

## 1: What is the Church of Spiritualism?

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www.enganchecubano.com piow tironty-five years xpxpixinco of what he saw and heard.*

Spiritualism Is a Philosophy because it studies the Laws of Nature both on the seen and unseen sides of life and bases its conclusions upon present observed facts. It accepts statements of observed facts of past ages and conclusions drawn therefrom, when sustained by reason and by results of observed facts of the present day. Spiritualism Is a Religion because it strives to understand and to comply with the Physical, Mental and Spiritual Laws of Nature, which are the laws of God. A Spiritualist is one who believes, as the basis of his or her religion, in the communication between this and the Spirit World by means of mediumship and who endeavors to mould his or her character and conduct in accordance with the highest teachings derived from such communication. One clue that a person is beginning to become further attuned and more cosmic, is when the egoistic, self-serving portion of the individual diminishes, and the universal consciousness comes to the forefront. Prominent in this consciousness is the awareness of the Universal Laws. What are these Universal Laws? How many of them are there and do they apply to everyone? Just as Infinite Intelligence, the laws are not limited, so the Law is not limited. Neither does the Law limit those who strive to follow it. Rather, it sets them free and shows them the way to grow, live in peace, and be happy. The study of Natural Law is very beneficial to all. A few brief points to consider are that the laws are just, impartial, consistent, non-judgmental, automatic, immutable, impersonal, affects the physical, mental, and spiritual, is unchangeable and the underlying control of the universe, insuring progressive evolution. Natural Law is the connecting link, providing constant order to the universe. It governs the visible and invisible, the animate and inanimate in the mortal and immortal worlds. Natural Law is like a strict teacher that understands we learn by doing. The law gently points out our mistakes that we may grow and use the insight to our benefit by correcting our errors. The law uses the reflecting ethers as a mirror to show us the way. It verifies personal responsibility and individualization. All things in life interrelate and so it is with the laws. They are evident in mathematics, geometry, mechanics, plant life, seasons, etc. We can use the laws by choosing to live in love, light, peace, and joy and continued growth. The universe is propelled by law and impelled by love. Just a few laws to demonstrate the totality of the Laws: The Law of Cause and Effect on which hang all the natural laws:

### 2: The Truths of the Spirit World - The Spheres of Progression

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Subscribe to the CompellingTruth. Spiritual warfare - What does the Bible say? There are two primary issues to address regarding spiritual warfare and the Bible. First, does spiritual warfare exist? Second, what does the Bible say about engaging in spiritual warfare? The Bible is very clear on the existence of spiritual warfare. Peter warns "Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour" 1 Peter 5: Our adversary or enemy, the devil, refers to Satan, who is a real entity, not a mythical creature or invention. Other titles of Satan include the tempter 1 Thessalonians 3: Satan also transforms himself into "an angel of light," a description that highlights his capacity and inclination to deceive 2 Corinthians Spiritual warfare, the idea that humans battle in some way with supernatural powers, is also the testimony of the apostle Paul in Ephesians 6: Paul further describes the warfare in which we are engaged as we battle throughout our lives "against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places" Ephesians 6: Clearly, such powers exist. The second question—what does the Bible say about engaging in spiritual warfare? The problem typically arises when we either over emphasize spiritual warfare by seeing every occurrence in life as part of it or under emphasizing it by ignoring the spiritual realm altogether. Several biblical texts inform our understanding of this issue. First, Christians must remember we are already conquerors Romans 8: Second, the power of Christ within the believer is greater than the power of Satan 1 John 4: We have no reason to live in fear of Satan or evil spirits as believers. Satan can harm, but he cannot defeat the believer in Christ. Third, we must not forget that Satan can be allowed to attack believers 2 Corinthians However, we cannot blame every temptation on Satan, since the Bible also teaches that we are tempted and enticed by our own evil desires James 1: Fifth, the method to defeat Satan is to resist him and stay near to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Sixth, Paul exhorts us to arm ourselves for the spiritual battle which is part of the Christian life by putting on the "whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil" Ephesians 6: This armor includes truth, righteousness, the gospel, faith, salvation, the Word of God, and prayer. These weapons will enable us to "be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might" Ephesians 6: Ultimately, spiritual warfare is not about a technique to defeat Satan or demons, but a heart that walks closely with God. When God is first and foremost in our lives, Satan lacks power over us, despite his attempts to weaken our efforts to pursue Christ. As a final warning, it is important that we do not take our God-given power over Satan as an opportunity to display arrogance. This stern warning should reveal our need to depend on a humble and personal walk with Christ to overcome evil rather than an external display to feed human pride. In summary, spiritual warfare is a very real part of the Christian life, but should not be an opportunity for either fear or pride. Instead, the reality of Satan and his evil forces should cause us to draw near to God all the more, realizing His power can conquer any foe we may encounter.

