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NEWSLETTER

Church of Peace, A Spiritualist Center, NSAC



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A Message from the Director

Charvonne Carlson, NST, CM, CH

Hello All,

February is upon us. For many of us in winter states, we have had a relatively mild season so far. How are you all fairing?

This month is African American History month. As I do every year I am offering a lecture on the influence of African Americans in Modern American Spiritualism. This year though, the class and the notes are available on our website for you to purchase and watch at your leisure. All proceeds will go towards obtaining a bench in Honor of Rev. Bertha Crear to be displayed in Hydesville. To learn about her and register for the class please see our website.

The pastoral committee has met and we are starting our lineup of guest speakers, classes and events we will be offering this year. In March we will be starting our Spiritualist Mediumship program that will be a self paced program that you sign up for and take the classes at your convenience. We will offer a certificate of completion from the Church of Peace, as a momento you can have for yourself. These classes will feature different teachers and speakers discussing and teaching the various forms of mediumship and development. We host a circle twice a month that you can take for practicing what you have learned. You will be able to register for them on our website in March.

We have welcomed two new members to our church family, Dr. Homer Garcia, Ph.D. and Mike McGarry. We are truly excited and thrilled!

Many Blessings,

Charvonne

Charvonne Carlson, NST, CM, CH

Director, Church of Peace, A
Spiritualist Center





Church of Peace is a Spiritualist Online Church, registered with the National Spiritualist Association of Churches,

We focus on the educational and spiritual development of Spiritualists through the foundation of Modern American Spiritualism.

"Kindness in words creates confidence. Kindness in thinking creates profoundness. Kindness in giving creates love." - Lao Tzu

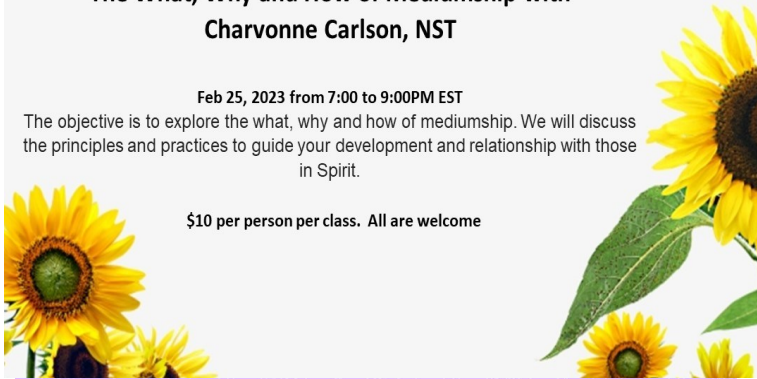
Upcoming Events

The What, Why and How of Mediumship with Charvonne Carlson, NST

Feb 25, 2023 from 7:00 to 9:00PM EST

The objective is to explore the what, why and how of mediumship. We will discuss the principles and practices to guide your development and relationship with those in Spirit.

\$10 per person per class. All are welcome



HYDESVILLE

Memorial park

March 31, 2023

Celebrate the 175th Anniversary of the Advent of Modern Spiritualism

Link for more details and to RSVP

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10CoD4EA8A92AA7FBC61-come>

African Americans in Spiritualism

This class will give a brief history of African American Pioneers in Modern Spiritualism

This will be a self paced class.

It is \$10 per person to access.

The class will be available for 30 days after purchase.

You can purchase the class on our website:
churchofpeacespiritualistcenter.org

About the Teacher:



Charvonne Carlson is the Director of Church of Peace, A Spiritualist Center. She is a National Spiritualist Teacher, Certified Medium and Commissioned Healer with the National Spiritualist Association of Churches. She also serves as Trustee for the National Board. She is passionate about Spiritualism and loves to share her enthusiasm about the religion.

