

beyond dogma, creed, ceremony and ritual. Truth does not reside in any religion yet it may be found in one. Truth does not reside in any group or society or creed and yet it may be found there. Truth does not reside exclusively in any individual and yet it may be found there. Because truth is within."

Spiritualist Society of Burlington



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Welcome to Spiritualist Society of Burlington's "The Message" Newsletter. The Message is designed to complement our existing e-mail publication "Over the Ether" by allowing us to reach those members of our community who are not connected to the Internet or who may not be computer literate.

Healing @ SSB

Healing is available, by appointment, on the second and fourth Monday of each month. Appointments are available between 6.30 pm & 8.30 pm on a first come, first served basis.

September Dates:

13th September
27th September

October Dates:

11th October
25th October

For an appointment, contact MaryAnn Leonard: 905 332 9934

Who's On ...

September 2010

5th Rev. James Kinnear
12th Jana Hefferman
19th Carolyn Molnar & Ben Gleisser
26th David Jones

October 2010

3rd Rev. James Kinnear
10th Peter Hatcher
17th Dennis Cooper
24th Thought Exchange
31st Rev. Doug Eyre
Pre-service music concert with Doug & TC from 10:30-11:00

Calling Future Platform Workers

Following on from the success of our recent *Moving Forward with Spirit* workshop, we are holding a *Future Platform Workers* event at 1.00 pm on October 3rd following the divine service. This event is designed to give recent workshop participants an opportunity to further develop their confidence and skills as future platform workers in areas of mediumship, inspired speaking and delivering prayers, and to help solidify their awareness and connection with the spirit world.

The *Future Platform Workers* will independently deliver their message(s), inspired address or prayer under typical divine service conditions. If you want to take that next step toward working on the platform, contact Jim or TC and register your interest and let them know whether you will be delivering messages, an inspired address or a prayer.

Anyone else wishing to attend to support our future workers; please feel free to join us.

Have Your Say ...

The Message aims to keep everyone informed and perhaps educate in a way that is accessible and easy to understand. So, if you have any ideas as to what you may like to see included, please let us know.

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Feature Article

The Seven Principles Explained – The Brotherhood of Man

Scientific research has shown that mankind, as we know it, originated many thousands of years ago in Africa and that small families, and groups, migrated throughout the Earth, eventually evolving into the varied races and societies that exist today. Therefore, all human beings, having originated from the same human family, share the attributes, feelings and emotions that define us as the species we are. Thus we can draw a parallel between the existence of a spiritual brotherhood and the existence of a physical brotherhood.

This idea is further reinforced by considering the idea of God as father/mother, and accepting that humankind is the child of God, we can draw no other conclusion that the Brotherhood of Man is a reality in the here and now, and not just an ideology or aspiration for the distant future.

In accepting the idea of brotherhood, we should walk the spiritual journey of life together and promote love, tolerance and understanding among men. God loves each of us exactly as we are, with all our faults and imperfections. Why, then, should we not equally love our brothers and accept their faults and imperfections?

The Brotherhood of Man should be based on love of humanity, together with tolerance of all those who experience the physical human existence. Tolerance is one of the most powerful aspects of life insofar as we do not need to love a fellow human being in order to respect the way he lives his life or the path he treads. We should also remember that he also has the right to reach his goal and express his own understanding, even if it is different from our own.

The diversity of the world is exciting and challenging and presents us with all we require in order to progress physically as well as spiritually. If we accept that mankind comes from one source, God, then there must be a link between or brothers and ourselves. Our love for our brothers should be inclusive of all peoples with no exceptions or omissions and should be a true reflection of the love we receive from our Father/Mother, the Great Spirit.

Upcoming Events

October 2010

3rd Future Platform Workers event
1.00pm following divine service

*Extract from The Philosophy of SNU
Spiritualism 2007*

Rescued – By David Jones

In midsummer when I was 18 years old, a friend and I went for a holiday to Manitoulin Island. One day we borrowed a motorboat from a friend and started out from the shore. We had some trouble getting the motor started and didn't pay attention to the fact that the boat was drifting out on the lake. Finally we realized that we had drifted far from shore. Since the motor had not started we decided to get the oars and row back.

Just then a terrible storm blew in with the sky becoming dark and the waves very high. We were alarmed as the boat began to rock and we were drifting farther from shore. We found the oars but they looked as if they had been "chewed off" for they were quite stubby. Even with good oars I doubt that we could have rowed back because the water was getting very rough.

We did not know what to do as we realized that the motor was not going to start and the shore was only a line on the horizon. We could not see people on the shore, but we knew that they were there.

My friend took off his white T-shirt and started to wave it in the air hoping that someone would see it. I suggested that he put his shirt on one of the oars and wave it back and forth.

Sitting there in the badly rocking boat, I prayed that God would deliver us from the trouble and send someone to come to our rescue. It was not long before a fairly large motorboat came through the turbulent waves toward us and the two men in the boat tossed us a line and towed us to shore.

When we were safely ashore, one of the men said it was very strange that he had spotted us. He had a cottage near the shore and said he suddenly got a strange feeling that he should take his binoculars and look out onto the lake. He saw my friend's white T-shirt waving back and forth on the oar. I feel very strongly it was Spirit that moved him to look and then to come to our rescue. I found out later that my friend had also been praying.

I believe in the power of prayer. It is something we must never forget. When help is needed we should pray that God will deliver us. I believe God will.

Words from Beyond

White Feather speaks about Truth:

"I have said so often in the past that when one comes into an understanding it goes beyond belief, because one knows with every pore of one's being, with every cell, with every facet, with every fragment, that it is correct. Nothing can dissuade you otherwise. This is not arrogance.

This is not placing oneself above others it is simply a recognition of that which is, because it lies within the heart of the being. For that is ultimately where

Truth resides. You may find it outside of the self but ultimately it forms a harmony with that which resides within. Where you have this harmonization, where you have synchronicity, there it is that the recognition, the fact that what you are sensing, what you are thinking, what you are experiencing is truth and goes beyond words, beyond books,