. Sonora Smart Dodd thought of the idea for Father's Day while listening to a Mother's Day sermon in 1909. Having been raised by her father after her mother died, Sonora wanted her father to know how special he was to her. Sonora's father was born in June, so she chose to hold the first Father's Day celebration in Spokane, Washington on the 19th of June, 1910. In 1926, a National Father's Day Committee was formed in New York City. Father's Day was recognized by a Joint Resolution of Congress in 1956. In 1972, President Richard Nixon established a permanent national observance of Father's Day to be held on the third Sunday of June.

JUNE 18

Full Strawberry Moon – This name was universal to every Algonquin tribe. However, in Europe they called it the Rose Moon. The relatively short season for harvesting strawberries comes each year during the month of June…so the full Moon that occurs during that month was christened for the strawberry!

JUNE 21

The Summer Solstice is the longest day of the year, meaning that the length of time elapsed between sunrise and sunset on this day is a maximum for the year. The Summer Solstice marks the first day of the season of Summer in the northern hemisphere. In ancient times it was considered a time of fullness of life, worldly blessings and celebration. The Summer Solstice celebrates the joy, warmth and laughter of summer and God's power. The beginning of summer represents a time for purification, renewal of the self, a time to release the sadness, fears and pains from your life. A time for purification and renewed energy. •



Soul Food

Recipes to feed our spiritual, emotional and physical hungers.

June brings long, summer days and warm nights with outdoor feasts. Here is a wonderfully quick recipe for your church picnics!

GERMAN POTATO SALAD

This delicious, rich German potato salad is easy and perfect for outdoor eating. While not low-fat, it is really scrumptious!

- 2 pounds red potatoes, scrubbed
- 12 ounces sliced bacon
- 2 cups sour cream
- 2 tablespoons light mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons prepared yellow mustard
- 1 bunch green onions, chopped
- 3/4 cup chopped green olives
- 5 hard-cooked eggs, chopped
- 1/4 teaspoon Italian seasoning
- 2 tablespoons ranch salad dressing
- 1/4 teaspoon paprika

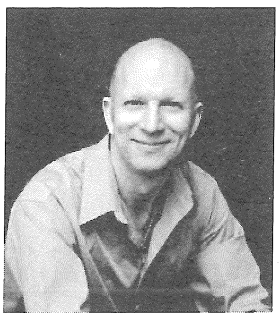
Place the potatoes into a large pot and cover with water. Boil until fork-tender. Drain, cool, and cut into cubes.

While potatoes are cooking, fry bacon in a large skillet over medium heat until browned and crisp. Remove from pan and drain on paper towels, reserving bacon grease.

Combine potatoes, sour cream, mayonnaise, mustard, green onions, olives, eggs, Italian seasoning and ranch dressing. Crumble the bacon into the bowl and pour half of the reserved bacon grease over all. Stir gently until everything is evenly distributed. Garnish with paprika before serving. •

California State Spiritualist Association • Annual Convention 2008

July 10–13, La Casa de Maria Retreat & Conference Center, Santa Barbara



Presenter Richard Schoeller

The Reverend Richard P. Schoeller, NST, is pastor of Summerland Church of Light, NSAC in Hauppauge, New York.

Richard has a healing practice in Huntington. He assists clients in energy healing as well as in the healing of belief systems, addictions, trauma, fifth level and past life healings.

Mediumship and spiritual healing are two areas that he is constantly researching and studying. He believes in lifelong learning *and* lifelong teaching and enjoys sharing his knowledge with others.

Spiritualist Rejuvenation

Saturday Workshop—July 12

Energetic Healing—Morning Session

Energy Healing is a way to balance the subtle anatomy of the human body, removing blocks and repairing tears and leaks in the energetic system *(etheric layers)*.

In this workshop, Richard will talk about the seven energetic centers *(chakras)*, and will demonstrate some basic healing techniques that he uses in his private practice. The healing work that will be discussed is not to be confused with hands-on healing as offered in the Spiritualist Church.

Trance and Transfiguration—Afternoon Session

What are these forms of mediumship? Richard will explain how they are different, and provide a basic understanding about mental and physical mediumship. The discussion will focus on the experiences of both the medium as well as those who attend a circle or séance. There will be a guided meditation to help produce harmonious attunement of the group, followed by a demonstration of one or both of these forms of mediumship.

Workshop fees

$61 Workshop and lunch; $80 Workshop, lunch, and Convention barbecue dinner
Workshop + accommodation packages available; see website below
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THE REVS. BRIAN AND LYNN KENT

Happy Father's Day

"Spirit in the delivery room"

A short time ago a parishioner, Jim, of the First Spiritualist Church of Springfield, Massachusetts told me an interesting story. This department would like to share it on this Father's Day as a gift to all Dads who read this magazine and believe in spirit. As a Spiritualist, Jim *knows* Spirit will help when needed or asked. Spirit amazed others, as they did Jim, for those few moments during the delivery of his son Jonathan.

I have had many stories told to me by those who may have seen loved-ones in the delivery room, but Jim's story is unusual in the fact that others heard what happened in the delivery room at the birth of his son. These are Jim's words.

"I was basically scared to death during my wife's labor. I prayed harder than I ever did before to Spirit for help because she was moments from a C-section. At the moment my son was pulled from the birth canal, a mix of harp-like music and singing followed. A TA-DA appeared in the air just over him. Yes there was a TA-DA. After this everyone in the room (the doctor, anesthetist and nurses) was in total shock! Everyone knew that the music came out of thin air."

"I recently asked Debbie, my wife, how she felt at that moment and she told me she was concerned about what everyone was looking for, talking about the music and no one was paying attention to her. She really felt she got neglected for a few minutes because of it all. You see I am just giving it to you like it happened, nothing more and nothing less."

Below you will find an excerpt from the delivery room report. The important part designating the above event is highlighted.

At this point in time the vacuum extraction was removed. At this point in time it was also noted a musical sound heard throughout the room. The source of this sound could not be located at the time. The infant was delivered, bulb suctioned of the head. The anterior shoulder was delivered without difficulty followed by delivery of the rest of the infant. The cord was doubly cut. The infant was handed off to the attending pediatric staff for evaluation. It was a baby boy, weighing 9 lb. 7 oz. with Apgars of 8, 9 and 9. The placenta was delivered intact and spontaneously.

Jim's grandmother, Mildred Kane was a fine medium who, for over 20 years, had taught Jim a lot about spirit. Below are some photographs that show his grandmother, Mildred still watching over and protecting the family, and some photographs taken after Jim asked his deceased grandmother to let him know she was there.

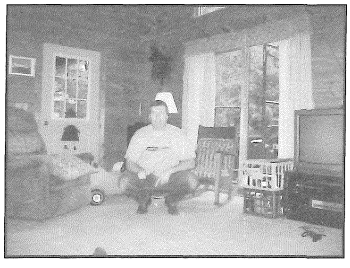


Photo #1 Normal photo. No orbs.

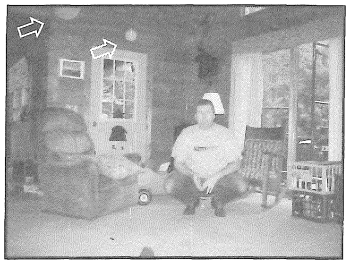


Photo #2 after inviting spirit in.

Jim's grandmother had a huge impact on Jim's spiritual beliefs. He still communicates, in his own way, with his beloved grandmother. Below she is shown with his son Johnny. Jim requested that Mildred let her presence be known to him by showing herself over "her" clock. The photograph resulted in presenting a clear and unmistakable orb above the 150-year-old clock.



Photo #3 Mildred and Johnny



Photo #4 Jim's request that Mildred show him her presence over her clock.

Since Johnny's birth, Jim has felt spirit has taken a special interest in him. Jim asked for help when his son was born and he has continued to ask Spirit to show their

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Wisdom

- Faith is the ability to not panic.
- If you worry, you didn't pray. If you prayed, don't worry.
- As a child of God, prayer is kind of like calling home every day.
- Blessed are the flexible, for they shall not be bent out of shape.
- When we get tangled up in our problems, be still. God wants us to be still so He can untangle the knot.
- Do the math. Count your blessings.
- God wants spiritual fruit, not religious nuts.
- Silence is often misinterpreted, but never misquoted.
- Laugh every day – it's like inner jogging.
- The most important things in your home are the people.
- Growing old is inevitable, growing up is optional. (Preach it!)
- There is no key to happiness. The door is always open. Come on in.
- A grudge is a heavy thing to carry.
- We do not remember days but moments. Life moves too fast so enjoy your precious moments.
- Nothing is real to you until you experience it; otherwise it's just hearsay.
- It's all right to sit on your pity pot every now and again. Just be sure to flush when you are done.
- Learn from the turtle; it only makes progress when it sticks out its neck.

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presence. Below is one more orb photo Jim captured of a Kindergarten sunflower project of Johnny's. Jim wondered if spirit energies were still watching over his son, so he asked. The photo below is what he got for an answer!

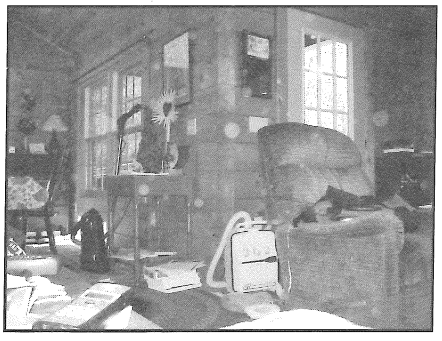


Photo #5 Notice the orbs all over the room. Jonathan's Sunflower project is on the table in the center of the photo.

Jim showed me many photographs of his son with orbs – too many to print. We do want to emphasize an old but familiar term for you to use when communicating with loved ones in spirit. "Ask and you shall receive."

Have a Phenomenal Father's Day

The NSAC Department of Phenomenal Evidence

Note: We at the Department of Phenomenal Evidence try to look at all information sent to us with a SCIENTIFIC EYE as well as a SPIRITUAL EYE. You, as an individual, may not always agree with what is written. We try to report what is given as it is given and teach at the same time. We deal with FACTS along with our knowledge of SPIRIT. WE leave the final decision up to the individual reader. LJK

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Our Vibrant Summer Spiritualist Camps

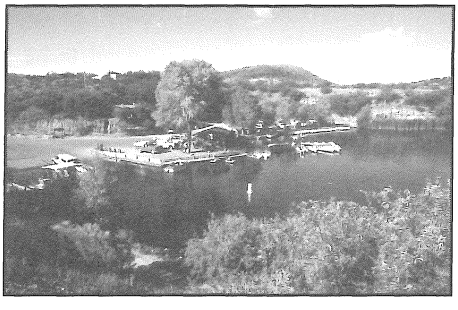
One of the greatest treasures that Spiritualists can share is our NSAC Summer Spiritualist Camps scattered throughout the United States. In place of our regular *PERUSING THE WEB* column, this month we shall offer websites (when available) about these special spiritual sites for our readers to peruse. *TNS-Summit* always welcomes stories or photos about experiences at our magnificent summer camps, which continue to flourish year-after-year, decade-after-decade, and century-after-century because people who care volunteer to make it all happen. THANK YOU to each and every one of you who make a contribution of time, effort or money to keep the camp gems vibrant! All camps are listed on the web @ www.nsac.org/camps.htm and we are including information provided by camp representatives this year. Therefore, some descriptions are longer than others.

