

March 25, 2020 – Wednesday Devotion

Love of Spirit Spiritualist Church, NSAC

The Pack Rat Prophecy



Keeping touch with those we love has given way to inspiration in many ways. Having lunch or dinner with friends and family by video chat has opened avenues for meal creativity when seeing what others have prepared. Sharing stories has sparked memories that bring a smile, and maybe even a laugh or two. I've notices this time has also opened the door for vulnerable emotions that may have been neatly tucked away into a place where our spirit thought it had been laid to rest.

The mind sometimes brings our human side defenseless to thoughts and actions that create unrealistic realities. Our seventh principle reminds us that we have the ability to make our own happiness or unhappiness as long as we live in accordance to God's law. Sometimes it's hard. Especially when memories remind us of past relationships. Maybe the relationship had taken a different direction. Maybe memories remind us of people who have transitioned. And just maybe, the memory reminds how special and vital our long-lasting relationships are to our being.

During this time of the stay at home order, some have found the time to dig into that "it can wait till tomorrow" pile, uncovering treasures from the past. The past is what has led us to where we are today. Everything experienced has intricately shaped us into a special spiritual being. The loves, challenges, joys...all part of knowing there has been purpose to our existence. This is the celebrated gift of our human experience, that can never be taken away.

Pack Rat Prophecy by Ruth Cobb

As a charter member of the Unreformed Pack Rat Club, I have a need to periodically "excavate" stacks of notes and clippings that tend to accumulate in my life. Yesterday, while sorting through such a batch of paper, I encountered a small envelope bearing the curious note, "Collage Words."

At first I did not remember why I had assembled such a collection – it was obviously some time ago. The pieces of magazine print included various words and phrases that had been clipped from magazines before recycling. An out-of-state friend started creating wonderful collages a number of years ago, and I had intended to send them to her, but never got around to doing so.

Upon further examination and reflection, it occurred to me that these particular "prompts" were also eerily prophetic, considering our current world situation. That they surfaced at this particular time seems all too fitting.

An American Red Cross ad asks the question: "Are you ready to give up your security blanket?"

The other headlines include:

- "Building for the Future"
- "A Center for Progress"
- "Creating a World with Words"
- "Discovery"
- "Fulfilling the Vision"
- "Networking"
- "Patience is a Virtue"
- "A Plan for the Future"
- "Shared Experience"
- "Thinking Creatively"
- and...
- "Vital Connections."

These elements have become especially important for all of us now.

In Spiritualism we learn that everything happens for a reason and it's up to us and our free will how we make meaning of these things. As we carefully planned our path with God before coming to this physical life, it was paved with every emotion needed to fully experience God's grace. It opens the door to forgiveness, acceptance, growth, abundance, empowerment, wisdom, continuation of life and so much more. Your purpose and direction are fueled by your faith; no matter what life gives you, the Infinite Intelligence walks with you every second of the day. How awesome is that. We are never alone.

May God keep you safe and well,

Bonnie.

May the light of the Infinite Intelligence shine ever so brightly as we come together in prayer. During this time of uncertainty, we pray that the blessings from Spirit, enriches the lives of those who are lost. May our brothers and sisters know these riches. We ask God to bless everyone, everywhere. Especially those who don't care, that they may find the true treasures this life has in store; filled with hidden blessings. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Darrin will be hosting a live Facebook **meditation** on Wednesday night (3/25/2020) at 7pm. Gratitude for self and Gratitude for all. How in these hard times we can love ourselves and allow others to fully love us too. Follow this link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/208715459633446/>

If you want to continue to support the church, we have added a "**DONATE**" button on the first page of our website. <https://www.yourloveofspirit.com/>. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Do you have a story idea that would be suitable to use for the devotions? To submit your authentic story to for our devotions, send to revbonnie1216@aol.com and type **STORY** in the subject line.

A private chat on Messenger was started this week. If you want to be included in this chat, send an email to: info@yourloveofspirit.com and type **YES** in the subject line. Include your Facebook name in the content.

As we go through this time of challenge, just know, we have people who can keep commination with you. If you want someone to contact you, send an email to: info@yourloveofspirit.com and type **CONTACT** in the subject line. Include your contact information in the content.

We are still unsure when we will be able to meet again. Currently, we are planning on April 19, the Sunday after Easter. At the present time, the Campus Religious Center is closed until April 7.

For updates visit our website: <https://www.yourloveofspirit.com/>
or Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/YourLoveOfSpirit/?ref=bookmarks>

DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES

1. We believe in Infinite Intelligence.
2. We believe that the phenomena of nature, both physical and spiritual, are the expression of Infinite Intelligence.
3. We affirm that a correct understanding of such expression and living in accordance therewith, constitute true religion.
4. We affirm that the existence and personal identity of the individual continue after the change called death.
5. We affirm that communication with the so-called dead is a fact, scientifically proven by the phenomena of Spiritualism.
6. We believe that the highest morality is contained in the Golden Rule, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."
7. We affirm the moral responsibility of individuals, and that we make our own happiness or unhappiness as we obey or disobey Nature's physical and spiritual laws.
8. We affirm that the doorway to reformation is never closed against any soul here or hereafter.
9. We affirm that the precepts of Prophecy and Healing are Divine attributes proven through Mediumship.

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 and love in the power of God.