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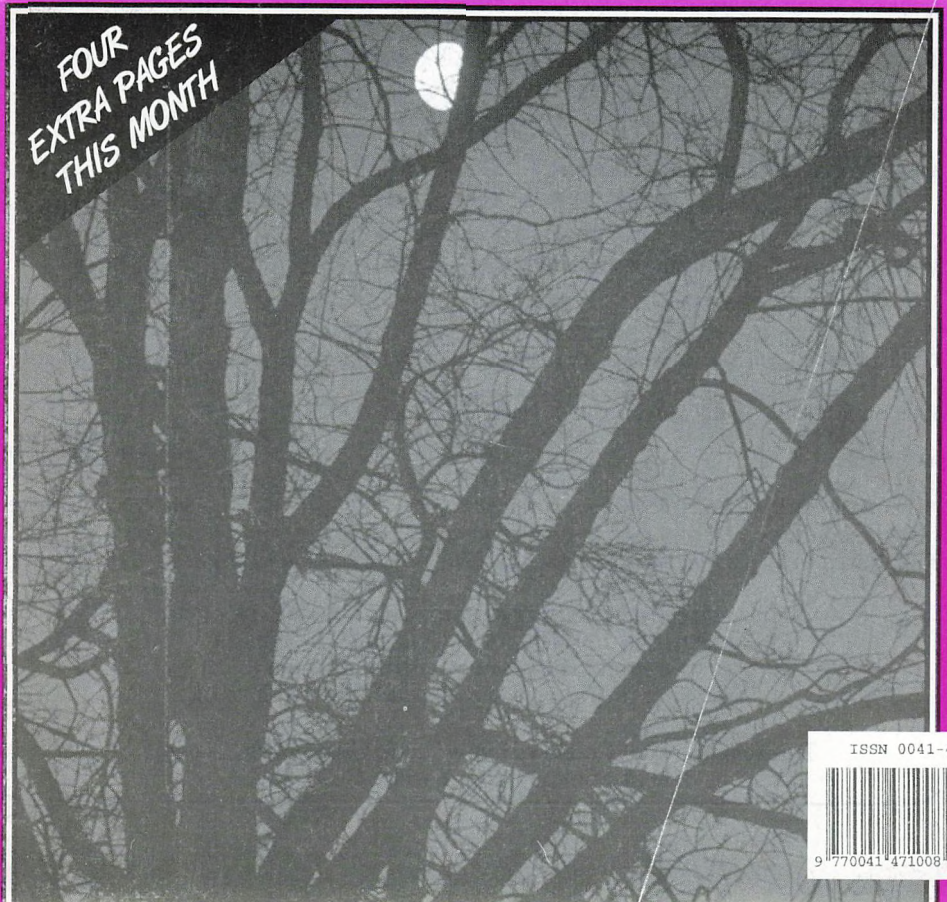
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Two worlds are one

BY TONY ORTZEN



I MUST be dreadfully dense. There are so many things I just cannot understand. Take the computer before me. I don't know how it works and can't begin to imagine.

The same applies to the car, CD player, calculator, telephone and countless other objects used on a daily basis. Kindly friends attempt to explain in idiot one-two-three terms. I try and follow, but still suffer from an alphabet of appalling ignorance.

I am currently wearing a dunce's cap from a few weeks ago when two teams of scientists announced radical break-throughs concerning genes. It is made no easier when I'm told it is about building blocks and DNA, which sounds more to me like something to do with a nuclear authority than the blueprints for body cells and brains.

Be that as it may, an analysis of the first human genetic map – it is known as the genome – has shown that humans seem to have as few as 30,000 genes. Apparently, this surprised scientists, who anticipated that we would possess 100,000 to 150,000 genes.

It seems not. Indeed, from memory, I heard on the radio that we do not have that many more genes than a worm or certain type of fly. I may have the species wrong, but the point still applies.

"In many cases, we have found that humans have exactly the same genes as rats, mice, cats, dogs and even fruit flies," said American scientist Dr Craig Venter.

"Take the gene PAX-6. We have found that when it is damaged, eyes will not form. You can take a human gene, insert it in fruit flies and the vision of their offspring will be restored."

At the time of writing, an outbreak of foot and mouth disease is spreading across the UK. Emergency measures are in place. Livestock movements have been banned and non-essential military training suspended along with other stringent regulations.

Both TV and newspapers have shown terrible fiery funeral pyres of cattle, pigs and sheep, the roaring flames against the night-time sky looking like a grim scene from a medieval idea of hell.

It is a point worth repeating again and again that Spiritualists above all should

have an especial understanding and empathy with animals. We are in a unique, prime and privileged position to understand that the spirit activating humanity also endows animals with life.

Like us, they too survive death. Like us, animals have feeling, emotions and memory. Like us, animals feel pain, stress and terror. Now we know we have genes in common, thereby strengthening the physical link.

There is undoubtedly a direct correlation between the way mankind treats the animal kingdom and our spiritual maturity. So far, the bulk of people have failed that test miserably.

Yet we must retain the hope within our collective hearts that one far off day the majority will come to understand that peace can only reign supreme when there is not only respect between peoples and a true brotherhood of man, but between humanity and other species whom so many wrongly call lesser creations...

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DID you see a quote buried away in an interview with singer and jazz legend Cleo Lane in which she mentioned karma?

Miss Lane – now a Dame – auditioned for John Dankworth's jazz band in 1952. Six years later, he proposed. Unlike so many in the entertainment industry, they are still happily married.

Journalist Rose Shepherd said the singer's life, like all lives, had been touched by sadness, citing the death of her father, her mother's decline due to Alzheimer's Disease and the passing of her sister, Sylvie, from cancer. Did she

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have "terrors" about "losing" her husband?

"We've had a great time together," said Cleo Lane. "I would like to go first, but, no, I haven't got a horror feeling about it. I don't feel that we go anywhere. I think, if anything, you come back and work out more karma."

Well, we certainly do go somewhere! The spirit world. That surely is something to sing about.

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A LEADING scientist has attacked the Government's plan to increase the number of church schools. Richard Dawkins, Oxford University's professor for the understanding of science, commented:

"The idea of expanding single faith schools seems positively evil. Making the assumption that children should be brought up in the religion of their parents, thereby increasing divisiveness in society is, I think, evil."

Prof Dawkins added that in a good school "children will be exposed to different points of view in matters of controversy. In a very good school, they may even be encouraged to develop their own opinions based upon evidence and arguments."

Strong stuff! And it is about time that secondary schools automatically included Spiritualism and psychic science in their religious education classes so that pupils can be taught the psychic facts of life and death. For if everyone realised that we are primarily spiritual beings, the world would be transformed.

A spark of the Divine

WISDOM FROM THE WORLD BEYOND

Below, we continue our serialisation of "Claude's Second Book," in which a young soldier gave spirit teachings through famous medium Gladys Osborne Leonard.

THERE is no "chance" about the way people meet and come into each other's lives, for it is all part of a plan.

Perhaps it will be easiest explained if we think of God as the Great Weaver, the Earth as the frame and all the people on it as the strands that move in and out, forming a pattern on a wonderful carpet.

The Great Weaver is also a great magician. As He attaches each little coloured thread to the frame He endows it with life and willpower, and shows it what line it must follow to form the pattern He intends to make.

Let's take Mr Yellow Thread, and say he has to help to make a rose. As he starts whirling and twirling his way across the frame, fitting in with various other threads each in their correct position, all goes well.

Suddenly, he tires of his part and goes off at a tangent, causing tangle and confusion to Mr Red Strand and Lady Blue, whose lines he crosses.

Eventually he mixes things up till he is almost choked, and comes to a standstill.

If he realises his mistake and is truly anxious to repair the mischief he has done, he will do his very best first of all to disentangle and put straight Mr Red Strand and Lady Blue, as he is responsible for the troubles, and then try to work back to his original place.

No amount of repentance alone will help him; he must have the will to undo the wrong.

If he has not the will, the Great Weaver does not do the work for him; what He does do is to cut Mr Yellow Thread where he joins the frame and withdraw him.

By the intrusion and compulsory withdrawal of the alien thread, Mr Red Strand and Lady Blue are left with little loops, uneven and sagging.

By making strenuous efforts they can tighten up their own pattern again so that it shows no trace of having been crossed by the wrong thread, and through this experience may even be firmer than before.

The work of the Great Weaver never stops, so another takes Mr Yellow

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Thread's place, and the pattern continues to shape itself.

He is not broken to pieces and thrown away as useless, but is straightened out and put into correct shape.

Later on He will be fastened to the frame again. This time he will have to weave into a less conspicuous place, the background probably, where he will help to show up the beauty woven by Mr Red Strand and Lady Blue.

There are some under-weavers also, the assistants to the Great Weaver. They help all who desire it by directing them along the right lines.

They can see the pattern, though not in such detail as the Great Weaver, and so can tell along what lines certain lives will fall, and therefore sometimes they foretell events.

They can see that Mr Plain Thread is now forming a "stem." If he works to the pattern the Great Weaver intends, he will eventually finish up in a beautiful rose.

If, instead, he runs amuck he will be responsible for the disaster that results, for he cannot avoid involving others.

The Great Weaver does not intend any thread to work its way alone, though it has an individual place.

It must cross and recross the frame with all the others, each weaving his little bit in the great colour scheme which none of us can understand, for we are too near to it to see it in the right perspective, and it is not yet complete.

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You want to know how man differs from animals, as the same life, or God-force, animates him in common with them and all creation?

All force and power emanate from God, for He is all Power. He is also all Mind and all Love as well.

The life-force that is throbbing through the Universe, manifesting itself in the existence of everything you see, is the cause of man's physical body also.

His spirit, which is his prerogative and peculiar to him, comes from God direct in the form of the "drop" which for ever remains connected with its source.

This "drop," the Divine spark, is a little bit of the God mind. It is this fact that makes the difference between even the lowest man and the noblest beast.

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living up to the best and highest in himself.

We have talked of how man has to grow in regular stages through the physical and mental to the spiritual, and how in order to be well balanced he has to conquer each stage ere he goes on his road of evolution.

Though one cannot always judge by a man's social position or the nature of his work whether his life is "higher" or not, it is, after all, the manner of it and the use he makes of his opportunities that constitutes the real difference.

A man may be a village carpenter, and by his wholesome, honest and kindly influence appreciably benefit the small community in which he lives.

Another man, say a writer, may use his greater opportunity to decry what is good and disseminate what is unclean, dishonest and cynical, caring nothing for the effect on other people, because he can by playing up to the worst in human nature, earn more money and gain cheap notoriety.

