

There is much more that I could say to you but I don't want to take up any more of your valuable time. Let me just say before I start, there are many souls in this your temple tonight. Many souls. Not just those who sit upon these seats, but many from my world who have gathered here. Who number over a thousand and who come to join with you to listen, to enjoy and to understand the wondrous power of the spirit as it seeks to flow into your world, bringing all the richness and beneficence that it has to offer."

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.

October Dates:

11th October
25th October

November Dates:

8th November
22nd November

For an appointment, contact MaryAnn Leonard on: 905 332 9934

Who's On ...

October 2010

3rd Rev. James Kinnear
10th Peter Hatcher
17th Dennis Cooper
24th Thought Exchange
31st Rev. Doug Eyre

November 2010

7th TBA
14th David Jones
21st TC Kendall & Rev. James Kinnear
28th Rev Patti Tomczyk

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.

Future Platform Workers

On October 3rd we are holding a Future Platform Workers event where those aiming to work on the platform will be given an opportunity to develop their skills in a real-world environment.

We have had a great response and we have a full slate of volunteers eager to tread the boards and pass-on communication to those in the congregation.

If you would like to come along and support our future platform workers, please stay behind after the divine service and fellowship on Sunday 3rd.

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Feature Article

The Seven Principles Explained – The Communion of Spirits and the Ministry of Angels

The Third Principle of Spiritualism upholds the human experience of linking with individual spirits and higher beings and affirms that we can both commune and communicate with them. The communion of spirits is an acknowledgement of the fact that communication with a world beyond our earthly world is possible. The word communion means sharing, especially thoughts, feelings and fellowship. In accepting the idea of sharing thoughts and feelings we can expand this to include the manner in which we share, that is, by the exchange of information. It is this aspect of communion that applies to communication between individual spirits. Spirit communicators are spiritual beings who do not have a physical body, and we on earth are spiritual beings who do have physical bodies. Nevertheless, we, and they, are all spirit so the communion of spirits is a true union of spiritual beings.

The primary function of ministering angels is to honour and serve God, but they also have a secondary role in which they act as His emissaries to mankind. They fulfill this role by giving protection, support and encouragement to human beings on their journey through life. These messengers of God are bringers of love and wisdom and they convey to us a greater understanding of our own spiritual nature and the spiritual universe. Although angelic intervention is for our benefit, it does not interfere with the responsibility we have to conduct our lives in accordance with our conscience.

Extract from The Philosophy of SNU Spiritualism 2007

Upcoming Events

October 2010

3rd Future Platform Workers -
following divine service

10th Thanksgiving Bake Sale

December 2010

5th Christmas Bake Sale

12th Christmas Bake Sale

19th Candlelight Service

From the Platform – By Peter Hatcher

Enlightenment often comes to us when we least expect it, everyone has probably experienced something like it, but we probably wouldn't call it that.

Part of the problem is that the term enlightenment has been hijacked to describe profoundly religious experiences that mere mortals like us could never really hope to achieve. But in truth, enlightenment can cover a whole spectrum of experiences from what we would term mundane to the powerfully religious, and each of them are equally profound in their own right.

When we are enlightened, we start to function on a higher level of understanding, or perhaps a higher level of energy, we have more clarity in our thoughts and are more aware of what's going on around us.

Enlightenment isn't a destination. We don't achieve it and suddenly find ourselves to be all knowing and in touch with everything there is.

Enlightenment is actually the threshold to that new level of understanding, a new way of looking at things. It is like a landing on a staircase. When we reach it we are able to pause to realize that we have made progress and can rest if we wish, but it also allows us to continue on.

Once we cross that threshold of enlightenment, we look at things in a different way. We understand. We know. And the interesting thing is that once we achieve it, we cannot go back and see things in the old way.

Enlightenment is simply a choice we can choose to make. We can decide to be enlightened anytime we want, but we often hold on to the familiar fears and distrust to which we have become accustomed.

Words from Beyond

White Feather speaks about Service:

"Service as you know, comes in many forms. People think that to give service of the spirit you must be a great healer or a great clairvoyant or a great orator, you must stand upon the platform or have books published or articles written about you.

The great soul can work in the field, upon the street, within the quiet sanctuary, unnoticed, unheard, unseen by many eyes and yet that soul touches other souls. It reaches minds, it touches hearts and that is the greatest gift of service. It is service that is the passport of the spirit. It is service that is the coin of the soul with which you tarry. It is service that equips you with the means to move onwards and to reach out into the great spiritual realms wherein lie all the gifts that the spirit has to offer.