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BOOK REPORT

A Search For the Truth by Ruth Montgomery

The Big, New, Best-Seller by the Author of "A Gift of Prophecy-The Phenomenal Jean Dixon"

A famous journalist explores the world of psychic phenomena and writes a startling report of her own personal experiences.

"Why were we born?"

"What is our true purpose in life?"

"Is it possible for the living to communicate with those who have passed beyond the threshold that man calls death?"

The author of "A Gift of Prophecy," the fascinating story of prophetess Jean Dixon, tells about her further experiences in the field of psychic phenomena and her search for the deeper meaning of life.

She goes on to ask, "What is birth? Did we live before; and is birth, like death, simply another step in a continuous progression of the soul?...Do we have a mission in life? If so, how can we determine that mission? Is there a Divine plan which to an extent prearranges the steps by which we earth-bound souls surmount our difficulties and eventually progress through other steps toward the eventual goal? What is that goal?"

"...The yearning that people feel for contact with one who has a highly developed psychic sense is understandable; yet how much better it would be if people recognized that within themselves are depths that they have not probed. Jesus told us that the 'Kingdom of God is within' each of us. It is for us, then, to enlarge our own perception, and learn through daily meditation to listen to the 'still, small voice' within. This process takes

patience and effort, but the rewards are many. Through the utilization of our own psychic talent we can develop self-reliance, greater awareness of the needs of those around us, and a sublime sense of Oneness with God.

"If this book does no more than arouse us to the unlimited capacity within ourselves, it will have served some purpose. But, hopefully, it can perhaps further awaken us to the realization that the good we do here advances our soul's progression, while thoughtless acts retard it. Not one act or deed of ours goes unnoticed on the 'other side.' When we eventually cross that threshold ourselves, we will take up where we left off here. It is not up to God, but up to us to decide whether our next stage of life begins on an exalted or lowly level. Messages from those who have 'gone on' make clear that the way to save ourselves is to lose all thought of self, in the unselfish service of others. If this precept could be accepted by all mankind, there would be no warfare or other acts of violence.

"Charles P. Steinmetz, a celebrated electrical engineer, predicted in 1923: 'Someday the scientists will turn their laboratories over to the study of God, and prayer, and the spiritual forces which as yet have hardly been scratched.' In the two and one-half decades since the outbreak of World War II, we have seen a tremendous revival of interest in psychic phenomena. The crash program that Steinmetz foretold has not yet occurred, but if all of us could approach the subject of the paranormal with open, inquiring minds, it could come to pass during our lifetime. The church is exploring the psychical and parapsychological as never before. A generation or two ago, a pastor who dared admit to an interest in this field would probably have lost his pulpit; today many men of the cloth are taking the lead in organizing groups for psychic study.

"The Reverend William V. Rauscher, rector of Christ Episcopal Church in Woodbury, New Jersey, says of the subject: 'If we were to remove from the Bible all the accounts of mystical and psychical happenings, we would have very little left. Without the Resurrection experience, we would not even have a Church. The very things the New Testament speaks about involve psychical and parapsychological study; our communion with Christ and our loved ones who blend with us, the communion of saints, angels and archangels, the whole company of heaven, and the entire heritage of our mystical Jesus, and everything related to it in the world of the unseen demand scientific inquiry.'

"Emphasizing the growing interest not only of clergymen, but of psychiatrists, neurologists, physicians, university professors, and scientists, in the paranormal, Rev. Rauscher continues: 'I cannot think of the transfiguration of Christ, illuminating himself and glistening, without thinking of the whole meaning of the human aura, the halos around the saints in religious art; or the appearance of the prophets on the mount with Christ, without thinking of the reconstituting of matter, and in the resurrection

to a physical form. I cannot think of prayer without thinking of some form of telepathy relating my mind to the mind of God.

" 'Christian people must face up to the truth of their faith. These doctrines are either true or false. Either our loved ones are with us (after death) or they are not. Either the Communion of Saints is a reality or it is not. When we attend church services, do we not realize that there are more invisibles than visibles? If a person is convinced of life after death, his philosophy of life must change. In the Communist philosophy there is no room for this view. I believe psychical research could change this negativism. More and more the Church will have to become the laboratory of the spirit. In the church today we should continue to witness a new interest in psychical research, and all parapsychological studies. If any church is not interested, it is behind the times! '

"In that spirit of open-minded inquiry, this book was conceived and written. As a lowly beginner at the threshold of psychic discovery, I do not pretend to understand the mysterious laws which govern mental telepathy, clairvoyance, precognition, miraculous healings, apports, and apparent communication with those beyond the grave. I believe, however, that the search for this knowledge conflicts in no way with the tenets on which the church was founded. How many times through the ages have ministers quoted the twelfth verse from the fourteenth chapter of St. John: 'Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth in me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.'

