

April 29, 2020 – Weekly Devotion

Love of Spirit Spiritualist Church, NSAC

A Man with A Lamp



Being a Spiritualist isn't always easy. People who aren't familiar with our religion make assumptions at times resulting in ridicule or make sport of the beliefs we guard as sacred. Connecting with spirit sometimes draws judgment and fear. Depending on the religious beliefs, connecting with spirit is sometimes judged as evil or weird. For a Spiritualist, it's a natural part of life.

Faith has different meanings in various faith traditions. Sometimes what is Holy is held so tightly it doesn't give way to acceptance, vulnerability, compassion.... Keeping in mind, that which people regard as sacred, helps them build their path with hope. Now more than ever, people need hope for various reasons. It's not up to us individually to decide what hope looks like for others.

When challenged by those who don't understand, it's most important to be true to self. As a Spiritualist, you have a gift many cannot understand. You have a gift graced by the God which raises your vibration. This gives opportunity to which this physical life can be fully lived. So many from other faith traditions don't understand the comfort Spiritualists experience every day. It's as if those who choose to have a closed mind to our teachings, are unable to accept the beautiful diversity our world offers.

A Man with A Lamp

Once upon a time, there was a small town. There lived a man by himself who couldn't see. He was blind. Yet, he carried a lighted lamp with him whenever he went out at night.

One night as he was coming home after having a dinner outside, he came across a group of young travelers. They saw that he was blind yet carrying a lighted lamp. They started passing comments on him and made a fun of him. One of them asked him, "Hey Man! You are blind and can't see anything! Why do you carry the lamp then?!"

The blind man replied, "Yes, unfortunately, I am blind, and I can't see anything but a lighted lamp which I am carrying is for the people like you who can see. You may not see the blind man coming and end up pushing me. That is why I carry a lighted lamp".

The group of travelers felt ashamed and apologized for their behavior.

Moral: Letting your light shine brings clarity to others. It's the day you help find happiness within.

Not matter what people say or think about Spiritualism, it's important to always keep your light burning. Sometimes it can be overwhelming especially when there are days when people feel the need to tell us their stories. When your internal light burns brightly, those who need assistance, know you are a safe soul. You have reached a higher level of enlightenment.

There will be those who are fearful or make fun of what you hold as sacred. However, there are many more looking for the light within you that burns so brightly. It's through your light, you live. It's through the brightness coming from you, others find their way.

Now more than ever, it's important to be true to yourself. As people become more spiritual than religious, your light will help them light their path.

"If you want to walk fast, walk alone. If you want to walk far, walk together." African Proverb

May God keep you safe and well,

Bonnie.

God of light, when others judge what I hold as Holy, I wonder if I am on the right path. I sometimes questions if I am believing in the right thing. When I sense those I love most around me from the World of Sprit, I know my prayers have been answered. Help me to fully live this physical life that I may see the light in other and celebrate the light that I hold within me. Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We will be holding a church service on Zoom, Sunday church service time at 5pm.

The invitation will be emailed to you on Saturday.

- **Anyone interested in taking classes for certification for** Commissioned Healer, Certified Medium, Ordained Minister and National Spiritualist Teacher, contact Pastor Bonnie at info@yourloveofspirit.com
- **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 and a special thanks to those who have contributed. If you don't feel comfortable with PayPal and still want to help your church, contact the church through info@yourloveofspirit.com
- **For past devotions and copies of Sunday Sermons** go to <https://www.yourloveofspirit.com/Devotions>
- **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.
- **NSAC Spotlight Magazine**, is a children's Spiritualist magazine. If you are interested in writing a short story for children reflecting the values of Spiritualism send an email to: revbonnie1216@aol.com and type **SPOTLIGHT** in the subject line. Include your contact information in the content. Pastor Bonnie will send you instructions for the article.
- **We are still unsure when we will be able to meet in person again.** It looks as if the Campus Religious Center may extend the stay at home order. Currently, we are planning on May 3, depending upon the restrictions.
- **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.