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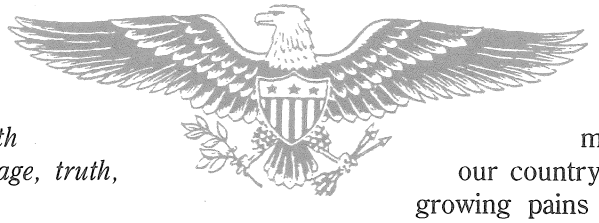
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The Bald Eagle, Our National Symbol – A Fine Mentor!

LAURA LEE PERKINS, Editor

The founders of the United States wanted a bird to symbolize our new country's freedom, strength and power. They chose a "bird of prey" that only resides in North America, the *American Eagle.* Eagles have been symbols of *power, honor, death* and the *journey of souls* since before the Roman Emperor Augustus. Eagles played the role of soul-bearers for many ancient cultures. Aztecs likened the eagle with the sun.

Most Native American Indians attach special significance to the Eagle and its feathers. Many logos and symbols of the American Indian are images of eagles. The American Indian traditions honored both the Bald Eagle and the Golden Eagle; *both expressed their honesty, majesty, courage, truth, strength, wisdom,* to the Great Spirit.



To be given an eagle feather is one of the highest honors bestowed. Eagle feathers are awarded to Indian braves, warriors and chiefs for extreme acts of bravery and are earned one at a time. They are set aside in a special place, shown respect and are kept clean and protected. Many Indians would rather part with their horses, tepee or personal items rather than lose their eagle feathers. With the eagles held in such high admiration by the indigenous peoples, is it any wonder that our founding fathers decided that the *American Eagle* was to serve as a living symbol of American pride?

United we stand with the American Eagle, for over 240 years, as an example of Freedom, Courage, Strength, Spirit, Wisdom, Power and Excellence.

Are we, as Spiritualists, living the American dream of freedom? I certainly believe that we are! Can you even begin to imagine practicing our beliefs in a country where people's very thoughts are controlled and dominated by their government? That is hard for most of us, because we have grown up knowing that we have free choice.

How grateful are you for the opportunity that we have *every single day* to practice freedom? What a gift freedom is! Ask yourself if you light a candle in honor of freedom, or do you curse the darkness because you feel like you've been passed by in some way? Perhaps this single question will help us to open into a deeper sense of gratitude for all of the blessings and opportunities that exist in each moment of every day – if we are able to perceive them in America.

As you get older, are you able to understand and feel gratitude for the wide variety of experiences that have been part of your life? Do you truly feel that you have so very much to be thankful for, and is it a very long list encompassing gratitude to a wide variety of people?

The thoughts we choose about freedom, democracy and your own level of gratitude towards these precious gems really has a strong effect on our lives. Where our mind lives is where our lives are headed. What comes into your mind when you hear the word AMERICA? Do you dwell on our country's shortcomings, on our mistakes? Or do you remember that our country, like ourselves, has experienced growing pains as it evolves into new roles of maturity and leadership?

Whatever comes forward in our mind – when we have nothing else we must think about – truly will define the direction of our lives. And the direction of all of our lives determines the direction of our country. No matter what might be happening in the world outside of us, we always have the power to choose our own thoughts. And remember that the thoughts we choose can have an enormous impact; these thoughts show who we truly are.

So we want to steer those thoughts away from anger, limitation, worry and envy. We want to direct our minds toward thoughts of love, possibility, confidence, abundance and generosity. We want to think like an eagle – clear, finely-honed thoughts that focus on gratitude, on love, on healing our country's wounds and creating more globally-concerned efforts. This is beginning to happen. People are noticing that it is our own responsibility to support and sustain the balance of Mother Earth so that life can continue to exist and flourish on our planet.

When we get all caught up in the politics of the world, when we hear negativity and destruction and hunger stories over and over on the news, turn your mind to healing these concerns. Ask Spirit, "What can I do to help?" Whatever may be going on in the outside world, our minds can live precisely where we choose. Choose an empowering, life-affirming, rich and creative place. Choosing the life we each want begins with choosing the thoughts that will direct us to create it. Those thoughts are ours to choose in this very

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NSAC Endowment Fund

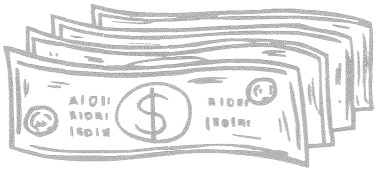
For the Future of Spirituality

THE REV. KATHLEEN CRIBB

Isn't this a wonderful title for my quarterly article? My guardian angel from M&I Institutional Trust Services, Mr. Greg Schmidt, CTFA suggested it. He is a financial wizard who is not afraid to think outside of the box. I could never understand this stuff without his help. I will be incorporating some of his suggested article material in the editorials.

The Rev. Lelia E. Cutler, NST, President of NSAC said my title is Director of the Department of Endowments. I am certainly honored to accept this position, but it also presents a conundrum to me. Being a department head implies I have a department of other people working with me to achieve a common goal. The common goal part is easy because I have Greg to help me figure out that part of the puzzle. Bi-locating on command has not been one of my spiritual gifts in this lifetime. Splitting myself 50 ways in order to visit all the states to communicate this message is simply out of the question. I need your help. If you would like to volunteer your services and join my department, I would love to have your help. This department imposes no heavy task on anyone. When we accept fellowship into an NSAC church, we agree to assume certain obligations and to express, in a public manner, our sincerity in our step into the Spiritualist faith. The fourth question asked in our Right Hand of Fellowship service says; "Will you cheerfully contribute your just and rightful share toward the support of this church (or society) and do all that you can reasonably, to promote harmony among its friends and members and to make its influence a source of good in this community?"

The reason the Endowment Department exists is to assist auxiliaries and members interested in the perpetuation of Spiritualism through their gifts to local, state or the National Organization of the NSAC. This is a very spiritual goal. Does your church or state organization have a general endowment fund in place to secure the future existence of your Spiritualist church?



The National Spiritualist Association of Churches (NSAC) has been the guiding force in the Spiritualist religion in the United States for over 114 years. Our mission has been, and continues to be, the promotion of Spiritualism by establishing and supporting local churches where Spiritualism may be taught, and to provide for the education, certification and ordination of proper persons as authorized mediums, healers, teachers and preachers.

The NSAC Board has been reviewing and evaluating the needs of the organization in order for the NSAC to continue its important mission far into the future. One of the identified needs is to establish endowment funds to so that the organization can have the financial resources necessary to support the NSAC for years to come.

An endowment fund is a pool of money that is designed to provide a continual stream of income for the organization. The fund is invested in a diversified mix of stocks and bonds and only a percentage of the market value of the fund is distributed on an annual basis. Income from the fund will support the NSAC, its ongoing publications, educational programs, and services to our members.

There are a variety of ways you can participate and contribute to the NSAC Endowment Fund. You will be hearing more about the endowment fund in future issues of *The National Spiritualist Summit.* •

THE BALD EAGLE... *(Continued from previous page.)*

moment. Never stop believing how powerful we truly are – we are magnificent and made in the image of God!

This July 4, let us all make a special effort to honor and celebrate our freedom. Help another to feel freer in some way that only you might offer. If there is a housebound person, invite them for a picnic. If there is a neighbor's dog chained on a short leash most of the day, offer to take it for a walk. If there is an elderly Spiritualist who can no longer come to church, bring church to them. Perhaps you can take the picnic to someone who just cannot attend due to illness or injury. Go to a care facility and sing *America the Beautiful* on the front lawn or in their cafeteria and look at the damp eyes in the elderly folks' lined faces. It doesn't have to be Christmas time to bring forward the joy of music. Offer to bring someone for a healing or bring the healing to them. Let us use the day to demonstrate what freedom really means as a Spiritualist; open and warm another's life by offering to release them from the bonds of restriction in some loving way. Demonstrate the power of the eagle: *honesty, majesty, courage, truth, strength, and wisdom. And honor those indigenous people who were here long before any of us, and from whom many of us (including myself) have descended.* Offer GRATITUDE back to the Great Spirit for the privilege of being an American. •

Healing, A Way of Life

LYNN STREEPER, Virginia, Memorial Spiritualist Church

Is your life going the way you want it to? Are you living your higher purpose, or at least headed directly towards it with specific goals that will take you there? Are you surrounded by family and friends that love and support you? Are there enough hours in your day to accomplish all that you desire?

If you answered yes to all of the questions, then you are a very lucky person. Most of us are still struggling with what it is we want. What makes us happy? What can we do to turn it into a life of service and help others? What goals can we put in place to make it all happen?

Eight years ago, if you'd asked me what made me happy, I wouldn't have been able to answer you. And that very realization, that I was an adult with no idea of what I should be doing or what made me happy, is why I am here now.

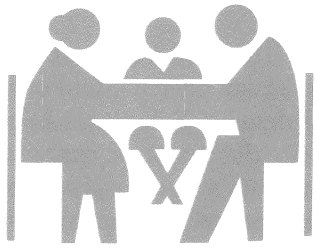
I left a life of relative comfort, a great job, incredible family and friends, and moved to VA. Why? No idea. I had a very nice life and was doing a lot of healing, but there was something missing. Something I knew wasn't quite right yet.

Now, seven years after moving here, I know what drew me. I know why I had to come to VA. I was moving towards my goals and higher purpose, and didn't even know it. Following your heart will get you there pretty quickly, because it is directly connected to your soul. Your soul knows the whole game plan. Listen carefully, it whispers.

Now stop and think for a moment. Do you know what makes you happy? Do you know what your higher purpose is? Are you living the life you were born to live? If not, why not?

We have these wonderful healing meditations within every service. Do you actually participate and relax? Begin with taking several deep breaths. This will begin to focus you on what is happening inside. It also helps clear your mind as you pay attention to your breathing and not the racing thoughts you have that can distract you from being calm and relaxed.

The words are calming and soothing, directing you to healing places that will allow you to find your own inner answers. And that is the only place you WILL find the right answers. They are all inside of you. Relax, get comfortable and stop your mind from working so hard. Don't use this time to make lists of things "to do" or what you need to pick up at the grocery store. This is YOUR time. Your time to get quiet, and go within. Putting all else aside, what do you need to know right at that moment? What knowledge will help guide you on your way to your higher purpose? What makes you happy? What special gifts do you have to share with others? Every single answer that you need is there. Hush and listen.