• CONNECTICUT •

Ladies Aid Society Camp at Pine Grove is located at 34 South Pine Street in Niantic, CT 06357. Their 2008 Summer Season will be June 14 – August 29, with returning mediums Joyce Orcutt, Verline Eldridge and Steve Hermann. New mediums for this season include Robin Dubord and Joyce Barlow. There will be a seasonal opening banquet, a July picnic, services, circles, readings, healings, workshops, drumming and a new pasta dinner with gallery readings and more! All of this promises wonderful company and meeting new friends. For a 2008 schedule or additional information, call 860-739-2157 or 860-442-8149.

• ILLINOIS •

Christabelle Spiritualist Church and the **Cherry Valley Spiritualist Camp** share the same location. While Sunday services are held at the church 52 weeks per year, Cherry Valley Spiritualist Camp is in session from June to October 1st. During camp season, there are many happenings at the camp outside and inside. Mediums give readings, classes are held, past life regression sessions are offered and lots of exciting and interesting items are sold from vendors' tables set up on the camp grounds.



As Ryan, a grandchild of one of the pastors of Cherry Valley Spiritualist Camp, says, "You can feel the excitement when you even just begin to get close to the church." It's like time stands still and all you can think of is getting there so that you can

Feel the peace
Feel the love
Feel a place

that is untouched and unspoiled by the 20th century. The outside world is never even an issue. Items in the church have very likely been the same since the day it opened, probably in the early part of this century. This is truly a place where time does not exist for the whole precious afternoon. It is a place where we can go within ourselves and find ourselves; be okay about who we are and where we are in our walk through life.

Cherry Valley Spiritualist Camp is located at 8002 Service Road, Cherry Valley, 61016, which is next to Rockford, Illinois. The best time to call for directions would be Sunday morning because someone is cooking/preparing the feast. The 10:30 Healing Service is followed by the 11:00-12:30 Church Service with the meal beginning promptly at 1:00 PM. Later you can go outside into the wooded area and walk; there are benches and the trees are magnificent. For more information, call the camp phone (815) 332-5359.

• IOWA •

The Mississippi Valley Spiritualist Association Camp (formerly called Mount Pleasant Camp) was the first Spiritualist Camp west of the Mississippi River. Located in downtown Clinton, Iowa, it was founded as a spiritual "summertime refresher/vacation" for those interested in Spiritualism, folks used to pay admission to enter the campgrounds where large tents were set up for overnight stays. Because there was a very large pavilion – able to seat 2,000! – many nationally known speakers and lectures were offered for the public. The land has been in Spiritualists' hands since 1882, and became Mt. Pleasant Park where individual shareholders paid $10.00 each to help with the mortgage. The lodging hotel was erected in the early 1890's, and it is still in use today. In past decades, one could hear the Bang Sisters, Harrison D. Barrett, Dr. J. M. Peebles, Moses Hull and many other highly prominent speakers. This summer's camp season will run from July 12 – August 23. Please call Sec. Stella LaTour (210) 871-0686 or visit www.mvsa.info for more information about this season's schedule.

• MAINE •

Madison Spiritualist Camp Meeting Association is celebrating its 128th year. The Hayden family first settled the area in the early 1800s. One of the Hayden family heirs, William D. Hayden was an active Spiritualist who was very influential in his community. The Madison Spiritualist Meeting Association, incorporated in 1879, constructed a large building in 1880 which served a dual purpose – a community building and a gathering place for Spiritualists during the months of August and September. This building

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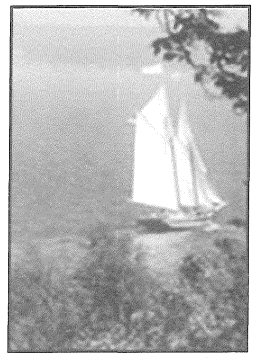
was expanded and is now known as the Lakewood Summer Theater. When the building was sold in 1895, William D. Hayden made sure that a condition of sale guaranteed that Spiritualists would always have a place to meet. As a result we now own and meet in a small (but wonderful) chapel on the grounds. The Chapel is located six miles north of Skowhegan on Route 201 just off Beach Road (near the Lakewood Summer Theater) on the west side of beautiful Lake Wesserunsett.

Surrounded by this history, people who visit Madison Camp each summer feel a strong spiritual attraction in this special place to celebrate Spiritualism each summer. The 2008 summer program starts Sunday, July 6th this year and ends August 31. Our schedule includes a Friday night Message Circle, a Saturday morning workshop followed by private readings in the afternoon and a Saturday evening Message Circle. Sunday we hold a Church Service at 1:00 PM. We have Medium Days scheduled for Saturday, July 12 and Saturday, August 30 from 10am – 3pm. Visit www.madisoncamp.org for more information.

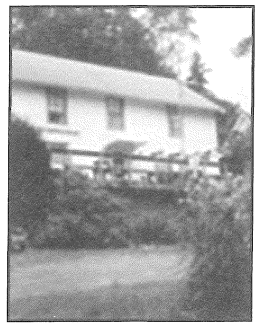


We are a small camp and currently do not have facilities for camping or overnight lodging but there are lodging and camping opportunities nearby. Madison Camp owns a two bedroom cottage about 1/2 a mile from the Chapel. We have started renovating the cottage and need your help. If you would like to make a monetary donation to help in the resurrection of this spiritual gathering place, please send your tax deductible donation made payable to Madison Camp Spiritual Meeting Association and mail to Betty Simpson, Secretary; 715 Newburgh Road; Hermon, ME 04401. We are really excited about breathing life back into this sturdy but neglected space. The cottage once renovated will provide lodging for 4-6 Spiritualists and/or visitors who would like to take part in our summer activities. Your tax deductible donation would help us move towards that goal.

Temple Heights Spiritual Camp was founded in 1882 by Dr. Benjamin Colson. Nestled on the shore of magnificent Penobscot Bay, this camp offers a unique and caring environment for you to explore the wonders of Spirit. The relaxing, peaceful atmosphere creates space for healing, learning and centering of self. Our spacious deck looks out over the ocean and you might consider simply watching the ships pass by or walking to the water's edge to gather the multi-colored sea glass that washes up from the ocean's depths. Throughout the week the Camp offers workshops, message circles, private readings, healing and classes, church services and Sunday pot luck dinners. More importantly it gives you the opportunity to spend time with like-minded people to share experiences, to create new friendships and to nurture the soul. We have wonderful mediums and teachers who come from all over the country to serve the Camp. Rooms are available to rent at a reasonable cost for an overnight stay or by the week. Temple Heights Spiritualist Camp is located within driving distance to area towns/cities, restaurants, stores and shops that provide a diversity of Maine products and services, which are unique to coastal communities. Call the camp office 207-338-3029 or check the website www.templeheightscamp.org for detailed information. Although the camp season officially runs from our opening Mediums Day on June 14, 2008 through Labor Day weekend, there is often a staff member available to answer your inquiries for 2-3 weeks before and after our season.



View from Lodge deck.



Nikawa Lodge

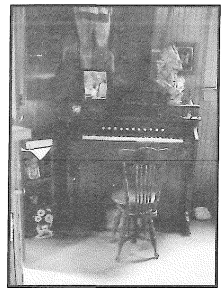
Temple Heights Spiritualist Camp is truly a "full-service" camp with a packed schedule, including two mediums for some weeks this summer. There are services, message circles, classes and workshops and private readings available and the staff will do everything possible to accommodate your personal schedule.

The Pinpoint of Light Spiritualist Camp is a newer camp for Spiritualists. Located in Canton, Maine, the camp was inactive during the 2007 summer season. At our press time, we have no additional information. For details about their planned activities for 2008, please contact Kathy Touchette @ P.O. Box 115 in Mexico, ME 04257.

• MASSACHUSETTS •

The **On-I-Set Wigwam Spiritualist Camp** is located at 9 Crescent Place W 13th Street in Onset, MA. Sunday services begin on May 4, 2008 and continue into fall. An *American Indian Fair* is planned on June 21 to celebrate the Summer Solstice. For more 2008 information, visit www.onisetwigwam.com or write to Patricia Craig, 703 Pleasant Street in Brockton, MA 02571.



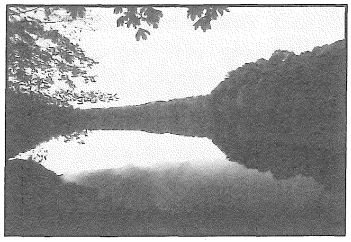


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• MICHIGAN •

Chain Lake Spiritualist Camp is located at 8000 W Chain Lake Road in South Branch, Michigan. At press time we have no further information about their 2008 summer schedule. Contact Diane Smith, Secretary at 631 Spencer in Ferndale, MI 48220 for additional information.

Northern Lake Michigan Spiritualist Camp, located just 1.5 miles west of Bay Shore on old U.S. Route 31 North, has a website www.nlmsc.org/schedule which will guide you through their 2008 offerings for events in July and August. Sunday Services start at 10:30 am (followed by a potluck luncheon), and Wednesday Services are at 7:30 pm (followed by a bonfire gathering). Their camp season also includes midweek classes, meditation circles, informational seminars and private consultations by mediums. Contact: Jinki Boyer-Goodwin, Secretary 231-537-2938 or for a camp program e-mail: program@nlmsc.org.



• NEW YORK •

Our beloved **NSAC Lily Dale Assembly Spiritualist Camp** is truly indescribable on paper. Our previous editor, The Rev. Sandra Pfortmiller, offered us a beautiful *TNS-Summit* issue (a couple of years ago) that was totally devoted to Lily Dale. There are so many activities, including the most fascinating workshops, lectures and classes held each summer that it would be impossible to list them here. Every topic of interest to Spiritualists is offered, with world-renowned speakers and presenters.

If you are interested in being an observer of more message work presented by a wide variety of mediums, or if you simply need a quiet lake respite environment where you will be surrounded by fellow Spiritualists, Lily Dale offers it all! Here you can have a room in a hotel which will transport you back in time, back to the post-Civil War and Victorian eras where you will be enveloped and nurtured by ancestral spiritual energies. You can meet as many new friends as you have time to get to know, and you can feel the inspiration and stimulation of fascinating talks, walks in Nature, and experiences that you never expected! Readings are always available, and your day can be as full or as empty as you choose. Something is going on every day – all day – all summer long. The services in the huge open air auditorium fill one with serenity and joy in this largest Spiritualist Camp in the entire world! People come from many countries and throughout the United States to be enriched spiritually. Other accommodations include guest houses, an on-site small campground and reasonably priced area hotels.



Forest Temple


The Stump

One of the most popular offerings of this upcoming season is THE TIBETAN MONKS Saturday, June 28 – Monday, June 30, 2008 described as "three remarkable days of healing, beauty, and connection with the divine as the Tibetan Monks of the Deprung Loseling Monastery return to Lily Dale for this extraordinary event," which sounds magnetic! For more information about their detailed summer events, go to www.lilydaleassembly.com or call the office 716-595-8721. It is possible to register for classes, other events, and lodging through their website. Advance registration is strongly encouraged.

• OHIO •

The **Ashley Spiritualist Camp**, located at 10 Wooley Park in Ashley, Ohio can be contacted through Michelle Brown, P.O. Box 277, Ashley, Ohio 43003-0277. At press time, we have no additional information available.

• WASHINGTON •

Camp Edgewood, NSAC, Association can be contacted by writing to Cynthia Frye, or Secretary Dee Chapman, at 1228 26th Avenue Court in Milton, WA 98354. Telephone contact is (253) 927-2050 and the fax number is (253) 927-7531. The camp can be emailed at campedgewood@qwestoffice.net or campedgewood@yahoo.com for detailed 2008 summer information. The camp has issued an invitation which states, "All NSAC workers who would like to visit Camp Edgewood NSAC and work at camp while they're here are cordially invited with open arms." Please contact Dee Chapman at 253-927-2050 to discuss arrangements or peruse campedgewood.nsac-churches.org.