"St. Paul, in the twelfth chapter of I Corinthians, admonished the early Christians: 'The manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; to another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; to another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues.'

"These talents, like all others, were bestowed on man in order to be used and developed. Christ told us: 'Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.' Unless we ask for further knowledge of God's universe, and seek for it, we cannot find it. Unless we knock, the door will remain closed."

(Material for this review came from
"A Search for the Truth" - Foreword)

We would like to give our thanks to Sarah Witt for this review.

MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Galen Brooks
Seattle, Wash.

To write of oneself is perhaps one of the hardest things to do. For others do not see a man as he sees himself. Nor can a man see himself as he really is.

To begin, I was born and raised in the N.W., have two years of college, and was just recently "freed" from the U. S. Army. I now await the next turn in my life that I might be ready for whatever God has planned.

But to go back. I first discovered Principles about six years ago with several other high school and college kids. (For we were kids then, or rather babes, taking their first steps.) We began slow; but with understanding and knowledge, and verification after verification, the foundation was laid and strengthened, until today a very solid and firm base exists. But for those who have doubts--for those who are not sure--all I can say are the words of a very dear friend. "Be patient. Be one step beyond patience." The advice is sound, for what seems a world catastrophe will be as nothing tomorrow.

My teacher in the early days and the one who brought me in, was Mrs. Chrystine Hilts. As we began to learn and grow, and discover the essence of life itself (though we knew it not at the time), it was she who opened the door for us. It seemed as if she were there to teach each one personally, though we were all there.

Her words were quiet and soft, yet firm and reproofing, with a love that flowed from the heart--the spirit. For each knew that she cared for him personally. She was our Mother. Her sadness and sorrow gave us pain. But her joy lifted us as a balloon seeking the highest cloud.

She suffered much for us all, and then--all too soon--she left us for awhile. I was the happiest man at the funeral that day, for now I had a friend in heaven. Others mourned her body thinking of their loss rather than her gain. They called it death, but for me it was a living. For this woman, more than any other I have known, most sincerely sought, and richly deserves her place in Heaven. I laughed aloud for pure joy that day. My regret is that each and everyone of you could not have known her as we did in person. But she is still there with many others trying to guide us to God; ready to lead us when we wander; lift us up when we stumble and fall. She does not expect us to attain the level that she reached and would be disappointed if we did. Instead she expects us to go beyond; to surpass her in all that we do.

It seems as if she took each of us by the hand, and showed us a secret path behind a special bush there in the garden that would lead us down the pathway toward God. May we each share the discovery of the path with many others.

Let this then be my testimony--not of myself--but to that of a Friend.

Editors note: We are most grateful for Galen's beautiful testimony in memory of Mrs. Hilts who was loved and respected by all who knew her in United Faith Movement. Since Galen did not write much about himself we would like to add a few words. In general he loves all phases of outdoor life. Outside of expressing his love for God to others, he is happiest when he can be close to nature. He possesses a deep faith in God and is very strong and determined in Principle work and to find God's will.

Testimony

Bob Sparks - barber
Oakland Chapel

Before being introduced to the Principles I had a very unhappy life filled with unhappy experiences of drinking and gambling, and had lost all faith in living. I had lost myself completely, but then my desire was turned toward God and I prayed for the first time in my life asking for help.

One week later I met Mr. Hans John Schmidli, a long time member of the Divine Principles. After talking one hour with John Schmidli, through his truth and strong desire to help me, I felt alive again. After leaving the car he mentioned "God is with you, it's not me." Twenty minutes later, as I was driving on the freeway, an invisible spiritual force went through my body that I couldn't control. I knew God was with me. From that moment on my whole life changed and none of this could have happened without the truth in the Principles.

BRIEF NEWS REELS

San Antonio, Texas

Sook Hee Kim, the daughter of Mr. David Kim, arrived at San Francisco on March 22, 1968, to see her parents on the way to ~~Heria~~ Fair in San Antonio, Texas. She stayed 3 days with her family. She left for Texas on March 24 to take her 6 months responsibility as hostess of Korean Pavilion, representing the Korean Government. Miss Kim had not seen her father since 9 years ago at which time she was a teen-ager and in high school. In February this year she graduated from Sook Myung Women's University holding a B.A. degree in education. After arriving in Texas many films were taken of her and she was interviewed by various correspondants. According to recent information her picture was on a Korean TV channel and her three brothers remaining in Seoul, Korea are very proud of their sister working as hostess in the world fair in Texas. Also because of her charms and her purity many young people -- American as well as foreign ones-- ask to have dates with her. Her plan is to return to Oakland right after the fair is over on October 6, 1968. She will enroll in the University of California for her M.A. degree, and also she will help her father's missionary work.

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The Revised Second Edition of "Individual Preparation for His Coming Kingdom" was released from Chicago. We want to thank Mrs. Sarah Witt for her work in editing this book.