## 3: What is spiritual truth?

*Dear reader' We present you this volume of facts " tests from Spirit Life, given in every part of our country, and approved by those to whom they were given. They are but a few, selected from many thousands we have registered in our diary. The dialogues and discussions occurred just as they are.*

What is the Church of Spiritualism? The Church of Spiritualism, also known as the Spiritualist Church, has its roots in the ancient practice of communicating with the spirits of the dead. Margaretta, 15, and Kate, When she investigated, the thumps responded accurately to her questions, and the girls claimed they were being contacted by spirits. The girls claimed they were communicating with a spirit they dubbed Mr. Splitfoot; he later identified himself as Charles B. Rosna and said he had been murdered five years previous and buried in the cellar. Fox sent for her eldest daughter Leah in Rochester, and she helped publicize this phenomenal occurrence. They found a few pieces of bone, but no person named Charles B. Rosna was ever identified. Word of the haunting spread. Many other mediums also claimed such powers, and spiritualism began to attract thousands, including Horace Greeley and William Lloyd Garrison. Margaretta was sent to live with a Quaker family, who became convinced of the validity of her claims. Belief in spiritualism spread throughout the Quaker community. The Fox girls traveled extensively and enjoyed successful careers as mediums and speakers, although their personal lives deteriorated with broken marriages and alcoholism. Forty years later, in an October 21, , interview with the New York World, Margaretta revealed the truth. It was all a hoax. It had begun as a prank that she and Kate played on their mother. They learned to produce pops and cracks by cracking their fingers and toes, dropping apples down the stairs, and doing it all undetected. The greatest sorrow in my life has been that this is true, and though it has come late in my day, I am now prepared to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help me God! I am here tonight as one of the founders of Spiritualism to denounce it as an absolute falsehood from beginning to end, as the flimsiest of superstitions, the most wicked blasphemy known to the world. They claimed her recantation was due to alcohol abuse and not to be believed. This insistence continues in the modern Church of Spiritualism, where there is no mention of the recantation. So what is Spiritualism and the Church of Spiritualism? I am Yahweh your God. Why consult the dead on behalf of the living? Truths are found in nature, in other religions, in writings, in science, in philosophy, in Divine Law and are received through spirit communication. Both cannot be true. That is truth according to Scripture. Spiritualism has created its own idea of a god that does not exist. Spiritualists do not believe in heaven or hell Matthew The supernatural phenomena experienced by many adherents of the Church of Spiritualism may very well be real. The fact that spiritualists deny the existence of Satan or demons gives those evil spirits more freedom to work unobstructed among them and to convince many gullible souls that they are finding God. The Church of Spiritualism falls into that category.

## 4: Spiritualism | The Spiritualist Church of Awareness, N.S.A.C

*To be spiritual but not Religious means, under these definitions, that one has chosen the philosophically approved life strategy of eschewing dogmatic opinions, in favor of scientific and other affirmed epistemological efforts to accurately acquire and use knowledge as close as possible to truths about the spiritual world and beings, including.*

I have had a great deal of experience, although I have not been in the spirit world a very long time as we count time which we do not, but I merely use the expression so that you may understand what I mean. I am, as I told you, in the Second Celestial Sphere where your wife and mother are also. In this sphere, all the inhabitants are spirits who have been redeemed by the Divine Love and Great Mercy of the Father, and by the Great Gift of Immortality which Jesus wrote you about the other night. And what I say here applies to all the inhabitants of this sphere. Of course, you will understand that there is yet more Love which we may obtain, because our progress in the Divine Love never ceases until we get into the very Presence of the Father and are able to see Him with our soul perceptions. You cannot possibly understand this phase as you are now, but when you come to the place where I am now, you will. And in a way, it is even possible for you to comprehend this while in the mortal life, but not to the extent that you will when you become a spirit and live in this sphere. Your mother and wife now have this quality of soul perception, but even among us there is a difference in comprehension of this. And I am told that, as I progress higher and receive more of this Love, this soul perception will become clearer and more satisfactory to me. So when you hear us say that we are redeemed and have a part of the Divine Essence of the Father as our possession, you must understand that it is a comparative thing, and that we are not perfect. Even the Master is not perfect as God is Perfect, as he tells us. But he is progressing in the acquisition of this Love and in the increased power of this soul perception. Until we reach the First Celestial Sphere, we have not a sufficient quantity of this Love to make us partakers of this Divine Nature of the Father in that degree that all the natural loves are absorbed by the Divine Love; for all below that sphere have more or less of the natural love which causes them to retain their worldly affections. I mean those things which tend to retard their progress. Of course, our natural love for our relatives or friends does not leave us even after we reach the Celestial Spheres. But when we become inhabitants of these spheres, we have no interest in the affairs of earth or its government. The Seventh Sphere is the one that divides those spirits who have merely intellectual or moral qualities developed to the highest degree, as it were, from those spirits who, in addition to mental and moral development, have their souls developed by the Divine Love of the Father. No spirit who has not this Love can become an inhabitant of the Seventh Sphere. So when you hear of any of your spirit friends or acquaintances, or of any other spirits being in the Seventh Sphere, you will know that these spirits have received the Divine Love to an extent a little short of that which enables them to enter the First Celestial Sphere, and which makes them at-one with the Father, and hence, immortal. The Sixth Sphere is one where the mental and moral qualities are developed to their greatest extent, and it is not necessary for the spirit to have his soul developed to any great extent in order to become an inhabitant of this Sphere. In other words, it is a Sphere which is given more especially to those spirits who have given more thought to the improvement of their minds and their moral qualities than to the development of their souls by obtaining the Divine Love of the Father. This Sphere is one of great happiness for these spirits of mental and moral excellence, and it is the highest that they can attain to in their progression in the spirit world. But my observation has been that, when the spirits who find their happiness in purely mental pursuits or in the development of their moral natures get into this sphere, they seldom become dissatisfied enough with their condition of happiness to desire to seek for a greater one. In fact, the majority of them will not believe that there is any greater happiness that they can attain to, and hence the deadening satisfaction which possesses them. I know it may be a little difficult for you to understand this matter as I have attempted to explain it, but what I have said is true. Well, when a spirit enters the spirit world, its condition of mental, moral or spiritual development determines where it shall first live. In the large majority of cases, the first home of the spirit is the earth plane; and in that, there are a number of planes, respectively higher or lower than the others. So, when the spirit finds itself in the earth plane, it also finds that its condition is not much different from what it