Our beautiful camp.

Established in 1903, Camp Edgewood is most appropriately named, because it is nestled on the edge of Lake Surprise. Conveniently located to both Tacoma and Seattle, this camp has a very active and involved schedule for the upcoming season. Pot luck meals combine with classes, spiritual teachings, readings and services to offer a full compliment of spiritual education and experiences! Fundraisers include a series of Jam Sessions for some local

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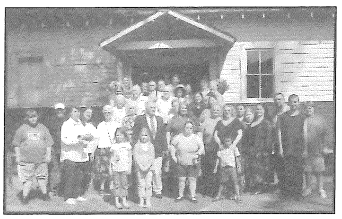
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Last year's Morris Pratt Pastoral Course taught by The Rev. Sharon Snowman, NST.

rent a table. With enough cooperation and assistance, they hope to get much closer to paying for the new auditorium roof that is very much needed.

musicians, along with festivals – including a drink/snack stand, a Q & A booth for people who would like information about Camp Edgewood, NSAC and Spiritualism, karaoke, a kissing booth, a game night/area, and items for sale by people who



Members and friends from our 2007 Summer Season.

• WISCONSIN •

Historical Camp **WONEWOC (Western Wisconsin Spiritualist Camp Association)** is located at 304 Hill Street in Wonewoc, Wisconsin. Described as a place of serenity, healing, peace, harmony and soul nourishment, this 2008 season will be their 107th! The season begins on June 1 and runs through August 29 and includes a wide variety of events from book signings to ice cream socials. For more information, please visit their website www.campwonewoc.com or contact the Wonewoc Spiritualist Camp by mail at P.O. Box 187 in Wonewoc, WI 53968 or call (608) 464-7770. Email is info@campwonewoc.com. •



Wisconsin Wonewoc Motel

FEATURE

Choices – The Key To Knowledge



THE REV. ROBERT BIANCHI, Indiana

It is from understanding that power comes. This statement was written by Black Elk, a Lakota visionary and healer. Black Elk lived from 1863-1950. He was present at Little Big Horn and witnessed the tragedy at Wounded Knee. The above statement was from his autobiography *Black Elk Speaks,* University of Nebraska Press.

We all go through our own journey of life. Through this journey we learn from all of the events and occurrences that face us, day to day and minute to minute. Sometimes we learn lessons and sometimes we don't. Sometimes we shake our heads in bewilderment as to why things are happening to us. Other times we are amazed at the events that occur in our lives. But no matter how or what things occur, they have all been manifested in our lives by previous choices that have brought these events into being.

In reality, we should never be shaking our heads in bewilderment or be amazed at the the turn of events in our lives. Looking back, we could most probably predict the outcomes before they reach us. By studying our patterns and the choices we make in our lives, our futures are not so unpredictable as we might think. We are surprised and we are bewildered because we are caught off-guard. We are caught off-guard because we are not paying attention to what is around us in our lives and how we are acting and reacting.

We are faced with choices everyday. These choices come to us as part of Natural Law. These choices we face by being human and acting in a human environment. The power we all have in our lives is the power to change our lives at any time and at any given instant. However, the only way we can change our lives in a positive way is to learn from previous choices and outcomes. We must use our past experiences to move forward into the future. We cannot live in the fears of the past, for the past no longer exists. We cannot live in the fears of the improbable future since it does not yet exist. We can only live in the knowledge we have, to make choices that will seek to bring about our desired outcomes. All this is based on the knowledge of what our previous choices were and what we did with the knowledge that came from the outcomes of these choices.

Is the future predictable? Not really. Was the seer Nostradamus so great? Not really. He may have seen visions of where some of the choices of man may take him and reported this. But by looking back through our history of mankind and the choices and actions of those who came before us, we can all come pretty close to predicting the future of man.

However, predicting the future only has, at best, a 50-50 chance of manifesting. Mankind has the ability, at any time, to change any outcomes, by making different choices. As a people, we need to look back on what has not worked, and put into action a new plan of what will seem to work better. This should be the focus of our prayers for world peace—that our leaders look back on past mistakes and create a new future based on this knowledge.

This is how we need to approach our own lives and the choices we make. This is the only way we can change and predict our own future outcomes. Everything we do is based on knowledge and understanding. Remember, "It is from understanding that power comes."

Blessing to all from Nicholas Black Elk and myself.

- The Rev. Robert Bianchi •

Spiritualism = The Truth

THE REV. RUPERT SIGURDSSON, NST, Maine

What can a Spiritualist church give us? What should we expect? How do we view God or as we say Infinite Intelligence? What is not Spiritualism? What does the church expect from us? These are the questions that I feel are in the minds of many who come to a Spiritualist church. The best way to understand the philosophy of a Spiritualist church is to study the Declaration of Principles in the front of the Spiritualist hymn books and on the back of *The National Spiritualist-Summit* magazine. These Principles were thought out by very dedicated and spiritual individuals. It took seven years of study and rewriting before they were accepted, and they have been revised to keep up with any new findings or current knowledge. The most recent changes have been made to bring the gender references into today's accepted terms.



The Spiritualist Church teaches many of the goals of most churches, including world peace, high moral standards, and good clean living to create a productive and useful life. Spiritualism accepts that though we know the spirit side of life is very pleasant, we are never meant to hurry there or to be foolish in any way to get there ahead of our time. We are in this life to learn, and are expected to do our very best in whatever circumstance we find ourselves. We don't just teach that life is eternal, but through our mediums we prove the continuity of life and that communication with the "so called dead" is a fact. We do not dwell on the fear of God; we accept a loving God whom we call Infinite Intelligence (as a more inclusive name), that no one has to fear. We do not dwell on sin; we realize that we make our own destiny, as the *Bible* so well states, "As we sow, so shall we reap." It is our personal responsibility to live a good life.

Probably most every person, at some time in their life, has tried to understand the true meaning of God and religions in general. In a psychology class some years ago, the professor told us that it was almost impossible to understand the human mind, since we were analyzing it with another human mind, because to understand anything higher than us was only guess work or theory.

In the book *Crossing the Threshold of Hope* by Pope John Paul II some of his comments about God and religion were very broad-minded. "The Catholic church rejects nothing that is true and holy in various religions, and often they reflect a ray of truth which enlightens all men. Men turn to various religions to solve mysteries of the human condition, which today, as in earlier times, burden people's hearts, the nature of man, the meaning and purpose of life, the ultimate ineffable mystery which is the origin and destiny of our existence."

At times you will hear a person on a TV talk show claim that they met God in an out-of-body experience or during a near death experience. Another will claim that God talks to them, or they have seen his image in a cloud or some other place. Are these a person's dreams, wishful thinking, or some form of reality?

Maybe it is that the Creative Intelligence that many call God, Allah, or other religious names has unlimited abilities—and that answers the age old problem as to *how* some meet God, Jesus, Allah or other names that different beliefs use for their Messiah. Is it possible that in spirit, or in an altered state of consciousness, the person will see what he expects? Maybe the creative power we call Infinite Intelligence can project any image that the person expects or is comfortable with? It is all the same creative power with different images and names to satisfy the different beliefs. It is very likely that many are being visited and helped by spirit guides, and they assume it is God because of their training and beliefs.

Recently on a satellite religious program two orthodox ministers were discussing the topic of sin and the wrath of God. Their denomination was not mentioned and the discussion was very interesting. Some of their ideas could be related to Spiritualism and others were far from our Spiritualist beliefs.

One of the points they brought out was that God is stable and loving. We certainly have no argument on that point. They said He was not wrathful or demanding, which is quite a different point of view from many orthodox ministers. They stressed that it was our interpretation of the obstacles we put in our own path (on our direct road to Godliness), our poor behavior and wrong doing, that makes us feel that way—that we have sinned. There was no mention of the original sin that so many ministers dwell on and Spiritualists do not accept. In their discussion they offered interpretations of many *Bible* quotations to explain their point of view.

As Spiritualists some of this discussion was not far from our beliefs. Our Seventh Principle puts the responsibility of living correctly right in our own hands.

"We affirm the moral responsibility of the individual and that we make our own happiness or unhappiness as we obey

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or disobey Nature's physical and spiritual laws." We know that the Seventh Principle is written and spoken many times by all Spiritualists, but it is so important (to our philosophy) for all to understand its full meaning; it can never be repeated enough.

We *do not dwell on sin* (as so many orthodox churches do) and these two ministers had quite a broad-minded approach and seemed far more enlightened than many. We accept Infinite Intelligence as the term (rather than God) because it is more expressive of the scope of a universal, creative, all inclusive power, force, and energy, that is equal throughout the universe. We do not believe in a God of vengeance, wrath, or judgment who would send us to eternal damnation if we do not obey his wishes, as so many churches teach. Our belief is in a loving, creative, universal awareness that is in all, through all, equally through the entire universe, without which there would be nothing.



As Spiritualists we currently accept that we start this life with a clean slate with no past "sins." There are those who believe in reincarnation, and that we carry over good and bad "credit" (Karma) from a past life. The National Spiritualist Association of Churches is studying this theory; there is a great volume of evidence for belief in reincarnation. If we live as the Seventh Principle states, we are going to reap what we sow, and that will reflect on our life to come also—in our real home, the spirit world. We accept that we are our own judges of how we have done in the material life. As the Eighth Principle states, "We affirm that the doorway to reformation is never closed against any soul here or hereafter."

Spiritualism is a bright, cheerful belief, a religion of hope which accepts the scientific proof of the continuity of life, through our personal experiences and through information from mediums. We can enjoy the philosophy of the ages that is in keeping with proven beliefs. The comfort of this religion and the spiritual healing is there for the asking. Spiritualism brought spiritual healing back into the church, and has given much help and healing; now many other churches are following.

We hope that a person coming to a Spiritualist church for the first time is aware of an inner peace upon entering. If they receive a message from spirit, we hope they feel a burden lifted from their shoulders. With the realization that there is no real death, that friends and relatives live on in a world of finer vibration and greater beauty, we want to offer assurance that all will meet at some future time.

True Spiritualism is not fortune telling, crystal ball reading, astrology, numerology, card reading, ouija board, or any of those "gadgets" of the psychic—although these can be discussed in a class. A Spiritualist medium needs no gadgets to receive a message. A Spiritualist medium receives messages directly from a spirit entity that at one time lived on earth, and not from mind reading or any other means. Spiritualism only accepts information that proves the continuity of life, and that is *all* that a message from a medium is meant to be.

Finally, what is expected from the congregation is dedication to the Spiritualist church of your choice. No one can be loyal to more than one faith any more than one can serve two masters. Be willing to give assistance where needed; there are many jobs to be done to keep a church clean and active and give financial support whenever possible.

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The first peace, which is the most important, is that which comes within the souls of people when they realize their relationship, their oneness with the universe and all its powers, and when they realize that at the center of the universe dwells the Great Spirit, and that this center is really everywhere, it is within each of us.

– Black Elk

Positive Statements To Help Create a Positive Day.

