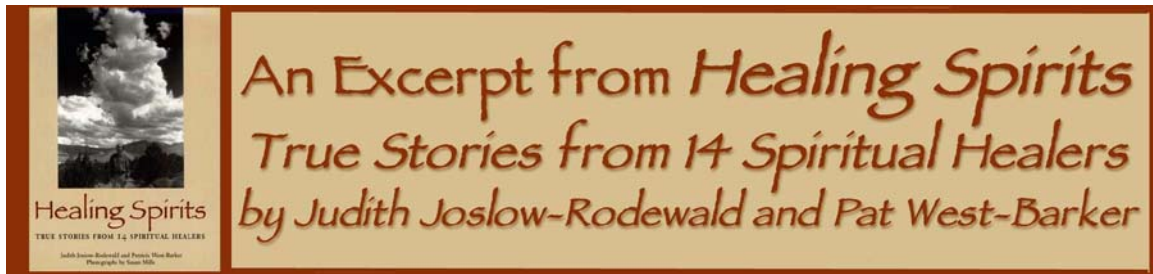


Carl's First Psychic Development Class



One morning, when I was forty-one years old, I got a strange phone call at the beauty salon I owned [Carl's Coiffures] and operated in Gales Ferry, Connecticut. This voice said, "You are to go to Willimantic to a class dealing with psychic phenomena at seven o'clock tonight." The caller didn't give any other information.

I always worked late on Thursdays, but at about one o'clock that afternoon, my receptionist came in and said, "Four people have cancelled their appointments. Now you don't have a thing booked after five o'clock."

When I finished work, I remembered that phone call. I got in the car and drove toward Willimantic. An inner voice told me to go to Valley Street. When I got there, I saw a light over a doorway. It was a little church.

I opened the church door slowly because I felt very funny. I saw a large group of people sitting in a circle with one empty chair. An old man was sitting with his back to the door, talking to the group. The minute I opened the door, he said, "You're Carl Hewitt; I've been expecting you." I said, "What makes you so sure?" But I walked in and I sat down. That class was my introduction to Spiritualism.

I felt so good with those people that I thought, "This is great." But I suddenly felt so tired, I didn't know if I would fall asleep or not. I must have slipped right into a trance. (Now, when you go into a trance state, you lose consciousness. You don't know or remember what you do or say.) At the end of the meeting, I said, "Well, people, I'm sorry I went to sleep on you," and everybody laughed. In the meantime, a woman was rewinding a tape recorder. She turned it on, and there was my voice. That was the first time I heard what I said when I was in a trance state.

Because of what happened that first night, I became the new leader of the group when the old man died. On June 2, 1974, I was ordained a minister by the National Spiritual Alliance of Churches-where ministers must also be certified mediums and healers. A few years later, I left that organization and following the directions of my spirit guide established my own, independent healing and teaching ministry.

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