In the spirit world things are readjusted. This place might be called the "Land of Fulfilled Ideals," for here, if a man has honestly done his best on earth, he can realise his dreams, which may have been quite out of his reach before.

I will give you an instance in my own experience. I came across a man one day who was standing outside a beautiful building; he was regarding it with love in his eyes.

I was so interested I stopped to speak to him. He told me he was one of the architects who had designed it, and that it meant a great deal to him.

On earth, from his early childhood he had wished to become an architect, and spent hours drawing designs and all his spare time in going to see, admire and study various buildings.

His father was a poor man, a jobbing tailor, and did his best for his son, but his health failed and the lad had to join him in the little shop, where by slow degrees his ambition faded.

Eventually, he married, had children, and settled down to his birthright of drudgery, indifferent health and poverty, but the love of design, of fine curves and imposing lines remained, and on his scant holidays he still went to look at the buildings he loved.

Well, he lived his life honestly, bearing his heavy burden bravely.

Then came the inevitable end – death – which proved to him, as to most of us, but the door leading to the land of a fuller and more beautiful life, for his dreams have at last come true and his ideals have materialised.

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BY WENDY STOKES

AFTER my brother had a swimming pool accident as a child, he saw a circular light coming towards him, felt as though he were rushing through a tunnel at tremendous speed and heard our "dead" Gran call his name. When the lifeguard came, he had no pulse or breathing, yet was revived. Do you think he had a near-death experience? – Sally Wilson, Norfolk.

Clinical research is being carried out at the University of Southampton, Hants, where a charity has been set up to investigate whether thoughts persist after the body has been pronounced dead.

Over the years, literally thousands of cases of out-of-body and near-death experiences have been reported and investigated throughout the world, many by scientists, psychiatrists and other experts.

The similarities they found are astonishing. For instance, people who have died during operations and described lights, tunnels and relatives are now so common that the medical profession cannot ignore them.

Generally, individuals describe seeing their lifeless physical body beneath them. Next, they do indeed race through a tunnel. Many people say they encounter a figure and are surrounded with a feeling of all-encompassing love, compassion and understanding that is literally out of this world.

There are countless cases of those having a near-death experience seeing "dead" relatives and friends, but either being told they must return to earth or encountering a barrier, such as a lake or river, which they cannot cross.

Elizabeth Taylor is just one celebrity who had a near-death experience. Out-of-body experiences are similar in that the person describes in detail events that took place during the time when they were officially dead.

Frequently, people who have been in these life and death situations find that their lives and values change dramatically as a result. Many no longer fear passing on as these experiences do indeed suggest that a reasoning, intelligent, spiritual counterpart which retains its memory and personality does survive death.

From the details you supplied, it seems likely that your brother did temporarily die before being revived. In any event, it was a valuable experience that should not be forgotten by his family.

When I bump into two college friends in particular, they often say, "Hey, I was just thinking about you." They believe they are telepathic and psychic, but I have never experienced anything like this. Do only special people have psychic skills? – Jemma Gopal Singh, Manchester.

In a word "No," for I believe everybody is psychic, but people have their sensitivity wired for different purposes.

As Spiritualists, we are most familiar with mediums, those individuals who have specifically developed their psychic gifts. By far the majority are clairvoyant in that they see the so-called dead, sometimes in miniature within their heads and at other times as life-size individuals.

Two other common psychic skills are clairaudience and clairsentience when one "hears" and "senses" spirit communicators. But in every other sense, mediums are ordinary individuals, with good, bad and indifferent points just like the rest of us.

Now to your college friends. They obviously want to be close to you, which awakens their psychic powers. Telepathy depends on many factors – being on a person's wavelength, awareness and wanting the connection also helps.

To be part of their special friendship, at an everyday level you could make their comments into a game, asking, "What am I thinking now then?"

You could also draw a picture on a piece of paper and have them guess the subject. In this way you will be involved rather than an outsider.

Maybe your faculties are for a different skill, such as healing or divination, but will probably have to be developed.

If you wish to discover any psychic gifts you have, a good starting point would be your local Spiritualist church, which may well run a closed or open circle. However, it is important that these are led by an experienced medium.

Alternatively, there are several Spiritualist colleges and other national organisations that hold residential or evening courses on developing mediumship. Several advertise in "Two Worlds."

I am sure you will do so, but as well as developing mediumistically, it is equally as important to develop spiritually.

Mediumship is a sacred gift, and ought always to be treated with respect. So, too, should sitters and the spirit communicators who return to prove there is no death.

I am studying to become a medium and have recently started training in trance work. The first evening my guide spoke through me, but has now started to come through at inconvenient times.

I was sitting on the train the other day and could feel my guide pressing me to let him through. I don't feel able to mention it in the classroom and do not have my tutor's telephone number. What should I do? – Lesley Parlington, Chislehurst.

This is very common amongst those who have a natural gift for trance work. In the early days of training, our boundaries may not be sufficiently well developed to prevent messages arriving at odd times.

We each possess a "doorkeeper" on the Other Side whose job it is to allow only spirit communicators who are considerate, patient and well mannered and prevent any who are inconsiderate from pushing through.

Talk to your doorkeeper and explain that you only have selected times to receive messages and that you do not want always to be "on call." As you are in training, you might need to ask for a more experienced doorkeeper to attend you, one who is stronger and more discerning.



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I would encourage you to mention this problem in the classroom as everyone can benefit from your experience. This will help you and others to develop confidence.

When I was going for an important interview, a friend sent me a little engraved trinket for good luck. It has not worked. Should I throw it away? – Renata Long, Taunton.

Countless people have deep faith in good luck charms. If a person believes a certain day, number or item is blessed, nothing will convince them otherwise.

Many items, including crystals, crosses and a wide assortment of amulets, have been considered to be auspicious, but what brings good fortune for one person may not be ideal for everyone.

Your friend's lucky stone might be ruby, but yours could be sapphire. It is important to know what the trinket is called, where it comes from and its exact uses. Contact your friend to know more.

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Get right with Reiki

BY KEITH BEASLEY

Over the last few years, Reiki has become a popular form of healing, with courses available in many parts of the country. Below, Reiki Master Keith Beasley gives an insight into the technique.

REIKI is many things to many people, so to attempt to describe, define or explain it in a heading is probably an impossible task. Hopefully in 1,500 words I can at least give readers a flavour for the immense subject that is Reiki.

However, I must from the outset share my view that Reiki cannot be described or appreciated through words. The thing that matters most about Reiki is the experience.

We have all had different romantic experiences. Between us our experiences of art and music will also vary enormously. So too will our personal perception of the art of healing, Reiki or otherwise. But let's look at a few examples.

Say you are feeling stressed after a hard day. Reiki will help you to feel calmer, more peaceful. It may be no more than that, but how valuable would such a turn off from stress be if applied throughout the world!

Perhaps you are beginning to feel that there is more to life than a nine to five job, but too afraid to do anything about it. In this situation, Reiki will help you to do just whatever is needed. It gives an inner strength and courage to change or give up a job or relationship we have outgrown.

Possibly your mind is just so confused and life so full that nothing makes any sense. If we are ready for it, Reiki can literally take us out of this world and give us a taste of a different reality.

Some "see" this as colours (often swirling purples) whilst others feel it as a profound sense of peace and love. The specific experiences vary tremendously, but so often the experience is one that just cannot be forgotten. Sometimes significant physical healing accompanies these deeper sensations.

So what is it that can take us on such a variety of healing journeys? The answer is a connection with the energy of life itself.

Reiki is a Japanese word that, in so far as literal translations of Japanese words are possible, means Universal Life-Force Energy. It is the energy of life itself, that which transcends all. In other words God, Love or Light. It is also the

Qi of Qi-Gung, the Chi of Tai Chi, and the Prana with which yoga practitioners work.

So the practice of Reiki is anything that consciously helps us connect into and work with this universal energy – the energy that is already within and is part of us.

Unfortunately, due to the way many of us are conditioned, we often deny or fight against this natural power, and very much at our expense.

Thus, the practice of Reiki reconnects us to the universal within us, our inner/higher self, our soul, our spirit, our divine aspect – that which has all the answers.

We talk of being channels of Reiki (or other) energy in the sense of connecting our earthly self (with its material body and conscious mind) to our heavenly self (with its spiritual, universal nature).

This is not a channel from "out there" to somewhere, but one reuniting our normal (earthly) and divine selves.

But how did the current rapid expansion of Reiki come about? Dr Mikao Usui, the founder of modern day Reiki, lived from 1864 until 1926.

Given the current bout of earthquakes and such natural disasters, it is interesting to note that he is credited with significant healing work in the aftermath of the major Kanto earthquake of 1923.

Reiki was always intended to be used where it was most needed – on the ground and in the real world. It is because it is so effective within normal life that it has taken off so.

Of course, "the real world" these days includes complementary health clinics and adult education classes, which is where Reiki is most often found in the public domain.

However, look a bit deeper and you will find an increasing number of people practising Reiki on themselves, their friends and family. This, to many, is the true spirit of Reiki: individuals using their practice to sort themselves out.

Part of the ethos of Reiki is that it helps us to help ourselves, and to accept responsibility for our lives and our health.

Even many within the NHS welcome this trend, for it means that patients make a commitment to their own well being instead of expecting everything to be done for them.

Reiki restores our faith not in any particular god, guru or even ourselves, but in life itself and the One-ness of it. Those who have allowed Reiki to become an integral part of their lives find that events happening around them usually reflect their own inner thoughts, feelings and needs.

Everything is interconnected. The Universe knows best. Reiki, the Universe, God (or whatever other set of words you like to use) is everything so we can depend on it.

Gradually, we accept that the human mind works far better as a channel for this Universal energy and wisdom than as a rational computational machine. We need to be creative and intuitive as well as logical. Obtaining this balance is

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often a benefit of Reiki practice.

But what is meant by "Reiki practice"? There are no rules. Most people will "learn" Reiki in a two or three-day course. Even then it will be clear to most that it is a very personal thing.

However, basic training should include giving self-treatments. Once back home students can, and are encouraged, to give themselves Reiki on a regular basis. Most report that the more flexible they are about this, the more likely they will be to embrace the practice.

Thus, a formal 45-minute full Reiki can be split, with a few minutes after waking up in the morning, a few minutes when going to bed (to relax us) and a few minutes whenever anywhere during the day. It becomes second nature and can be used even in the midst of a hectic household or heavy business meeting.

Although there are no specific written beliefs associated with Reiki, it is known that Dr Usui encouraged his patients and students to adopt a quite definite approach to life through what we now call The Reiki Principles:

Just for today I will not worry,
Just for today I will not anger,
Just for today I will do my work honestly,
Just for today I will live in an attitude of gratitude,
Just for today I will show respect for every living thing.