was on earth. The same ideas of right and wrong, of beliefs, of affections and of desires obtain. Sometimes, these conditions will last for many years; and at other times, the change will come comparatively soon. When spirits come over, this change of condition frequently depends upon the friends or relatives who try to help and instruct them. If such spirit helpers are themselves developed in the line of intellectual pursuits, they will more naturally endeavor to direct the newly arrived spirit along the same lines of thought and aspirations. Likewise, the morally developed helpers will make the questions of morality the important ones for the new spirits to give attention to. And so with the spiritual helpers, or those who have received the Love of the Father in their souls, and to whom such Love is the most important thing in all the spirit world. Naturally, they will endeavor to instruct the spirit in matters pertaining to this Love and the increased development of It. So you see, much depends upon the helpers which the new spirit finds waiting its advent into the spirit world, and the instructions which such spirit helpers give it. But more depends upon the condition of the spirit itself. As I have said, when it comes into the spirit world, the spirit brings with it all its beliefs, desires and affections; and these respective qualities, to a more or less extent, will influence the directions of its progress. It is much easier to influence a spirit who, while on earth, has had awakened in him a love of God, even to that small degree, which encourages him to pursue the thoughts that will lead him into spiritual ways, than it is to persuade one who has never had that awakening. And so with the spirit who, while on earth, gave his studies and thoughts to mental pursuits to the exclusion of thoughts relating to God or to religious matters. Such a spirit will naturally be attracted to those things which it considers a continuation of its earthly thoughts, or which will enable it to pursue the development of those thoughts; and consequently they are its "treasures" which necessarily have the most of its affections. And from these affections will arise its desires which, unless something greater intervenes, will cause it to follow the course of these desires. And the same principle can be applied to every condition of the spirit: Now to the point of your question. Such spirit, following the natural inclination of its condition, as I have explained, will endeavor in its progress to get into that sphere where there are afforded the greatest opportunities for the development of the particular phase of its condition which constitutes its chief motive force. And this is in accordance with a spiritual law. The spirit desiring the development of its mental qualities above all else will naturally seek that sphere where these qualities have the greatest opportunity for such development. And so with the moralist and the spirit of religious thought. Now, God, in His Great Wisdom and Goodness, has provided these several spheres, and has made them suited for the purposes of their creation. And all the spirits have the choice as to which they will enter and seek to live in. But, of course, not only one sphere of its kind is provided, but there are several so provided so that there may be progression on the part of spirits who have these several phases of desires and attractions. The Second, the Fourth, and the Sixth Spheres are appropriated for those spirits who have more of the qualifications and desires for advancement in their mental and moral pursuits, or rather, for the development of those qualities they possess which pertain more to their mental and moral natures. Of course, in their progress from the lowest to the respective higher spheres that I have mentioned, spirits must pass through the intervening spheres. But they do not linger in them or seek to make them their homes, or stay in them for their development because, in these intervening spheres, the qualities which these spirits are attempting to develop are not given much attention, and these spirits would not be benefitted much by remaining in these spheres. But the fact of passing through these intervening spheres does not indicate that these spirits, in so passing, receive any additional love or development of their soul qualities in any degree, for the contrary is true. Thus, a spirit in the Third Sphere, possessing the Divine Love, may have more soul development than one who lives in the Sixth Sphere who has not the Divine Love. And so, in contrast to the Second, Fourth and Sixth Spheres that I have named, the Third, Fifth and Seventh Spheres are the ones appropriated to, and specially prepared for, the spirits who are seeking the development of the Divine Love into their souls. And in these latter Spheres, the Divine Love is the greatest thing that is sought for and acquired. The spirits of these spheres may be just as highly developed in their mental and moral qualities as are those before described, and frequently they are more so; for with the soul development in the Divine Love strange as it may seem to you comes mental and moral development. But this development of the mind is not the chief thing for which these spirits seek. With them, every desire and aspiration is subordinated to their great efforts to obtain this Divine Love to

