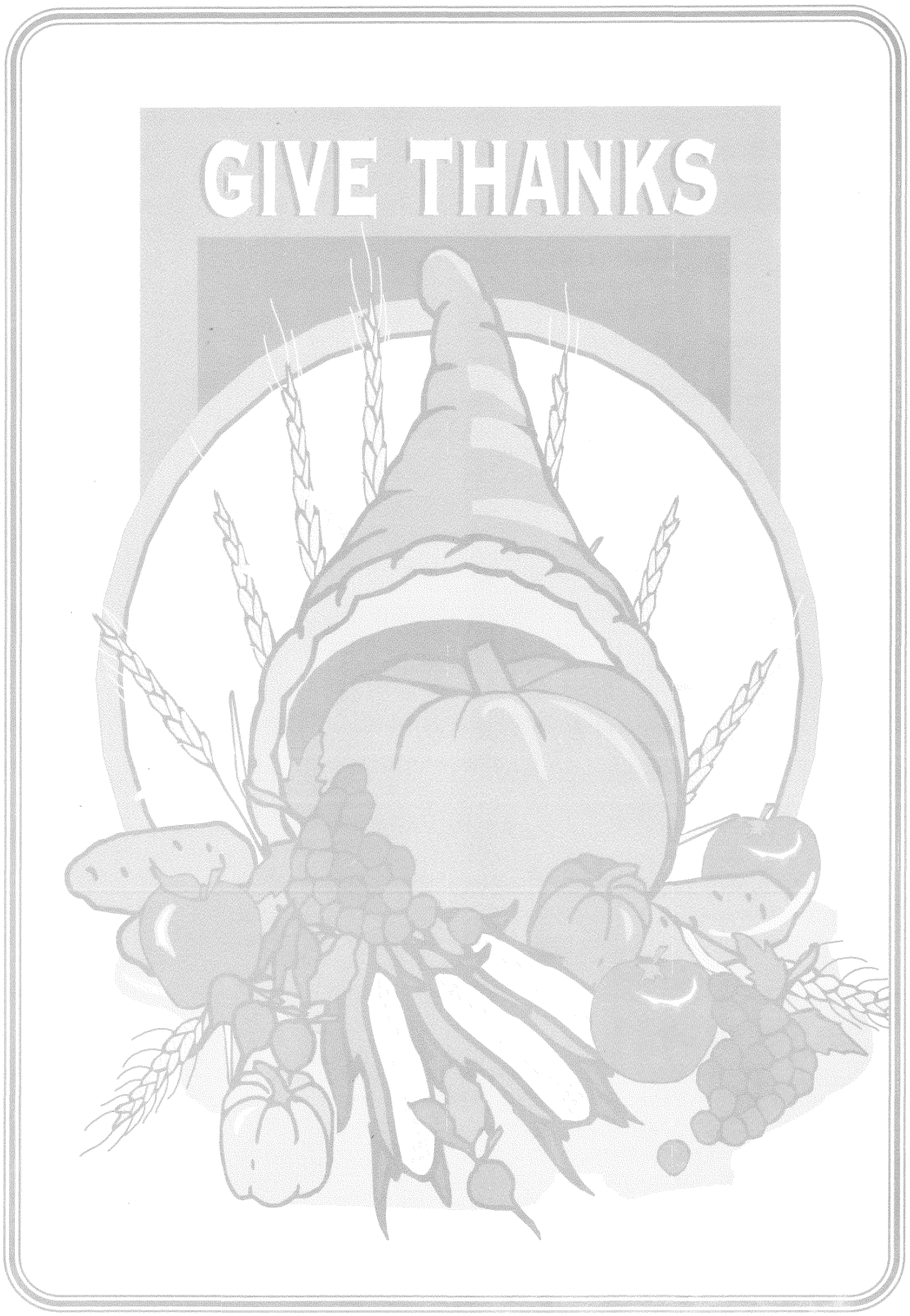
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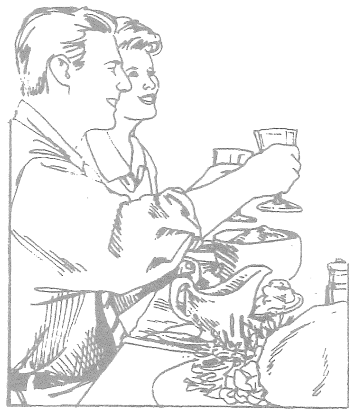
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# Giving Thanks Heals Us

LAURA LEE PERKINS, Editor

We come together during the holiday season to be healed through each other. As we sit for Thanksgiving dinner, surrounded by family and friends, we feel grateful, and gratitude heals us. When we are grateful, when we express gratitude for all of our blessings in a conscious and concerted manner, we feel connected and healed. And when folks feel healed they smile. The saying is—that is how you tell an advanced teacher of God—by the smile that permeates their presence. These mentors know that their souls are always safe, and they want to give the gift of their peace of mind to others. Their smile is their gift to each one of us; it demonstrates their trust in life.



Those who live in the *knowing* of this realization are not threatened by other belief systems. As Spiritualists, we *know* that we can live within a position of truthfulness, because Truth is the only way that we grow back towards that magnificent Force which created us. We know that Truth is reality and that we *really are made from divine spiritual energy*. That is our Truth.

When we begin our life's spiritual exploration, we are often filled with hope—with anticipation—about where our search might lead. Hope involves a positive feeling about the future which consists of both desire and expectation. Psychologically, is it true that hope never fails us, that hope is always possible? And when we hope, are we entering into a spiritual Truth? I think so. And at the end of each hope experience, we have an opportunity to express gratitude.

Many of us hope that we can share this Thanksgiving holiday in a meaningful way with loved ones. And when that happens, we feel thankful for the chance to visit, to relive past memories and to build new ones. Gathering to give thanks is really a spiritual experience, isn't it? Thanksgiving embodies hope; we are grateful for every abundance in our lives, and we are in a state of hopefulness for the future. Hope and gratitude are very intertwined.

Often we hear that hope is "sweetest" during a storm. Is that because we most need hope when things are pretty rough in our lives, when the storms of life are raging? As I write this tonight, a rainstorm of more than five inches is pelting against my office windows. I have hope that the house is tight and sound and that it will not leak. During stormy times we often need to cling to hope, and trust that hope will bring more Truth forward into our lives. When we are able to move forward from hope into a position of Trust, which demonstrates a stronger knowing—a stronger *faith*—then we often sense a moment of grace, and we feel gratitude.

When we express gratitude this Thanksgiving, rather than hoping that we shall continue on our path of increased spiritual awareness and enlightenment, what if we *trust* that we are walking that path. Immediately, I sense increased fortitude and calmness when I trust. On this Thanksgiving, let us move forward from hope into the strength of trusting that all is well. All is unfolding just as it should be in our spiritual development, as long as we have made a heartfelt commitment to Spirit. Living that commitment daily, by following our intentions with deep commitment, moves us deeper and deeper into spiritual Truths.

Will you keep smiling and singing during this holiday time, bringing joy into others' lives? Are you filled with the Light of Truth that makes you smile even when everything is not perfect in your own little world? Do you feel like you know where you are going and why? Do you have a purpose, and does that individual purpose embody Hope, Truth, Trust and Love? If you are living from a position of Trust, that involves some openness to risk and pain. When we trust, we no longer feel any need to be self-protective or to defend our beliefs. Remember that as you are "with family." We know what we *know*.

If you are determined not to risk, then you will have to live without experiencing many situations in life that can bring both joy and discomfort. You will have to live without having children, without getting married, without intimate personal connections with those you love, without hope of ambition and career success, without taking exciting vacations, and without friendship—without so many of the things that make life truly meaningful. If you are determined not to risk, then the aspect of accepting total responsibility for your own life will be shrouded with fear and doubt.

When we move forward and grow, when we embody hope, trusting that we are strong enough to participate in all that life has to offer, then pain as well as joy will be our reward. But when we trust that even the painful

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## GIVING THANKS HEALS US

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experiences are simply lessons that assist us in our spiritual growth, then we embody a sense of freedom and creativeness that a very cautious person can never enjoy. We are made in the image of God; therefore, we too can create and do wondrous things. Every one of us is each a magnificent and unique individual. We each have talents to share and we can each be a spiritual mentor for others as we live by our Spiritualist Principles.

To not trust—to not invite Truth into our lives through hope and deeply meaningful experiences, may feel safe. But the safety is very bland. As Spiritualists we choose to engage in life fully, knowing that there will be pain as well as great joy. The alternative is not to live fully—not to experience the depth of life's beauty. If we make mistakes, and we will make mistakes, then we move into the arena of forgiveness. If our path is about Love, then our path embodies forgiveness over and over and over.

Spiritualism gives us the strength to work through difficult situations and to overcome pain. Spiritualism gives us the courage to revise our internal maps when necessary, and we must be totally dedicated to the Truth as we chart our course. Often Truth is more important and more vital to our self-interest than our momentary comfort. Mental health is an ongoing process of being dedicated to Truth—to Reality—at all costs, even when it is painful. That is how we learn, by trusting that we are walking into deeper and deeper levels of spiritual connection. When each difficult situation arises, ask yourself if your reaction is coming from your ego or is it coming from a soul-filled response?

The revelation of Truth can be through a profoundly beautiful experience or it can come on cats' feet, tiptoeing into our lives through a blind-siding crisis that might be deeply shattering. It is your choice how to receive and move through these experiences. With Hope you can have the courage to face your future, with Trust you *know that all things are possible.* With Hope we are held gently in divine hands, until we are ready to move into a deeper level of Trust. Hope and Trust work in tandem.

May you each rest in Spirit's hands during this holiday season, and may the Truth of the Christ energy fill your hearts with gratitude and joy during this Thanksgiving season.

In Spirit,

*Laura Lee Perkins* •



## CALENDAR CORNER

# What happened in NOVEMBER throughout the years?

### NOVEMBER 6

The **California State Spiritualist Association** was founded in 1896, and today the state of California boasts the largest number (11) of NSAC churches.

### NOVEMBER 9

**Hon. Robert Dale Owen** was born in Glasgow, Scotland, and came to the United States with his father in 1924. He rose to serve in the Indiana Legislature of Congress by 1935, and he introduced the bill to create the Smithsonian Institute. Although he was displeased with his father's fervent attachment to Spiritualism during his younger days, he later became a convert through association with psychic phenomena and D.D. Home, considered to be the greatest physical phenomena medium in the history of Modern Spiritualism.

### NOVEMBER 11

**Veteran's Day** was proclaimed in 1919 to commemorate the termination of WWI, when fighting ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. Please remember all veterans and current active duty members who serve to protect our American freedoms. This holiday is now celebrated in the United Kingdom, France, Canada and the United States. Take a moment to express your gratitude today for the privilege of religious freedom.

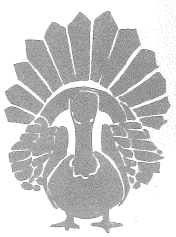
### NOVEMBER 17

**Thomas Grimshaw**, co-author (with Mark A. Barwise) of the first MPI course, was born in 1868 in Lancashire, England. He is credited with the formation of the National Spiritualist Teachers' Club.

### NOVEMBER 25

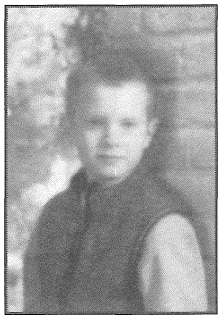
**Mae Graves Ward** was born in 1905. As a famous American medium, she served Spirit for over 50 years.

