



## History Made at Montcabirol

by Dr. Ken S.

Two of the world's most highly-developed physical mediums recently came together to conduct an experiment that, I believe, has never been attempted before, in the annals of physical mediumship. This experiment was the brain child of both Kevin Lawrenson, leader of the Yellow Cloud Circle, and John Campbell Sloan, main guide and control on the spirit side for the Yellow Cloud Circle. This experiment took place on Sunday evening, September 18, 2011, at 7 p.m. at the beautiful, spiritual oasis located in the south of France known as Montcabirol. The two gifted mediums involved were Tom Morris, a highly-developed trance and direct voice medium, and Warren Caylor, a highly-developed direct voice and materialization medium.

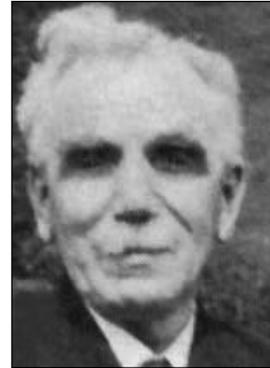
What made this meeting unique is that Tom Morris is an energy-based medium while Warren Caylor's mediumship utilizes the traditional ectoplasm. Energy based mediumship has only been used in physical mediumship for approximately twenty years and is supposed to be safer. Ectoplasm, on the other hand, historically, has been used since 1848, when they first started keeping careful records regarding both public and private demonstrations of physical mediumship. If the ectoplasm is subjected to light, the medium can suffer serious injury, even death.

Aside from Kevin, the circle leader, who presided over this experiment, there were only three other people in attendance for this private experimental sitting in which the attempt was to be made to combine the two energies and achieve materialization – Inge, who came all the way from Australia, Marie-Jeanne from the Netherlands, and myself from the U.S.

The room used for this experiment was 36 feet long and 36 feet wide with the ceiling being approximately 20 feet high and a hard wood floor throughout. Two large, heavy wooden chairs were placed approximately 10 feet away from each other and facing each other. I was advised that Yellow Cloud had instructed Kevin to position the mediums chairs on the points on the compass with Tom's back facing north and Warren's back facing south.

As we entered the room, Kevin instructed us where to sit. I was positioned next to Marie-Jeanne and directly opposite Inge. Kevin sat next to Inge, likely to balance the male/female energies. Tom sat

in the chair just four feet to my right and Warren sat in the chair opposite Tom which was approximately eight feet from my chair. All of our shoes were removed and left outside prior to entering the room.



John Sloan

After the lights were extinguished, two songs were played and the first communicator to come through and speak was Tom's main guide and control, John Campbell Sloan. He greeted us, spoke with us for about five minutes, and advised Kevin on how many songs to play and when to turn the red light on and off. The sequence was

two songs in the dark, one with the red light on, one with it off, and again one with it on. The music that was played for this sequence was all by a legendary 1980s rock group called Queen. The lead singer of this group was a very popular and charismatic musician named Freddie Mercury, who passed from this world in 1991. One of the purposes of this experiment was to see if the guides of both mediums, using the combined energies of both mediums and the sitters, could produce a full or partial materialization of this discarnate personality in red light.

What I am about to report next, and as accurately as I can, is what I experienced and witnessed personally throughout this demonstration, which lasted approximately 90 minutes. Physical mediumship, being objective and not subjective, ensures that the phenomena that occur are experienced and appreciated by everyone present. It is the most evidential form of mediumship because it appeals to all of the senses. Hence, everyone in the room hears, sees, and feels the same thing. It is a spiritual feast for all of the senses.

Immediately after Kevin put on the first song, we all heard very loud foot steps walking across the center of the floor. A few seconds later, Marie-Jeanne and I both heard loud footsteps directly behind us. Seconds later, both of these entities were dancing along with the music. This persisted for the majority of the sitting while the music was being played. About halfway through the first song, I felt a hand caressing my left knee, shin, ankle and foot for about

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# Why Society Needs to Believe in an Afterlife

by Stafford Betty, Ph.D.

Last month the 14th annual Bakersfield (California) Interfaith Conference addressed the question of afterlife. Representatives of the world's three largest faiths—Christianity, Islam, and Hinduism—shared their convictions, and a professional philosopher with materialist convictions made the case for extinction. It was a lively time with almost 250 in the audience—by far the largest crowd we have ever had. Who said the subject of afterlife is uninteresting?



Stafford Betty

I've thought a lot about this subject. My recent book *The Afterlife Unveiled* is evidence of this, and my new novel, *The Imprisoned Splendor*, takes place in the afterlife. Allow me to make two points.

A number of my colleagues at the university where I work assume that my interest in the afterlife comes from disappointments in life – a happy afterlife would be compensation for a botched life in the here and now. They could not be more wrong. Instead it comes from a concern for life in the here and now.

To put it simply, if a society stops believing in an afterlife where its members are held accountable before God (or Higher Power) for what they do, they will tend to drift from the moral and cultural norms that are crucial to its existence. As Ivan said in Dostoevsky's *The Brothers Karamazov*, "If God does not exist, then everything is permitted." This drift, I believe, is occurring right now in our own country, especially among our youth.

It is not fashionable to say this, but every society needs absolutes. Nazi Germany didn't have any. It was prepared to violate its treaty obligations if they became inconvenient. And they did. It was Himmler who asked the question, "What, after all, compels us to keep our promises?" The answer was, Nothing.

The influential post-modern philosopher Richard Rorty couldn't do much better. He, too, lived without absolutes. When asked how he defended his sense of moral outrage at the Nazi Holocaust, he could say only that it was based on his "personal sense of revulsion." But the Nazis didn't share that revulsion. So who is right? Without absolutes, there is no answer. Everything is relative.

