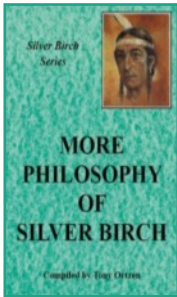


Conscious spirituality in search of truth...



TONY ORTZEN: MORE PHILOSOPHY OF SILVER BIRCH

Silver Birch teachings on the nature of spirituality connected to an afterlife could be considered required reading for any ardent 'seeker of Truth' researching and exploring consciousness-spiritual style teachings. One of many books under the title of 'Silver Birch' and communications from the spirit or etheric world is, "More Philosophy of Silver Birch," compiled by Tony Ortzen - editor of Psychic World Magazine published in England.

Literature content information in this book; as communicated through the mediumship of Maurice Barbanell, a gifted 20th century medium are timeless. Silver Birch teachings and subsequent afterlife literature have been on my resource shelf since the late 1970s. Silver Birch literature during the late 1970s-1980s and in connection with spiritualistic circles-groups, was almost considered a standard text. Importantly, this literature encouraged readers, students and other seekers of Truth to acquire greater wisdom-knowledge teachings on the afterlife. Today, in 2020 Silver Birch and the Universal Spiritual Brother&Sisterhood teachings, (Spiritual Light), stand as meaningful spiritual foundation resources. Drawing from my original 1982 copy of "More Philosophy of Silver Birch" chapter eight, "Orthodoxy Examined—And Indicted" outlines challenges for determining 'what is spirituality' based on a non-religious perspective follow.

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TONY ORTZEN: SILVER BIRCH AND THE MEDIUMSHIP OF MAURICE BARBANELL

“Maurice Barbanell, a poor Jewish man living in London’s East End was by all accounts, an atheist. Spirituality was on a slow decline in the early 20th century though mediums still provided their demonstrations in private parlours throughout Britain and America. Barbanell was just 18 years old when invited by a friend to a mediumship circle and he did so mockingly. “Old women became Chinamen and all sorts of things!” he declared with a laugh. But the medium reproached him with a warning, **“You will be doing this before long.”**”

Barbanell scoffed, but returned a second time and promptly fell asleep, or so he thought. When he awoke, he was informed that he had been in trance and the spirit who came through gave his name and declared that Barbanell had been in training for years and would, ‘before long, be speaking on Spiritualist platforms.’

Thus, the medium’s prophecy came true and the wisdom of Silver Birch was ushered into the world through a publication called Psychic News, though Barbanell himself kept anonymous as the source of the mediumship transcripts he was producing. In 1938, the first printing of “Teachings of Silver Birch” was Published.”

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TONY ORTZEN: AN EXTRACT, “ORTHODOX EXAMINED—AND EXAMINED”

[PP:143-145] CHAPTER 8:

We are working to a plan. We are not evangelists conducting mass meetings and capturing people in the heat of emotionalism. We labour to ensure that individuals become convinced, one at a time, that they are satisfied with the evidence they have received that they will continue after physical death, and they are also satisfied that what we have to teach neither insults their intelligence nor makes their reason revolt. We must win you by evidence, by reason, by intelligence, by affection and by co-operation.

We will not presume to dictate or to compel, but teach you to use your divine gifts to serve others, as people with divine gifts have served you. So it must be one at a time. Each individual who becomes convinced creates a magnetic link with our world which cannot be broken, and is the means by which a constant stream of power will come to him or her.

We will continue to make progress as all these bridge-heads are gradually consolidated. The plan of the spirit will be fulfilled. We rejoice as every time another soul in your world emerges from the darkness of superstition into the light of spiritual knowledge.

There are many clergymen who have their doubts, but are afraid to express them. Many are honest, but in positions from which they cannot extricate themselves. Let us be sorry for those who should be able to lead, but instead of being in the vanguard are in the rear guard. It is the greatest condemnation of what you call Orthodoxy that you have a world in travail and it has nothing to offer because it turned its back on the light many centuries ago. We are privileged to be ambassadors of the divine. Thus it is a responsibility for us all.

It is part of the plan that the power of the spirit is being made manifest, not through archbishops, bishops, popes, priests and rabbis, but through ordinary mortals who are charged with the wonderful opportunity of helping the Great Spirit so that divine love, wisdom and power should be available to all who are ready to receive it.

If you remove tears of sorrow from one mourner; if you heal one sick person who has heard the dread verdict he or she cannot be cured; if you have enabled one soul to find itself; if you have given direction to someone who believed he or she was in a morass or a maze from which there was no escape, then the whole of your earthly life will have been worth while.



Our task like yours, is to enable the power of the spirit to become available to those who are ready to receive it. They will come to you in their sorrow, in their despair, in their sickness, in their perplexity, in their bewilderment, because nowhere else, in their religion, in science or in philosophy, can they find what you have to offer.

It should be the labour of those who belong to the varying religions who, if they were truly qualified, would be following the injunction of the one they regard as their leader, to heal the sick and comfort the bereaved. But, alas, there are very few within the religious sphere who are able to perform any of these important tasks.

The power of the spirit is mightier than the princes of the churches. We must be sorry for them. How sad it is to see that those in a position of high office have lost their way and are incapable of having access to the same source of inspiration responsible for the religions in which they are the leaders.

A circle member [sitter at a séance] asked whether any religious leaders who discovered these spirit truths should renounce their old orthodox outlook. The guide said:

We have enshrined personal responsibility as one of the supreme principles. Each soul is responsible for what it does. You cannot equivocate with the truths of the spirit. As awareness comes so the voice of conscience says what should be done. If it is accepted and recognised then that soul must do what it implies. I will not condemn individuals because it is not right and proper for me to do so.

I think it would be wrong to criticise, but should one encourage them?

What you should do is to offer truth wherever you can. Individuals cross your path for that reason, so that you can help them just as you were helped when your needed it. This is the law and how it works, but after that your responsibility ends. All souls in your world are at differing stages of evolution and growth. There is in no one single truth that will appeal to everybody.

In matters of the spirit mass conversion is not possible. The wind bloweth where it listeth. The spirit infiltrates where it can. It is the leaven constantly at work. Each individual must resolve for himself or herself as far as is possible, according to the stage of growth, attainment and progress, what the truth implies and go on from there.





Suggested resources:

Silver Birch: “ More Philosophy of Silver Birch” Compiled by Tony Ortzen

In Australia, available from TS Bookshop, Melbourne. ISBN: 9780 853 841 1036

http://tsbookshop.36-400.com.au/?pg=proddetails&prod_id=9780853841036

Silver Birch Teachings - About Life In The Beyond.

<https://thesearchforlifeafterdeath.com/2017/02/26/silver-birch-teaches-about-life-in-the-beyond/>

http://whitecrowbooks.com/ebooks/page/more_philosophy_of_silver_birch/

<http://www.victorzammit.com/afterlifevoices/index.htm>

Tony Ortzen-Psychic News UK:Editor:

<https://www.psychicnews.org.uk/articles/Subscribe>

Spiritual Light, *The Universal Spiritual Brother&Sisterhood, USB*

<http://www.theusb.org/usb-teachings/#principal-book>

An Introduction to the USB foundation teachings:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T5rSANGx4WU&index=7&list=PL_kBQnjZGUqGCN9jZwQTFfX2Y7IzIPO63