### NOVEMBER 27



**Thanksgiving Day** – Gratitude, gratitude, gratitude = giving thanks for all of the bounteous joys and freedoms that we, as Americans, enjoy. Take this day to remember those long-ago ancestors who paved the spiritual roads that we now so freely trod, and be grateful for friends and family who walk beside us every day, both in physical and spiritual forms. •

# Our Children–Our Lyceum



Joshua Kimball

## I Want

I want peace with all my heart
I want war to stop
so people won't fight
I want the trees to grow
big, healthy, and strong
I want people to know right from wrong
I want people to stay away
from signs that say danger
and to not be afraid
don't be scared
there's someone watching you
from above
His name is God
you are beloved
I want people to have
a great big feast
what I want most of all, is
Please have Peace.

*Joshua Raymond Kimball*
*Age 9*
*Temple Heights Spiritual Church, Maine*

- The sense of humor of a child is developed by watching yours.
- A child is like a budding rose...unfolding petal by petal until it reaches full bloom.
- Sponsor a child for life by helping, challenging and eternally loving them.
- With a child, happiness happens moment by moment.
- Talk to a child in the way you want to be talked to.
- Children send arrows of love, joy and happiness to all those around them.
- Surround your child with acceptance in all their accomplishments.
- The birth of a child causes angels to celebrate.
- Teach your children to be helpful, thoughtful, hard working and honest because it will follow them all their days and enrich yours.

*Nancy Ashworth, Missouri*

From *Living Biographies of Great Philosophers*
By Henry Thomas and Dana Lee Thomas, 1941

"But Aristotle was more than a research scholar. He was primarily a teacher. Still smarting under his defeat as a candidate for the presidency of the Academy, he opened a rival school, the Lyceum (so called because it was situated in the grove dedicated to Apollo Lyceus, the defender of the flock against the wolves). Here he gathered his flock of students and prepared them to fight against the wolves of ignorance. In the morning he offered technical courses to his advanced students and in the afternoon he dedicated popular lectures to the general public."

This must be where the term Lyceum originally came from.

*Submitted by Jan Darbhamulla, California*

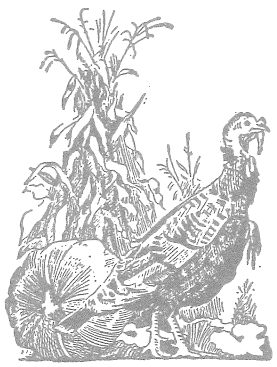
# Tis The Season

THE REV. CAROL BROWN, NST, Virginia

**Thanksgiving** – A time for giving thanks.
**Christmas, Hanukkah and other religious and secular holidays** – A time for sharing.
**New Year's Day** – A time for new beginnings.

## Thanksgiving.

This holiday reminds us to be ever mindful of our blessings and to always give thanks for our lives, our friends, our blessings and our bounty. To give thanks for the choices we've made and the lessons learned that have made us who we are. To be thankful for the ability to give to others in so many ways: a kind word or a smile, giving a thanksgiving basket to a family in need, making a donation to the food bank or opening our home on Thanksgiving day to those without a family. To give thanks for our knowledge of continuous life and communication with spirit. And to give special thanks that Infinite Intelligence and spirit are so willing to bring truth, understanding and direction to each of us when we are willing to ask and then to listen for their guidance.



By giving thanks we are expressing our gratitude for what we have in our life.

By giving thanks we are expressing our belief that those things for which we are giving thanks will continue to manifest in our lives. Giving thanks is a knowing – an affirmation – a declaration. Giving thanks is a way of sending that thought, that desire, out to the universe where the Law of Attraction will continue to bring those wonderful things to us.

## Religious and Secular Holidays.

**Peace on Earth.** As we pray for and visualize peace-on-earth, we remember that "peace-on-earth begins with me" and this understanding helps us to bring peace and serenity into our lives.

Good will toward men. When we see people allowing others to merge into traffic, smiling and being courteous to others, expressing a kind word or giving a helping hand, we realize they are practicing the Golden Rule and treating others as true brothers and sisters.

**A Celebration of Light.** The Hanukkah lights and the lights we see on Christmas trees remind us to look for the light of Infinite Intelligence in others and to allow our own light to shine brightly.

By giving and sharing our time and energy for a good cause, such as giving canned goods to the food bank, money to various charities and holiday funds, toys to the Marine Corps toys-for-tots program, clothing and gifts to the child whose name is on the angel tree or by visiting someone in a nursing home or veteran's hospital, the month of December gives us the opportunity to put into motion the Laws of Attraction, Compensation and Cause and Effect.

## New Year's Day.

The opportunity to begin anew, to make choices that will benefit us and others. What better time than New Year's Day to remember our seventh principle: "We affirm that the doorway to reformation is never closed against any soul, here or hereafter."

Traditionally New Year's Day is the day we begin trying to live in accordance with our New Year's resolutions – to break old habits and replace them with something that will enhance and better our daily lives.

If we really want to enhance and better our daily lives, maybe this year our resolution should be that, to the best of our ability, we will live our lives in accordance with our NSAC Declaration of Principles and the Laws of Infinite Intelligence.

## Tis The Season To Be Thankful, To Practice The Golden Rule and To Re-Form Our Thoughts, Words and Deeds.

This is the time of year when we are most likely to share with others – not only our material possessions, but also ourselves.

We must remember that we can only share with others what we already have. If we want to share, to teach, to be an example, we must possess those things we are talking about. We must try our best to walk-the-walk and not just talk-the-talk. If we want to share material things we must have the ability to obtain those things before we can give to others. It is not the amount one gives, but the intent. The willingness to give with no thought of return.

We can be thankful that the science, philosophy and religion of Spiritualism can change one's life if one so chooses.

**We are thankful that Spiritualism teaches:**

**Personal Responsibility** – we are responsible for every thought we think every word we speak, and every thing we do.

**We Are Spiritual Beings Now** – even while in the

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physical body. We are not a physical being that has a soul, but we are a soul that has a physical body.

**We Need Not Fear Death** – for so-called death is only a change of form. The soul continues to exist when the body is no longer useful. We are spirit now encased in a physical body and we will continue to exist as spirit throughout eternity.

**Those Who Have Passed to the Spirit Side of Life Are Conscious – not asleep – and that Communication Between the Living and the "Dead" is a Fact,** proven by the phenomena of Spiritualism. This, of course, brings comfort to the bereaved and alleviates sorrow.



**As We Sow on Earth, We Will Reap in This Physical Life and in the Life to Come.** Our life and circumstances in the spirit world will depend upon our progress and actions while in this physical world. We <u>are</u> responsible for our future whether in the physical or spiritual plane of existence.

**Natural Law Instead of Miracles – Natural Law Instead of a Rewarding or Punishing God.** God is not made in the image of man. God is not a human form sitting on a throne dispensing rewards or punishments. God is an Infinite Intelligence that has created Natural Laws that cannot be set aside by anyone (not even Infinite Intelligence). So-called miracles are Natural Law in action that humankind just does not understand at this point in time.

**The Spark of Divinity Dwells in All** – as stated in the first two principals of the NSAC Declaration of Principles and the interpretation of the first Principle:

Declaration of Principles 1 and 2:
1. We believe in Infinite Intelligence.

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




We believe in a supreme Impersonal Power, everywhere present, manifesting as life, through all forms of organized matter, called by some, God, by others, Spirit, and by Spiritualists, Infinite Intelligence.

## <u>Tis the Season. The season of Holidays to be celebrated – and special times to be spent with family and friends.</u>

At this time of year we are reminded that two of the most important things in our lives are people and choices. Every moment, every hour, every day we choose how to interact with others. We decide how to react to others. We can choose to make our own happiness or unhappiness by the choices we make.

As Spiritualists we can choose to learn and understand the science, philosophy and religion of Spiritualism, to manifest it in our lives and to share it with others.

And most importantly – we can choose to ask Infinite Intelligence and spirit to help us recognize in everyday events the spiritual truths we need in order to learn and progress.

## <u>Tis the Season To be Reminded.</u>

Thanksgiving reminds us that Spiritualism teaches us to give thanks each day – knowing our needs will be met.

December's religious and secular holidays remind us that Spiritualism teaches us to share, to contribute to world peace by our own thoughts and actions, to recognize natural law in action when we hear of the so-called miracles celebrated during the holiday season and, most of all, to practice the Golden Rule.

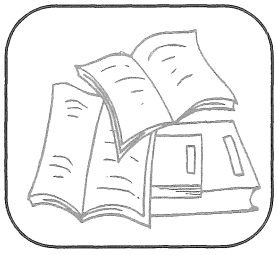
New Year's Day reminds us that Spiritualism teaches us each day, each hour, each moment, that we have an opportunity for new beginnings and that we have the gift of re-forming our thoughts, words and actions at any time, here or hereafter.

May this holiday season bring each of us the opportunity to recognize the spiritual truths surrounding us each and every day of our life. •

When I stand before God at the end of my life,
I would hope that I would not have a single bit of talent left
and could say, "I used everything you gave me."
*– Erma Bombeck*

## Morris Pratt Institute Association

*Each month The National Spiritualist will feature the writing from a student who is currently taking the education course from the Morris Pratt Institute.*



*Featured this month is an essay written by* ***Mary Ann Clancy*** *of* ***New York.***

Levitation, out of body experiences, and direct voice mediumship are all examples of the phenomena studied and sometimes experienced by Spiritualists throughout the world. For Spiritualists, levitation is relevant as a phenomena because it demonstrates the power of Spirit in a concrete, visible way. Arthur Conan Doyle's book, *The History of Spiritualism*, gives many examples of famous levitating mediums, such as D. D. Home and Ira and William Davenport.

The experiences of D. D. Home, a British-born medium who became known as one of the best physical mediums in history, is particularly interesting. Starting in 1852, Home spontaneously levitated before many witnesses including Arthur Conan Doyle, Oliver Lodge and William Barrett, two English physicists. Doyle states in his book, "There was something in this man's atmosphere which enabled forces outside himself and outside our ordinary apprehension to manifest themselves upon this plane of matter." The scientists Lodge and Barrett, who observed Home's numerous levitations in broad daylight, attested to his abilities, but could not deduce what caused the levitations. Doyle concluded that they were due to a Natural Law that had not yet been discovered. He compared it to the discovery of the Law of Magnetism and the evolution of the use of magnets. He felt that, one day, the Natural Law governing levitation would be revealed to scientists.

Scientists in the 20th century came to regard levitation as a form of psychokinetic experience, possibly due to the ability of some people to have mental control over the gravitational field, modifications in the laws of gravity, or possible changes in the gravitational attraction between two bodies of matter. Doyle's conclusion that levitation may be partially due to an undiscovered Natural Law may yet prove to be true. By googling "human levitation" on the internet, I found that scientists have theorized in recent years that levitation is produced by "Diamagnetism" existing on the surface of the earth.

In an article titled *Diamagnetic Gravity Vortexes*, Richard L. Clark, PhD states, "If magnetism flows on the plane of the earth's surface, then diamagnetism flows straight up. And straight up is the direction that we call levitation or anti-gravity." Clark also theorizes that famous levitators such as D. D. Home may have lived near diamagnetic gravity vortexes which may have aided their ability to levitate. However, since Arthur Conan Doyle observed that Home levitated in many locations, I doubt that this could be the primary cause of the levitations. Spiritualist séances seem to indicate that spirit is directly involved in the levitation of people and objects. The fact that most recorded instances of human levitation seem to center on people deeply involved with and conscious of spirit, such as saints, mystics, mediums and Indian Yoga Masters leads me to conclude that the Spiritualist viewpoint is probably correct. It just hasn't been scientifically verified to date.

