

Dewey Begs Forgiveness

Beginning when Carl was a very young boy, and throughout his entire lifetime, Spirit had been teaching him, what might be termed, "spiritual philosophy." As a very young child, Carl used to go to Baptist Church and sit next to his father. He clearly remembered the preacher was ranting and raving on the pulpit about hell fire and brimstone. Carl heard a voice tell him, "What the preacher is saying is not right." Carl turned and tugged on his father's shirtsleeve to get Alvie's attention. Innocently, he repeated what he had heard, "Daddy, what the preacher is saying is not right." Alvie was very upset with Carl because Alvie believed every word the preacher said.

That was only once example of Spirit's teaching that contradicted the dogma of the Baptist Church. Carl vividly remembered the Church taught that Jesus would forgive your sins, no matter what you did. Preachers even taught their congregates how to seek Jesus' forgiveness! The sinner would take his/her Bible, and would seek solitude in her/her bedroom. Then the Bible is placed on the side of the bed, and opened to the New Testament, where the printing is red. (The red letters are supposed to be the exact words of Jesus.) The sinner then kneels before the bed and places his/her face close to the Bible. The sinner prays, and asks Jesus for forgiveness for the terrible sin that he or she committed against another person. The Church taught that Jesus would forgive all sinners, as long as they repented and asked for forgiveness. However, the Spirit people told Carl this method did not work. Carl had his doubts about this, until he experienced first hand, that Jesus did not forgive people's sins.



Alvie died on November 17, 1963. Nine years later, in 1972, Carl's half brother Dewey died from lung cancer, because he smoked like a chimney. All of his life, Dewey had an intense hatred for Carl, and did all that he could do to torment Carl. Dewey had been the baby of the family. He was the last child of Louella, Alvie's first wife. She and her oldest son, Erbin, died in the influenza epidemic of 1918. Carl was the youngest child of Goldie, Alvie's second wife. Dewey was jealous, because Carl was now the baby

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of the family, and supposedly he was receiving all the attention. Even when they were both adults, Dewey did everything in his power to discredit Carl, especially in Alvie's eyes.

In the summer of 1976, Carl had a recurring vision of Dewey, as if there was a big thick plate glass window between Dewey and Carl. Carl could see Dewey's lips moving, but since Carl could not read his lips, nor could he hear what Dewey was trying to say, Carl had no idea what Dewey wanted to tell him. Yet, the look of desperation was clearly evident on Dewey's face, as he frantically tried to convey a message to Carl.

A week or so later, Carl had another vision. Dewey was still behind the glass, but had figured out a way to get his message to Carl. Dewey simply wrote his message on the glass:

E T N A M A I N E .

Carl thought this was the name of a person, so he looked in every telephone book he could find, but he didn't find anyone with the name *Etna Maine*. Then a few days later, Carl received a phone call from a woman, who was a talented medium. He had heard of her, but had never met her. She spoke for just a few moments, before saying: "Carl, I am sorry that I am bothering you, because truthfully, I don't even know why I picked up the phone to call you."

"Well, I am certainly glad that you did call," Carl replied, "perhaps you can answer a simple question. Do you know anyone by the name of Etna Maine?"

She hesitated a moment, and then replied, "No, Carl, I don't know *anyone* by that name. However, I do know a *place* by that name. I am extremely surprised that you never heard of it."

"Well, where is it? What is it?" I asked.

"It is a Spiritualist Camp. It is where all the mediums go and work during the summer months of July and August. Etna is in the northern part of Maine, very close to the Canadian border."

A few days after this conversation, one of Carl's friends who was a reporter for *The Hartford Courant* newspaper, came to see Carl. A few years before this, he had written a news story about Carl for his newspaper. During that time, he had asked, "If you have a chance to visit a place, where I could get information for another news story, I would greatly appreciate if you would please let me know. I could go along with you."

Carl explained to him that he had just heard about a Spiritualist Camp in Etna, Maine, and asked the reporter if he would like to accompany Carl to check it out. The reporter agreed and they decided to go to Etna the following weekend, which was the last weekend in August.

