



# Yours Fraternally

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# Editorial

Once again hello and welcome to another edition of Yours Fraternally.

As many of you already know we sent out the pdf email version of the YF to those members we had email addresses for. As a result we have had quite a few members opting to have the email full colour version from now on. Not all of you would have received the email version and I can only apologise for this but we did discover that a lot of the email addresses turned out to be either incorrect, out of date, or no longer in use. Can we please respectfully ask that you all update the Membership Secretary with your current email address, we will then be able to send you a courtesy email version of the YF for your perusal thank you.

There is a lot going on this year with the YF as we have three gatherings taking place starting with Canada the first week in May, then Switzerland in September followed by Eastbourne in November.

Only a few weeks left till our fraternal week in Canada, if you are intending on going and haven't booked in it's not too late to make that booking. The programme is looking very exciting and I for one am looking forward to attending and hope to see many of you there.

*Coral*

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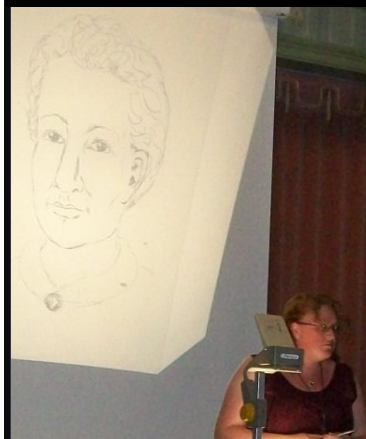
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*Love & Light*

*Coral & Nicky*

Coral Ryder



### Special points of interest:

- Convention week in Canada
- Blast from the past
- Switzerland
- Eastbourne

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Please note: The editorial team reserve the right to edit or shorten any pieces submitted for the magazine.



## From our **President**

Dear All,

As I write this arrangements for Canada are being finalized despite the lower bookings. I am looking forward to meeting up with those who are attending and the joining together of like-minds. My thanks go to the Committee members who have worked so hard to make this week possible. Special thanks to our Treasurer who has had to re-negotiate our terms with the venue making it possible for the week to go ahead.

For those who cannot attend Canada please see the website as the ISF is holding a weekend in Switzerland and also a weekend in Eastbourne this year. The booking forms are in this issue of Yours Fraternally and also on the website.

It is with regret that I advise you that John Alexander has resigned from the Committee as IMR. Thank you for the work that you did John and we wish you well on your pathway. The person with the next highest vote for the position of IMR (as per our Bye-Laws) was Linda Chiles of the USA. Linda was approached by the General Secretary and agreed to take on the role until the next BGM. Welcome back to the Committee Linda and we look forward to seeing you in Canada.

This year seems to be passing by quickly and so many things are happening in our world at this time. I ask each and every one of you to send out love and healing to all those in need. Our combined efforts will help far more than we can realise.

May you all walk in peace, love and harmony with all souls.

Love and Light

*Ann Luck*

President

## General Secretary



Dear all,

"It is with regret that John Alexander has resigned his position of IMR and in accordance with our Bye Laws, we welcome back Linda Chiles who received the next highest number of votes at the BGM 2010. Linda will hold this position until the next BGM 2012 and wish John every success on his future pathway"

*Sue Willison*  
General Secretary



## Members Secretary

Dear fellow members

Once again we come to the time of year when we are due to renew our membership of the I.S.F. as you all will know membership is due on the first of April every year. I hope that you all will decide to continue your I.S.F. membership as each and every one of you would be missed if you decided to leave us. When sending me your membership forms could you please keep me updated with your present address, phone number and email. I recently discovered that at least 40 to 50% of the email addresses I have are out of date or incorrect and if we are to send you a sample email copy of the Y.F we do need the up to date information from you.

I wish to give my sincere thanks to those of you who have been sending healing to my husband Jim during his recent ill health, Jim is at home now and Doctors have said that he is stable at the moment but I doubt that he will be able to travel very far to join us on our weeks any more.

Love and Light to each and every one of you.

*Ann Robson* (Membership Secretary)



## Distant Healing

*“I am one with my group brothers, and all that I have is theirs. May the love which is in my soul pour forth to them. May the strength which is in me lift and aid them. May the thoughts which my soul creates reach and encourage them and may the dear healing guides bring healing to them in their need.”*

The ISF invites you to place these friends on your distant healing lists

### **Standing list:**

Should you wish to add any name(s) to the foregoing standing list, obtain that person's agreement to be listed and then notify the Editor. Should you wish your name (or someone else's name which you previously added to the list) to be removed, please advise the Editor, preferably with advice as to any cure which may have been effected.