However, Western European culture seemed to lose touch with the non-physical realm and the out of body experience came to be feared rather than encouraged. In discussing this subject with members of my church, I found that a few had experienced being out of the body. The initial reaction on the whole was fear, but ultimately it led to an expansion of consciousness because they realized that they did not cease to exist when they left their bodies. One person said that it was the start of her spiritual journey. She attended lectures at the International Academy of Consciousness, a non-profit organization dedicated to the exploration of the metaphysical and scientific aspects of out of body experiences. Eventually, her experiences led her to our church.

I feel that OOBE's importance will become clearer in time as more people become aware of the non-physical world and are not so attached to the material world. As this happens, human consciousness will evolve and we shall be able to loosen the ego's grip on our daily lives. Eckhart Tolle's recent books, *The Power of Now* and *A New Earth*, have already done much to help people live in a more conscious state of being, and to release attachment to the physical world. Out of body experiences seem to be helpful tools to facilitate the releasing of that attachment, and perhaps we need to welcome them instead of fearing them. •

## In Loving Memory of
## *Margaret A. "Peggy" Johnson*

Margaret A. "Peggy" Johnson, 60, of Lily Dale, made her transition on Friday, Sept. 26, 2008, at Millard Fillmore Hospital, Buffalo.



Born Jan. 1, 1948, in Buffalo, daughter of Jayne Ewing Johnson of Florida and the late William F. Johnson. She was a 1966 graduate of Cassadaga Valley Central School and a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

Peg was employed as a bookkeeper for The National Spiritualist Association of Churches since 1990.

She was a member and past assistant chief of the Lily Dale VFD and was also past captain of Emergency Medical Services and instrumental in acquiring Lily Dale's first ambulance. Also a member of the Lily Dale Spiritualist Church and Lily Dale Assembly, currently serving as treasurer.

Partner of Sharon Snowman; mother of Kimberly Rose Jones of Williamsburg, VA, and Joseph (Melissa) Lelonek of Kodax, TN; grandmother of Amber Rose and Dylan Dewayne Williams and Danielle Rae Jones all of Williamsburg, VA.

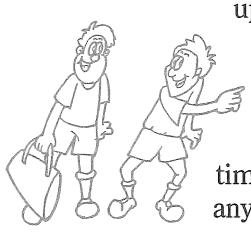
A memorial service is being planned for October. The time, place and date will be announced by Jordan Funeral Home, Sinclairville. •

**FEATURE**

# Church Funnies

### Story of Elijah

The Sunday school teacher was carefully explaining the story of Elijah the Prophet and the false prophets of Baal. She explained how Elijah built the altar, put wood upon it, cut the steer in pieces, and laid it upon the alter. And then, Elijah commanded the people of God to fill four barrels of water and pour it over the altar. He had them do this four times. "Now, said the teacher, "can anyone in the class tell me why the Lord would have Elijah pour water over the steer on the altar?" A little girl in the back of the room started waving her hand, "I know! I know!" she said, "To make the gravy!"



### Moses & The Red Sea

Nine-year-old Joey was asked by his mother what he had learned in Sunday school. "Well Mom, our teacher told us how God sent Moses behind enemy lines on a rescue mission to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. When he got to the Red Sea, he had his army build a platoon bridge and all the people walked across safely. Then, he radioed headquarters for reinforcements. They sent bombers to blow up the bridge and all the Israelites were saved." Now Joey, is that really what your teacher taught you?" his mother asked. "Well, no, Mom. But, if I told it the way the teacher did, you'd never believe it!"



### Lot's Wife

The Sunday school teacher was describing how Lot's wife looked back and turned into a pillar of salt, when little Jason interrupted, "My Mummy looked back once, while she was driving," he announced triumphantly, "and she turned into a telephone pole!"



### Higher Power

A Sunday school teacher said to her children, "We have been learning how powerful kings and queens were in *Bible* times. But, there is a higher power. Can anybody tell me what it is?" One child blurted out, "Aces!"

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# ALL IS ONE!

THE REV. SANDRA PFORTMILLER, NST – Arizona

We have probably all had something similar to this happen and it causes us to think about our chosen religion. I was at a social gathering when a gal said to me, "You are one of the nicest people I know...(She thinks I'm boring? I thought, or, there's more.) "But," she continued (here it comes), "I hear you're a Spiritualist."

"That's right," I replied. "It is my chosen religion."

"It's a religion? I thought it was a cult." she said.

"It is a God-centered religion that has been around for 160 years and I've been a Spiritualist for 30 of those years. It works for me and shows me how to live a good life. Maybe my beliefs are why I am so nice." Smile.

Spiritualism is definitely God-centered, yet my views of God have gradually and completely changed from my beliefs while growing up.

As a young person, I thought God was a grandfatherly figure somewhere in the sky, He was judging, testing and rewarding us, selective about who received favors. In my hippy years He was "big Daddy in the Sky." Satan and Hell scared me.

Wow, what a difference in how I look at the Divine Source now. I even have new ways of referring to Infinite Spirit, which started when my thought system changed to help me not visualize an anthropomorphic (in man's image) being. Infinite Intelligence, the great Cause, is a God of love and life, is perfect and is all. Because Infinite Spirit is perfect and all that is, then life is perfect Oneness.

There is no right or wrong, good or bad, no Satan or Hell, because as my God is a loving God and would not create or sustain this negativity. We are part of God and God is part of us. Divine Spirit-power-energy is all life and if we believe in bad, then we believe some part of God is bad or wrong. I don't think so! Life is in divine balance, flows with Natural Law.

Many things in our world seem horrible, painful or even cruel, yet if we accept divine order there must be a spiritual purpose. Things are not always as they seem; appearances may be deceiving.

An affirmation that helps me put this into perspective: "I am standing in my place of perfection, even though I am not yet in my place of completion; all possibilities are open to me as I grow in love and light." Because we are universally connected, all that we require for life and spiritual growth is readily available for us. How exciting to realize we merely need to set our intention, say yes to Spirit, and allow God to be present in every life choice.

Recently I saw a movie called *The Moses Code* which was done in a similar style to the movie *The Secret* with spiritual leaders explaining their truths. One speaker in the movie recounted the story of Moses and the burning bush that was not consumed, from which the first name for Divine Creator is given: I Am that I Am. One day the man was outside while contemplating this phrase and had an insightful concept. I am that, I am. He looked around and realized he was that. I am that, I am. As he looked at everything he kept repeating, "I am that, I am." We are all connected, all part of the whole, part of Spirit held together by the energy of God, by Divine Love and guided by Universal Law. The Spirit of life is within everything. God is! All creation is vibrating energy from the Living Spirit.

The Great Source of all life is universal. Without God there would be no universe, yet the understanding of Infinite Intelligence is personal, from a finite understanding. No one can find Spirit for us; we must look within for that personal discovery and when we realize we are forever one with Divine Spirit, then, we see we are an incarnation of God with divine qualities. Infinite Spirit expresses through us.

Ernest Holmes wrote concerning the center within; it "is the starting point, for there can be no other place to begin on the road to self-discovery, the discovery that leads us back to the Original Force. Gradually, as we shear the belief in separation from our consciousness, the chaos produced by it, the inhibitions and inner turmoil, we emerge on the other side of this chaotic mass and find that Heaven was waiting there all the time."

What is true about God is true about us; therefore, there is no unhappiness to the Real Self, the spiritual ego. When we realize God's strengths are also ours, it becomes enlightening to learn more about the Divine Self, though we can never know the Infinite with our finite minds. Recognize God in nature, in thoughts, in music and in every person. There is nothing but God.

Some of the things I know do not apply to the God of my Understanding. There is no frustration, no lack, no illness, no poorness, no weakness, no anger, no sadness and no fear. Why do humans accept these things?

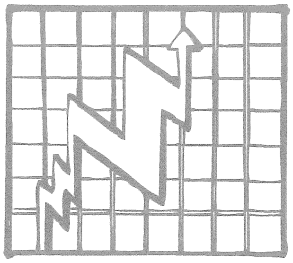
When we seek and accept God or goodness, goodness follows. New insights and creative thoughts create in kind, therefore let us draw a brief picture of the reality we believe in and then apply it to our lives. We cannot limit,

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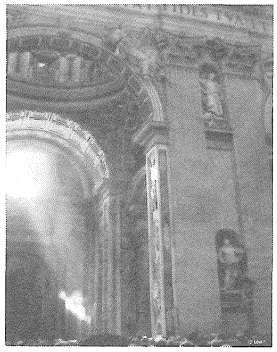
THE REVS. BRIAN AND LYNN KENT



This article may be short, but it holds significant strength to those who believe in the unseen. Angels are part of that unseen realm.

Upon returning from a wonderful weekend serving the Summerland Church of Light, NSAC on Long Island, New York, this wondrous photo was received from a friend on Long Island. We felt that this was a phenomenon we wished to share with our readers as it did have bearing in life. Hopefully, it will in yours also.

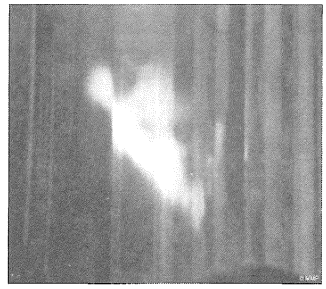
The photo was taken at the Vatican in Rome, Italy. That is all we know about it. Yes, some of you might say this is probably a refraction of the light coming in from the window on the upper left side of the photo – lens flair. There will be no arguing that point. Our point is that when someone needs an angel, there is one waiting for us if we will "just look up."



The fact that this particular angelic shape was photographed is phenomenal in itself, and it is especially significant that it was photographed in one of the most spiritual places on earth. To those of us who believe in the unseen, we also know that when the unseen want to show themselves, they use any means at their disposal.

Before receiving this photo disturbing news was received about someone in the family, and there was an air of disappointment hanging over the Kent household. Once we looked at the e-mail photo, we both changed our feeling of disappointment to determination, feeling that this was a very physical sign that Spirit was with us. They surely were!

This article was started on August 11 and completed on August 26, 2008 with resolution about our previous disappointment. With the help of Spirit and the "Sign From An Angel," we were able to look at the disappointment event in a different way, hence changing the outcome for the best.



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Life is what we make it. Always has been. Always will be.
*– Anna Mary "Grandma" Moses*

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define or know all, but we can focus on attributes of goodness.

• Keep your attention on your intention to be a loving, compassionate expression of Spirit. God is Love, therefore, as we share and spread love we grow and glow. To love is to touch God. No expression of love is ever wasted.

• Infinite Intelligence does not judge, but loves all creation unconditionally, so we must monitor our tendency to judge ourselves and others.

• God is the Creator, the Cause and life is the effect. Thus, a creative life is a spiritual life. Creativity comes from within as we are inspired.

• Divine Spirit is eternal. Our spirit is eternal for it is also divine. That which God has created can change form, but will never be destroyed.

• Infinite Intelligence created Natural Law as a guiding principle for the Universe. God's Law is constant, reliable and a great teacher, showing us how to positively grow and live.

• Creative Force is in all life. The energy of all we think, say and do influences all life for everything is connected.