It was a very long drive to Etna. They left at 9 in the morning, and didn't arrive at the camp until 7 in the evening! Etna was in a very rural part of Maine. As they approached the vicinity of the camp, they did not find any diners or fast food palaces to get a meal. When they finally entered the campgrounds, they discovered many very old buildings, and learned that the camp was over 100 years old! A short lady greeted them, and made a remark that she would vote for Carl for president. Evidently she thought

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Carl was Jimmy Carter, who was running for president, at the time. Then she explained that a meeting would be taking place in one hour, in a large building, opposite from where they were talking.

Then Carl asked her where they could get a sandwich. She replied, "Well, you have come to the right place, because we just finished our meal, our tables are being cleared. I am sure we have some leftovers." She directed them to the dining hall. There the people greeted them warmly, and fixed each of them a large plate with a small mountain of turkey, ham, cold cuts, potato and macaroni salads on it. Carl and the reporter devoured all of that food with great gusto.

When they finished their wonderful home-cooked meal, they noticed that people were already making their way to the assembly hall. People were coming from the cabins, and other buildings, and heading to the building where the last meeting for the season would take place. Carl and the reporter quickly walked the grounds so the reporter could photograph the various buildings. However, what most fascinated the reporter were two granite markers dedicated to Abraham Lincoln and Harriet Beecher Stowe. The camp erected these monuments, because both these individuals believed in Spiritualism. [A further explanation of this will be *found at the end of this chapter*

It was almost time for the meeting to begin. They rushed towards the big assembly hall and went inside. They decided to sit near the front of the auditorium, and chose seats in the 5th row from the front. The reporter was on the end seat, next to the side of the building, and Carl sat next to him. As they were getting settled, the reporter said, "This place is filling up fast."

Within 5 minutes the hall was filled to capacity. The room held about 150 people. Everyone who was familiar with the camp had programs, and knew what time the meeting would begin, and who would be the workers (mediums) that evening.

The service began with the spokesperson thanking the people for attending the last service of the season, and he announced that the camp was very proud to have Mr. Alan Howard as the medium for the evening. From this introduction Carl understood this medium, was not a minister, (Carl later learned that Alan would not have anything to do with religion). The reporter asked Carl, who Alan was. Carl told him that he never met Alan, in fact Carl never heard of him.

After he was introduced, Alan Howard came forward and placed his hands on both sides of the lectern. He bowed his head, and Carl initially thought Alan was going to pray. Instead Alan went into a trance state, (an altered state of consciousness). Carl's clairvoyant vision allowed him to see Spirit and the auric field around a physical person's body. Carl was able to watch the Alan's spirit leave the physical body, and another Spirit enter into the body of the medium.

The Spirit who spoke through Alan Howard that night delivered a beautiful and very helpful lecture that touched everyone in the building. The lecture lasted about forty-two minutes. At its conclusion the medium, with some assistance from the spokesperson, sat down in one of the chairs on the platform. After singing some hymns and listening to some announcements, about 10 minutes later, Alan Howard was again introduced as the message worker for the evening.

The reporter asked Carl what the term *message worker* meant. Carl explained to him that a message worker was a medium who facilitated Spirit messages. Many Spirit

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people had gathered in the room, and wanted to communicate to specific audience members. One at a time, a Spirit would be allowed to use the medium's/worker's voice box and vocal cords to deliver the messages to a physical person in the room.

The reporter remained very skeptical and said he would have to see it to believe it.

It was then that Carl suddenly became aware of a familiar Spirit in the room; he felt the presence of his daddy, Alvie Hewett. Carl saw Alvie pacing up and down the main aisle of the auditorium. He was impatiently waiting for the moment he could talk with this son through the medium. This was typical behavior for Alvie, because if he were going to talk to someone, he would pace the floor, as if he were nervous that he would lose his train of thought before he had the chance to say it.

Alan Howard stepped up to the lectern once again, bowed his head, and gently drifted off into a trance state. Within a few moments these words bellowed from the medium's mouth: "I wish to speak to my son, Carl Hewitt, who is in the audience."