Reflect on these. Use them as affirmations. They help us to accept what is and detach from matters that are really important.

The essence of Reiki is that "Nothing really matters" and "Everything matters." It is the philosophy that comes from many Eastern religions – living in the moment.

The more we practise Reiki, the easier we find it to enter mind, body and soul into the here and now, free of fears and dreams of the future, free of resentments and grief over the past.

In Reiki we talk of the "mystic order" to life. This is an acknowledgement that the real world is full of magic and mystery, the wonder of creation, the beauty of the natural world.

Practising Reiki helps us to tune into this sense of wonder and live with the joy of Spring. It also helps us to accept that there is an order to life, even our own lives and the human condition, however chaotic and nonsensical it may appear.

We know that there is a reason for everything, that often things happen just to teach us something. But it is all part of the Grand Plan, the Divine Order to life, the universe and everything of which we are part.

Reiki helps us to accept our part in life, to know that at times we are insignificant and at other times have important roles to play. We are nothing yet all.

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The worship of trees

BY PETER WEST

In last month's magazine, popular columnist Peter West looked at the superstitions surrounding animals. Here, taking a similar theme, Peter examines trees, finding, for example, that the oak ranks with holly when it comes to their importance in the realms of superstition and belief.

ALMOST everywhere we go, especially in the countryside, an area will be replete with superstitions and beliefs regarding tree, plant and animal life. Whether it is a bird, insect, flower, fruit, plant or vegetable, a thought or belief is associated with it.

Holly has always featured positively in belief and superstition. Celtic pagans brought it indoors to help protect the house from witches and wizards.

The evergreen leaf has long been viewed as a symbol of eternal life, and since the berries were alleged to have turned red and the leaves became prickly after the Crucifixion it has been held in high regard. Some claim that the crown of thorns was made from holly after which the berries turned red with shame.

Apart from Christian celebrations, holly holds charm status. Some country folk keep a berried sprig in the kitchen and nursery. If brought indoors by a man, it should be male holly, if a woman it must be female. Male holly is of the prickly variety while the female type has smooth leaves. It is very unlucky to step on a holly berry.

When celebrations are over holly must never be burned, but allowed to degrade in the usual way. Nor should the twigs be broken or stamped on to help dispose of them.

It is best to return the waste and replace it under the tree from which originally taken. If in the house grounds, there will be good luck all that year. This will be enhanced if done on or before Twelfth Night.

In many farming areas whip handles are made of holly wood to offset horses falling ill or being worried by fairies and sprites.

The oak ranks in equal importance in belief and superstition with holly. The Druids revered it as did the Celts and those from northern Europe. Its wood has been used for all types of building, from ships to houses and churches.

In Ireland, it was one of the seven Noble Trees of Irish law along with the alder and the apple, the birch, hazel, holly and willow trees. It is considered

very unlucky to cut, trim or chop down an oak especially if it has mistletoe growing on it. It was widely believed that the oak screams when felled – and that those who hear them are doomed.

Oaks are also sacred to the great Norse god Thor. The belief persists that lightning cannot harm you when sheltering under them during a thunderstorm. Some folk keep acorns along the window frames to let Thor know they are protected and the house must not be harmed.

Long ago the oak was known as "The marriage tree" and Pagans held wedding ceremonies beneath them. After the Christian Church banned this practice, in medieval times it became fashionable for newly-weds to travel from a church to an oak tree to repeat their vows.

Oak trees were once used to mark village boundaries. Old-style Rogation processions stopped at them for short services. These included a reading from the Gospels. The trees used at these became known as Gospel Oaks. This is still commemorated by the London railway station called Gospel Oak.

There is an old weather lore belief that many rural folk still hold as an indication of what to expect in the coming summer months:

"If the ash is out before the oak, we will have a soak.

"If the oak is out before the ash, we'll only get a splash."

The ash tree is revered in many rural areas, for its magical powers are powerful. In Greece and Scandinavia it is both sacred and magical as it is

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While it has some connections with thunder and lightning similar to the oak, the ash is said "to court the flash" and people should not shelter under it in a storm.

The ash tree is still used in cures and often figures in divination and lucky charms. In Scotland, shepherds once used a crook made of ash to protect sheep from werewolves and other evil creatures of the night.

If the ash-keys, the seed of the ash, fail to grow it is said the English royal family will suffer a death within the year. It is believed there was such a failure in the summer of 1648... and Charles I was beheaded in the following January of 1649.

Meanwhile, in 1668 when James II visited Salisbury he suffered an almost incurable nosebleed. Local help was sought and a small piece of ash was cut and applied direct to the royal nose, whereupon it instantly stopped bleeding.

For some time after this, people found ash trees of no older than three or four years and cut small twigs the moment when the sun entered Taurus. These were trimmed and sold as good luck charms.

To command good luck, one wore or carried ash leaves. To be especially efficacious, they had to be even-ash. These have even divisions on both sides, a very rare occurrence.

As long ago as the first century AD it was observed that snakes avoided ash trees. In 1785 an adder was seen to chase a small child. As he ran, the boy passed into the shade of an ash, but the snake stopped instantly. It stayed for a few moments, would not follow, eventually turned and went back the way it came.

The evergreen yew tree has had a chequered history of good and bad luck. Said to be a symbol of immortality, it is very unlucky to break or cut a branch. As they were often found growing in churchyards or used in building churches, to do so meant twelve months' bad luck or even death before the year was out for whoever did so.

Small sprays of yew used to be placed alongside the dead as they were laid in a coffin just before its lid was nailed down for the last time. The yew tree is a symbol of eternal life.

It is extremely unlucky to use yew greenery in Christmas decorations, and in any case should never be brought indoors. It is acceptable to wear or carry as a charm, but not as an ornament.

Some rural people say that if you lose something and are unable to find it, break a small branch of yew at night, wait until daylight and then hold it in your left hand as you begin your search. The branch will turn in your hand as you approach the lost item.

Tree worship and reverence go back many years to when people thought that the spirits of the gods inhabited them. They would go to a tree, knock on it for permission to speak and then make their petition. Eventually, whatever the

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outcome, the tree-god had (or had not) granted his blessing for the petitioner.

This is one of the origins of the expression to touch or knock on wood for good luck, an exercise in superstition that is still carried on all over the world.

In low magic, a tree is regarded as the supreme example of the connection between earth and heaven. It grows from the earth and takes water from it to live as it reaches to the heavens.

When lightning strikes, it is a sign from the gods that the four elements of life – fire, earth, air and water – are as one within the tree and therefore merit reverence.

At one stage it was a crime punishable by death to cut down a tree. In the history of many cultures and religions such as Chaldea, Egypt and in the countries associated with the Old Testament many sacred groves and orchards are mentioned where people set up altars under trees.

Apart from some fringe religious cults, tree worship is still carried on today. Some parents plant a tree in their garden when a child is born. For as long as the tree flourishes, so will the child. Without realising it, these acts perpetuate the belief in tree magic.

Some bushes have a magic all their own. One of the best known concerns the blackberry bush. It is believed that many years ago the berries were once red, but one day the devil fell to earth and had to hide.

He jumped into the bramble bush and was not discovered, However, the devil was so badly marked and scratched that he cursed the bush, which immediately made the fruit turn black.

This occurred on the old style Michaelmas Day and would have been around October 11. In many areas, it has long been a country superstition that to harvest or eat fresh blackberries after this date invites bad health through poisoning.

There is a very old custom of farmers "burning the bush" on the morning of New Year's Day. Hawthorn "globes" made up for Christmas decorations should be burned in open fields on the first day of the New Year. This is to bring good fortune luck through the ever-changing seasons in the New Year.

Before daybreak on New Year's morning, some farmers' wives bake a small piece of blackthorn made into a crown. It is then taken into fields and ceremoniously burned. The ashes are saved and scattered over the place where the last of the previous year's wheat was sown to help the new crop prove extra fruitful.

The mulberry is said to show the last frost of winter has passed once it displays its green leaves. The old saying "Cast not a clout 'til may is out" refers to the showing of mulberry greenery or may blossom and not, as many would say, the month of May.

A "clout" is an ancient word for rags or old clothing. This saying means we should not trust the weather and go without adequate protection, but once the may is out (flowering), the weather gets milder and we can start to leave off extra winter clothing.

The path of progress

BY ERNEST THOMPSON

A former editor of 'Two Worlds,' Ernest Thompson was not only a prolific writer on Spiritualism, but also a Fellow of the Spiritualists' National Union.

As these quotes from Mr Thompson prove, he could put the case for Spiritualism in a wonderful way...

The spiritual concept of brotherhood, as opposed to the materialist conception, lays emphasis on the spiritual as the primary aspect of life. The key to progress and happiness of man and society lies in the unfoldment of Spirit.

Spiritual progress is directed by love and wisdom and expressed in good deeds. As a man thinks so is he.

Spiritualists are convinced that the future of the human race depends chiefly upon the acceptance of the truth of immortality of the human spirit.

The reason for this is the fact that unless the brotherhood of man is built upon a spiritual foundation it cannot have a lasting influence on the future welfare of the race.

Man's spirit survives the change called death whereas his material possessions are beyond his reach when this great and significant event in life takes place.

If man realised this, his whole outlook on life would change and he would see the folly and stupidity of the lust for material wealth. This is the cause of all theft, exploitation, brutality and war, and he would strive only after those things which were beneficial and progressive in regard to his spiritual welfare.

Only in this way can a brotherhood of man be established, which will ensure peace and prosperity for all mankind.

■ All human beings, incarnate or discarnate, are fundamentally spirits and because of this share a common means of spiritual intercourse other than through the normal channels of the spoken or printed word...

This contact with those who have spiritually progressed further than we have has brought about a profound and revolutionary change upon the whole structure of society, the effects of which the world at large has not yet experienced. Nor it is yet conscious of the possibilities of leadership from spirit in regard to the future of the human race.

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our history that will eventually be produced by communication with the world of spirit.

■ Spiritualists assert that each individual is personally responsible for his sins. Sin causes a retrogressive change in the human spirit.

This can only be rectified by the personal endeavours of the sinner towards righting that which has been wronged. No person can bring about this spiritual change except the individual.

On the earth plane, sin is concealed by the flesh. Those who lust for material pleasures and acquire wealth by sinning against others often seem to succeed in "getting away with it," but the facts of survival after death reveal that they have been grasping at shadows and carrying around with them a load of sins.

This spiritual load goes heavily against them after death when the law of spiritual gravitation comes into operation.

Knowledge of the nature of compensation and retribution hereafter for all the good and evil deeds done on earth has therefore a great transforming effect upon human morality, causing a change of emphasis from material to spiritual values.