Ask your guides for help. They love to do things for you. Clearly I've been led and guided to places and people I had no idea existed, but now, knowing them has enriched my life tremendously. Allow yourself to use this time of healing to find your way.

Include others in the healing and help them find their way also. Send healing light. Often times injuries or illness are ways to focus us on what is happening inside, or in giving us challenges and insights that will refocus us on our higher path.

We can get so caught up in day to day living that we lose sight of where we need to be heading. Being ill or injured, having to limit activity, maybe even not work for a bit, gives us the time we need to stop and re-evaluate our lives. Are we doing what we need to? Have we wandered from the path we were meant to follow? Every once in a while, it is a great idea to remember our original intent and measure how successful we've been at following our dreams.

The only way you can make your life flow and unfold in the manner you wish it to, is to create it yourself. Stop, become still, don't think, just listen. Hear your own inner answers. Follow what your heart tells you.

It's so very simple, isn't it? Why don't we do it? Is it because it's for us, and thus selfish? Maybe. Is taking this time too difficult? Well it's only five minutes during the church service, and that is a very good place to start. Using the same meditation throughout the week would be simple, quick, and a very effective way to refocus our efforts.

Are we still looking outside of ourselves for a guru to tell us what to do? Hope not. Anything you learn from another should be measured against what you know to be true. You can't just take someone else's word for how to live your life, or it won't be YOUR life then. You create it. You go within and find answers. You live your own truth.

Believe in yourself enough to allow yourself the time to seek out your own answers. Then act on them. You will create the most amazing life. You deserve it. Every single moment of joy, peace, hope, and happiness, is yours. Find it. Enjoy it. Share it. This is your one chance at life. Make it the very best that you can.

Have a wonderful day, because the sum of your days makes a wonderful life.

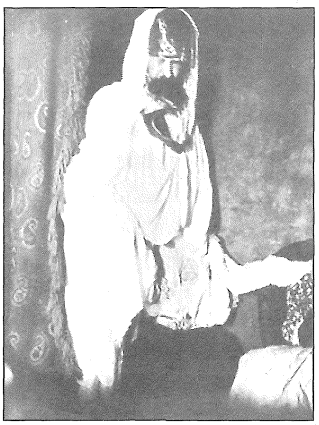
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Ectoplasm

THE REV. STEPHANIE FROBESE, NST, Maine

The appearance of ectoplasm is described as a vapor, or it may have a liquid or solid form with varying degrees of density. Ectoplasm is usually a milky-white substance with the scent of ozone. It exudes from orifices of the medium's body: eyes, ears, nose, mouth, and even from skin pores. It is described as a cold and moist substance.

While ectoplasm is difficult to detect in bright light, successful materializations have been recorded in candle, lamp and red light. One of the key properties of ectoplasm is that some of its forms are extremely sensitive to light; even flashing a light drives the substance back into the medium's body with the force of snapped elastic. Bruises, open wounds and hemorrhages have resulted.



Bien Boa

Ectoplasm is believed to be the impetus for all physical phenomena including apports, trumpet, table tipping, independent voice, writing, drawing, etc. It is used to some degree in all forms of mediumship – both physical and mental.

For materialization, the medium usually sits in a cabinet – an enclosed, dark space. This is believed to be the correct environment to build ectoplasm. It takes a great deal of energy and strength from the medium to demonstrate this form of mediumship.

Ectoplasm was named by Prof. Charles Richet, a scientist who studied many early Spiritualist mediums. According to Richet and Von Schrenk-Notzig, ectoplasm consists of white blood cells and skin cells. In its primary stage, he found that ectoplasm is invisible and intangible but even then it can be photographed by infrared rays and weighed. In its secondary stage it becomes either vaporous, liquid, or solid, with a distinct smell. In its final stages, when it can be seen and felt, it has the appearance of muslin and feels like a mass of cobwebs. On rare occasions ectoplasm is dry and hard. Its temperature is usually about 40 degrees.

Earlier analysis in the 1800s found that ectoplasm contained properties of the mucous membrane. Following are some results of the research done on ectoplasm. It should be remembered that some findings do not take into consideration the elements from the spirit realms also blended in by chemists on the spirit side of life to produce this phenomena.



Sir William Crookes and Florence Cook.

Sir William Crookes was the greatest physicist of his century. His entry into the investigations of the phenomena of Spiritualism was welcomed by those seeking to debunk mediumship. He approached his study with no preconceived notions. As the evidence he accumulated was brought forward, it further proved the phenomena of materialization. He studied Florence Cook for three years. Only 15 years old, she was among the most evidential materialization mediums of her time. Florence would go into trance in a cabinet. A beautiful girl, who claimed to be a spirit, would then walk out of the cabinet. The daughter of Sir Henry Morgan, when in the flesh, she called herself Katie King.

In his investigation, Crookes measured the difference in the height of the medium and the spirit. He noted the absence of a blister on Katie's neck, the absence of perforation in Katie's ears, the differences in complexion, in bodily proportions, in manner and expression. At a later period Katie allowed him to go into the cabinet. "Three separate times did I carefully examine Miss Cook, crouching before me, to be sure that the hand I held was that of a living woman, and three times did I turn the lamp to Katie and examine her with steadfast scrutiny, until I had no doubt whatever of her objective reality." He also had himself photographed with Katie King and with Florence Cook in the same position.



Florence Cook and Dr. Gully.

The Rev. Simeon Stefanidakisin's book *Phenomenal Mediumship*: A Look at Physical Manifestations, describes how the physical medium uses ectoplasm. He suggests that the most fundamental use is when it is released from the medium's body, and

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the spirit operator demonstrates how it can be fashioned and directed via the focused use of mind. According to Stefanidakis, ectoplasm can be used to move objects. The spirit operator might mold the ectoplasm into hardened rods and direct these rods to the underside of an object and cause the object to be lifted (levitation). Objects known to be levitated have ranged in weight from a few ounces to hundreds of pounds.



Katie King and Florence Cook.

Other studies that investigated the production of ectoplasm include:

Richet's Researche from 1890-1930:
Medium – Eva C.: Bien Boa full body materialization.
Breathed into baryta water (turns white if CO2 present).
Took wax molds of materialized body parts.
Locks of hair taken for comparison to human hair.
Has all the physical properties of an actual human body.

Mme. Bisson and Dr. Schrenck Notzing of Munich, Research from 1908-1913:
Notzing analyzed the hair cut from a spirit form and found it to be of a different structure to the hair of the medium (Eva C.).
Burned – ectoplasm which left the smell of burning horns
Analyzed the ash – it contained calcium phosphate and sodium chloride.
Mediums were weighed during séances when ectoplasm had been formed and were found to have lost pounds in weight.

Prof. W. J. Crawford, Queen's University Belfast conducted long and meticulous studies of ectoplasm. He discovered that during materialization the medium's weight dropped from 120 pounds to 66 pounds. In other cases the medium suffered weight losses of between 15 and 40 pounds. •

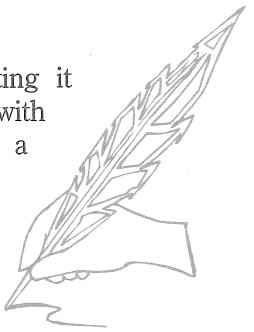
There is a deep need in the world just now for guidance – almost any sort of spiritual guidance.

– Carl Jung

FEATURE

Mockingbird

THE REV. KATHLEEN CRIBB,
Virginia



Can you imagine how frustrating it would be to be a mockingbird with laryngitis? Do you ever feel like a mockingbird? A mockingbird has the ability to mimic over 200 bird calls. He can even mimic a car horn. The male bird has the stronger, more persistent voice and uses it to attract a mate. Some male mockingbirds have been known to sing all night, non-stop, trying to woo a pretty female. I've listened to a few humans toot their horns all night at parties. Some I wished would get laryngitis just so my ears could get some rest!

Many of us spend the better part of our lives mimicking the song of someone else's desires and not our own. We may go to nursing school or college to satisfy the hopes and dreams of our parents. We even convince ourselves that it is what we want for ourselves too. Along about the age of 40 or 50, some of us suddenly realize that we have not been living our dreams. Our careers are lacking passion. Perhaps we wish we had become a deep sea diver or an actress or a poet. Our whole lives we have been singing someone else's tune, and now our hearts have gone silent.

In the silent-ness, blessed silent-ness, runs the river of our soul. It is only in the quiet that we can hear our own song. The passions of our heart run deeply in the silence of our meditations and dreams. The reason we spend most of our lives living someone else's dream for us is because we fail to stop and listen for our own song. We are in such a rush to please everyone and to prove our worth to the world, that we forget we are perfect just as we are. Our song is perfect and waiting to be sung. Please give yourself a spring break. Take time to go into the silence. Drift on the river of your soul in meditation. You may discover a new happy place. You may find a moment of peace, an oasis filled with the music of your soul. You may even discover a new beginning designed just for you by you.

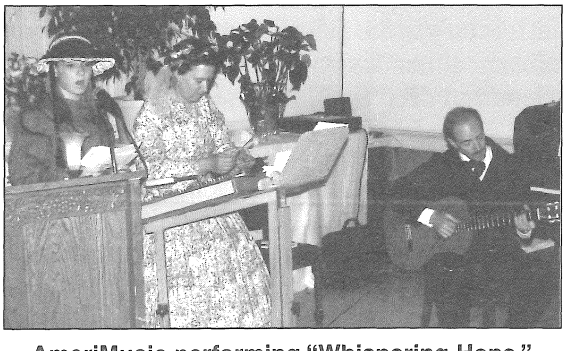
You are a Spiritualist. Our religion is not one of the 48 flavors mimicking the traditional religions. Spiritualist Churches are filled with unique individuals who are willing to take responsibility for their own happiness. Spring/Summer is a time for new beginnings. If you live your life like a mockingbird, I implore you to stop now. Go within and have a long talk with your Higher Consciousness. Time is of the essence; your happiness is pending. •

Virginia Spiritualists Celebrate Modern Spiritualism's 160th Anniversary with Victorian Séance

THE REV. JOHN E. OTEY, NST, Virginia

The Center for Spiritual Enlightenment, NSAC located in the Washington, DC suburb of Falls Church, VA played host on March 30, 2008 to a gala celebration in honor of the 160th anniversary of the founding of Modern Spiritualism. The occasion also marked the 20th anniversary of the founding of The Center for Spiritual Enlightenment by The Reverend B. Anne, Gehman on April 8, 1988. The Saturday evening event held on the eve of Spiritualism's founding featured a Victorian seance conducted by seven National Spiritualist Association of Churches (NSAC) certified mediums attended by church members and guests, many in period dress as well. Prior to the seance those in attendance listened to uniquely-American music provided by a period musical group, and heard presentations on the birth of modern Spiritualism and on the history of the Victorian séance.