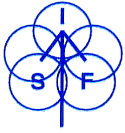
Otherwise, names will remain on the request for distant healing list for a period of one year and then be removed unless advice is received of a continuing need.

David Bertucci, USA  
Tova Levi, Israel  
Malcolm Voss, UK  
Pat Wilkinson, Guernsey  
Mickie Aurbach, USA  
Erika Einöder, Austria  
Marion Williams, UK  
Eugen Grimm, Switzerland  
Judy K, UK

Orit Houlli, UK  
Sara B.Y, Israel  
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Maria Jacks, S. Africa  
Matthew Black, Australia  
Sophie McColl, Australia  
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James Robson, UK  
Alan Goodman, UK

Christine Goodman, UK  
Heidi Dorn & son, Germany  
Kay Reubens, UK  
C Ryder, UK  
G Lavender, UK  
Joan Walton, UK

There is so much going on in the world at this moment in time and so much pain and suffering, the people in Japan from the earthquake, tsunami and the nuclear disaster. Those in war torn countries, those fighting for freedom, those in need of food, water and medicines etc. Can you all please add to your healing lists all those in the world in need at this time and may our combined healing thoughts and prayers make a positive difference to this world and all those within it.



# THE INTERNATIONAL SPIRITUALIST FEDERATION

Fraternal Week – Convention

**Sunday 1 May – Sunday 8 May 2011**

Come and join Spiritualists from around the world at our ISF Fraternal Week - Convention.

**YMCA Geneva Park, 6604 Rama Road, RR#6, Orillia, Ontario L3V 6H6, Canada**



**Location** Built on a peninsula on Lake Couchiching, YMCA Geneva Park offers a rare combination of extraordinary natural surroundings and proximity to urban amenities. Our training and conference centre is only 90 minutes from Toronto, but it's a lifetime away from the stress of daily life. Enjoy the splendour of the day's end from Sunset Rock, or explore our shoreline, maple bush, or marsh, on one or all of our 4 walking and fitness trails.

**Accommodation** From the fieldstone fireplace in our lakeside cottage, to our efficiency suites and deluxe rooms, we offer accommodation to suit almost any group at any price range. We have single and double rooms, comfortable suites, an executive retreat cottage that accommodates up to 20 guests and rustic student residences. All our rooms and suites are close to the shores of beautiful Lake Couchiching, and many feature lakeside balconies and yes, even windows that open!

**Programme** Lots of activities are being planned for the week, Including Mental, Physical and Trance Mediumship, Healing, Psychic Art, Tai Chi, Meditation, Lectures & Workshops and Evening Demonstrations by Guest Mediums, Tutors & Students.

**Transport** The nearest airport is Pearson International Airport in Toronto. Simcoe County Airport Services offer transport to Geneva Park. Bookings can be made on their web site: <http://www.simcoecountyairportservice.ca> or telephone: +1-800-461-7529 or +1-705-728-1148. **Please inform** them you are with the ISF and they will group people arriving at the same time together to save on costs. See group D for prices on web site. Important to **please remember** to book transport from the airport at least 3 days before you arrive.

You come as a stranger and leave as a friend. Non-Members & Day Visitors are most welcome.

**Important please note: it is being held from Sunday to Sunday, 1st to 8th May 2011**

Look for registration forms on our web site: [www.theisf.com](http://www.theisf.com) or in YF Magazine

**ISF Bookings**

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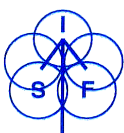
**Bacup, Lancs,**

**OL13 9PP (UK)**

**Email: [president@theisf.com](mailto:president@theisf.com)**

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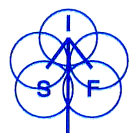
**Cost for members is £825 and non members £885. Single supplement £100 extra  
Day visitor rate \$40 Canadian includes Lunch**



**Please note there are no bar facilities on site**

**Take a tour of the area**

**[http://www.ymcaofsimcoemuskoka.ca/geneva\\_park/index.html](http://www.ymcaofsimcoemuskoka.ca/geneva_park/index.html)**



# Fraternat week Convention, CANADA

Only a few weeks until we gather for our Fraternat week in Canada, it's not too late to book in if you wish to attend. The Convention this year is being held at the YMCA Geneva Park, 6604 Rama Road, RR#6, Orillia, Ontario L3V 6H6, Canada. Don't forget that if you require transport from the Airport then you need to book it at least 3 days in advance (see flyer), can you please inform Ann Luck **Tel:07554668737** when you have booked it so that she knows who is arriving and when. Please be aware that although check in is from 2pm your rooms will not be available until 4pm.