Be still and know yourself so you may learn more about God's plan for you! •

# Dispatches from America



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*Welcome back my friends to the show that never ends*
*We're so glad you could attend. Come inside! Come inside!*
*There behind a glass is a real blade of grass*
*be careful as you pass. Move along! Move along!*

"Karn Evil 9 First Impression, Part 2,"
Emerson, Lake, and Palmer

Saturday, 6 September 2008 will not be remembered in the collective consciousness of the Center for Spiritual Enlightenment, NSAC of Falls Church, Virginia for the unwelcome arrival of tropical storm Hanna to the Washington, DC metropolitan area. Oh yes, that day the winds howled at times in excess of 60 miles per hour, lightning flashed, thunder clapped, and the rain came down in sheets. Hanna, the eighth named tropical storm of the 2008 Atlantic hurricane season that runs through November will definitely be remembered; however, that Saturday night will be remembered, not for her, but because it was the evening that our British friends came to town. It took more than tempestuous winds, torrential rain, and an ill-tempered lady named Hanna to keep our friends, Mrs. Elaine Bevan, Mrs. Maureen Johnstone, and Mr. Andy Johnstone from visiting our church and presenting a night of mediumship.

Our trio notified subscribers to the spiritualismlist@yahoogroups.com that they were planning on visiting the United States and travelling about in a large recreational vehicle. Mrs. Bevan submitted a proposed travel itinerary and shortly after their notification they were contacted by different churches and centres seeking to book them for readings and healing. I read that they were planning on being in the Washington, DC area the weekend after the long Labor Day holiday. Knowing that their visit would generate interest amongst the other Spiritualist church and centre in the area, I contacted the CSE church board, recommending that the evening of 6 September be reserved for their arrival and suggested that a gallery reading format would be perfect to showcase their facility with mediumship. Although I had yet to have had the pleasure of meeting Mr. and Mrs. Johnstone, I had met Mrs. Bevan three years earlier at the first Anglo-American Spiritual Workshop hosted by Psychic World's Pastor Ray. Both Elaine and I presented at the workshop, and I strongly suggested to our board that we move quickly to extend an invitation to the group. We at CSE were pleased to learn that Mrs. Bevan and company accepted our invitation and details were finalised.

The tropical storm was one of those details omitted from consideration, and it's usually those kinds of details that can rise up and smite thee. I arrived at work at 0600 that morning and watched the storm's approach on both the Doppler Radar Composite Map and views from selected web cameras scattered along the mid-Atlantic coast as the storm made landfall early that morning in South Carolina and charted a course for Washington, DC. A flurry of e-mails ensued, drawing contingency plans as to how to proceed if the full fury of the storm was visited on our area. Fortunately the little lady wasn't long for the area and moved apace up the coast toward the New England states. We were a go.

The evening was planned for a two-hour gallery reading format in which the two mediums would take turns presenting messages to those assembled in the sanctuary. Approximately 40 people had preregistered for the event and were in attendance. I met with Mrs. Bevan and Mrs. Johnstone before beginning to ensure that we were all in sync as to how the event would unfold. Mrs. Bevan politely suggested that I join them in presenting messages, but I suggested that my duties as master of ceremonies would preclude me from doing so as this evening was about them. Shortly thereafter it was time to take the platform to begin the gallery readings. For those who might not know either Mrs. Bevan or the Johnstones the following short biography is provided: Mrs. Elaine Bevan has been working as a medium in the UK for 20 years. She has been a Director of the Spiritualist National Union for three years, President of the Southern District Council of SNU Churches for four years, and a Church President of the Totton Spiritualist Church for 17 years. Mrs. Maureen Johnstone is a trainee medium who has been working on the platform for 18 months and her speciality is Encaustic Art readings. She serves as Open Circle Leader and Treasurer at Totton SNU Church, chairman of the Portsmouth Progressive SNU Church, and is the Secretary to the Southern District Council of SNU Churches. Although he did not participate in the gallery readings, our third guest, Mr. Andy Johnstone, an SNU Approved Healer, acted as a healer at the devotional service on 7 September.

With invocation given and introductions made, it was time to get down to business. Mrs. Bevan took the platform to make a brief presentation on the different types of mediumship and then announced that I had kindly consented to join them in giving messages. I said to her that I had hoped that she had forgotten that bit, but hers was an offer that I couldn't refuse. There I was, shoulder to shoulder as it were, giving messages and serving Spirit with our two British mediums. I was honored to have served during the

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My son's "Memorial Garden," July 2008.

# The Amazing Sunflower

THE REV. CATHERINE WELCH, NSAC, Michigan

My son, Tim Foster, was a Spiritualist all of his life. He attended lyceum for a long time and enjoyed church. As he grew older, he became ill, then was diagnosed with a brain disorder. On Dec. 12, 2007, he entered "The Summerland."

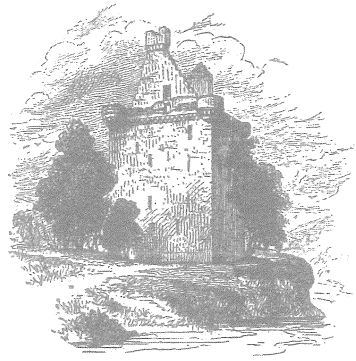
As the holidays were close at hand, I decided to plant his "Memorial Garden" in the spring, and indeed I did. I planted eight bright red lilies in a large blue pot. In a couple of weeks the lilies began to bud and then bloom, and then I noticed a green something-or-other, growing right in the center of my sons memorial garden! I was tempted several times to pull this old weed from the blue flower pot, but I did enjoy the pretty green little leaf in the center, so I left it alone. As the days passed, I noticed a big green stalk grow higher and higher with large green leaves; then suddenly a beautiful round yellow flower with a brown center, our beautiful sunflower and the emblem of our religion, had blossomed in my son's memorial garden. And since I did not plant it there, I know Spirit did!

What a wonderful blessing to a bereaved mom! •

## DISPATCHES FROM AMERICA *(Continued from previous page.)*

ensuing two hours with them and our congregants, and I was impressed by their accuracy, detail and individual style. It was a treat to have them visit, and CSE extends heartfelt thanks and gratitude to Mrs. Bevan, Mrs. Maureen Johnstone, and Mr. Andy Johnstone.

We retired to the local Irish pub, or reasonable facsimile thereof in the States, for a spot of dinner and fellowship. We were joined by fellow CSE member Mr. Steven J. Vogel who happens to be very active with the International Spiritualist Federation (ISF). We spoke about the ISF and Mr. Vogel's role in the organization. I expressed my belief that the two largest Spiritualist organizations, the Spiritualist National Union (SNU) and the National Spiritualist Association of Churches (NSAC) should forge closer ties and allow members of the one organization to seek credentials and accreditation through the other body. Roadblocks to this end have been set up by both the NSAC and the SNU that must be surmounted if this is to become a reality. The NSAC mandates that a person can only be a member of one NSAC church and membership in any other religious organization is prohibited. The SNU requires that certificate holders be Class B members of the SNU. Mr. Johnstone remarked that even though we might be from different organizations we were all Spiritualists which is the most important fact and everything else is of secondary importance. It is my desire to enroll in the SNU coursework, to complete the written lessons and to continue to visit this issue with officials of the SNU and NSAC.



By the time you are reading this I will have returned to the warm, familiar confines of Stansted Hall to attend the Trance Healing II course taught by Minister Steven Upton and assisted by Minister Judith Seaman, Minister Simone Key, Pauline Silver DSNU, Sandy Baker CSNU, Colin Bates CSNU, Kitty Woud CSNU and Hannes Jacob. In Dublin, Ireland I met up with some Irish mates for a festive night on the town, and steeled myself for the next instalment of my series, Spiritualism by Rail. On 19 October, with BritRail plus Ireland pass in hand, I traveled from Dublin to Belfast, Northern Ireland to attend the Sunday divine service at the Belfast Spiritualist Church. 20 October saw me crossing the Irish Sea on a ferry, landing in Scotland where I climbed aboard the train to travel to Inverness to attend their Monday service. Departing on 21 October I visited the Aberdeen Spiritualist Centre and then left for Stirling to attend the 22 October Wednesday evening clairvoyance service. Finally, on 23 October I rode the rails back to London, England to attend the Thursday evening session at the Spiritualist Association of Great Britain. It was indeed an aggressive schedule, but what better way for me to spend my holiday than to be with like-minded people.

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# Positive Statements To Help Create a Positive Day.

## Affirmations . . . NOVEMBER 2008

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| *This month's affirmations were written by Nancy Ashworth of Missouri.* | | | | | | **1** Small changes can become great strides, so take the first step! |
| **2** Goodness comes from Spirit; fill your life with it. | **3** Allow only happiness and joy to roost in your soul. | **4** Be excited and exhilarated with life and bloom with beauty. | **5** Faith, like blood, flows through the body, giving each cell a breath of Spirit. | **6** Hearts don't really break, but they do bruise. | **7** Give Spirit the gift of your presence this day. | **8** Rely on Spirit, who already knows your questions, for the answers. |
| **9** You are here for a purpose; have you found it? | **10** Be faithful with your appreciation and gratitude. | **11** Don't lose your faith when you lose a loved one. | **12** Spirit has a plan for you. | **13** Happy is the heart that gives love and compassion in all ways. | **14** Help the needy, so no one is hopeless; you can be their hope. | **15** Remember to always be grateful, for that attracts even more blessings. |
| **16** Give praise where it is deserved. | **17** Serve Spirit in all that you do. | **18** We cannot experience true spiritual freedom until we forgive. | **19** Today is full of promise and renewed hope. | **20** A healthy body and mind, like a healthy soul, takes daily practice. | **21** Implode Spirit into every moment of your life. | **22** If it needs to be done, just DO it! |
| **23** Helping others reach great heights will lift you up too. | **24** Listen with the ears of faith and trust. | **25** Humility and compassion are wonderful human attributes. | **26** Take time to breathe when you feel angered or betrayed. | **27** Remember to be grateful – to offer gratitude –on this day of ThanksGiving. | **28** It costs nothing to offer hope to another. | **29** You can do great things in the name of Spirit. |
| **30** Find God in every situation. |   | ***Gratitude attracts blessings.*** | | | |   |



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**AUGUSTA - Augusta Spiritualist Church** • Corner of Perham & Court Sts.; P.O. Box 2492, 04338; (207) 622-8980; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Thurs. Awareness Class 7:00 p.m.; Pres., Earl L. Wallace, 124 Spring St., Gardiner, 04345; (207) 582-2745; Co-Pastors, Rev. Earl L. Wallace and Rev. Kay Hawkins; Secy., Rev. Pat Wallace.

**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.

## • 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.

## DIRECTORY OF CHURCHES, *(Continued from previous page.)*

### • 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. Ellen Morse (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 120 Plant Ave., Hauppauge; Mailing Address: P.O. Box 5209, Hauppauge, 11788-5209, (631) 467-2076; Pastor, Rev. Richard P. 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** • 609 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

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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.

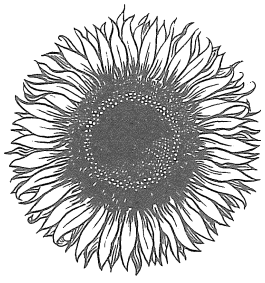
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***– Prayer for Spiritual Healing –***

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

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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.

It is easy to send a request for healing prayers for yourself or another. You can send your request through the NSAC site at www.nsac.org by clicking on *Healing* and filling out a form. You can e-mail k.rottino@snet.net, or call 860-642-7976 or write to me at 109 Capitol Drive, Willimantic, CT. 06226 with the name of the person you want healing prayers for.

