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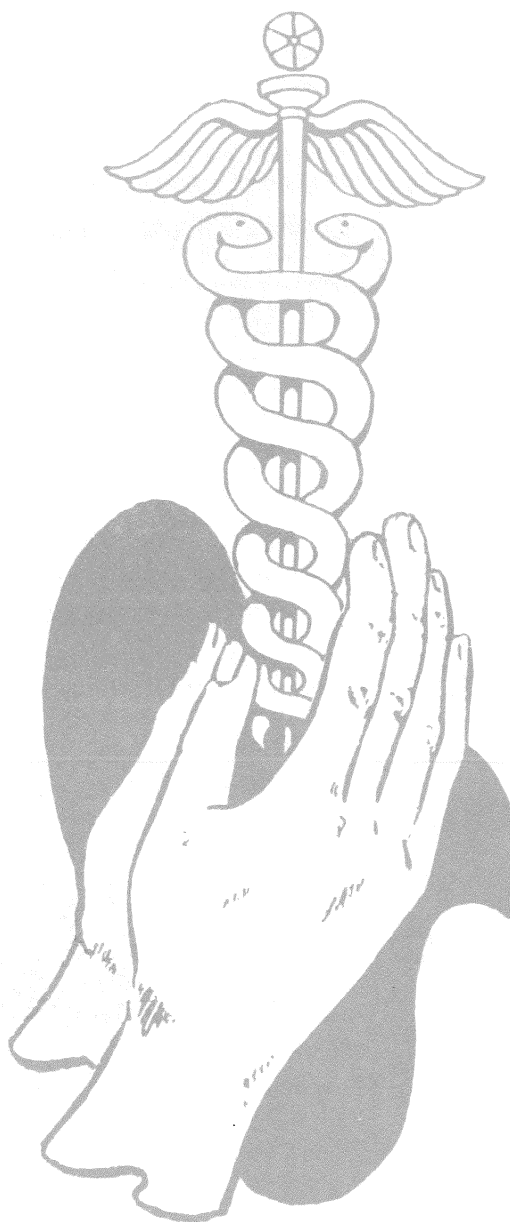
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Healing and the Mind

We can heal "dis-
ease" through the
power of the Mind.

BY THE REV.
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Please notice that Mind is capitalized to indicate that God operates through Universal Mind, which is God's Natural Law.

This Mind is innermost within each soul receiving our thoughts, then acting upon them. The very essence of life is the Spirit of Love and Peace within us. It is there for us to accept and the more we accept the more we can receive, for God is Infinite, Perfect and Unlimited.

Each soul is the creation of God and an expression of the Perfect Being which flows in and through all creation. Therefore, the center of each soul is this perfect energy Mind

which is complete wholeness. The Mind is the great revealer that translates the love of God into a personal essence that heals.

As a Spiritual healer sends prayers for absent healing or

prayers during laying-on-of-hands healing (contact healing), it is for the inner Spiritual nature of the person needing assistance. All physical disease begins in a mental form. It is not the responsibility of the healer to create the correct concept nor to destroy the incorrect idea. Rather the healer should perceive that perfect ideas are functioning within the patient and this inner intelligence is always resolvable because God is there and God is All there is. The healer heightens this inner perfection by sharing the Universal healing energies to correspond with the inner energies. When the perfect energy of Spirit blends

with areas in disharmony, the perfect energy helps to restore harmony, peace and balance. The natural functions of the body can then begin to flow in universal rhythms.

There are no exacting formulas to giving Spiritual healing. Some basic requirements are that the healer have love and compassion and that the healer not accept the situation of the other person. When the healer becomes emotionally involved with the illness or the patients suffering, then their mind is not clear and their trust in the perfection of the Universe is clouded. Heal your own thoughts of a

patients problem first and the benefits of the Universal Power will be multiplied. Trust in the indefatigable Spirit that is always helping, guiding, caring, balancing, loving, and permit the Infinite Source of all good to heal.

A condition that is viewed as a symbol or outward manifestation of a thought that is not in accord with Natural Law can then be given energy to allow the Law of Cause and Effect to bring healing. Always send love. Love heals.

How special it is for the healer and the healee to feel the power of the Universal Energy. We know that God is good and wants unity, so we say, "God is healing me now, God is healing them now, God is healing the world now." "I am (they are) One with the Power of God." Our consciousness, as it accepts this, brings it to be. You are what you think. Choose to consciously, mentally align with the inner God-center and know that it is a place of harmony, peace, love and joy. Let this consciousness expand and you will be healed and be a wonderful source to direct the creative power of the One Mind.

It is not what the Mind knows, but how the Mind uses the abilities it possesses. There have been many great examples of wonderful healers throughout history such as Jesus, the Buddha, Zoroaster, Imhotep, Paracelsus, Andrew Jackson Davis, Harry Edwards, Anton Mesmer, Edgar Cayce, Elizabeth Courtney, and Mary Baker Eddy, just to name a few. Each was God centered, each said they were not the exception, but that all could do as they did. Each taught others.

All individuals are a part of the Mind of Infinite Intelligence, therefore have everything they need to be healthy, fulfilled and whole. Let us direct our consciousness, our belief to a healthy self, a healthy family, a healthy earth. The Mind heals, but we must change our thoughts to recognize and accept the truth of One Life, of Abundance, of Wholeness, of Love

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FAVORITE SAYINGS TO LIVE BY

*In this column we list Favorite Sayings to Live By.
Please send in your sayings that have helped you, for they may in turn assist another.*

*"Consider how hard it is to change yourself
and you'll understand what little chance
you have of trying to change others."
— Bits & Pieces*

*"Transformation begins on an individual
level and moves out into the world."
— Shakti Gawain
Living In The Light'*

*"True listening, total concentration on the
other, is always a manifestation of love."
— M.S. Scott Peck, M.D.
The Road Less Traveled'*

*"Time, space and obstructions are
unknown to Mind and thought."
— The Science of Mind'*

HEALING AND THE MIND (Continued from previous page.)

and Peace. Affirmative prayer is a tool of the mind to change the belief system which is where true healing begins. Once our belief system changes, so will our experiences in life follow. Regeneration and transformation are a way to higher consciousness, but it is a gradual process to be assimilated into our daily living. The mind and the body are intertwined and interconnected, each responding to stimulus. When the individual takes charge, deciding to grow in the light and become balanced in the body, mind and emotions then will dramatic changes begin. It is wonderful to know that our efforts will bring positive results.

Spiritualism teaches personal responsibility and promises that Natural Law always works. The Law of Cause and Effect, the Law of Mind, the Law of Correspondence, the Law of Love, all can be used to restore inner balance. Each person is deserving of God's good and as they open to accept it, as they put their energy forth, so will the power of the Infinite flow to them. Each person can use this energy to help themselves or others and it is their degree of mind attunement to the Higher Energies that brings the degree of healing.

Harry Edwards writes about con-

tact healing in *SPIRITUAL HEALING*, "No healing is possible outside the confines of total law . . . It is a law that harmony must exist between the transmission of a force and its conscious, or unconscious, reception. Furthermore, the receiver must be in attunement with the transmitter. The intelligently directed healing forces emanate from a non-physical realm, but through healership such non-physical forces are transformed into physical effects." Non-physical energy becomes physical by sending the healing force from the higher spheres through the healer to the healee. This is Mind energy, Love energy, God energy.

In absent healing, the healee's spirit/mind self acts as the transformer to be able to receive the healing intelligence which inspires and directs the inner being to correct or overcome the primary causes of the condition. The Higher Healing Intelligences stimulate the bodily healing intelligences to alter unhealthy cells and have no interference with healthy tissue.

We had a wonderful example of this at our healing classes. Joyce L. had a white film-like growth that was starting to cover the iris and blur her vision. She had already experienced the problem on one eye and had to

have it surgically removed. Now the other eye was evidencing the same condition. Each week we spent time sending healing to her eye and watching as the white area got smaller and smaller until it finally left entirely.

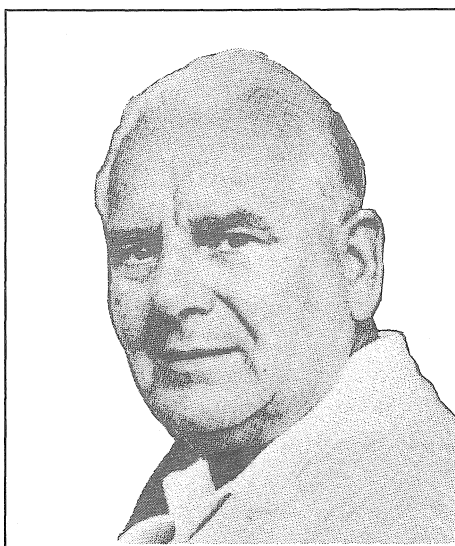
We don't know exactly why disease forms, but we do know it stems from mental pain. Mental pain unresolved becomes physical pain because consciousness becomes reality. If we can remind ourselves that God is Infinite, Unlimited and Love and that this Power wants us to have everything that we desire, it is easier to release any feelings of lack and to give the inner being perfection, love, and peace. Healing is usually the journey of letting go of past conceptions, of past pain, of past lacks and gaining a bigger picture of the glory of God with no boundaries and only love. Let your mind surrender to God. Believe that this perfection is within you and within each soul that you are sending healing. Affirm: "I am one with the Mind of Divine Spirit. I am filled with the Light of God. I accept and receive all that I need to be healthy, happy, whole." Then in your minds eye, see each and every cell energized and filled with sparkling Light. And So It Is!

When we think of a spiritual healer, the name of Harry Edwards comes to mind. This wonderful English healer helped thousands of people from all over the world with his great healing energies. The Spiritualist healers and students of today are fortunate to have the storehouse of information that Harry Edwards contributed by his books, his monthly magazine, *The Spiritual Healer*, and his study courses on healing. Not only was he personally a great healer, but he was a wonderful educator informing others how they too could work with the healing forces.

Mr. Edwards publically demonstrated his wonderful gift in every major city and town throughout Britain, plus in several countries abroad. His work was written about in newspapers as "miracles of healing". For nearly 40 years he brought relief to countless thousands of people, suffering from every known physical and mental disease. He successfully gave healing to judges, politicians, the Royal Family, war officers, doctors, theologians and celebrities, in addition to people of all walks of life and all religious persuasion. Edwards worked for many years with two associates, Joan and Ray Branch, in the Healing Sanctuary at Shere.

When Harry Edwards was asked if someone could become a healer, he replied, *"People who have a deep inner yearning to give of themselves in healing the sick, to take away pain and stress, who possess compassion and sympathy for those who are afflicted and are willing to sacrifice their time without any pecuniary reward; people who are generous in their nature, and who render willing service for good causes, are those who possess the spiritual qualities which mark the healing gift. This healing potential, then, only needs the development of the faculty of attunement with the spirit source of healing and the opportunity to give it practical expression."* He claimed that Spiritual healing was not mysterious, though some would try to make it so, but it is simplicity and co-operation

HARRY EDWARDS



with the healing forces.

The teacher, Edwards, would tell patient and student alike that in order to have a lasting healing, it is necessary to first remove the cause. There can be alleviation of symptoms during the laying on of hands, but a final healing is not achieved until the cause is completely overcome. The healer need not tell the person the cause if it is known, but works to bring inner change. The first signs of healing is often that the person becomes conscious of inner strength, new energy and an upliftment. In contact healing, the cause is often received through the healer's hands by a varying sensation. Healing is then directed to this area. The healer's attunement with their spirit doctor is imperative.

Before and during the war, Edwards set up a link for absent healing, where the patient would sit in prayerful thought at the same time that he was sending healing intercession for them. When his house was

destroyed by a bomb and all his records and appointments destroyed he prayed and sent healing as he could remember. The results and healing successes were actually improved, so Edwards stopped trying to regiment healing by the clock and sent healing all the time.