## Provisional Programme

The amount of groups and Tutors will Depend upon the number of students attending.

### Groups:

#### Morning 9.30am-1pm

1. Trance
1. Trance
1. Mental
1. Mental Basic
1. Healing

#### Afternoon 2.30-4pm

2. Philosophy
2. Trance Healing

#### Afternoon 4.30-6pm

2. Trance (taste of)
2. Shamanic Journeying
2. Psychic /Spirit Art.
2. Mental Mediumship.

### Workshops & Lectures:

#### Afternoon 2.30-4pm

- Public Speaking and Demonstrating
- Psychometry (Photographs; please bring a photo to work with)
- Private Sittings

### Tutors:

- Robin Hodson. U.K.
- Dianne Parker. Australia
- Matthias Gldenstein. Switzerland
- Ann Luck U.K. (if required)
- Graham Connolly. U.S.A.
- Bill Parkins U.K. (Stand by Tutor)
- Al Batten. Canada (Mon & Tuesday)
- Al Batten. Canada (Wed & Friday)
- John Goldingham. New Zealand
- Steve Vogel. USA.
- Coral Ryder. U.K.
- Ann Robson. U.K.

### Tutor/lecturer:

- Dianne Parker. Australia
- John Goldingham. New Zealand
- Eva Gldenstein. Switzerland

Please note: for those who have never attended before it is customary to donate a raffle prize, taking into account that large prizes may be difficult to transport home for those who are flying.

**Our programme may have to be revised at short notice, due to circumstances beyond our control. Any alterations will be announced verbally as well as be displayed upon a prominent notice board.**

YMCA Geneva Park  
*the natural choice*



PLEASE NOTE: you need to be aware that there is no where on site to get lunch unless you have booked it at least one week in advance. The first meal included in the week is the evening meal on Sunday the 1st, we would therefore highly recommend that you either book in for lunch, eat before you arrive or bring something with you to tied you over until dinner time at 6pm.

**Snack and Reception Foods**

(Note: 3 days advance notice is required when ordering snack and reception foods.)

- Muffins \$ .95 each
- Danish \$ 1.45 each
- Brownies \$ 1.95 each
- Bagels and Cream Cheese \$ 1.35 each
- Whole Fruit Bowl (12 Pcs.) \$ 16.00 per bowl
- Cookie Platter (20 cookies) \$ 13.45 per platter
- Yogurt \$ 1.95 per individual cup
  
- International Cheese & Fruit Board  
Selection of imported and Canadian cheese, crackers and fresh seasonal sliced fruit.
  - Small: Serves 10-15 persons \$ 32.00
  - Medium: Serves 25-40 persons \$ 75.00
  - Large: Serves 50-70 persons \$160.00
  
- Fresh Seasonal Sliced Fruit Platter:
  - Small: Serves 10-15 persons \$ 25.00
  - Medium: Serves 25-40 persons \$ 65.00
  - Large: Serves 50-70 persons \$ 125.00
  
- Cruidenté and Dip:
  - Small: Serves 10-15 persons \$ 18.00
  - Medium: Serves 25-40 persons \$ 40.00
  - Large: Serves 50-70 persons \$ 90.00
  
- Jumbo Shrimp Platter with Cocktail Sauce and Marie Rose:  
75 Pieces of Shrimp \$ 150.00
  
- Side of Smoked Salmon - Serves 10-20 persons \$ 125.00  
with Dijon Mayonnaise, Caper Berries, Red Onion, Lemon and Black Bread
  
- Cheese and Sandwich Buffet \$ 9.95 per person  
A variety of sandwiches made with California Wraps, Pita's and Fresh Bread. Plus selections of imported and Canadian Cheese, Crackers, Fresh Seasonal Fruit and Assorted Finger Desserts.
  