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# A Significant Place

MARY L. PERKINS, Maine

For myself and some of my closest friends a walk in the woods and along water is a way to feel connected to earth. It is also a renewal from the demands of a "dog-eat-dog" material world, or from the pain and grief of the challenges of life. Even Spiritualists need retreats into nature to cleanse the mind and renew the soul.

There are some places that are very spiritual places for me, but today I shall choose a local location called Vaughn Woods (affectionately known by many locals as Hobbit Land). If memory serves, it has many of the qualities which one could value in a nature walk: a relatively quiet location, some old growth trees, a stream that tumbles over rocks near a stone bridge and some wildlife. And it is practically within local city limits. I remember some special experiences at Vaughn Woods. The sight of a big white flag tail (probably on a buck, judging by the size) running away from a friend and me was memorable. Once on a snowshoe walk after a spring snow storm, when the trees were all loaded white with snow, a slight breeze sent sparkly showers down on us like a blessing.

On a most special trip a friend took me on a small trail where there were rickety bridges with twig railings. We heard a noise and looked back to see a whirlwind that built at the top of the hill above us, picking up leaves from the forest floor. It came down behind us and disappeared down by the stream, like a hobbit or a woods' spirit. The water roars through the dam and down into boiling rapids below. It seems as if the trail is often muddy, and the rocks have a smell of algae.

On my recent trip back with a friend, the rains made the water so high that we could hear it roaring even before we entered the woods. The trail was, indeed, very muddy and now was covered with fallen leaves. This required us to carefully place our feet while looking around. The arched bridge is basically the same as it has been since it was built in the early 20th century. The water was over many rocks, so either for that reason or colder weather, there were no musty algae smells now. There were a few evergreen scents, as in any season. As we walked up the hill away from the crashing water, chattering squirrels and chickadee warning calls were some of the noticeable sounds. At one time we thought we heard geese up on the pond, but when we arrived we saw none.

With the leaves off the trees, one can see a lot more. Many rotting trees with woodpecker holes and interesting multiple kinds of fungi were just off the trail.

**Vaughn Woods in Fall**

A walk in Vaughn Woods in late fall
Fits well into a busy schedule.
No hectic traveling for an hour
To get to a special location.

The summer's leaves are down,
Clouds block the sun.
And all seems dead,
Look to the details around.

The fungi—in all their many colors—abound,
The evergreens retain their needles,
And hearty creatures prepare for winter.
Everything will rest and wait.

The spring rains will come.
A new profusion of growth
Will greet one
On a much waited for walk.

Will this coming winter bring
Introspection to you?
Will spring come again to the heart?

In the Buddhist tradition all this beauty in nature might be seen as an illusion. I know that science tells me that a beautiful sunset is the angle of the sun hitting the water droplets in the clouds and, the way my eyes are made, I see the various color hues. All that gets laid aside in the enjoyment of the moment for me, however. I am not attached to this particular sunset either. Emerson says, "A leaf, a drop, a crystal, a moment of time is related to the whole, and partakes of the perfections of the whole. Each particle is a microcosm, and faithfully renders the likeness of the world."

The Mahayana Buddhists say everything is dependent. Even the minutest particle contains all of all things. This is called the *Jewel Net of Indrea*. They are both saying that all things are connected to that independent web of life, just in different ways.

In Vaughn Woods, as elsewhere, if one is really attuned to all that it is around us, one could experience that Buddhist Cha'an moment of immediate enlightenment. To really see what is there in the moment is very special. Next month, or maybe even tomorrow, a place in nature will be different. Emerson says, "...few adult persons see nature..."[2] If one's sense of childhood wonder remains, "His intercourse with heaven and earth becomes part of his daily food."[3] Some people never hear the honking, and never pause to look up to see the geese go over. They are too busy rushing to the

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# MEDIA WATCH

BY THE REVS. TOM AND LISA BUTLER, NST

**First Long Term Study on Near-Death-Experiences (NDE) in the UK** • Penny Sartori has worked as a nurse at the Intensive Therapy Unit, Morriston Hospital, Swansea, UK for the past thirteen years. The deaths of patients she encountered made Dr. Sartori wonder what happened when we die. She had read about NDEs and decided to undertake her own research by conducting a long term prospective study (the UKs first long term study). The supervisors for the research were Dr. Peter Fenwick and Professor Paul Badham. The prospective study formed part of a much bigger research project into NDEs for which Dr. Sartori was awarded a PhD in 2005 at the University of Wales, Lampeter. One of the most interesting findings of this research was that it was found that the closer one comes to death, the more likely it is that a NDE will be reported. The total number of patients who survived, not all of whom came close to death, were compared with cardiac arrest survivors, those who had been clinically dead for a period of time. It was discovered that there was a much higher frequency of NDEs among cardiac arrest survivors. In comparing heart rhythms among cardiac arrest survivors, it was also discovered that the rhythm most prevalent in the NDE group was asystole—a rhythm associated with the highest fatality.



Dr. Penny Sartori

The study also found that unexplained aspects of the NDE, such as meeting deceased relatives who were not known to be dead at the time of the experience and gaining information in ways other than through the senses, could not be explained by physiological or psychological factors.

From: Penny Sartori, PhD: Prospective Study, The International Association for Near-Death Studies, www.iands.org/research/important_studies/dr_penny_sartori_phd_prospective_study_6.html

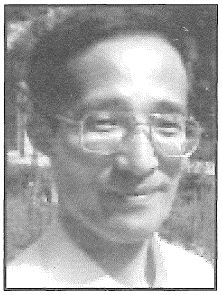
**NDEs Are Not Caused by Drugs** • The above study on Near-Death-Experiences in Wales has also shown that very few NDEs were elicited from the total group sampled, the majority of whom were given painkilling and sedative drugs. If drugs were the cause of the NDE then a larger percentage of NDEs would be expected. There were also cases in which some experiences similar to NDEs became very confused once painkilling drugs had been administered. Similarly, a patient was unable to recall an experience he had previously related to his visitors following a further period of sedation in response to a deterioration of his condition.

All patients (except one patient who was suffering from sleep deprivation) who reported hallucinations had been given a combination of large amounts of sedative and painkilling drugs. Comparison of the NDEs and hallucinations reported has highlighted the differences between the two types of experiences. Whereas the NDEs followed a pattern, the hallucinations were very random, bizarre and related to actual occurrences and the actions of members of staff. On follow-up, those who had reported hallucinations could rationalize that they had been hallucinating, whereas NDErs remained adamant that their experience was real.

**Learning to Love** • "Those who have been personally closest to death and returned, those blessed with NDEs, frequently mention why they came back instead of going on into the bliss they were experiencing...the most frequent reason given is that they had not yet learned how to love—and learning how to love is the most important lesson we are here to learn."

From: *Shift* No 17, "What Death Tells Us About Life," by Charles T. Tart.

**Hands Shown to Emit Light** • Of course this is nothing new to Spiritualists, but research done by Mitsuo Hiramtsu, a scientist at the Central Research Laboratory at Hamamatsu Photonics in Japan found that our hands, forehead and bottoms of our feet emit protons. Hiramatsu says that "Our hands are producing light all of the time." The light is invisible to the naked eye, so Hiramatsu and his team used a powerful photon counter to "see" it.



Mitsuo Hiramtsu

Fritz-Albert Popp, a leading world expert on biologically related photons at The International Institute of Biophysics in Germany, agrees with the findings and said, "One may find clear correlations to kind and degree (type and severity) of diseases." Popp and his team believe the light from the hands and forehead pulses out with the same basic rhythms, but that these pulses become irregular in unhealthy people.

From: "Hands shown to emit light," by Jennifer Viegas, *Discovery News,* http://dsc.discovery.com/

**Healers Affect Limbic System** • Studies using fMRI data have shown that healers in an intention-to-heal mindset have affected the limbic system activity in the target healee.

From: "Direct Brain to Brain Communication – Further Evidence

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from EEG and FMRI Studies," by Robert A. Charman, *The Paranormal Review* October 2006 Issue 40.

**Psi, Sigh and Psi Again** • In his article with this title, Robert A. Charman writes, "...The experiment by Pizzi et al. (2004) in which an isolated, em-shielded, non-stimulated (em is "electromagnetic radiation"), culture of neurons (nerve cells) in a...Petri dish came into frequency resonance with the pulsed-laser-driven frequency of a similarly shielded neuron culture, offers direct evidence that telepathy is a property of neuronal activity. On reviewing the implications of their findings...the authors concluded that, "Our experimental data seem to strongly suggest that biological systems present non-local properties not explainable by classical models. If, in this hypothesis, we assume that individual neural systems, in our case brains, differ in their ability to communicate directly with each other this way, and differ in their individual ability to bring such communication into conscious awareness, then we have an explanation as to why some people, including the writer, have never knowingly had a telepathic experience, while for others it is a frequent occurrence."

From: *The Paranormal Review,* April 2008 Issue 46

**Buddhism is Booming in China,** which is quite a paradox given the Communist Party's official atheism and its troubled relationship with the Dalai Lama. Buddhism's growing popularity reflects a longing for meaning among China's yuppies. They are attracted to Buddhism's rejection of materialism and emphasis on the transitory nature of life. Buddhism's trendiness has spawned a surge in faith-related business: Flights to the Tibetan capital, Lhasa, are booked solid and monasteries are building guest houses.

Buddhism is resonating with the white-collar class. As China is in its fifth year of double-digit growth, working 12 hours a day and on weekends is typical. Li Xinglu once typified the breed: hard-working, successful, unfulfilled. She ran an events-promotion firm and mixed with pop stars, diplomats, and entrepreneurs. But Li says something was missing, "I was smoking, drinking, and spending all night in the clubs...I spent a lot of time chasing happiness."

A recurring dream about her grandmother's death and conversations with a spiritually inclined colleague got her thinking. Li decided to visit the northwestern city of Xining. After taking a plane and then a twenty-one-hour Jeep ride across the Tibetan plateau, she arrived at the Tse-Reh monastery. There Li met her teacher, a nineteen-year-old monk who set her on a new path. Today, Li has put her career on hold and focuses instead on charitable acts, including raising money for an orphanage for Tibetan children. She credits her conversion for halting a downward spiral. "I didn't understand there was such a thing as a soul or spirit."

From: *Business Week,* "China's Spiritual Awakening," by Dexter Roberts, www.businessweek.com

**Fake Exorcisms** • Britain's *Daily Telegraph* is reporting that a priest is being investigated in Italy who purportedly attracted large crowds to staged events in which individuals would "pretend to be possessed." It was reported that Father Bazzoffi has made nearly $6 million dollars on these events. According to the *Wall Street Journal,* exorcism is on the rise and Rome's chief exorcist, Gabriel Amorth, said last year that the Pope wants an exorcist in every diocese in the world. This resurgence has sparked tensions between priests and psychotherapists. One program in an Australian ministry came under fire for offering *Bible* study and exorcisms to mentally ill young women.

From: *The Daily Telegraph,* "Priest made ££3m from fake exorcisms," by Malcolm Moore in Milan, www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/1583812/Priest-made-3m-from-fake-exorcisms.html •

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next task on their "to do" list.

T'ao Ch'ien's Poem On Drinking Wine, No 5 of 20 in *How to Eat a Chinese Poem* begins:

> I built my hut in the midst of men,
> And yet there's no clamor of carriages and horses.
> You ask how that can be?
> If your heart is distant, your place becomes remote
> of itself...