The eleventh-century philosopher Al-Ghazzali, widely regarded as the most influential Muslim since Muhammad himself, classically makes the case

against all this relativism. To deny the existence of a surviving soul, to "deny the future life—heaven, hell, resurrection, and judgment" – is to invite moral chaos. He predicted that men and women living without absolutes would "give way to a bestial indulgence of their appetites."

And that's what's happening—in government, on Wall Street, in our cities, in our neighborhoods. How many sacrifice their own interests when no one is policing them? There are those who say that men and women are capable of policing themselves by using reason. My experience of people who talk this way is that they are often the first to reason their way out of the policies and standards they helped create!

We need to feel we are being policed by a Power far bigger than we are and that there are penalties for our inhumanity. In his book *The Devil's Delusion*, David Berlinski, a secular Jew, makes this point. No fan of the Catholic Church and the atrocities of some of its priests, he nevertheless defends it. "Just *who* has imposed on the suffering human race poison gas, barbed wire, high explosives, experiments in eugenics, the formula for Zyklon B, heavy artillery, pseudo-scientific justifications for mass murder, cluster bombs, attack submarines, napalm, intercontinental ballistic missiles, military space platforms, and nuclear weapons? If memory serves, it was not the Vatican."

The other point I want to make is that people suffer from metaphysical depression when they reject belief in an afterlife and a God to govern it – though they might not know it and would probably deny it if buttonholed. One of Bakersfield's most respected citizens, Stan Simrin, the city's unofficial Torah teacher, put it this way a few days after 9-11 at the 2001 Gleaners' breakfast: "If there is no God, then the existence of all that is beautiful and good is but accidental, the byproduct of blindly swirling atoms, or the equally unpurposeful mechanism of present day physics. . . . Atheism leads not necessarily to badness, but certainly to incurable sadness and loneliness."

Along with Simrin, I am convinced that it is easier for people of faith to face death than for their materialist friends who deny the reality of anything beyond the physical body. All of us are glad to be alive; we don't want life to end. But what a blessing to know that death is just the dropping of the physical shell. That is what the paranormal evidence I study turns up—over and over and over again.

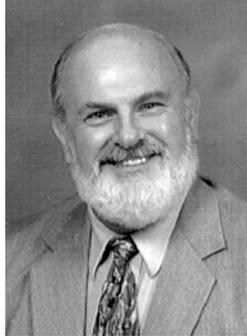
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## President's Message: Unexpected Visitors

Do ghosts have calendars? Do they keep appointments on Blackberries and iPhones? Is there some cosmic secretary to tell them when they should make an appearance?

It seems that there are certain dates and seasons on our calendar when either the veil is lifted just a bit or becomes a little more transparent – the so-called “thin” places or times when another reality impinges upon our physical existence. Whether it's the Witches Sabbath of Walpurgisnacht on the eve of Beltane or the gathering of all spiritual beings on the eve of All Hallows or Samhain, there are those times when we have a better opportunity to socialize with those who have departed the mortal life.

I have often wondered how they know when to show up. Or do ghosts just hang around waiting for us to acknowledge their presence? Aside from Samhain or Hallow'een, the most haunted time of year seems to be around the winter solstice or yuletide. At Newgrange in Ireland, there is an aperture, *Brugh na Boinne*, in the great megalithic enclosure so that on the shortest day of the year at dawn, a thin



finger of light enters the dark recesses of the inner chamber. This the great divide between the worlds of darkness and light. It is the thin place where the entities of another world come together to illumine one's own destiny.

Perhaps it is we who draw the veil and uncover our own darkness, guided by the ghosts of memory who come to impart lost wisdom, or comfort in times of painful separation, or the reassurance that nothing is ever lost but continues in another dimension. In December, 1843, Charles Dickens published *A Christmas Carol*, certainly one of the greatest ghost stories ever written. The three specters that appear to Ebenezer Scrooge on Christmas Eve come to remind him of what he has missed in life as the years passed, of his current responsibility to fulfill the purpose of his living, and of his ultimate destiny that one can also be dead after dying.

I do not believe that ghosts appear for our entertainment or handouts of candy, but to remind us of who we are and of what we are a part of. The nature of apparitional consciousness may have its own purpose and function, but often it is out of our own need that they become apparent to us. There has always been a question as to whether ghosts are objective or subjective. Do they exist independent of the observer, or are they “daggers of the mind,” created by our own psychological needs, or induced by some collective hallucination or cultural influence?

We will continue to explore the nature of alternative realities, of the existence of ghosts and the evidence for post-mortem survival, believing as Hamlet did when he said to Horatio: “There are more things in heaven and earth, . . . Than are dreamt of in your philosophy.”

I will be very busy this Christmas season, so my advice to any ghosts who have a desire to communicate with me—please call ahead for an appointment.

– Dr. Harry L. Serio

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## Afterlife Awareness Conference

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# James Padgett and the Philosophy of Progression

by Michael Nedbal, Ph.D. and Geoff Cutler, MBA

Progression in the spirit world is a common theme among many spirit communications. Spirits typically learn from friends, family, and spirit helpers how to progress from the lower spheres into higher spheres where there is a greater degree of peace and happiness. What many spirits do not know, however, is that they have a choice of pathways to follow.

Such is the teaching coming to us through the mediumship of James Padgett, a Washington, D. C. lawyer for some 43 years. Shortly after the death of his wife, Helen, in 1914, Padgett took an interest in Spiritualism and attended many séances in hopes of hearing from her. He soon discovered that he had the ability to do automatic writing. Between 1914 and 1921, he received over 2,500 messages from the spirit world. His close friend, Dr. Leslie R. Stone, transcribed many of the messages and published the *Book of Truths* in 1940. He was later joined, in his publication efforts, by Dr. Daniel G. Samuels and Rev. John P. Gibson. The Foundation Church of Divine Truth was established to disseminate the Divine Love Truths communicated by Jesus and the Celestials through the mediumship of James Padgett.

