

Woman in the Insane Asylum

When Carl was a small child, several members of his family urged him to stop telling people what would happen in their future. If he persisted he would “end up in an insane asylum.” Carl was so small that he had no idea what an insane asylum was. However, he concluded that it was not a good place.

Carl was very interested in teaching people about the Gifts of the Spirit. He frequently quoted Saint Paul, when he said, “I will not have you ignorant of the Gifts of the Spirit.” (1 Corinthians 12:1) Since this became Carl’s life mission, he never missed an opportunity to teach. He often spoke groups, including high school and college students, and even lectured to inmates in prisons.

Again I am not exactly sure when this event took place; however, Carl was running his beauty salon Carl’s Coiffeurs in Gale Ferry, CT. Some of his clients were nurses at the Norwich State hospital, in Norwich, CT, which was the local insane asylum. One day the casually asked Carl if he would visit them at work. Carl was unsure why they wanted him to do this. However, on the appointed day, Carl went to the Kettle building, which was the main building of the hospital. Carl was escorted to a very large room, that had been cleared of everything, but a large table and two chairs in the middle of the room. The nurses sat Carl down in one of the chairs and explained that they wanted him to meet someone.

A few moments later, a man led a woman out and assisted her in sitting in the chair opposite Carl. The woman was in restraints. The woman just sat down and stared at Carl, without saying a word. This unnerved Carl, because since he was a very young child, people would stare and Carl. It was something that continuously bothered him throughout his entire life.

Carl was not too sure what he was suppose to say to this woman, so he just began making small talk. However, no matter what topic he began to discuss, the woman remained silent.

Finally Carl said, “If you don’t talk with me, I will have to go and return to my business.”

It was then that the woman spoke, in an angry tone of voice, “Do you believe there is a God?”

Carl replied. “Yes, I do, but I didn’t think so when I was young. When I was young, I heard voice of people who no one else could see, and I also saw visions.”

“Then why aren’t you in here, with me?” the woman asked.

“Is that what happened to you? You were brought here because you heard voices from Spirit?”

“Yes,” the woman replied.

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Carl was horrified, as he suddenly realized that he was looking at a fellow-medium, who was put into “the insane asylum” simply because she was gifted. His family’s warning that he heard as a child echoed of his mind, and shook him to his soul.

“How old were you when you were brought here,” Carl asked.

“I was 19 years old.”

“How old are you now?” Carl asked.

“I am 43,” she replied.

“Who brought you here,” Carl asked.

“My priest and my mother and father,” she replied.

“Are they still living?” Carl asked.

“I have no idea, I think they are dead, I don’t know,” she replied.

Carl began to investigate if he could get this woman released from the hospital. Another one of his clients was the wife of one of the head doctors of the hospital. He sought his help, though his wife, only to discover that because of the way the laws were written, she was committed for life. The only people who could have this woman released from the hospital were that priest or her parents. The three of them had died. Eventually, the woman also died, while still residing in the hospital.

Many churches were very opposed to mediums, because often the direct links (mediums) to the Spirit World would contradict man-made dogmas of Churches. The conflict between mediums and priests of religion is centuries old. This woman was a modern day victim, just as thousands of women who suffered the most horrific death, being burned at the stake for witchcraft from the 1400’s through the 1600’s.



The Norwich State Hospital