Alan Howard speaking in a trance state during his visit to Gifts of the Spirit Church May 25, 1978.

The reporter, who was with Carl, was totally stunned, and could not believe, that with 150 people, who had gathered for this event, Alvie would be the first one to use the medium's body, to speak to Carl. The reporter also knew, that Carl did not have the opportunity to speak with anyone privately, because they had been together since early that morning. Carl had not requested that medium channel his father, in fact, Carl had never even met the medium, before in his life.

Alvie's message would be extremely important to Carl, and in fact altered the rest of Carl's life.

Alvie continued, "I never knew you, or understood you or the Gifts of the Spirit, when I was in your world, but I certainly found out a lot about you when I came over into this dimension. The moment I died, I met up with Uncle Tom and Aunt Lilly, my first wife, Louella, and two of my children (Erbin and Annie), and many friends were there to greet me as I arrived in this dimension. All they did was talk about you, Carl, and how you were a *man of God*."

[A *man of God*, was an expression used in Biblical times to describe a person who possessed the Gift of the Spirit, along with the words *prophets, seers, oracles* and in some cases *soothsayers*. I later discovered the phrase *man of God* was used 73 different times

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in **KJV**. The Bible calls the following people a **man of God**: Moses,¹ Samuel,² Shemaiah,³ Elijah,⁴ Elisha,⁵ David,⁶ Igdaliah,⁷ and seven nameless people.⁸]

Then Alvie said to Carl, "I never knew you when I lived in your dimension. However, I am extremely proud of you son, for all the good work that you do to help people in so many ways. You bring comfort to people who are grieving the loss of their loved ones, by proving to them that their loved ones continue to live in this Spiritual dimension. Furthermore, you are educating people so they can pass into this dimension with the knowledge they need to live and function in this world."

Carl later admitted this message changed his life. Dewey, Carl's half brother, had done all in his power to discredit Carl in his father's eyes. Ever since, Carl had been carrying guilt about his rocky relationship with his father. Due to Alvie's belief that the Devil was working through Carl, since before Carl's birth, the relationship between father and son was cool and very distant. Alvie never hugged or touched Carl. Furthermore, Carl blamed himself for causing this estranged relationship. This message dissolved all this misspent emotion. This message meant the world to Carl.

Alvie wanted to provide Carl further proof that he was really there speaking with Carl. Alvie said, "I never visited you up north, when I lived in your dimension.



The fence to Carl's home in Connecticut, which Alvie so accurately described.

However, I have now visited you at your present home—the house on top of the hill. I will even prove to you that I have been there. As you go through the gate to your house, and you take a quick turn to the left there is a cluster of dogwood trees at the corner of the gate. If you go out to the gate, very early in the morning before the sun comes up, you see a beam of light, about the size of a quarter, coming from the sun and touch the base of the largest dogwood tree in that cluster. That light comes through a small opening of the trees which are in full leaf at this time of year."

When Carl heard this from his father, he was not sure of the accuracy of this description. The next thing Alvie said was, "I have someone else with me who wants to speak with you. You might be very surprised to hear from him. Hold on for a moment, while we "connect him up so he can talk with you.""

¹ Deuteronomy 33:1, Joshua 14:6, 1 Chronicles 23:14, 2 Chronicles 30:16, Ezra 3:2, Psalm 90:1.

² 1 Samuel 9:6.

³ 1 Kings 12:22, 2 Chronicles 11:2.

⁴ 1 Kings 17:18, 2 Kings 1:9.

⁵ 2 Kings 4:7, 2 Kings 5:8, 2 Kings 6:6, 2 Kings 7:2, 2 Kings 8:2, 2 Kings 13:19.

⁶ 2 Chronicles 8:14, Nehemiah 12:24.

⁷ Jeremiah 35:4.

⁸ Judges 13:6, 1 Samuel 2:27, 1 Kings 13:1, 1 Kings 20:28, 2 Chronicles 25:7, 1 Timothy 6:11, 2 Timothy 3:17.