Church of Peace, A Spiritualist Center NSAC Sunday Morning Healing Service 8am CST



4th Sunday of every Month

Can Register on Eventbrite

churchofpeacespiritualistcenter.org

If interested in joining our church, please fill out a membership application below

[General Membership Application](#)

(for other memberships see website)

Annual dues for Church of Peace is \$30 .00 for General Membership

Contact churchofpeacespiritual@gmail.com

Recipes to Spread the Love this Valentines

Easy Oreo Truffles

Recipe by Baker's



Ingredients

- 2 (8 ounce) packages semisweet baking chocolate
- 16 ounces cream-filled chocolate sandwich cookies (such as Oreo®), divided
- 1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese, softened

Directions

Step 1: Melt chocolate in a saucepan over low heat, stirring occasionally 4 to 6 minutes.

Step 2: While the chocolate is melting, place 9 cream-filled sandwich cookies in a food processor and blend until finely crushed. Transfer crumbs to a bowl and reserve for decorating.

Step 3: Add remaining cookies to the food processor and blend until finely crushed. Transfer crumbs to a large bowl and stir in cream cheese; mix until well-blended. Roll mixture into 42 balls, about 1-inch in diameter.

Step 4: Place each ball in melted chocolate and use two forks to roll it until fully coated. Lift the ball with both forks and allow excess chocolate to drip off. Place coated truffle on a wax paper-lined baking sheet and sprinkle with reserved cookie crumbs to decorate. Repeat to make remaining truffles.

Step 5: Refrigerate truffles until firm, at least 1 hour. Keep in the refrigerator until just before serving.

Watch the video for more details

<https://www.allrecipes.com/recipe/127491/easy-oreo-truffles/>

NSAC Newsletter

To be informed on the latest activities, events and movements in the National Spiritualist Association of Churches, please read their newsletter at the link below

[Newsletter](#)

Healing Requests

Church of Peace would like to remind members to send all healing requests to

churchofpeacespiritual@gmail.com

by Tuesday each week.

Please use first names only.

During our Sunday service we will read the names aloud so our healers and members can send healing energy to those in need..

Remember the fourth Sunday of the month at 8 am CST is a healing service is offered by the

Church of Peace.

[Community Resources](#)

Please see

<https://www.churchofpeacespiritualcenter.org/equalspirits>

to learn more about the organization

and non-profits that are available.

Service Information

Sundays

9 am CST

Contact

Churchofpeacespiritual@gmail.com

African American Spiritualism in the South

African American spiritualism in the South has a rich history that has been shaped by a variety of cultural and societal factors. This tradition, which is rooted in the belief in the power of the spirit world and the ability to communicate with the dead, has played an important role in the lives of many African Americans in the South.

One of the key factors that has influenced the development of African American spiritualism in the South is the legacy of slavery. The forced displacement of millions of Africans from their homes and the subsequent brutal treatment they received as slaves had a profound impact on the spiritual beliefs and practices of African Americans. In order to cope with the trauma and oppression they experienced, many enslaved African Americans turned to spiritual practices as a way to find solace and connection to their ancestors and the spirit world.

Another important factor that has shaped African American spiritualism in the South is the influence of various African spiritual traditions. Many enslaved Africans brought their traditional spiritual practices with them to the Americas, and these practices were often blended with Christian beliefs to create a unique form of spiritualism. For example, the concept of ancestor veneration, which is central to many African spiritual traditions, is also an important aspect of African American spiritualism in the South (Matory, 2005).

African American spiritualism in the South has also been influenced by the religious and spiritual practices of white Americans. The South has a long history of religious diversity, and African American spiritualists have often interacted with and been influenced by the religious beliefs and practices of their white neighbors. For example, African American spiritualists in the South often incorporate elements of Christian theology into their spiritual practices, such as the use of Bible passages in their rituals and the belief in the power of prayer (Brown, 2009).

Despite the many challenges and obstacles that African American spiritualists in the South have faced, this tradition has persisted and continues to be an important aspect of the lives of many African Americans in the South. Today, African American spiritualism is often closely tied to the African American community and is an important part of the cultural heritage of the South.

In conclusion, African American spiritualism in the South has a rich history that has been shaped by a variety of cultural and societal factors, including the legacy of slavery, the influence of African spiritual traditions, and the religious and spiritual practices of white Americans. This tradition has played an important role in the lives of many African Americans in the South and continues to be an important part of the cultural heritage of the region.

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National Spiritualist Association "Thirtieth Annual Convention" in Chicago Illinois, October 17-21, 1922. The last year the NSA was integrated.