Affirmations . . . JUNE 2008

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
This month's affirmations were written by Nancy Ashworth of Missouri.				1 A helping hand boomerangs blessings back to you.	2 Happiness lies within the heart and mind.	3 Love flows like a warm river.
4 Energy comes from the center of Infinite Intelligence.	5 Believe in your success and it will follow you.	6 Humility + compassion = Heart.	7 Tears from the heart heal.	8 You are God's gift to Earth.	9 Happiness and contentment are earned.	10 Spiritual awareness leads to full-fillment of self.
11 No one can make you happy except YOU.	12 Hope surrounds the heart of a believer.	13 Reach for the impossible as you do the probable.	14 Be hopeful in all situations.	15 Fathers are symbols of strength and love.	16 Wait for God's lead.	17 Happiness visits in blessings of loving kindness.
18 Never trying will lead to never succeeding.	19 Infinite Intelligence whispers in your ears – listen!	20 Helpful hands lift the heart.	21 An act of kindness is worth a bar of gold.	22 Insisting on your own way paves a risky road.	23 Make amends today; tomorrow might be too late.	24 Don't make this week weak; be strong in faith.
25 You can be a blessing to all.	26 God hugs the world with vibrant glory.	27 Self contentment = happiness!	28 Fill your days with the work of your heart.	29 Sing your songs of praise with gusto and glee!	30 You are the only one capable of being YOU!	



Fathers are symbols of strength and love.








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INDIANAPOLIS - The Spiritualist Church of Indianapolis • Sun. Serv. 6:30–8:00 p.m. Services are being held at: All My Relations, 1008 Main St., Speedway, Indiana 46224. Reading Day is First Saturday of the Month from 1–4:00. Call Pastor Bonnie J. Darby, phone 317-373-1746, for more information. Mail all correspondence to: P.O. Box 39419, 46236.

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Serv. 11:30 a.m.; 5th Sunday Month, All Message Service, carry-in dinner; Wed. Meditation and Development Class 7 p.m.; Spirit Readings 1st Sat. Month 12:30 & 4:30; Pastor, Rev. Mildred Schlagel, (317) 291-0799; Secy., Marilyn Smith (317) 291-9550; Church phone (317) 937-6292; website: www.newdawnchurch.org.

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

• IOWA •

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

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

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

• MAINE •

MAINE STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION OF CHURCHES • Pres., Graham Connolly, 66 Martin Heights, Raymond, 04071, (207) 655-6673; Secy., Betty Simpson, 715 Newburgh Rd., Hermon, 04401, (207) 848-2273; Treas., Janice Nelson, 46 Homestead Rd., Washington, 04574-3620, (207) 845-2885. Please visit our website, http://www.mainespiritualism.org.

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

BANGOR - The Harrison D. Barrett Memorial Church • 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.

• MISSOURI •

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

• NEBRASKA •

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

• NEVADA •

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

• NEW HAMPSHIRE •

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

• NEW JERSEY •

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

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

WENONAH - Stow Memorial Foundation • Muriel De Young, 305 Carnegie Ave., Wenonah.

• NEW YORK •

EAST AURORA - First Spiritualist Temple • 29 Temple Pl., P.O. Box 465, 14052, (716) 652-5018, www.eastauroraspiritualism.com; Sun. Healing Service 10:30 a.m.; Lecture and Message Service 11:00 a.m.; Social Hour 12:15 p.m.; Dinner Day 3rd Sun. of month; Secy., Jeanne Phoenix Laurel, (716) 286-8628 or (716) 876-4805.

LILY DALE - Lily Dale Assembly • 5 Melrose Park, 14752, (716) 595-8721, Fax (716) 595-2442; Office Hours, Sept.-June, M-F, 10 a.m.-2 p.m; June-Aug, M-F, 9 a.m.-4p.m., Sat. 9 a.m.-12 Noon, closed Sunday; Camp Season: Last Friday in June to day before Labor Day; contact Lynne Forget, Secretary; website: www.lilydaleassembly.com; e-mail: lilydale@netsync.net.

LILY DALE - Lily Dale Spiritualist Church • East St. P.O. Box 1128, 14752-1128, (716) 595-3971; Sun. Serv. 10:00 a.m.; Healing & Message Serv. each Wed. 7:30 p.m.; Pres., Rev. Sharon Snowman; Sec. Darleen Storm (716) 595-2083; website: http://www.lilydalespiritualistchurch.com

LONG ISLAND - A Sanctuary of Infinite Spirit, Inc., NSAC • Healing & Worship Service, Sun. 11:00 a.m. at the Smithtown Masonic Lodge, 34 River Rd. (Nisequogue River Rd.), Smithtown; Pastor, Rev. Patricia Anne Duffield, NST, (631) 588-5869; Mailing address: 10 Ackerly Lane, Lake Ronkonkoma, 11779; e-mail: kenpatduff@hotmail.com.

LONG ISLAND - New Horizons Spiritualist Church, NSAC • Sun. Service 10:00 a.m., 1585 Round Swamp Rd (Homewood Suites), Plainview, NY. F. Werbeck, Sec. 43 Grand Ave, Lynbrook, NY 11563 (516) 593-7213. Rev. N Lloyd, NST - Pastor, 10 Muncy Ave Apt #301, West Babylon, NY 11704 (631) 669-3226. Email Nlloyd@suffolk.lib.ny.us.

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

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

ROCHESTER - Plymouth Spiritualist Church • 29 Vick Park A, 14607; (585) 271-1470; Voicemail (585) 234-2362; Sunday Devotional Services: 10:30 a.m. - 12 noon; Third Wednesdays All Message Service with Spiritual Healing 7-9 p.m.; e-mail & website: Plymouthspiritualistchurch.org (check our website for up-to-date circle and development class information; Pastor, Robin Higgins; President, Joanne Antinore; Secretary, Valerie Grosche, Valerie.Grosche@xerox.com.

• OHIO •

ASHLEY - Ashley Spiritualist Camp Association • 6 Wooley Park Drive, 43003; Mail to: Selina Duffey, Secy., P.O. Box 277, 43003-0277; For additional information contact: Steven Duffey, (740) 747-2212.

ASHLEY - First Spiritualist Church of Linden • 6 Wooley Park Drive, 43003; Mail to: Chrys Rice, Secy., P.O. Box 648, 43003-0648; Sun. Serv. 7:00 p.m.; For additional information, please contact: Treas., Steven Duffey, (740) 747-2212.

ASHLEY - Spiritualist Church of Spirit Revelation • Mail to: P.O. Box 253, 43003-0253; Wed. Serv., 7:00 p.m.; For additional information, please contact: Secy., Judy A. Pearsell, (740) 747-2688, e-mail: JJPearsell@hotmail.com.

DAYTON - Spiritual Life Center, NSAC • 611 Watervliet Ave., 45420-2544, (937) 878-1165; Pastor, Rev. Raymond Moschke, e-mail: RMoschke@aol.com.

• OKLAHOMA •

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

• PENNSYLVANIA •

ALLENTOWN - Getter Memorial Church, NSAC • 1123 Oak, 18102; e-mail: getter@entermail.net; Lyceum 9:30 a.m. with Sun. Service to follow at 10:00 a.m. including healing and message work; Pastor, Rev. Ludwig Zernicek, NST; e-mail: rev_lance@entermail.net, phone (610) 770-7560; Pres., Sharon George-Politz, C.M., (610) 434-3454; Secy., Susan Zernicek, e-mail: getter_sec@entermail.net. or phone (610) 770-7560.

McKEESPORT - First Spiritualist Church • 809 Locust St., 15132, (412) 672-1272; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m. Healing/Meditation, 11:00 a.m. Lecture and Messages; Tues. Mediumship Dev. Class; Church Social 2nd Friday each month; Minister, Carol O. Perella, L.M.; Pres., Gary Miller, (412) 901-3320, e-mail: gmsprt@comcast.net; Secy./Treas., Jeanne Turchek, (412) 414-7812; e-mail: angelgide@juno.com; website www.firstspiritualist.org.

PHILADELPHIA - Second Spiritualist Church • 423 S. Broad St., 19147, (215) 735-9630; Lyceum Sun. 4:30 p.m.; Healing and Worship Service 5:30 p.m.; Wed. all message, 7:45 p.m.; Pastor, John E. Faison, Sr.; Co-Pastor, Betty Hutt; Secy., Gladys M. Faison, 2118 N. Natrona St., 19121, (215) 232-9219.

• TEXAS •

AUSTIN - First Spiritualist Church of Austin • 4200 Ave "D" - Austin, TX 78751, (512) 458-3987; Devotional, healing & message service every Sunday at 10:00 a.m.; Pres., Wanda Garcia; Corr. Secy., Wanda Garcia.

HOUSTON - First Church Of Divine Science, NSAC • 2115 Turner Dr., 77093; Mailing Addr.: P.O. Box 11088, 77293-1088; Pres., Rev. Jovita Jessup; Rev. Marie W. Smith; Secy., Liana V. Liles; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Wed. Service: 7:30 p.m. Open healing, meditation, & messages from Spirit; Fri. Spiritual Development 8:00 p.m.; Sat. Spiritual Development 10:00 a.m.; Private Spiritualist readings by appt., (713) 695-2550; e-mail: lileshouston@aol.com; website: www.houstonspiritualists.org.

SAN ANTONIO - Louise Scholtz Memorial Chapel, NSAC • 1627 PanAm Expwy. North, 78208-1143, (210) 225-2354; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; Co-Pastors, Hector Caldera and Alex Sifuentes.

• VIRGINIA •

FALLS CHURCH - Center for Spiritual Enlightenment, NSAC • 222 N. Washington Street; Mailing Address: CSE (NSAC), P.O. Box 6535, 22040-6535; (703) 645-8060; website: www.TheCSE.org; e-mail: thecse@TheCSE.org; Year-round Serv.; Healing Serv. each Sun. 10:00 a.m., followed by Devotional Serv. at 10:30 a.m.; Children's Lyceum 10:00 a.m., Sept. through June; Shelly Wooldridge, Lyceum Director; Judy Griesse, Debbie Shoop, Lyceum Co-Directors; Pastor, Rev. B. Anne Gehman; Asst. Pastor, Rev. Patricia A. Stranahan; Pres., Rita O'Connor; Secy., Awilda Abaza, 2301 N. Street NW #606, Washington, DC 20037 / (202) 775-1907, e-mail: agabaza@earthlink.net; Exec. Coordinator, Sherry Truhlar, 1670 Fitzgerald Lane, Alexandria, 22302, (703) 577-7807.

NORFOLK - The Memorial Spiritualist Church, NSAC • 307 W. 37th St., 23508-3207, (757) 622-5070; website http://www.memorialspiritualistchurch.com; Service held on Sundays at 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Wed. at 7:30 p.m.; Healing available at 7:00 p.m. Sun. and Wed.; Pres., Jim Watson; Secy., Ann Marie Croteau; Lyceum Director, Rev. Kathleen Cribb.

• WASHINGTON •

MILTON - Edgewood - Church of Divine Grace, NSAC • Services held Sun @ 2:30 P.M., Unity Church of Christianity, 2908 Meridian E #101, Edgewood, WA 98371. Student minister Atira Hatton, Pres Bernie Allers (253) 833-4250 11113 SE 323rd St, Auburn, WA 98092. Sec Robin Maylor (253) 565-4190. Email DivinegraceNSAC@comcast.com to Karen Wennerlind.