The Reverend John E. Otey performed his duties as the master of ceremonies by welcoming all on behalf of the Center for Spiritual Enlightenment's pastor The Reverend B. Anne Gehman, the church board of directors, and the general membership. The musical trio AmeriMusic provided the evening's musical entertainment and sang several American classics. Mr. Douglas Jimerson, a classically trained opera singer, pianist, and musicologist, noted that America's rich musical heritage, particularly that of America's first 100 years, had not been given adequate attention by classical musicians which led to the group's founding in 1996.



AmeriMusic performing "Whispering Hope."
Photo courtesy of Mr. Larry Leonard.

The Reverend John E. Otey delivered his presentation addressing the birth of Modern Spiritualism. He noted that to understand just how pivotal were the events of March 31, 1848, that it is important to provide some historical perspective. He stated that there were only 26 stars on the American flag and that America had recently triumphed in its war against Mexico which resulted in the acquisition of a large amount of territory which later became the American southwest. The presidential election later that year would pit a Whig war hero against a Democrat candidate advocating change and the end of the eight years of Whig rule, which is eerily similar to the current 2008 U.S. presidential contest. John Otey remarked that Christianity began with the crucifixion and resurrection of its prophet, Islam with the ascension of its prophet to heaven astride a winged horse, and Buddhism started with an aesthetic finding enlightenment while he sat beneath a Banyan tree. Yet Spiritualism began quite literally because of two young sisters, Margaretta (aged 15) and Kate (aged 11).

The Fox family lived in an humble cottage in the hamlet of Hydesville, New York and had experienced paranormal events that had caused the prior two families to flee the cottage in terror. The rapping and other occurrences were particularly intense on the evening of 31 March when Kate Fox said to the source of the rapping, "Mr. Splitfoot, do as I do" and she clapped her hands together twice. Two loud raps, which shook the house, answered in reply. Margaretta, Kate, and Mrs. Fox hastily developed a crude spiritual telegraph that provided a way for the source to spell out individual letters. It was in this manner that the source identified itself as the spirit of Charles B. Rosna, a peddler murdered in that very cottage and who's earthly remains were said to be buried in the cellar. The Fox's led an excavation of the cellar and found bits of bone and lime, but the discovery of the intact skeleton eluded all searchers until it was discovered in 1904 buried in the cellar wall. John Otey stated that the first public exhibition of mediumship was conducted the following year at Corinthian Hall, Rochester, New York. The Fox sisters traveled throughout North America and Europe as Spiritualism quickly spread from western New York State. He noted that as many as two million people claimed to be Spiritualists at the end of the 19th century. The first Spiritualist church in the United Kingdom was founded in 1853, a mere five years after the events in Hydesville.

Ms. Ellen Ratner, the keynote speaker of the evening, spoke on the history of the Victorian seance. Ms. Ratner is the Bureau Chief of Talk Radio News Service in Washington, D.C and New York City. She is also a liberal analyst on the Fox News Channel, the sister network of Sky News in Great Britain. Ms. Ratner recently returned from a trip with five other talk radio hosts to southern Sudan and to the Darfur region where they helped deliver aid to recently freed slaves. She discussed several Spiritualist pioneers and the growth of modern Spiritualism. Ms. Ratner noted that physical phenomena was subjected to scientific scrutiny and that various groups, including the New York Circle and the London Dialectical Society were formed to better investigate

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the Spiritualist phenomena. She also noted that President Abraham Lincoln would hold séances in the White House conducted by Mrs. Nettie Colburn Maynard, Mr. J. B. Conklin, and other mediums of the day.

Reverend Otey, following the conclusion of Ms. Ratner's remarks, introduced the seven mediums that would participate in the seance.

The Reverend B. Anne Gehman is the founder and pastor of The Center for Spiritual Enlightenment, NSAC and is recognized worldwide as a psychometrist, clairvoyant, and clairaudient. The Reverend Anne Gehman is an ordained minister, and holds a National Spiritualist Teacher (NST) degree, and is a national Certified Medium, a Commissioned Healer, and a NSAC appointed Missionary. She has participated in numerous Parapsychological research projects, including recent studies conducted with the mediums John Edward and George Anderson at the University of Arizona. Married to a former Jesuit priest who is a professor at Georgetown University, she has a deep interest in holistic health, painting, gardening, and her grandchildren.

The Reverend Patricia Stranahan, NST, a fifth generation Spiritualist, is the co-pastor of CSE and is an ordained NSAC minister, national Certified Medium, and a member of the Morris Pratt Institute (MPI). She has served on the national board of Spiritual Frontiers Fellowship International (SFFI), and the Academy of Religion and Psychical Research. She holds a doctorate in Naturopathy and is the owner of the Natural Healing Center in Vienna, VA.

The Reverend Leonard Justinian is an ordained NSAC minister, serves on the CSE ministerial council, and is a church member. He teaches psychic development and mediumship, and gives readings in his Fairfax, VA studio. He is also an accomplished watercolor artist and teaches classes in watercolor locally. His works hang in Canada, Japan, the United Kingdom, and throughout the United States.

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Ms. Gretchen Clark, a fifth generation Spiritualist, is a national Certified Medium, and is a registered medium at Lily Dale, NY, the worlds largest center for the religion of Spiritualism. Internationally known as a medium, lecturer, and workshop leader, Ms. Clark has most recently appeared on "Mediums: We See Dead People" shown on the Arts and Entertainment (A&E) television network. She has also appeared on the Discovery Channel and on NBC's "Strange Universe".

The Reverend Carol Brown, NST is a national Certified Medium, Director of the NSAC Outreach Department, and an appointed NSAC Missionary. Carol Brown is a member of The Memorial Spiritualist Church (MSC) in Norfolk, Virginia and traveled along with the final medium for the evening's event. She has served on the MSC board as President, Vice President, Auxiliary President, and trustee.

The Reverend Kathleen Cribb, also from The Memorial Spiritualist Church (MSC) in Norfolk, Virginia is an ordained NSAC minister and has been active in her church since 1992 and currently serves as one of the resident ministers, as the church Treasurer, and as the director of the Adult Lyceum. Kathleen Cribb is also the Director of the Department of Endowments for the NSAC.



Front row (l-r): The Rev. Kathleen Cribb, The Rev. Patricia Stranahan, The Rev. Anne Gehman, and The Rev. Carol Brown.
Back row (l-r): The Rev. Leonard Justinian, Ms. Gretchen Clark, and The Rev. John E. Otey.
Photo courtesy of Ms. Maria Gayetsky.

Each of the serving mediums were seated at a table surrounded by sitters and the actual seance was conducted during the ensuing hour. Each of the mediums demonstrated mental mediumship and sitters were in turn given messages from their loved ones from the spirit side of life. Refreshments were served and a drawing was held following the conclusion of the seance.

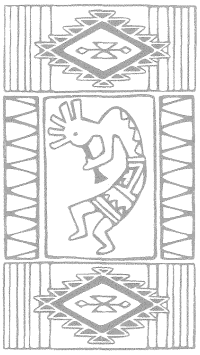


Mediums and several sitters in period dress.
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When asked by your correspondent to comment on the importance of the events of 31 March 1848 The Reverend Anne Gehman replied, "The impact of March 31 was that it expanded the consciousness of humankind to a deeper or more meaningful understanding of God and a sense of oneness with God and with one another rather than separation. The continuity of life became accepted as fact

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SPECTACLES OF SPIRIT – EXPLORING ARIZONA'S SPIRITUAL RETREATS



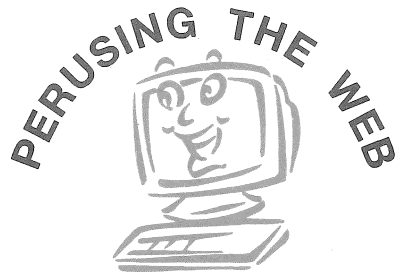
Many of you who are reading this issue will be attending the 2008 NSAC Annual Convention in Phoenix, Arizona this October. Some of you will be extending your stay to enjoy the magnificent weather, Native American sites, and the amazing scenery of Sedona, the Grand Canyon and other spectacles of nature in the Southwest. If you might be searching for a spiritual retreat center where you can relax and absorb Arizona's ambience, perhaps one of the following retreats might be of interest. Information is from their websites.

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When Spirit Speaks

THE REV. MARILYN J. AWTRY, NST, Florida



Are you listening? Did you get the message? So many people, including many Spiritualists, think the message must come from a medium in a private consultation, or in a church message service. This is erroneous thinking. While it is wonderful to receive a message in that manner, it is far better if you learn to allow the Spirit to walk your walk with you!

You may have all sorts of thoughts racing through your mind at the moment. Maybe you are wondering what is meant by that statement? Well, let's begin the journey. If we start with our Declaration of Principles, we find Principle Seven – "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." So, you say, "What does that have to do with it?" Clearly, it is your responsibility to live your life, to make choices, and to live with the effect of the cause you created. However, you don't have to go it alone! We all have made wrong choices. We all have suffered the consequences. But, we have an opportunity to live within the Natural Law. When we do, spirit guides and directs in miraculous ways.

The first point to be made is that the basic reason for communication with spirit is to prove the continuity of life. It no doubt has been proven to you many times. That is fantastic! Then we move to the next step, and that is to allow spirit to work in your life.

Why fret over a lost key? Why allow a concern of any kind to become a stress-maker for you? Every day, in every way, spirit is just waiting for the opportunity to be of service to you. Why not send the message into the ethers and let the answer come to you. We all have spirit loved ones and we all have spirits that have been drawn into our vibration to assist us along the way.

You ask, "Well, how can I get this assistance?" It is simple, but it requires dedication. All of us should make time each day to sit with Spirit. Simply setting a time that is convenient for us to go into the silence. Joel Goldsmith thought that so important, he wrote a complete book on the subject. It is not necessary for us to meditate and try to 'get a spirit message.' It is necessary that our vibrations come into an at-one-ment with the vibrations of the spirit spheres. If we will take the time to attune to those vibrations regularly, we then walk the path of at-one-ment with Spirit. Once we reach this attunement, the answers come whenever we need them; sometimes they come before we recognize the problem.