Public demonstrations and healing services were often before thousands of people in such places as the Royal Albert Hall, or King's Hall Belle Vue in Manchester (6,000 people attended). What a sense of responsibility for Harry Edwards and his helpers. No arrangements were ever made in advance to treat a particular person. What they would do is ask for those suffering from a particular problem to raise their hands. Then they would select two or three at random from different positions in the hall. These individuals would come forward, some being carried. Whatever the severity of the condition, they would seek healing in full confidence that it would be given, then they would place their hands on the physical body. Many he never heard from again, but thousands wrote letters testifying to the healing they had received. Some of his cases were investigated by various committees with verifications that healing had indeed taken place.

Harry Edwards taught that the purpose of Spiritual Healing was not for just healing of the sick, but also to prevent disease in the future. It is an avenue to awaken an individual's spiritual consciousness by demonstrating the power of the spirit. *"It is to spiritualize mankind and, in the matter-of-fact, scientific age, to open the eyes of the people, through practical demonstration, to the basic truth that we are all akin to spirit."* ■

This information was researched from 'A guide to the understanding and practice of SPIRITUAL HEALING' and 'The Power of Spiritual Healing', both by Harry Edwards.

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SPIRITUAL HEALING

— Prayer for Spiritual Healing —

I ask the great unseen healing force to remove all obstructions from my mind and body and to restore me to perfect health.

I ask this in all sincerity and honesty and I will do my part.

I ask this great unseen healing force to help both present and absent ones who are in need of help and to restore them to perfect health.

I put my trust in the love and power of God.

The Commissioned Healer

BY THE REV. CATHERINE SNELL, NST, NEW YORK

When I was asked to write an article for *TNS* for the Healers League, I kept hearing the words, "*Commissioned Healer*", and seeing in my mind's eye the Healing Service that preceded the Thursday evening service last October at the Convention that was held in San Francisco. I was scheduled to be on the program that evening, and had come into the Healing Service to "*drink in*" the healing atmosphere that surrounded the proceedings and to attune myself to Spirit for the work which I was about to do.

I think that one of the reasons that that service made such an impression on me was because of the look of dedication and devotion on the faces of those Commissioned Healers who were serving Spirit that evening.

I see the same shining look of near rapture on the faces of the healers who work in our church every Sunday, and have come to the conclusion that the closest "*earth word*" I can use to describe the process which is taking place is "*a communion*" (or an affinity) between the healer, the Spirit working through the healer, and the one being healed.

Perhaps some Mediums are blessed with the gift of seeing this truly amazing triangle. If so, then they must be as awed as I am to

see energy streaming from the Spirit realm through the Spirit Helper, down to the earth plane instrument, to the one in need, and then back to Spirit again in an eternal, non-diminishing circuit.

Given these facts, it's no wonder that the majority of the healers I've seen all wear that special look and have a serenity about them that makes those with whom they come in contact feel better just by being around them. Also, given these same facts, the certificate which the NSAC bestows on those individuals who have the gift of healing and who have passed rigorous training and testing is called a "*Commission*."

Webster defines the word "*commission*" to mean: "*A group of persons directed to perform some duty or execute some trust;*" and, "*the act of entrusting, committing, or giving authority;*" and, "*endowing with effective rights or powers;*" and finally, "*appointing to a certain task, mission, function, or duty.*"

When you really get down to it, then, "*Commissioned*" is a perfect way of describing the call to service that the NSAC Healer feels, for a healer IS truly the instrument of a higher authority. A healer IS called upon to perform a certain task . . . that of imparting vital curative force to patho-

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logical conditions. And finally, a healer IS carrying out a mission of mercy for the good of all humankind.

Our Commissioned Healers, due to their mission and their love for all humankind, should be the embodiment of what Swiss psychologist Carl Jung once called "fully actualized human beings;" or, in other words, they should have reached that state called "individuation," which means the state of living up to the fullest potential as human beings . . . physically, mentally, and spiritually.

In their book, *"This World and That: An Analytical Study of Psychic Communication,"* Dr. Phoebe D. Payne and her husband, Dr. Laurence J. Bendit, mention that the spiritually integrated person is a more effective healer, and that being spiritually integrated means that the healer understands that he or she *"neither gives his own vitality to the patient, nor does he draw on others around him. He relies on his ability to draw vitality from the 'atmosphere' about him and acts as an impersonal channel for it."*

Of course, we in Spiritualism know this is to be true, only we call this "atmosphere" from which the healer draws, by the name of Spirit. When we heal, we close our eyes and attune ourselves to that "atmosphere," and allow ourselves to become the instrument through which that healing vitality can flow. Still, even though we all know this to be true, it never hurts to remind ourselves that WE - OF OURSELVES - CAN DO NOTHING! This means that we need to constantly remind ourselves that we are not the healers.

In fact, this truth is so important that it would be well for us to write it on a slip of paper and keep it with us at all times. WE - OF OURSELVES - CAN DO NOTHING! Instead, we are channels for the healing that comes from Spirit . . . from the light above . . . that is directed through us

to the one in need. So let us learn to put ourselves aside for the moment and allow that light to do the work that IT is meant to do.

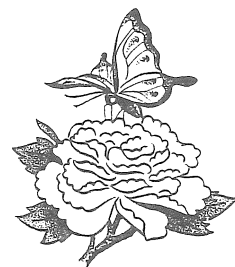
Letting the light do ITS work means that we should always work with the best intentions and a pure mind. This, naturally, doesn't mean that we need to become saints before we can heal: if this were the only criteria for healing, no one could assist anyone else in this world!

What working with a pure state of mind does mean, however, is that we need to first eliminate all of our own negativities. Of course, we should be doing this full time anyway, but it's especially important when we are offering ourselves as a channel for Spirit Healing.

Working with a pure state of mind also includes the vital ingredient called humility. As healers, we are in no way superior to our subjects, and thus we should guard vigilantly against prideful feelings or the taking of undue credit for whatever healing is accomplished through us.

Finally, working with a pure state of mind also means that we begin and end each healing session with a prayer . . . an opening prayer to clear the mind and attune us to our Spirit helpers . . . and a closing prayer of thanks acknowledging our appreciation. As a popular bumper sticker says, *"the attitude should be gratitude,"* for gratitude paves the way for further development.

So then, if we keep in mind that we are but the instruments, that we need to do our healing work in a pure state of mind, and that we need to express our gratitude to Spirit for all that has been accomplished, we will be filled with a joy and a love far beyond our abilities to comprehend. Then we will be living up to the "commission" in our title of Commissioned Healer.



Love Knows No Bounds

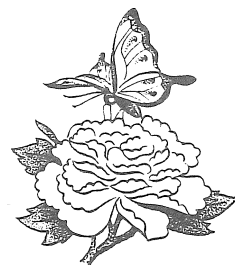
By Caroline S. Lauzon, Maine

*Logger in a forest glen
Miles away from likes of men
Stands in awe says,
"Have you seen
Such a crowd of fragrant green?"*

*Dear lady by a window sits
Watching monarch as it flits
Lifted up into the sky
Still she follows with her eye.*

*Bird in a cage with heart so true
Notes inspiring me and you
Separated from his brothers
Melodies still join the others.*

*Tho you may have far to roam
Limitations keep you home
Love can reach you anywhere.
Spiritualism is to share.*



Healing Month, Healer's League, Healing Center!

BY THE REV. GENE PFORTMILLER, NST, ARIZONA

There is much to report about healing activities in The National Spiritualist Association of Churches. Last year the Healer's League requested that April be designated NSAC Healing Month and the National Board of Directors approved that each April would be set aside to honor Spiritual Healing.

Last year a church in Clifton Park, New York, the Spiritualist Open Center, NSAC, gave some wonderful examples of things we might do to honor healing. Two of their subject suggestions were: *"Love is the Food of the Universe"*. Each member of the congregation was requested to bring a nonperishable food item that was donated to a charitable food pantry. *"Earth Day Celebration - Earth is a Family Business"*. Tree seedlings were given to each member of the congregation to help heal the earth and make it a greener place. The NYS Department of Environmental Conservation provided the trees and the Spiritualist Open Center, NSAC, made a donation to the agency.

During Healing Month, let us think about the community, the environment, the world and visualize harmony and balance. Coming closer to home, we can wrap our congregation, family, neighbors, and co-workers, in peace and love. Healing comes with a smile, a kind word, a good thought, so as we travel into the community each day, we can share this energy with strangers and friends that we meet. Spiritualists know the special assistance we receive from the unseen world, and that the healing energy is appreciated by our guides and spirit

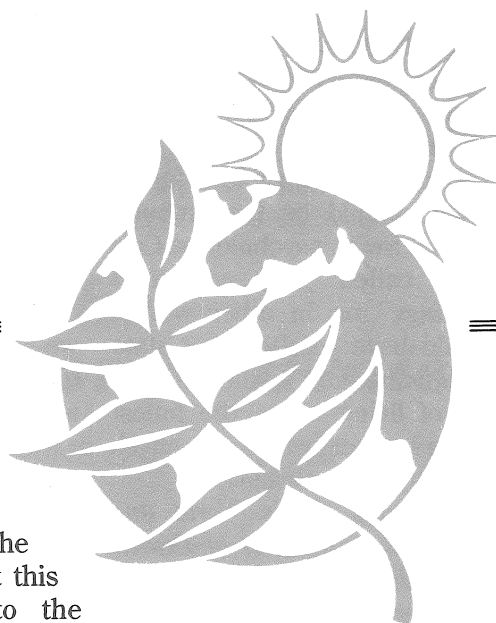
helpers also. Do your part . . . it is important, and you will make a difference.

Some more good news. The **Spiritual Healing Center** at this time has been assigned to the Healer's League under the direction of the National Board and is being restructured and researched. We wish to thank the Board for their confidence in the Healer's league. We are already working and have received some fine ideas and are in the process of investigating or implementing them. If you have any suggestions, we would be delighted to receive them.

The NSAC Healing Center is in the process of updating the records for the church healing groups. If you have an organization that is having or will hold weekly Healing Prayers, please notify us of your activities. We would like to know the leader of your group, members names, when you meet (day of the week and the time). If you should desire to set up such a group, we will be pleased to assist you.

Currently, when a persons name is sent to us for healing, we place it on our healing list and also send it to the healing circles and churches that are working with the Healing Center. These healers then include the NSAC Healing List as a part of their absent healing work. The individual requesting healing is sent inspirational cards to read and meditate upon, for we know that keeping the mind in a positive, uplifting state is beneficial to healing . . . the law of attraction.

Spiritual healing is one of the wonders of Spiritualism that first attracts many to our religion. We are taught



that life is about service and this is a special way to be able to serve and help others. There is no need to be in a special place or with others to share the healing thoughts with those in need. Waiting in line at the bank, traveling from one place to another, just before rising or when going to bed, during the prayer before meals, while walking or exercising, while waiting for another . . . any time is a good time to send out the healing power and a prayer to Infinite Intelligence to assist those who need healing. Of course, if special meditation just for healing can be accomplished, the focused energy is usually heightened. Remember, when we ASK, the Universe responds in accordance with Natural Law.

The person that requires healing can also do their part. We know that prayer, along with affirmations, or acceptance, is a spiritual mind treatment that operates as a spiritual science, or law.

As healers, we can visualize the individual in perfect health, vibrant, successful, and filled with light. We can see the light energy flowing through the physical being, unobstructed, re-energizing, re-vitalizing and healing all conditions. In absentee healing, we send loving energy to help others who are in need of upliftment. We know that Infinite Intelligence, the

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April is a powerful time of transformation and regeneration. It is a time to let go of the old and open ourselves to the Glory of God. We see this transformation process in Mother Nature as buds appear on empty branches of trees and sprouts are born in the earth to be fulfilled as beautiful flowers. Life which was dormant springs forth into newness.

The observance of Easter and Passover inspires millions of people throughout the world. The Christian's faith is sustained by the acceptance of the resurrection and the ascension of the man Jesus, proving that the spirit is reborn into the unseen world and continues to exist. There is transformation and regeneration from the physical body to a spiritual body and eternal life is a comforting awareness. There is no death, there are no dead.