the highest degree. Ever and ever are these spirits seeking for It, and they have never become satisfied, in contrast to those who merely seek the mental and natural love development. The Sixth Sphere is a more prolific one of probation, in the sense that many more of these spirits are awakened to the necessity of seeking this soul development than are spirits of any of the lower spheres - because, after some of these spirits have been there for a long time, they commence to realize this limitation to their mental happiness. And strange as it may seem to you, they frequently make their first start by calling up the recollections of their childhood days, when they were taught and believed that God loved them, and that His Love was the greatest thing in all the world. So you see here illustrated, in a way you probably never have thought of, the saying of Jesus that "Except ye become as little children, ye can in no wise enter the Kingdom of Heaven. In all this, you will see how God recognizes and respects the independent will of His creatures. He does not force them to seek His Love, but waits until they learn by their own experience that what they once thought was all-sufficient for their happiness is not sufficient; and realizing this insufficiency, they become dissatisfied; and with such dissatisfaction comes the wish to learn the great unknown of desire which, at last, causes them to feel their dependence upon a Source of happiness not emanating from themselves. Thus, my dear son, in my imperfect way I have attempted to give you a description of the several spheres, and their character, and the object of their creation. You must believe what I have told you, for it is true. And thus you will understand the great saying of the Bible: So, with all the love of a devoted grandmother, I will say good night. Well, I will write on the subject: They rest in such belief with the feelings of assurance that nothing else is required or to be sought for and acquired in any other way. The large majority of professing Christians are in this state of belief; hence the greater number of mankind will not enter the Kingdom of Heaven, or become Divine in their natures. I have already told you what is the future of those who possess this Divine Nature of the Father, and now I will confine my message to the future of this great majority. As you may know, the river can never run higher than its source, and neither can this majority attain to a perfection and happiness superior to that which was possessed by man before the time of the fall from the state of his perfect creation. Hence, no matter how great his progress may be in his natural love, or in his moral or mental qualities, he can never excel the first created man as he was before the fall. I know it is said that man has that which is a part of the Divinity of God in him, and that he may develop that Divine Substance by his own efforts until he becomes Divine himself, and of the Nature of the Father. But this is not true. It is not possible to develop the Divine Love, or any Essence of the Divine, out of that which has not anything of the nature of the Divine in itself. In the spirit world, and I mean the Spiritual as well as Celestial, laws prevail; and they are just as certain in their operation as are the laws of the material world. And a fundamental law is that only like produces like, although in the physical world it may appear that a derivative is not like that from which it is derived. But this is in appearance only; for in substance and essence, the likeness exists and cannot be eradicated. This then applies to the real condition of the soul of man. If he has only the natural love - the created love - the development of that love will result in that which cannot possibly be greater or other than that which is only the natural love in its constituent parts. And no matter what the perfection may become, the Divine element is absent; and all the limitations that are inherent in the created being still continue to form a part of, and control, that being. There is a limit to the development of this natural love, and to the state of happiness - beyond which it is not possible for this being to go. And that limit is only the qualities and excellence possessed by the first man before he became defiled and impregnated with sin. The mind of such being is also limited in the progress which it may make in obtaining knowledge; for that mind, being a thing of creation, is bound by the limitations that that creation imposed. So I say, such a man can never progress higher than those attributes or qualities with which he was endowed when he was the perfect man, either spiritually or mentally, unless he seeks for and obtains the Divine Love. When spirits come and write that life in this spirit world is always progressive, these spirits who write have never attained to this limit of which I speak; hence to them, progression is endless. But this belief is very beneficial because it inspires them to make an effort to progress. There are many spirits in this perfect state in the highest sphere of natural love or mentality, but they are spirits who have been in the spirit world for a vast number of years and are what you might call ancient spirits. These spirits have realized this limitation of which I write; and while they can change the objects of their seeking and the sources of their

happiness, yet their progress has its ending. Thus, a dissatisfaction often comes to them, followed by a realization that, over and beyond their sphere, there must be something that may be obtained that surpasses their perfect state and development. As a result of this dissatisfaction, many of these spirits, in moments of their unrest, give heed to the suggestions of those spirits who have become possessed of the Divine Essence and who have no limitation of progress; for these latter spirits are in the highest sphere of these spirits of perfected natural love at all times, trying to show them the way to the higher development and happiness of the Celestial Spheres. It may be surprising to you, but it is a fact that these spirits of the natural love usually will not listen to the spirits of the Divine Spheres during their periods of progression, and especially as they approach nearer to their perfection. In the satisfaction and happiness that they experience in that progression, they believe that there can be no other methods of progress more desirable or excellent than the ones that they are pursuing. And only when they come to realize the dissatisfaction that I speak of will they awaken to the fact, or consent to be awakened to the fact, that there may be a Way that leads to things beyond their limits of progress and the perfection that they may have acquired.

### 5: Spiritual warfare - What does the Bible say?

*A truly spiritual person - the ideal of humanity - knows his deepest emotional truths and has full connection with his whole range of feelings, including his joy and vivacity for living as well as his pain, fear, sorrow, and even anger.*

The problem is that some people can enter the spiritual world with a pre conceived misconception that it is going to be an all-round positive experience. Spirituality is not one thing and can be expressed in multiple ways. Some will find enlightenment through their work, others through religion, others through spiritual practice like mediation and yoga, others through the use of psychedelics and others by just expressing themselves in a positive way through kindness, compassion and love. No matter how you find the spirit within you, there is no right way of doing it. Spirituality is a very misunderstood term, some equate it to religion and while it can be related it is not an exclusively religious thing. The spirit is the essence of a person, that elusive thing within us that makes us naturally behave in certain ways. You have your 4 levels of health- the physical, emotional, mental and spiritual. All but the spirit are easily defined, measurable and explainable, the spiritual side of things is a little more mystical and hard to explain in a short sentence. But it is still a real thing. One thing that will be present in all spiritual practice is consciousness. Consciousness is hard to define as is spirituality because again it is not one thing, but to make things simple consciousness on an individual level is your awareness of a thing, even if that thing is nothing. One of the problems that can arise as a result of expanding your consciousness or awareness is a hard slap around the face of reality. Once you take that red pill reality can be hard to comprehend. Once this barrier is down it opens up the floodgates for all the good there is, but also the darker side of the world. Firstly if you look at the collective consciousness you will see a lot of disharmony between people. As you walk down the street you will see peoples pain and on a global scale you will see how terrible the wars and suffering are. The second thing is your individual consciousness, once activated this spiritual awareness is like the holding up of a mirror and while it will help us to see the good in ourselves and others it can also help us to see the mistakes we are making and where we are going wrong. Spirituality makes you face your flaws, the pain you have caused and the negativity which lies within you. Sometimes it can make you question who you are and what you stand for. It will also help you to realise the pain you have locked away and at times this can be a lot to bear. One of the things that is common to experience is an initial feeling of euphoria when you reach a certain level of spiritual development and while this euphoric feeling is great it can often set you up for unrealistic expectation of yourself and others. For some it will manifest in an expectation of others to understand your process and while it is good to have people around you who are on a similar path, it is ultimately an individual journey. You have to nurture your spirit and continue to ask questions. Sometimes you will not like the answers and at other times the answers will not always be clear, but if you persevere you will find what you are looking for. One of the most important things you can do to minimise stress and anxiety, is to trust the process and know that if you continue to move towards your goals the only thing that can stand in the way is time or if you decide to give up. When you can separate the darkness which we all have from the light and understand that both are normal and necessary it will make the road a lot less bumpy. Different states of mind serve different purposes and when you get to know your own emotional cycles and how they affect you, you can use these states to perform at your peak. Ultimately making a conscious effort to grow spiritually is the best decision anyone can make. Spirituality will inform you of the truth, positive or negative and once you can face that truth in your own life growth will be inevitable! Thanks for reading this article, let me know where you are on your spiritual journey by leaving me a comment below.

