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The Seven Principles of Spiritualism

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The Spiritualist movement in England today has two primary organizations, the Spiritualist Union (SNU), being one, and the other is The Greater World Christian Spiritualist Church, founded in 1931.

As a member of the SNU, I subscribe to, and accept, The Seven Principles of Spiritualist philosophy - our teachings. Below you will find a brief outline provided by the SNU.

1. The Fatherhood of God
2. The Brotherhood of Man
3. The Communion of Spirits and the Ministry of Angels
4. The Continuous Existence of the Human Soul
5. Personal Responsibility
6. Compensation and Retribution Hereafter for all the Good or Evil Deeds

7. Eternal Progress Open to every Human Soul

The Fatherhood of God

Looking at the world around us, and the universe, we cannot deny that there is a force that has created life in all its varying forms. This force keeps the whole of existence giving room for expansion, transformation and creation. This creative force has created life so we speak of "Fatherhood". By acknowledging "The Fatherhood of God" as mankind's inherent divinity as Children of God, each individual person can receive the benefit of that eternal life force.

The Brotherhood of Man

It follows then that each of us are in the same relationship to that Fatherhood as a human family. A Brotherhood is a community for mutual support and comfort. We help others in this relationship, so we must also learn to receive, so achieving our lives. To live up to the principle 'The Brotherhood of Man', ensures that we meet the material needs of our fellow creatures, but also to the spiritual needs.

The Communion of Spirits and the Ministry of Angels

The key principle of the religion of Spiritualism is the Communion of Spirits. This is put into action, as it is constantly in Spiritualist Churches by mediums, Spiritists, and the teaching of eternal life by demonstrating its reality.

Energy does not die, it cannot be destroyed. It can only change its form. Matter cannot be destroyed either, but its manifestation can and does alter. The source of all life, is eternal, and so the individual is eternal, and death is only a change of form and friendship. It is natural then, that those who have 'died' would wish to see their family and friends through communication via a medium or sensitive person.

Continuous Existence of the Human Soul

Spirit is indestructible. When the physical body dies, the spirit continues to exist, which interpenetrates ours, but which is in a different dimension. We refer to this as the Spirit World. When living in the Spirit World we are the same individuals in every life, with the same personalities and characteristics. We change only by progression, or other means.

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Personal Responsibility

Through acceptance of our immortality through the Fatherhood of God, and our responsibilities to others through the Brotherhood of Man, we are also aware that our assertion must be the recognition of the effects created by everything we say, our words, our actions and even our unspoken thoughts.

Our spiritual progression is wholly dependent upon ourselves, and it is with as full an understanding as possible of all the implications of this principle that we can serve to others that we can serve ourselves.

Compensation and Retribution

As with all the other principles, the natural laws apply, and this one is the Law of Effect - 'as you sow, so shall you reap'. You cannot be cruel and vindictive and expect love and popularity in return. Personal Responsibility asks you to 'do as you would be done by' and Compensation and Retribution says 'be done by as you did'.

Eternal Progress open to every Human Soul

Accepting Personal Responsibility implies that within the context of this progression is wholly within our hands, and it is only by developing our individuality that we can progress. Progress is never easy, and great progress demands great effort. Our blessings are in proportion to the efforts we make, stimulating finer vibrations that will raise us ever higher in the great divine spiral of spiritual progression, in