MILTON - Camp Edgewood, NSAC • 1228 26th Ave Ct, Milton, WA 98354 Ph: (253) 927-2050 / Fax (253) 927-7531. Pres. David Chapman, Sec. Denice Chapman - Email: campedgewood@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 (Way Memorial Temple) N. Broadway & Maryland Sts., (304) 233-5065; Sun. Lyceum at 9:30 a.m.; Sun. Healing and Worship Serv. 10:45 a.m.; Tues. Development Circle 7:00 p.m. with Alan Zerla; Wed. Healing 6:30 p.m., Wed. Message Serv. 7:30 p.m. with Pam Baker Shaw; Secy., Don Scott (740) 695-9940; e-mail: spirittime@webtv.net; Pres., Sue-Beth Warren (304) 242-6032; e-mail: suebethwarren@comcast.net; Church website: http://www.waymemorialtemple.org.

• WISCONSIN •

WEST ALLIS - First Spiritualist Church of West Allis • 6228 W. Washington St., 53214, (414) 778-0088; Sun. Serv. & Healing at 10:30 a.m.; Pres., Heather Michaels; website: www.myspace.com\fscwa.

WONEWOC - Western Wisconsin Camp Association, Inc. NSAC, (Wonewoc Spiritualist Camp) • 304 Hill St., 53968-0187, (608) 464-7770; Open June-August; Camp website: http://www.campwonewoc.com.

• CANADA •

Britten Memorial Church of Canada • 657 Lansdowne Ave., Toronto, Ontario, M6H 3Y2.

The First Spiritual Church of Montreal • 2186 St. Catherine St. West, Montreal, Quebec, H3H 1M7; English Serv. - Sun. 2:00 p.m. & Wed. 7:30 p.m.; French Serv. - Sun. 4:30 pm., 2nd & 4th Wed. 7:30 p.m; Rev. Mary Amato, Minister, (514) 365-0661.

The First Spiritualist Church of Galt • 72 Grand Ave. North, Cambridge, Ontario, N1S 2K9, (519) 622-7177; Pastor, Rev. Karen Charles; Pastor, Rev. Ed Kenning (retired); Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m. (includes Healing and Scheduled Mediums). Meditation, healing, education and Message circle, 1st & 3rd Wed. 7:00 p.m. Development & Healing Classes available. Call (519) 622-7177 for updates.

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Spiritual Science Fellowship • Office: 1974 de Maisonneuve W., Montreal, QC H3H 1K5, (514) 937-8359, Fax (514) 937-5380; Location: Days Inn, 1005 Guy St., Montreal; Sun. Serv. 7:30 p.m.; Mid-Week Serv. Thurs. 7:30 p.m.; Classes, Workshops, Teas, Meditation, Conferences, Discussion Groups, Spiritual Healing, Message Circles, Visiting Mediums; Pres./Pastor, Rev. Dr. Marilyn Rossner; web site www.iiihs.org; e-mail mrossner@111hs.org.

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.

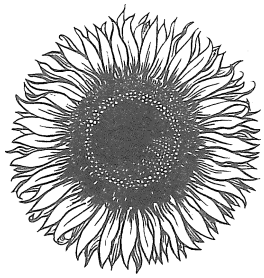
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I ask this in all sincerity and honesty and I will do my part.
I ask this great Unseen Healing Force to help both present and absent ones who are in need of help and to restore them to perfect health.
I put my trust in the love and power of God.

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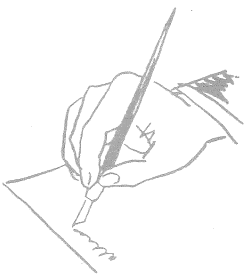
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Many Are Summoned – but ME?

LYNNE VITOLA, Arizona

I have always been interested in Spirit and the spiritual world. As far back as I can remember, I would seek out a good medium through friends or family members who also believed. I knew these people were blessed with this gift from God. Little did I know that at the age of 57, I would be told by a medium that I also had a gift... Automatic Writing. I didn't even know what it was at the time. I was told to just take pen and paper everyday and try connecting with the spirits through prayer and they would write through me.



At first I did not believe I had this ability but figured—what the heck—I'll give it a try. In the beginning it was quite discouraging. There was not much to see just lines going in all different directions or scribble as some would call it. However, each day I prayed and sat and tried again and again until finally the lines started to form letters, and then words, and then whole sentences. No one was more amazed than I as the words kept flowing.

My brother-in-law Joe was one of the first spirits to come through. After many long writings he introduced me to my spirit guide, Moonstar, who had been my sister in a previous lifetime. We had been very close. My Mother also writes to me often. Through them I have learned many many things about the spirit world and I am still learning. As much as we like to connect or speak with our loved ones who have passed over, they are just as thrilled and eager to connect with us. They thank me constantly for helping them through a writing.

I believe that I have had many previous lives—some with the people who are around me today. We tend to use some of the same spirits over and over again in different lives to help us. I have been told I am learning the gift of writing between two worlds this time around. I have waited my whole life to come to this point of knowledge. Everything before has led to this. My writing is my job now, to help others in their spiritual development or time of need. Remember, I am only the instrument or telephone; spirit does the writing. I am here to help as many as will listen. Some will not listen. I will not pass over until I have completed this learning process and when I do, I will be a stronger spirit and able to do more. I believe that this is why we go back and forth (or have many lives), to learn things and grow stronger, thus becoming a more able and stronger spirit.

I am very happy and fulfilled when I pass a writing or letter along to someone here from a loved one in the spirit world. Each time I learn something new and feel the unconditional love that is transcending between two worlds. I thank God for this gift bestowed upon me and pray that I do it justice and use it properly in His light and love. •

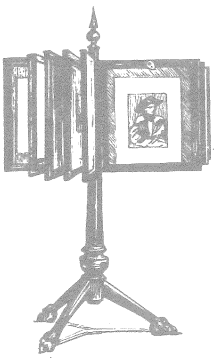
Although NSAC has not endorsed a belief in reincarnation, the topic is often one of animated discussion among Spiritualists.

Thoughts on Life

MERRY BROWNE, Kentucky

To live and let live is good,
To live and help live is better,
To live *to* help live is best.

Life is a journey from darkness to light
A step-by-step climbing from wrongness to right.
On rungs to perfection, the ultimate goal
Of the ladder of life – for every soul.



Walking through the halls of life,
Our lives have had their say.
Memories are photographs
We've hung along the way.
Emotions flung at random
Have splashed like abstract art
Upon the lives of others
From our reckless heart.
Some bright – some pale and some pall
But we who walk through life are artists all.

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MEDIA WATCH

BY THE REVS. TOM AND LISA BUTLER, NST

The Next Step • Gwen Randall-Young author of *Growing into Soul: The Next Step in Human Evolution* writes, "What we see using our ordinary perception is a small fraction of what is actually there. The same may be true of our perception of reality. Perhaps one day the technology will exist that allows us to perceive all the other levels. I believe the technology already exists; we just do not know how to use it. That technology is our own consciousness. It is possible to expand our consciousness beyond three-dimensional reality.

"I also believe that the souls of the departed are very much with us. They are with us in the same way as when they were alive, but separated from us geographically. The veil is very thin and very close to us. We can access the other side, but only in those moments when we let go of our own hold on the 'here and now.' We could even go so far as to say there is no separation, no 'other side,' except that which is created by our own limited consciousness."

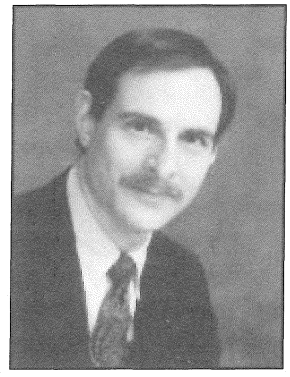
From: *Common Ground,* "Life after Life," by Gwen Randall-Young http://commonground.ca

Dead Son Asks for Justice • A book released late last year titled, *A Soul on Trial: A Marine Corps Mystery at the Turn of the Twentieth Century,* is the story of Marine lieutenant James N. Sutton who died in 1907 on the U.S. Naval Academy campus in Annapolis. The lieutenant had been beaten and shot in the head; however a Navy inquiry ruled Sutton's death a suicide. He was buried at Arlington Cemetery but because he was considered a suicide he received no service, no salute or priest's blessing at the funeral. Sutton's mother began receiving visions of her son who denied the Navy's verdict and asked her to clear his name. The book covers the Mother's two year quest for justice along with the press coverage and national notoriety of the case. It also includes information on the widespread interest in the paranormal at that time.

See: http://books.google.com

Survival Hypothesis • Issue No. 17 of the Institute of Noetic Sciences (IONS) magazine, *Shift,* focused on the topic "Death: Window To the Infinite." Editor-in-Chief, Matthew Gilbert wrote, "...studying the evidence (for survival of consciousness) has become as rigorous and sophisticated as the scientific model will allow, making the 'survival hypothesis' difficult to ignore. And yet so much effort is still spent trying to disprove what often meets basic standards of credible research methodology that one has to wonder if the motivation is not scientific rigor but ideological terror."

Debunking NDE Explanations • One explanation offered to explain Near-Death Experiences (NDE) is that medications given to dying persons cause the experience. However, comparative studies show that patients who receive medications report fewer NDEs than do those who receive no medication. Another explanation for the NDE is hypoxia, which is decreased oxygen or anoxia, which is a complete lack of oxygen before death. However, anoxia and hypoxia produce frightening hallucinations and lead to agitation quite unlike the peaceful near-death experience. In addition, studies of persons near death have shown that those who have NDEs do not have lower oxygen levels than those who do not have them.



Bruce Greyson as shown on the Parapsychological Association: www.parapsych.org.

From: *Shift* No. 17, "The Mystical Impact of Near-Death Experiences," by Bruce Greyson

The International Association for Near-Death Studies was founded in 1982 at the University of Connecticut. It is a nonprofit group that supports research and education about near-death experiences. The organization is open to people who have had near-death experiences or those who want to learn about them. It has 984 registered members in 55 chapters throughout the world, including 45 in the United States. For more information, go to www.iands.org.

Back From the Dead • In the surgical procedure called hypothermic arrest, the patient on the operating table physiologically is dead during surgery. Pam Reynolds had the procedure to remove a large brain aneurysm and she

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remembered many of the details. In January, her story was told in the "Back From the Dead" installment of The National Geographic Channel six-part series called *Accidental Survivor.* In hypothermic arrest, the patient is put into a coma to cut the brain's use of oxygen. Blood is circulated through a bypass pump and the heart is stopped. The blood is then chilled and pumped back into the body to refrigerate the brain far below room temperature.

After the surgery Reynolds described the drill used on her skull in great detail. She remembered some of the conversations taking place in the operating room and knew that her heart had to be stimulated twice to restart. Her physician Dr. Green states that she should not have known these things, "She was physiologically dead. No brain wave activity, no heartbeat, nothing. No blood inside her body of any consequence. She was dead."

From: *Post-Crescent*, "Local neurosurgeon shares a story of unimaginable survival on National Geographic show," by Cheryl Sherry, 22 January 2008.

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Declassified Remote Viewing and 9/11 Information • Gary Bekkum of Starstream Research has spent a lot of time shifting through declassified documents relating to the U.S. Intelligence program. Gary has found information from the CIA Star Gate remote viewer program in which the remote viewers were tasked to warn of a major terrorist incident in New York City. At the time the once secret sessions were recorded, the implicit target was assumed to be the Liberty Celebration; however, after reading this it seems that this particular remote viewer may have seen the incidents of 9/11. From Source #21, June 23, 1986, "Newspaper headlines have something to do with a collapse of a building—a lot of people hurt or injured. I also sense a feeling of panic, people scrambling and perhaps something to do with an aircraft. In summary, standing on top of a building, which is crowded inside with people, tourists, there is a perception of a large object falling—heading toward the building. It is traveling at a great velocity and is very dense. There is a high-pitched whining sound from the object. I sense the object may cause structural damage as it crashes through the building. All of this takes place sometime in the future."