It has been said, "Silence is the fundamental care of the soul." When you sit in the silence, you allow your mind to be free. There is no need for thought. Just be! Of course it takes practice to be still. We are used to living in a world of constant action. We are used to living in a world of noise. Even when we are alone, the mental chatter continues running through our mind. However, if we are persistent and consistent with practicing sitting in the silence, in time we will feel the comfort and relaxation it offers. After practicing being in the silence, you soon will be able to hear the still small voice within. Listen!

These moments of peace will establish the oneness with Spirit. Once you have reached this point, you can put your thought out to those in spirit verbally and mentally. You have built a bridge between two worlds. If you will take time to allow this to happen, you will find as you walk your pathway of life, no matter what the need, spirit will be there. You will be given answers; you will be guided along the path of life. And, you will be ready to hear "when Spirit Speaks."

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Additional retreat centers are listed below. Personally I have stayed at the **Holy Trinity Monastery** south of Benson, AZ in St. David, and I found that it was most hospitable for a Spiritualist. At only $35 per night for a motel room, they also offer a cafeteria, a lovely silent chapel environment for meditation, and hundreds of acres of desert land for walking meditations and exercise coupled with ponds, pecan trees and a small gift shop.

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Spiritual Energy Centers – Chakras

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A Chakra is a wheel that is a highly specialized center. The Chakra receives, assimilates and transmits life energies located at an intersection that connects our body, mind and spirit. Each Chakra, each body organ, transmits in a specific range of frequency or vibration. The Chakras are located along the spine. Two originate in the head and five in the spinal column. Each Chakra is associated with a particular aspect of human awareness or level of consciousness and each has important experiences that will promote some aspect of our spiritual unfolding.

To have a successful incarnation we need to understand our thoughts and emotions because a lack of understanding will make it more difficult to deal with the challenges of life.

You are an energy being. Your Chakras are energy transformers; they flow up/down and in/out. Your aura is an energy reservoir and is an extension of your personal energy field. (The work together.)

Chakra energy has been called Prana, Ki, Chi, Kundalini. This energy works along the nervous system. When ALL chakras are in balance a person experiences "unconditional joy."

The basic emotional problems we relate to are anger, pain and fear. These are not negative or bad, per see, but only when their flow is blocked. Fear being the worst, is a result of doubt.

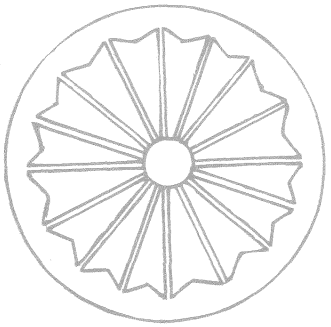
Example of Chakra energy at work:

- The hormones of a pregnant woman can determine a child's emotional system. eg. will they be right-brained or left-brained, intuitive or rational?
- Do you suffer from headaches? This could indicate blockages at the 5th chakra (neck and throat.)
- Do you desire a meaningful love? A person can love; they can have a great sex life; however they may feel no sense of belonging. They may find it difficult to make commitments and difficulty in sustaining relationships. In order to have a deeply loving and emotional connection to someone, the heart and solar plexus chakras must be in harmony.

In the memory cells the Spiritual Centers / Chakras are the resting place of:

KARMA	WEAKNESSES
TALENTS	STRENGTHS
ABILITIES	

Chakra Exercise:



You may do this (or any other exercise you desire) with each Chakra. You can work with them one by one individually, or you may do all seven at one meditation blending them into perfect balance. Relax and get in touch with the energy of the Chakra by rhythmic breathing, then concentrating upon your body with special attention to the Chakra you are working on. View this Chakra as a ball of fiery energy using the appropriate color for that Chakra. After a period of time breathe normally and release the ball of energy. To end the exercise become consciously aware of where you are; relax and open your eyes. Do daily or as often as you find necessary.

Note: The chakra colors are from 1 to 7: red, orange, yellow, green, clear blue, indigo, purple (base to crown).

The Aura is an important field around your body. It has been called by many names – Thought Force, Sphere of Influence, Auric Emanation, Magnetic Aura, and Human Atmosphere by scientists. Paracelsus described it as Personal Astral Light.

These energy fields have been photographed by Kirlian photography. Spiritualist Pioneers Seymon and Valentina Kirlian said this field is a..."subtle magnetic flowing stream generated by etheric and other forces."

Watch carefully what you think and feel because the aura is strongly influenced by your thoughts and desires. The size of the aura is intensified by your thoughts and the health of your body as well.

It is important, especially for Spiritualists, to know how, when and where to open and close the door of the aura, as well as the Chakras, because there are people who could drain your energy.

In the ***Spiritualist's Progressive Lyceum Lessons by Audra Cutlip*** we read: "Pale, shining yellow around the head of anyone signifies that the mind is pure of thought. Pale blue shows devotion; pink shows goodness; deep red depicts a passionate nature, one who gives way easily to emotions; gray shows a depressed or anxious state of mind; light green shows growth of character and improvement; medium green shows growth of character and spirituality; dark green shows physical and mental illness."

"We can change our aura by changing our way of life and

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our thoughts. People who live earthly, negative lives show this in their aura. But a change in actions and thought will bring a change in the aura. The colors will be more refined, more on the pastel side rather than deep and murky."

Spiritualists who are dedicated to their development and unfoldment should do a "sitting" or "meditation" daily. This will fine tune and balance their spiritual, mental and physical forces and put them in better control of this powerful energy. It will also attract, as my teacher, The Rev. Alfred A. Conner, NST, taught "the highest and best from the Spirit World."

COLOR has a tremendous effect upon our lives whether it is in our aura, our chakras, our home or the clothes we wear. Color is the response of vision to wave lengths of light. When you have an understanding of the meaning of color you are able to read the character of a person's mental and emotional states. You can also sense color. The world of nature has been referred to as "a symphony of color at various emanations."

There are many different explanations on what the layers of colors mean. The best way to learn to interpret them is to study them and then weigh them against your experiences.

Different colors mean different things to different people – notice what someone is doing at the moment, are they ill, injured, upset, or mad? Keep a record and compare your findings with the definitions of others.

For example "red," if you saw red radiating from someone near the hip area, a person might think that "red" means anger, so this person is an angry individual. However, this could also mean that the person has some inflammation, pain or injury in that area of the body, or even something else if they are not aware of the importance of *different layers* of color.

So look at what different shades or layers of color can mean. Muddier shades or hazy shades as opposed to bright or soft shades. (See Aura in Spirit Communication by The Rev. Louis Potter, *The National Spiritualist Summit* March 1994.)

Color therapy can balance and enhance our body's energy centers/Chakras and can help stimulate our body's own healing process. Color can re-balance the Chakras that have become depleted of energy. If our energy centers become blocked or depleted our body does not function properly. This can be on a physical level, but it can also be on a deep psychological or spiritual level as well. Look at the Chakras as a whole because none of these areas function entirely alone.

Do not take other people's interpretation unto yourself. I would suggest to the serious student to keep a journal. Study the energies of the Chakra and aura yourself and decide how to interpret them. You may be fascinated by what you learn because interpretation is not etched in stone. No one person has the only answer.

SNIPPETS OF WISDOM

SPIRIT THOUGHT FROM ANDREW JACKSON DAVIS

Channeled by
MARY SIGURDSSON, t. 2006



S – Self Sacrifice

P – Pleasure of Helping Others

I – Having High Ideals

R – Rising Above Animosity

I – Try to Enhance and Intensify Your Knowledge of Subject

T – Take On and Meet Every Obstacle with Conviction and Courage

U – To Be Understanding

A – All Around Goodness

L – Be Limitless in Your Teachings

I – Inspire All Those Around You

S – Be a Good Samaritan to All

M – Be Morally Minded

A training of the mind is a way to clear all clutter, debris that is not wanted or needed to exist. It is a broom that is sweeping away the cobwebs of time. •

The energy of life moves through your body and your consciousness, attracting you to people and situations (via the Law of Attraction) that will eventually bring out the best in you. Appreciate what these opportunities bring. Live each moment to the best of your ability.

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Positive Statements To Help Create a Positive Day.

Affirmations . . . JULY 2008

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
This month's affirmations were written by Nancy Ashworth of Missouri.		**1** Aggravations can lead to inspirations!	**2** Freedom is a gift from God.	**3** Freedom is the basis for *knowing*.	**4** Freedom is *not free!*	**5** You are indispensible to Spirit.
6 Allow happiness to flow like a waterfall.	**7** A spiritual bath cleans the mind and soul.	**8** Home is a house with a heart.	**9** Life is a composition of experiences & feelings.	**10** Be happy-hearted and find JOY!	**11** With imagination, nothing is impossible.	**12** Slow down and hear God's voice, "Patience."
13 Compose your heart as a symphony for God.	**14** I should come at the end of the alphabet.	**15** Relax your mind and your body will follow.	**16** "Happy" is healing done in God's name.	**17** Mind over matter = Let it matter!	**18** Giving PEACE = Getting PEACE.	**19** Hope for today, plan for tomorrow, pray for the future.
20 Sponsor a child for life with Love.	**21** Let your cup of blessings overflow.	**22** Welcome to God's house; walk through the door of eternity.	**23** Gifts of the Spirit are everywhere.	**24** Widen the pathways of your heart.	**25** From me to Thee to eternity.	**26** Reflect the sunshine of life to others.
27 Is your heart in the heart of the matter?	**28** Make allowances for mistakes.	**29** God's Love fulfills the promises.	**30** Turn your face upward – toward God's Light.	**31** Lost opportunities can be expensive.		



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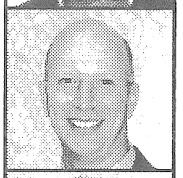



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Pres., Rev. John Kampf, 4322 N. 500 E., Rolling Prarie, IN 46371; (219) 778-8332; kampf4322@comcast.net. Secy., Joy Marsh, 7122 National Blvd., Michigan City, IN (219) 879-0292. Treas., Lynne Haman, P.O. Box 154, Harbert, MI 49115-0154; (269) 469-0791; lynhaman@comcast.net.

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.

INDIANAPOLIS - New Dawn Spirit of Light Church, Inc., NSAC • 3637 W. 10th St., 46222; Sun. Serv: Healing 11:00 a.m., Worship and Message

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

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

• IOWA •

CLINTON - 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 & Thur. @ 7:30 PM. Message Circles @ 7:30 PM Wed & Sat. Workshop Sat. morning, Seance Tues. @ 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 contact Sec. Tamara Jetton, 21 Old Windsor Rd., South China, ME 04358 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.