Check out and subscribe to **Church of Peace YouTube Channel**

for past lyceums, services and discussions at

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCulMYzK67Bmv_KS_tEcqvUw/featured



Equal Spirits

Equal Spirits focuses on equality among all living spirits. In the mission of Spiritualism, Church of Peace's goal is to create an equal and diverse community and presence in our global majority world. Our center focuses on topics each month that reflect our belief in celebrating the heritage and contributions of all people.

We are looking for articles, information on events or organizations and even news about topics related to diversity, equity and inclusion. If you are interested in

contributing to our newsletter or website please message us at

churchofpeacespiritual@gmail.com.

The Formation of the Black Spiritual Church from the NCSAC

The National Colored Spiritualist Association of Churches (NCSAC), an organization that was established in the United States in the late 19th century after the National Spiritualist Association voted to segregate the Spiritualist organization in 1923. The NCSAC was formed at a time when African Americans were largely excluded from mainstream spiritualist organizations and faced significant discrimination in American society. The NCSAC was formed to provide a separate organization for African American spiritualists, who felt that they were not being adequately represented or accepted within the NSA. Pressure to protect spiritualists, especially in the South from white supremacy groups who threatened the integrated services, the all-white NSA board voted to create a separate spiritualist organization for people of color. Many prominent African American Spiritualist reverends in refusal for this annexation, left the NSA completely.

Despite these challenges, the organization grew rapidly and by the early 20th century had over 100 member churches. Reverend Joseph P. Whitwell was elected President of the newly formed group in 1925 and he used this platform to create an African focused Spiritualist religion. The association was primarily made up of African American mediums, healers, and spiritualist practitioners who had been active in the spiritualist movement for many years. They believed that the traditional spiritualist movement did not adequately address the specific needs and experiences of African American spiritualists.

African or Black Spiritual churches emerged from this separation. These churches are a strong mix of religions such as Judaism, Christianity, New Thought or Islam and Spiritualism with the emphasis of the existence of spirits, healing, and the ability to communicate with them. Black Spiritual churches provided a space for African American spiritualists to practice their beliefs and connect with their community. This newly formed church provided an avenue that was not possible in the mainstream spiritualist movement. The Black Spiritual movement also preserved and promoted African American spiritual traditions, which were often marginalized in other religious organizations.

The largest church to form from this split was the Metropolitan Spirituals Churches of Christ in Kansas City, Missouri in 1925 and later would branch out to Chicago, Detroit and other cities. The church incorporated a mix of white and black spiritualism that was referred to as the "four square gospel" consisting of healing, prophesy, preaching and teaching. Healing and prophesy was embedded from their days in a Spiritualist church service. They incorporated a "blessing service" where a medium would channel the Spirit manifest to give a message or they would late in the teaching session hold a séance to help bless the people with more messages from beyond. To set them apart from white spiritualist, Black Spiritualist started to refer to their style of Spiritualism as Black Spirituals.

One of the key beliefs of the NCSAC is that all individuals have the ability to communicate with spirits, and that this ability is not limited to a select few. The organization also emphasizes the importance of spiritual healing and the use of mediums to facilitate communication with the spirit world. In addition to their spiritual beliefs, the NCSAC also played an important role in promoting social justice and equality for African Americans. The organization provided a supportive and inclusive community for its members, and many NCSAC churches were active in the civil rights movement. Despite the significant impact of the NCSAC, the organization has faced challenges in recent years. In the 21st century, the number of member churches has declined, and the organization has struggled to maintain its visibility and relevance in American society. The organization moved their headquarters from Ohio to Detroit until it dissolved in 2011.

However, the legacy of the NCSAC remains important, as it represents a unique aspect of African American religious history and the struggle for acceptance and social justice. The organization's emphasis on spiritual healing and communication with the spirit world continues to inspire individuals and communities today.



Crowd of 5,000 Spiritualists attend pre-congress music fest at Chicago Coliseum. Spectacular event, featuring leading gospel singers and mammoth chorus composed of representatives of Metropolitan churches' various choirs, has become traditional highlight at sect's conventions. Five-day meeting's theme was "Facing Future With Faith."

