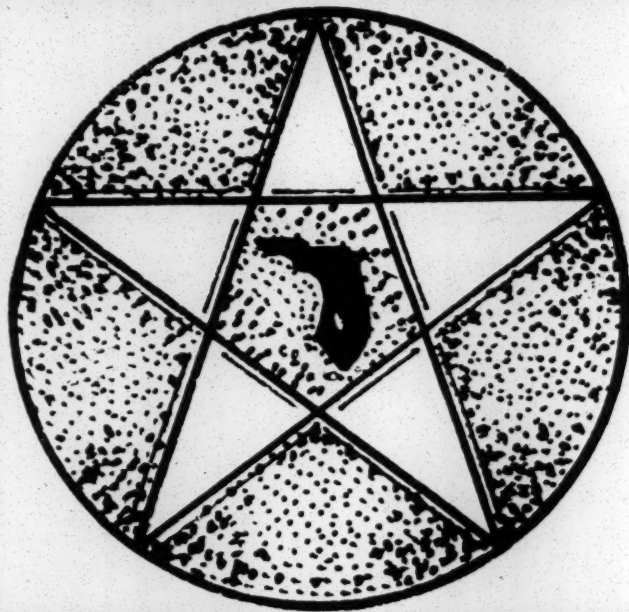


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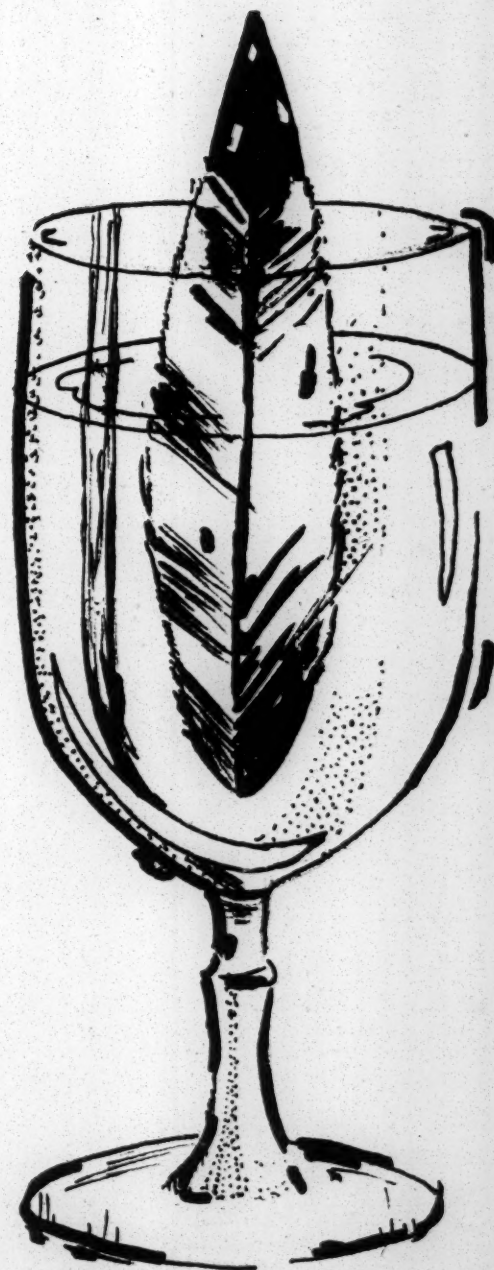
'PSYCHIC BUSINESS TOTAL FAKERY' ?

On Friday the 13th, in August, the Miami Herald blazened on the front page of its "Living Today" section, "Spiritualist Lost the Spirit". The article was about good Mr. Lamar Keene, a self-professed spiritualist, who, after years of practice in his spiritualistic religious and philosophical beliefs, became disillusioned with them and declared them all a total fakery.

For 14 years, Mr. Keene practiced spiritualism, amassed quite a good deal of money from his followers, all from what he claimed was 95% acting ability. About five years ago, Mr. Keene dropped out of what he continually referred to as a "Business". He had worked at the Chesterfield Spiritualist Camp in Indiana, and had started his own church, the New Age Assembly Church, in Tampa.

In the book no doubt the article was plugging, "The Psychic Mafia" (St. Martin's Press), Mr. Keene reports on all the various methods used by psychics and spiritualists in the performing of their art. He said after he left his spiritualist associations he visited the IRA to pay back taxes, the FBI to report on the nefarious goings-on at his church, and the State Attorney's Office to bring criminal charges against some former associated.