He seems to be saying that one can withdraw from community life wherever you are. Ralph Waldo Emerson seems to agree. Emerson's belief was that "To go into solitude a man needs to retire as much from his chamber as from society."[4] When it is hard to be outside long for some of us on a winter solstice night, due to the extreme cold, cannot one seek other kinds of enlightenment in meditation or journeying? Spiritualists believe we can.

I only know that although our walk in the woods was short that recent day, I came back and got a lot accomplished without feeling stressed from the schedule or from recent events. Nature is a magnificent source of renewal. •

[1] Ralph Waldo Emerson, *The Heart of EMERSON'S ESSAYS,* Selections from His Complete Works, ed. Bliss Perry (Boston and New York: Houghton Mifflin 1933) 35.
[2] Emerson, 15.
[3] Emerson, 16.
[4] Emerson, 14.

# An Interview with Dr. Jan W. Vandersande

MICHAEL E. TYMN, Hawaii




In his 2008 book *Life After Death: Some of the Best Evidence*, Dr. Jan W. Vandersande discusses physical mediumship, exploring some of the best and most interesting cases of various physical phenomena while also reporting on his own observations of some genuine physical mediums.

"In this book, I have tried to describe in considerable detail some of the best evidence that I am aware of for life after death," Vandersande writes in the conclusion of the book. "I have based this evidence on my own experiences which included sittings with trance mediums and channelers as well as sittings quite regularly for eight years in a circle with Mickey and Sara Wolf."

After completing his undergraduate work at Swarthmore College and his M.Sc. in physics at Cornell in 1969, Vandersande earned his Ph.D. in physics at the University of Witwatersrand, South Africa while studying the thermal properties of diamonds. He then served professorships at both Witwatersrand and Cornell. He has published more than 80 scientific articles and now serves as the communications director for VIASPACE, Inc., a high-tech company.

I recently put some questions to Vandersande by e-mail and further discussed the subject with him by phone.

***Dr. Vandersande, what is a physicist doing "dabbling in the occult"? Isn't that taboo for a man of science?***

"My training as a physicist taught me to investigate the laws of nature. So investigating psychic phenomena, specifically what happens when we die, was just a natural extension of the research I was doing. Many famous scientists such as Sir Oliver Lodge (physicist), Professor William James (psychologist), Sir William Crookes (physicist), Lord Rayleigh (physicist), Professor Charles Richet (physiologist) and Professor J. J. Thomson (physicist) were involved in psychic research. Many of them published articles and/or books on their research. Hence, investigating the "occult," as you call it, is not taboo for a man of science. Unfortunately the exposure of many fraudulent psychics has given this area of research a bad name. Just because there are some fraudulent mediums does not mean that they are all fraudulent. It just makes the research more of a challenge. As I see it, there are natural laws involved and they should be investigated."



Dr. Jan W. Vandersande

***How have your colleagues reacted to your interest in mediumship?***

"Many of my fellow physicists who I talked to about my interest in and experiences of the "paranormal," were polite and listened but did not believe my experiences, such as objects (trumpets) flying around the room and the observation of ectoplasm. At best they were agnostic (as many are about life after death). To them these observations are beyond the laws of physics as we know them today. Many told me that they might believe it if they observed these phenomena themselves. Taking my word for it was just too much. Isn't it interesting that they will believe the results of a physics experiment I publish, but not an observation that seems to be 'beyond' the laws of physics?"

***Most of the early psychical researchers, men like James, Lodge, Hodgson, Hyslop, et al, steered clear, for the most part, of physical mediumship because the darkness required did not permit scientific testing. They found their evidence in mental mediumship. Yet, you suggest the best evidence can be found in physical mediumship. Do you think those early pioneers were wrong?***

"The early psychical researchers concentrated on mental mediumship rather than physical mediumship because of the darkness, as you rightly suggest, which made proper scientific testing almost impossible. It was thus very difficult for them to rule out fraud which was prevalent in those early days. They did not have infrared film and an infrared flash which made taking photographs in the dark and/or with a dim red light impossible. Photographs taken of Jack Webber (in the

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1930's), by Tom Harrison of his mother Minnie Harrison (in the 1940's) and by my friend Professor Jack Allen of a medium in Johannesburg in the late 1960's using infrared film clearly show ectoplasm, materializations and how the trumpets are moved using ectoplasm (some of these photographs are shown in my book). These pioneers were thus not wrong, they just did not have the experimental equipment we have had available the past 60 years or so. I personally have found the best evidence in physical mediumship, specifically in materializations and the movement of the trumpet in the séance room. Having a sitter recognize a deceased relative in a materialized form while also recognizing the voice and speech peculiarities is as good a proof of life after death as you are going to get."

***Would you mind summarizing those eight years of observing Mickey and Sara Wolf?***

"My wife Marlene and I met Mickey and Sara Wolf in 1970, when they were in their late 50's. Up until then we had had sittings with several channelers, trance mediums and in a development circle, but we never really received any evidential messages. In our first sitting with Mickey and Sara we experienced trance mediumship, direct voice and trumpets flying around the dark room. We became very friendly with Mickey and Sara and initially would sit with them every two to three weeks for a few years, then every two to three months and then, as they got older, every several months. Every time we sat with them their main guide (control), Brian, would speak through either Sara, who was in trance, or through the direct voice. His characteristic voice was always the same and easily recognizable. Also, the trumpet, with luminous spots on it, flew around the totally dark room quite rapidly, up to the ceiling then to the walls and then slow down and gently touch each of the sitters (usually between four and eight) on the knee or on the head. (It is impossible to do that in the dark without bumping into chairs or sitters. Try it. There is no way any magician can do that, even though many claim they can. I challenge them to do it!!). We also had what were called Christmas sittings every December for the first few years. During those sittings (which were held in the total dark as were just about all their sittings) ectoplasmic spirit children played musical toys that had been placed in the center of the circle and also unwrapped presents (which were also in the center of the circle). Then the children would touch the sitters who could feel the small fingers and hands. I had my pants pulled several times by what felt like a small hand but I never felt the small fingers. However, my wife did feel them. These experiences I have just described were the highlights of sittings with Mickey and Sara. They never charged for their sittings and they were never suspected of fraud or caught doing anything suspicious."



***What was most evidential to you?***

"Mickey and Sara were mainly mediums who produced physical phenomena (direct voice, trumpets flying and ectoplasmic children) and did not often provide evidential messages when we sat with them. We were told by friends (who had sat with them before we did) that when they were younger they would produce ectoplasm in red light and messages. It appears that they had lost some of their powers when we started sitting with them but what we experienced was still very impressive. The best evidence for life after death we experienced with them would have to be the trumpets flying around the room, gently touching sitters and then floating there in mid-air while a spirit would speak through it. This movement of the trumpet can only be explained by an intelligence from the spirit world directing it. There is no way the medium in trance or any body else could move the trumpet like that in the pitch dark. A photograph of Minnie Harrison shows how the trumpet is moved using ectoplasmic rods that are attached to the medium."

***Have you experienced any very evidential mental mediumship?***

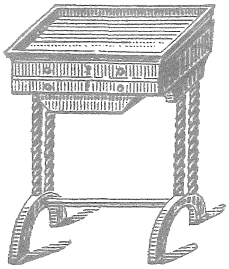
"There was quite a bit of evidential information communicated through Mickey and Sara, but I had not anticipated writing a book and, unfortunately, did not keep a record of it. It's all very vague in my memory right now. I did have an interesting reading by a psychic in Ithaca N.Y. during May 1983. We (Marlene, I and our two children) had just arrived back from Chicago where we had bought a house. There was a psychic fair at the hotel next to the Ithaca airport and we decided to stop by and see what was going on. I asked who the best psychic was and the organizer pointed to an elderly lady. We paid her $10 fee for the approximately 15 minute reading. We said nothing except "yes" or "no", but she hardly asked anything. She just talked. The first thing she said was that we were moving to the Midwest but that we wouldn't be there long. She said we would then be moving to the Southwest and that as far as she could see we would be there quite a while. She then said that we should not take our second car to the Midwest. The rest of the reading that I can recall was about the kids and how well they would do (a very general statement). I don't remember her saying anything that was wrong or turned out to be wrong. Actually, she turned out to be exactly right. We moved to Chicago two months later and one year later I took a job at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, CA. (the Southwest). In Ithaca we had an old Dodge Dart that I wanted to take to Chicago, but Marlene said we shouldn't. After the reading we decided not to take the car and we sold it a week before we left. The day before we left I got a call from the buyer of the

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car saying that the thermostat had failed and the car overheated about 20 miles outside of Ithaca. That would have happened to us had we taken the car. It would have caused delays and problems. We still live in the Los Angeles area 24 years later. Our children have done very well both academically and financially. Here is a psychic who made predictions about the future that all came true. They were not generic, general predictions but very specific ones involving places and times. She did not say "I see you moving." Most people move several times in their lifetime, so that would have been a general prediction that would very likely come true. Also, to make a lucky guess this accurate (Midwest, Southwest and car problems) would be extremely unlikely. Skeptics would say that she picked up the information about the move to Chicago and the car dispute telepathically (super-ESP) from Marlene and myself and just added the rest (a lucky guess). These accurate predictions do not prove there is an afterlife but do indicate some sort of predestination and if our lives are predestined to some degree then what is the purpose if there is no afterlife?"

***You mention observing ectoplasm. What exactly did you see?***

"Marlene and I have seen ectoplasm in a transparent form at a sitting with Mickey and Sara and their medium friends Max and Kitty Gordon. Mickey and Sara and Max and Kitty were friends for decades and sat together for most of those years. Kitty was a very good physical medium often producing ectoplasm and materializations. On that particular evening Mickey, Sara and Kitty sat in the cabinet. With the red light on Brian, Sara's guide (the usual master of ceremonies), told us to open the curtains. We could all see the three mediums in trance sitting in the cabinet. Then ectoplasm started pouring out of Kitty's nose and started to form a gauze-like sheet similar to that seen in photographs of the Johannesburg medium and of Minnie Harrison in my book. One of the sitters was then told to pick up the end of the ectoplasm on the floor, hold it high (about 5-6 feet) and then pull it partly across the room (about 4-6 feet) while it was still attached to Kitty's nose. It was truly spectacular to see. The ectoplasm was slightly transparent. The person holding the ectoplasm was then told to drop the ectoplasm. It fell to the ground and disappeared (quite fast, within seconds) back into Kitty's nose. Besides the very clear sight of ectoplasm there was also a very noticeable smell; I would call it a smell very much like a perspiration smell. It was a truly amazing experience and I have absolutely no doubt that it was ectoplasm we had just seen. Unfortunately Kitty, who was already quite elderly, retired from giving sittings after that sitting."



***A debunker looking at the cover of your book would no doubt scoff and sneer at the black beard of the materialized form, as it looks fake. How do you respond to such a reaction?***

"One of the four photographs taken by our friend Professor Allen of the Johannesburg medium (taken in the late 1960's) shows a full materialization with a black beard. Firstly, I want to point out that the materialization is a very impressive materialization. It is not some one dressed up in a white sheet. Just look at all the detail, folds, etc. of the ectoplasm covering the spirit entity. Also, there is a large amount of ectoplasm at the feet of the entity and of a sitter standing next to the entity. Any one dressed up to "impersonate" an ectoplasmic entity would never pull along a large amount of white cloth!! Secondly, Tom Harrison in his book shows a photograph of his materialized grandfather also with a black beard. That to me is not a coincidence. A possible explanation is that those parts of the body covered by skin are made from ectoplasm and that hair is not. I have no explanation what it is made from and why it is black. The fact that it is black does not take away from the genuineness of the materialization."