The Passover commemoration is also about transformation and regeneration, for it celebrates the freedom and new life brought to the Hebrews when they were led out of Egypt, by Moses, to a new land, to freedom, to the origin of a national life for the Jewish faithful.

Spiritualism was also born around

REGENERATION!

this season, for on March 31, 1848, a New Dispensation began, establishing beyond a doubt, that communication with the world beyond was possible. April was a transforming month for the Fox family, and their lives were never the same as they continued to tell the world that life and the personality continue after the change called death.

April 23rd is Earth Day, but we can honor, pray for, and commemorate the blessings of our planet, not just this day, this month, but forever. It is of vital importance that the earth's needs be our needs, for our environment requires positive change.

Spiritualists understand personal responsibility, cause and effect, so a few suggestions that we as Spiritualists can do to help our planet are to: recycle, plant gardens, shrubs and trees, buy environmentally safe and recycled products, keep our vehicles in good running condition and don't drive unless necessary, use less water, cut the plastic containers and soda can holders so that animals don't get harmed by them, don't buy things like



ivory that will cause extinction of some species, etc. At this time, honor and pray for the earth, and recognize that a healthy planet is an essential for a healthy humanity.

April is NSAC Healing Month. Look within and be still to accept the renewing power of God. Open yourself to receive the Light and Love of the Infinite and when you are filled, share this healing energy with others and with Mother Earth. God Bless You, SP. ■

HEALING MONTH, HEALER'S LEAGUE, HEALING CENTER!

Divine Source of All life, in all life, is perfect, so the healer and the receiver can attune to this dynamic healing power to achieve all the benefits that spiritual healing offers. Focus your attentions on a Loving God, that wants only the highest and the best, and receive that which your soul needs for its development and growth. Where the attention goes, the energy flows.

In this month of healing, let us all make a special effort to help others by cultivating the attitude of harmony, helpfulness, and happiness. Let us exercise absent healing for those in need each day, and let us also think of how we can further help Spiritualism, our healing organizations, the Healer's League and the National

Center to grow. The Universal power is everywhere, always available, and ready to renew with the vital energies when we ask, then open ourselves to receive. The healing force is a benefit to those who give as well as to those who receive. Believe you can heal or be healed, and it will be.

A possible suggestive guideline for each week in the Month of April:

WEEK ONE: Personal inner healing . . . including physical, emotional, mental, spiritual, and financial, for as we heal ourselves, then we can become better healers for others.

WEEK TWO: Healing for others in our churches, our families, our place of work, our cities, our towns and country. In the entire world, for

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we are all one and this will create Spiritual Harmony!

WEEK THREE: Healing for the coming together of the physical world and the Spiritual world.

WEEK FOUR: Healing Mother Earth, nature, the planet and the understanding of Natural Law.

Remember, April 23rd is Earth Day, so please send healing to our planet.

Please use your creative mind for healing in the month of April and as we all work together, we will become a powerful healing force. We would appreciate it if you would send us your ideas and experiences for April Healing Month, and also share any thoughts you may have for the NSAC Healing Center. ■

Your **NATIONAL BOARD** *At Work*

BY THE REV. BERNARD F. BAKER, NST

This article is most appropriate for the April issue, which has a focus on healing. Well, as you read on, you will see that the NSAC healing process that had begun at the past convention is continuing. Not only is it continuing, but it seems to be gaining momentum!

Last month I reported that our president, the Rev. Brenda Wittich, had called a four day Winter National Board meeting 'brain storming' session. The intent of this was to seek ways to help the NSAC and Spiritualism progress. Ideas were solicited in advance of the meeting and each Board member presented their list and worked intensely to formulate plans for the NSAC that will help us to move forward in the coming years. Some of these items are, by their very nature, long term goals. But many more are short term and work has already begun on them.

Because of illness and personal reasons, the Reverends Joseph Sax and Sharon Snowman were unable to attend this historic session. Historic because of it's purpose and the extremely positive results that have been obtained.

Las Vegas was chosen as the location for this meeting for several reasons. For instance, three of our Board members are from the West Coast and three others are from the Mid-West, resulting in a savings in air fare, as well as not having to subject them to three time zone changes. Prices in Las Vegas are extremely reasonable, rivaling almost any other location in the country, and facilities there are excellent.

The three day session began with our president setting some basic 'ground rules' which still allowed us to freely express our opinions, discuss the issues and ideas, and move along at a fairly brisk pace. Our attitude quickly became positive and our enthusiasm increased at an almost exponential pace.

The ideas were presented in order of office, President, Vice-President, Secretary (Rev. Snowman's ideas were presented by Rev. Wittich), Treasurer and five Trustees.

One of the very many significant ideas presented was the assignment of different churches and camps to each Board member. Our president had formed this idea a few months ago and was now ready to begin implementation. What this means is that, within the next three years we intend to personally visit each auxiliary. Working with each auxiliary to identify their needs, the Board member will serve the platforms in any way desired, conduct classes, help in developing plans for the future, offer advice based on their position as a National Board member, and any other such things desired by the host auxiliary.

THE WINTER NATIONAL BOARD MEETING



Pictured above from left to right: Seated - Bernard F. Baker, Brenda Wittich; Standing - Alfred A. Conner, Pamla Ashlay-Lehrer, Lelia Cutler, Barbara Thurman, and Jeannie Lerch.

Your WORKING National Board was exactly that when they met for the Winter Board meeting at the end of January. The sessions went into the evening as ideas were presented, discussed and recorded. Each Board member was enthusiastic and presented their own list of ideas for the NSAC to continue its forward progress. While some of the ideas overlapped, this too was encouraging, as it demonstrated the closeness of each Board member's thoughts. Each Board member left with a list of items to address, and these will be reported in future articles in *TNS*.

A letter is being drafted that will be sent to the auxiliaries, identifying which Board member will be visiting and requesting a list of things that the auxiliary would like to take place, and when the visit can be mutually held. We very clearly want to make certain that this is not viewed in any way to be a 'control' or 'spying' effort by your Board. . . No, the goal is to assist you and your churches in any and every way possible.

Our newest Trustee, the Rev. Jean Kerr Lerch, was the last to present her ideas. When she produced several typed pages, my eyes widened, since it was now the final day of our intensive and lengthy meetings and some of us (me included) seemed to be tiring. But we rose to the challenge and reviewed and discussed each one of the many fine ideas she presented.

Along these same lines, a draft letter or questionnaire

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The Wonderful Gift of Healing

BY SANDRA COOK, ARIZONA

Healing, what a wonderful gift we all can share from God and Spirit, whether receiving or giving a healing. April has been designated Healing Month by the NSAC, but healing is an occurrence every day of our lives. Many think of healing only when in services or in need, but it is with us twenty-four hours a day.

Healing means so much more than laying-on-of-hands or absent healing. It is a hug for someone lonely or sad; it's a smile for someone just 'because'; it's mental healing for cares and worries; financial healing; healing of a relationship that has hit a rocky point or even caused a rift between two people. These are the kinds of healing we do on a continuing basis.

In our fast paced, pressured society everyone needs a touch of healing each day. Many times that can be accomplished with a thank you or just listening to someone talk. One of the strongest forms of healing is just knowing someone cares and you are not alone.

Whenever we practice healing, we should send love and attune to the power that flows through us. It does not take a great deal of time or preparation for healing. Healing can take place at any time, in any place. It requires no special tools, just our willingness to attune to God and Spirit, and let the beautiful gift of healing flow through you. We must be careful not to limit healing by where or when it can occur.

We must remember to use healing on ourselves as well as others. When we work with healing, we can channel the power through us and maintain some of the healing for ourselves.

Attitudes are changing greatly about spiritual healing in our society. It is openly talked and written about in today's world. Many physicians are now actively working

with healers and their patients. They are pleased with the progress made by the patients. In one case the doctor was telling the patient how the healing could be done and the patient told the doctor that

they were working with a healer. He was very pleased and wanted to know how to get in touch with the healer for other interested patients.

Because of the increase in literature on the subject by many prominent physicians, more people are becoming interested in healing and much more open. Larry Dossey, M.D., in his book, *Healing Hands*, explores the use of prayer in the healing process and in medicine.

Because of increased interest in healing, there is more opportunity for discussion outside of our churches. When it is found that we are healers, people will approach us more freely. Many who are at a loss for what to do with an illness that a doctor is treating may touch in with you for help. Our society has more families coping with elder members at home with serious or catastrophic illness. It has become common for individuals in the work place to ask for healings, not just for the ailing member of the family, but for all members of the family.

During the month of April, before our healing service or during our services is a wonderful time to remember all those healers from past and present. Each of our services could feature a healer or some aspects of healing. This would help give information to our members and to our student healers, as well as inform any guests interested in our religion in what healing is about.

With all the expansion of awareness about the beautiful gift of healing, we should open up and let the love and healing come through for all mankind and our planet. Each morning and evening we, as healers, should take the time to meditate and send the beautiful healing energies to all on the planet and to the planet itself. As that love and healing energy flows out and surrounds our globe, it will linger and begin the healing and bring peace to all. ■

YOUR NATIONAL BOARD AT WORK (Continued from previous page.)

is also being developed for each church. This questionnaire will solicit ideas that you, the NSAC members, would like considered by your National Board. Knowing that there are various wonderful ideas in our churches, your Board is seeking ways to identify as many of those ideas as we can, and of course, act on them where possible.

Two other items that I'd like to mention, and which I am particularly excited about are the Board's agreement to take a positive look at other beliefs and teachings, and to review current terminology for inclusion in NSAC publications. And yes, this does include the theory of reincar-

nation, angels, etc. More on this and other efforts by your National Board will be provided in future articles and as work progresses on each effort.

My opinion as a National Board member for over six years is that this was by far the most progressive and positive meeting of the National Board that I can remember. In consideration of the potential results, I must say that this could possibly rival the Organizational Convention held in Chicago in 1893 in both importance and future impact to the NSAC.





LAURA LEE PERKINS

TAPPING INTO LIFE

BY LAURA LEE PERKINS, MAINE

When we begin to tap into life's purpose, we are as a dry desert riverbed which has just received the cleansing of a monsoon rain. These stream beds in our consciousness which were so bone dry such a short time ago, now are flooded with sounds of rushing waters of awareness. The dank smells from the desert floor of our parched heart filter through the nostrils of our being like fresh-cut hay. The humid, enriched coolness quivers within the excitement of the nourishment of water, the fluidity of the rebirth of life. When only the desert-like shell remains, it will require the sacred waters to renew and regenerate us at a deeper level, for evolution cannot occur without the cleansing and nurturing process of moisture. Like the bones of our skeleton banging into each other with every pulsating heartbeat; and then, without warning, we are offered a drink from the elixir bottle of hope. We feel it rush down into us like strong bourbon on an empty stomach; we cease to struggle and our soul becomes weepingly damp as we release the pent-up, arid feelings. We are ready to replant the seed of life as we respond to the new and unexpected offering from God.

The entire purpose of life is the individual's soul's growth. This is possible only through complete acceptance of others, which transcends into forgiveness. Forgiveness leads to love and finally to the evolution of the spirit, the vehicle in which the soul resides.

Envision a path and walk upon it lightly. Trust that

there is . . . truly . . . a divine purpose in your existence here upon earth. For your purpose is simple . . . to learn about pain first, which will lead you forward to forgiveness when all other paths come to dead-end. Forgiveness then leads to unconditional love. There is a horizon of love always looming in the distance, a beautiful sunset always present, even when we are unable to perceive it. We must trust that beauty is always there, even when we cannot find it. We must always hold hope within our hearts. For God is the Creator; the purpose of our lives has been intentionally blurred so that we must struggle to find it. We are required to clear our own vision, to unblock our own paths into the light. The search is purposeful.