- Assorted Sandwiches / Finger Desserts \$ 5.95 per person
  
- Just Finger Desserts: \$ 3.95 per person  
A selection of Tarts, Cream Puffs and Cookies.

In addition to the above a selection of Hot and Cold Hors D'oeuvres are also available for afternoon and evening receptions at a cost of \$19.95 per dozen.

All prices are subject to HST.

# ISF Fraternal Weekend Switzerland

10th - 14th – 18th September 2011



Come September the ISF and the Action-Group for Spiritualist Mediumship (AGSM ) are hosting a joint venture in Switzerland at the Home for Education and Encounters “**HERZBERG**” at CH – 5025 Asp / Aarau, Switzerland.

This venture is set to follow straight on from one to the other, the first event being the AGSM’s 6th meeting for Mediums which runs from the 10th till the 14th of September, this will then be followed on by the ISF’s Fraternal Weekend which runs from the 14th till the 18th of September.

**It is important to note that :** if you wish to attend both the ISF weekend and the Swiss week you will need to send in two separate booking forms and two separate payments. The ISF weekend needs to be paid in Pounds Sterling and cheques should be made out to the ISF , you can also pay by electronic transfer or credit card, please see the ISF booking form for further details on payment.

The Swiss days need to be paid in CHF Swiss Francs, sorry but there is no credit card payments available, you can pay by e-banking, payment order or electronic transfer please see the AGSM booking form for further details on payment.

All booking forms should be filled in and sent to ISF Bookings, Matthias Güldenstein, Wenkenstr. 22, CH-4125 Riehen, Switzerland, email: [matthias@psizentrumbasel.ch](mailto:matthias@psizentrumbasel.ch)

For extra booking forms and to download the provisional programme for Switzerland please visit the ISF website future events page: <http://www.theisf.com/future.php>

## **How to get to Herzberg With public transport:**

**From the railway stations:** Aarau or Frick: Post-Bus nr. 135 Aarau-Staffelegg/Frick-Staffelegg respectively. From Bus stop Staffelegg: Walk 15 minutes or get the Herzberg-Bus (to be ordered in advance).

**By car:** Motorway A1, Exit Aarau-Ost: follow until Aarau, Exit Telli. Go on in direction Basel/Frick through Rombach and Küttigen until shortly before the pass summit “Staffelegg” turn left at the signpost “Herzberg”; after the “Gatter-Hof” turn left again.

Motorway A3, Exit Frick: In direction Aarau through Ueken, Herznach and Densbüren. Very shortly after the “Pashöhe Staffelegg” follow the signpost “Herzberg” to the right and after the “Gatter-Hof” turn left.

There are parking facilities below the main house, Haus Herzberg, CH-



## How to get there by aeroplane

### Arrivals at Zürich-airport

You can get a combined train and bus ticket inside of the airport to "Aarau-Staffelegg". From the airport there are trains to Aarau, sometimes direct, sometimes you have to change trains at Zürich main station ("Hauptbahnhof"). From Aarau you have a Bus (nr 135), which goes to Staffelegg, as described above.

### Arrivals at Basel-Mulhouse Euro-airport

Make sure that you leave the airport through the Swiss exit as there is another exit to France! Just in front of the airport you can get a ticket to "Frick-Staffelegg". You take the Bus nr. 50, which brings you to Basel main railway station. From there you take a train to Frick. There you change to the Bus nr. 135, which brings you to Staffelegg. If you inform the Herzberg office of your time of arrival beforehand, they can fetch you at the Bus station for a small fee.



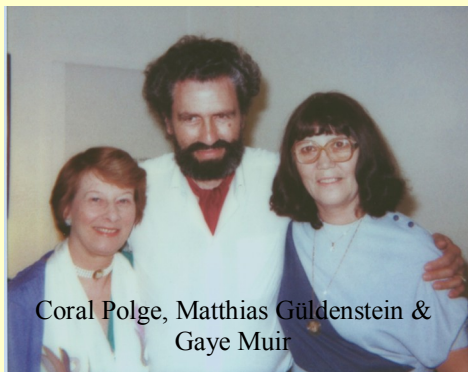
5025 Asp ob Aarau, Tel. +41 62 8781646, info@herzberg.org

## Mediumship in Switzerland

Since the ISF will hold her long fraternal weekend this year together with the Swiss "Action-Group for Spiritualist Mediumship, AGSM" from September 10<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> in the "Home for Education and Encounter HERZBERG", on a Hill not far from the Swiss town "Aarau", it might be of interest to say a few words about mediumship in Switzerland in general and about the

meeting on the "Herzberg" especially.

