



August 8, 2020 – Weekly Devotion
Love of Spirit Spiritualist Church, NSAC
The Mysterious Light



In Spiritualism, we believe in the continuation of life which gives us as humans the ability to keep our relationships with those we love. I've had people ask, "How do you do that?" I remember the day I decided to give into the light. For a while, I knew there was more to this physical life, but I didn't know how to connect to the light. I read this story, and hopefully it will help you find your light.

The Swamis and the Mysterious Light By Remez Sasson A long time ago, there were two swamis who lived in two neighboring caves. The Swamis spent most of their time in deep meditation, except the time they ate or were visited by devotees. The people who came to visit them revered the two swamis and loved listening to their teachings and advice. They always felt peaceful and happy when near them, a feeling that continued, even after they went away.

One cave was dark, as caves usually are, but in the other one, sometimes, there was a peculiar golden light illuminating the cave. It was not strong, but enough to be noticed and to illuminate the cave. The phenomenon of the light bewildered the visitors, but they could not come to an agreement about its causes. Both swamis were rather silent most of the time and did not want to discuss the phenomenon of the light.

Being in the company of the swamis aroused calmness and peace in the visitors. Their minds slowed their nonstop chatter, and they experienced a pleasant inner peace and happiness. Though the visitors admired both swamis, they believed that the one living in the illuminated cave possessed supernatural powers and was more advanced. He certainly appeared to them as a mysterious person.

One day, a great and well-known sage arrived to a nearby village. One of the villagers came to him and said: "Great master, we have a question to ask. There is a mystery which you might solve for us." "I will be glad to help you, if I can." Answered the sage.

"There are two swamis living here on the hill...", the villager started to recount. "Yes, I know," the sage interrupted him, "and you want to know about the light in the cave." "Yes, that is true," the villager responded, "It is something that has been a riddle for us. Can you please tell us also, if the swami in the lighted cave is more advanced, and if he really possesses supernatural powers?"

"Pay attention to your inner self and not to the external phenomena. "The sane said, and continued, "The outside world always changes, but the inner self does not. When in the presence of a teacher, listen to what he says and be aware of the influence of his words on you. Watch yourself and see whether under his influence you become calmer and more peaceful, and whether your thoughts, at least for a while, slow down their mad race."

"Yes, I'll do so," said the villager, "but please enlightens us on the mysterious light."

The sage sat down, and started to explain: "Sometimes, when one works intensively on the spiritual path, and concentrates and meditates a lot, various phenomena may occur around him, such as lights, sounds or visions. This is not supernatural. The mind has a creative power, and when concentrated, can produce various phenomena even unintentionally."

"This does not mean that one is more advanced than the other. Not all minds produce these things. Some do, and some don't."

"Some of the people who produce these lights may be aware of the light, and others might not. This depends on their sensitivity. So, it is also with the people who watch them. Not all see this light. In any case, it has nothing to do with whether one swami is more advanced or less advanced than the other one."

"Thank you, great master, you have solved us this great mystery." Exclaimed the devotees of the swamis, who were standing by, deeply relieved and happy to understand the mystery that has been bewildering them for a long time.

Moral: *You can discover your light, which is the peace within.*

As you find your light, may you appreciate the gift you hold within. It's through your light, that will support others who seek peace and the mysteries on the light. May God bless your many gifts. May God bless those who walk along your path.

May God keep you safe and well,
Bonnie

God of light. Thank you for all the teachers on earth that help me uncover my gifts. When I spend time in the quiet, I feel my soul connecting with your grace. It's with gratitude that I offer my light to those who seek your grace. Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

- ☀ **Tuesday, August 25, 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
- ☀ **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
- ☀ **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.