***Have you had any difficulty reconciling your observations of paranormal phenomena with your scientific knowledge?***

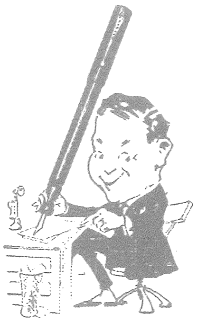
"As a scientist you investigate the natural laws of the universe and I definitely believe we have not discovered all the laws yet. Thus the occurrences of paranormal phenomena don't worry me; they are just beyond the laws of physics as we know them today. One day we might be able to explain how physical phenomena occur and how ectoplasmic forms come about. Unfortunately, there seem to be fewer physical mediums than we had several decades ago, so it will be more difficult to investigate the phenomena."

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A soul who is not close to nature is far away from what is called spirituality. In order to be spiritual one must communicate, and especially one must communicate with nature; one must feel nature.

*– Hazrat Inayat Khan*

# *TNS* Contest Entries & the Winners!



Thanks to all who entered our "Spiritualism Works for Me Because" contest. Our judges have chosen the winner!

Congratulations to ANGELA PORCARO from BALDWIN, NEW YORK. Angela Porcaro wins a free one-year subscription to *The National Spiritualist Summit.*

## *SPIRITUALISM WORKS FOR ME BECAUSE:*

1) I am loved, happy, and prosperous, just being ME every day.
*Glenn Carrick – Highland, California*

2) it gives me all of the answers that organized religion could not, and it's not just religion. It teaches us self-betterment and the importance of self responsibility and how to be a positive light in this sometimes dark world we inhabit.
*Robin Quiroz – Hesperia, California*

3) it has taught me that the sooner (rather than later) that I deal with whatever lessons are on my life's path, the sooner (rather than later) I will make progress and move along my life's path.
*Kathy Rottino – Willimantic, Connecticut*

4) it is a VALIDATION of the "supernatural" experiences I've had since childhood. Spiritualism also allows me the FREEDOM to share stories, ask questions, learn more and think scientifically about life beyond life. My favorite part of Spiritualism is the people - the true LOVE, CARING and NON-JUDGMENTAL ACCEPTANCE that radiates from my Spiritualist church friends. Spiritualism helps me to balance my thinking, sensing and emotional experiences so that they all work in harmony.
*Melissa Wachowski – Phoenix, Arizona*

5) when that final moment comes and I'm breathing my last breath, I would otherwise be saying to myself, like Peggy Lee, "Is that all there is, is that all there is? If that's all there is, my friends, then let's keep dancing. Let's break out the booze and have a ball, if that's all there is!" instead of knowing that the journey is not ending but continuing at a higher plane.
*Anthony Romano – Glendale, Arizona*

6) because I like the statement, "It is science, philosophy and religion." I find belief in it is the best counseling for the bereaved. I lost my husband.
*Emily Huang – Grandview, Missouri*

7) it enabled me to use my gifts of healing, messages and trance lectures to bring peace and joy to others by assuring them of a real life in the hereafter. The assistance received from my spirit teachers made Spiritualism my very life and love.
*Susie Murphy – Roseville, Ohio*

8) it is the gentle breeze that wafts into my life on Sunday mornings and soothes my soul. A few joyful songs and an euphoric meditation are heavenly elixirs. I am lifted up to the higher dimensions where I can objectively review my life and enter the realm of unlimited possibilities. My fears have dissipated and I am bathed in the warm glow of the loving, kindred spirits around me. I have now become a sunflower, ready to blossom and eager to spread the love.
*Angela Porcaro – Baldwin, New York*

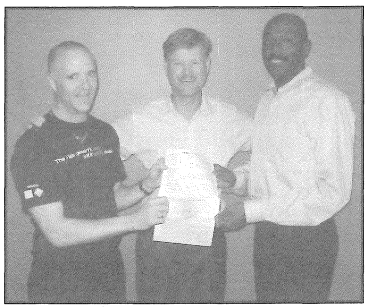
9) it guides me towards the free will baseline to achieve a level of a singing heart, through, truth, love, peace, and honesty, and by allowing proof of the creator and other souls' love towards all life on a simultaneously and multidimensional moment by moment basis, in this and other levels of consciousness.
*Marden Pride – Sanford, Maine*

10) it is an all inclusive path. Whatever my past teachings were, I am welcome. It has opened my heart to those living and those passed, my mind to learning, my ears to really hearing and my eyes to see how limited my vision was.
*Miriam Buckley – Bangor, Maine*

11) It allows me to be free
Free to explore, think and choose
With Natural Law I can't lose
Even if some stumble or fall
I'm free to love one and all
Free to be who I want to be
A loving, compassionate, spiritual me.
*Marsha Hall – Orlando, FL*

12) it is a Declaration of Principles that I find contribute to a higher consciousness. I choose to work in alignment with nature's physical and spiritual laws in operation, creating expanded awareness that is present now and forever. This ONE Infinite Intelligence expresses through the many. Choose soul.
*Janice M. Lumley – Chattanooga, TN* •

## California Anniversary



New Church Site Lease Signing: left to right, Stephen Burchard, President, Rev. Drew Vogt, Founding Pastor, and Jim Fralin, Treasurer.

### One Year Anniversary of California's Newest Church

San Francisco is a fast moving city. For over a year students of The Rev. Drew Vogt dreamt about the possibility of a Spiritualist church that would have a contemporary feeling. They conceived of a church that felt like a spiritual community which would be *responsive* to each other's needs, include *great music,* and *actively reach out* to other communities to share Spiritualism. The idea took root, was turned over to Spirit for direction, and in June, 2007, prospective members committed to launch a new NSAC church. After several surveys they crafted a name to reflect the essence of their new group—Celebrate Life ~ Spiritualist Community. Coincidentally, when the mail arrived they discovered the new *TNS Summit* magazine cover was emblazoned with the words—Celebrate Life!

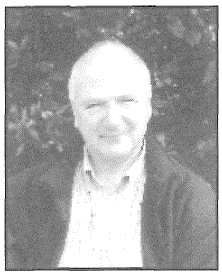
Celebrate Life held their festive Chartering Ceremony in September, 2007, with 22 Members and several Friends who promised to assist the new dream. Approximately 80 people attended the ceremony (held in a historic church), embellished with two vocalists and representatives from other Spiritualist churches. It was also digitally video recorded for a DVD.

In May of this year the forward-planning group signed a full-time lease for their new church center, which is now being re-decorated to suit the youthful demographic. Green trees adorn the sidewalk out front, and large windows give the space a fresh, open feeling. Green plants create a relaxing, garden atmosphere. The location is ideal because it is in a beautiful neighborhood, near bus lines and a subway station.

This September 20 and 21, Celebrate Life celebrated their one-year anniversary! It included several mini workshops during the daytime, and a joyous dinner on Saturday evening. Janice Foote, the California State Association President also attended.

With a strong focus on education and The Law of Attraction, each week the center hosts one devotional service, three different classes, and an intermittent Saturday spiritual movie night. The members are active in giving back to others, reaching out to non-Spiritualist groups, and assisting humanitarian projects.

## News from Maine



John Alexander (United Kingdom)

### My Visit to Maine: July 2008

Waking up to the sun streaming through my bedroom window and looking at a beautiful and peaceful ocean had me momentarily startled. Was I back in London (England) or had I transcended into the Spirit World. Neither was true. I soon realized that I was at Temple Heights Spiritualist Camp (THSC), where I had agreed to work for a week.

The flight from London to Boston was uneventful, although waiting for one's luggage caused some concern. I felt guilty that Sue Jalbert and Graham Connelly had travelled down to Boston to pick me up and take me back to their wonderful place in Raymond, Maine. I was greeted like a long lost son. The sign of a bald-headed eagle came into my mind and I knew my three week stay would be a rather spiritual one.

I had briefly visited Camp Madison (in Maine) last year and found the energy to be somewhat depressing. To see this beautiful little camp, located on the shore of a beautiful lake, in a state of neglect was somewhat upsetting. But this time the energy had totally changed, and it was clean, bright and full of Spirit. The transformation was unbelievable! Quite a few people came for spiritual readings that Saturday, and the sound of laughter was soon in evidence. The barbeque was lit, and we were all sitting around swapping stories and recalling our spiritual experiences. The sun was shining and the beauty of the countryside was very much in evidence—it reminded me of my Scottish heritage.

We later arrived at Temple Heights Camp, and once again it was a delight to hear those sitting on the veranda talking and laughing. The ocean view from my bedroom window was amazing, and upon feeling the energy of my gatekeeper Running Bear nearby, I started to relax. Sunday morning was occupied with private readings followed by the afternoon Sunday service. Despite the years of experience, I still get nervous when going to public functions.

The UK way of mediumship is rather different, and I was a bit unsure whether my style would prove to be popular and acceptable. My fears were unfounded. I liked the three-part service arrangement of healing, inspirational talk and clairvoyance. In the UK many churches do not allow hands-on-healing as part of the church service.

Temple Heights is unique. Its beautiful location overlooking the sea, its rustic interiors and the strong

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presence of Spirit walking the rooms makes it very therapeutic emotionally, mentally and spiritually. But before leaving I had to return to the room with the special portrait of the Native American Nikawa on the wall. He has such a distinguished and commanding face, that I was compelled to ask his permission to work soon after I had arrived; now out of respect, I wanted to bid him farewell. I knew intuitively I would be back at THSC.

At one of my workshops I was quite surprised to be asked if I liked Americans. Unreservedly and immediately I said I would not be in this country if this was not the case. I had visited the USA in the past with the International Spiritual Federation (ISF) as a tutor and as a private individual. Just prior to my coming to the USA, I had a very unusual spiritual experience. I was projected out of my body and had travelled forward in time to the year 2010. I saw myself in the USA continuing my work as a Spiritual Teacher and Medium.

Although arrangements are well in hand for me to return next year, I would nevertheless like to thank those friends I met this year who showed me such spiritual love and friendship. I ask my friends and the readers of the *TNS-Summit* to remember that life is all about creating happy memories. So please do something nice for yourself, for someone in the family or even a friend. By creating a happy memory for someone they in return give you a spiritual reward. I call it a smile. So in returning to the UK, I do so with a very happy smile on my face.

In spiritual love, friendship and harmony –
John Alexander, United Kingdom

## Certificate Awarded in Maine



**Elizabeth (Betty) Simpson (L) receiving her Licentiate Minister Certificate from Patricia Palmer, LM (R).**

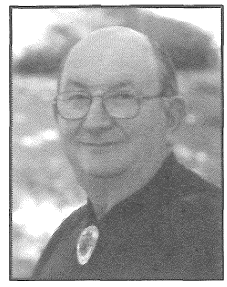
Patricia Palmer, LM, presented Elizabeth Simpson with her LM Certificate at Harrison D. Barrett Spiritualist Church (HDB) on September 7, 2008. Elizabeth serves as Secretary and Treasurer of HDB. She is Secretary of the MSSAC, Sec. of Madison Camp, and she is on the Board of Temple Heights Camp.