In the 1920ies there had existed a church of the Greater World in Zurich, and there were other groups interested in mediumship in other parts of Switzerland. But during the wartime it seems as if all interest had gone. There were always single individuals interested in Spiritualism and there were some people apparently channelling spiritual messages from higher realms, but they were rather exclusive groups of believers and had nothing in common with British Spiritualism. In the Zurich "Swiss Parapsychology Society, SPG" there was the late Erich Wunderli who was very interested and knowledgeable about British Spiritualism. He was also a member of the ISF for many years. Also a member of the Zurich society was Prof. Alex Schneider, a physicist who was very interested in parapsychology and got invited to talk about this topic before several groups. To illustrate his lectures he invited British mediums from the SAGB to Switzerland, who demonstrated their skills at Alex's



Coral Polge, Matthias Guldenstein & Gaye Muir

lectures. These mediums were invited to other parapsychology groups in Switzerland also, and that is how I got to know British mediums Gaye Muir, Ivor James and others. In 1968 I had founded the "Basle Parapsychology Association (BPA)" and when I met these mediums in 1972 I was very sceptic

about what they did. Since I am very scientific minded it took me quite some time until I had to accept that in some cases the explanation that there is someone from spirit talking to the medium seemed to make much more sense than the complicated roundabout explanations I would have needed to explain this in the terms of scientific parapsychology.

It was as if Gaye Muir had seen something of this "sensible sensitivity" in me, because it was Gay who made me come to Stansted and to meet all the other mediums who soon became very good friends. Gaye had initiated the interest for mediumship in different places in Switzerland, but our group became a kind of pioneer in inviting British mediums to Switzerland.

Since 1982 we arranged for Swiss groups to visit Stansted and other places in the UK and to learn about mediumship and spirit healing. We also conceived a two years mediums training course, an idea which was taken up by several other groups in Switzerland as well. Out of this training courses there developed several Swiss mediums who are now competing with British mediums. It is mainly the internationally working Scottish medium Bill Collier, member of the ISF as well and living now in Switzerland, who promotes Swiss mediumship since many years. He always said his goal was to make British mediums in Switzerland redundant – and to-



day he says that there are many Swiss mediums who are better than his British colleagues.

We don't have any Spiritualist churches in Switzerland, our mediums (and our public) are more interested in counselling than in evidence for life after death, although evidence is always part of such a counselling session.

A few teachers of mediumship in Switzerland have started to try and gather Swiss mediums who work in this way together and we (the AGSM) organised meetings of Swiss mediums on the Herzberg to get to know each other and to discuss means to advance Swiss mediumship. We have chosen the Herzberg home because of its central position in the German speaking part of Switzerland, because of its very moderate prices and because of the wonderful rural ambiance it provides. This year is our sixth meeting of Swiss mediums and we are looking forward to meeting our international colleagues of the ISF. I have invited some of my Swiss medium friends to demonstrate, give lectures and hold workshops. During the days between the AGSM-meeting and the ISF long weekend there will be coach trips to interesting places in Switzerland and visits to the centres of the parapsychology societies in Basel, Berne and Zurich. On the first weekend Kai Mügge from the German physical circle "Felix" will talk about the amazing phenomena they have in that group and we will hold our already traditional spiritualist service on Sunday with music provided by the small choir of which Eva is a member. On Friday night the group "Pro-C-Dur" will sing Swiss and other songs. In this group sings the Swiss medium Simone, Bill Coller's partner. All in



## Fraternal Weekend Eastbourne

November 17th-20th

Only a few weeks after Switzerland and we will be gathering once again at one of our favourite meeting places; Eastbourne. No doubt the staff will once again make us most welcome as always. For those who have not visited the T&G Centre for a while you will be in for a pleasant surprise as the place has been undergoing some major renovations and it looks spectacular yet has the same wonderful home like feeling. I cannot at this time bring you a provisional programme but I'm sure I will have a copy for our next issue. What I can tell you though is that we have booked for the Saturday nights demonstration of Mediumship non other than Darren Brittain. Darren is very well known for his accuracy and attention to detail often giv-

ing extremely accurate information leaving no doubt to the recipient that their loved ones live on in the spirit world. He has worked all over the world in Spiritualist Churches, Halls and Theatres as well as having written for a local newspaper and worked on radio. Personally I am looking forward to seeing Darren work as it should be a night to remember.