What separates Padgett from other mediums is that the messages he received describe the existence of two spiritual paths. The first, and more commonly known among spirits, is the path of moral and intellectual progression, referred to as the "natural love path" or "path of the perfect natural man." In this path, spirits continue their pursuit of moral or mental acquirements as they did while on earth. Initially, many go through a period of expiation where they seek to rid themselves of those memories of actions done on earth which were not in harmony with love, and which work on their consciousness to bring suffering and darkness. After satisfying the Law of Compensation, (*Whatever a man sows that shall he also reap.*) and receiving help from outside sources, these spirits ascend to higher spheres where there are more opportunities of advancement in mental or moral pursuits. Eventually, they arrive at the pinnacle of their progression in the Sixth Sphere, the highest sphere to which they are able to progress.

The second and less traveled path is that of the transformation of the soul through prayer to God for His Divine Love. Spirits following this path value their personal relationship with God above all else. And in praying to God for a bestowal of His Divine



James Padgett

Love, over time, and with increased bestowals from Him in answer to their fervent soulful prayers, their original souls made in the image of God's Soul become ultimately transformed into the very Substance and Nature of God's very own Soul.

Spirits praying for God's Divine Love tend to progress rapidly through the spheres, because with a change in the soul's condition comes a release of those memories which cause the long periods of expiation and suffering. The habitation of those pursuing the Divine Love path is to ultimately be in the Presence of, and to be at-one with, God, who resides high in the Celestial Heavens, which begins beyond the Seventh Sphere. An example of the difference in the speed of progression between the two paths may be illustrated by Julius Caesar, who in 1915 was still in the lower spheres, or hells, but 19 months later was out, after taking advice from James Padgett to pray for God's Divine Love.

When a soul crosses the threshold to the spirit realms, he is first met by friends and family who have passed there before him. This is typically a wonderful and happy time for the spirit who is overjoyed with reuniting with his long lost loved ones. This happy reunion continues for a short while until the Law of Equalization is called into operation and the spirit is called to his home in the spirit world. The condition of his soul determines the locality of his home which may be quite different from his initial entrance into the spirit world. And if he is destined for the lower spheres, referred to as the hells, no interposition of spirit friends, or love of parent or husband, can prevent such destiny. The spirit hears the call and must obey. Then the spirit must stand alone and, in its weakness or strength, realize that no other soul can bear its sorrow or take its burdens or enter into its sufferings. And thus is realized the saying that each soul is its own keeper and is alone responsible for its own condition.

In many cases, however, the loving friends may visit the spirit in its home and offer consolation, help, encouragement, and instruction. But in the cases of the lower spirits, when the soul is laid bare to itself, all its deformities, sins and evil qualities come before it, and thrown around it is a wall of despair that prevents loved ones from appearing to it. And thus, the Law of Attraction comes into operation to attract spirits of similar soul conditions to become its associates and render such assistance as the blind leading the blind. But all is not lost, for while they may not be able to see the higher spirits, the influences of love and compassion are flowing from these higher spirits, and at some point in time

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will be felt by the lower spirit. And when felt, they will commence to have an awakening which will dissolve the obstructed wall of their seclusion.

Change is the law eternal, both here on earth and in the spirit world, and the messages through Padgett clearly state that there is no eternal damnation (everlasting divine punishment) as promulgated by some churches. Rather, all spirits progress, albeit at differing rates of growth. The teaching of eternal damnation is a very harmful doctrine to spirits, for many of them who have been taught this doctrine give up hope of ever progressing from the lower hells. But when they learn that hope does exist and that they can progress to higher spheres, oh what gladness and cheer come to those spirits!

At some point, all spirits are taught that they can progress in the spirit world. The Law of Progression states that souls cannot progress of their own initiative. In other words, they cannot “will” themselves out of darkness; they must be open to outside help for assistance. Typically this assistance comes from family, friends, or associates with similar interests and desires. What many spirits do not know, however, is that there exist these two separate and distinct paths to choose from: the path of the natural love and the path of the Divine Love.

The primary distinction between the two paths is that one is focused on purifying one’s soul, from the defilement of sin (thoughts and actions done out of harmony with God’s Laws) to the condition that it was when first created (our first parents, Adam and Eve, or as the Padgett messages call them, Aman and Amon), whereas the other is focused on developing and transforming the soul into a new creature and Creation of God. A spirit who achieves soul purification through the natural love path is still human, although free from sin and defilement. But a spirit who achieves soul development through prayer for God’s Divine Love is no longer a simple human, but is a Divine Angel with knowledge of its immortality. As water may become colored by an ingredient foreign to itself, which changes not only its appearance but its qualities, so the Divine Love changes the appearance and qualities of the soul.

The two paths have their associated levels of spheres in the spirit world, with each sphere containing many planes. There are a total of seven spheres, each having its own purpose and significance. The even numbered spheres are the “natural love spheres” and have opportunities of growth in an intellectual and moral sense, leading to a purification of the natural love. The odd numbered spheres have opportunities for spirits to learn about their relationship with God and how to pray for and receive

His Divine Love. And surprising as it may seem, as spirits develop their souls in the Divine Love, knowledge of an intellectual sense automatically comes to them. Ann Rollins, Mr. Padgett’s grandmother, was amazed at how she, being in the spirit world for a short time and praying for God’s Divine Love, surpassed many spirits who had been in the spirit world many thousands of years pursuing higher intellect. It seems that praying for God’s Divine Love also brings intellectual knowledge abundantly.