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Church of Peace: Psychical Research Science Society



In following Spiritualism, Church of Peace started a Psychical Research Science Society. Our goal is to shed light on the current studies, scientific findings, technology and groups that have proven the existence of life after physical death.

Starting in 2023, we will offer speakers throughout the year for a fee. Due to changing our format, the current membership will be suspended after June, to make the society open to all who are interested in attending the events, webinars and trainings. To register for events with PRSS in the COP Newsletter and on our website page

<https://www.churchofpeacespiritualistcenter.org/prss>

Church of Peace Psychical Research Science Society Disclaimer

The views and opinions expressed by Presenters do not necessarily reflect the views or positions of Church of Peace, PRSS or the NSAC.

Psychical Research Science Society Presents:
PRSS Monthly Meeting
Febraury 4th, 2023
at 11 am EST

Special Guest Speaker
JOE Giaquinto
Spirit Communications
Messages from the Great Beyond

Psychic medium and paranormal investigator, Joe Giaquinto will explore the fascinating ways in which the spirit world communicates with the living. Joe will share heartwarming stories of people who received signs and messages from their loved ones in spirit and offer proof that life continues after physical death. At the conclusion of his talk, the audience can ask Joe questions about the supernatural. Join us for this exciting online event!
www.joegmediumpi.com

PRSS members attend for free
Non-Members cost is \$10

To register for these events please check out

<https://www.churchofpeacespiritualistcenter.org/prss>

Psychical Research Science Society Presents:
PRSS Monthly Meeting
March 4th, 2023
at 11 am EST

Special Guest Speaker
BOB GINSBERG
Founder of Forever Family Foundation,
Author and Researcher for the evidence for
the survival of consciousness

Bob Ginsberg started researching the evidence for survival of consciousness soon after his daughter died in 2002. Devastated by the loss, he needed science to tell him if she still existed in some form. In 2004 Bob and his wife Phran founded Forever Family Foundation (foreverfamilyfoundation.org), a global not for profit that educates the public about evidence that we are more than our physical bodies. Bob hosts the Signs of Life radio show, is past editor of Signs of Life Magazine, heads the foundation's Medium Evaluation Certification Program, writes a blog at beyondthefivesenses.com, and is the author of The Medium Explosion. Bob, Phran and the foundation are currently featured in the Netflix Docuseries Surviving Death.

PRSS members attend for free
Non-Members cost is \$10

NSAC Societies/Clubs

Contact the secretaries of the different clubs to apply.

For more information email Church of Peace at Churchofpeacespiritual@gmail.com

(Students are welcome to join these two clubs)

Licentiate Ministers and Certified Mediums Society

Charvonne Carlson, President
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
charvonne.carlson@gmail.com

Sharon Watson, Secretary-Treasurer
Ocala, Florida
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Spiritualist Healers League

Havivah Richards, President
Glendale, Arizona
reverendhaviness@gmail.com

Sharon Watson, Secretary-Treasurer
Ocala, Florida
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(Only certified members can join the following)

National Spiritualist Teachers Club

Sharon Watson, President
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Patricia Horne, Secretary/Treasurer
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Ministerial Association

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Church of Peace's Children's Lyceum Corner



Artwork by Annie Gunshore,



Check out Psychic Kids United for lessons on how to help your gifted child and ways to learn how to work with your child if they show signs of being an empath, psychic, or a medium:

Click the logo to know more.

Check out a new organization that supports children with developing intuitive abilities and helps parents understand their child's unique gifts

