

Spirit Truths Influenced Their Lives

This Pictorial feature contains ample proof that Spiritualism and its proofs are far from trivial and inconsequential, as some critics claim. Spirit truths have revitalised and reformed the lives of thousands. But it is in the lives of famous people that they can be seen having their greatest effects. Their decisions, inspired by knowledge of the spirit world, have helped change world history. This psychic galaxy embraces a host of brilliant minds, each highly respected in their own field. They have examined Spiritualism, found it to be true, and said so. Not all those pictured on these two pages are Spiritualist – but all have benefited from spirit power. Space is too limited to show every famous Spiritualist in this portrait gallery. Notable omissions, such as King George of Greece, will be found under their respective headings below:

Science

REALISATION That psychic forces are limitless in potential power, if harnessed, has resulted in the armed services of a number of countries conducting extensive research into the subject. But scientists in the past went further. They investigated Survival proofs, and found them genuine. Sir William Crookes, Sir Oliver Lodge and Dr Alfred Russel Wallace are just three who did so. Einstein's interest in the subject resulted in his sitting with a medium.

Literature

A WEALTH of famous writers have studied psychic phenomena and written about it. Few theater-goers are aware that Charles Dickens and W. T. Stead, the famous editor was a Spiritualist pioneer, as was Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. Brothers, Jackson and Wilson Knight, both well-known in literary circles, have proclaimed their spiritualism. Rosamund Lehmann. The novelist, has studied the subject, and written about her own ESP experiences. Hannen Swaffer, the most famous Fleet Street journalists, was also one of Spiritualism's finest propagandist. Laurence Easterbrook, Beverly Nichols, Godfrey Winn and Ursula Bloom have all written about their own psychic experiences.

Show business

ROSEMARY SQUIRES, Michael Bentine, May West, Ruby Miller, Evelyn Laye, Merle Oberon and Frances Day are all Spiritualists. Like many other show business people, their sensitivity makes them more aware of psychic realities. Others, like Ivor Novello and Leslie Howard, the actor, were not only Spiritualists but have provided abundant evidence of their continued Survival since passing to the next world. Katie Boyle, the TV personality, is one of many stars who have benefited from spirit healing. And Wilfred Pickles has told of the help he has received from his "dead" son.

The Church

CLERGYMEN despite their calling, rarely show any certainty about the next life. Exceptions have been those who have studied psychic phenomena. They find they turn biblical "miracles" into understandable facts. The Rev. Dr Maurice Elliott wrote a book with this theme. The Rev. Leslie Weatherhead, Canon J. D. Pearce-Higgins and Dr. Mervyn Stockwood, Bishop of Southwark, take a keen interest in psychic research. Scripts received through the mediumship of the Rev. Vale Owen caused a sensation when published. And Archdeacon Colley was brave enough to give a sermon in his church which had been produced at a séance. Canon L. W. Grensted is another notable cleric who openly admitted he had received spirit proofs. Today the Church has its own thriving Fellowship for Psychical and Spiritual Studies, which numbers over a score of Bishops as its patrons.

Politics

ABRAHAM LINCOLN is the finest example of a Spiritualist politician. Seances at the White House resulted in his famous Proclamation of Emancipation. W. L. Mackenzie King, longest-serving Canadian premier, was a convinced spiritualist who openly spoke about his séance communication during his term of office. F. D. Roosevelt called a psychic to the White House to learn how long he had to live, Sir Winston Churchill owed his life, and those of others, to his premonitions during the war. Gladstone described psychic research as "the most important thing in the world."

Royalty

There is naturally a shroud of secrecy over "unusual" interests of royal families. But many have Studied Spiritualism. Queen Victoria and King George of Greece were both Spiritualist. The King of Nepal sat with a medium when he visited this country. Many members of the British royal family have received spirit Healing.

Others

SPIRITUALIST are to be found in all walks of life. Michaela Denis, the Safari explorer, is a Spiritualist. So is Donald Campbell, the famous world speed record holder. Lord and Lady Dowding not only proclaimed their Spiritualism but put it into practice with their many humanitarian activities. Sir Edward Marshal Hall, England's advocate, was a convinced Spiritualist. So are Jonny and Fanny Cradock, the cookery experts. Carl Jung wrote about his own psychic experiences and beliefs.