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There are two levels of understanding contained in the words "and thus the precious truths" of the Bible. One level involves what the words actually mean in whichever language those words were written. The knowledge of God But the Bible says there is a second level of understanding that involves the spiritual truths contained in those God-inspired words. Jesus taught that only those to whom God grants His Spirit can clearly understand His words at this level. But He did not leave them without hope of understanding. As of yet, the Holy Spirit was only with the disciples and not yet in them John Then they had the capacity to begin to understand all the spiritual truths that God revealed John Paul explains further In 1 Corinthians 2: So there is knowledge that people could not know. But that same knowledge God reveals to those He calls by His Spirit. In 1 Corinthians 2: Paul wrote in Colossians 1: We find the same understanding in Ephesians 3: One of the most amazing yet least-understood truths of the Bible is that God created humankind to give us the awesome opportunity to become actual sons and daughters of His own family 2 Corinthians 6: God would give this awesome gift of becoming His own children to Adam and Eve and their children if they would choose to live by the principles of His way of life pictured by the tree of life. God also commanded Adam and Eve to not eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. This is the spiritual knowledge concerning what humans must do to receive eternal life in the family of God. Tree of the knowledge of good and evil This tree pictured the way of human beings deciding for themselves what is good and evil. The serpent, Satan, deceived Eve into eating of the fruit of this tree by making the fruit appealing to her own desires and pride Genesis 3: God saw their choice. Mankind chose to reject God and His revealed knowledge, so God closed off that knowledge to keep people from making an eternal choice. Our merciful God plans to give all people a full opportunity to understand and change at the time that is best for them. The only way anyone could have access to the spiritual knowledge of life would be if God would choose to grant them access to the Spirit that could lead them into all truth. The rest of humanity would not have access to this knowledge during this age, which is under the sway of the wicked one 1 John 5: Humans would decide for themselves what they would consider good and evil. They would do what was right in their own eyes Isaiah 5: By bitter experience, humanity would see that the way of Satan would only produce heartache and misery before God would give them access to His spiritual knowledge of life. Human civilization has gone the way of Satan ever since the day when Adam and Eve chose to eat of the forbidden fruit. For more on these vitally important subjects, see:

### 7: From God's Truth to the "New Spirituality"

*THE TRUTHS OF SPIRITUALISM: IMMORTALITY PROVED BEYOND A DOUBT COMPILED FROM TWENTY-FIVE YEARS EXPERIENCE OF WHAT HE SAW AND HEARD. "For there is nothing covered that shall not be revealed.*

I recently held a forum at my local church where we heard two passionate Moslems tell us about their religion. I like to read the different mystics from each religion. When they talk about their deepest experiences they have so much in common, and share such deep wisdom. I try to use the age-tested ways of discernment to find the way to live my life. With each different choice I ask the questions: Does it bring peace, joy, community? Does it leave me with a sense of love, lightness, hope? Is it bringing life in all its fullness? If instead I find myself going round in circles, struggling with despair, darkness or take me away from other people then it is not the way to go. This is the best way of applying my inner wisdom to the great questions of life. Thank you for the question, and I look forward to reading the response of others. Chuck Clendenen December 27, at 9: I strongly suspect that the natural laws under which the universe operates are absolute and perfect, and I am equally convinced that our understanding of these laws is still imperfect. We keep getting closer, but better measurements and observations keep uncovering flaws in our understanding. I think the same can be said of other absolutes, truths if you will. I strongly suspect that great and absolute truths exist, but our imperfect human faculties allow us to glimpse only representations of the truth. What is true is often dependent on context and environment. Such truths may not ring so true under different circumstances or in different cultures. This does not make these truths false, but it does point out the fact that they are not absolute. I submit that all morality is relative. What was moral in Bronze Age desert tribes is not moral now. The same applies to truth. Virtually all spiritual paths have meditative and contemplative practices that are designed to help practitioners to turn their perception inwards in order to connect with something greater than self. There are many variations on this theme, but there are many common elements to spirituality, whatever the religion or discipline. Find what is true for you. If you can accept what someone else tells you is true, then that may be your path. If such a path does not work for you, find one that does. Go with what you discover to be true, and never stop examining that truth critically. If it is really the truth, it will stand up to close examination. If it cannot, it was never really true anyway. Zym Soljourn December 28, at 4: The question is more to the like of why is it so difficult for young ppl and some older persons to begin to see the Truths that abounds around them. Our ability to perceive the world around us is clouded by many miss-leading concepts these days, more so than ever before in history. With the level of intelligence we human have achieved we have also developed greater confusion to the facts, attempting to make every thought more complicated than it need to be. For example in the Chung-fu TV series, The Shou-lin Monk asked the little boy to close his eyes and name all he could perceive around himâ€¦ he began to tell of all he had seen before closing his eyes. And after opening them that Monk asked him why he did not notice the grass-hopper near his feet chirping away. It is the littlest thing we seem to miss in life even though they are the most abundant. True Wisdom is when one can clear the noise in ones mind and begin to perceive all that is around him. Truth is the ability to recognize the Value and Meaning of all that is around him. Stay true to The Journey.. Zym Soljourn January 4, at 5: Candy January 5, at 3: Wow, it felt good to get that off my chest. I am really looking forward to reading more posts and I am working on learning more. For now I try to be a good wife, mother, sister, daughter and friend. And I really feel that is the most important thing for me to do while I am on my own road of discovery. January 6, at Laurie, There has to be some truths, i agree that we do have to go through a moment where our experiential distrust is turns into abandoning every thing So we can clean out all the crap that is getting in the way, but only to that degree,â€¦ what come after is the freedom to logically find those experiential truths that are there to be found. There are truths, we some time have to wipe our hard drives and start over in-order to find them. It spoke to me and made so much sense â€” that there really is only one religion, unfolded through time as mankind is ready to move to the next stage of development,that religions must be the cause of unity, that superstition and ritual have no place, that we are responsible for our own spiritual development and have no need of clergyâ€¦and much more. I would encourage you and your readers to investigate! Sylvan Crofte