We must come to our own conclusions in our own time and in our own way. When we block the process, we are projecting our own past into our own future. The lessons will be repeated as often as necessary until acceptance, leading to complete forgiveness, has been achieved. This is the only way that we learn to love completely and unconditionally. Anything less is the only thing that is unacceptable to God, for LOVE is the only purpose of earthly existence. The soul **knows** this. ■

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2305 Alameda Ave.; Mailing Address: 2657 Miramar Ave., Castro Valley, 94546; (510) 357-2436; Sun. Serv. 10:00 a.m.; Classes - Thurs. 7:00 p.m.; Pres., Emma K. Hoblitt; Pastor & Secy., Rev. Wayne L. Du Bois, NST, 2657 Miramar Ave., Castro Valley, 94546.

ARCADIA - Spiritualist Church of Revelation

34 E. Huntington Dr., 91006; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m.; Located inside LOOK WITHIN bookstore. Enter from parking lot behind building. Pastor/Pres., Martin Pina; Secy., Winston Lumley. Info. call Harriette Calloway, (213) 681-1677.

AUBURN - Spiritualist Chapel of the Pines

Direct Mail to 461 Grass Valley Hwy., #19, 95603; Sun. Serv. 10:00 a.m.; Sun. Class 12:00 p.m.; Fri. All Message Serv. Church phone (916) 823-1816.

LONG BEACH - Spiritualist Society

3212 E. Eighth St., 90804; Sun. Serv. 5:00 p.m.; Awareness and Advances classes, phone (310) 927-7079.

REDWOOD CITY - Redwood Church of Spiritual Science, NSAC

149 Clinton St., 94062; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m.; Pres. Robert J. Wolverton, 1070 Crestview Dr., San Carlos, 94070, (415) 598-0111; Secy., Angela DiBerardino, (415) 964-6350.

SACRAMENTO - Central Spiritualist Church

2500 Marconi Ave., Suite 210, 95821. Mailing Address: 4800 Auburn Folsom Rd., #63, Loomis, 95650; Sun. Serv. 10:00 a.m.; Classes Tues. 7:00 p.m., last Tues. of month Healing and All Message Serv. 7:00 p.m.; Pres., Denise E. Bell; Pastor and Secy., Rev. Sandra G. Dawson, NST., (916) 652-4568.

SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY - Spiritualist Church

7776 Hesperia, 92345.

SAN BERNARDINO - Temple of Spiritual Truth, NSAC

732 N. Sierra Way. Direct Mail to: P.O. Box 1435, 92402; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m., Healing 10:30 a.m.; Pres., William Sanabria, (714) 825-6809; Secy., Margaret Haskins, (909) 862-4376.

SAN FRANCISCO - First Spiritual Temple

3324 - 17th St., 94110, (415) 621-0491; Sun. Serv. 10:00 a.m.; Classes 1st & 3rd Tues. 7:00 p.m.; All Message 2nd & 4th Tues. 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Alfred A. Conner, NST; Pres., Arthur H. Iman, (415) 333-2014; Secy., Donald W. McFarland.

SAN FRANCISCO - First Temple of Spiritualism, NSAC

3324 - 17th St., 94110, (415) 621-0491; Sun. Serv. 10:00 a.m.; Classes 1st & 3rd Tues. 7:00 p.m.; All Message 2nd & 4th Tues. 7:00 p.m. Pastor, Rev. Alfred A. Conner, NST; Pres., Benito Santiago, (415) 861-1801; Secy., Joan A. McDaniel, (415) 321-5626.

SAN FRANCISCO - Golden Gate Spiritualist Church

1901 Franklin St. (Corner of Clay) 94109; Sunday, Lyceum 9:00 a.m.; Healing 10:30 a.m., Devotional Serv. 11:00 a.m.; Student Services, Healing 6:00 p.m., Devotional Serv. 6:30 p.m.; Wed. Healing 7:30 p.m., Serv. 8:00 p.m., (415) 885-9976; Pastor, Rev. Donald Haddick, NST; Pres., Sonny B. Gee; Secy., Frances Richardson.

SAN JOSE - The Spiritual Science of Life Church

"The Friendly Church," 729 Morse Street, (Corner of Morse St. & Naglee), 95126; Sun. Serv. 6:30 p.m.; Pastor Rev. Louise Peruch, NST; 4504 Independence Rd., Glencoe, 95232, (209) 293-4795.

SAN LEANDRO - Spiritualist Church of Two Worlds, NSAC

1349 Hays, 94577; Sun. Serv. Healing 11:00 a.m., Reg. Serv. 11:15 to 12:30; Co-Pastors, Rev.'s Betty and Don Nauratil, (510) 283-1449; Pres., Jean Kuhl, 816 Cary Dr., 94577, (510) 483-5630; All mail to Secy., Rev. Betty Nauratil, 1048 Via Roble, Lafayette, 94549.

SAN RAFAEL - Serenity Spiritualist Association

322 Upper Rd., 94903; Mail to: P.O. Box 4375, 94913; Pres., Ronald C. Cavender.

SANTA BARBARA - Summerland Spiritualist Church of The Comforter

1028 Garden St., 93101; (805) 965-4474; (Corresp. to Secy., Laurie Longanecker.); Sun. Devotional Serv. 11:00 a.m., including healing, lectures, and messages; Call for info on Rev. Foard Memorial Library; Co-Pastor, Rev. Connie Smith, 29060 Burkley Rd., Hayward, 94544.

VAN NUYS - Spiritualist Chapel of the Flowers

7417 Van Nuys Blvd., Suite "R", 91405; Sunday Serv. 11:00 a.m.; Mailing address for church and Rev. Pat Smith, NST, 8901 Eton Ave., Sp. 39, Canoga Park, 91304, (818) 701-7633.

• COLORADO •

DENVER - Chapel of Spiritual Awareness

6457 S. Xenon, 80127; Sun. Healing 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.; Beginning Spiritual Awareness Classes & Advanced Unfoldment are offered. Worship Service 10:30 to 11:30; Spirit Greetings 11:30 to 12:00; Pres., Patricia Schott (303) 337-2978.

• CONNECTICUT •

CONNECTICUT STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION

Pres., Homer Wooster, 101 Leffingwell Ave., Waterbury, 06710; Secy., Verline Eldridge, 34 Starr St., Norwich, 06360.

NEW LONDON - New London Spiritualist Church

2 Moore Court, (203) 440-3150; Pres. Al Ferency, 2 Moore Court, 06320; Secy., Lynn Haluga, 70 Dell Ave., Apt. B-5, 06320; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Tues. Healing Class open to the public; Wed. Development and Meditation Class; Thurs. All Message Service. (These are all at 7:30 p.m.)

NEWINGTON - The Church of The Infinite Spirit

Masonic Temple, 80 Walsh Ave., 06111; Church phone (203) 754-3559; Sun. Serv. 5:00 p.m., Sept. thru May; Pastor, Rev. Catherine Margiotta, 46 Webb St., Waterbury, 06704, (203) 754-3559; Pres., Homer Wooster, 101 Leffingwell Ave., Waterbury, 06710, (203) 574-2017; Secy., Shirley O'Brien, 24 Woodland Rd., East Hartford, 06108, (203) 289-2452.

NIANTIC - Ladies Aid Society Camp at Pine Grove

July and August Services, Sundays at 2:30 p.m. For a program listing, all Summer activities, call (203) 739-2157 or write to: Secy., Rev. Virginia J. Berg, 1280 Class Ave., Holbrook, NY, 11741.

NORWICH - National Spiritualist Church of Norwich, Inc

P.O. Box 939, 06360; 29 Park St.; Church phone (203) 886-8522; Sunday Serv. 10:30 a.m.

OLD GREENWICH - Albertson Memorial Church of Spiritualism

293 Sound Beach Ave., 06870; (203) 637-4615; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m.; Pastor, Rev. Melvin O. Smith.

STRATFORD - The Temple of Divine Truth, Inc., NSAC

Boothe Memorial Park; Serv. 6:00 p.m. on the 2nd & 4th Sat., Sept.-June; Pastor, John Peterna, 39 Quintard Ave., So. Norwalk, 06854, (203) 866-3885; Secy., Denise Puglia, 30 Edison St., 06487, (203) 377-3912.

WILLIMANTIC - First Spiritualist Church of Willimantic

268 High St., 06226; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Lyceum Classes every Sun. before service from 9:30 to 10:00 a.m., children and adults, all welcome. Pres., Joyce Orcutt, 133 Wales Rd., Andover, 06232, (203) 742-7846; Licentiate Minister, Clinton Cady; Secy., Cynthia M. Snyder, 16 Sterling Rd., Moosup, 06354, (203) 564-5976.

• DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA •

WASHINGTON - The Church of Two Worlds

3038 "Q" St., N.W., 20007; Sun Healing 2:00 p.m., Serv. 2:30 p.m., (202) 333-5114; Pres., Pauline Hathaway, 7213 Strawberry Court, Bryans Rd., MD, 20616-9637, (301) 283-4224; Secy., John Meerschaert, 1600 16th St., #806, N.W., Washington, DC 20009, (202) 483-6084.

• FLORIDA •

CASSADAGA - First Spiritualist Church of Cassadaga

P.O. Box 185, 32706.

DIRECTORY OF CHURCHES, (Continued from previous page.)

ORLANDO - Spiritualist Church of Awareness, NSAC

3210 N. Chickasaw Trail (P.O. Box 571043, 32857); Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m. and Wed. 7:30 p.m.; Healing, Lecture, Messages all services; Pres., Rev. Jeannie Kerr Lerch, NST, 335 Piney Ridge Rd., Casselberry, 32707, (407) 834-5378; Secy., Rev. E. Ann Otzelberger, NST, 4332 Woodlynn Ln., 32812, (407) 826-0807.

• ILLINOIS •

ILLINOIS STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION

10913 S. Parnell, Chicago, 60628.

AURORA - Christabelle Spiritualist Church of Aurora, Inc.

Secy., Martha L. Witt, 624 Walnut Ave., Elgin, 60123, 708-931-4374.

BURNHAM - Puritan Spiritualist Church

13906 Greenbay Ave., 60633; Sun. Serv. 2:30 p.m. & Wed. 7:30 p.m.; Pastor, Anna Gross, 10930 Ave. "M", Chicago, 60617; Secy., Maude E. Mazzacavallo, 14235 Oak St., Dolton, 60419, (708) 841-1792.

CHERRY VALLEY - Cherry Valley Spiritualist Camp, Inc.

8002 Service Rd., 61016 Rd., 61016, (815) 332-5359; Camp Season: June thru Sept., Nov. thru May; Serv.: First Sun. of each month at 1:00 p.m.; Pres., Helen Hoffman; Secy., Richard Taylor.

CHICAGO - The Church of the Spirit

2651 N. Central Park Ave., 60647-01101; Chicago's Oldest Spiritualist Church; Sunday Family Worship Hour, 10:30 a.m.; Tues Dev. Class, 7:00 p.m.; Adult Lyceum, 12:15 p.m. on the second Sun. of each month; All Message Serv., 7:00 p.m. on first Wed. of each month; Pastor, Ms. Marrice Coverson; Secy., Ms. LaVerne DeChristopher.

CHICAGO - Spiritualist Church of Truth

6343 West Cuyler (1/2 block north of Irving Pk.) 60634; Serv. 2:45 p.m., Healing, Lecture, Messages every Sunday; Pres., Helen Lopotowski; Secy., Judith Galar, 4050 N. Oriole Ave., Norridge, 60634, (708) 452-8754.

CHICAGO - Tucker Smith Memorial Spiritualist Temple

6146 S. Ashland Ave., 60636, (312) 436-0366; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; Lyceum every third Sun.; Secy., L. Anne Blair, 8227 S. Marquette, 60617, (312) 221-1231; Pres., Yogi Guice; Vice Pres., Trudy Person; Treas., Betty Frazier.

CICERO - First Spiritualist Church of Cicero

5033 W. 25th Pl., 60650; Serv. Sun. 2:30 p.m., Lecture, Messages & Healing; Pastor & Pres., Ellen Stopa, 5033 W. 25th Pl., 60650, (312) 652-6953.