Mr. Keene believes that there are two types of psychic/spiritualist (he equates the two, of course, wrongly): one type is



is the little old lady who sincerely believes that she is receiving vibrations from the other side, the other type being open fraud, who knows that all she is receiving is money for playing upon her customer's gullibility. Mr. Keene sums up the entire article by claiming that all psychics across the country are constantly relaying information about their clients to each other, and have certain binds upon themselves concerning secrecy and their own deceptions. In other words, that there is a "psychic mafia", incidentally, which Keene claims is now after him for having publicized their secrets.

Of course, Mr. Lamar Keene is quite a fraud; IS mind you, not a has-been, and he has every right to write a book on psychic fraud. No doubt Mr. Keene robbed many a dollar from his clients, played on their emotions, tortured them mentally, all for profit. Quietly contemplating his actions, he found that it would be more profitable to invent a psychic mafia, write a book, and hopefully rob many more dollars from readers of the book, play on the emotions of the closed-minded that would tend to agree with his warped theories, and torture mentally the many sincere and honest psychics and spiritualists.

Although some may have heard this writer refer to Ms. Sybil Leek as the mother of us all, as far as I know, neither she nor any other psychic is known by anyone as the "Godmother". Frankly, I think Mr. Keene is fancying himself to be another Joe Valachi and has worked up this fairy tale to insight his own mind and the most gullible percentage of the population, those fearful individuals who see a lot of happy people practicing systems which are very much real, refuse to accept it because they don't understand it, and if given a chance, would openly persecute it. Many psychologists believe that when someone learns something very terrible about themselves, it could cause a mental breakdown, at which time the person would quickly place their terrible quality upon something

else. Although this writer is by no means a psychologist, there may be some correlation between this concept and Mr. Lamar Keene.

Spiritualism and the psychic have long been around, and it is incredible to this writer when we here Lamar Keene and his vehicle of communication claim that Camp Chesterfield, spiritualist Churches, and the spiritualist medium are considered to be the focal points of spiritualism. It has always been the individual and the philosophy of spiritualism that have been focal points, and if one is so blessed with the ability to help another person, the gift from God cannot be charged for. I will agree with Mr. Keene and say that spiritualism and the psychic is ridden with fraud, almost as much as the medical, legal, or political professions. However, when Mr. Keene states that spiritualism and the psychic is "total" fakery, he is continuing his past record of behaviour and is faking YOU out!

festivals

ROUNDTABLE: The Roundtable of the Light Centers is sponsoring its second festival on Aquarian concepts, light concepts, ect. It will no doubt be as excellent as last year!

The festival will take place on November 6-7, will present nationally known speakers, as well as Roundtable talent via twenty workshops being offered. The festival will also present a juried psychic art show, in conjunction with the festival. There will be entrance fees for the festival and for the art show, but no doubt will be well worth it.

The Miami Springs senior high school will again be the location

of the festival. For more information, concerning the festival, call Roundtable secretary Lorry Cuttler at 264-4118.

PAPS: The Professional Association of Psychics & Sensitives is sponsoring their first festival on either the weeked of October 31, or the weekend of October 16. This festival will be free to the public, yet will accept donations at the door. Many area Aquarians will hold workshops, and this festival will be a first in presenting a workshop on Magick and Witchcraft by the Miami Pagan Grove. Call 822-9473 for information as to the time and location of this festival!!!!!!

Late Flash!!

Ms. Nelson Comer, after a recent trip to the West Coast, met with representatives from the Church of The Goddess, a legally recognized church encompassing many Wicca traditions. She is hoping to create a similar structure, here in Florida. This would basically take the form of a charter of affiliation with that body & would gather the various Wicca groups under a single legal entity. This is still in a formative stage; watch the FA for further developments! If a Wicca group is interested, contact this newsletter or Ms Comer at:

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This project could bring more security and protection to area Wiccans by giving them a legal identity.

Watch for in-depth interviews with Laren Bright and Chik Shank in up-com- issues.....

Feedback



Many of us were saddened when we heard that New Age News would be no more. We still are, but now we have ALTERNATIVES magazine to make us happier than ever! Chik Shank, the publisher and editor of the late New Age News is now in the midst of producing a new age magazine, which in its excellence resembles Gnostica. Its big, beautiful, has articles from well known writers from throughout the country, and well worth the meager 75¢. Inquire about ALTERNATIVES at 350 NE 82 Street, Miami, FL 33138. Subscriptions \$6 for 12 issues.



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