From: Spooks vs. Psychics: Who Predicted 9/11 Better?, by Sharon Weinberger, August 22, 2007, Wired.Com http://blog.wired.com/defense/2007/08/spooks-vs-psych.html

Petition to Pardon Helen Duncan • A group has submitted a petition to the Scottish Parliament calling for Helen Duncan, the last woman to be convicted under the Witchcraft Act, to be pardoned. Mrs. Duncan spent nine months in prison after being found guilty in a trial in 1944. She was not convicted for being a witch, but instead was jailed for pretending to use witchcraft. The crime of being a witch was abolished by the 1735 Witchcraft Act. A petition to the Westminster Government last year failed to secure a pardon for Mrs. Duncan.

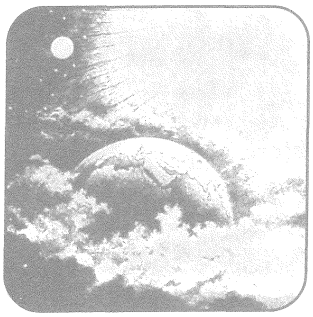


Helen Duncan as shown at news.bbc.co.uk.

From: BBC news UK, http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/scotland/tayside_and_central/7268111.stm

Two Ton Nutcracker • Japanese crows have learned to drop nuts at traffic intersections. They simply wait for a car to run over the nut and crack it for them. Some reports have these smart guys actually waiting for a red light to pick out the meat from the cracked shell.

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The Force

LYNNE KRESGE, Maine

A whirling, swirling, force
A centrifugal ring
In space, an unknown place.

God's beings ride in antigravity
Waiting for their entrance
To the earth.

As worldly souls
to live in our arms
Without remembrance of their coming.

When mortality calls, Spirits flow
To the Force, the Source,
Waiting to be born again.

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

SUBMITTED BY MICHAEL E. TYMN, Hawaii

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

PART III

Selected Teachings of Swedenborg and Bacon

On April 4, 1853, the circle that included Judge John Edmonds and Dr. George Dexter began receiving messages from spirits claiming to be Emanuel Swedenborg, the 18th Century Swedish scientist turned mystic, and Francis Bacon, the late 16th and early 17th Century English philosopher. The messages came through the hand of Dr. Dexter in different handwriting. Swedenborg signed his name Sweedenborg, which apparently is the old German spelling of his name. The two spirit teachers appeared to be taking turns and working together as they often referenced each other's teachings.

Purpose of Spirit Communication – "It is not for the purpose of showing to the world that spirits can confer with man, or that God's law obtains in spirit-connection as well as physical, but it is for the purpose of showing you the truths of your spirit-life, after the spirit has left the body, that we leave our high estate and the blissful life of the spheres, and come to teach you." **Swedenborg**

Need for Harmony – "The necessity of having every thing harmonious is so great that when there is an interruption of the full flow of the electrical current, and an entire absence of passiveness of the mind of the medium, it prevents communications, and at the same time develops another principle, which acts antagonistically to the spirit influence. It becomes very important, too, that the minds of the circle should be directed to the subject discussed by the spirits, so that the nervous properties may readily be seized, to open a more free intercourse with the medium. When the minds of both circle and spirit correspond, there is a power engendered which seems to break the bonds of materiality, and opens a new view to both the spirit and man." **Swedenborg**

Thoughts and Words – "There is no difficulty in reading the mind without articulating words. Thought is articulation; it exists before the words are formed. And it is this interior thought we get at, not mere words of thought." **Swedenborg**
"I do not differ from Sweedenborg in his teachings, although he will explain my ideas in a different manner from myself. As he has said, though there may be apparent discrepancies, yet the germ of truth will be made plain when you arrive at the end." **Bacon**

Why So Much Mystery? – "What would be the benefit conferred on man by opening to his comprehension all the mysteries of spirit life and all the beauties of the spheres revealing the truths belonging to his material and spiritual nature, if we were not able to teach him how that life on earth should be directed; how to govern his passions, how to progress, how to live that his death may be productive of life everlasting in happiness?" **Swedenborg**

Nature of God – "When the mind attempts to separate the spirit from matter, it has no just conception of spirit. Therefore, we cannot invest the Creator with form or personality. What sort of person would that God be if the form depended upon the idea of man? The form would resemble that of man, as he is supposed to be the image of the Being who created him. There is no point from which an idea can be formed; and if with all the various attributes with which the Creator is invested, there is but one point from which any resemblance could be traced, how utterly does the mind fail in carrying out this connection other than through the whole of God's manifestations of himself through his works! But the condition of matter necessary for such an amalgamation must be unknown to us as well as to you, for if the identification of spirit with matter were unfolded to your minds, the whole mystery of the Great First Cause would be understood. Are we prepared for this revelation?" **Swedenborg**

Distortion of Thought – "If I could explain all the means that are used, and the various causes which retard or facilitate the flow of my thoughts, you would comprehend how much these manifestations are changed from their original form by the condition of the minds to whom they are communicated, and you would realize that it is not an implicit faith alone that is required to enable us to teach you understandingly, but that the minds of the circle should be elevated to a condition on a level with our own. The doctrine of affinity is the great law which governs spirit-revelation, in fact, spirit communication, and thus under this law I am enabled to communicate freely to you the higher purposes of these teachings which imports you must know." **Bacon**

Death – "Eye hath not beheld, human heart hath not conceived, the truths that death will unfold. Oh! When the

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last pulse is fluttering, when the heart's throb is almost past, when gasping and struggling in the pangs of expiring mortality, then, then will your spirit-eye behold the gates of immortality opening before you, and your soul catch a glimpse of the gorgeous beauties of death." **Bacon**

Proper discernment – "When you converse with spirits, do not take the statement of your friends as infallibly true. They may not intend to mislead you, but, perhaps, they are not so advanced that they can truly instruct you about subjects which you are anxious to understand. Learn, too, that except for special purposes connected with this subject, we rarely say anything about your personal affairs. We cannot judge more correctly of the consequences of your acts in life than can you. As our thoughts are almost entirely absorbed in matters above and beyond the things of earth, when a spirit directs you about personal affairs, doubt, and you will always be satisfied in the end that you doubted just at the proper time. But never cavil (find fault) at a circle. Nothing detracts so much from the elevated mind as the constant apprehension that he is deceived. Be willing to be advised by those who have received greater light than yourself; and when so advised, remember that the mind to which has been vouchsafed the higher teachings of the spirits can not if would, press on you considerations which it has received for the mere purpose of gratifying vanity." **Bacon**

Life's Struggles – "Life is forever and forever must that life struggle. Forever must the desire for good be paramount to the demands of evil. Were it not so, there would be no progression. Why it is so, we shall learn when we stand in the celestial spheres, gods in wisdom and in perfection. But as the spheres are above, so must be our spirit flight, soaring on the wings of divine love, and wafted by the breezes of earnest and truthful desires. Thus, when we have triumphed over the influences of matter, we become the causes which govern and control it; or, indeed, the instrument by which the divine laws are executed." **Swedenborg**

Transitioning – "When awakening from the sleep of death, and opening his eyes to the world into which his spirit was ushered, how strange his thoughts, how marvelous the sensations which rush through his brain with lightning rapidity. To you, who have some conception of spirit life, the ideas I have suggested will not seem so strange. The spirit-bond which connected it to matter is severed, the link of life is broken, the spirit freed is disengaging itself from its earthly trammels. There lies the body stretched in death. How unlike the spirit which is floating over it, still unconscious, still unable to think, but just born into the life of the spheres. As it floats over the body which was so lately its abiding place, there come to it, drawn by their affections or by their duties, spirits possessing form and shape, beautiful beyond thought. They support this spirit-child until it recovers its consciousness, and then with the impress of the last life-thought still vibrating on its brain, with emotions of its heart still unsubdued by death, with its whole nature palpitating, and even suffering at the thought of the separation from loved, aye! Fondly-loved friends, wife or children, this new spirit meets the new impressions and scenes which surround it. Its agonized mind writhing with death, and with all its nature struggling within its internal, it opens its eyes to the unspeakable glories of a new world." **Swedenborg**

The Spheres of the Afterlife – "The idea of spheres is but imperfectly understood, and the statements on that subject received and recognized as true, are so but in part, as spirits know but little of spaced beyond the sphere they occupy. Spirits, after leaving the body, are conducted to localities adapted to the capacities and the conditions of their minds, in reference to education, society, and progress. Thus, a highly educated mind, one familiar with all the knowledge of the schools, of strong desires to understand the laws of nature, and of an affinity with the purity and attributes of the Creator is conducted to a globe or planet adapted by its locality and formation to develop the properties of his mind to an approach nearer to the plane where the Spirit of God is most manifest in all its power and glory." **Bacon**

Devious Spirits – "They misdirect, bewilder, confuse, make false statements of the nature of these manifestations, and would willingly create doubt; for these spirits are allowed to mix with other spirits whose duties bring them to earth, and thus they are enabled to make false statements regarding them. In short, they delight in inculcating error, as they did in receiving it and learning it when on earth." **Swedenborg**

Afterlife Laws – "The effect of the laws operating on our organization is almost precisely the same as the laws operating on yours. We are divested, it is true, of the grosser particles of your nature, and we are spared all the evils which that organization induces, yet we do not live here by any special administration of the power of God, neither is the spirit-world conducted by miracle. We act and live, we work, we toil, we develop just as you do on earth, only the internal, which is the essence of the everlasting principle of God Himself (as it emanated from Him) expands in a greater ratio than does the body. Take no statements, therefore, that are not based on laws satisfactory to your judgment, and depend upon it, that when any revelation is made, having the garment of marvelousness wrapped about it, that either it is a compound of the medium's imagination, or it emanates from some spirit whose veracity is to be doubted." **Swedenborg**

Christ's Mission – "Christ found a world buried in ignorance. No true ideas had been given of their destiny; and not until he dispelled the darkness which shrouded his whole moral nature did man make the effort to understand

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his true relationship to himself, the world, or to God. Looking back to Christ, we see the light which has been poured through the vista of years till it has now illuminated the whole civilized world, flickering as a spark, and scarcely afford a ray to guide the benighted footsteps of man." **Bacon**

On Seeing Christ – "Christ I never saw. The very faculties of his nature, which enabled him to progress so much on earth, have so materially advanced his passage through the spheres that he has far outstripped the rest of his race. Christ, in the development of all the high, noble, and good characteristics of his nature, became perfect even as God is perfect, and he now dwells in those happy spheres where God is made manifest in all the mighty effects of his being. Thus, I believe Christ is with God, where I shall see him, and so shall you, when thousands and tens of thousands of years shall have passed away; when divested of sin, when pure as the morning star, your spirit shall wend its way through the eternal glories of the celestial spheres." **Bacon**

Angels – "What are considered by you as angels, are but the beatified spirits of men, in whom the progress of their nature has developed all that there is of beauty and perfection of form. They are, as I am led to believe, the spirits of men whose organization has passed the seventh and last process of refinement, and are constantly in intercourse with all that can be known of God. No human mind, fertile in imagination as it is, can picture to its wildest fancy the overpowering and transcendent beauty of the progressed and elevated soul. The world's images of thought fail to convey the faintest idea of my meaning, and I shall, therefore, leave the description to the evidence of your own senses." **Bacon**