LE ROY - J. T. & E. J. Crumbaugh Spiritualist Church

102 S. Pearl St.; Sun. Serv. 2:00 p.m.; Lyceum Sun. 12:30 p.m., Tues. 6:30 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Bryan McCotter, 313 E. Center St., 61752; Pres., Ella Martinovich, 1402 E. College, Normal, 61761, (309) 452-1738.

• INDIANA •

INDIANA STATE ASSOCIATION OF SPIRITUAL SCIENCE, NSAC

Secy., Darlene Gettle, 1724 Marsha Dr., Indianapolis, 46214, (317) 248-9639.

FRANKFORT - First Spiritualist Science Church of Frankfort Inc., NSAC

Magnolia & Green Sts.; Sun. Healing Serv. at 2:00 p.m., Worship Message Serv. at 2:30 p.m.; Reading Days, 3rd Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Unfoldment Classes on Sundays at 1:00 p.m.; Pres., Mildred Schlagel, 3232 MacArthur Lane, Indianapolis, 46224, (317) 291-0799; Secy., Bonnie J. Ashman.

GARY - First Spiritualist Church, Inc., NSAC

2430 W. 11th Ave.; Serv. Sun. 3:00 p.m., Wed. 8:00 p.m.; Pastor & Pres., Rev. Jesse James, Jr., 1301 Pennsylvania St., 46407; Secy., Verillia Shaffer, P.O. Box 4278, 46404; Unfoldment Classes Fri. 7:00 p.m.; Dinner every third Sun.

INDIANAPOLIS - Progressive Spiritualist Church

6225 N. Carrollton Ave., 46220, (317) 255-4902; Service Sunday 10:30 a.m.; Pres., Paul E. Keller, 9341 W. County Line Rd., Camby, 46113, (317) 831-2499; Secy., Pam Estes, 545 W. 73rd St., 46260, (317) 253-8458.

MICHIGAN CITY - Spiritual Science Church, NSAC

314 W. Coolspring Ave., 46360, (219) 874-6002; Sun. Serv. 1:45 p.m.; Correspondence to: Pastor & Pres., Rev. Ruth Novak, 7008 W. U.S. 20 W., #77, Daphne Park, 46360, (219) 872-6621; Secy., Mrs. Lorraine Carley, 6443 W. Bleck Rd., La Porte, 46350.

• IOWA •

CLINTON - First Spiritualist Church

5416 - 6th Ave. So., P.O. Box 123, 52732, (319) 243-3233; Sun. Worship and Message Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Sun. Adult Lyceum 9:30 a.m.; Dev. Class every Wed. at 7:00 p.m.; Church closed during months of July and August, open first Sun. after Labor Day; Pastor & Pres., Rev. Georgia Milton Reed, (319) 243-3233; Secy., Mary Ellen Roberts, Cedar Heights Trailer Court, Lot #49, Camanche, 52730, 1-319-259-4004.

CLINTON - Mississippi Valley Spiritualist Assoc. Camp

Mt. Pleasant Park, P.O. Box 75, 52733-0075; 1995 Camp Season, July 8 through August 19; Pres., Harvey Horstman; Secy., Rev. Bonnie Horstman, NST, (319) 242-8460.

CLINTON - Sunflower Spiritualist Church

10 Mt. Pleasant Park; Mail to: P.O. Box 6, 52733-0006; Sun. Serv. at 2:00 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Bonnie Horstman, NST.

DAVENPORT - Spiritualist Harmony Church

1429 W. Seventh St., 52802; Worship & Message Serv. Sun. 2:00 p.m.; Adult Lyceum Classes available; Please call (319) 326-3453 or 324-9659. (Closed during July and August.); Pastor, Rev. William E. Buchholz, Jr., 806 E. 13th St., 52803, (319) 326-3201; Secy., Anita Buchholz.

• MAINE •

MAINE STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION

Pres., Rev. Paul Gilman, RR #4, Box 535, Wiscasset, 04578; Secy., Betty Simpson, RR #2, Box 5055, Carmel, 04419; Treas., Bernard R. Langley, RR 1, Box 575-17, Poland, 04273.

AUBURN - Madison Campmeeting Spiritualist Assoc.

R.R. 4, Box 208 L-17, 04210.

AUGUSTA - Augusta Spiritualist Church

Corner of Court and Perham Streets; Sun. Healing & Worship Serv., 10:30 a.m.-Noon; Spiritual Awareness Class, Thurs. 7-9:30 p.m.; Mini Readings last Wed. of month 5:30-8:00 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Rupert Sigurdsson; Pres., Margaret M. Tracy, (207) 623-7264; Secy., Virginia Norris, R-1, Box 91, Canton 04221, (207) 597-2600.

BANGOR - The Harrison D. Barrett Memorial Church

120 Park St., 04401; Sun. Serv. 4:00 p.m., April 1st through Nov. 30th; 1:00 p.m., Dec. 1st through March 31st; Healing Serv. Wed., 7:30 p.m.; Pastor pro tem, Rev. Ruth Walker; Secy., Betty Simpson, R.R. #2, Box 5055, Carmel, 04419, (207) 848-2273.

MADISON - Madison Spiritualist Camp Meeting Assoc., Inc.

Lakewood Village, Rt. 201, six miles north of Skowhegan. Season July 5 - Aug. 5; Serv. Sun. 1:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri. 7:30 p.m., also Sat. July 29, 7:30 p.m.; Mon. Classes 3 p.m.; Tues. Message Circle 3 p.m.; Wed. Healing Circle 3 p.m.; Thur. Private Readings 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.; Sat. Message Circles 7:30 p.m.; Pres., Bernard Langley; Secy., Florence Langley, RFD 1, Box 575-17, Poland 04273; (207) 998-2276; Camp Phone June 15 - Aug. 15 (207) 474-7723.

NORTHPORT - Temple Heights Spiritual Camp, Assoc.

Shore Road, Northport on Penobscot Bay; Camp Session mid-June through Labor Day. A different featured medium each week. Serv. at 7:30 p.m., Sun., Tues., Thurs., Fri.; Message Serv. 7:30 p.m., Wed. and Sat.; Seminars Monday 7:30 p.m.; All-day workshops Sat.; Accommodations and meals available. For a program or information: R.R. 1, Box 1091, Belfast, 04915; (207) 338-3029; Pres., Valerie Van Winkle; Secy., Harriett Gurney.

NORTHPORT - Temple Heights Spiritualist Church

Shore Road, Northport; Services 2:30 p.m. Sundays at Temple Heights Spiritual Camp from April to Nov. and in Belfast from Nov. to April; R.R. 1, Box 1086, Belfast, 04915; (207) 338-3029; Pres., Valerie Van Winkle; Secy., Carol Fricke.

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. Beth Carter; Secy., Michael Carter, P.O. Box 6551 PTS, 04102, (207) 797-2039.

• MASSACHUSETTS •

BROCKTON - First Spiritualist Church of Brockton

In Masonic Temple, 145 Pleasant St., Somerset, 02726; Mailing address, 59 Ripley St., Somerset, 02725; Sunday Serv., Healing and Church Service at 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; Telephone for weather cancellations (617) 447-0791; Pastor Mary A. Bouchard, 59 Ripley St., Somerset, 02725, (508) 673-5434; Secy., Elizabeth Winston, 66 School St., (617) 447-0791.

DIRECTORY OF CHURCHES, (Continued from previous page.)

MEDFORD - Medford Spiritualist Church, NSAC, Chapel of Peace

Sunday Services held at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 147 High St., 02155; 5:00 p.m.; Healing Service, Sermon and Spirit Messages. Sunday Serv. for the Winter will end June 19th; Summer Healing Serv. begins on July 12th, Tuesday evenings, beginning at 8:00 p.m., Laying on of Hands Circle; Pastor, Rev. Ida Donadio, 235 Winthrop St., Unit 7711, 02155, (617) 393-0130; Vice Pres., Sandra Millen, (508) 744-0546.

ONSET - On-I-Set Wigwam Spiritualist Church Camp

13th Street, 02558.

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; Healing & Evening Serv. 6:30-8:00 p.m.; Telephone for weather cancellations, (508) 745-2098; Church season is Sun. after Labor Day - last Sun. in May; Pres., Priscilla Herrick, 9 Harbor St., Danvers, 01923, (508) 777-4268; Secy., Dorothy R. Crocker, 14 King St., Peabody, 01960, (508) 977-9554.

SPRINGFIELD - First Spiritualist Church, Inc.

33-37 Bliss St., 01105, (413) 732-1234; Worship Serv., 1st Sun. after Labor Day until last Sun. before June at 3:00 p.m.; Summer Serv., at 7:00 p.m.; Student Serv., 3rd Wed. of each month; Development Classes, Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.; Pres., Carolyn J. DaPonti; Secy., Anne Gamache, 324 Boston Rd., 01109.

• MICHIGAN •

MICHIGAN STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOC. OF CHURCHES

Pres., Marcia Hyatt, 4161 Buckingham, Detroit, 48224; Secy., Marjorie Elaine Weichner, 8022 W. Chain Lake Rd., P.O. Box 89, South Branch, 48761-0089, (517) 257-4133.

CHARLEVOIX - The Golden Rule Spiritualist Church

1 1/2 miles west of Bay Shore on Old U.S. 31, North, 49720; Services: 10:30 a.m., March-May and Sept.-Nov.; Secy., Gail Wrona, 07453 Old 31 North, 49720, (616) 347-3899; Treas., Marjorie Stanhope, 07423 Old 31 North, 49720, (616) 347-7598; Pastor, Rev. Cosie Allen, 1418 Hall, S.E., Grand Rapids, 49506-3960, (616) 241-2761.

CHARLEVOIX - Northern Lake Michigan Spiritualist Camp

1 1/2 miles west of Bay Shore on Old U.S. 31 North, 49720; Services: 10:30 a.m., June-Aug.; Secy., Gail Wrona, 07453 Old U.S. 31 North, 49720, (616) 347-3899; Treas., Marjorie Stanhope, 07423 Old 31 North, 49720, (616) 347-7598; Pastor, Rev. Cosie Allen, 1418 Hall, S.E., Grand Rapids, 49506-3960, (616) 241-2761.

DETROIT - First Spiritualist Temple

97 Delaware Ave., 48202.

LESLIE - Flower Memorial Spiritualist Church

430 W. Bellevue at High St.; Sun. Lyceum 10:00 a.m.; Church Serv. 10:45 a.m.; Pres., Timothy Weichner, 108 Covert St., 49251; Secy., Leeann Weichner, 719 Sixth St., Jackson, 49203, (517) 784-4833; Silver-Star-Free Spirit Lyceum, Conductor Nicole Potter, Asst. Conductor Mary Ellen Weichner.

OXFORD - Spirit of Harmony Chapel, NSAC

21 Dennison St., 48371; 1-810-628-2353; Sun. Serv. 7:30 p.m.; Pres., Michael Dumbrigue; Secy., Elizabeth Wilson.

ROYAL OAK - First Spiritual Temple

3224 Greenfield Rd. (1 1/2 blocks So. of 13 Mile), 48073; Sun. Serv. 10:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Stanley Gutt, (810) 548-2240.

SOUTH BRANCH - Chain Lake Spiritualist Camp Association

8000 W. Chain Lake Rd., 48761; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m., June 19, 1994 through Sept. 4th; Annual Retreat Week in July; Lyceum Supt., Dawn Hyatt; Pres., Donald Weichner, 8022 W. Chain Lake Rd., P.O. Box 89, 48761-0089; Secy., M. Elaine Weichner, 8022 W. Chain Lake Rd., P.O. Box 89, 48761-0089, (517) 257-4133.

