

This month, we remember ...

- Cyril Dee grandfather of Frances Hatcher and Anne Lenoir who passed to spirit in March 1977.
- May & Dan Pettit parents of Tony Pettit who passed to the spirit world on March 3rd 1982 (May) & March 23rd 1988 (Dan).

Trance Healing @ SSB

Trance Healing is available, by appointment, on the third Monday of each month. Appointments are available between 6.30 pm & 8.30 pm.

March Date: 19th

April Date: 16th

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

Who's On ...

March 2012

- 4th TC Kendall & Rev. James Kinnear
11th Dennis Cooper & Jana Hefferman
18th Heather Bortolussi
25th Brenda Ropp

April 2012

- 1st Sandra McFadden
8th Addariah Susan Waugh
15th Carolyn Molnar & Ben Gleisser
22nd Rev. Patti Tomczyk
29th Rev.'s Sharon & John Golsby

Upcoming Events

- Monday, March 26th – *Let's Talk Spiritualism* discussion group @ 7.30 pm
- Saturday, March 31st – *Sensing and Seeing Spirit workshop* with Sandra McFadden.
- Monday, April 2nd – *Sensing and Seeing Spirit workshop* with Sandra McFadden.
- Wednesday, April 4th – An Evening of Mediumship with Sandra McFadden.
- April 6th & 7th – *Reaching Further workshop* with Sandra McFadden.
- Private readings with Sandra are available on April 3, 4, 5

The Message

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Let's Talk Spiritualism

Let's Talk Spiritualism is a new program we are starting in March where we can come together on the 4th Monday of every month and discuss different aspects of Spiritualism. It is not a lecture series, mediumship workshop or series of Addresses, but rather an open discussion forum that looks at specific aspects of Spiritualism as well as answering questions raised by those attending. The sessions will take many forms and the discussions will be structured and guided.

Let's Talk Spiritualism is a great opportunity to look at Spiritualism in a different way, to perhaps gain an understanding that may not be readily available in books or divine services. The flexibility of the program will also allow the participants to steer the direction of the discussions to cover the areas that interest them the most. There is no guarantee that the answers that the participants seek will be easily discovered, but they will certainly be exposed to different points-of-view and different perspectives.

All that's required to attend is some free time and an open mind. Our first session will be at SSB on March 26th starting at 7.30 pm. Feel free to join us. There's no mandatory fee, although donations are always welcome. So, why not come along and *Let's Talk Spiritualism*

*Everything in your life is there as a vehicle for your transformation.
Use it!*

Ram Dass



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Spheres of the Spirit World – Part 2

In this second part of our series on the spheres in the spirit world, we look at the individual spheres in more detail.

First Sphere

The first sphere is closest to earth; it is natural and is not celestial or spiritual. Some have called this sphere hell. Everything here is imperfect, disorder reigns, and there is very little light. The dark and gloomy surroundings conform to the undeveloped conditions. It is said that the land is barren, with no flowers or trees. Many people congregate in cities and live as they did on earth. Some spirits may have houses, but they are poorly constructed and neglected with the dwellings corresponding to the mental status of the owner.

Those people who were evil and sinful on earth are no different when they arrive in the spirit world, and they gravitate to where there are others with similar undeveloped natures. They often fight, and reenact scenes of the earth and because they are ignorant and without aspiration, they often experience mental pain and suffering. Earthbound spirits retain their earthly passions and propensities, and find it difficult to build up their spirit bodies.

There are no children in this sphere. The types of individual that are found here typically include murderers and those who have only revenge in their hearts. It is also suggested that people who will not let the truth penetrate their hearts can also be found here.

Many of those in this sphere are still attracted to earth. They still have affections and affinities for those they left behind. Since they made little progress in their development on earth, they still have to learn what should have been learned while there. Those who are earthbound still have cravings, but have no power to gratify them.

Spirits can remain in this sphere for years. Many feel at home and are satisfied with their condition. If they realize the enormity of what they did on earth, their stay may only be short. Many spend time in a deep sleep, and others are not aware of where they are or what to do. It is always possible to move on to another sphere when the desire is there and they are lovingly encouraged by higher spirits to reflect on their position and what brought them there. In addition to the spirits helping in the first sphere, those of us who remain on earth can help the spirits in the first sphere progress by praying for them.

Second Sphere

The atmosphere in the second sphere is more rarefied and ethereal than on the first sphere. The second sphere, or Spiritual Sphere, resembles our physical world, but is more perfect in beauty and harmony; it is divided into three societies of love, will, and wisdom.

Love, and is where infants and uncultivated spirits in various stages of development become perfected and educated in the truth and beauty of nature. Will is the second society, and this is for those who become highly instructed in the principles and truths of divine mind. The third order is made up of the most enlightened spirits, who are highly illuminated with wisdom. There is perfect unity among these three societies, and mutual dependence on each other.

The second sphere is the most populous of all the spheres, because it has spirits coming to it in greater numbers than there are spirits progressing from it to higher spheres. Hence, it has a greater variety of sub-planes than any of the other spheres, and is filled with a greater variety and kind of spirits than are any of these higher spheres.

In the Second Sphere appearances are brighter, and many opportunities are afforded the spirit to seek and obtain happiness. Many spirits find great happiness in pursuing their intellectual studies and things of this kind, and in obtaining knowledge of the laws of the spirit world that govern its material nature.

When a spirit has progressed enough for them to proceed to next higher sphere, they are never prevented from doing so. The time they take to progress is entirely based on by their condition. Some spirits may go through these planes in less than a year, whereas others may take many years. Spirits in the second sphere cannot drop back into the first, they can only move up and grow.

*Extract from: The Spirit World: Descriptions by
Early Spiritualists by Barbara N. Starr*

Food For Thought ...

True intelligence operates silently. Stillness is where creativity and solutions to problems are found.

Eckhart Tolle