### Word Search

#### ZODIAC

- Aries
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- Cancer
- Capricorn
- Gemini
- Leo
- Libra
- Pisces
- Sagittarius
- Scorpio,
- Taurus
- Virgo

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## *A Blast From The Past*

### **Why is Spiritualism the coming world religion?**

The reason is that because it gives you facts in place of philosophical, mystical and religious speculation on what happens after death. We know for certain what is our destiny as far as the next step on the ladder is concerned, and we need not base our religion on faith. Spiritualism is not a speculative religion as are all other world religions, because it is a religion based on fact, on reason and experience. When people become educated enough to understand the basis on which spiritualism is based, their mental development will increase, and with it will also advance the feeling of at-one-ment with the guiding mind of the universe. We now know that death is just the entrance gate to a much larger outlook on the universe, and our friends in Etheria tell us that we pass on from stage to stage, developing progressively, until we attain powers of understanding that are beyond our present capacity to imagine.

To achieve this development in an orderly and satisfactory way, our etheric friends make it clear that our lives should be governed by certain guiding principles, which can be summarised by the one word love. Thus we must try to develop unselfishness, and live for others more than for ourselves. This giving out, instead of taking in, has the effect of refining our minds, with the result that those that give the most

freely receive most. Thus they attain more quickly the innate desire latent in so many, of becoming in tune with the Infinite, which is our destiny.

This, then, is the religion of Spiritualism, born of the knowledge that we do not die but are for ever destined to progress and develop, just as the divine mind of the universe, of which we are part, is progressing and developing. This religion requires no churches, priests, creeds, dogmas or doctrines. It has no exclusiveness, as it embraces the whole human race. It is not in *conflict* with science, as it is science. It is not conflicting with philosophy, because it is philosophy. It is not contrary to mysticism, because it is mysticism.

Science and natural religion are one, and always have been one, as both stand for truth based on evidence and experience. Philosophy, mysticism and natural religion are one, and always have been one, as they likewise stand for truth and always have stood for truth based on experience.

Supernatural religion is based on an underlying truth, namely survival after death, and has for its object the reaching of at-one-ment with God. This has been bound up with the belief in Christ, in crucified saviours, in the eating of their bodies and the drinking of their blood, in forms and ceremonies, ritual, holy books, holy churches and holy men who claim that they only can interpret God's message to man. Little wonder that Christian peo-

ple see no resemblance between Christianity and Spiritualism. Little wonder they are hostile to it, because Spiritualists discard the draping's Christians worship; they put them aside as things of use only to an uneducated age which they have now outgrown

Spiritualists are therefore trying to educate the people so that they may outgrow the superstitions of the past, and this Christians represent as they cannot yet see that what they worship is untrue, and that these false draping's are hiding them from the greatest truth nature has ever revealed to mankind. Few as yet realise that one of the great events in world history occurred last century. Not that what happened was new any more than steam was new, because engineers only applied the expanding force in steam to the needs of industry. Likewise, since 1848, messages from the world to which we are all travelling have been systematically recorded, and used for the needs of natural religion, they are now being misinterpreted or kept hidden by the priesthood as happened in the past. The reason this is such a great event in world history is because some were intelligent enough to understand its meaning, and were no longer dependent on an organisation whose policy has always been to keep the problems of life and death a mystery.

Education and freedom of thought has advanced sufficiently by 1848 for some people to think out for themselves the meaning of

life after death, which hitherto been considered a question too sacred and profound for any to ponder over except those divinely appointed for the purpose. Another factor, which made it possible for some people to form their own views on this matter of life and death, was because a century previously public opinion had stopped the church from burning mediums. As mediumship is a heredity gift this obliterating of mediums had almost extinguished the psychic power latent in mankind, but in 1848 it had redeveloped sufficiently to enable Etherians to demonstrate their presence on earth. Slowly we began to grasp the great significance of their visits, and progress commenced in understanding the mystery death. That is why what happened in 1848 is one of the great events in the history of man. Looking back over the great discoveries in the history, there are few others of greater importance than the fact that we have discovered our dead, and where they live.