# Message from Spirit

## Mirror Mirror On The Wall

### Application of Natural Law

Jerry Lindberg – Arizona



**Jerry Lindberg**

A wonderful message was brought to me from Spirit, and it is to be given to all the world. On July 15, 2007 I received a message from a Spiritualist medium Mary Meissner, who said that Sherry Peavler and I would be receiving information from Spirit to bring to you. Sherry soon received the lyrics and music score of this new song. The following week, we saw the Universal Studios movie *Evan Almighty.* We were not prepared to receive more information from Spirit during the movie! We used paper plates, post-its, and backs of business cards throughout the next week to write down all the messages. Spirit was telling us to be willing, open, and prepared to listen to the information, write it down and take action. (We all know that messages come at any time, in colors, thoughts, emotions, pictures, statements, etc.)

*SELF-EMPOWERMENT begins when we decide*
*to actively take control of our lives,*
*which means when we come to the awareness that*
*we are responsible for our thoughts, feelings and actions.*
*We begin to take back our power when*
*we are daring enough*
*to initiate the process of releasing or changing that*
*which brings us pain, makes us sad*
*or in any way diminishes who we are. Accept gracefully*
*the challenges and opportunities*
*that are placed before you for your growth*
*and understanding.* †

**Your eyes are the reflection of your soul.** Look into a mirror and remember the picture of a little kitten is sitting in front of a mirror, viewing himself as a big lion. **You are what you think.**

There are many Universal and Natural Laws that we know about including the Law of Attraction, the Law of Abundance, the Law of Affirmation and the Law of Dominion. As we reviewed the messages that were coming in to us, the numbers 9, 11, & 1 continuously reappeared. The original story was also first presented at *The Church of the Living Spirit* (Arizona) on 9/9/2007 = 9+9+9 = 27 = 9. In numerology a "9" is an ending or a completion. **Now is the time to let go of the past that has not served you well.** An "11" is a prime number that cannot be sub-divided; **this gives us a strong**

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**foundation as we build our spiritual beliefs.** The number "1" is about new beginnings. **Now is the time to create our new reality.**

According to Ronna Hermann, "as you develop belief in yourself and your abilities, and learn to live attuned to your Higher Self and in harmony with the Universal Laws, your world becomes magical and your desire for love, peace, joy and abundance will naturally unfold as you move into the higher frequencies of balance and harmony with Spirit. *Transcending fear means you can experience it, observe it, learn from it and move through it.* In this way, fear will serve as a warning bell as to what you need to be aware of, what is out of balance, and what you need to bring into harmony. Emotions are made up of negative or positive energy thought forms, and we can master them instead of allowing them to be our master. *Move forward into the positive.*" †

Some of us see Spirit through what is commonly called our *Third Eye*, which is in the center of our forehead. Colors, feelings, thoughts and impressions, that we "see" are energy frequencies from Spirit.

"You come to the realization that you are more than just a physical body with a soul. You understand that you are a soul fragment of a great and magnificent Being, experiencing physical embodiment. You also know that Earth is not your home. You are only a visitor here on an important mission at the request of the Creator of our universe." †

Here are some very important applications of Natural Law to think about and apply.

- Ask and you shall receive.
- To change the world, perform one act of kindness at a time.
- It is important to Trust and Work together.
- God gives us the opportunities to be courageous, to love, to gain patience.
- Humanity needs to work together. We need to trust with no doubts. "Let Go and Let GOD."
- The human ego often gets in the way. Something tragic often has to happen before people believe and respond (i.e.: 9/11 Twin Towers, tsunami, & earthquakes).
- We need to Take Action in our Own Lives NOW!
- Animals have no doubt but People do! (During the recent tsunami very few animals were killed). The animals knew what was coming, and left the danger zone! People were killed because they didn't listen to their natural instincts. People need to be more like the animals; we need to listen and to pay attention. Learning to listen to your thoughts, feelings and instincts is part of your development and growth.
- *All forms of life need to work together.* In the movie *Evan Almighty,* even the animals helped build The Ark. The local people didn't want to help. Evan was doing it with just his family; but he knew he couldn't do it alone. He asked God for help. God instructed the animals to carry the lumber, bring the hammers, nails and help pound it together.
- All material things can be destroyed within a matter of minutes. You only need the basics to survive. Keep the most important things in your life; like your thoughts, your emotions, and memories that you can take with you.
- Spend time with family, friends, pets and your own thoughts among nature.
- Have patience, and work together in peace and harmony.
- *Believe and trust in Your Higher Being. What is supposed to come to you will come in God's time, not in our time.*

According to Ronna Hermann, now is the time to get positive. *I AM* are the two most powerful words you will ever say, so saying that I am angry, or I am sad, or I am afraid, only empowers those negative emotions. †

**Change to the positive by saying—I AM and I WILL.**

- I am worthy of the greatest and most precious things that this world has to offer.
- I am not my emotions, and my emotions only have the hold on me that I allow.
- I will master the fundamentals of the Universal Laws and Spiritualism's Principles.
- I am wonderful. I am healthy. I am great. I am prosperous. †
- I am never lonely and I treasure my solitude.
- I always have everything that Spirit wants me to have. †
- I am able to clearly communicate with my guides, teachers, and spiritual masters.
- *I am a Divine Instrument of Light*, through which the higher dimensional frequencies of creation flow. I carry the torch of Light. I radiate the love of angels.... †

*Envision spiritual beings perched on your shoulder as Sacred Witnesses.* They see everything you do, all the time. You experience, observe, analyze, act, and integrate the wisdom of the occurrence. By operating in this manner, you move out of the realm of cause and effect, and into a State Of Grace. Throughout the day, make it a habit to notice the world around you; what can you be joyful about? Practice being thankful for the beauty and bounty in your life. *Maintain an attitude of gratitude.* This helps condition the subconscious mind and helps remove fear and negative vibrations from your conscious mind and auric field. If you are joyful, loving and grateful, there is no reason for doubt, fear or negativity. †

Our song *Mirror, Mirror on the Wall* has very special meaning through words and music. Pay close attention to their meaning. **You are all "Beacons of Light" for the**

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world to see. Go forth and spread the word as you apply Universal and Natural Laws throughout your life. May God bless you with peace, new growth, wisdom and knowledge!



Sherry Peavler

**"Mirror, Mirror on the Wall"**
Sherry Peavler

*Verse 1:*
Universal Laws are all set in place
Easy to follow if we just set our pace.
So why do we question so much that we see
In this world of excitement, *excitement*,
and challenges, and *challenges*, excitement, *excitement*
and challenges..... that are to be?

*Verse 2:*
It's that crazy ole' Ego that gets in the way
That causes the questions "Is it REAL as they say?"
Spirits have much to tell us - If we listen to the call,
They hold us up high, oh so high, yes so high, so high.....
they would never let us fall.
***Chorus + Chorus (X2)***

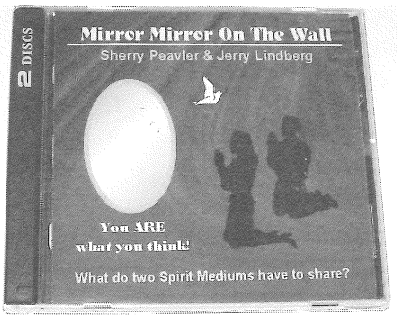
*Verse 3:*
Find the truth that rings loud or soft in your heart.
The answers are always right there from the start.
Open your eyes, your ears and your heart... that you may see
Your truth, your dreams, your desires, will come true,
Your truth, your dreams and your desires, will come true.....
For what's to be.

*Verse 4:*
The world has been waiting for people like us all,
Two-legged, four-legged none to even recall.
To spread light through-out the Universe for peace.
To work, live in balance, peace and harmony,
To work, live in balance, peace..... and harmony.
***Chorus + Chorus (X2)***

*Verse 5:*
It's time to take action to do your loving part.
So Natural Laws will move in motion, Natural Laws will move in motion.
To fill the highest, highest abundance,
To fill the highest, highest abundance,
To fill the highest, highest abundance,
In every Mind,..... Body, Spirit and Heart....

*Verse 6:*
As you walk side-by-side with your Heavenly Guides,
God has your map that will lead you to the Light.
Don't try to lead nor try to follow
Because we are one, one with God,
Because we are one, one with God,
Yes we are one, one with God,
One with God..... in our own shadow.
***Chorus + Chorus: + Chorus (X3)***

***Chorus:***
**Mirror, mirror on the wall**
**We are the Greatest ones of all.**
**Beacons of Light for all the world to see.**
**Spiritual Ones - We are - You and Me!**




† Ronna Herman's book *Scripting Your Destiny* (with permission)
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Why do you look without
for that which is within you?
*– Meister Eckhart*

# Actualizing Your Plans

THE REV. DREW VOGT, California

*The secret to dynamic living is creating and accomplishing exciting plans. Here are five simple steps to actualize your plans.*

**BUILDING A FOUNDATION** • Before you start to tackle goals on any level, BUILD for yourself a strong foundation of confident self-esteem. This comes from a spiritual understanding of your true nature—as a gifted Divine Soul. Anything that is negative is not of "God" and should be left behind! A positive self-esteem honestly affirms your God-Self.

**ASK** • As you begin to build your confidence and self-esteem, begin to ASK God/Spirit for goals or objectives that will be in your best interest. Be aware of how you feel when you're doing the asking as well as the listening. Asking and listening in fear is not recommended. Ask and listen in a loving state of mind.

**DEFINE** • Define your objectives and plans. Trust that with confidence you will COMMIT to a plan to accomplish your defined objective. This ability to commit is one of humankind's greatest growth areas! This is not a time to be vague; be specific as well as flexible as results unfold! In order to accomplish your goal, divide your plan into definable steps as short term goals, mid-range goals, and long term goals. Remember, *Inch by inch, anything's a cinch!*

**SPIRITUALIZE** • Spiritualize your plan to bring in the highest and best help possible! First, call in the experts from the SPIRITUAL REALM—the spirit guides and teachers. Second, call in experts and professionals who work in the field of your goal. Don't re-invent the wheel—learn to ask for help, ask for advice, ask for everything you need to be successful. Realize that other spiritual beings want you to be successful too! They will want to assist you when they discover your enthusiasm and dedication.

**PERSEVERE** • See the objective accomplished in your mind's eye; say it is accomplished with your affirming words; then take action, over and over again without quitting. Don't give up! Persevere until you accomplish your goal!

Infinite God is working with you—so feel strong, victorious, and grateful! •

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*– Conrad Hilton*

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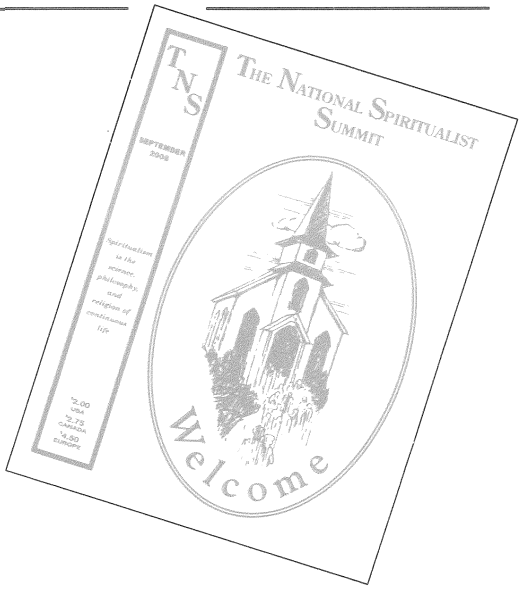
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1. We believe in Infinite Intelligence.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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