January 26, at For some reason control of money or both or??? Its all way to clean and tidy. In my opinion, by the way there is only one Law that exists that even God cannot change. Eric Thomas January 29, at 2: Name February 6, at 1: And these three manifestations of the religious urge are: The seminatural and instinctive urge to fear mysterious energies and worship superior forces, chiefly a religion of the physical nature, the religion of fear. The religion of civilization. The advancing religious concepts and practices of the civilizing racesâ€”the religion of the mindâ€”the intellectual theology of the authority of established religious tradition. True religionâ€”the religion of revelation. The revelation of supernatural values, a partial insight into eternal realities, a glimpse of the goodness and beauty of the infinite character of the Father in heavenâ€”the religion of the spirit as demonstrated in human experience. Jesus made it clear that the great difference between the religion of the mind and the religion of the spirit is that, while the former is upheld by ecclesiastical authority, the latter is wholly based on human experience. Zym Soljourn February 6, at 1: The religion of the mindâ€”the theology of authorityâ€”requires little or none of these exertions from its formal believers. Tradition is a safe refuge and an easy path for those fearful and halfhearted souls who instinctively shun the spirit struggles and mental uncertainties associated with those faith voyages of daring adventure out upon the high seas of unexplored truth in search for the farther shores of spiritual realities as they may be discovered by the progressive human mind and experienced by the evolving human soul. The semi-natural and instinctive urge to fear mysterious energies and worship superior forces, chiefly a religion of the physical nature, the religion of fear. Greg Kells March 17, at 3: I read briefly your take on the matter. I stand by my original answer. Religion is spirituality, and vice versa. Asking the difference is like asking the difference between music and blues. There simply is no such thing as spiritual but not religious. The words are interchangeable. All religions are an attempt to understand and define spiritual beliefs. Simply having spiritual beliefs leads one to define them. SBNR is a religious belief. By calling yourself SBNR you express a shared belief, though not organized, in a higher power. You are simply travelling a broader path to the same destination. I applaud your attempt to remove the dogma associated with religion, but be wary of replacing it with your own i. Steve Frazee March 17, at 3: Thank you for visiting our site. We disagree that religion and spirituality are interchangeable. It is our perspective that spirituality is superset of religion. Religion in any one form is a practice of spirituality, but no one religion comprises all spiritual possibilities. Spirituality is to cuisines as Religion is to Mexican food. Spirituality is a broader category. This is not to say that there is anything wrong with religion. Focusing on a single religious or spiritual practice is a path that has been shown to be transformative throughout history. Yet we also know that a life spent studying multiple religious perspectives can be equally enriching. There is no one SBNR perspective. We are not worried that the SBNR movement will become a religion. On the other hand, if loving people and respective their individual spiritual path becomes common place, we will be OK with that. I have studied Alchemy now for 38 years. I found the basis for all our present religions. My site will cover many of the things I have to talk about, but basically- The ancients studied nature. They believed it proved God in nature. That process became the religion of Isis and Osiris.

## 8: The Dark Side Of Spirituality

*Spirituality will inform you of the truth, positive or negative and once you can face that truth in your own life growth will be inevitable! Thanks for reading this article, let me know where you are on your spiritual journey by leaving me a comment below.*