Why did our ancestors worship one or more gods? Why did they write books which they considered 'holy' and containing God's message to men? Why did they offer sacrifices to appease the gods? Why did they turn their wealth over to an organisation for the purpose of maintaining churches, priests and monasteries? Why, since man became a thinking being, has he devoted a great part of his energy, thought and labour, to making supplication to the gods, and to supporting those he believed to be their representatives on earth?

There is only one answer to these questions, and it is found to account for all the practices we have enumerated. All were due 'to one thing - man's fear of the unknown. Ignorance relating to this great event in nature, death, has been the cause of unimaginable misery and cruelty. It has sapped man's vital energy, and added to his labour through the feeling that it was necessary to employ others to act as intermediaries between him and the unknown. Consequently ignorance has maintained a black-coated army of men in the west and a yellow-coated army in the east. The fear of the unknown has been the cause of all this waste, misery and suffering, besides being such an obstacle to mankind's progress, welfare and happiness.

Eradicate that fear, open the door of death, point out the land beyond, and you have once and for all removed the source of so many miseries and errors. You have once and for all lifted from man's shoulders the burden he has been carrying since he first began to realise that he had a soul. The inventors, the thinkers, the mechanics, the artists and all who have added to the world's happiness and well-being, have not been able to remove this aching dread. Taking all that these great ones have done for the good of humanity, the result of their labours will not give mankind such happiness as the definite knowledge that there is nothing to fear at death and that all who live right have a great future in store. Up to last century the doctors, the scientists, the inventors and the constructors have been con-

demned whenever they produced something new for the good of humanity. Much that has been produced for the good of the people has been condemned and in many cases those who have produced it have been ill-treated and often murdered.

The Spiritualists now come forward and tell humanity that they can give definite, reliable evidence that life continues after death, that communication has been opened up between this order of existence and the order we shall enter at death. They tell mankind that there is nothing to fear, that there is no God of vengeance awaiting to punish his creatures when they enter the door of death, but that we punish ourselves by remorse because there, more than here, our faults, failings and mistakes become clear, to be in consequence more regretted.

Spiritualists show the reasonableness of nature's plan, and that what is termed death, for those unburdened by wrongdoing, is just the beginning of a conscious existence freed from all the misery, troubles and worries of mankind on earth. They tell the world that every individual can prove their assertions for himself or herself, just as conclusively as everyone can determine the fact that boiling water produces steam. What we know of death and the after-life is as scientifically proved as any other fact in science, but the great majority of people in the world are still ignorant of this. Consequently the Spiritualist today is treated with contempt by many people, because of the fact that his

knowledge of what takes place at death is considered by the ignorant to be the result of his wandering imaginations, and contrary to the will of God. The spiritualists nevertheless have brought to the world the one great thing humanity wanted.

They can prove to the satisfaction of any intelligent individual, who cares to take the trouble to investigate, that the claims they make are true. Most people however, do not believe that such is possible and many continue to live their lives in fear of the unknown.

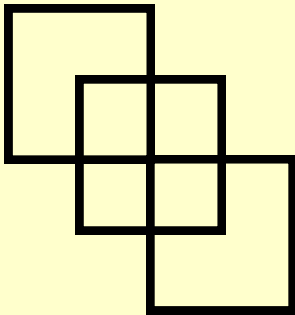
The passage of time, accompanied by increased knowledge on the one hand and the waning of intolerance, prejudice and superstition on the other, will some day replace falsehood with truth.

Truth must, in time, conquer ignorance, it has done so in the past and it will do so in the future. Spiritualism, which is natural and rational religion, will, in the end triumph. Truth is working for us and it always wins through in the end.

This article appeared in "Yours Fraternally" August 1950

**Brain Teaser**

The aim of this puzzle is to draw the 3 boxes in one continuous line without taking the pencil off the paper. There is a catch however as you cannot retrace your steps and go over the same path, nor can you cross over it.



**Inspired Thoughts**

**TRY A NEW PERSPECTIVE**

Being that we are all imperfect, we cannot see things as they truly are. Experiences, emotions, or even indecision can give everyone a different view on a subject. What one sees as a blessing, another might see it as a curse, and we have many sayings for this on planet earth. Truth is in the eye of the beholder.

The world would be a better place if everyone could have an opinion, but yet respect someone else's. So to be fairer and to get along with others, try to see something from a different outlook. Do not hold resolutely your view on something to go against someone else just for the sake of argument. For something may happen which makes your view come out completely wrong.

