

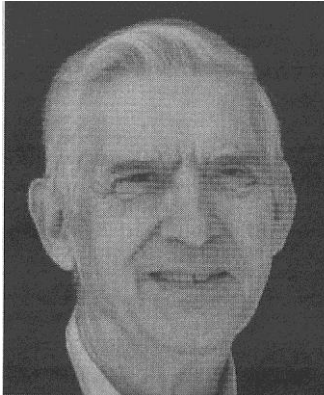
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AIMS OF SPIRIT WORLD LEADERS

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For many centuries the vision of leaders of the Spirit World has been a heaven on earth, where people live united in love, peace, and harmony, in universal spiritual brother-and-sisterhood. But those leaders are very concerned about life on earth: its lagging spiritual development, the widespread chaos and suffering caused by greed and hunger for power, and the threats that occur from time to time to all or most life on earth.

The leaders are given their responsibilities because of their advanced wisdom and spirituality. They assume those responsibilities in order to serve fellow human beings on both sides of life. For the higher one progresses in spirit life the more one gives service. Those leaders direct an immense organization for service and good with supporters throughout the spirit realms and they also lead a teaching organization that helps guide those service activities.

Due to their great advancement and very high state of vibration it is very difficult for them to link up with people, including mediums, at our own levels. That is why such high-level communications are very rare. But once in a long while they set up the special conditions that enable them to directly communicate their teachings to us. For this they need on earth at least two very spiritual individuals who are instinctively in rapport with their higher teachings: one who is also a

highly skilled medium, and another who is a trained writer.

I learned about all this as a result of joining a spiritual organization while I was a university student in England in the late 1950s. That organization, named The Universal Spiritual Brother&Sisterhood (USB), is an organization of spiritual truth, not a religion. It was established under the direction of those same spirit leaders, whom we call Illumined Souls, and it was named and patterned after its parent spirit-world teaching organization previously mentioned, The Universal Spiritual Brotherhood. It distributed, by airmail in those days, free USB newsletters of spiritual teachings and philosophy to anyone who requested them. There were over 800 subscribers in 24 nations.

The USB values simplicity and humility and strives to avoid things which separate people spiritually. It does not solicit supporters or funds and it does not charge membership fees. It only accepts contributions that are voluntarily given, with love. It is a registered nonprofit organization.

Soon after joining the USB I immigrated to Canada, and then I moved on to the United States to attend graduate school, where I happened to live not far from the medium and the writer (Michael) producing the USB newsletters in San Francisco. We became good friends and late in his life Michael asked me if I would complete the compiling of the newsletters into a book, which Michael had only begun and could not complete for health reasons. By then I had heavy responsibilities as a professor of engineering, but I accepted Michael's offer as I did not want what I considered wonderful teachings to become largely lost. Of course I did not realize the amount of work involved. In early 1992 Michael returned to spirit life and his medium could no longer practice due to her frailty. I was left "holding the bag."

Since the first newsletter was prepared, the world has changed considerably. Word processors, computers, the Internet, Web sites, and print-on-demand books have appeared, the cold war ended, and changes have occurred in the English language. All these impacted Michael's book.

I tried to find another suitable medium but without success. I received three different messages confirming that it was intended for me to work on this alone.

In early September 2014 the USB will release two versions of the book of its complete official teachings, titled *Spiritual Light: Universal Teachings from the Highest Spirit Realms*. One version is a heavy paperback and the other is a compact and durable deluxe version. Their availability and features are described further on the USB website at www.theusb.org.

It is not easy to describe for you here such extensive teachings, or their beauty and spirituality. They address truth, spiritual laws, love, responsibility, spiritual progress, psychic phenomena, life on earth and in the spirit realms, and many related subjects. I hope to tell you more about the teachings in future articles. But Victor and Wendy Zammit have described the book as "coming from the highest vibration. Breathtaking in its scope..." and our assistant editor, Matthew Hutton, has written "This is the book Spiritualism has been waiting for – comprehensive, concise and well written – The Spiritualist Bible for the twenty-first Century."

The USB website gives more reviews, much information about the book, its teachings, and the USB,

reproductions of early newspaper articles about the USB, and opportunities to interact with it.

I am convinced the book is ideal for use in groups studying spiritual philosophy and this is precisely what Illumined Souls want to happen, to help spread their teachings, to put them into effect, and to build a corps of thousands of supporters committed to helping the Illumined Souls, which they have said will enable them to demonstrate their great powers. Those in past and present USB groups have said that participating in those meetings has been among the most uplifting and satisfying experiences of their lives, as well as leading to wonderful friendships.