• MINNESOTA •

DULUTH - First Spiritualist Church

1414 E. Ninth St.; Mailing Address: P.O. Box 3652, 55803-3652.

MINNEAPOLIS - Second Spiritualist Church

2230 Lyndale Ave. N.; Sun. Serv. 10:15 a.m.; Secy., Chrissy; Pres., Warren, P.O. Box 6115, 55406, (612) 529-0781.

MINNEAPOLIS - Spirit of Life Spiritualist Church

Secy., Toni Ferdelman - Address mail to: P.O. Box 22398, 55422; Services held at 4:00 p.m., 4401 Upton Ave. So. (Lake Harriet Community Church Bldg.); Unfoldment Class, Tues. Evenings 8:00 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Pamela Ashlay-Lehrer, NST, Medium, Comm. Healer, 3908 Georgia Ave. North, 55427, (612) 535-4833.

ROCHESTER - Third Spirit of Life Spiritualist Church

Mailing address: P.O. Box 7312, 55903, (507) 775-6358.

ST. PAUL - Spiritual Science Church

411 Main St., 55102; Sun. Serv. 10:00 a.m.; Pres., Mr. E. A. Yankovec, 1687 Century Circle, #319, Woodbury, 55125, (612) 735-7579; Secy., Menalinn Haberkorn, 1040 Laurel Ave., 55104, (612) 224-0698.

• MISSOURI •

KANSAS CITY - The Light of the World Spiritualist Chapel, NSAC

3724 Red Bridge Rd.; Sun. Serv. 7:30 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.; Mailing address: Secy., Edna Rowland, 601 S. Ward Rd., Apt. D, Lee's Summit, 64801; Pres., Ann Winn.

ST. LOUIS - Fifth Spiritualist Church

6026 S. Kingshighway Blvd., 63109; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Healing, Meditation & All Message Service, 1st Wed. of the month at 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Brenda Wittich, 3903 Connecticut St., 63116, (314) 773-0106; Secy., Mrs. Virginia Lee Gummels, 7608 Comfort Ave., 63143, (314) 647-5289.

• MONTANA •

LAUREL - Winds of Change Spiritualist Church

2402 Atchison Dr.; Sunday Message Serv. 7:00 p.m.; Open Seance 8:30 p.m. following Message Service; Psychic Dev. Classes held in Billings, weekly; Pastor, Rev. Jeanne C. MacVila, NST; Call for info., (406) 628-5711.

• 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, NSAC

1018 E. Sahara Ave., 89104; Mailing address: P.O. Box 82134, 89180; Sunday Serv. 7:00 p.m.; Unfoldment Classes offered; Pastor, Rev. Catherine Stewart, NST; Secy., Katheleen Holmes, (702) 385-5418.

• NEW HAMPSHIRE •

SALEM - The Church of Spiritual Life, Inc.

Masonic Hall, 109 Main St., Rt. 97; Mailing address: P.O. Box 2089, 03079; Year Round Services; Children's Lyceum Sunday 9:15 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.; Regular Service Sunday 10:30 a.m.; Wed. classes 7:30 p.m.; Pastor, Kenneth Wingood, L.M., (508) 454-4163; Secy., Mrs. Mary Lou Marion, (603) 887-2557.

• NEW JERSEY •

MERCHANTVILLE - Stow Memorial Foundation

Herbert Schneider, 107 W. Maple Ave., 08109.

WESTVILLE - Church of Eternal Life

243 W. Olive & Folsom Sts., 08093, (609) 456-2196; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m.; Pastor, Lillian Joyce, 405 Binker Ave., Berlin, 08009, (609) 767-1651; Pres., Edith Pedrick, 123 E. Oakland Ave., Oaklyn, 08107, (609) 854-4317; Secy., Irene A. DiRenza, 119-D Haddon Hills Apts., Haddonfield, 08033, (609) 858-6535.

• NEW YORK •

ALBANY - Capital District Spiritualist Center

2245 Central Ave., Schenectady, 12304; Sun. Serv. 6:30 p.m., Progressive Development & Philosophy classes, Mon.-Thurs., Open Healing Forum every Friday at 7:00 p.m., Open Seances every Friday at 7:30 p.m. and every Sun. at 8:30 p.m.; Psychic Horizons Bookstore is open weekdays and after all church functions; Church is open all year; Pres., Linda Spencer; Pastor, Rev. Stephen Robinson, NST, (518) 374-7558.

ALBANY - Spiritualist Open Center

1471 Rte. 9, Rome Plaza, Clifton Park, 12065; Sunday Serv. 7:00 p.m., held at Clifton Common Community Center, Vischer Ferry Rd., Clifton Park; Year-round Spiritual Unfoldment Classes; Circles Fri. 7:30 pm.; Pastor, Rev. Hillary Kramer, NST; Pres., Patricia Cizewski, (518) 383-1931.

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AMSTERDAM - Circle of Light Spiritualist Church

419 Chapman Dr. (East Main St.), 12010.

BINGHAMTON - First National Spiritualist Church

97 Riverside Dr., 13905.

BROOKLYN - The Temple of Divine Guidance, NSAC

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5 Melrose Park, 14752.

LILY DALE - Lily Dale Spiritualist Church

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261 Elmont Rd., Elmont, 11003; Pastor and Secy., Rev. Milagros G. Rivera, (516) 354-1395.

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175 Carter St., 14621, (716) 544-0427; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m., Wed. Evening Message Service 7:30 p.m.; Pres., Tom Hyldahl; Pastor, Lyn Dennie, 4687 Rt. 88, Sodus, 14551, (315) 483-2198; Secy., Debra Thelen.

ROCHESTER - Spiritualist Church Of Light

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• OHIO •

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ASHLEY - Ashley Spiritualist Camp

P.O. Box 24, 43003.

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4230 Main Ave.; Sun Serv., 2:00 p.m., Healing & Clairvoyance; Pres., Charles J. Benes, 8513 Creek Rd., Williamsfield, 44093, (216) 293-7056; Secy.-Treas., Dorothy A. Benes; Services are held starting with the 2nd Sunday in September and continue through the last Sunday in May. The Book Shop is open every Sunday. Church is not in session during June, July, and August.

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COLUMBUS - Spiritualist Church of Spirit Revelation

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848 Clover St., 45410.

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• OKLAHOMA •

OKLAHOMA CITY - Central Spiritualist Church

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• PENNSYLVANIA •

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809 Locust St., 15132; Sun. Serv. 2:00 p.m., Healing, Lecture and Messages; Pres., Ella Bryner, 501 Pirl St., Apt. 4-M, 15132; Secy., Carol Perella, P.O. Box 1981, Pittsburgh, 15230.

PHILADELPHIA - Second Spiritualist Church

423 S. Broad St., 19147, (215) 735-9630; Lyceum Sun., 4:00 p.m.; Serv., 5:30 p.m., Wed., 8:00 p.m.; Pastor, John E. Faison; Secy., Gladys M. Faison, 2118 N. Natrona St., 19121, (215) 232-9219.

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Executive Offices: 5213 Chestnut Lane, Bellaire, 77401.

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• VIRGINIA •

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WONDERFUL CURES AND HELP

The Healing Profession

By The Rev. Rupert Sigurdsson, NST, Maine

It has often been stated what the oldest profession is, but in reality, healing is probably the oldest. In the early days of our world, long before history was ever recorded, as the cave men and women slowly achieved self-consciousness and realized they were individuals, their first awareness was most likely the discomforts of aches and pains.

In this long distant past, what could be done about it? Medical help was eons into the future, even the idea that herb's could help was unknown to these primitive people. The only place to turn for help in discomfort was from an inner feeling that there was something supernatural that could help, something to call on, that was somewhere out in space, something that was superior.

This was probably the way spiritual healing had it's early beginning even before humans had intelligent communication in the form of language. Spiritual healing is most likely the oldest known method of healing and the fact that it is still with us, is in itself, proof that there have been many wonderful cures and help of all kinds from the spirit world through the ages.

Where does it all come from? All healing comes from **Infinite Intelligence, There Is No Other Source.**

What is the role of the spirit healing guides and doctors? Their work is to direct, transmit and control the healing energies, forces, light, or vibrations that are always present from their one and only source, **Infinite Intelligence**, and control the flow to it's material counterparts.

What is the role of the healing medium? Whether it be absent healing or laying on of hands, the healer has an important role to play. The healing medium in the case of absent healing has the means of directing the healing intent to the one in need, by the healers attunement with spirit during the healing meditation. Absent healing is a wonderful proof of spiritual healing, since at times the healing has been requested by a family member or friend without the recipients knowledge, and a successful healing takes place. **(If the recipient would be mentally against spiritual healing, probably no healing would take**



place, spirit will not go against a persons desires or beliefs.)

In the case of the laying on of hands, the healers role is to direct the healing forces to the one requesting healing. The hands represent the intent **(in all healing high morals and ethics is the rule, the NSAC has strict rules as to how the hands may be used in healing)** and are the material symbol of directing that healing power to the individual requesting the healing. At times it helps to tell the healer what the problem is, although, I believe in leaving the spirit to diagnose and treat the problem in their own way. **(A spiritual healer must never attempt to suggest a diagnosis, or suggest a cure, that is the strict legal right of the medical profession and must be observed.)**

But why do some receive so much help and others very little, or none? The answers are quite simple in some cases and very complex in others. Those that do not live within sensible limits, such as excessive ways of life, excessive drinking, drugs, smoking, over eating, lack of exercise, and many other errors in every day life, can not expect the spirit healers or the medical doctors to make up for their excesses. These people are defeating all the help they can receive from the spirit side and Natural Law. It is the old story, we must first live a good life and help ourselves, then when needed, call on spirit and they will do their very best to assist.

Then there are those physical problems that have gone too far, deteriorated physically to the point that the spirit needs the assistance of the medical profession to correct the problem. Even these conditions will be helped by spirit unless it is realized that it is better for that person to return home to the spirit side of life.

A thought from one of my wife, Mary's, spirit healing teachers . . .

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And What Seeds Shall We Plant?

BY THE REV. CHARLENE KLEINSCHMIDT, NST, NEW YORK

About this time of year we begin to think about the flowers and plants we want to put in our garden for the Spring, Summer, and Fall.

Do you ever think of the dreams, goals and thoughts in your mind as seeds you are planting? What will your garden grow in the days ahead?

Perhaps the weeds of anger, frustration and discontent have grown so long that they have choked out the flowers of hope, love and charity. Maybe you feel impatient with your growth, and like the old saying, you pray to God to *"give me patience and I want it now."*

A garden doesn't grow beautiful without constant tending, proper nutrition and a watchful eye for weeds. Are your thoughts so jumbled that you have difficulty telling the weeds from the flowers? We all have times like that so take heart, the more you tend your garden of thoughts the easier it will become.

Every day as we handle money, we see the words, *"In God We Trust,"* but when it comes to our own lives, do we send out a thought and then negate it by forcing our own will. We sing inspiring songs that speak of guidance, progression and everlasting life, then proceed to ignore the words and act as if the physical is the only life we've ever heard about.

We really are amazing creatures. When you sit down to

pour over the catalogs filled with delightful and beautiful pictures of gardens that it seems only an expert could grow, take a few moments to think of the garden of your mind. Certainly you could ask for no greater expert than Infinite Intelligence and when you seek the highest and the best, no better helpers than those in Spirit. The tools are there and you can grow the garden of your mind into a delightful beautiful place to be. Get busy and weed out the discontent, frustration and negativity that is holding you back. Plant beautiful thoughts, uplifting goals, patience and trust in the Infinite and see how your garden grows.



THE HEALING PROFESSION (Continued from previous page.)

My friends, may spirit reach out to bring peace to the many weary, troubled souls of the earth plane, and may you all realize the power of spirit.

In healing, may you all feel the stimulating vibrations of the powers that can restore tranquility in health and prosperity to those that truly can accept our offering of love. You can all be restored to perfect balance and strength to meet your every day tasks.

When we invite you to the healing chairs, we hope you will find healing and spiritual refreshment for the physical body; we would also remind that your church is the house of harmony. Let your weary, busy, troubled minds receive the embrace of spirit. Let our strength be your guide to a better understanding of life, and help you to cope with the every day problems on this your learning planet.