All the evidence available concerning life after death indicates that eternal progress is open to everyone.

We have been told that not only does the human spirit survive the change called death, but survives further changes which cause the spirit to ascend to still higher spheres of consciousness, the extent of which is infinite.

■ Nature is constantly striving towards unity. This process is particularly noticeable in the human kingdom.

From the family developed the tribe, a federation of families, tribes grouped into kingdoms, kingdoms into nations. We have witnessed man's efforts to build a united world society.

This is now in the process of being created, slowly and alas painfully, but births are usually painful. What is the next step after world society has been united?

The relatively new movement of Spiritualism holds the answer to this question, for Spiritualism strives to bring about an even greater federation of the human race than ever before – the universal brotherhood of all mankind, discarnate and incarnate.

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cation, it will naturally follow that the spirit people, with their longer and wider experience and greater wisdom, will direct the main issues of world affairs from their higher viewpoint.

■ With the vision of Eternal Spirit comes the desire for union and harmony with that Spirit.

Spiritualists affirm that everything that possesses life, no matter in which kingdom, is the recipient of the Universal Spirit of Supreme Being. They recognise a Super-Consciousness uniting all natural phenomena and indeed the entire universe.

Everything sustains a relationship, a living communion, in varying degrees, to this Cosmic Spirit, but can only express that Spirit in proportion to their spiritual capacities and requirements.

To develop an ever-increasing power of expression and manifestation of God's spirit is the true purpose of life, towards which service is the only real path of progress.

The greater one's service to the whole, the greater is one's participation of the whole. It is the fundamental law of the universe. It follows therefore that the path of spiritual unfoldment is the path of service.

The path of what is termed mysticism is not something which can be found in a book, but in the unity of truth and service, love and wisdom.

■ The path of expanding consciousness is open to all, and the ability to follow that path is everyone's inheritance. Conscious spiritual union with God, in His service, is the highest goal to which man can aspire. This is the great objective of Spiritualism.

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When beauty was my playmate...

BY OSCAR WILDE

In February, we featured spirit scripts from Oscar Wilde, the Irish-born poet and dramatist who passed on in 1900. "Can we have more?" asked several readers? Happy to oblige, the answer is "Yes." In this extract, Oscar Wilde touches on his time in prison, also commenting on justice.

Do you object to speaking of your prison life?

I do not at all object to speaking to you about what was to me a most enthralling experience.

When I say enthralling, I mean that my circuit of the world's pain would not have been adequate without that supreme misery, for to me it was supreme.

I, who worshipped beauty, was robbed not only of the chance of beholding her face, but I was cast in on myself.

There, in that barrenness of soul, I languished until my spirit rose once more and cried aloud that this was its great opportunity.

If I may be a little autobiographical, I will go back to the beginning.

It seemed to me at first that I had died and passed across the bitter stream to that place of dimness where now I am confined.

There was a desolation of the soul that savoured of despair and yet within me despair had never found a lodgement.

I was a fallen god, a fallen king, and felt I had the dignity of royal blood within me. I hardly realised my state.

It seemed impossible that beauty had deserted me. I had been condemned – it seemed a monstrosity – condemned by whom?

Not by the world, but by a spiteful, narrow crew who could not steer their ship if it fell on a storm.

I knew the value of that crew; the knowledge helped me in my impotence.

I sat and brooded on the values of the world. Hounded down by little men and called unclean by Pharisees and Philistines, I had a greater place in the world's scheme than they had ever dreamed of.

This thought brought me a certain quiet. As day by day came one by one creeping upon each other in sterile dimness, my soul cried aloud that it was healing...

Oscar, dear lady, waits for you. My soul was healing, but my vision of things seen was blind.

What service are the eyes if they behold nothing but bare and ugly walls and barer, uglier humanity? What food for me, or such as I, was then within these prison

walls?

My eyesight was my food, my nourishment. Every stimulating glimpse of the world's wonder was shut out from me – the pain to think of beauty there without, but not for me! The agony to feel that still the seasons followed in their courses!

Spring dancing in with all its songs and blossoms, and Summer in her fullness of repletion, and Autumn laden downwards with the fruit her womb had born, and Winter ashen white... and in my cell was dimness, only dimness!

These were my pains – not suffering because the world was faithless to me, but suffering because all that gave me life and gave the value of my life was shut away from me.

But here I learnt what I could never learn when beauty was my playmate and companion...

I learnt the force and use of indignation, which, surging upwards in my spirit, became a fury, a possession.

It gave me life again – a scarlet life – flashes of scarlet on a sombre background. But life it gave me, and from the hour when first I realised the power of indignation I was a living man again.

Was that what induced you to write "The Ballad of Reading Gaol"?

Here, in the twilight, I can think about the time I fought within myself and conquered.

I lived as fully then as in the days when I proclaimed the triumph of my mistress beauty, and all the world of London stood still and hearkened to my pæans in her praise.

Dear lady, could you only know the real values of the world, you would not reckon crime a loss rather than a gain. For here I found for the first time what strength is lodged within a man.

My daily tasks were easy to me from that day when from out my surging soul came this great revelation of the spirit.

Are you in dimness because of what you were sent to prison for?

I worshipped the divine inhuman Power that casts me into darkness once again. It is a different darkness from that within my cell.

For over here the soul and spirit have reached a realisation of themselves. Here is no glorious birth for soul and spirit as that which sprang from me in Reading Gaol...

Do you know Galsworthy's play, "Justice"?

Yes, I know it well. I have carefully digested what our friend has said about a subject he knows nothing of. His fertile brain could not devise a prison such as mine was.

The world divides what it is pleased to call our sins from our good deeds.

This cleavage is possibly the net result of total ignorance. For what can be called "justice" that rises from half the man?

I, bound as to a wheel which ever in its revolutions adds to my pain, my pleasure and experience can speak of justice.

If you are pleased to listen to me, I will give you what has come to me from joy, an ecstasy of joy, an ecstasy of pain, an ecstasy of knowing every day what can be known both in the body and in this state of fluid mind...

There is no justice possible here or in the world. For justice is the full completion of experience, nothing more.

The man who dares to dive below the surface and pick from the depths the creatures of the darkness, must ever be despised and hunted while still upon the earth he lives within the body.

The world has formulated many schemes for what he calls the safety of his race, but he has never seen that in this scheme with which he joys to torture those of his fellows who despise his edicts he is providing for himself a torture of the soul's remorse.

For here we learn that what is anguish, more acute than human beings can attain to in the world, is the remorseful soul, who, blind, even as a worm is blind, has spent his hour in torturing his fellows as a benediction.

I wither here in twilight, but I know that I shall rise from it again to ecstasy. That thought is given to us help us to endure... The human spirit must pierce to the innermost retreats of good and evil before its consummation is complete.

I suffer here because my term is long, and yet I have the power of knowledge – knowledge, such as all the justice that has tortured the poor world since it was born, cannot attain to.

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TELL me, dear lady, what are the virtues that are necessary for a happy life? Tell me in a few words. I don't want to know anything about the vices!

I have no views. I wish I knew. If I did I should not tell you, since it is always bad advice that is given away.

I was afraid you were going to say work. Never having done any in my life I am naturally an authority on it.

I told people that I never even walked. But that was a pardonable exaggeration. I always walked to bed.

Don't talk to me about work, dear lady. It is the last refuge of the mentally unemployed, the occupation of those too dull to dream.

To be eternally busy is a sign of low vitality. They who go to the ant to learn her ways always come back antiquated but seldom wise.

While it may be true that Satan sometimes finds mischief for idle hands to do, even God does not know what to do with the industrious.

So, dear lady, live to do nothing and be happy. Eschew work and be fine. No one should ever do anything. At least no woman should.

The woman who was content merely to be was always charming, but the woman who did was often detestable.

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To survive life before death!

As Spiritualists, we accept that life continues beyond the grave. But before that we have to survive life before death – and pretty difficult it is too, sometimes! This account, which came off the Internet, contains a valuable lesson. Its author is unknown.

MICHAEL is the kind of guy you love to hate. He is forever in a good mood and always has something positive to say.

When someone asked him how he was doing, he would reply, "If I were any better, I would be twins!"

He was a natural motivator. If an employee was having a bad day, Michael was there telling the person concerned how to look on the positive side of the situation.

Seeing this style really made me curious, so one day I went up to Michael and said: "I don't get it! You can't be a positive person all of the time. How do you do it?"

Michael replied: "Each morning I wake up and say to myself, 'Mike, you have two choices today. You can choose to be in a good mood or you can choose to be in a bad mood.'

"I choose to be in a good mood. Each time something bad happens, I can choose to be a victim or to learn from it. I choose to learn from it.

"Every time someone comes to me complaining, I can choose to accept it or point out the positive side of life. I choose the positive side of life."

"Yeah, right, it isn't that easy," I protested.

"Yes, it is," Michael said. "Life is all about choices. When you cut away all the junk, every situation is a choice. You choose how you react to situations.

"You choose how people will affect your mood. You choose to be in a good mood or bad mood. The bottom line is that it's your choice how you live life."

I reflected on what Michael said. Soon thereafter, I left the tower industry to start my own business. We lost touch, but I often thought about him when I made a choice about life instead of reacting to it.

Several years later, I heard that Michael was involved in a serious accident, falling some 60 feet from a communications tower. After 18 hours of surgery and weeks of intensive care, Michael was released from the hospital with rods placed in his back.

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ask what had gone through his mind as the accident took place.

"The first thing that went through my mind was the well being of my soon to be born daughter," Michael replied. "Then, as I lay on the ground, I remembered that I had two choices: I could choose to live or I could choose to die. I chose to live."

"Weren't you scared?" I asked. "Did you lose consciousness?"

Michael continued: "The paramedics were great. They kept telling me I was going to be fine.

"But when they wheeled me into the emergency room and I saw the expressions on the faces of the doctors and nurses, I got really scared. In their eyes, I read, 'He's a dead man.' I knew I needed to take action."

"What did you do?" I asked.

"Well, there was a big burly nurse shouting questions at me," said Michael. "She asked if I were allergic to anything.

" 'Yes,' I replied.

"The doctors and nurses stopped working as they waited for my reply. I took a deep breath and yelled, 'Gravity!'

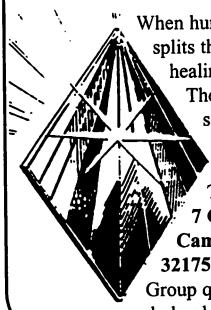
"Over their laughter, I told them: 'I am choosing to live. Operate on me as if I am alive, not dead'."