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Carl waited what seemed like an eternity for another entity to speak through the medium. Finally, a different sounding voice came through, and said, "Son, do you know who this is?"

Carl was very startled, but managed to say, "It sure sounds like my half-brother, Dewey Hewett." Dewey had been dead for 4 years.

Dewey replied, "You are correct. I have come here to beg you, to forgive me for all the terrible things that I did to you throughout your life."

This statement from Carl's half-brother totally stunned him. For a moment, Carl froze, as if he had turned to stone. Was Dewey speaking through the medium, asking Carl to forgive him? Suddenly, Carl's mind was flooded with memories, of how Dewey tormented him for as far back as he could remember. Some feelings of resentment were building within Carl. After a few moments Carl finally regained his composure. A sudden burst of energy flooded Carl, and he suddenly and boldly asked the following questions: "Before I answer you, I need you to answer some questions for me. What happened to the message that we used to hear in Church when we were kids? 'Jesus will forgive you of all your sins, all you have to do is ask him for forgiveness?' Did Jesus go on a vacation? Isn't he there with you in that world?"

Dewey replied, "There is no one by that name here in the dimension where I am. I have asked, and no one here has seen him. But I have been told that only **YOU** can forgive me for what I did towards **YOU!** No one else is able to forgive me."

Empowered with this information Carl continued with his questioning. "You mean to tell me that since we were kids we heard that Jesus would forgive all of our sins. Now you are telling me that Jesus cannot forgive you. I have to forgive you."

"Yes, that is right," Dewey responded. "Son, please forgive me." Tears began pouring out of the eyes of the medium, flooding his cheeks.

Carl responded, "Well, I want you to know one thing, I will forgive you, because I really never held it against you. I realized that all the misdeeds you did against me were done through your ignorance. I never held it against you. I realized that it was your problem, not mine. You are absolutely forgiven. However, it still puzzles me, that Jesus can't forgive you, because that is what we were taught for our entire lifetimes."

"Thank you, son," Dewey replied, "for being so generous to forgive me. It is more than I deserve after the way I mistreated you. I have inquired here, and all the ascended masters who visit the dimension where I am living, have informed me that you are the only one with the power to forgive me the misdeeds that I committed against you. They said, the idea of Jesus forgiving everyone's sins is simply mind control, which is simply an incentive to make people return to the church on a weekly basis and keep putting money in the collection baskets."

Carl then responded, "Well, you are completely forgiven, as far as I am concerned. I wish everyone knew this message."

Dewey's final words were: "Well tell it to everyone, because it is the truth. You must seek forgiveness from the person that you wronged. No one else has the power to do it. You are not being told the truth about the Book of Books."

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After the meeting was over, Carl and the reporter decided to stay overnight in Etna in an old motel. The reporter was so energized from this experience that he kept talking for hours. They finally got to sleep about 5 or 6 in the morning, and didn't start driving back home, until the early afternoon. As they drove back to Carl's home, they decided to check the accuracy of Alvie's statement. Carl invited the reporter to stay over night at his home.

They got up before the dawn, and sat in lawn chairs waiting for the sun to rise. Much to the reporters amazement, when the sun rose, a beam of light about the size of a quarter came through the trees and hit the base of the largest dogwood tree at the root of the tree, exactly as Alvie had described it. This was proof that Alvie had been to Carl's home early in the morning, which was typical for Alvie since he was an early riser, and always awoke before sunrise. Alvie was 100% accurate in his description, which not only proved that Alvie had visited Carl, but proved that life continues after death.



I found it quite fascinating when "history repeated itself." Years after this unique experience at Etna Maine, Alvie reproduced an almost identical situation. I accompanied Carl to a session where a medium was delivering Spirit messages. Again, there were about 150 people in the audience.

Carl had never met this medium before, yet Carl was the very first person to receive a message through this medium, from his father, Alvie. The medium said that she watched Alvie pace up and down the aisles, waiting for the session to begin. Alvie was extremely impatient, because he wanted to talk through the medium so badly. This event proves the people's personalities do not change, when they leave the physical life, and their souls reside in the World of Spirit.