As earlier stated, the highest sphere in which spirits pursuing the natural love path can obtain to is the Sixth Sphere, referred to by Galileo as the sphere where “intellect rules supreme and the wisdom of the ages is congregated.” This sphere has many wonderful colleges and institutions of higher learning, and many spirits who were great intellectually on earth are teachers in these institutions. Spirits in the Sixth Sphere love and worship God, but only with the faculties of the mind; not in prayerful longing of their souls for His Divine Love.

Spirits pursuing the Divine Love path ascend to the Seventh Sphere and beyond to the Celestial Kingdom where the opportunity for growth is limitless. In contradistinction to the natural love path where the Sixth Sphere is the highest sphere spirits can progress, the Divine Love path has no limit; and spirits can continue to progress throughout all eternity. As the spirits continue to pray for and receive God’s Divine Love, they continue to develop their souls and take on “soul perceptions” which allow them to soulfully “see” God and His Personality.

The messages received by James Padgett regarding progression in the spirit world contain information so profound that it can change the life path and destiny of the soul. The messages are like having your own personal guide to what is needed in order to progress from the lower spheres to spheres imbued with light, love, fellowship, happiness and beauty beyond the conception and imagination of the mortal mind. Furthermore, we need not wait until we become spirits, but can utilize this information while still on earth, either in pursuit of the perfect natural man or the Divine Angel. Once the decision is made, the Law of Attraction will set into motion those opportunities which will assist us in our pursuit and understanding of the Truth. Those who have followed the advice set out in the Padgett messages have experienced the “peace that passeth all understanding”, and the tangible Presence of God’s Divine Love in their souls.

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## Ectoplasm & Advanced Spirit Communication Explained

Soon after William Stainton Moses, an Anglican priest and English Master at University College, London, discovered his mediumistic ability in 1872, he and Dr. Stanhope Speer, his good friend, were sitting when the two men experienced a cloud of luminous smoke, very phosphorus like, that very much alarmed them. The next night, Moses asked the controlling spirit, an entity calling himself Mentor, one of the band of 49 spirits operating in the group headed by a spirit calling "itself" Imperator, what it was all about. The following dialogue took place, as recorded by Dr. Speer:

**Mentor:** "We are scarcely able to write. The shock has destroyed your passivity. It was an accident. The envelope in which is contained the substance which we gather from the bodies of the sitters was accidentally destroyed, and hence the escape into outer air, and the smoke which terrified you. It was owing to a new operator (spirit operator) being engaged on the experiment. We regret the shock to you."

**Moses:** "I was extremely alarmed. It was just like phosphorus."

**Mentor:** "No, but similar. We told you when first we began to make the lights that they were attended with some risk; and that with unfavourable conditions they would be smoky and of a reddish yellow hue"

**Moses:** "Yes, I know. But not that they would make a smoke and scene like that."

**Mentor:** "Nor would they, save by accident. The envelope was destroyed by mischance, and the substance which we had gathered escaped."

**Moses:** "What substance?"

**Mentor:** "That which we draw from the bodily organisms of the sitters. We had a large supply, seeing that neither of you had sustained any drain of late."

**Moses:** "You draw it from our bodies – from all?"

**Mentor:** "From both of you. You are both helpful in this, both. But not from all people. From some the substance cannot be safely drawn, lest we diminish the life principle too much."

**Moses:** "Robust men give it off?"

**Mentor:** "Yes, in greater proportion. It is the sudden loss of it and the shock that so startled you that caused the feeling of weakness and depression."

**Moses:** "It seemed to come from the side of the table."

**Mentor:** "From the darkened space between the sitters. We gathered it between you in the midst. Could you have seen with spirit eyes you would have discovered threads of light, joined to your bodies and leading to the space where the substance was being collected. These lines of light were ducts



*William Stainton Moses*

leading to our receptacle."

**Moses:** "From what part of my body?"

**Mentor:** "From many; from the nerve centers and from the spine."

**Moses:** "What is this substance?"

**Mentor:** "In simple words, it is that which give to your bodies vitality and energy. It is the life principle."

**Moses:** "Very like sublimated

phosphorus?"

**Mentor:** "No body that does not contain a large portion of what you call phosphorus is serviceable to us for objective manifestations. This is invariable. There are other qualities of which you do not know, and which not all spirits can tell, but this is invariable in mediums for physical manifestations."

On another occasion, Imperator communicated: "We have a higher form of what is known to you as electricity, and it is by that means we are enabled to manifest, and that Mentor shows his globe of light. He brings with him the nucleus, as we told you."

On August 10, 1873, Dr. Speer recorded that Mentor said he would show his hand. "A large, very bright light then came up as before, casting a great reflection on the oilcloth, came up as before in front of me; inside of it appeared the hand of Mentor, as distinct as it can well be conceived. 'you see! You see!' said he, 'that is my hand; now I move my fingers,' and he continued to move his fingers about freely, just in front of my face. I thanked him for his consideration."

At a sitting on September 11, 1873, Mrs. Speer recorded: "....the next evening we sat again in perfect darkness, which Mentor took advantage of, as he showed lights almost as soon as we were seated. He then controlled the medium (Moses), talking to us about the lights as he showed them. At first they were very small. This, he said, was the nucleus of light he had brought with him, a small amount of what we should call electricity. This nucleus lasted all the time, and from the circle he gathered more light around it, and kept it alive by contact with the medium. At one time, the light was as bright as a torch. Mentor moved it about all over the table and above our heads with the greatest rapidity."

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Imperator claimed to be from the Seventh Sphere and said that his real name would mean nothing to Moses or the others, nor would the real names of Mentor, Rector, Prudens, Minister, and Doctor, all members of the "band of 49."