We present you this volume of facts-tests from Spirit Life, given in every part of our country, and approved by those to whom they were given. They are but a few, selected from many thousands we have registered in our diary. The dialogues and discussions occurred just as they are related. We give you facts just as they occurred, and you can prove their correctness by writing to any of the places we refer to. One thing the reader can rely on, and that is, the facts speak for themselves. We are continually giving tests of Spirit presence wherever we go. Wilson at Morrison, Ill. The Angels Came to Our House The Gambler and the Spirits A Dialogue between a Christian and a Spiritualist. Wonder- The Salem Ill. Tests at Racine, Madison and Reedsburgh, Wisconsin A Conversation with Elder Tanner, Mormon Spiritualism in Syracuse, New York -Dr. A Talk with the Spirits An Evening with E. Wilson and the Spirits A Few Facts from Spirit Life Tests at Greenville, Illinois A Wonderful Test at Des Moines Wonderful Phenomena in Portage, Ohio Church and State-Power and Influence of Christianity We Close the Year in Chicago-Philadelphia We leave Harrisburg, Pa. Ward - Lyons, Mich. During her illness, she was frequently at our house, and we had frequent conversations upon the subject of death, the future, and the powers of the soul in the other life. She was a good musical medium, and many is the time we have heard the angels discourse sweet music through her mediumship. She continued failing and wasting away until September, when she gave up and laid down to die. We called on her one day, and when sitting by her side, she said to us: My physicians tell me I cannot live. But, my brother, I am not afraid; death has no terror for me; I shall not sleep in the grave. About ten days subsequently, when standing at my desk writing a business letter, my old and tried friend, John Swain, came to me and said: Page 6 of Soon after the departure of Brother S. We called a council of the spirits, and they determined who should remain in the circle and who not. As our memory serves us now, there were present in the room, Mr. Stewart, brother of the sick woman, E. Wilson, and one or two others. We were ordered to clear the room of all but those named, to set in the circle. Soon there came many loud and continuous raps, with shaking of the table; then the tumbler began a rotary oscillating motion, frequently striking heavy raps upon the table. The pitcher was taken from the table and tipped over the tumbler until the glass was filled half full of water. The glass continued shaking and oscillating for ten or fifteen minutes in a violent manner, throwing some of the water out on the table. Then the motion moderated down to a gentle rotary oscillating one, and all this without contact of human hands. Then came to the rim of the tumbler small globules of light, some sparkling like diamonds, some blue, some white, others red and yellow. These continued to come and drop into the water in the tumbler. Sometimes we could hear a slight noise such as might be made by dropping a small spark of fire into water. Soon there came a very strong but pleasant aroma, filling Page 7 of the whole room; this continued full twenty minutes. We were then ordered to fill the room with light, which was done, and we found in the glass a little over a gill of liquid of the color of pale brandy and as heavy as castor oil, and of a sharp, pungent smell, peculiar and undesirable, with a biting taste like potash or alkali. The spirit then said: The reader will bear in mind that the medical faculty had given this woman up as incurable. She had been confined to her room, and had to be brought down by her friends to attend the circle. She failed rapidly, and soon was unable to be about. Our minister thinks it wrong to take the medicine. The evening before we left, we called on our sick sister, and she promised us faithfully that if she passed away before our return, that she would come to us and let us know of the fact. Page 8 of On the 30th of December, , we left for Cincinnati, Chicago and other Western cities, returning February 27th, Our first call was upon our sick sister, Charlotte Stewart. We found her alive, not able to speak aloud - only in a whisper - or to raise her hand to her head. She told us that the angels were with her continually and that she could hear them talk and see them. We asked her if she was afraid to go into the unknown land? One afternoon, in March, we called on her and found her as she had been for several days past, gradually failing, with the prospect for the next ten days as it had been for the past ten days. On that evening, we had a good

deal of writing to do, and continued at it until late into the night. In the evening, at a late hour, we heard raps on our desk, faint but distinct. We listened, and they were repeated. We have no friend that has died today. We asked the spirit to rap out the exact time of death; and then was rapped out 9. On and on we wrote until late into the night, and when we were done, we arose and started for bed. The raps came again, passed through the house with us to our room. We questioned them a little more, but with no satisfactory result, and retired. After we were in bed, the raps came clear and distinct upon the head board of the bed. At that moment, we for the first time thought of Charlotte Stewart, and following the thought came a shower of raps. I startled, lost in wonder, for we were young in the knowledge of Spiritualism; we were silent, and the raps continued. Reader, we cannot describe our feelings. Suffice it to say that we were out of bed instantly, and slept none that night. Are we not surrounded by ministering spirits? We are for reform, consequently intend to continue to be a thorough reformer through this life, and in the other life, too, so long as we have the power to think. We are in favor of universal suffrage without distinction of color or sex, based on educational qualification. First - That in , November election, every person above eighteen years of age, out of jail, who could read understandingly, and write their name legibly, should be entitled to the right of suffrage without reference to sex or color, for within three years, every person in the United States can learn to read and write. Second - Thereafter, no person or persons should vote or exercise the divine right of suffrage, who could not converse in English sufficiently well, to be understood in the common-place affairs of life. Third - Brain intelligence, not property, should be the true standard of suffrage. Page 11 of Fourth -All officers should be elected by the people at regular annual elections held for that purpose - from the President to the post-master, including the judges of every court in the land. In fact, every civil office, or office of trust, should be elected by a majority vote of the lawful voters in the district, where such an office may be required. Fifth - The abrogation of the Electoral College and Grand Jury are necessary for the well-being of the Republic, and the prosperity of true Republican principles. Let the people elect every officer in the Union, by a fair majority vote. Sixth - In every case of jury-trials, a majority vote should determine the case, whether civil or criminal. Seventh - In every case where woman is on trial for life or liberty, let her elect to be tried before a court whose judge and jury are women. Let her have a woman to plead her case, and if imprisoned, let the wardens of the prison be women. Eighth - Make woman eligible to any office in the gift of the people. Let her occupy the holy place of office from the President to the post-master. Cady Stanton would make a better senator than Chandler or Harlan. Freedom of speech, freedom of thought, freedom of the press, and the right to worship God after the dictates of the soul in its individual nature, is the just fruit of Republican principles. Let us have freedom to do the right - not license to do the wrong. We recognize no law as obligatory and binding on us that deprives our sister woman of privileges that we enjoy. Then let us have universal suffrage. Questions enough for one Chapter, is it not, dear readers? The church says that we are the Devil. Ministers teach it, and thousands believe it, and we have been told to our face that we had a devil. Well, one day when we were alone, we felt a little queerish like, having been told a little while before that we were possessed of the evil one; so we thought we would look into the matter a little, and put our senses into use. First - We smelt of ourself, and were actually alarmed, for we smelt sulphur; but when we began to reflect, we remembered that the day before in riding from Buffalo to Rochester, we sat in the same seat with a minister, thus accounting for the smell. Second - We carefully felt of every part of our body, found no extraordinary heat, and we were pleased. Third - We pulled off our boots and examined our feet carefully, and after using our senses according to the best of our ability, we came to the conclusion that we were not a devil.