When a flower becomes withered and ill, you nurture it, talk to it, some caress it. When the physical body acts the same way, that is what spirit attempts to do, to clean the

afflictions from your body, whatever they may be, but you must help guide us to the troublesome areas. All physical housing can become pliant and yielding to spirit healing, but you must have a great of assurance, that is self trust, knowing what to concentrate on, having complete faith without faltering, becoming tranquil within.

There is a great challenge living on the earth plane and it can be interesting for those that can balance obstacles that are placed before them. You can also realize a great triumph and can overcome anything in your way. Be alert and very aware that spirit is with you always. Breezes blow, but you cannot see it; so it is with spirit, you are never really alone. Become committed to yourself and others. Of course, we cannot do all things, as it is necessary for you to make your own life, a working, useful, healthy stay. Just have the self confidence so one day you may go home to the spirit side and say, *"I DID IT."*

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In this book White Eagle describes

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White Eagle explains, *"Every step of the journey must be taken, there are no short cuts; and you, my brethren, have been given the blessing of the knowledge that you do not take that journey alone. Hand in hand with angels, or with the true companion of your soul, you walk the path from the unconsciousness or darkness of the human life into the glory and the light of the divine."*



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In The Amount and To The Degree

BY MERRY BROWNE, KENTUCKY

In one way or another, we've always known that what we do will be done to us. Our grandmothers heard it from their mothers as *"chickens come home to roost."* The current wordage is *"what goes around comes around,"* and it has been called *"the boomerang effect."*



yes, it may take awhile, but we will have done to us what we have done to others in the same amount and to exact degree. Chilling thought? Not if what we are doing is good. It simply assures us of good experiences to come to us. The inexorable Law of Cause-Effect is a comfort once we are aligned with loving kindness and good deeds.

It once was said, life is mystery from beginning to end, but fortunately there have been wise ones who have solved the mystery and all we need do is follow their direction. None can fathom all the intricacies of the complex plan of the Creator, but just as we need not comprehend electricity to flip on a light switch and obtain light . . . we need only understand how the plan works to work it to our benefit since we automatically work it at all times unknowingly, often to our detriment. One thing to keep in mind, though, is that we have to experience all the bad experiences yet coming to us from past negative use of it. The Law of Sowing-Reaping is a rigid uncompromising Law of Life.

Believe it or not,

it is a fact

Life is never

a random act,

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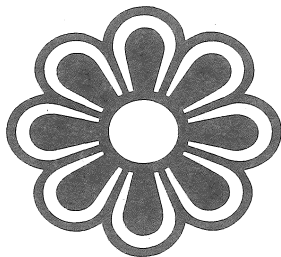


The meaning is the same, we cannot escape experiencing what we cause others to experience via our actions. Is this just an old wives tale or a truism? There is but one way to find out and that is to observe our own lives.

Alexander Pope said, *"The mills of God grind slowly, but they grind exceedingly fine,"* which is to say . . .

*"If when you look into your own heart,
you find nothing wrong there,
what is there to worry about, what is there to fear?"*
— Confucius

ESSAY
BY ALEX LILLEY



Spiritual Healing is one of the most important and beautiful tenets of our religion. Among the types of healing available are contact, absent, magnetic, bodily intelligence and color therapy. There is no high that can compare with the realization that your healing guides have used you as a loving channel to help your fellow man.

It is always interesting to note the recognition made by others supporting some aspect of Spiritual Healing, although they are probably not aware of it.

Time and time again scientific studies end up supporting the ancient principles of Spiritual Healing. Recent experiments have shown that in sixteen out of sixteen trials, prayer limited the growth of fungus cultures. Remarkably, the effects of prayer did not depend on whether the praying person was in the presence of the organism being prayed for or whether he or she was far away. Spiritualists recognize this as an aspect of absent healing.

A thousand years ago, the legendary Persian physician Avicenna stated, *"The imagination of a man can act not only on his own body, but even on others and very distant bodies."* He further stated, *"That my mind is not localized or confined to my body, but extends outside it; therefore, my mind is capable of affecting not only my own body, but other bodies that may be very far away."* Spiritualists would describe this as bodily intelligence and absent healing.

Dr. Deepak Chopra, well acclaimed author of several books on alternative medicine, states that, *"We are not physical machines that have learned to think, but minds that have created bodies, thoughts that have created physical matter."* According to Dr. Chopra, the body's inner intelligence can invoke a healing response, unfolding the secret of perfect health. Again, Spiritualists would recognize this statement as supporting bodily intelligence.

Dr. Chopra espouses Ayurveda Medicine, a 6,000 year old ancient science of healing in India. Its guiding principle is that the mind exerts the deepest influence on the body, and that freedom from sickness and aging depends on finding that *"quantum level."* Additionally, an exposure to certain prescribed sounds and aromas can trigger the body's *"healing response,"* facilitating the body to cure itself. Spiritualists would recognize this as part of color healing. ■

ESSAY
BY LYNN HALUGA

Ancient man feared what he couldn't see and didn't understand. Therefore, sickness was considered a supernatural event.

This month The National Spiritualist will feature three writings on Spiritual Healing, from students who are currently taking the education course from the Morris Pratt Institute. Featured this month are essays by Alex Lilley of Chapel of Spiritual Awareness in Denver, Colorado; Lynn Haluga of New London Spiritualist Church in New London, Connecticut; and Susan Banquer of the Church of the Infinite Spirit in Newington, Connecticut.

The areas of religion, magic and medicine became a common approach in the treatment of disease. One of the best known practitioners of this was the witch doctor. His duties included curing the sick, warding off demons and illness, curses and death. For prevention, he used incantations which developed into prayers, and magical amulets which developed into holy relics and religious symbols.

Another important person in early healing was the priest-physician. Temples and shrines were erected to their efforts. Hippocrates, the *"Father of Medicine,"* was concerned with treating the person as a whole patient, not just the part that was sick. He also introduced honor and ethics into medicine which rules out superstition and magic.

As far as laying on of hands is concerned, the precedent for this stems from the Bible. In St. Mark it states that, *"They shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover."* It is a common practice and has been done for centuries.

Early Christianity believed that faith and objects could cure disease and pain. In the medieval times, they even used specific saints for specific illnesses. Toward the end of what was considered the Dark Ages, a Swiss physician named Paracelsus discovered ether as a result of his constantly seeking more effective ways of relieving pain. However, the Protestant Reformation is given credit for the final parting of the ways between religion, mysticism and medicine. Each flourishes separately now.

In 1766, Friedrich Mesmer published his thesis stating his theory of animal magnetism. In 1823, Alexander Bertrand realized that part of the theory was connected with sleepwalking or the trance state. It was during Mesmer's group sessions that those in the trance state became possessed by personalities and the concept of spirit control became common knowledge.

Early spiritual healers include Mary Baker Eddy, the founder of the Christian Science religion, and Francis Schlatter, who at one time treated 2,000 - 3,000 people a day. A healing shrine that is popular and successful today is Lourdes, France. People come from all over the world, and have, since its spiritual beginnings in 1858.

There are other places and other approaches to healing. Spiritual healing has always played an important role in the psychic sciences, and is especially prominent in Spiritualism.

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ESSAY BY SUSAN BANQUER

While it is definitely true that magnetic healing is a viable source of help to the sufferer, there are limitations to the scope and extent of its help. There are only a few disorders that are helped directly by magnetic healing. Indirectly, it can and does help all conditions, diseases and disorders. The underlying strength, energy and vitality it imparts is an essential ingredient for all forms of healing. Specifically, magnetic healing is of great value in cases of nerve disorders, blood diseases such as anemia and the weakness of debilitating diseases such as those involving any kind of paralysis.

A consideration of any form of paranormal healing often leads to one obvious conclusion . . . there is no distinct, clearly drawn dividing line between one form of healing and another. All interact . . . one with the other . . . all intertwine to form a composite healing picture and approach for the sufferer. And so it is with magnetic healing. It, too, interacts with other forms of spiritual healing. Magnetic healing leads to other forms of healing. Often it is the first step in the development of the gift of spiritual healing and serves as a "stepping stone," towards greater healing achievements.

Healing intelligence is a term coined by healers such as Harry Edwards. Basically, it can be described as a kind of intelligence that is so directly connected with the physical body that it is called, "command headquarters." It regulates, controls and coordinates the battle of the body against infection and disease. It appears to be a subconscious, almost primeval-like attack on enemies of the body and is so basically intrinsic in nature that neither brain nor mind can be responsible for such action.

Harry Edwards suggests that it is quite possible that primary motivating force, the essential knowledge and awareness needed to prompt or instruct bodily intelligence, comes from spirit itself. Remember, we are spirit now – for if this were not so we would never be receptive to spiritual healing of any kind. Since we are receptive, we set up a situation that enables spirit to motivate bodily intelligence and assist it with spiritual healing energies and forces.

The sufferer too, can play a part in activating or revitalizing his own body intelligence. In the seeking of spiritual help in healing, for example, the mind of the patient is already anticipating better health, even recovery. This urges the bodily intelligence to greater effort and renewed vigor in attacking the disease or discomfort. The spiritual healer also has a role to play in healing and the bodily intelligence. There are many factors involved in this form of healing and they include spirit, mind, and body physiology.

Sometimes referred to as, "color therapy," color healing is simply defined as, "using color to influence human health." Naturally, a primary goal of such an endeavor is to repair the

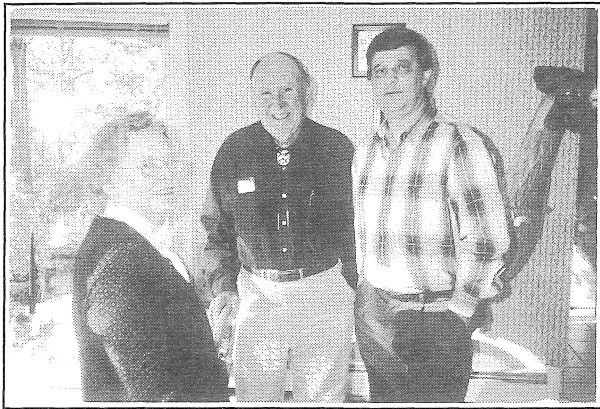
bodily imbalance caused by disease or injury and ultimately restore the spiritual-mental physical balance which is so necessary for good health. There is a great deal to be considered when one studies the actual way in which it gets results. First, color healing is not so far removed from the more conventional kinds of spiritual healing that we are already familiar with. The aura, for example, is often used as a basis for color healing. It is the means by which the healer who uses color can become aware of the problem or the problem area. This is indicated by the area of the aura over the diseased or injured part of the body which appears dark, shadowed or even discolored. The healer is then enabled to concentrate on the specific trouble spot. It is important to remember that colors, like everything else that exists, have certain frequencies. Color healers can use colors and their specific rates of vibration to affect or treat frequencies that are erratic or upset. When this point is taken into full consideration it becomes apparent that color healing, at least in the underlying rationale of how it works, is not all that different from any other form of healing. It has been suggested that medicine given by the doctor attempts to do the same thing . . . it ultimately adjusts the rate of vibration by correcting the disease or problem. Much color healing is brought about exactly at this level . . . that is, the level of mind and spirit. The mind and spirit are impressed by the healer with color that is especially needed by the sufferer. The healer knows that a specific color or colors will set up a healing vibration and of course this is exactly what is needed and wanted.

As an extension of the above thought, it becomes obvious that since spiritual healing works and is successful and since it goes beyond the mere physical realm of things and deals with spirit and spirit assistance, it demonstrates and proves more than a divinely inspired plan for spiritual awareness. Indeed, its contribution to man's knowledge and awareness is even more basic than that, for it demonstrates the presence of spirit entities and establishes the reality of a spiritual realm. This is a great help in proving life after death . . . in proving that there is an expanded awareness to which all of us eventually progress, to which all of eventually fall heir.