RENO - Spiritualist High Desert Church • Meeting place: Larry D. Johnson Community Center, 1200 12th St., Sparks, 89431. Sunday 11:00 a.m. Healing, Meditation and Message Service. Pres., Dena Collins, (775) 323-1114, e-mail: denacinlv@yahoo.com; website: www.spiritualisthighdesertchurchreno.com; Mailing address: Secy. Rev. Lisa Butler, 3415 Socrates Dr., Reno, NV 89512.

• 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 •

CHARLES TOWN - Church of Joyous Living, NSAC • 128 Burnlea Rd., 25414; Services Sun. 12:30 p.m.; Tues. Circle at Noon. Office (304) 725-3763, Area Cell (240) 447-8912. Pastor, Rev. Alexis Sharon Rolnick; e-mail: asrolnick@zol.com; website: www.churchofjoyousliving.com.

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: spirit time@webtv.net; Pres., Sue-Beth Warren (304) 242-6032; e-mail: suebeth warren@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.

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.

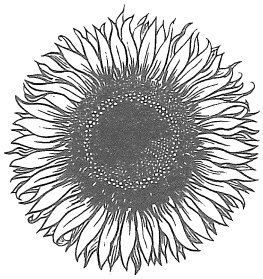
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I ask the great Unseen Healing Force to remove all obstructions from my mind and body and to restore me to perfect health.
I ask this in all sincerity and honesty and I will do my part.
I ask this great Unseen Healing Force to help both present and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

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

REV. KATHLEEN L. ROTTINO, NST

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

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Thank you and Healing Blessings,
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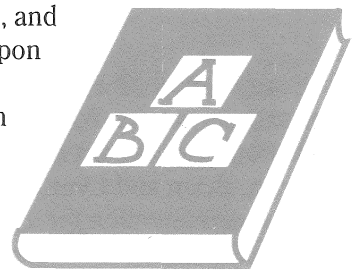
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A is for Awareness of loved ones and guides from beyond the veil.
B is for Balance of our body, mind and spirit that allows us to discover the real self.
C is for Continuity of our spirit that will live beyond the physical death.
D is for Doorkeeper guides who are dedicated to us always.
E is for Etheric Body that is the subtle level of our physical body.
F is for Free Will to choose our course of action from among various alternatives.
G is for Guides who watch, teach, heal, and help us on our physical journey into spiritual awareness.
H is for Healing that comes from Spirit through the Healer to those in need.
I is for Infinite Intelligence – that divine Spirit that is endless and unlimited.
J is for Journey to spiritual enlightenment through an inner search to know yourself.
K is for Key to Knowledge that is the learning and teaching of all truths.
L is for Light that shines from within, leading us from darkness/ignorance to lightness/knowledge.
M is for Mediumship that gives validation to continuity of those who have passed to the spirit world.
N is for Natural Laws that are consistent/unchangeable and affect our physical, mental and spiritual being.
O is for Object of Spiritualism that is to teach and proclaim the Science, Philosophy and Religion of Modern Spiritualism.
P is for Philosophy of Spiritualism that studies the Laws of Nature, both the seen and unseen, and bases its conclusions upon present observed facts.



Q is for Quantum leap in your spiritual growth when you know the truths that Spiritualism teaches.
R is for Religion of Spiritualism that strives to understand and to comply with the Physical, Mental and Spiritual Laws of Nature, which are the laws of God.
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T is for the Tapestry we weave as we focus on our spiritual growth.
U is for Unfoldment of balance into the Light of Truth.
V is for Vibrations raised as we do energy work with our guides.
W is for World of Spirit where our loved ones wait for our return.
X is for Xample Spiritualists send out to the world – to seek the Truth.
Y is for Yin and Yang, dependent opposites that must always seek to be in balance.
Z is for Zest of life that awakens our zest for a spiritual life.

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VIRGINIA SPIRITUALISTS CELEBRATE...

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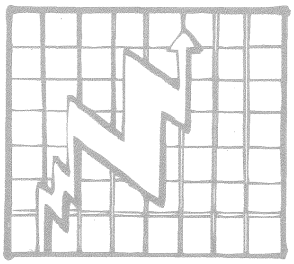
regardless of one's religious upbringing...not just something we are taught and expected to believe in by faith. Spiritualism has brought so much to the world through the higher teachings of those greatly evolved in the spiritual realm, such as women's suffrage, child labor laws, mental health reform, and jail reform. The events at Hydesville not only taught us that death is an illusion and there can be reciprocal communication between this and the unseen world, but also that we can learn from them to elevate our way of life, individually and collectively. The teachings from the Spirit world also freed humankind from the obsolete creeds perpetuated at that time." •

The Reverend John E. Otey NST is a member of The Center for Spiritual Enlightenment, NSAC in Falls Church, VA.

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THE REVS. BRIAN AND LYNN KENT



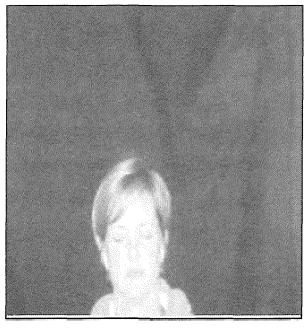
Every other Friday evening at Kent Spiritual Center in Warren, RI, there is a meditation evening. On one particular Friday in March, Brian and Lynn Kent decided to do some experimentation for a class on orbs that they were working on. After the meditation, orb photos were taken of the attendees. Here is the short story of what happened that night to a woman attending for the first time.

Patricia M. was a first time attendee at Kent Spiritual Center. She attended with a friend whom Lynn had given a reading to a short time ago. After the meditation, Patricia felt that she had some kind of release of physical pain. Here is her explanation.

I had attended the meditation that evening, hoping for some release from a stressful week. I have a physical problem with pain in my neck that is never gone; I just got used to it being there. I live with it. When I began meditating the aching in my neck, lower back and knee began feeling warmth that I cannot explain. Within a short time the pain was relieved. My eyes were closed, and I was smiling with a feeling great peace—then intense emotion. I started crying from my right eye and then from my left without thinking sad thoughts. During the photo session I called out to the spirits and felt heat in the back of my neck and warmth in my eyes. I will never forget this evening. PM



Several bright little ones



Large orb on the right

Below are several photos taken of others participating in the meditation that evening. Some have been working with spirit for quite some time.



Deb has been a visitor to the Center for a while and communicates with her brother and grandmother.

For anyone interested in Orb Phenomenon, this Department has reviewed a new book called *"The Orb Project"* by Micela Ledwith and Klaus Heinemann, and sold at the NSAC Bookstore. It was very in depth and interesting with a look at both the scientific and spiritual sides. We highly recommend it. For those interested in a class, this Department has organized an "Orb" workshop. It contains information on the orbs themselves, equipment we have used, our own experiences, as well as orb photographs taken of class attendees. This class can be combined with EVP or Table Tipping for a Phenomenal Evidence workshop or any of the other classes we offer at Spiritualist Churches.



Brian with guide overhead and a smaller one to his left.

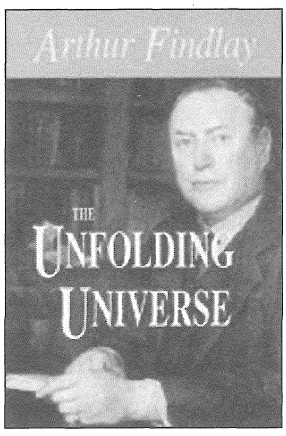
With many thanks and have a GREAT Summer! •

Inspire others to inspire others. – *Nancy Ashworth*

READING MATTERS

THE UNFOLDING UNIVERSE

ARTHUR FINDLAY



The publisher writes:

"This book completes the author's acclaimed trilogy on the subject of Spiritualism, the two previous books being *On The Edge Of The Etheric and The Rock Of Truth*.

This volume is devoted to an examination of the evolution of humanity's religious and philosophic convictions, starting from the time of primitive man.

After a study of man as a psychic being, the author gives his opinions as to the nature of the etheric world – in which we live after death – considering the laws and conditions of life there as he has been made to understand them from those who communicated with him from the Other Side.

Here he shows the naturalness of it all and how life continues to function after death in a world somewhat similar to the one it has experienced on earth.

He also envisages the future, considering the effect the knowledge of survival and communication will have on the religious, politicial, and social outlook of future generations."

The Unfolding Universe is published by the Spiritualist National Union. •

What happened in JULY throughout the years?

JULY 3

Horace Greeley arranged for **the Fox Sisters Demonstration** at the Barnum Hotel in New York City.

JULY 4

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to the **United States of America!** Let us honor our ancestors' struggles to found a country based on *Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness* where we celebrate religious freedom.

JULY 7

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle transitioned in 1930 surrounded by his family. His last words before departing for "the greatest and most glorious adventure of all," were addressed to his wife. He whispered, "You are wonderful."

JULY 9



HAPPY BIRTHDAY to our beloved and organized NSAC Secretary, **The Rev. Sharon Snowman.**

JULY 12

The Rev. Florence Becker transitioned to the Spirit World in 1970. She founded the Golden Gate Spiritualist Church in 1924. As a renowned medium and teacher, she was the first to synthesize ancient yoga teachings with Modern Spiritualism.

JULY 30

On-I-Set Wigwam was dedicated in 1893. This facility was erected to honor the memory of the Redmen.

Being an Open Vessel

Light flowing through the body
Light anchoring into Mother Earth
Light expanding the soul

Our fingers and hands are doing Infinite Intelligence's work
While our toes and feet are walking the Path of Light.

– Laura Lee Perkins

MEDIA WATCH

BY THE REVS. TOM AND LISA BUTLER, NST

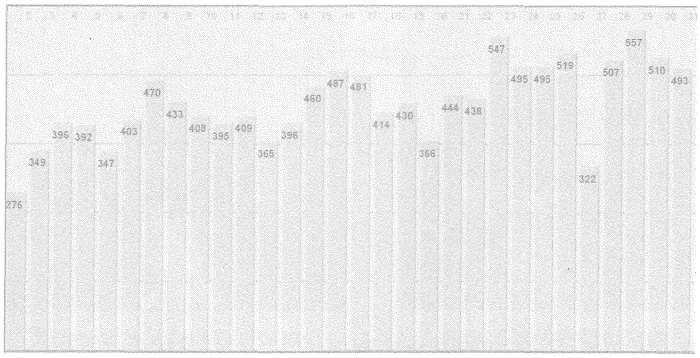
Academic Institutions are not Interested in PSI Phenomena • There are 17,500 institutions of higher learning but only 50 individuals in the academic community are interested in psi phenomena. This figure includes the skeptics as well as the proponents. This means that academic interest in psi phenomena is a mere three-tenths of a percent. Over ninety-nine percent of the institutions of higher learning do not even have anyone designated to address the subject.