At a later sitting, Prudens, Doctor, and Minister, in a group communication, explained: "The higher spirits who come to your earth are influences or emanations. They are not what you describe as persons, but emanations from higher spheres. Learn to recognize the impersonality of the higher messages. When we first appeared to this medium he insisted of our identifying ourselves to him. But many influences come through our name. Two or three stages after death, spirits lose much of what you regard as individuality and become more like influences. I have now passed to the verge of the spheres from which it is impossible to return to you. I can influence without any regard to distance. I am very distant from you now."

Another member of the band of 49, Elliotson, added: "The exalted spirit, Imperator, who directs this medium (Moses), bathes me in his influence. I do not see him, but he permeates the space in which I dwell. I have received his commands and instructions, but I have never seen him. The medium sees a manifestation of him, which is necessary in his case, not in mine. The return to earth is a great trial for me. I might compare it to the descent from a pure and sunny atmosphere into a valley where the fog lingers. In the atmosphere of earth I seem completely changed. The old habits of thought awaken, and I seem to breathe grosser air." — *MET*

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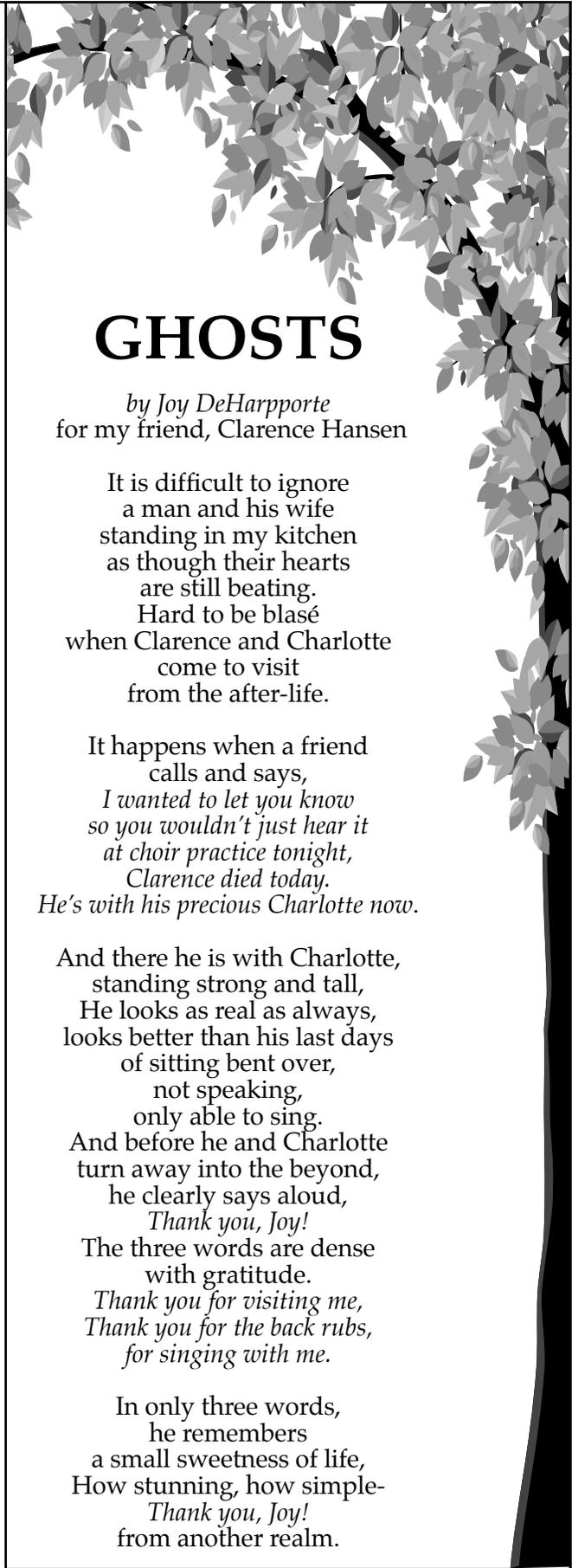
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# GHOSTS

*by Joy DeHarpporte*  
 for my friend, Clarence Hansen

It is difficult to ignore  
 a man and his wife  
 standing in my kitchen  
 as though their hearts  
 are still beating.  
 Hard to be blasé  
 when Clarence and Charlotte  
 come to visit  
 from the after-life.

It happens when a friend  
 calls and says,  
*I wanted to let you know  
 so you wouldn't just hear it  
 at choir practice tonight,  
 Clarence died today.*  
*He's with his precious Charlotte now.*

And there he is with Charlotte,  
 standing strong and tall,  
 He looks as real as always,  
 looks better than his last days  
 of sitting bent over,  
 not speaking,  
 only able to sing.  
 And before he and Charlotte  
 turn away into the beyond,  
 he clearly says aloud,  
*Thank you, Joy!*  
 The three words are dense  
 with gratitude.  
*Thank you for visiting me,  
 Thank you for the back rubs,  
 for singing with me.*

In only three words,  
 he remembers  
 a small sweetness of life,  
 How stunning, how simple-  
*Thank you, Joy!*  
 from another realm.

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10-12 seconds. For me, this was a real *kumbaya* moment. The hand then proceeded to caress my right knee, shin, ankle and foot, again for about 10-12 seconds. This was an amazing thrill for me – actually being touched by one of the materialized spirit communicators. I have no idea who this was. When I asked John Sloan later in the sitting if he touched me, he jokingly made a comment something to the effect of, “No, it wasn’t me, I was never that way inclined, but that is something that Freddie would do.” This created laughter in the room and thus raised the vibration even further. People familiar with physical mediumship know that humor keeps everyone relaxed and happy and thus keeps the energy high, which enhances the communication and allows the phenomena to continue.