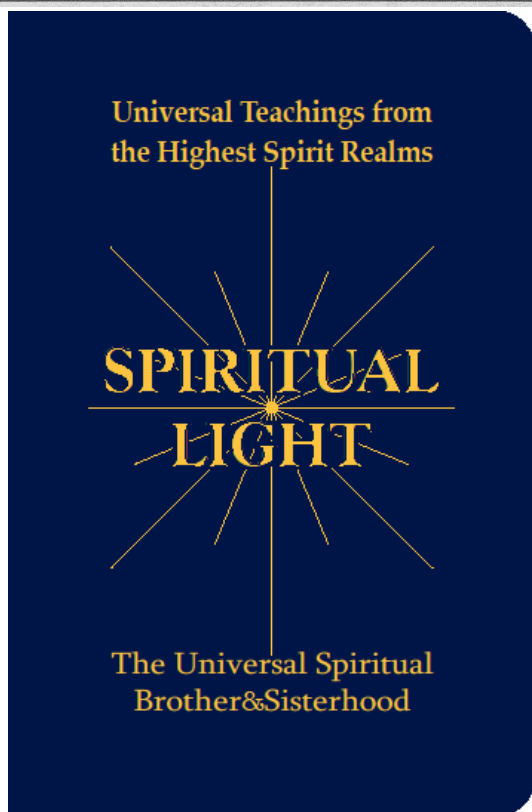
Frequently I'm asked "Who are the Illumined Souls?" They asked us not to identify recognizable names in the book for a variety of reasons. But the main reason they gave is their wish for people to accept teachings that resonate well with *them*, rather than because of the names of the teachers. Michael learned that they include many of the greatest prophets, enlightened beings, and noble souls this world has known, and that some of them have been revered by hundreds of millions of people over the centuries.

In love and peace and brother-and-sisterhood,

Website: www.theusb.org

Our Assistant Editor, Matthew Hutton, reviews the book *Spiritual Light: Universal Teachings from the Highest Spirit Realms* on page 14.

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**“Spiritual Light: Universal Teachings
from the Highest Spirit Realms”**

**Compiled and edited by Michael
Flagg and John Finnemore**

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Spiritual Light: Universal Teachings from the Highest Spirit Realms, a new work that took the collaborated valour of Michael Flagg and John Finnemore to write. Sadly Michael is no longer in our mortal coil but, having met with John during the '60s, they became close and worked together with The Universal Spiritual Brother&Sisterhood and it was not until Michael died in 1992 that, in his spiritual state, he and John organized and edited The Universal Spiritual Brother&Sisterhood topics into book form.

“These are the teachings of a group of Illumined Souls of the most advanced wisdom and spirituality, yet humble, who seek to spiritualize and unite humanity, to awaken people to the many spiritual realities of life, and to thereby avoid the misery and

havoc we create on earth. In *Spiritual Light*—their complete official teachings—these souls offer us their collective knowledge of truth, of spiritual laws, and of a way of life to bring peace and harmony to us all. They include many of the greatest prophets, enlightened beings, and noble souls this world has known. Through this book they are working to build the brother-and-sisterhood of *all* people; they teach that each of us is forever connected with all human beings and with our Creator.

“These beautiful and inspiring teachings are extraordinarily pure, for these times, and given directly by the most spiritually advanced beings, which is extremely rare. The teachings are not a religion but are presented for all people, regardless of their beliefs, in a down-to-earth, clear, and simple way. They address truth, spiritual laws, love, responsibility, spiritual progress, psychic phenomena, life on earth and in the spirit realms, and many related subjects.

“The Illumined Souls shared and helped to compose these extensive teachings through 25 years of collaboration, using the most highly spiritual and skilled mediums available. They ask us to accept only what our inner being tells us is true *and* our reason completely embraces.”

Covering a vast range of topics and provocative subjects, *Spiritual Light* could easily be called “The A-Z of Spirituality.” Written in the form of a reference book, it even comes with a “How to use” introduction. Nevertheless the book is fully cited and easy to follow with many references to past teachings from experts on each subject, which makes it easy to find your most interested subjects, though, reading on, I feel it is impossible not to learn something new.

“Other than the traditional healing arts practiced in the medical and allied professions, many members of which are truly dedicated to humanity and seek only to serve others, there are four main manifestations of unorthodox healing arts [also called *spiritual healing* (but see 1102) and *alternative healing*].

“It has become the practice in some quarters to deride the work and efforts of those practicing unorthodox healing. We don’t.

“When more and more earthly physicians know and avail themselves of the experience and knowledge

of advanced spirit collaborators a great deal of what is now standard practice in the medical and allied professions will be gradually superseded by other techniques. But the time is not yet, as far as much of their work is concerned.

“Many unorthodox healers, including those who do splendid work in their field, have little idea of either the various *types* of healing or the actual *mechanics* of healing. Nor are all aware of the host of skilled spirit specialists without whom innumerable “miraculous” healings would not be possible.”

Spiritual Light is the most comprehensive and complete anthology of the teachings provided by The Universal Spiritual Brother&Sisterhood and leaves no stone unturned. Each subject is broken down into easy to understand divisions and comes with full citations and referrals to other works. Truly a great point of reference for those who have a deep understanding of Spiritualism and a perfect starting point for those who do not.

Very highly recommended.

Matt Hutton, Assistant Editor