Dealing with Non-believers – "It is not worth while to contest the truth of spirit revelation with those who do not believe. Truth is like the misty vapor encircling the mountain top. The sun of error, of superstition, of priestly teachings may, in its full blaze, dissipate the cloud, but its cloudy substance is disseminated through the whole atmosphere, and descends in grateful showers to replenish and fructify the thirsty earth. So with man. Argue with him and he battles with you. Prove he is wrong, and, Proteus-shaped, he attacks you again with arguments founded on that very error. But let the cloud rest on the mountain, and when disturbed by the sun or the wind, in grateful sprinklings it returns to foster, to cherish, to develop the nature of its own godlike virtues." **Bacon**

Premature Death – "The spirit which enters the body of the child on being born is the principle or germ. It has not existed before in a sentient form, but has existed, as a principle, from the beginning. So intimately blended are the two, both body and soul, that the one was created to grow and expand with the other; and though a child may die, yet the spirit grows and expands, and assumes very much the character here, which the full-grown man could have occupied on earth." **Swedenborg**

When Soul Enters Body – "When there is sufficient life or vitality to maintain a balance between the spirit action and the material action, then the spirit enters the embryo; but even then it does not always occupy that germ. It sometimes, from the death of the embryo, returns and occupies some other body." **Swedenborg**

Other Worlds – "If this world were alone the abiding place of immortal spirits, we could imagine how much more beauty God would have lavished upon its formation, and how much vaster would have been its proportions. But beyond the vision of the most powerful telescope there are worlds filled with spirits whose birth is forever and ever. They know no death, and yet are organized with bodies suited to the worlds in which they live." **Swedenborg**

Spirit Communication in Earlier Times – "That spirit perception in the ancient days was clear and distinct, I believe, and think I know. Now, what you consider the fall of man is only the great change in his mental and material nature, produced by the increase of numbers, the wants and necessities which arose around him, the occupation of his thoughts with the circumstances of his material life, and the entire direction of his mind from spiritual things to subjects of earth. When there were few persons on earth, and spirit communication was frequent, the minds of men were directed to spiritual things; but when the world was more thickly peopled, then it was that the necessities of life compelled man to work, to develop, to invent, to construct, and these occupations prevented that freedom of spiritual communication which existed previously." **Swedenborg**

Soul Mates – "I can say that when there are affections formed on earth, death itself does not change or alter them, but when separated, the soul in the spheres develops more extensively the love it first recognized on earth, and is drawn to meet the spirit for whom that love was formed, when it is ushered into the spheres. If, then, all their affinities correspond and they are likely to, if there is a basis formed on earth, they will go hand in hand through all the transitions of spirit life, together loving and being loved, together aspiring, together progressing." **Swedenborg**

Oneness – "You will never lose your identity. If God designed to absorb all souls into Himself, there would have been no necessity at first to give off from himself distinct identical germs, possessing all the characteristics of independence. Therefore, as every spirit is independent in his mind and its exercise, how could God contravene his own institutes? That is impossible, and from this I reason. **Swedenborg**

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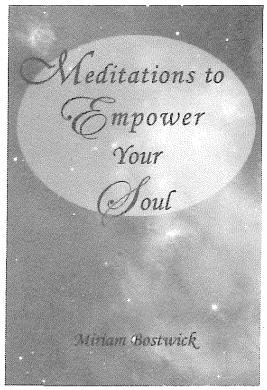
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This book of meditations contains the keys to empower your soul. You are guided on an uplifting and safe spiritual path through sixty-one succinct essays which elucidate the constant power struggle between the personality and the soul. The personality is an energy tool designed by the Great Architect to serve the soul. It was not intended that the personality struggle to reign supreme over the soul. By becoming aware of and gaining an understanding of the dynamics of this struggle, you learn how to consciously deal with it in a practical way, which empowers your soul. These reflective essays teach you a simple system of balancing the energies of the mind/personality with the energies of the soul. What you understand, you have the choice to control.



Meditations to Empower Your Soul contains spiritual laws intended for everyday application and are absolutely demonstrable in everyday living. These universal truths, free of dogma, transcend all religious differences and only serve to strengthen one's faith. They are also free from being shrouded in a fog of verbiage, making them attractive to the busy person seeking spiritual growth and personal freedom from inner conflict.

The method is unique in *how* it teaches a person to grow spiritually. We are enlightened through a simple system of balancing the energies of the mind with the energies of the soul, which is the basis of Spiritual Psychology. Each sense function of the mind and each faculty of the soul operates as a law with its own special vibration or power. Through our thoughts and actions we set these laws into motion to bring to us our experiences in life. *Meditations to Empower Your Soul* clearly describes the characteristics of these laws when in operation, leaving no doubt as to the outcome when they are applied, either positive or negative.

What are sense functions? Examples include greed, hate, intolerance, negativity, judgment, etc. Examples of soul faculties include tolerance, love, peace, gratitude, kindness, etc. Sense functions and soul faculties are not solo performers; they attract certain other energies or "handmaidens" for which they have a natural affinity. The energy or power is then magnified by utilizing a triune arrangement which bears a striking resemblance to frequencies or vibrations within a crystal formation. There is power in the pyramid design of the crystal! We can shine light into a crystal and it will isolate into frequencies. The crystals of our consciousness also isolate frequencies or rates of vibration caused by our attitudes. So just as the energy of the world is in the crystal, our power is isolated in the crystals of our consciousness—our attitudes.

This is the way it works. If we wish, for example, to express greater humility, strength, and poise, which, when applied, counterbalances the triune sense function of humiliation, weakness, and pride. This natural combining of three energies in a triad formation gives more power to enforce our attitude, whether the law or attitude be on a mental or spiritual level.

When the dynamics of the triune sense functions of the mind and the counterbalancing triune faculties of the soul are understood as vibrational tools, we receive an awakening that should inspire us to choose consciously to express attitudes designed to raise our consciousness. It is, therefore, hoped that this centuries-old method of unfolding the soul will greatly enhance the power of the reader to think consciously about how these triads are constructed, and how energies of high vibration can counter-balance lower ones to lift the soul. In other words, the triune soul faculty serves as the *antidote* to the negative, or materialistic thinking of the triune sense function. However, this is not to suggest that the sense functions be annihilated, for they serve a good purpose if wisely directed. *As the spokes of the wheel are indispensable to the hub, so the functions are indispensable to the soul.* The personality is an avenue of expression. It is through our efforts to cast the light of expression of our inner or God Spirit is suppressed by the personality, the personality is dysfunctional; it is not doing the job for which it was designed. Instead, the personality engages in a power struggle for supremacy over the soul. While the personality/sense functions must never be annihilated, through self-control the personality can develop into a spiritual tool to serve the soul. •

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True Success

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Hearing an acquaintance say, "The greedy and egotistical always win," I felt compelled to respond by saying, "No, they don't. It only seems like they're winning if we don't turn to Higher Intelligence to lead us to a wider, more truthful perspective."



Success can, indeed, be viewed in more than one way. We might reconsider how we perceive it. One meaning is "the gaining of wealth, fame, rank, etc.," but another is "a favorable or satisfactory outcome or result."

True success *has* a favorable outcome.

More than 30 years ago, early in my spiritual journey, I received a message from Spirit.

> *You are working on success. Success is to be accomplished by achieving a correct view of the ideal self...In the end, there is gratitude for what is true about oneself;*
>
> - *Skills enough to take honest pride in their development.*
> - *Limitations enough to provide sufficient humility to appreciate the successes of others.*

Life in the physical world offers us endless opportunities for making choices. Our choices are based on our understanding. If that understanding is limited to the ego's perspective of the senses—what we can see, hear, touch, taste and smell—the physical aspect of reality can appear to be all there is. This is what creates the illusion that the greedy and the power-hungry seem to have all that is worth having. Yet, if we look more carefully, we become aware that the bully and the greedy person make their choices based on a sense of lack, fear and disaffection. The one who is spiritually out-of-balance is likely to perceive in extremes of separation, and in their inner poverty might seek to become ever-richer, unable to be content with ample. Out of this limited understanding, even too much can seem like it's never enough, for there continually remains a sense of alienation, loss, failure and an ongoing need to try to feel better.

In this way the ego, which looks to the material world and makes material judgments, gains a warped idea about what leads to true success. It might think that success is having the most toys or gaining control over others.

But from the soul's perspective, such a limited understanding is a sign of an undeveloped ego, or as the founder of the Golden Gate Spiritualist Church, the Rev. Florence Becker, termed it, the "unripened" ego.

If a man or woman is seeking ways to control and dominate others, you can be certain they have not built their faith, step-by-step, through regular concentration and meditation, to reach the perfect poise of spiritual balance. Even though such a self-centered person may command many followers, without the development of spiritual qualities such as faith, poise and humility, their leadership is too narrowly focused, and will fail to empower anyone but themselves. While the ego's interests are limited, changeable and self-centered, the soul's qualities are limitless, everlasting and mutually beneficial.

This journey toward achieving true success is not without pitfalls. My first messages from Spirit came during that time in my life when my children were in school and I was eager to make a name for myself as an artist. From this ego-centric viewpoint, I vividly recall my reaction was akin to dread when I understood one of these early messages to say, *"You are the hope of this world."*

I had to wonder if this was the first step toward being confined to a mental institution with delusions of being some sort of savior. I determined to become increasingly aware of my own state-of-mind, while remaining mindful of the comfort level of my husband and children. Surely my interest in spiritual development should not cause pain to my family. So, I decided to approach my communications with Spirit as a scientific experiment. I told my spirit friends that I would write down the messages I received, but I would reserve judgment about their meaning or value until I could see what effect they would have on my life. This proved an excellent approach, in keeping with the advice of Spiritualist pioneer Andrew Jackson Davis, "Always keep an even mind." I recorded the following:

> *You hold the destiny of the world in your hands...it is easier to hold to me and my truths if you do not hold worldly power, for you are more likely to prove a better judge of events. It is you I depend on for making decisions about what direction the world should take...I am quick to respond to ideas of progress for humanity...tell me honestly what you think is important...Do not despair if you have not been able to "fit in" in your community. You are a*

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valuable soul nevertheless...Spirits who have suffered loss are often our most valuable workers...

How can the unripened ego comfortably accept such a message? The unprepared may fall into a trap, assuming a false superiority that actually blocks access to the real treasures of spiritual wholeness. Until the ego is trained to realize we are essentially a part of the all and all, and not totally separate from others, as our senses make it appear, then a message such as this could lead to unbalanced fantasies instead of a realization of God's love for all. Tuning in to higher vibrations is not so great a success. Tuning in to higher vibrations and learning not to take it too personally, coming to the realization that God's ideas and spiritual energy are available to everyone of us—that is true success.



Over time, when the ego is finally "ripe" enough to hear the truth, it becomes abundantly clear that the energy behind such messages, however we translate them, is a constant in the universe for all people, at all times. Yes, we all have the qualities of God. We are not being singled out as separate or superior; we are simply in the process of realizing our unity with the universe. The spiritual path is a search for the highest in us, the God within, which inspires us to practice a more ideal life. Expressing our unique aspect of that unity develops our ego-strength, which is positive. In a traditional Native American Prayer are the words: "I seek strength, not to be greater than my brother, but to fight my greatest enemy—myself."

In 1976, I received a spirit message for guidance, as I struggled with overcoming my own ego limitations:

The most dangerous time for those who would avoid evil is when they have done a good deed. There is a tendency to become prideful and arrogant, depriving one of the consciousness that it is God who works the deed <u>through</u> us and that we are fortunate to have been the vehicle for that useful act.