For the sake of brevity, I am going to cut to the chase here and describe what truly made this sitting so fantastic, important and historic. An attempt was made by the spirit teams of both mediums to try to produce a materialization in red light. At one point, Kevin asked John if an experiment like this was ever attempted and he said, “Not to my knowledge, but it is history in the making.” What made this experiment so special and historic was that for possibly the first time in history, guides from two different mediums spoke to each other and to us in the same sitting. Five guides came through to speak with us. Three from the Yellow Cloud Circle: John Sloan, Irene Simms, and Phil Starr, all of whom spoke independently of the medium and two from Warren’s spirit team: Yellow Feather and Luther, who also spoke independently. When Luther spoke, he loudly, boldly, and enthusiastically proclaimed, “The experiment is successful thus far. The experiment is in its early stages and we shall be successful!” John Sloan expressed great joy and optimism when also stating that the experiment was successful. Moreover, I am happy to say that both Tom and Warren have agreed to collaborate on a joint venture by sitting together whenever possible. This is truly a marriage made in heaven.

When the experiment was complete, John Sloan spoke with us again, and Marie-Jeanne, who was seated next to me, being from the Netherlands, had a little difficulty understanding his Scottish accent... John graciously told Marie to wait just a second. He then proceeded to walk over to her so she could understand him better. Everyone present could hear his loud footsteps coming toward her and he spoke as he walked so I could hear his voice getting closer. He must have been wearing shoes because none of us could have made that much noise walking around the room barefoot. John proceeded to speak louder and clearer so she could understand and I sensed

that he was well within arms length of me.

After approximately 90 minutes, John told Kevin that it was time to close the sitting. Kevin then played three more songs, the first one being by Michael Jackson. As soon as this song began, I felt someone step gently on my right big toe and then felt a hand squeeze my right shoulder, then massage my entire right arm from my shoulder down to my wrist several times. Whoever was standing on my big toe was wearing shoes and as mentioned earlier, everyone present, including the mediums, had removed their shoes and left them outside prior to entering the sitting room. I must add that I felt no pain in my toe and had no intentions whatsoever to remove my toe from under this etheric person’s foot. I must confess that it brought great joy to me and I would have been happy if my toe had been stepped on for the entire duration of the sitting! I also felt someone flicking his or her finger on the center of my forehead right at the hair line. Earlier in the sitting I mentally sent a message asking if someone could run his fingers through my hair. This is great confirmation for me personally knowing that they can read our thoughts.

Several times throughout the sitting we all could clearly hear loud clapping from different parts of the room. We also experienced wind several times throughout the sitting. These were not breezes but fairly strong wind – strong enough to move my hair. At one point, I could hear my neighbor, Marie, utter a sigh of “ahhhhhh” as the wind passed over us. We all felt it. It was fantastic. Both of the mediums were moved around in their chairs and when the final song was over and Kevin turned on the light, we saw that a large rug that had been in the corner of the room was sitting crumpled in a pile in the center of the circle. I later measured this rug and found it to be eight feet long, and four feet wide. I lifted it up and found it to weigh approximately 40 pounds. This rug had been levitated and placed on the floor just prior to the end of the sitting. Afterwards, we all agreed that none of us had heard anything drop on the floor.

I cannot do justice in one short report to all the wonderful communication and phenomena that occurred during this historic sitting. There was so much continuous activity and so much clear verbal communication from guides from both mediums that it made for a truly epic and unforgettable life changing experience. It was like a grand house party with close friends reuniting, only some of the guests being visible and the rest invisible. None of us wanted it to end.

I must say here that anyone who does not have at least a basic background and understanding of the principles and fundamentals of physical medi-

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umship is not likely to find the aforementioned eye witness testimonial credible and probably should not be reading this report. Throughout history, it has always been the ignorant, the uninformed, the misinformed, and the close minded who claim that something out of the ordinary is impossible. Consistently, it has always been those who conduct no investigation at all who claim to be experts on something they know absolutely nothing about. My sincere advice to those who are truly interested to find out once and for all about this greatest and most important of all truths, is to read a book entitled: *On the Edge of the Etheric* by Arthur Findlay. This book, which can be found on the Internet, provides a good foundation on which to build. Once the person has that foundation, then begins an exciting journey. A most exciting journey imaginable!

For those who are knowledgeable, it is not necessary to elaborate on the security precautions that are always taken. Furthermore, these mediums have been checked out by many brilliant people with many years of investigative experience specific to physical mediumship.

Those who are advanced in their knowledge of physical mediumship, know that at times on certain occasions, phenomena may occur that are and always will be inexplicable due to the fact that the laws of physics and science do not always apply in and when communicating with the afterlife dimension.

After several hours of physical phenomena and spirit communication, if there is one thing that cannot be explained, it is fool hearty to dismiss all of the evidence of the sittings because one cannot comprehend how certain phenomena can occur. Unfortunately, this happens occasionally and it is all due to ignorance.

Regardless of his or her beliefs, everyone alive on this planet today will one day be taking a trip to an afterlife dimension of a higher vibration, imperceptible with our limited five senses, that will last for eternity. It appears to me that it would be very foolish not to make some kind of preparation prior to this most important of all journeys! It is time to put aside personal beliefs, ancient religious superstitions, unproven religious dogma and doctrine, and find out the real truth regarding what happens when we pass. The evidence is out there and in very great abundance.

Furthermore, many of the greatest and brightest of all scientists that ever lived have conducted extensive scientific investigations into physical mediumship and nearly all of them have concluded that the existence of an afterlife dimension is real and that people in this dimension can and do communicate with us through various kinds of mediumship. In

this case, we are discussing the most evidential form of communication – physical mediumship. It is not necessary to reinvent the wheel over and over again when all of the most serious and extensive investigations of physical mediumship have already been conducted so many times in the past by the most qualified scientific investigators.