Michael lived, thanks to the skill of his doctors, but also because of his amazing attitude. I learned from him that every day we have the choice to live fully. Attitude, after all, is everything.

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Fiction based on psychic fact

BY HANNEN SWAFFER

Below, famous journalist Hannen Swaffer neatly puts the case for survival after death in fictional form based on psychic fact.

I HAD no notion of going to sleep. Nor do I remember waking. I was in a sort of haze.

Around me was neither distance nor space, for things that seemed far away were also very close at hand.

Was it opium? I had never taken any, nor, if I remembered, even held any in my hand.

Was it a dream? For everything seemed real although, at the same time, nothing seemed to have definite shape or substance.

Time did not pass. There was none. It seemed like a mixture of all that had been and all that was to come.

I stayed like this for a space I cannot measure. And I merely wondered. Then I head a voice.

"You are dead," said Something from Somewhere. A being, or a force, it seemed like, that was present. Yet there was no one there.

"You are dead." How could I be dead if there was behind me no memory of any dying?

Yet, though there was no distance, there seemed an infinity of space. Though there seemed no time; it was both like a second and an eternity, both at once.

"You are dead." How could I be dead, for I seemed alive enough?

Then, somehow, I seemed to remember having known, at some time, that one day soon I was to die. Then, gradually, bit by bit and incident by incident, it all came back.

I had lived, I remembered. I did not seem to have married, nor to have many friends.

It gradually came to me that I had lived a number of years having neither been happy nor unhappy – that I had nothing to regret or to admire myself for.

"You are dead." Yes, I suppose I was.

I recalled how I had been taken ill, and that I had lain on a bed for weeks, and then forgotten everything.

Well, if I was dead, what was this place that I was in? It did not look much like Heaven, and it did not seem to be Hell.

Those were the only places that I had ever heard of as being the places you went to when you died. I did not believe it through, but that was taught

me when I had been young.

I remembered that thousands had believed it, and that thousands had not. Well, here I was – dead.

Nothing seemed to happen much until, suddenly, there flashed in my mind the memory of a man I had seemed to know years or eternities before. Then I remembered that, years before me, he had died.

I wished I could see him – and as suddenly as I wished, he was there before me! I did not seem to travel to him. Nor did he seem to come to me. I wished – and there he was.

He did not say anything. He did not move. No sound came from his mouth, but, without speaking, he seemed to tell me all there was to tell.

Then I realised that he was thinking to me. Without using my ears, or hearing a sound, I could understand it all quite well as he thought it.

Yes, he told me that I was dead, that I must not be disturbed about it, that there was not very much to worry about, and that I was very lucky in the sense that I had found somebody who could tell me where I was.

According to him there were thousands of people who remained dead for years, some for centuries, in fact, without knowing they were dead, because when they were told that they were, they would not believe it.

"They came over here," he said, "expecting a final heaven and a final hell, and with fixed minds as to what things are like after death.

"When they die they absolutely refuse to believe that they are doing anything else but dream so they are quite helpless. They wander through space all alone, the victims of their own prejudice.

"Let me take you round," he went on. "I wish I had known that you were going to die. Then I should have met you, just as though, in some foreign land, I would have done the same had I gone there first and then you had followed.

"The great advantage of having friends who have passed on first is that they wait to meet you when it is your turn to come.

"They hover round your death-bed, waiting for your earth life to cease, and then there they are on the Other Side, one fleeting second away from you, waiting to stretch out a helping hand, waiting to explain."

Then followed the most amazing experience of the two lives that now I led.

I was taken through vast spaces to what seemed to be places, although we did not travel. They seemed to come to us rather than that we seemed to go to them.

I saw all at once all the places I had ever seen – thousands of them, tier on tier of them, miles and miles of them, although they all seemed to be in the same place.

I went to what seemed to be all countries without travelling. I seemed to survey all races without moving a yard.

The infinite was understandable.

Eternity became a second. The whole universe was in one spot. And then I was judged.

I had always heard, as a boy, that there was a judgement waiting me. But I was judged in the sense that I had to judge myself, for there passed before me, in a ceaseless panorama, all that I had ever done and said before.

And I saw it all in a new way. I had committed several crimes.

"We all do that," I had argued in my former life. I had spoken flippantly of the Ten Commandments.

"I have broken them all except one," I used to say. That one was the commandment, "Thou shalt not murder."

Even of that I used to remark that I had broken it in the sense that, although I had not killed anybody myself, I had paid other people to fight in wars for me.

As they had killed in order to save my life or my pocket, I was just as guilty as though I had bought a gun and shot a man in the street.

But somehow, now lots of the crimes seemed very unimportant. On the other hand, all sorts of things I had recorded as negligible, silly little lies, petty little selfishnesses, failures to do something which I could have done, assumed a new aspect of importance.

I realised that, by being unkind one day, I had set into operation a series of incidents to which apparently there was no end.

I felt utterly sad and wretched, not because of a commandment which I had broken, but because of a commandment which I had not helped to make.

I was now the centre of a world which I had not improved. I remembered unpopular truths which I had not sought to champion and I saw them now neglected things, of importance to the future of the world.

Then another voice spoke. It was beside me, and yet miles and miles away. It seemed to echo from the very beginning of time, and yet to speak as finality.

"All that is beginning, my son," it said. "It cannot be wiped out. But the injury can be repaired. That will be your life here."

Then I was taken, although I did not seem to go above and through a series

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of universes, the last of which was so bright that it blinded my eyes, far from it though I seemed to be.

I saw worlds where people were ever moving upwards. They were working. They were all active; they had all something very definite to do.

Then I knew that it was coming upon me as a sure and certain knowledge that I should earn my way, step by step, station by station, upwards, into a condition which I suppose was what we called "Paradise."

I saw people from all the nations of the earth, separated no longer by colour or by speech, engaged in moving on. Some offered a hand to help. If someone lagged behind, there was a word of cheer.

Between them, they all moved upwards. The ones at the bottom seemed eternities away from the ones at the top.

There were no harps. There were no trumpets. There were no wings. And there was no throne.

But right at the end of it there seemed to be a goodness so infinite that I trembled, I shuddered, and yet I hoped, with awe, at the very thought of it.

Then around me there started an argument. "How can it be proved?" a voice was saying.

I saw a man with an intellectual brow, with a cultured face, with an aspect that seemed to express all the education of the earth, uttering a protest.

"How can you prove that I have lived before?" he said. "I demand scientific proof of such an amazing statement.

"I have no knowledge of having lived. I am a scientist, and I demand that all statements shall be proved."

"But I remember," said another voice. "I knew you on the earth." The speaker was another man almost of the same type. "Don't you remember?"

"I remember nothing of the sort," said the first voice. "I demand concrete facts, not assertions."

There was another man who seemed like a minister of some sort. He too was arguing.

"I was one of the righteous," he said. "Therefore, when I die I am going to heaven. As I am not in heaven I cannot be dead."

And all around me was wrangling



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and argument. Although I had not moved, I had come to a place where discussion seemed to have been going on for an eternity.

People were telling other people that they were dead, but the others would not believe.

Then again the scene changed. I was in a place where people were perfectly satisfied, and yet were never content.

I saw a miser counting gold, and yet very angry because there was more than he could count.

I saw an orator addressing a large crowd, and yet cross because they applauded him so much.

I saw an artist so efficient with his brush that he finished too quickly all the things he had to paint.

And I saw men eating horribly, greedily and without ceasing, trying to keep pace with all the food that was being brought in, dish after dish, tray after tray, meal after meal.

It was a place were all desire seemed to be killed because there was too much.

Then I came to a place of tears, and this seemed to be the worst place of all. For there were people who sought to tell their friends, whom they had left behind, that there was nothing to worry about.

They were happy, but they were unhappy because they could not tell others how happy they were.

They seemed to be mourning for friends who were still on the earth – mourning in the sense that they knew those on earth were mourning.

They could see their relatives and their friends, very near to them in an earth life, weeping sad tears because they were gone.

They themselves were weeping because, although they were with their friends, whom they had left behind, their friends did not know it or would not be told.

In the middle of all this a small grey-haired woman was talking. Her face was red, her eyes gleamed, her whole being gave out a sense of joyous exultation.

"I have spoken to my son," she said. "He saw me. He heard my voice. I told him how happy I was. He understands, he knows."

And then there arose a sound of argument all around.

"Do not be silly," said another voice. "How can you communicate with the earth world? You first have to prove that there is one."

"I do not have to prove anything," said the little woman, beaming with her joy. "I know. As for you, why should I prove anything to one who will not understand?"

"But sciences says..." began another voice.

"I do not know what science says," she replied, "and I do not care.

"When I was on the earth I learned that those who were said to be dead were not dead.

"I read how someone had once told His followers, 'I shall be with you always until the end of the world.'

"I knew that what was true of Him could be true of everybody. I knew that in God's mighty purpose there was no such thing as death.

"I knew that prayer and knowledge together can conquer anything. When they told me I was dying, and I saw the weeping all around me, I said, 'I will come back and tell you.' And I have been back.

"It does not matter what you say about it. It did not matter on the earth what you said.

"You denied it then. You have forgotten. You deny it now. People like you would always deny.

"You might just as well deny an earthquake, or a thunderclap, or the setting of the sun, or the rising of the moon. A blind man denies the light because he has never seen it..."

And then I remembered... On the earth I had heard arguments just like that one. But they concerned the future. Now they concerned the past.

All that seemed to happen years ago, except that, as there is no time, there are no years.

I used to live in a world where people said that death was the end. Now those same people say that death was the beginning.

They argue about it, so that there is no ceasing of talk and wrangling. They want everything proved.

Every now and then I see the old woman. "I have been talking to my son on the earth," she says. "One day he will join me."

And the learned people mock at her and say that she is mad!

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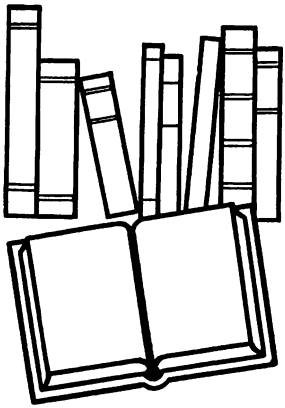
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BY OWEN DOYLE

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"Psychic Protection Lifts the Spirit." By Cassandra Eason. Paperback. 191 pages. £9.99. Foulsham.

A NEW book by Cassandra Eason is always welcome and the latest addition to her already impressive list of works on psychic and occult lore will surely not disappoint.

It sets out to explain every aspect of psychic protection in a relevant and practical way and how we can harness our positive energies to improve conditions in the home and workplace.

Cassandra lays particular stress on how interdependent we all are. Whether human or animal, we all have an effect on those around us.