From: "Science and the taboo of psi," with Dean Radin, www.youtube.com/watch?v=qw_O9Qiwqew

Wikipedia Dominates Spiritualism • We have previously talked about how important the online encyclopedia, Wikipedia, has become for Spiritualism. A good way to see this is to conduct a search for "Spiritualism" with an online service such as Google.com. You will find that of 1,880,000 results, http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spiritualism is number one and http://nsac.org is number two. In January, 2008, 13,004 people visited Spiritualism in Wikipedia (See picture). 433 people visited the new NSAC article in Wikipedia during March, 2008 and that was with two lost data days.

A Google.com search for "National Spiritualist Association of Churches" shows that of 4,350 results, NSAC.org is still number one but the Wiki article for the NSAC is number two. The article is only a few months old so it will soon be number one.

Spiritualism has been viewed 13004 times in Jan., 2008.

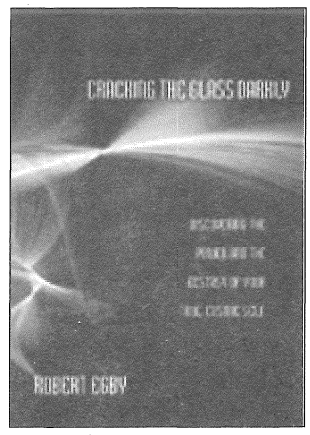


Wikipedia articles are written by anyone who happens along and wants to do the work. For the most part, the articles are pretty useful and reasonably correct. However, when Jack or Jill "google Spiritualism" to learn what it is, they are going to learn from Wikipedia editors first. Some of the editors only know about Spiritualism from late 1800 books and some think it is another one of those New Age "airy-fairy" subjects.

Wikipedia is not going to go away, so the best thing to do is to help it be as correct as we can, and that is by Spiritualists becoming knowledgeable editors and visiting Wikipedia to correct any errors. See http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spiritualism

Hospice Workers Say that they get More Than They Give • An article in *The Mountain Mail,* in which Hospice workers were interviewed, showed just how rewarding they feel their work is. Several said that they felt it more fulfilling than church. Betsy Miller said, "Some people say, 'Oh...I could never do that.' I can understand that because it's sad sometimes. It sounds bizarre, but working in hospice is kind of rejuvenating because of the power of the connection (between you and the client)." Laura Hendrie says, "The more we give to patients, the more we realize how much they've given us. The more we learn how to comfort someone who is dying, the deeper they seem to know exactly how to comfort us...Our patients teach us how to listen instead of know, how to learn instead of teach, how to give love without being anyone special and most important, how to accept love without being afraid of loss."

From: *The Mountain Mail,* "Hospice volunteers get more than they give," by Jennifer Denevan



Robert Egby's Book, *Cracking the Glass Darkly: Discovering the Power and the Ecstasy of Your True Cosmic Self,* is now available through Amazon. "The Glass Darkly" is a 2,000 year-old phrase summarizing the suffering of humanity. The book shows you how to overcome this suffering. It covers four major steps found on the path to Cosmic Consciousness: (1) Dissolving the Glass Darkly, that's the negative ego that plagues

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humanity; (2) Freeing yourself from the past and the future and living ecstatically in the Here and Now; (3) Loving yourself unconditionally and enjoying great physical, mental and spiritual health; and, (4) opening yourself to True Self-awareness where you can understand the Cosmos, Infinite Intelligence, work with Universal Laws and enjoy life with all its challenges and rewards.

Sarah Estep says Hello from the Other Side • Many EVP Researchers have gotten EVP messages when they asked for USA EVP pioneer, Sarah Estep, who crossed to the other side in early January, but Brazilian Researcher Sonia Rinaldi has received EVP messages in which we immediately recognized Sarah's voice. Sarah's children also confirm that it is their mother's voice. You can hear these EVP samples at the American Association of Electronic Voice Phenomena website www.aaevp.com. Sarah founded the Association in 1982 and we took over as directors in the year, 2000.

Russian EVP • A Russian news story claimed that a scientist received an Electronic Voice Phenomena message two days after two planes crashed in Russia. While the Federal Security Service was still clearing the accident and trying to figure out what happened, the scientist received an EVP that said, "That was a terrorist." The story went on to say that the EVP was a sensation and was replayed on Saint Petersburg Radio. The information was officially confirmed several days later.
From: http://newsfromrussia.com/science/mysteries/19-02-2008/104119-nether_world-0

Exorcist Priest • The Catholic News Agency reported that a priest who carried out an exorcism during a Healing Mass in Mexico, in January, has warned against the trend of seeking secret knowledge and the consulting of healers and fortune tellers, saying such practices "Open the door to Satanism..... People begin to see the occult and fortune telling as something natural and legitimate and they watch TV programs on astrology, parapsychology and psychics. They get carried away by their ignorance and can fall prey to occult practices. We must warn the faithful that these practices open the door to the devil."
From: http://catholicnewsagency.com/new.php?n=11501, "Exorcist priest warns against 'hidden Knowledge' trend in Mexico."

Seven New Deadly Sins • The Vatican has updated their list of mortal sins by adding seven new ones. The new sins are: 1. "Bioethical" violations such as birth control, 2. "Morally dubious" experiments such as stem cell research, 3. Drug abuse, 4. Polluting the environment, 5. Contributing to widening divide between rich and poor, 6. Excessive wealth, and 7. Creating poverty. Unlike their originals, no punishment was listed. In the 6th Century, Pope Gregory the Great declared the original seven sins, they were a lot simpler and their punishments were also given. They are: 1. Pride—broken on the wheel, 2. Envy—put in freezing water, 3. Gluttony—forced to eat rats, toads and snakes, 4. Lust—smothered in fire and brimstone, 5. Anger—dismembered alive, 6. Greed—put in cauldrons of boiling oil, and 7. Sloth—thrown in snake pits.
From: Seven New Deadly Sins, www.thedaily.com.au/news/2008/mar/11/seven-new-deadly-sins-declared-by-the-vatican/ •

FROM THE HEART

Bonnie Wheeler, Maine

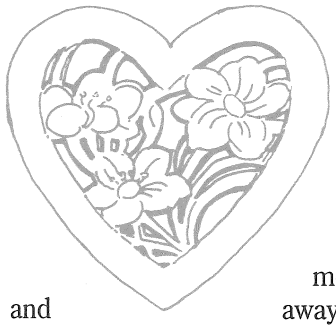
It's been said, You only take away from this world what you give away –

Like love, toil, wisdom, a gentle touch, kind acts, sweet memories.

Toil endures in books or poetry you write, trees and flowers you plant, quilts you have sewn, recipes you have shared.

Wisdom survives in advice and examples you've set.

Touch continues in hugs and kisses and hands you've held.



Kindness displayed will be remembered when your name has been forgotten.

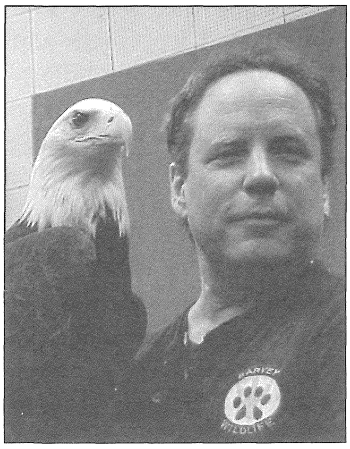
Memories are handed down through generations.

Love is never forgotten or misplaced. Most important is what you leave your children and hope you gave them all of the above – and hope their memories are sweet, for what you gave away came from your heart.

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Freedom

JEFF GUIDRY



Freedom and Jeff Guidry

Freedom and I have been together 10 years this summer. She came in as a baby in 1998 with two broken wings. Her left wing doesn't open all the way even after surgery, it was broken in four places. She's my baby.

When Freedom came in she could not stand with both wings broken. She was emaciated and covered in lice. We made the decision to give her a chance at life, so I took her to the vet's office. From then on, I was always around her. We had her in a huge dog carrier with the top off, and it was loaded with shredded newspaper for her to lay in. I used to sit and talk to her, urging her to live, to fight; and she would lay there looking at me with those big brown eyes. We also had to tube feed her for weeks.

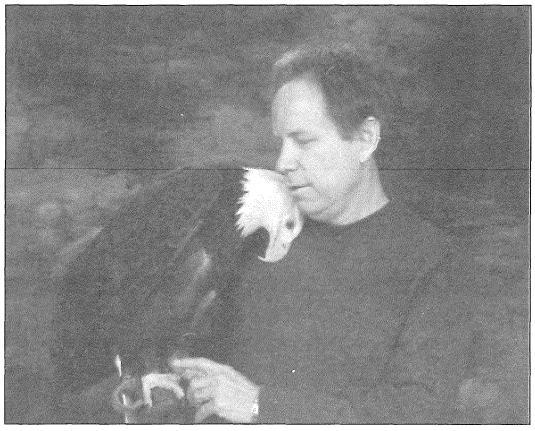
This went on for four-six weeks, and by then she still couldn't stand. It got to the point where the decision was made to euthanize her if she couldn't stand in a week. You know you don't want to cross that line between torture and rehab, and it looked like death was winning. She was going to be put down that Friday, and I was supposed to come in on that Thursday afternoon. I didn't want to go to the center that Thursday, because I couldn't bear the thought of her being euthanized; but I went anyway, and when I walked in everyone was grinning from ear to ear. I went immediately back to her dowel cage; and there she was, standing on her own, a big beautiful eagle. She was ready to live. I was just about in tears by then. That was a very good day.

We knew she could never fly, so the director asked me to glove train her. I got her used to the glove, and then to jesses (leg straps), and we started doing education programs for schools in western Washington. We wound up in the newspapers, on the radio (believe it or not) and doing some TV. Miracle Pets even did a show about us.

In the spring of 2000, I was diagnosed with non-hodgkins lymphoma. I had stage 3, which is not good (one major organ plus everywhere), so I wound up doing eight months of chemo. Lost the hair—the whole bit. I missed a lot of work. When I felt good enough, I would go to Sarvey and take Freedom out for walks. Freedom would also come to me in my dreams and help me fight the cancer. This happened time and time again.

