

# INDEPENDENT SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION

of the United States of America

## Our Principle Beliefs

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**9) We affirm that the precepts of prophesy contained in the Bible are scientifically proven through Mediumship.**

**9) God speaks to man through man in the past, present and future.**

**Rev. Phillip Falcone:** "What are the 'precepts of prophecy?' This merely refers to the authority of the prophets of the past. The Bible just happens to be one of the more popular sources of prophets and prophecies. The foundation of Spiritualism is validated by the Bible. In Jeremiah 28:5 – 9, Jeremiah is speaking about false prophets, particularly to Hananiah, "The prophet which prophesies of peace, when the word of the prophet shall come to pass, then shall the prophet be known, that the Lord has truly sent him." During the time this was written, the path a person was on changed very little if at all when compared to messages. Events occur more rapidly now than during biblical times, which may also indicate the rapid changes in the messages given. Nevertheless, this was intended to separate those who truly connected with spirit from those who did not. "

**Rev. Thomas Janssen:** "We are Spiritual Beings having a Human Experience. We are created in the likeness and image of God. Our Mind/Awareness exists without form, perhaps as energy but in the likeness and image of God. God communicates with His Creation. Spiritualist Mediums communicate with those in Spirit without physical bodies as proof. Proof that there is a God and proof that there is an afterlife.

The *Precepts of Prophecy in the Bible* to me is the very notion that God does communicate with man and that those who claim to be or act as Prophets may not reflect God's Truth.

Understanding that this communication is not perfect brings us back to personal responsibility and discernment. Ancient peoples put their leaders and prophets on pedestals giving them way too much power. Wars have always and continue to depend on this. Very few who would call themselves Christians have been conscientious objectors in war time. But isn't this what Yeshu's (Jesus') teachings would suggest? Somehow the old Testament *eye for an eye, tooth for a tooth* ways of dealing with the world is more appealing.

Gandhi applied these Love teachings and the most powerful military power in the world left his country having no like force to fight. Such is the power of Love over Fear. And yes, Gandhi was a Hindu. The Love teachings of Yeshu (Jesus) are Universal. Notice in the scriptures how he did not try to convert anyone to Judaism and certainly not to Christianity, not the Sumerian woman at the well and not the Roman Centurion. Both were followers of Pagan Religions and lost according to Hebrew teachings. He treated all people the same and simply forgave their sins and told them to do better. His declaration to the Apostles to *spread the good news*, may well have not been to start another Religion to separate us further with only those who worship Him being saved. His life as described in scriptures reflects nothing that would suggest He ever wanted to be worshiped. His message seems to be one of empowerment and personal responsibility, *all these things I do you shall do and even greater!*" I don't know about you, but I

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