We are in the dawn of a new age of physical mediumship, with full materializations in light on the horizon in the near future. This truth of survival cannot be denied. It has been hidden, buried and suppressed, but truth can never be denied. This will spawn a new age of reason and global enlightenment. This will slowly change the world and the way we think. It is necessary for the survival of the planet and our species. The time has come!

Arthur Findlay once said: "It is the nature of man to think, to wonder, and to ponder over the mystery of existence. Since man became a thinking being he has wondered about his origin, and pondered over his destiny. Solve the mystery of death and we have gone far to solve the mystery of existence."

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## International ADC Conference

The logo for our **International Conference on After Death Communications**, sponsored by The Logos Center in Scottsdale, Arizona, is rich with symbology. Most people who meditate on it become aware of special meanings for themselves. Our plan for this conference, being held April 13 - April 15, 2012 in Phoenix, is that it will meet the deep needs of each individual. Some who attend will be bereaved, others have had after death experiences with loved ones that they don't understand, many want to learn to clearly communicate with those in Spirit, find out more about the continuation of consciousness after death or are curious about the whole field of after death communications. If you would personally like greater help and understanding in these areas - we invite you to join us. Speakers include John Holland, world renowned psychic medium, Pim van Lommel M.D., from the Netherlands, Larry Dossey, M.D., Bill Guggenheim, Jon Klimo, Ph.D., actress Diane Ladd and her author-husband, Robert Hunter, Eben Alexander, M.D., John Turner M.D. from Hawaii, attorney Roberta Grimes, psychic mediums Mark Nelson, Jesse V from Australia and many others. Call Logos at: 480-483-8777 or log onto our website: [www.afterdeathconference.org](http://www.afterdeathconference.org) to read about the conference.

# Edgar Cayce: Passé or Always Relevant?

by Herbert Bruce Puryear, Ph.D.

Over the decades of my interest and enthusiasm for the amazing psychic work of Edgar Cayce I have met and talked with hundreds, perhaps thousands, of people about him. Often they say, "Oh, I read all of his books. I was into that years ago, but I've grown past that." I am always fascinated by such a response. I first read about Cayce in *There Is a River* in 1951, I visited Virginia Beach in 1953 and lived three weeks in the old Cayce home, I spent two months in Virginia Beach in 1959 studying all of the dream interpretations Cayce gave, and after that, lectured for the work for ten years before joining the full time staff for fourteen years, where my job included being the Director of the Research Division.



Edgar Cayce

To this very moment there is hardly a day when I do not search the CD that has all of the fourteen thousand plus readings that he gave. Every time I study this information I am delighted, enlightened and amazed. I find it to be so rich, so inspiring, so accurate and helpful and so "right on." The documentation is monumental. There are scientific journal articles, newspaper reports, physician's affidavits, and personal reports of the helpfulness of the information. Once the Board of Trustees asked for a report on the accuracy of the readings. The readings research staff came to me and said, "What shall we do? There are thousands of amazing confirmations of the accuracy and helpfulness of this information." There were also negative reports. Here is an example of such a report.

I was talking in person with the great psychologist, Gardner Murphy. I have the greatest respect for this man and his accomplishments. He wrote outstanding books on nearly every major area of psychology. What is more, he wrote *The Challenge of Psychical Research* and he was on occasion the president of the American Society for Psychical Research. I asked him about Edgar Cayce. He said, "Oh, we checked him out thoroughly. There was nothing there." What few people realize is that the staff working with Cayce kept every scrap of correspondence both to and from everyone. When I checked out Dr. Murphy's story, this is what I found. Dr. Murphy was at Columbia University at the time. He located a doctor who agreed to cooperate. A patient was selected, one patient, and a physical reading was given for that patient. The doctor was given the reading, he glanced at it and replied, and I quote,

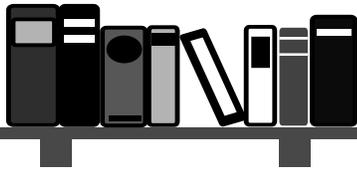
"That's gobbledygook!" Dr. Murphy wrote back and said that there was nothing accurate or helpful in the reading. That was the end of his "investigation." This is a sad and typical reaction of some of the highly respected sources who have looked at the information, cursorily, or not at all, yet have claimed to have evaluated the Cayce material and found it to be useless.

So, why have the Cayce readings been ignored or at best to have once been helpful but now passé? First, the "prophet" aspect of his work has been over emphasized and sensationalized and therefore disappointing to the casual observer. This has been due in some considerable measure to the organization promulgating the information in a "news bite" manner instead of the depth of explanation the information deserves, as was the case with Dr. Murphy's physician. Second, the information is doubly distasteful to both the scientific and medical communities' interests and to the established vested interests of the various Christian churches. Third, there has been very little intensive study of the information itself. Many people are put off by the language of the readings and therefore skim the material instead of mulling and pondering over it, as I find frequently to be required. As for reading difficulty, consider this. Some of the great literature of the world includes Shakespeare, Goethe, Dante, Homer and the Bible. No one can do justice to any of these books in a cursory reading. Even a college course on each of these books cannot do them justice. The Cayce readings warrant study, not scanning. Finally, the readings always call for patient, persistent, consistent application. The consciousness of our times resists anything that does not give instant and immediate relief. This is unfortunate for us all. Now, two generations have passed by this great source of information and enlightenment.

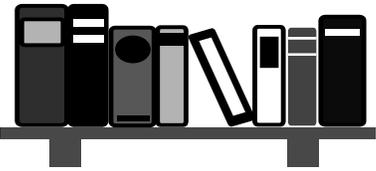
Here is a simple, straight forward, easy, practical example. Seventy-five years ago, Cayce said that if you would eat several almonds a day you would never have any inclination toward developing tumors or cancer. Wow! What if it worked on only ten percent of those who tried it? How many millions of lives would have enjoyed a nutritious snack along with avoiding unbelievable pain and disastrous expense for themselves and their families? What if it worked on 90 percent of the people? And this is only an intimation of the great and vast treasure of information that is so easily available to us, all on a single CD.

