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#### Dear USB friends:

Our thirteenth e-newsletter, which is also our 2018 year-end holiday issue, is sent with our blessings of love, peace and light to all those who are dedicated to spreading the teachings of the Universal Spiritual Brother&Sisterhood to all humanity—a USB ideal. Do you know others who might like to receive our nonreligious newsletters? If so, please consider sharing these free publications with them. Visit the USB website here to subscribe to future issues or to view our archive of past newsletters.

First and foremost, we pass on to all our readers the constant reminder of our Illumined Inspirers to accept *nothing*—not even of what *they* say—that your reason does not whole-heartedly embrace *and* that your inner being does not unreservedly sense is true.

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### Our Previous Newsletter:

If you missed our prior issue (eNL-12 of August 2018) you can find it <u>here</u> (scroll down the webpage for a list of past newsletters). It included:

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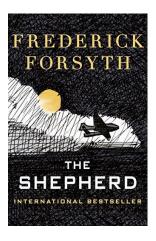


## The Shepherd – An Aviation Ghost Story

*The Shepherd* by Frederick Forsyth was originally published as an illustrated novella in 1975. The author created this original work as a Christmas gift for his first wife, Carrie.

Synopsis of the story: It is Christmas Eve 1957 when an RAF pilot sets out on a solo flight from Germany to return to his home in England in a de Havilland Vampire jet. During the journey, he experiences serious technical difficulties with his plane that incapacitate the on-board communications equipment and other critical instrumentation. As a thick fog surrounds the jet, he becomes disoriented, and, with his fuel supply running low, he grows increasingly desperate, wondering whether he will be able to arrive safely at his destination. And then help arrives from an unexpected source ...

Find out what happens in this touching story which has been broadcast "nearly every Christmas since 1979" in Canada on the CBC Radio One program, *As It Happens*. Be transported to another time and place as <u>you listen to this dramatic reading</u> (just under 32 minutes) by "Fireside Al" Maitland, who co-hosted *As It Happens* from 1974 to 1993.



### USB Spanish Group Receives Spirit Help

For several years, four members of the USB group in Santo Domingo, Spain have worked on an updated Spanish translation of the USB's book, *Spiritual Light (SL)*, and over the past year they have been finalizing and polishing it.

Once the primary content translation was finished, Mary Lou Nelson (USB Member and Group Assistant) and Rosalind Finnemore (Santo Domingo USB Group Leader) dedicated several more months to the colossal task of translating the Index, which was initiated by Guillermo Noffal, original translator of *SL* before publication.

Their friendship of 35 years has enabled Rosalind and Mary Lou to work side by side joyfully and tirelessly for many hours.



It has been their custom to begin their sessions with a prayer to the USB Spirit Inspirers asking for guidance, help and inspiration, and they have been most conscious of receiving it! On many occasions Rosalind has felt that the spirit guides were nudging her to return to a reference or a page just finished, where she has found a previously unnoticed misinterpretation of a reference, or an omission. Her immediate reaction has always been to give thanks to her invisible helpers for this invaluable input. Mary Lou reports that their shared labor has helped her immensely in her lifelong quest for patience, which she will definitely need as the detailed work of formatting continues!

The two friends have poured their hearts into this work which has enriched their lives enormously. They are awaiting with great anticipation the day when they are able to hold a copy of the finished *Luz Espiritual* book in their hands.

Rosalind and Mary Lou wish to reiterate how indebted they are to Guillermo for his amazing work on the initial translation, and other members of the Santo Domingo group for their many contributions to the effort. They consider themselves very privileged to have the opportunity to work on these wonderful teachings for the USB and, with this translation, to be able to share them with many more seekers of truth. Above all, they express their great love and gratitude to their USB helpers and inspirers.

### An Australian Member Writes

My name is Philip Crouch, a passionate, 71-year old retired community worker. I live near Hobart, Tasmania, Australia—or *down under* as we call it! Since a premonitory dream in 1973, *spiritual journeying* has been part of my *whole* life. Starting in 2012, I have felt inspired, *almost compelled*, to develop spiritual groupwork resources, a web site, a quarterly newsletter, and to lead community/private spiritual-meditative-discussion groups, including a USB group, reachable by email at derwent@theusb.org. More recently, I created and delivered a 3-hour spiritual workshop at a local library, which included teachings from *Spiritual Light (SL)*.

Discovering the USB, and the beauty and wisdom of the *SL* teachings, such as the *Laws That Govern*, has been spiritually inspirational. Creatively, community-amateur theatre writing, performing, and producing plays for all ages has paralleled my spiritual work. To that end, in 2019, I intend to write short, narrative, discussion-style plays based around *spirituality*—with teachings from *SL* providing a significant content contribution.