Our auras, she explains, can be adversely affected by stress, pollution, overwork and, not surprisingly, the very food we eat. Think of the auric and karmic consequences of eating the animal products of factory farming with all its unspeakable cruelty: the corpses of sentient and intelligent creatures reared and slaughtered in animal concentration camps.

The dark and destructive energies must be deeply disturbing and can be easily picked up by mediums sensitive to such evil psychic emanations. This is why a cruelty-free diet and compassion for all living creatures are so vitally important.

If we want a peaceful and harmonious planet and to be truly happy, we have to create these conditions for ourselves and all our fellow creatures. We reap what we sow, both here and the hereafter.

Among the most engrossing chapters are those on psychic protection in

Nature, how to guard against and counter psychic attack, protection of the chakras and the aura, and travel and workplace protection.

In her chapter on the dangers of psychic attack, Cassandra describes some personal experiences and how she dealt with them. In one particular case, she was cursed by a gypsy in London's Covent Garden and felt a strong psychic force hit her.

"You can have that back," Cassandra said aloud, and heard a sound of metal striking and rebounding. When Cassandra turned around, to her surprise, she saw the gypsy woman seated on the ground.

The writer describes in detail the methods of repelling such negative energies. These include various rituals and forms of words, and the use of incense, crystals and mirrors. Prayer to God and the invocation of benign higher spirit beings are by far the most effective way of countering evil, as we are all aware.

Cassandra writes at length about the aura and the chakras and the need to protect and cleanse them regularly.

Our auras and chakras are inextricably linked. Cleansing the latter will have a positive effect on the aura, which is the reception area of all kinds of energies, negative and positive, from those around us.

This book is an admirable exposition of a fascinating subject by a writer whose mastery and literary skill always impress. With its comprehensive bibliography and list of useful international contacts, this book will appeal to psychic enthusiasts and general readers alike. It will be particularly helpful to rescue circles and developing mediums interested in exploring the field.

Cassandra is a woman of compassion and positive outlook. These qualities inform her work from start to finish. Readers will not be disappointed.

"Shamanism and the Mystery Lines." By Paul Devereux. Paperback. 238 pages. £10.99. Quantum.

One of the world's leading experts on Earth Mysteries, Paul Devereux has been studying the energy effects of ancient sites for many years. The present work presents the fruit of a quarter of a century's exhaustive research.

In this book, he advances an ingenious and original argument that ley lines marked the path of spirit flight which ancient shamans (primitive mediums) used when entering out-of-the-body states.

Among the most fascinating pages are those devoted to the nature of out-of-the-body experiences and the findings of lucid dream research.

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Sunday Services 6.30 pm

April 1	Richard Dancer	April 15	Edward Sayers
8	Leonard Tatt	22	Tony Stockwell

April 29–Roy Hucker

SPECIAL EVENT

Wednesday, April 11–Evening of Clairvoyance–Janet Birdseye

Wednesday, April 25–Evening of Clairvoyance–Ron Heron

Second Tuesday each and every month–8.00 pm–Open Platform

Healing: Tuesday at 2.00 pm–Thursday at 7.30 pm

ACTON SPIRITUAL CENTRE

Affiliated to the Spiritualists' National Union
THE COTTAGE, WOODHURST ROAD,
ACTON, LONDON W3 6SL (off Churchfield Road)
Telephone: 020-8896 0184
President: Ron Jordan–020-8845 2936

Sunday Service–6.30 pm
Please note that the Centre will only be open on the first Sunday in the month
April 1–Susan Roberts

Wednesday Service–7.30 pm
April 4–Ron Jordan
April 11–Samantha Bell
April 18–Frances Wolfe
April 25–Jacqueline Strom

SPECIAL EVENT
Tuesday, April 3–An evening of deep trance and clairvoyance by international medium Ron Jordan–Admission £3.00–Members £2.00

Healing–Every Thursday 7.30 pm
Enjoy a wonderful peaceful atmosphere We extend a warm welcome to all

Large car park

BATTERSEA SPIRITUALIST CHURCH

46 Bennerley Road, Northcote Road, London SW11

Enquiries: 020-7622 4900 020-8265 3383

Sunday Service 6.00 pm		**Thursday Service 7.30 pm**	
April 1	Sheila McCarthy	April 5	Barbara Zinzan
8	Joan Dempsey	12	Michael Lennon
15	Gladys Williams	19	Pauline Porter
22	Norma & Robert Nicholas	26	Janet Devonport
29	Tanya Streatfield	May 3	Peter Russell

SPECIAL EVENTS
Wednesday, April 4–2.00 pm–Bennerley Friendship Club
Saturday, April 21–2.00 pm–Private readings with Tanya Streatfield and Pat Murrey
Good Friday, April 13–Tea at 4.30 pm
Service at 6.00 pm–Medium Jean Morley
Saturday, May 19–7.00 pm–Psychic supper–Members £5.00–Non-members £6.00

Healing: Mondays 2.00-4.00 pm Fridays 7.00-8.00 pm

CAMBERLEY SPIRITUALIST CHURCH

112 Gordon Road, Camberley, Surrey GU12 2TQ

President: Mrs Judith Shepheard 01344 641318

E-mail: peter@clivegreen.freeserve.co.uk *www.clivegreen.freeserve.co.uk*

Sunday Service 6.30 pm

April 1	Bill Raven
8	Mark Brandist
15	Reg Chapman
22	David Cole
29	Maggie & Richard Allum

Tuesday Clairvoyance 7.30 pm

April 3	John & Isobel Crowdey
10	Sue & Malcolm Nash
17	Alf Field
24	Ron & Betty Masters with Mick Green

Healing every Monday 2.00 pm-3.30 pm (except Bank Holidays)
Open Circle every Monday at 7.45 pm (except Bank Holidays)
Healing every Thursday 7.30 pm until 9.00 pm
Creativity of Spirit first Friday in month at 7.30 pm
Open Platform last Friday in month at 7.30 pm

SPECIAL EVENTS

Saturday, April 7–11.00 am–4.30 pm–Workshop–Mark Brandist–Enquiries 01344 641318
Saturday, April 7–7.30 pm–Evening of mediumship–Mark Brandist
Saturday, April 21–11.00 am-4.00 pm–Open day of healing–Stalls, reflexology, Bach flower remedies, refreshments and Spiritualist healing available all day
Saturday, April 29–Private readings booked in advance–01344 641318
Saturday, May 12–Evening of trance and clairvoyance–Ron Jordan

FULL WHEELCHAIR FACILITIES. SOLEMNISED FOR WEDDINGS, NAMINGS AND FUNERALS

CLAPHAM NATIONAL SPIRITUALIST CHURCH

11a North Street, Old Town, Clapham SW4 0HN

Mediums' Secretary: Jean–Tel: 020-8788 5113

Enquiries and Information: 020-8788 5113 (Between 9.00 am and 9.00 pm)

Sunday Service: 6.00 pm. Address and Clairvoyance: 6.00 pm

April 1	Mildred Davidson	April 15	Jane Henry
8	Peter Ayres	22	Neil Payne

April 29–Jackie Brian

Tuesday: 6.00 pm. Private readings and healing

April 3	Marion Denny, CSNU	April 17	Jackie Brian
10	Kathy Martins	24	Dolly Sullivan

Saturday 7.30 pm. Evening of Clairvoyance

April 7	Jean Morley	April 21	Dolly Sullivan
14	Kevin Nolan	28	Pauline Porter

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

CROYDON SPIRITUALIST CHURCH
CHATSWORTH ROAD, CROYDON CR0 1HE

President–Mollie McManus
Contact Number: 020-8651 4395

Sunday Service 11.00 am		Sunday Service 6.30 pm	
April 1	Alan & Christine Oborne	April 1	Robin Hodson
8	Queenie Richards	8	Darren Poole
15	Kathy Martins	15	Sid Privett
22	Gladys Williams	22	Joan Dempsey
29	Ann Turner	29	Betty Stewart

Wednesday Service 7.45 pm

April 4	Reg Baldwin	April 18	Carol Green
11	Ron Buckingham	25	Alan Seymour

Discussion group held first Tuesday of every month
7.30 pm for 8.00 pm–All welcome
Healing Services every Thursday at 1.30 pm-3.30 pm
and 7.30 pm-9.00 pm–All welcome

EALING NATIONAL SPIRITUALIST CHURCH
66-68 UXBRIDGE ROAD, WEST EALING W13 8RA

(Next to Ealing Fire Station. Buses 207, 83, E2, E7, E8)
Telephone: 020-8567 0403
(All services stated subject to cancellations)

Sunday Service 6.30 pm		Thursday Service 7.30 pm	
April 1	Traci Horne	April 5	Jackie Brian
8	Lisa Redfern	12	Brian Dean and Sheila Stewart
15	John & Isobel Crowdey		
22	Richard Baldwin	19	Susan Roberts
29	Peter Temperton	26	Lin Marshall

SPECIAL EVENT
Friday, April 20–7.30 pm–An evening of trance mediumship with Colin Fry
Prior booking essential–Tickets £5.00–Ealing Church members £4.00
Tickets available from the church–Enclose SAE and cheque payable to "Ealing N.S.Church"
Healing Wednesday 7.30 pm-9.00 pm
Marriages Solemnised Namings
A Warm Welcome to All

ELTHAM SPIRITUALIST CHURCH

Affiliated to Spiritualists' National Union

64a Well Hall Road, Eltham, London SE9 6LX

President Mr Vic Salter *Mediums' Secretary: 020-8856 6742*

Sunday Service 6.30 pm

April 1	Evelyn Lloyd
8	Alan Bowley
15	Leslie Shugrue
22	Jean Blackabee
29	Ann & Michael Miles

Wednesday 2.30 Service

April 4	John Hutchinson
11	Len Tatt
18	Phyllis Fenwick
25	John Hammond

Thursdays 8.00 pm sharp Meditation

April 12 and April 26

SPECIAL EVENTS

Saturday, April 21–10.00 am-4.30 pm–Workshop with Spirit of Youth team
Details to be announced
Friday, April 27–8.00 pm–Evening of clairvoyance–Judith Freeman

Healing every Tuesday at 12.00-2.00 pm and 7.30 pm

Marriages Solemnised *Namings*

FULHAM NATIONAL SPIRITUALIST CHURCH

Kelvedon Road, Fulham, London SW6

(Nearest Underground Station, Parsons Green)
Buses No. 11 and 14
Tel: 020-7736 7248
President: Mr C. Way
Secretary: Mrs J. Knight

Sunday Service 6.30 pm

April 1	Alan Albiston
8	Roy Hucker
15	Gloria Beaton
22	Barbara & Ron Zinzan
29	Kevin Nolan