The Truth is always relevant and should never be allowed to become passé.

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## Book Review



*Afterlife Teaching from Stephen the Martyr*, by Michael Cocks, White Crow Books, 2011, 322 pages, \$19.99 (from Amazon.com)

Not all Christian clergymen believe that messages coming to us through modern mediums are the work of the devil. The Rev. Michael Cocks, an Anglican priest from Christchurch, New Zealand and a member of the Academy, is among the more open-minded clergymen. During the 1970s, Cocks was one of a small group of religious friends who began gathering periodically at the modest home of Thomas and Olive Ashman in Christchurch to observe the trance mediumship of Thomas Ashman. After Ashman went into a trance, an entity calling himself "Stephen" began talking through him. This was not any old Stephen, but Saint Stephen, the first Christian martyr.



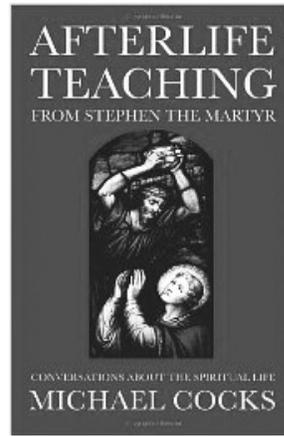
*Michael Cocks*

Stephen would dialogue with the group, which, in addition to Cocks and Ashman's wife, Olive, also included a liberal Catholic priest, a Buddhist, and other curious observers. Cocks states that normally Stephen spoke through Ashman in a "rather curious English," but that he twice spoke in an ancient Greek dialect, which apparently was for the purposes of confirming his identity.

"For myself, I do not speak [English] and I never have," Stephen related in one of the sittings. "I activate these words that are in Thomas's memory and are known to him. Occasionally there is a little 'magic,' when I join together sounds and symbols that are in Thomas's mind so that words may be spoken that are not known to Thomas."

At one sitting, Stephen said: "Think not that when you are without your body, you are going to be much different, for your needs are different. Except through feelings there is little association, for your tasks and your needs are no longer what they were, and the tasks and needs of them that are still in the body are different. These are the first things you learn."

On another occasion, he was asked about reincarnation and said: "The answer is most difficult. The understanding of the phenomenon is some-



times beyond even myself, but hear me now. Even as I speak through this body, I am Stephen and reincarnate possibly a thousandfold. The confusion is not in the reality of this. It is in the concept of your conscious mind where it can but think of one body."

As for the purpose of life, Stephen communicated: "Remember, that in the beginning there was the coming away from the

Source, for the correction of many disorders. Acquiring a physical body is only one stage in the corrections...It seems a contradiction in itself, unless you understand, that it is for this reason each and every one of you is in the position that you are, for the reason that you may develop; that disorder may be corrected. Each is in the situation where he must learn, develop and correct disorder."

Stephen was not the only communicator. On October 23, 1973, these words, apparently coming from Christ, flowed from Ashman's vocal cords: "The task of your servant Stephen is that of messenger and he speaks with great authority. The task of yourselves is the decision as to which way you choose use those messages..."

Christ spoke through Ashman on several other occasions. "We believed it to be the voice of Christ, partly because Stephen agreed that it was, and partly from an awe-inspiring presence that had a very strong emotional and spiritual impact," Cocks says. "The messages were of course very appropriate if they were from Christ."

Cocks realizes that the story is difficult for most people to accept. At first, he had a hard time accepting it himself. Even after he came to believe that St. Stephen was actually communicating with the small group, he was reluctant to discuss it with many people outside of the group. "Part of it was fear of social ostracism for claiming to receive teachings from a saint," he explains.

Cocks, who earned a master's degree in philosophy at the University of New Zealand and a master's in theology at Oxford University, wrote about his observations in a 2005 book titled "The Stephen Experience." That book has now been revised, republished, and just recently released by White Crow Books with the new title.

## Words of Wisdom

*Science very honestly, stoutly, sternly, godlessly says that man does not survive the decay of the organs. The religious world takes up the evidence not seen by science. So far as it goes, however, science is the world's grandest archangel – without wings, without a heart for humanity, with only a front brain, having no affections for theories, creeds, or philosophy. But Art comes to our relief. She comes from the woman side of Nature. Art reports the most interior, and unfolds the ultimates of the life of things. Music can never be separated from art. Poetry and music have pure affections. Painting is but another expression of universal art. Science commences at the right side and works leftward; art commences in the left side and works rightward; thus they meet, and interlock and silver-chain together in their marchings. Art rises spirally toward heaven, but science continues horizontally with the earth; with its eyes upon the stars it rises not; for it sees only solid bodies reflecting light. Art alone interprets the light of the stars and gives the music to which all bodies are wedded. The magnificent beauty of the physical world is unfolded through art. Science respects art only so far as it will illustrate and develop the exactitudes of science.*

– Andrew Jackson Davis

## Academy's Conference

The Academy of Spirituality and Paranormal Studies, Inc. will hold its 37th annual conference on "Spirituality, Science and the Paranormal" on Friday, June 1 to Sunday, June 3, 2012 at Kutztown University, Kutztown (near Allentown), Pennsylvania. Put this date on your calendar now. We'll send conference details and a registration form to you in January, 2012.

### Ponder on This

Spirits differing very widely from one another as regards their knowledge and morality, it is evident that the same question may receive from them very different answers, according to the rank at which they have arrived; exactly as would be the case if it were propounded alternately to a man of science, an ignoramus, and a mischievous wag. The important point is to know to whom we are addressing our question.

– Allan Kardec



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