Should our pride take the upper hand, we may begin to think in terms of a reward, and become angry that some "moral slob" gains materially more than we "good" ones. This pattern of self-righteousness can snowball into actual hatred and/or desire for destruction of those considered less moral. At such a point, the do-gooder slips full circle into an immoral force, which is actually greater than the unknowing one who sets their sights on material gain. It is one thing to be greedy or acquisitive on a purely physical level, but it can be more destructive to raise that power to the mental plane.

The soul is the truest, most authentic, source of our being. The developed, or "ripened" ego, has learned to support the soul's purpose. Wholeness and balance become our measures for success. We become more keenly aware of the energies which aid our expressions that we want to encourage, and we see as destructive or misleading that which we wish to avoid.

Eventually, I gained maturity enough to seek employment, based on all my ways of knowing. I took a job selling plants at a garden center. It still surprises me how the full range of my needs was exactly met during those six years until my retirement. Although the job lacked glamour or high salary, I loved it. I'd long-wanted to learn more of the names and habits of plants. The daily exercise built my strength and endurance. Removing spent roses or carnations during slow times proved a highly rewarding meditation practice. The modest but steady income provided just the extra cash needed to allow me to invest my savings in a serendipitous real estate opportunity where I could put my remodeling skills to work. And the atmosphere at the garden center was so joyful and welcoming that customers often said, "I wish I could work here." So my "lowly" job turned out to have its own kind of status with many favorable outcomes.

In Elizabeth Gilbert's #1 New York Times bestselling book *Eat, Pray, Love,* she writes, "The Bhagavad Gita—that ancient Indian Yogic text—says that it is better to live your own destiny imperfectly than to live an imitation of somebody else's life with perfection." Keep searching for what will help you move closer to your own divinity. "Or, as Sextus, the ancient Pythagorian philosopher said, 'The wise man is always similar to himself.'" Gilbert concludes, "The best we can do, then, in response to our incomprehensible world, is to practice holding equilibrium *internally*—no matter what insanity is transpiring out there."

Thomas Starr King, quoted in our *Spiritualist Manual,* stated:

This world is simply the threshold of our vast life: the first stepping-stone from non-entity into the boundless expanse of possibility. It is the infant school of the soul. The physical universe spreads out before us, and the spiritual trials and mysteries of our disciplines are simply our primers, our grammar, our spelling dictionary, to teach us something of the language we are to use in maturity.

We can learn to take time to explore and savor whatever comes before us, for it may feed our soul in ways the ego does not yet understand. I had a dream which illustrates this. In the dream I'm helping my family prepare for a celebration. The guests of honor—a man and his wife—arrive for the dinner. Every detail, from selection and preparation of the food to the table settings, has been put together to please

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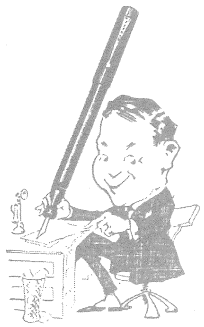
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them. Following the meal, we plan to reconfigure the tables for another event, but right now I'm looking forward to sitting with our guests and enjoying this special meal.

However, no sooner are the guests of honor seated, than the wife stands and urges her husband to help her start changing the tables for the next event. I stand to help fold up the tablecloth when I notice the edges of the cloth have been carefully and beautifully hemmed with tiny clusters of golden seed beads in a running pattern. I marvel, and urge the couple to sit down with us to enjoy the meal before we go on to the next thing, telling them we've worked weeks to prepare. They continue as before, removing all the dishes in the process. I am outraged.

I interpret the dream to mean that our physical life is like a banquet prepared for us, with every experience carefully arranged to suit the needs of our soul. If we do not take time to enjoy the beauty and the flavors of it, and are in too great a hurry to turn our attention to what our egos think should come next, it is like trashing a banquet without sitting down to eat.

It is good to have dreams of success. Just give it some thought. Ask yourself how your present situation might be nurturing a deeper understanding of yourself and others. Will a more impressive job title, faster car, larger house or bank account better serve to develop your character and unique gifts? Or is your present idea of success simply meant to impress someone else?

In our prayers, we can learn to ask:

- "Please give me the tools I need for the tasks my soul would have me face."
- "Help me become the person I need to be to encourage growth and harmony."

Instead of endlessly accumulating, we can aspire to live at the balance point between too much and not enough.

This is what we might call the appreciation point, where we feel deeply grateful for what we have, free of craving, and free of apathy or envy. Reaching this appreciation point is a journey toward reality and natural authority, moving away from the illusion of the senses with its addiction to artificial control. For J. K. Rowling fans, this difference is demonstrated in the life and outcome of the character of Harry Potter in contrast to that of the undeveloped ego of the false Lord Voldemort.

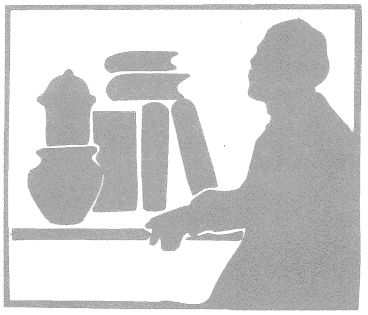
The ego gradually learns that the transmission of love and truth is reward enough. Even the ego gradually "gets it" that God's goals trump human goals by any standard of measure, leading to true and lasting awareness and ongoing realization. If we concentrate on effectively fulfilling god's Idea, our egos won't have room for anything else. This is true success.

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If a Man Dies, Shall He Live Again?

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In June of 1887, in San Francisco, Professor Alfred R. Wallace said, "If a man dies, shall he live again?" This is the question which has troubled the souls of men throughout the ages; the prophets and the wise men of antiquity were in doubt as to the answer. Philosophy has always discussed it as one of the unsolved problems of humanity, while modern science, instead of clearing up the difficulty and giving us advances, offers powerful arguments against the affirmative reply. Yet the ultimate decision, whether in the negative or affirmative, is not only of vital interest to each one of us individually, but is calculated, I believe, to determine the future welfare or misery of mankind. For more than 120 years, over two centuries, most of the scientific world has remained skeptical. Some do research and their results are not widely accepted. Much is discounted—as was the work of Professor Wallace.



Spiritualism teaches, "There is no death; there are no dead." Through mediumship we strive to prove the continuity of life. We need to do more. We need to bring more of this teaching into our philosophy, our workshops, our lectures and our seminars. Professor Wallace also said, "If the question should finally be decided in the negative, if all men without exception ever come to believe that there is no life beyond this life, if children were all brought up to believe that the only happiness they can ever enjoy will be upon the Earth, then it seems to me that the condition of man would be altogether hopeless, because there would cease to be any adequate motive for justice, for truth, for unselfishness and no sufficient reason could be given to the poor man, to the bad man, or to the selfish man why he should not systematically seek his own personal welfare at the cost of others." We see so much of this "me first" today.

Spiritualism does teach us to love ourselves first, to find inner peace, to find happiness, but not at the expense of others. Spiritualism does not teach selfishness; we teach Principles Six and Seven: The Golden Rule and Moral Responsibility. We must emphasize this more.

Professor Wallace talks about the "well being of the race in the distant future" and about how philosophers influence humanity. He said that science teaches that the entire world must sooner or later come to an end. Professor Wallace, referring to "the greatest good to the greatest number," said that the philosophers would not concede that this is a motive for action, especially by those seeking their own personal welfare.

The question lingers, "What has posterity done for us?" Is the world around us the world that our founders and pioneers left to us? More importantly, is this the work we are leaving to those we teach, those who adopt our philosophy, and those who follow us? We must do more beyond the readings, the messages and the healings—as important as they are. Although the healing is important, we must add equal emphasis to our philosophy. We must do a better job in our classes. I have heard many Spiritualists say that the new book *The Secret* is not a new idea. We have taught it forever. Ralph Waldo Trine said most of these same truths in the 1890's! Have we stopped well-rounded teaching by only teaching facets of Natural Law that have obvious effects on our life? We need to deepen the philosophy, while expanding our knowledge to teach others.

Professor Wallace asks if it would be so disastrous to humanity if scientific seekers advocated a disbelief in an afterlife? He talks about how prevalent selfishness was, even in religious beliefs and teachings, and that might would constitute right. He said that such a "hell" on earth will never exist because it would be founded upon a falsehood.

A few years ago there was a song titled *Is That All There Is?* The answer is a resounding NO. Professor Wallace talked about how mankind accepted belief in a future life and in the essential spiritual nature of man, and that these beliefs were universally accepted until the 16th and 17th centuries. The intensity of the "witchcraft mania" caused the deaths of many thousands and ceased when judges finally refused to convict and punish witches. Then, "the whole subject dropped out of the sight and knowledge of the intellectual world." He says there was an interesting and important reason for the cessation of the phenomena of witchcraft. In his opinion, "witches were persons who were specially gifted, and are what we now call mediums. During the preceding three or four centuries these people were systematically murdered and persecuted. This resulted in the extermination of these gifts in public; the phenomena almost ceased to exist until a "fresh crop" of these peculiarly gifted individuals had grown up."

He goes on to criticize science and the lack of true and impartial investigation. While much was being investigated, more became known about the organic world, energy, and the molecular motion of matter. The existing generation of scientists found no place in nature for Spirit. Much of this same thinking applies today – maybe because of the transgressions committed in the name of religion. Understanding and ways of acceptable expression will cause scientists to continue to discount a Spirit World, an afterlife, thereby discounting the depth of meaning and purpose to this

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earthly life. It is for the benefit of all humanity to bring a philosophy that would finally bring peace to this world; to have, as Arthur Findlay wrote, "A Brotherhood of mankind."

Spiritualism has a science as well as a philosophy and a religion. We must continue to bring proof of the Spirit World, of an afterlife through our philosophy. We must not only read new books on philosophy, but we must return to the lectures and writings of so many of our pioneers. Much has been lost, but we can search deeper for those that remain. There is an expression, "The more things change, the more they stay the same." Read what was said and written so many years ago. It is as true today as it was then.

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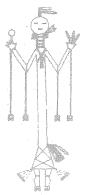
Sunday, October 5
Church Service: 10:30am
at Church of the Living Spirit, NSAC.
Free transportation provided from the hotel.
Reception at the Crowne Plaza: 2:00–5:00pm
Healing: 7:00pm (Meeting room)
Worship Service: 7:30pm

Monday, October 6
Seminar and Workshops: 10:00am–4:00pm
Cost: $20.00
Open to Outsiders. Payment at the door.
Banquet: 6:00pm

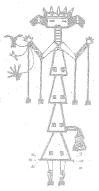
Tuesday, October 7
thru Friday, October 10
9am to 5pm – Convention Business
7pm – Healing; 7:30pm – Worship Service
Club Meetings to follow evening worship.
Tuesday – Dr. Gary Schwartz, Keynote Speaker, 9–11:00am

Thursday, October 9
Tours to Taliesan and Heard Museum
1:00-5:00pm

Convention Registration for Delegates will be $20.



Banquet



Monday,
October 6
6:00pm

Buffet $30.00 per person

DJ – Richard McCarthy

Make check payable to
2008 NSAC Convention Fund
Send to
Pat Crim
9037 W. Adams Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85382

Thursday Tours

$10 Transportation Fee

Taliesin West
$20 Entrance Fee
Architect Frank Lloyd Wright

Heard Museum
$10 Entrance Fee
Native American History/Culture
Entry fees depend on group size.

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Declaration of Principles

National Spiritualist Association of Churches

1. We believe in Infinite Intelligence.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

9. We affirm that the precepts of Prophecy and Healing are Divine attributes proven through Mediumship.



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