God has universal laws, but all of us see them in different ways due to our imperfections. As example, look at all of the different religions, at the many opinions of science, even something as simple as the different manners a family uses when they sit down and eat dinner.

I am speaking solely about our manner of speaking in conversation and being polite. Rules and laws have reasons and ways for being brought about and implemented, and nothing happens without God's will. But if everyone would be a bit more understanding, a bit more polite, then the world could change.

So try to be more understand-

ing, or at the very least, respectful of others and how they see things and their opinions. Less arguing, futile debates, and misunderstandings are far better than more of all of three.

by Alysia Pape



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**The Wooden Bowl**

A frail old man went to live with his son, daughter-in-law, and four-year-old grandson.

The old man's hands trembled, his eyesight was blurred, and his step faltered. The family ate together at the table. But the elderly grandfather's shaky hands and failing sight made eating difficult. Peas rolled off his spoon onto the floor. When he grasped the glass, milk spilled on the tablecloth. The son and daughter-in-law became irritated with the mess.

'We must do something about father,' said the son. 'I've had enough of his spilled milk, noisy eating, and food on the floor.' So the husband and wife set a small table in the corner. There, Grandfather ate alone while the rest of the family enjoyed dinner. Since Grandfather had broken a dish or two, his food was served in a wooden bowl. When the family glanced in Grandfather's direc-

tion, sometimes he had a tear in his eye as he sat alone. Still, the only words the couple had for him were sharp admonitions when he dropped a fork or spilled food. The four-year-old watched it all in silence.

One evening before supper, the father noticed his son playing with wood scraps on the floor. He asked the child sweetly, 'What are you making?' Just as sweetly, the boy responded, 'Oh, I am making a little bowl for you and Mama to eat your food in when I grow up.' The four-year-old smiled and went back to work.

The words so struck the parents that they were speechless. Then tears started to stream down their cheeks.. Though no word was spoken, both knew what must be done. That evening the husband took Grandfather's hand and gently led him back to the family table. For the remainder of his days he ate every meal with the family. And for some reason, neither husband nor wife seemed to care any longer when a fork was dropped, milk spilled, or the tablecloth soiled.

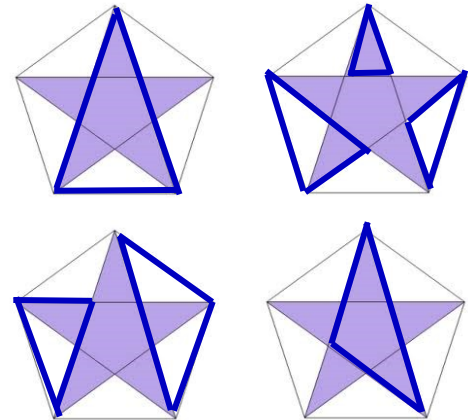
On a positive note, I've learned that, no matter what happens, how bad it seems today, life does go on, and it will be better tomorrow. I've learned that you can tell a lot about a person by the way he/she handles four things: a rainy day, the elderly, lost luggage, and tangled Christmas tree lights. I've learned that making a 'living' is not the same thing as making a 'life.' I've learned that life sometimes gives you a second chance. I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands. You need to be able to throw something back sometimes. I've learned that if you pursue happiness, it will elude you. But, if you focus on your family, your friends, the needs of others, your work and doing the very best you can, happiness will find you. I've learned that whenever I decide something with an open heart, I usually make the right decision. I've learned that even when I have pains, I don't have to be one. I've learned that every day, you should reach out and touch someone. People love that human touch -- holding hands, a warm hug, or just a friendly pat on the back. I've learned that I still have a lot to learn.

Anon, sent in by Lionel Owen

## Answers to last issues puzzles

### Brain Teaser

35 triangles, 5 of each of the following:



### Word Search

Anagram: **PIONEERS OF SPIRITUALISM**

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### Sudoku

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### Sudoku

Every row, column and 3x3 box must contain the numbers 1 through 9.

Answers to puzzles in the next issue





# Fraternal Week Convention Sunday May 1st – Sunday May 8th

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Here's hoping to see you in Canada  
until our next issue take care  
Love and light

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a szeretet és a fény

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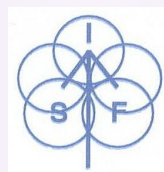
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