Fast forward to November 2000, the day after Thanksgiving, I went in for my last checkup. I was told that if the cancer was not all gone after 8 rounds of chemo, then my last option was a stem cell transplant. Anyway, they did the tests; and I had to come back Monday for the results. I went in Monday, and I was told that all the cancer was gone. Yahoo!

So the first thing I did was get up to Sarvey Wildlife Center and take the big girl out for a walk. It was misty and cold. I went to her flight and jessed her up, and we went out front to the top of the hill. I hadn't said a word to Freedom, but somehow she knew. She looked at me and wrapped both her wings around me to where I could feel them pressing in on my back (I was engulfed in eagle wings), and she touched my nose with her beak and stared into my eyes, and we just stood there like that for I don't know how long. That was a magic moment. We have been soul mates ever since she came in. This is a very special bird.



Freedom and Jeff Guidry

On a side note: I have had people who were sick come up to us when we are out, and Freedom has some kind of hold on them. I once had a guy who was terminal come up to us and I let him hold her. His knees just about buckled and he swore he could feel her power coarse through his body. I have so many stories like that.

I never forget the honor I have of being so close to such a magnificent spirit as Freedom's.

Hope you enjoy this. - Jeff

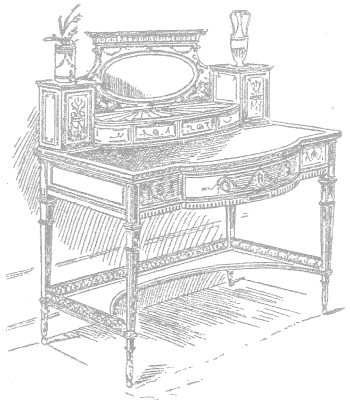
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Jeff Guidry and Freedom are at Sarvey Wildlife Center.

Some of my best insights have come to me through what I can only call a mystical process. It's like having God whisper in your ear. – *Cadance Pert*

Our Principles Work!

The Rev. Lelia E. Cutler, NST, Virginia
NSAC President



Personal?

It grabs you when you first read it. Our Seventh Principle is one of the major reasons that many of us found Spiritualism and practice it today. "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." Probably the most important word in the principle is the word "we." Why do we hear so many people trying to blame their situation in life on other people? This Principle implies that we know the Natural Laws that govern life, and that we know how to use them to make our lives happy and/or successful.

Too often we hear, "The devil made me do it!" Since we do not believe in the "devil," that is not an excuse that can be used by a Spiritualist. Joseph P. Whitwell, our third president, stated in his explanation of the principles that "Individuals are responsible for the welfare of the world in which they live. If people are to obtain heaven upon earth, they must learn to make that heaven for themselves and for others. Individuals are responsible for their own spiritual growth and welfare..." That *devil* which is blamed so often, is simply errors and wrongdoing, which must be outgrown and overcome. It is much too convenient to have an escape clause for any wrongs we create or practice. Whitwell also stated that "Virtue and love of good must take their place (of wrongs or negatives). Spiritual growth and advancement must be attained by aspiration and personal striving. Individuals must bear their own burdens in overcoming wrong doings and replace them with right actions."

When we realize we are personally responsible for our lives, our growth, and our choices in life, we then begin to grow in loving ourselves as well as others. I would love to hand out "straight pins" to those who are complaining about their childhood, their friends' attitudes, and what others are doing to them. Usually a "pin prick" in the personal ego would take care of their problems. Stop looking at what you cannot control, and focus on what you can control—the personal ego and growth.

Start practicing the "Golden Rule"

Now that we recognize the personal responsibility of living in this world today, start practicing our Sixth Principle, and only do unto others, what you have them do unto you. It is not by accident that this rule appears in almost every religion existing in the world today. I have recently read several articles and participated in several classes and discussions which included the "blame theory." "I did not get what I wanted, so therefore someone has created a wrong in my life."

If you are not achieving your goals, whether it is changing churches, receiving certification, or just moving up in your career, do not point the finger at others, look at the fingers pointed in your own direction. Learn what laws are Affecting your situation and figure out how to apply them to your own happiness or unhappiness. Particularly look at the law of action and reaction—it applies in so many situations. We tend to react without knowing the facts or other stimuli.

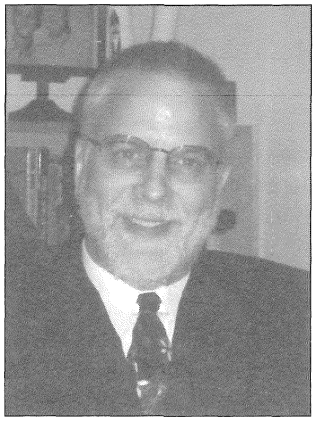
Watch the children. Their version of the Sixth Principle states, "Be kind, do good, and others will do likewise." You will note that we must be kind and do good in order to attract goodness or kindness to us. The children's version of the Seventh Principle is also clearly understood by all, "We bring unhappiness to ourselves by the errors we make, and we will be happy if we obey the laws of life." Sometimes we have to "prick" our ego to see the errors we make. There's that need for a straight pin again.

Study, learn, and absorb all the information you can about the laws of life, and be open. A closed mind does not allow growth. The most advanced teachers will tell you that they learn from every growth opportunity that comes their way, and from every class they teach. It is a continuous process. Whenever we feel we know all about our subjects in life, we are on the edge of the precipice, just ready to have the next object lesson presented. "Knowingness" is within, not without.

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No Humdrum Heaven, No Hellfire Says Afterlife Cartographer

MICHAEL E. TYMN, Hawaii



Steve Beckow

Steve Beckow, a resident of Vancouver, B.C., has a very unusual pastime. You might call him an afterlife cartographer. A sociologist, historian, and a former member of the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada, Beckow prefers to call himself a student of cross-cultural spirituality. His primary interest now is in making sense of the afterlife from revelations that have come to us through various forms of mediumship, including the mediumship of the Bible and other sacred texts. I recently had the opportunity to interview Beckow by e-mail. Here are my questions and his answers:

Steve, what prompted your interest in charting the heavens?

I followed what must have been a common path for my generation in the 1970s – through encounter groups, off to India, into spirituality. At one point I spent time in a British-spiritualist development circle and at another time I had an out-of-body experience. It was these two latter influences that made me resolve to write a book on the conditions of life after death.

Other spiritual experiences and the writing projects they inspired intervened. But a few years ago, I returned to the original promise I had made myself and, drawing on my sociological training, began to piece together a picture of life beyond physical death.

What did you find?

Well, first of all, working on the subject is a little like piecing together a gigantic jigsaw puzzle, all of whose pieces are in soft shades of blue. It is only by nuances that one can tell the pieces apart. For instance, the flora, buildings, and art of the Astral and Mental Planes are alike, dazzling and indescribable. How is one to distinguish between them from an earthly standpoint? Moreover, unlike earth, which is arranged geographically, the spirit planes are arranged hierarchically. As Julia Ames said, "there are degrees in heaven."

This has several impacts. First, examining the communicators themselves, I found that I was mostly reading accounts by the newly-arrived. They occupied planes nearest to earth and knew the least about what they were describing. Second, the conditions of life become increasingly hard to describe as one mounts higher in the spiritual realms. Third, communicators lose their desire to communicate with us on this side the further up they mount the ladder of the planes. All this biases communication in the direction of the least well-informed, speaking on the most familiar territory.

Have you succeeded in drawing a new map of heaven?

Like all early explorers, I and other afterlife investigators so far have only mapped out known "continents," mostly the Borderlands or the Higher Summerlands. Most spiritual communications, in earlier times, were primarily proving that we survive. Following them was a raft of spirit teachings. It is only rarely that a spirit communicator actually turns his or her attention to the conditions of life on the other side.

Moreover, of the planes above the Astral (that is, above the Winterlands and Summerlands) and perhaps the Mental we know little at all. Theosophical commentators give only a general paragraph to what they called the Buddhic and Nirvanic Planes and confide that they are forbidden to say anything at all about higher planes. All of this means that afterlife cartography is very much in its infancy.

What are the "Winterlands"?

The Winterlands are the bottom planes of the astral – the Stony Plane and the Dark Plane. These are the equivalent of what Christians call "Hell." The Stony Plane is described as resembling the American desert regions with much less heat and light. The Dark Plane is a quite miserable place to land in, cold, dark, and, in many respects, noxious. Some people spend hundreds of years wallowing in self-pity before climbing their way back out of it. Others work hard and make a mad dash to leave them behind.

Nonetheless, they are not the same "Hell" as pictured in orthodox religion. In the first place, they are not

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everlasting; spirits are given the opportunity to mend themselves and leave.

In the second, there is no hellfire in which souls are tormented. The worst torment that occurs arises from the individual's own mind. An example of that would be a murderer condemned mentally to endlessly relive his or her crimes, which is what I understand occurs.

Incidentally, one of the questions I had in the back of my mind that spurred this research was to discover what happened to the Nazis after death. Almost all of them ended up in the Dark Planes, but I learned something else that startled me. I have encountered several spirits who say that the worst among evil spirits – Philip Gilbert even named one Nazi (google "Irma Grese") – have been, shall we say, re-assimilated back into the cosmic Spirit. They no longer exist as individuals. That was one of the sobering revelations from this work. Until then I thought not one sheep would be lost, but apparently this is not the case.

If there is a Hell, is there a Purgatory?

Purgatory is a state rather than a place. There are several purgatories. The Borderlands are a "place of purging," where we undergo a "full-life review" immediately after death. You probably already know that some people may undergo this review during an out-of-body experience.

But there is a second place of purging, after one has become established in the "Mental Plane" or "Heaven" proper, which lies "above" the Astral Summerlands. Here one goes through a much more intensive review than the first, in concert with one's spirit teachers, which communicators call "the Judgment." After this second review, there follows a time of making amends for one's errors and then what is called the "Second Death," when the remaining earthly traces fall away and one emerges in the mental body. I have heard that there are other purgations, or purgatories, as well.

Does your research confirm the existence of "earthbound spirits"? If so, exactly what are they? Do they know that they are dead?

Yes, there are large numbers of earthbound spirits. They share in common an unfinished longing for continued experience of mortal life. Some may not know they are dead; some may know.