Thursday Service 7.30 pm

April 5	Dorothy Chapman
12	Ian Taylor
19	David Nason
26	Jean Way

HEALING

Tuesdays 1.00 pm-4.00 pm and after every service
Thursdays 11.00 am-2.00 pm and after every service

A WARM WELCOME AWAITS YOU ALL

HAMPTON HILL SPIRITUALIST CHURCH

Angel Close,Windmill Road, Hampton, Middx. Tel: 020-8979 2078

Affiliated to the Spiritualists' National Union

President: Sheila Smoothy — *Enquiries: Denise Connolly 020-8979 7571*

Sunday Service 6.30 pm — *Address & Clairvoyance*

April 1	Alan Acton
8	Sheila Thomas
15	Jo Bradley
22	Lin Marshall
29	Anthony Geddis

Thursday: Clairvoyance 7.30 pm — *Admission £1.50 on door*

April 5	See Special events
12	Jackie Offord
19	Joy Bruce
26	David Cole

SPECIAL EVENTS

Monday, April 2–7.30 pm–Open platform–Sheila Thomas
Thursday, April 5–7.30 pm–Psychic art–Haydn Clarke and Stevie Robinson
Saturday, April 14–10.30 am-4.30 pm–Workshop–The sacred hoop
Kenny Eagle Eye–£10.00–Bring packed lunch
Tuesday, April 17–7.30 pm–Healing circle (open)–Denise Connolly
Friday, April 20–7.30 pm–Open circle–Sheila Thomas
Tuesday, April 24–8.00 pm–Basic awareness circle–Judith Freeman
Friday, April 27–7.30 pm–Trance mediumship–Colin Fry–£5.00 admission

Healing every Wednesday 7.30 pm–9.00 pm — **Namings**

HARROW NATIONAL SPIRITUALIST CHURCH

1 VAUGHAN ROAD, HARROW, MIDDX HA1 4DP

"THE LIGHT ON THE HILL"

President: George Farr — *020-8907 5561*
Vice-President: Robert Ward — *020-8427 3770*
Mediums' Secretary: Ken Valentine — *01923 242156*

Sunday Service 7.30 pm — **Address and Clairvoyance**

April 1	Betty Ross
8	Angela Watkins
15	George & Marion Mackie
22	Patricia Daniels & James, CSNU
29	Ann Burbedge

Wednesday Meeting 8.00 pm — **Meeting/Clairvoyance**

April 4	Richard Baldwin
11	Sue Terry
18	Yvonne Stanbridge
25	Marion Murphy

SPECIAL EVENT

Saturday, April 21 and Sunday, April 22–10.00 am
Weekend of mediumship and healing with Irene Sowter

Car park open opposite church

Marriages solemnised — **Namings**

WE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME TO EVERYONE

HOUNSLOW SPIRITUALIST CENTRE

14/15 HANWORTH TERRACE, HOUNSLOW, MIDDX TW3 3TS

President: Mrs I. Hansen: 020-8570 8262 *Secretary: Ann Kirkham 020-8574 4997*

E-mail: hounspircen@who.net

Sunday 6.30 pm
Service with Clairvoyance

April 1	Jean Way
8	Barbara & Ron Zinzan
15	Irene Hanson
22	Joyce Balcomb
29	Mary & Tony Blake

Wednesday 7.30 pm
Clairvoyance

April 4	Brian Mullen
11	Val Triggs & Carol Dawber
18	Marie Colman
25	Jackie Brian
May 2	Len Tatt

Wednesdays at 2.30 pm

April 4	Gloria Beaton
11	Pauline Porter
18	Pauline Langston
25	Margaret Swift
May 2	Jean Way

SPECIAL EVENTS

Friday, April 6–7.30 pm–Open Circle–Awareness Group–£2.00
Friday, April 20–7.30 pm–Open Circle–Awareness Group–£2.00
Saturday, April 14–11.00 am-1.00 pm
Private sittings–£10.00 for 30 minutes–020-8567 8210 to book
Saturday, April 14–7.30 pm–Psychic art–Leonie Phipps
In aid of Helen House Hospice–£3.00

Healing Tuesdays 11 am–1.30 pm. Thursdays 6.30 pm–9.00 pm

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National Christian Spiritualist Church

Spiritualists' National Union Affiliated–Founded in 1938

95 Green Lanes, Palmers Green, London N13 4TD

(Corner of Melbourne Avenue/Green Lanes–Buses 29, 121, 329, W2 pass the door)

President: Mr M. Bull, CSNU

Sunday Services: 11.00 am–Address only
6.30 pm–Address and Clairvoyance
Spiritual Healing: Every Monday between 2.30 pm and 7.00 pm
Study Groups: Every Wednesday and Friday (Members only)

SUTTON YOUNG SPIRITUALIST CHURCH

Thomas Wall Centre, Benhill Avenue,
Sutton, Surrey SM1 4DP

Sunday service 6.30 pm

Thursday healing 7.30 pm-9.00pm

Second Wednesday in the month evening of clairvoyance

For further details, phone Mediums' Secretary

Mrs Janet Keen on 020-8395 6471

KINGSTON NATIONAL SPIRITUALIST CHURCH

Villiers Road, Kingston-on-Thames KT1 3AR (Buses K1 and K4 pass the door)

President: Ann Blackmore *Vice-Presidents: Ruth Brooks & Maurice Mennell*

Speakers' Secretary: Susan Stevenson–020-8547 1868

Sunday Service 11.00 am		**Sunday Service 6.30 pm**	
April 1	Lisa Cox	April 1	Carol Wood
8	Alan Bray	8	Sandra Henderson
15	Jean Morley	15	Martin Parsons
22	Carol Green	22	Maureen Bright
29	Roy Hucker	29	Gloria Beaton

Monday Service 7.30 pm. Followed by healing at 8.30 pm

April 2	Ann Germain	April 16	Closed. Bank Holiday
9	Sheila Thomas	23	Marion Dampier-Jeans

April 30–Peter Close

Saturday, April 7–2.00 pm–Open platform–Joyce Balcomb–£1.00 (50p)

Wednesday, April 11–7.30 pm–Evening of Clairvoyance–Lillian Carr–£2.00 (£1.50)

Saturday, April 21–6.30 pm–Psychic supper–Book via Speakers' Secretary–£8.00 (£8.50)

Sunday, April 22–8.30 pm–Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, April 25–Evening of Clairvoyance–Alan Acton–£2.00 (£1.50)

Friday, April 27–7.45 pm–Meditation–£1.00–Doors shut at 8.00 pm prompt

There is a church development circle led by Ruth Brooks

ASHFORD CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALIST CHURCH

Affiliated to the Greater World Association

Ashford Youth Club, Kenilworth Road, Ashford, Middlesex

(off Stanwell Road, off the A30)

President: Ivy Davis, Greater World Minister: Phone 01784 241474

General Secretary: Mrs. B. Hughes

Sunday Divine Service: 6.15 pm

Tuesday Afternoon Healing: 2.00-4.00 pm

Thursday Evening 7.30-9.00 pm

Thursday 7.30 pm–Evening of Clairvoyance

Private readings every third Thursday of the month

WEDDINGS, FUNERALS and CHRISTENINGS ARRANGED

THE WHITE ROSE SANCTUARY

G.E.A. Hall, Behind No 34 Woodhurst Avenue, Petts Wood, Kent

Enquiries: Chris or Alan 01689 854905

Tuesday Service at 7.30 pm

April 3	Janice Perry	April 17	Valerie Kirkham
10	Claudie Sidler	24	David Chenery-Wickens

SPECIAL EVENT

Thursday, April 26–7.30 pm–Fish and chip supper–Ticket only–£10.00

Healing available before each service

A warm welcome to all

RICHMOND NATIONAL SPIRITUALIST CHURCH

(Affiliated to Spiritualists' National Union)

97 Church Road, Richmond

President: P. D. Richards **020-8940 2897** **020-8568 5118**

Sunday 6.30 pm Church Service
(Address and Clairvoyance)

April 1	Marion & George Mackie	April 15	Dorothy Langford
8	Hazel Betts	22	Lilian Carr

April 29–Hazel Betts

Wednesday Afternoon Meeting 2.30 pm

April 4	Marion Denny, CSNU
11	Barbara Edwards
18	Ann Burbedge
25	Jean Woodison

Wednesday Evening 7.45 pm Clairvoyance

April 4	Marion Denny, CSNU
11	Joan Dempsey
18	Yvonne Cadwallader
25	Pauline Porter

SPECIAL EVENT

Saturday, April 7–10.00 am-noon–Coffee morning
One-to-one readings £4.00–Medium Marion Denny, CSNU

STOCKWELL SPIRITUALIST CHURCH

Affiliated to SNU. St Michael's Road, London SW9. Telephone: 020-7733 7761

President: Mrs L. Lavercombe. Tel: 020-7733 8232
Secretary: Mrs Sonya William-Campbell. Tel: 020-7652 0921

Sunday Service 5.30 pm

April 1	David Nason	April 15	Leonie Lavercombe
8	Christine Easton	22	John Langley & Lyn Kern

April 29–Amna Norman

Wednesday Service 7.30 pm

April 4	Alan Acton	April 18	Chris Easton
11	Tanya Streatfield	25	Jane Henry

Friday Service 7.30 pm

April 6	Jeff Duck	April 20	Sharon Rimmer
13	Closed for Easter	27	Ian Taylor

SPECIAL EVENTS

Saturday, April 7–1.00 pm-3.00 pm–Private readings
Saturday, April 21–12 noon-4.00 pm–Table sale
Friday, May 4–7.30 pm–Charity event in aid of Breast Cancer research
Mediums Jane Henry, Jeff Duck and others–£3.00–Members £2.50

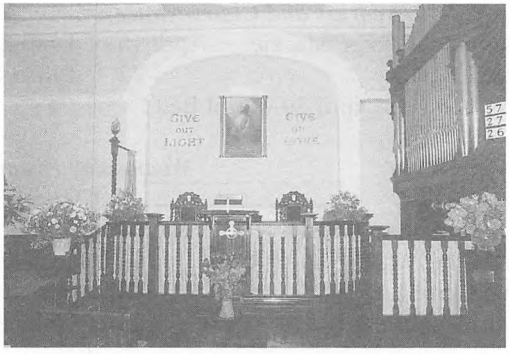
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Mondays 1.00 pm-3.00 pm. Tuesdays 7.00 pm onwards and during circle
Wednesdays 6.00-7.15 pm, Fridays 6.00-7.15 pm

We will be pleased to perform marriages, namings and funerals. We have a registrar at our church

