



July 11, 2020 – Weekly Devotion  
Love of Spirit Spiritualist Church, NSAC  
*Natural Links*



This year the 4th of July celebrations were canceled in my community due to the unknown effects of the coronavirus. Many of our citizens would gather together in both parks within the twin cities spending quality time with loved ones while they waited for the evening's big event. While anticipation grew for the lighted display in the sky, radios were tuned into the station which would complement lighted show that would delight young and old alike in the mystical sky.

Once the announcer would broadcast the lead-in for the night's featured event, a loud blast would introduce the long-awaited excitement. The sky would be filled with colors and light that launched excitement to the anticipation which I can only imagine mimicked the day our nation earned its independence. Even though I was not there in 1776, the show in the sky reminded me, for a moment what I have as with this nation. For me, a Spiritualist, I value the freedom for the right to religion.

This year was different. The possibility of the sky's silence made me think for a moment, would this add to our country's divide? Would our local citizens remember what it meant to preserve our freedoms, which in this day seem so fragile, and crying for desperate repair? As the day turned to night, I could hear sounds that were so familiar just a year ago. The subliminal sounds bringing back the importance of our freedom throughout my neighborhood. Nothing could stop the reminder of the tradition cannot be dismissed and no matter what happens to us, our sense of being and tradition will carry through. As I watched the lit sky, I wondered if God was pleased. I wondered if the Infinite was gently reminding us as a society that dark is only the absence of light. Even when pieces are taken away, there is always hope through light.

***Natural Links in a Long Chain of Being – in part by Victor Davis Hanson***

*I believe all of us are natural links in a long chain of being, and that I need to know what time of day it is, what season is coming, whether the wind is blowing north or from the east, and if the moon is still full tomorrow night, just as the farmers who came before me did.*

*The physical world around us constantly changes, but human nature does not. We must struggle in our brief existence to find some transcendent meaning during reoccurring heartbreak and disappointment and so find solace in the knowledge that our ancestors have all gone through this before.*

*You may find all that all too intrusive, living with the past as present. I find it exhilarating. I believe there is an old answer for every new problem, that wise whispers of the past are with us to assure us that if we just listen and remember, we are not alone; we have been here before.*

***Moral: When times seem darkest, it's important to listen and remember, you have the power of the light.***

It's much like the cartoon many of us grew up with, How the Grinch Stole Christmas. As the Grinch tried as he could to stop an important holiday that made meaning for the residents of Whoville, it's what they held sacred and believed in their heart that brought light to a dark action. I guess you could say, at a time when it would be easy to "make their own unhappiness" they found it important to choose to "make their own happiness."

God provides white light which sparks opportunity bringing those living in the light to find those who, only see darkness, losing site that there is much to learn from the darkness which will grow to a higher sense of enlightenment. The earned gift of a greater service which evolves one to a higher vibration, serving those looking for comparative peace bringing two souls together. The exhilaration to have our light go high in the sky, with bright, colorful explosive arms, searching to find those souls who have lost insight of the signs before them. People helping people. Hope. Love. It's found in a place deep in our being which we hold so sacred, which is protected on levels that guarded with the highest personal power we know...our physical lives.

As this human experience independently evolves, so do personal choices. Choice which impacts our lives and those around us physically, emotionally, and spiritually. That's independence, that's freedom, that's enlightenment. The Infinite works with us, for us, around us, through us. The love and power of God is alive and well as it reflects though our service to God, self and others. God bless you all!

May God keep you safe and well,  
Bonnie.

*God of freedom. I pray tradition will always remind me of where I've been which lights the path to where I'm going. I pray those experiences help me make sense of darkness that has brought me to this place in time. It's with a grateful heart that my power of free will brings freedom to my heart. Amen*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

The invitation has been included in the body of this email.

- **Members:** Annual Meeting will be held July 19 at 10am and will be held on Zoom. Your meeting invite will be emailed this week.
- **Tuesday, July 28, Love of Spirit will host Observed Facts, Spiritualist Philosophy through Zoom.** A link will be sent to you in a separate email closer to the group time. You are invited to join us for discussion
- **Intuitive Development Class is back – now on Zoom!** Details are located on our website: <https://www.yourloveofspirit.com/Events-Workshops.php>.
- **Online services will continue** for the rest of the year. Given these times, the Board has decided to continue meeting through Zoom until we are sure everyone can gather safely.
- **If you want to continue to support the church,** we have added a “GIVING” page of our website. <https://www.yourloveofspirit.com/Donations.php>. 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](mailto:info@yourloveofspirit.com)
- **For past devotions and copies of Sunday Sermons** go to <https://www.yourloveofspirit.com/Devotions>
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## 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.

Here is the zoom link for Sunday.

Topic: Love of Spirit Spiritualist Church Service  
Time: Jul 12, 2020 05:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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