Some may be malevolent spirits, spurring embodied people on to excesses and crimes so that the earthbound spirit can enjoy the sensations if even in a limited and vicarious fashion. Some may be loving spirits, unable to bear the pain of separation from loved ones. Others may simply miss their old castle or their old flat.

Others can be mistaken for earthbound spirits, but are actually souls who remain near the earth for exalted purposes. The fascinating Nirmanakaya are one example. The Nirmanakaya are incredibly-developed souls, who have renounced the right to enter Nirvana and agreed to remain more or less stationary in the spirit plane showering it and the earth with love. Occasionally Theosophists would bump into one of these "stones in the guardian wall."

What is the highest plane from which we have communications?

Again, spirits do not often say what plane they are communicating from. One who does is John Heslop, who communicates from an exalted region called the Christ Sphere. This sphere is mentioned by others, but Heslop actually describes as many details of it as can be captured in our language. Unfortunately these details are fewer than I would like, but listening to Heslop we can, from his words, get a sense of the caliber of inhabitants of that exalted sphere.

Here I might add that two sources – John Heslop and Julia Ames – actually describe being taken up into heaven, Julia by an angel, meeting the Lord Jesus with a heavenly host behind him, and experiencing enlightenment at his hands. I mention this because some people – incarnate and discarnate – debunk Biblical descriptions like the "Rapture" these days, but I have found interesting examples bearing these descriptions out. They simply do not happen to most folks (and so are little known to, and sometimes denied by, the average spirit communicator). They happen to more highly-developed beings.

This raises the interesting question of the fallibility of spirits. Because most communicators are recently transitioned, they can be mistaken in their assessments of what does and does not happen on the other side. It was the newly-arrived Monsignor Robert Hugh Benson who said that there was no "rapture" and no "judgment." But in fact he was in error on both points.

The other source that is well worth studying is Stainton Moses' *Spirit Teachings*. His chief communicator, "Imperator," last incarnated as the prophet Malachi, who was one of those responsible for putting the Old Testament in the form it takes today. He is assisted by a band of 49 lofty souls and his teachings are fascinating. Unfortunately Imperator does not talk about his own plane specifically, but still gives much valuable information on spirit life in general.

I haven't read the Seth books again since long ago, but expect the same high-quality information from that source too.

How many planes are there? Can you name them all?

No, I cannot name them all. No classification scheme I have seen so far takes them all in – not those of the Theosophists or the Rosicrucians or anyone else. A comprehensive map would have to include the Buddhic

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and Nirvanic Planes, the two planes above them that the Theosophists refuse to discuss, and the realms of the Dharmarajas, Elohim, Lipika, and nine orders of angels. No cartographical scheme that I have seen shows where they all fit in or even names (or numbers) them in a consistent manner.

Most schemes of description go no farther than the Third Heaven or third subplane of the Mental Plane. There may very well be no words to describe them even if they were named or numbered.

Moreover, there are no maps that I am aware of that also include the life streams parallel to but independent of humans that exist alongside our planes, such as fairies, sylphs, etc. I have not concerned myself with these or, for that matter, with the spiritual planes that are associated with life forms on other planetary and star systems. (Yes, they exist too.)

Not only can I not name all the planes, but I am faced with a plethora of names which appear to point to the same region while lacking spirit confirmation that they actually do. Thus, the Borderlands are called the Near-Earth Plane, Kamaloka, Hades, Purgatory, the Vestibule, and the "Blue Island." That would be well and good if someone like Annie Besant did not come along and extend the word "Kamaloka" to the whole of the Astral Plane or someone else point out that there are many Purgatories, etc. There is frighteningly little agreement on matters of prime importance in surveying the Heavens.

Your website mentions that there is a convalescence period in the Borderland realm. Does the time spent there vary for different souls? Do earthbound spirits undergo convalescence? If so, why are they still earthbound?

Spirits may or may not convalesce after their deaths. It depends on a number of factors. First, it depends on the degree of their familiarity with life after death. Those familiar may pass quickly through the Borderlands and take up their residence on the higher Astral Planes – Robert Hugh Benson, for instance. Some will move quickly through the Astral Planes before taking their residence on the Mental Planes – W.T. Stead, for example.

It also depends on the nature of their death conditions. Those who have suffered a long illness or a sudden and violent death will generally need more time to convalesce than those who died, say, peacefully in their sleep. Some people may need only a day's sleep and they are ready to function. Benson is an example of this too.

In Grace Rosher's *The Travellers' Return*, there is a wonderful description of the joyous reception Sir Winston Churchill received on the Astral Plane from former prime ministers and other historic figures. Prior to that reception, Sir Winston was convalescing. One detail that was interesting to hear was that he was awakened temporarily from his rest to hear the trumpets at St. Paul's cathedral and then sent back to bed. What a nice touch!

Most earthbound spirits are surrounded by a mental wall of unconsciousness that spirits who help with transitions cannot penetrate. Sometimes these earthbound spirits do and sometimes they do not know they have died. Others consciously choose to be earthbound and transition guides will not violate their freedom of choice. Most of us are "earthbound" in a manner of speaking. Even Julia Ames sought permission to leave Jesus and return to tell her loved ones on earth the good news. We all spend a certain amount of time around those we have left behind.

Again, certain spirits receive permission to work with their mediumistic relatives – Philip Gilbert, for instance, or "Sigwart" of *The Bridge Across the River*. While we don't usually consider them "earthbound," they do account for some sustained spiritual activity around mortals.

Which have been your best or favorite resources for this information?

I certainly have my favourites. I have mentioned some already. I have found invaluable the books communicated by Philip Gilbert through his mother Alice (*Philip in Two Worlds*, *Into the Everywhere,* and *Philip in the Spheres*), Julia's letters in W.T. Stead's *After Death*, T.E Lawrence's *Post-Mortem Journal*, and Benson's *Life in the World Unseen* series. F.W.H. Myers is informative but idiosyncratic. It is difficult to know where to fit some of his information. Again I have not finished my reading for this project.

Among the books by incarnate scholars, my favourite is Paul Beard's *Living On*. The Theosophists are also wide-ranging and informative. I should mention that there are a great number of primary and secondary texts available these days online.

What does this research show us?

Well, even more distinctly than research on earth life, research on spirit life shows us the Divine Plan: namely, spiritual evolution, from God to God. (All of what follows is covered in clearly-marked sections of my website.) We have all of us come from God and are destined, at some distant future time, to return to God after we have experienced a very advanced stage of enlightenment.

God's Will, as I understand it, is that, through Its created life forms, the Formless will enjoy the experience of Its own Bliss. And that moment of enjoyment occurs during enlightenment. The purpose of our lives therefore is enlightenment and our journey down and up the spirit planes, as depicted in Jacob's ladder, is to serve the Divine Plan of which our enlightenment forms a part.

Following spirit travel from plane to plane shows Jacob's ladder of spiritual evolution about as plainly as anything we could ever expect to see. The march from the Winterlands to the Summerlands to Heaven and beyond is

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a graphic illustration of the trajectory of our return to Divinity. Revealing a picture of the Divine Plan at work is one of the major contributions of afterlife research.

Is there anything else you are hoping to achieve by drawing new maps of heaven?

I know that spirits listen to us as much as we listen to them. While drawing maps, I am also trying to convey to them the message that we need them to tighten up the process of communication. One way would be to ensure that all communicators be required to tell us specifically from which plane (and subplane) they are communicating. Location on the other side is of critical importance to us who are trying to fit the pieces together.

I also ask for the help of spirit teachers in correlating the different terminologies that spirits use. For example, I do not know what planes names like the "Christ Sphere" or "Empyrean Plane" refer to in general, but also how they correlate to numbering systems like "the seventh plane," etc.

Even more importantly than that, I hope to persuade spirit and physical folks to get together on some really broad anthropological projects that would subject spirit planes to rigorous social-scientific study. Until recently, most accounts have resembled tourist guides. We can do better than that and, I think, we are ready for intensive, scholarly examinations carried out by groups on this side co-operating with groups on "the other." I still don't think this research should be affiliated with universities, though, who still appear to adhere to a paradigm of empirical materialism and can be influenced by the state.

I think of the various interviews carried out by Robert Leichtman in the Seventies, collectively called *From Heaven to Earth* (unfortunately out of print now and hard to come by). Leichtman, through medium David Kendrick Johnson, interviewed Tesla, Churchill, Shakespeare, Cayce, Garrett, and many others. His work, while anecdotal, was still fascinating and showed the potential of organized, co-operative cross-border research, embodied spirits sitting down with disembodied.

We are all of us interested in a small area of the total picture. Just because I don't mention something outside my own area of interest does not mean it is not important. The same cross-border research that I request for anthropological purposes will be used by others to receive in-depth spiritual teachings that may help us end the tremendous difficulties we are falling into these days. Many of the chief problems of our era, and I mention the use of planet-threatening depleted-uranium weapons as just one example, are hardly mentioned in our press. We need spirit help with these problems too, even if I personally would not be prominent among the researchers carrying on that work.

In my view it is time to pick up the pace and get serious about cross-border communication. We have passed through the evidential phase quite some time ago, without having necessarily moved to much more intensive communication. I am saying that the time has now arrived to begin the next phase. •

Most of Steve's research can be found at his website, http://www.angelfire.com/space2/light11/index.html.

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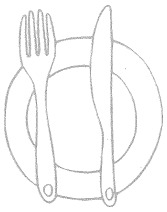
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- 1/4 cup butter
- 1/4 cup chopped green bell pepper
- 1 tablespoon white sugar
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1 egg
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- salt and pepper to taste
- 1/2 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
- 1/2 cup pecans, chopped
- 1/2 cup bread crumbs

Preheat oven to 350°.

Add squash to a pot of boiling water and cook until tender and drain.

Add butter (reserve 1/2 Tablespoon) to the squash and mash. Stir in bell pepper, sugar, onion, egg, mayonnaise, salt and pepper, cheese and nuts to the mixture. Place the mixture in a casserole dish and top with bread crumbs, dotting with the reserved 1/2 Tablespoon butter.

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- 1/4 cup minced garlic (if desired)
- salt and pepper to taste

Preheat oven to 325° and grease a 9x9 inch baking dish.

Boil sliced squash in enough water to cover for 10 minutes. Drain squash *thoroughly*.

Beat eggs together with wine, add squash and cheese. Season with salt, pepper and garlic and pour mixture into a baking dish.

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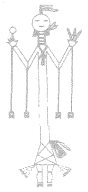
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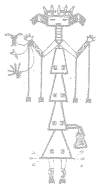
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