

This month, we remember ...

- Jack Pettitt, father of Shirley Paterson, who passed to spirit on May 13, 1996.
- Ann Pettitt, mother of Shirley Paterson, who passed to spirit on May 20, 2008.

Healing @ SSB

Healing is available, by appointment, on the third Monday of each month (except for holidays). Appointments are available between 6.30 pm & 8.30 pm.

May Date: 14th (The 3rd Monday of May is a holiday)

June Date: 18th

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

Who's On ...

May 2012

6th Jana Hefferman
13th Rev. James Kinnear
20th Victor Abbott
27th Rev. Doug Eyre

June 2012

3rd Owen Ryan & David Singh
10th David Jones
17th Thought Exchange hosted by Rev. James Kinnear
24th Rev. Vera Molinaro

Upcoming Events

May 2012

28th Let's Talk Spiritualism starting at 7.30 pm. *Discussion Topic: Guides and Teachers.*

June 2012

20th 7:00 *An Evening of Mediumship* with Eamon Seix & Claire Ziritt, Belfast Ireland. Advanced tickets: \$15 each.

25th Let's Talk Spiritualism starting at 7.30 pm



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The Message

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The Journey

This life is just a place we walk
Where other souls we meet
Some carry precious love within
That no darkness can delete

I will never lose the path of Love
Not matter how dark the night
For you are always there with me
To guide me with your light

These bodies that we wear like clothes
Will someday be worn out
Then we will walk in a better world
Of that there is no doubt

I will see you then as I see you now
As a soul that's truly blessed
And of all the souls I ever knew
Yours truly is the best

Love gives life true meaning
Not measured by the years
And when this journey ends my friend
I will honour yours with tears

H. W. Hodgetts

"You are today where your thoughts have brought you; you will be tomorrow where your thoughts take you."

James Allen

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Spheres of the Spirit World – Part 4

In this fourth and final part of our series on the spheres in the spirit world, we start to look at the realms beyond the fifth sphere. The descriptions of the higher realms are hard accurately portray because we have no words, or experiences with which to compare. The feeling of love and completeness that permeates these words is simply beyond words. It has been suggested that when we experience the heights of joy and ecstasy here on earth, it is but the faintest shadow of the feelings that are experienced there.

Sixth Sphere

The sixth sphere is even more perfect than the others. It has been suggested that the sixth and seventh spheres comeingle with the intensely spiritual elements, but there is still objective light. There are circles with brilliant light, houses in groups, and food that is ethereal and nutritious to the spiritual body. There are spiritual mansions for fellowship and churches for spiritual culture. There are large colleges for the spiritual development of minds and preparing teachers for earth.

Seventh Sphere

The seventh sphere is perfection. There are no fixed habitations here, food comes from the elements, and clothing is ethereal and shining white. Spirit bodies are transparent. There is great joy and love, and everyone lives together in one great family. Communication is by thought and looks. Visiting is by thought and will, and those here can descend to other spheres and to earth to teach.

Beyond the Seventh Sphere

From the seventh sphere, a spirit progresses to the interstellar and intersolar spheres where there are more universal occupations and interests. Not much definite is known about these spheres, since no known spirit communication has originated from here. What has been communicated from spirits on lower levels is hampered by limitations of language and the imagery on earth. There are no words to describe the colors, music, landscape, and architecture. Those here are of the highest development and wisdom, and always calm and ready to help.

Conclusion

The early Spiritualist writers agree that the spirit world is composed of various spheres, planes, or levels. The number most mentioned is seven, although some writers feel that there are more and we simply do not know of them since no one has communicated from those levels. The Spiritualists' viewpoint of spheres comes primarily from the writings of Emanuel Swedenborg and Andrew Jackson Davis, and other spirit communications add details to their concepts.

The spheres are mostly seen to be merging into each other with different levels of vibrational energy, with the lowest level in the first sphere. The amount of light, physical surroundings, clothing, food, and occupations all vary depending on the sphere. Descriptions by some who have had near death experiences agree with the concept of different levels in the spirit world. Individual perceptions provide varying descriptions, whether they are from personal experience, as in a near death experience, or received from spirit communication.

What is continually reinforced throughout the teachings is that we will all achieve the growth that will allow us to experience these higher realms. To fully understand and appreciate the environments that are described, we have to put aside comparisons we try to draw with our earthly environment. We are each of us worthy and deserving of the experiences offered in those spiritual realms, there is room for all and everyone has a place. There are no entrance examinations that we pass or fail. We each of us move seamlessly into the situation that perfectly suits our skills and level of understanding. We each progress at the rate we are most comfortable with because there are no constraints or deadlines, and with the help of our teachers and guides, it is left entirely up to us to decide on the path we take

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

Food for Thought ...

"We are disturbed not by what happens to us, but by our thoughts about what happens."

Epictetus