THE LONDON SPIRITUAL MISSION

13 Pembridge Place, London W2 4XB



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e-mail: ros@spiritualmission.fsnet.co.uk

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HEALING:
MONDAYS 11.00 am-1.00 pm, 2.00-3.00 pm and 5.15-7.30 pm
THURSDAY 5.00-7.30 pm

Sunday, 11.00 am Morning Service, Address and Clairvoyance

April 1	Angela Watkins (Devotional service)
8	Margaret Pearson
15	Marie Lang
22	David Jackett
29	Kathryn Hall

Sunday, 6.30 pm Evening Service, Address and Clairvoyance

April 1	Gerrie March
8	Margaret Pearson
15	Marie Lang
22	David Jackett
29	Angela Watkins

Wednesday, 7.30 pm Hour of Clairvoyance

April 4	Lynne Bird
11	Sandra Fields
18	Larry Taylor
25	Eva O'Brien

AN INDUCTION LOOP IS PROVIDED FOR THE BENEFIT OF HEARING AID USERS

WALLINGTON/CARSHALTON C.S. CHURCH

Hackbridge Hall, London Road, Hackbridge, Surrey

(Buses 127 and 151) Hackbridge Station (BR) two minutes

President: Mr G. L. Martin Tel: 020-8669 7705

Speakers' Secretary: Mrs Jackie Robinson Tel: 020-8241 1378

Sunday Service 6.30 pm		**Thursday Service 7.30 pm**	
April 1	Pamela & Patrick Caudell	April 5	Ron Westley
8	Peter Russell	12	Lisa Cox
15	Easter Sunday. Bruce Bayley	19	Joan Dempsey
22	Roger Willicombe	26	Jackie Robinson
29	Sid Privett		

SPECIAL EVENT

April 13–Good Friday service–3.30 pm

Address by Patrick Caudell–Music by Chris Ross

Healing services

Mondays 7.30 pm-9.00 pm (Bank Holidays excepted)

Thursdays (First and third of month only) 1.30 pm-3.00 pm

Come and join us! A warm welcome awaits all

Join us in a cup of tea or coffee afterwards

WEMBLEY SPIRITUALIST NATIONAL CHURCH

10-12 ST JOHN'S ROAD, WEMBLEY, MIDDLESEX HA9 7JD

Speakers' Secretary: Betty Gelson

020-8578 5235

Sunday Service 6.30 pm		***Wednesday Service 7.30 pm***	
April 1	Amna Norman	April 4	Lloyd McQueen
8	Sam Bell	11	To be arranged
15	John Rees	18	Marion Denny, CSNU
22	Bryan Mullen	25	Gloria Skerritt
29	Dorothy Langford	May 2	Nigel Oliver

SPECIAL EVENTS

Saturday, April 7–7.30 pm–Flower readings

Tony and Mary Blake–Limited number 16

April 13–Good Friday–2.30 pm–Trance–Ethline Wilson

Tea break then clairvoyance at 6.00 pm

Healing Mondays 12.00 noon-2.30 pm–Thursdays 7.30 pm

Please be in the church by 8.30 pm

Marriages and Namings

ALL ARE WARMLY WELCOME

WEST NORWOOD SPIRITUALIST CHURCH

Ullswater Road, Norwood Road, SE27 (opposite Fire Station)

(Tulse Hill and West Norwood BR Stations. Buses 2, 2B, 68 and 196)

Mediums' Secretary and enquiries: 020-8761 3733

Saturday Meeting 7.00 pm

April 7	To be arranged
14	Closed
21	Joy Bruce
28	Tilly Hutton

Sunday Service 6.30 pm

April 1	To be arranged
8	Mabel Meadows
15	To be arranged
22	To be arranged
29	Jane Henry

Wednesday Meeting 2.30 pm (Limit 16)

April 4	Pauline Porter
11	Tilly Hutton
18	Dolly Sullivan
25	Pauline Woodhatch

SPECIAL EVENT

Good Friday, April 13–7.00 pm–Four circles and mediums–Prompt start

Healing Wednesday 10.30 am and Friday 6.30 pm

Open Circle Friday at 8.00 pm

WOODFORD NATIONAL SPIRITUALIST CHURCH

Affiliated to Spiritualists' National Union

9 Grove Crescent, South Woodford, London E18 2JR

Mediums' secretary–Christine Booker 020-8925 0769

Sunday Service 6.30 pm

April 1	Beverley Swift
8	Jacquie Stephens
15	Jeremy Mullins
22	June Perlow
29	Ivy Furlong

Monday Service 2.00 pm

April 2	Evelyn Lloyd
9	Yvonne Claydon
16	Holiday
23	Ian Gray
30	Maureen Britton

Healing: Wednesday 2.00-4.00 pm and 7.30-9.00 pm

NAMINGS AND MARRIAGES SOLEMNISED–A WARM WELCOME IS EXTENDED TO ALL

Please note: Sometimes unforeseen circumstances may necessitate a change in programme

LEWISHAM SPIRITUALIST CHURCH

Boone Street (rear of Woodman public house), off Lee High Road, Lewisham, SE13

Buses 321, 122, 261, 278 pass end of road

President: Alice French 020-8856 8167

Mediums' Secretary: Rosalind Marsh 020-8659 3893

Sunday Service 6.30 pm-8.00pm

April 1 Queenie Richards
8 Peggy & Julie Sinclair
15 Mildred Davidson
22 Nita Manning
29 Jean Way

Thursday Group Readings 7.15 pm

April 5 Sylvia Cunningham and Dorothy Firth
12 Marion Denny and Andrea Clark
19 Sylvia Payne and Maxine Grieveson
26 Barbara Nash and Sylvia Cunningham

SPECIAL EVENT

Saturday, April 21–7.30 pm–Demonstration of clairvoyance
Jane Henry–Tickets £3.00–Members £2.00

Open Circle–Monday 7.00-8.30 pm–Everyone welcome
Healing–Monday 7.15-8.30 pm, Tuesday 1.30-3.00 pm and Thursday 7.15-8.30 pm
Tuesday 12.30 pm-3.00 pm–Private readings each week

HILL HOUSE CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALIST CHURCH

Hill House Porta-Cabin, Bishopsford Road, Morden, Surrey SM4 6BL

Sunday Service 6.30 pm
Tuesday Healing 12.00 noon–2.00 pm
Wednesday Service (also healing) 7.45 pm–Admission £2.00

Private readings and special events

For details phone Mediums' Secretary Mrs Jean Roberts 020-8646 6692

E.S.P. (EDGWARE SPIRITUALIST PARTY)

North Road Community Hall, Adjacent Edgware General Hospital, Burnt Oak, Edgware, Middlesex. Tel: 020-8427 2662

President: Brian Mullen ***Vice-President: Breda Flynn***

Thursday Meeting Clairvoyance 7.30 pm

April 5 Joe Murphy
12 Tim Abbott
April 19 Jacqueline Strom
26 Brian Dean & Sheila Stewart

SUTTON NATIONAL SPIRITUALIST CHURCH

ST BARNABAS ROAD, SUTTON, SURREY SM1 4NP

Buses 403, 408, 714, 716, 726, 154, 213 pass end of road

President: Mrs Betty Masters–01372 379489

SUNDAY SERVICE 6.30 pm		THURSDAY SERVICE 7.45 pm	
April 1	Roy Mackie	April 5	Sheila Thomas
8	Judith Freeman	12	Jackie Brian
15	Robert Wood	19	Ian Taylor
22	Janet Birdseye	26	See Special Events
29	Sharon Rimmer		

SPECIAL EVENTS

Tuesday, April 10–7.45 pm–Meditation evening

Saturday, April 21–7.30 pm–Trance medium Colin Fry

Thursday, April 26–7.45 pm–Val Triggs, Carol Dawber and Jan Ross

Healing available after every service

READING NATIONAL SPIRITUALIST CHURCH

"York Lodge," 81, Baker Street, Reading RG1 7XY

Telephone: 0118 9507281 (Answerphone)

Web site: http://members.xoom.com/rdgchurch/

President: Michael Spence

Sunday–6.30 pm *(Service)*		Thursday–7.45 pm *(Clairvoyance)*	
April 1	Ian Taylor	April 5	Judith & Peter Shepheard
8	Dinah Annable	12	Sue & Malcolm Nash
15	Albert & Brenda Manning	19	Fledglings
22	Roberta Phillips	26	Janie Ryan & Simon Ramsay
29	Marjorie Jeffries		

SPECIAL EVENT

Saturday, April 21–Roberta Harris–Workshop and evening of clairvoyance

Evening of clairvoyance £3.00 Members–Non-Members £3.50

Please ring for details of workshop

Fledglings at 8.00 pm on second Tuesday and fourth Friday of the month

Open platform at 7.30 pm on third Friday of the month

Healing: Mondays from 1.30 pm (except Bank Holidays) Wednesdays from 7.30 pm

Meditation (members only) on Wednesdays at 7.30 pm

The Greater World Christian Spiritualist Association

Greater World Spiritual Centre
3-5 Conway Street, London W1T 6BF.
Tel: 020-7436 7555. Fax 020-7580 3485
e-mail: ray.robinson@gwchristian.btinternet.com

• **Thursday, April 5–Pop-in at 1.00 pm–Demonstration of clairvoyance at 2.00 pm with Ivy Davis**

• **Greater World Bookshop. 9.00 am–4.00 pm, Monday-Friday, plus Mail Order Service.** *Book and Tape Catalogue available*

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The White Dove Spiritualist Centre

23, Lowell Place, Witney, Oxon

Sunday 6.15 pm:	**Service with clairvoyance (except first and last Sunday of month)**
Wednesday 7.30 pm:	**Service with clairvoyance**
Saturday 7.00 pm:	**Occasional clairvoyant evenings**
	Weekend workshops

Friday, June 8–7.30 pm – Special evening of clairvoyance – Billy Cook and Shirley Olive
Billy comes from Paignton and Shirley is President of The White Dove Centre
Wednesday, June 13 – 7.30 pm – Special Evening of Clairvoyance – Keith Hall of Babbacombe
Open to the public for healing on Mondays (12 noon–2.00 pm) and Wednesdays (6.00 pm–6.45 pm)
Further details from the President, Mrs Shirley Olive, on 01993 705288
Web site: http://www.freespace.virgin.net/john.hardacre *e-mail: pauline.mccrann@virgin.net*

CHICHESTER CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALIST CHURCH

39 Basin Road, Chichester, West Sussex PO19 2PY

(Close to railway and bus stations)
Affiliated to the Great World Association

Services: Sundays at 6.30 pm and Thursdays at 7.30 pm
Healing is available on Thursdays from 2.00 pm-3.00 pm and immediately following Thursday evening service

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