All of the above is mentioned simply to encourage people everywhere to use their own inspired gifts like writing, public speaking, forming home-based small discussion groups on spirituality, and more. Why not contribute your innate abilities in service to the USB, with its wonderful, highly spiritual, but *nonreligious* mission?! Providing such service will contribute both to humanity globally, and to *your real Self*.



# Spiritual Light as a Holiday Gift



Consider giving a deluxe copy of the USB's <u>Spiritual Light</u> book as a handsome holiday gift for friends and loved ones interested in spirituality

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**Become a book benefactor** for a deserving person who cannot afford to purchase their own copy by donating funds for this purpose to the USB.

**Spiritual Light** shares nonreligious teachings that are universal, enlightened, and agreed upon by many of the world's greatest spiritual teachers.

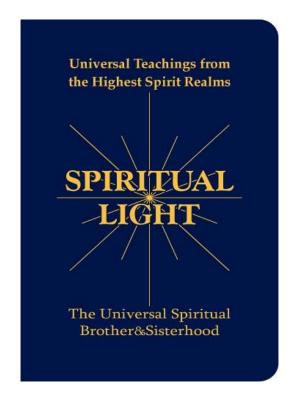
Truly a compendium of spiritual wisdom, it is a book to treasure and enjoy.

See <u>praise</u> for it by Deepak Chopra, Victor and Wendy Zammit, Psychic World, and others.

Handsomely designed in blue and gold, on a simulated leather cover with goldfoil stamp.

Compact and robustly constructed to last hundreds of years, it contains 816 pages of 11-point text printed on thin, archivalquality paper.

Available for \$21.50 + S&H in the USA, with copies also held in the UK -- see details.



Excerpts from the book can be found on the USB website, to help you decide.



### Spirituality and Mediumship at the UN

When the United Nations (UN) comes to mind, most people would probably not make any connection between this large, worldwide organization and spirituality. And so it was for us too, that is until a USB member recently shared some news that led to us learning more about the UN's spiritual history and its ongoing focus on activities of a spiritual nature.

In remarks made by Diane Williams, founder of the NGO Committee on Spirituality, Values and Global Concerns – New York (CSVGC-NY) as she addressed attendees at the Spirit of the UN Awards in October 2016, she noted that "from the very beginning the United Nations was built upon a spiritual foundation as the founders and key players ... were guided by universal values, spiritual principles and practices." In her remarks, Ms. Williams points to the UN's dream of creating unity and harmony among nations, and the organization's key function as a seeker and promoter of freedom. Her remarks also highlight how several of the UN Secretaries General have worked towards building the organization into one that expresses a unified world consciousness. We encourage you to read the full transcript of this enlightening presentation which is available online in a CSVGC-NY blog post entitled The Spiritual History of The United Nations.

Within the UN, there exists the Society for Enlightenment and Transformation (SEAT), a part of the UN Staff Recreational Council (UNSRC), a group of clubs available to members, guests, employees and delegates of the organization. A stated goal of SEAT is: "We seek to inspire, inform, enlighten, and uplift your spirits."

To this end, over the course of the last twenty-three years (as far as we are aware), SEAT has invited several noted channelers/mediums to make presentations to their members on multiple occasions, both in New York and Vienna. Channeling is a form of mediumship in which a living person (the medium), often in a trance state, claims to relay messages from discarnate, nonphysical sources to the audience. The messages from these channeling/mediumship sessions are beyond the scope of this article, but for those who may be interested, we share these links as launching points for further exploration:

- Channeling of Archangel Metatron by medium James Tyberonn (2011)
- Channelings of Kryon by medium Lee Carroll (1995 2009)
- Channelings of "The Group" (a group of angels) by mediums Steve and Barbara Rother (1999 2002)

## Gratitude for Recent Financial Support

Those who have read Appendix D, Topic D06 in *SL* are already aware that the USB does not engage in the solicitation of funds, contributions or donations. The Illumined Souls who collaboratively formed the USB have clearly communicated their desires that all



gifts made to support the work of this organization must be freely and voluntarily given by anyone who feels so inspired.

Such spontaneous generosity recently manifested itself when two of our members put their creativity to work on the USB's behalf. These two members provided services to others in their community without requesting payment. Instead, they suggested to the people they served that, if they wished to pay something, they might consider making a contribution to the (nonprofit, nonreligious) USB. As a result of this kindness, we have been most grateful to receive five contributions that are enabling us to continue the USB's work on earth.

A heartfelt thank you to our two service-providing members (you know who you are)! We deeply appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity of spirit. We are choosing to share this story with all our readers in the hopes that it may serve as a source of inspiration to others who may feel so moved.

We leave you now with the following words of wisdom from an Illumined Inspirer:

Each child of light that bears the torch of Truth, and makes its way into the dark places, plays an important role in the scheme of things. (*SL*, Topic 112:12)

With warmest holiday blessings of universal peace, love, and joy!

Your USB newsletter production team,

JF, PF, FG, PS

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