Highly Intuitive Kids

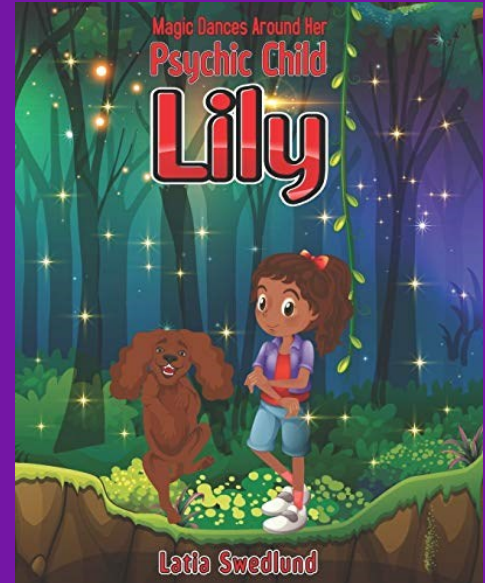


<https://www.highlyintuitivekids.com/>

Book of the Month

Psychic Child Lily: Magic Dances Around Her

by Latia Swedlund



Lily uses her psychic powers to help her best friend solve mysteries. Lily's psychic dreams are gateway into another world, that sheds light in secrets. Will her psychic powers help her find her missing puppy?



Church of Peace's Children's Lyceum Corner



www.kindergartenworksheets.net

Winter Vocabulary Worksheet

Name _____



winter

Trace it!

Let's say it 3 times!

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Circle the words that are spelled correctly.

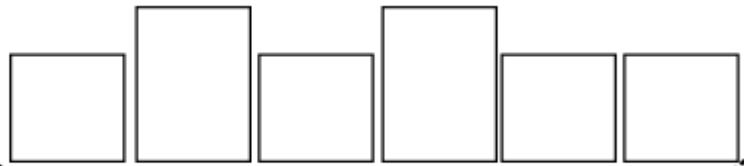
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Clap the syllables and color the hands for each syllable.



Let's spell the word!



Winter Crossword Puzzle

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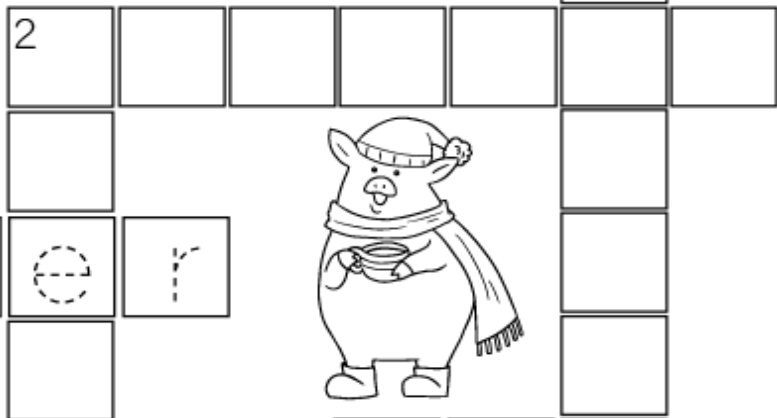
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Reverend Harriet E. Wilson by A. Gunshore



Reverend Harriet “Hattie” E. Wilson was a spiritualist medium and healer active in Boston during the late 19th century. She was born in 1825 in Milford, NH, to Joshua Green, an African American Barrel-hooper and Margaret Ann Adams, an Irish washerwoman. After her father’s death in 1828, she was sold to the Hayward family as an indentured servant after her mother abandons her. Her mother passes away tragically in 1830. Harriet worked until she was 18 years old for the Haywards upon which she gained her freedom. She married Thomas Wilson in 1851, bore a son in 1852, and became a widow in 1853.

Her son, George, would pass in 1860 at the age of seven, leading Wilson to move to Boston where she discovered Spiritualism. By 1867, she was known for her abilities to communicate with the dead and perform healing through spiritual means which is written about in the *Banner of Light* newspaper. For more than 20 years she becomes a regular story for the *Banner of Light* and her speaking engagements were front page news for their paper.

She joins the Massachusetts Spiritualist Associations and shared a podium with Andrew Jackson Davis at several semiannual conventions. She was known for her entranced lectures and healing mediumship at several Spiritualist circles and camp meetings. Her largest crowd was around 3,000 spectators who came to

hear her speak.

By 1869, she would work at an apothecary with a white doctor named John Gallatin Robinson and after studying with him, she will be known as Dr. Hattie Wilson. In 1870, she married Robinson, ten years her junior, in a Spiritualist ceremony. In 1873, she publicly supports Victoria Woodhull’s presidency and speaks at the Fourth Annual Spiritualist Camp meeting in Massachusetts. She is chosen as one of the six delegates to attend the American Association of Spiritualists Convention in Chicago the same year. Harriet had a successful career as a spiritualist, but also faced grievances and criticism for her practices. Despite this, she continued to work as a medium and healer until the early 20th century.