Harry Edwards quite readily pointed this out when he did follow up studies on people who had received spiritual healing. He found that, invariably after receiving a healing, both the patient and his family began to accept and practice a higher standard of spiritual life. This was most evident in the way they now lived their lives and related and interacted with others. They lived happier, more rewarding lives. Even atheists and agnostics who received spiritual healing were given food for thought and some of them began accepting the reality of higher truths and greater spiritual awareness. Maturity, strength, health and spiritual well-being are all cornerstones of that marvelous reality . . . spiritual healing. ■



A Feast in New York



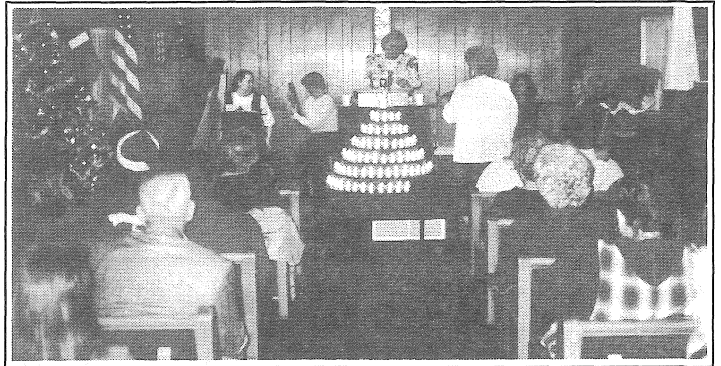
Dorothy Pierce and Ron Collins flank Alfred Treiber.

Fifteen members and friends of The Temple of Metaphysical Science, Patchogue, New York, congregated at the home of Hoyt and Gail Griffith for the first annual communal Thanksgiving. This was a very family style event with each person bringing part of the feast and sharing in the clean up afterwards. The buffet was a true "groaning board," replete with the traditional turkey and homemade cranberry sauce. Ann Collins offered grace.



Gail Griffith presents . . . the turkey!

try. Candles were placed on a Christmas tree-shaped stand built by Ron Lerch, and spirit greetings given from each candle. The ushers for the evening were Jan and Joe Schmidt, Emilio Lebron, Ron Lerch, Michael Montoya and Michael Taber. There were 105 people in attendance who enjoyed the opportunity of hearing from their loved ones in the Spirit realms during the season of love and peace.



Christmas Candlelight All Message Service.

On January 1st, Laura Ann Bennett and Benjamin J. Williams were united in Holy Matrimony, with the Rev. Jean Kerr Lerch, NST, officiating. It was a lovely double ring ceremony with only close friends in attendance. Laura is the daughter of JoAnn Bennett and Frank Bennett. With their blessing, Michael L. Taber, Sr., a friend of the family, gave the bride's hand in marriage. The bride was attired in blue and white, and carried a bouquet of red roses. Her maid of honor, Heather Taylor, carried red and white Carnations. Benjamin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hoi Mai. The groom and his best man, Michael L. Taber, Jr., wore military dress uniforms. Mrs. Kathleen Taber decorated the church sanctuary with white draperies and red poinsettias.

During the reception dinner, the happy couple celebrated with friends. As they are both in the United States Marine Corps, they plan to move to Virginia at the conclusion of their tour of duty.



Rev. Jean Lerch, Benjamin, and Laura.

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A Note From Florida

The Spiritualist Church of Awareness in Orlando, Florida, held a Christmas Candlelight All Message Service on Wednesday, December 21st, with the Rev. Ann Otzelberger conducting the service. Mediums who delivered Spirit greetings were the Rev. Arlene Sikora, Cheryl Kohler, the Rev. Jean Kerr Lerch, and the Rev. Ann Otzelberger. Beautiful music was provided by Mrs. Otzelberger's daughter, Stacy Patton, who played her harp, and by Susan Allen, who accompanied her on the sul-

Ordination in New York

It was one of those breath-taking Western New York fall days when the sun brought out the brilliant colors of the leaves and one felt as though Lily Dale must be a glimpse of the Summerland as Cassadaga Lake mirrored the beauty around it.

The Lily Dale Spiritualist Church was not to be outdone, as it was arrayed with beautiful floral arrangements for the Ordination Service of Charlene Kleinschmidt at 2:00 p.m. on November 12, 1994.

The Reverends Colleen Gagliardi and Sharon L. Snowman shared in officiating the service. Charlene's husband, Albert, read a Helen Steiner Rice poem, and her mother, Lillian Kilmer, read a composition she had written.

Reverend Joseph H. Merrill opened the service with a stirring organ voluntary. He also accompanied Ms. Dodie Pries when she sang exhilarating renditions of *Isn't It Wonderful* and *Take My Life*.

Two weeks previously, Ron Robertson, President of the church, had presented Charlene with her NST degree during a church service.

Following the service, a beautiful reception was held at the Andrew Jackson Davis Memorial Lyceum building. Three special cakes baked by the chef at the Town Club in Dunkirk were on one table with a beautiful buffet laid out on another. Lillian Kilmer presented single red roses to the ladies who served, and red rose boutonnieres to the gentlemen. Everyone joined in singing Happy Birthday to Charlene's sister, Lura Kilmer.



Rev. Colleen Gagliardi, NST, Rev. Charlene Kleinschmidt, NST, and Rev. Sharon Snowman, NST.

NST, Trustee of the NSAC. The service opened with a prelude on the Viola by Ewa Bujak, followed by a processional to the piano music of *In The Garden*, played by Agnes Smuda. After the Invocation by Pamla, a solo was sung by Agnes Smuda called *Dedication*. Mrs. Grace Spaude then read the Prayer For Peace (Prayer of St. Francis). Following a devotional service by Pamla, there was a beautiful solo by the church music director, Mrs. Mennalin Haberkorn, titled *For All Eternity*. The announcement that Ordination had been granted by the NSAC and the address to the candidate followed by Pamla, with Mr.



Belinda with Rev. Pamla Ashlay-Lehrer, and Mr. Ed Yankovec (service).

Ed Yankovec (church President) reading the Ordination Charge. This was followed by a lovely Rose Ceremony and a solo by Bruce Lehrer, singing an original song written just for Belinda's Ordination. The Rev.

Belinda Olin was then introduced to her congregation and family and friends, and shared her heartfelt thoughts and feelings with everyone present in a wonderful address. The address was followed by the hymn, *How Great Thou Art* and the Benediction. The congregation then rose and joined hands and voices in the singing of *Let There Be Peace On Earth*.

Following the service, a reception was held in the fellowship hall with wonderful food and unlimited congratulations, hugs and kisses. Belinda would like to thank the members of her church for all of their help,

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Pamla, Mrs. Mennalin Haberkorn, Belinda, and Ed Yankovec.



Rev. Belinda and Dr. Robert Olin.

Ordination in Minnesota

The Spiritual Science Church of St. Paul, Minnesota is pleased to announce the Ordination of Mrs. Belinda Olin. The service was held on Sunday, November 6, 1994, at the Lake Harriet Community Church building in Minneapolis. Officiating the service was the Rev. Pamla Ashlay-Lehrer,

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love and support in making her Ordination one of the most memorable events in her life. She would also like to extend her thanks to the members of the Spirit Of Life Spiritualist Church for their help in making the day a success. She would like to thank all of the musicians and participants in the service, and most importantly, she would like to thank her husband, Dr. Robert Olin, for his love.

The Spiritual Science Church of St. Paul was established in the 1940's and is proud to say that this is the first NSAC Ordination to ever take place in their church. With the help of many dedicated workers they have kept their church up and running as a good member of the NSAC, knowing some day they would come to this celebration. Congratulations to the Rev. Belinda Olin and the Spiritual Science Church of St. Paul.

Greetings from New York

The Temple of Metaphysical Science in Patchogue, New York, had the pleasure of hosting the Rev. Bernard Baker, NST, Vice-President of the NSAC, early in November.

From the rousing strains of *The Battle Hymn of the Republic*, to the more soothing sounds of *Let There Be Peace On Earth*, Sunday, November 13th's service was one to remember. Rev. Baker gave an enlightened lecture on the



Rev. Janet Travis, NST, Rev. Bernard Baker, NST, Rev. Edna Claussen, and Rev. Catherine Snell, NST.



Ed Freidlein (organ) is flanked by his musical partners, Janet Travis (trumpet), and Lisha Klaiber (vocalist).

meaning of Spiritualism. He pointed out that Spiritualism may very well be the fastest growing religion in the world. He based this opinion on the rising number of people who are acknowledging

their emerging perceptive abilities. Rev. Baker did all the morning's messages.

The Rev. Edna Claussen led the morning's meditation. Lisha Klaiber presided. To mark the occasion, we were treated to a rendition of *How Great Thou Art*, sung by Lisha Klaiber, with the Rev. Janet Travis on the trumpet, and Ed Freidlein at the organ.



Friends and members celebrate Baker's visit.

Following cake and coffee, many members of the congregation hosted Rev. Baker to a luncheon at the South Shore Manor. Divina Ryan organized this enjoyable outing.



The evening before, the Rev. Catherine Snell and the Rev. Janet Travis hosted the members of the board and the ministerial staff to a pot luck supper at their home. This gave Rev. Baker an opportunity to meet a few members beforehand and to learn more about The Temple of Metaphysical Science.



What happened in **APRIL** throughout the years?



APRIL 1

All Fool's Day. Let us remember the joy of a good laugh and to let the child within spread some fun today.

APRIL 15

The Hebrew commemoration of the end of slavery is celebrated during **Passover**.

APRIL 16

Easter is the Christian celebration of continuous, eternal life demonstrated by the resurrection of Jesus the Christ.

APRIL 21

The birthday of the **Rev. Pamla Ashlay-Lehrer**. Please send her many wishes for a wonderful, Spiritual year.

APRIL 21, 1840

The Silver-tongued orator and first vice-president of the NSA, **Cora L. V. Richmond**, was born on this date. She represented Spiritualism at the Parliament of World Religions in Chicago in 1893 with a paper titled, "*Presentation of Spiritualism*".

APRIL 21, 1863

The **National Colored Spiritualist Association** was founded.

APRIL 23, 1995

Earth Day a day to honor, bless and pray for the earth's needs. Let us visualize the earth's environment as sparkling with Light and Love for all life. Let us see the handiwork of the Infinite in her beauty and say thank you.

APRIL 26, 1862

Harrison D. Barrett, one of the founders and the first president of the National Spiritualist Association was born to accomplish great things with his splendid oration, his logical thinking and writing and his fine mediumship.

APRIL 28, 1831

The birthday of a wonderful Spiritual Healer and evidential medium, **Fannie Conant**. She was the message medium for the *Banner of Light*.

APRIL 1744

Emmanuel Swedenborg received a visitation from Spirit that called him to service in the Spiritual work. His research and writings are a treasure house of truths.

Jest Joking...

☆ "Saints are sinners who kept on trying."
— Bits & Pieces

☆ "Give the neighbor's kids an inch and they'll take a yard."

☆ "Those vacations that should leave you in the **PINK** too often leave you in the red."

☆ "When a man retires and time is no longer a matter of urgent importance, his colleagues generally present him with a watch.

☆ "A smart aleck is the person who doesn't realize it's what he learns after he knows it all that counts."

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Declaration of Principles

National Spiritualist Association of Churches

1. We believe in Infinite Intelligence.
2. We believe that the phenomena of Nature, both physical and spiritual, are the expression of Infinite Intelligence.
3. We affirm that a correct understanding of such expression and living in accordance therewith, constitute true religion.
4. We affirm that the existence and personal identity of the individual continue after the change called death.
5. We affirm that communication with the so-called dead is a fact, scientifically proven by the phenomena of Spiritualism.
6. We believe that the highest morality is contained in the Golden Rule: "Whatsoever ye would that others should do unto you do ye also unto them."
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 human soul here or hereafter.
9. We affirm that the precepts of Prophecy and Healing contained in the Bible are Divine attributes proven through Mediumship.



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