## 9: Spiritualism - Wikipedia

*As the "spirit of man" enables us to understand the "things of a man," the Spirit of God enables us to understand the things of God—His spiritual truths. God gives His Spirit to us so "that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God" (verse 12).*

Harry Price , Many scientists who investigated the phenomenon also became converts. Stead [25] and physician and author Arthur Conan Doyle Founded in London in , its focus was the scientific study of alleged paranormal activities in order to prove or refute the existence of paranormal phenomena. Barrett , and Harry Price. The society set up a Committee on Haunted Houses. Maskelyne exposed the Davenport brothers by appearing in the audience during their shows and explaining how the trick was done. Houdini exposed the tricks of "mediums". During the s, professional magician Harry Houdini undertook a well-publicised campaign to expose fraudulent mediums; he was adamant that "Up to the present time everything that I have investigated has been the result of deluded brains. After that date, no further communication from him was received by an associate whom he had recruited for the purpose. Middle-class Chicago women discuss spiritualism Spiritualism was mainly a middle- and upper-class movement, and especially popular with women. In founding camp meetings , the spiritualists appropriated a form developed by U. Protestant denominations in the early nineteenth century. Spiritualist camp meetings were located most densely in New England, but were also established across the upper Midwest. Cassadaga, Florida , is the most notable spiritualist camp meeting in the southern states. By , there were about three dozen monthly spiritualist periodicals published around the world. Some, such as the British Spiritual Magazine were Christian and conservative, openly rejecting the reform currents so strong within spiritualism. Others, such as Human Nature, were pointedly non-Christian and supportive of socialism and reform efforts. Still others, such as the Spiritualist, attempted to view spiritualist phenomena from a scientific perspective, eschewing discussion on both theological and reform issues. Many families, "having no faith in ghosts", thereafter moved into the house, but all soon moved out again. Such books were often based on excursions initiated by the use of Ouija boards. A few of these popular books displayed unorganized spiritualism, though most were less insightful. Organisation was therefore slow to appear, and when it did it was resisted by mediums and trance lecturers. Most members were content to attend Christian churches, and particularly universalist churches harbored many spiritualists. As the spiritualism movement began to fade, partly through the publicity of fraud accusations and partly through the appeal of religious movements such as Christian science , the Spiritualist Church was organised. This church can claim to be the main vestige of the movement left today in the United States. Spirits and Their Work in Every Country of the Earth, and her Modern American Spiritualism, a detailed account of claims and investigations of mediumship beginning with the earliest days of the movement. William Stainton Moses [92] was an Anglican clergyman who, in the period from to , filled 24 notebooks with automatic writing, much of which was said to describe conditions in the spirit world. However, Frank Podmore was skeptical of his alleged ability to communicate with spirits and Joseph McCabe described Moses as a "deliberate impostor", suggesting his apports and all of his feats were the result of trickery. Palladino was said by believers to perform spiritualist phenomena in the dark: On investigation, all these things were found to be products of trickery. All of his feats were exposed as tricks. Bangs and Elizabeth "Lizzie" Snow Bangs , were two spiritualist mediums based in Chicago, who made a career out of painting the dead or "Spirit Portraits". The hand was later exposed as a trick when biologists found it to be made from a piece of carved animal liver. Broadly speaking the concept of evolution fitted the spiritualist thought of the progressive development of humanity. At the same time however, the belief in the animal origins of humanity threatened the foundation of the immortality of the spirit , for if humans had not been created by God, it was scarcely plausible that they would be specially endowed with spirits. This led to spiritualists embracing spiritual evolution. Spiritualism taught that after death spirits progressed to spiritual states in new spheres of existence. According to spiritualists evolution occurred in the spirit world "at a rate more rapid and under conditions more favourable to growth" than encountered on earth. Hopps claimed humans were not fallen but

rising creatures and that after death they would evolve on a number of spheres of existence to perfection. Theosophy teaches a metaphysical theory of evolution mixed with human devolution. Spiritualists do not accept the devolution of the theosophists. To theosophy humanity starts in a state of perfection see Golden age and falls into a process of progressive materialization devolution , developing the mind and losing the spiritual consciousness. After the gathering of experience and growth through repeated reincarnations humanity will regain the original spiritual state, which is now one of self-conscious perfection. Theosophy and spiritualism were both very popular metaphysical schools of thought especially in the early 20th century and thus were always clashing in their different beliefs. Madame Blavatsky was critical of spiritualism; she distanced theosophy from spiritualism as far as she could and allied herself with eastern occultism. For while this ascent on the physical side has been progressing through myriads of ages, the Divine descent has also been going on—man being spiritually an incarnation from the Divine as well as a human development from the animal creation. The cause of the development is spiritual. He can not go lower than the dust of the earth for the matter of life; and for us, the main interest of our origin must lie in the spiritual domain. Gerald Massey said "Spiritualism will accept evolution, and carry it out and make both ends meet in the perfect circle". Scott , she dismissed evolution in her lectures and instead supported a type of pantheistic spiritualism. Wallace attributed these novelties to a supernatural agency. Wallace believed natural selection could not explain intelligence or morality in the human being so suggested that non-material spiritual forces accounted for these. Wallace believed the spiritual nature of humanity could not have come about by natural selection alone, the origins of the spiritual nature must originate "in the unseen universe of spirit".

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