One of her most notable mediumship events was her spiritual seances, where she would help people contact their deceased loved ones. Wilson was able to produce physical manifestations such as table-tipping, rappings, and materializations. She was also known for her ability to perform healing through spiritual means, claiming to be able to diagnose and cure illnesses by communicating with spirits. This was a time when spiritualism was gaining popularity and many people were looking for answers and closure after the Civil War.

Harriet would become active in the Children’s Progressive Lyceums, and even opened a Sunday school to help children learn about Spirit. She became the first woman of color to lead, teach and run an integrated school in Boston.

Reverend Wilson faced criticism from skeptics who disputed her abilities and the validity of her mediumship events. However, she had a strong following of believers who attested to the accuracy of her mediumship and the effectiveness of her healing practices. Despite the criticisms, she continued to work as a medium and healer until her passing in the first year of the twentieth century.

In her biography, Wilson writes about being born a free person of color in New Hampshire but was enslaved for a period of time before she managed to buy her freedom. She later moved to Boston and began to work as a Spiritualist medium and healer. She was also an author, writing two books, *Our Nig*; *Sketches from the Life of a Free Black and Memoir* of Harriet E. Wilson, the First of Her Race, Born in the State of New Hampshire, Author of “*Our Nig*.” She wrote the books under the pen name “Harriet E. Adams.”

Despite the criticism and skepticism, she faced as Spiritualism declined in America, and the on set of Jim Crow Laws created barriers for her to speak in public, she persisted in her work as a medium and healer and helped many people find comfort and closure through her abilities until her last speaking engagement in 1898. Reverend Harriet E. Wilson would transition from this world in 1900 in Massachusetts and her legacy would be remembered as being a pioneering figure in the world of spiritualism and she continues to be remembered for her contributions to the field of mediumship.



Harriet Wilson Project Commissioned Harriet E. Wilson Memorial by Fern Cunningham. Donated to the Town of Milford, NH October 6, 2006

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Declarations of Principles

1. We believe in Infinite Intelligence.
2. We believe that the phenomena of Nature, both physical and spiritual, are the expression of Infinite Intelligence.
3. We affirm that a correct understanding of such expression and living in accordance therewith, constitute true religion.
4. We affirm that the existence and personal identity of the individual continue after the change called death.
5. We affirm that communication with the so-called dead is a fact, scientifically proven by the phenomena of Spiritualism.
6. We believe that the highest morality is contained in the Golden Rule: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."
7. We affirm the moral responsibility of individuals and that we make our own happiness or unhappiness as we obey or disobey Nature's physical and spiritual laws.
8. We affirm that the doorway to reformation is never closed against any soul here or hereafter.
9. We affirm that the precepts of Prophecy and Healing are Divine attributes proven through Mediumship.

Healing prayer

I ask the Great Unseen

Healing Force

To remove all obstructions from my
mind and body

And to restore me to perfect health.

I ask this in all sincerity and honesty

And I will do my part.

I ask this Great Unseen

Healing Force

To help both present and
absent ones

Who are in need of help

And to restore them to
perfect health.

I put my trust in the love and power
of God.

Amen

Educational Resources

Online ADEC courses: [https://www.adec.org/page/Pre approved Program](https://www.adec.org/page/Pre_approved_Program)

University of Alternative Studies: [Free certifications and classes in clairvoyancy, parapsychology](#)

Book links on Spiritualism: [Celebrate Life Digital Library](#) [Spiritualism Library Page](#)

Online Schools Links for the Study of Spiritualism, Healing, or Mediumship:

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[International Metaphysical University](#)

[Tabor Thompson Institute](#)

[Arthur Findlay College](#)

[Arthur Ford School at Delphi University](#)

[International Spiritual Federation](#)

[ISSMPI](#)

[Fellowship of the Spirit](#)

[Spirituality & Practice](#)

[Morris Pratt Institute](#)

[Holistic Studies Institute](#)

[Spirit360– Old Soul Academy](#)

