



July 17, 2020 – Weekly Devotion  
Love of Spirit Spiritualist Church, NSAC  
*Fine Feathers*



I remember when I was young, it was always important to wear our Sunday best to church. It usually meant wearing cloths that were itchy and shoes that hurt my feet. Somehow, I was led to believe that God expected us to dress our best in order show respect for the importance of God's infinite wisdom and love as if God may not love those who couldn't afford to have different cloths that was only worn on Sundays. Sundays during the summer meant sitting in a building with no air conditioning and in Sunday School we would joke that it was hotter than the dreaded eternal place where people who went against God's commandments had been warned they we would go.

As I got older, things had started to change my thoughts about how people attended church. The style of dress had relaxed, but the same uncomfortable shoes were worn. When I reached mid-life, those attending church were dressed casual and apparently God had relaxed the expectation of uncomfortable shoes. Maybe church leadership finally realized people could pay better attention to the pastor if the congregants were comfortable.

Now we have a new version of what church looks like. Many churches have had to reinvent the way they reach out to congregants looking for spiritual guidance and inspiration. Now as long as one is presentable from the waste up, it's acceptable to join a church service. For me, I feel this is validation that we are to come as we are. After studying our principles, I think about the days from long ago and have a mature way of thinking about the Infinite Intelligence.

***Aesop's Fable: The Blue Jay and the Peacock***

*A blue jay venturing into a yard where peacocks used to walk, found there a number of feathers which had fallen from the peacocks when they were molting. He tied them all to his tail and strutted down towards the peacocks. When he came near them, they soon discovered the what the blue jay had done and striding up to him pecked at him and plucked away his borrowed plumes.*

*So the blue jay could do no better than go back to the other jays, who had watched his behavior from a distance; but they were equally annoyed with him, and told him: "It is not only fine feathers that make fine birds"*

***Moral: It's not what's on the outside, it's when you show your soul that is important to others.***

In this world of competing for "the best" and to be "the best" it's important to know what's important. After one transitions from this physical world, all of the best is left behind except what is the best inside you. The outside of our human existence is a way for us to get from one point to another. Hair color, size, shape, age...none of it matters. It's what is in the heart that shows what is deep in the soul that matters to the Infinite.

The light you shine is what's important, not just for others, but most importantly for you. How many times have you given appreciation to you? How many times have you liked what you see in the mirror? You are one of a kind. No one will ever replace you and no one can match the importance you give to the world. You who came to this physical with a mission. How you carry out that mission is your path. Honor the path while you honor yourself. For what you have is enough. With God, you are enough. With God, you are love.

May God keep you safe and well,  
Bonnie.

*God of clear seeing. I have learned when I stop pleasing others, I please myself. I ask that I always see through your eyes. That I always understand, when I stop trying to keep up with what others have, I am free. When I celebrate myself, I celebrate your spirit.*

*Amen*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**We will be holding a church service on Zoom, Sunday church service time at 10am this Sunday.**

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

- ☀ **Members:** Annual Meeting will be held this Sunday after the 10am service on Zoom. Stay on after the service and we will go into our meeting.
- ☀ **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>. Registration will end July 27.
- ☀ **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>
- ☀ **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.