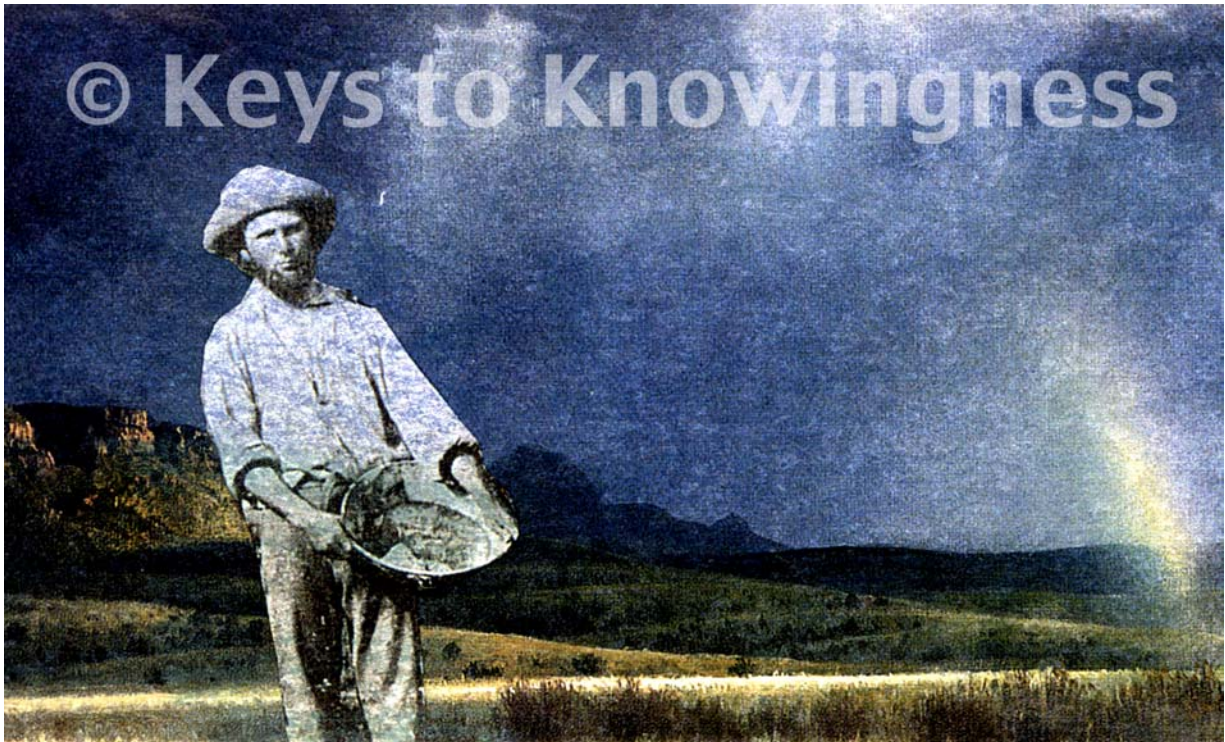


Carl the Spiritual Farmer

When Carl was about 9 years old, he was helping his father hoeing corn. A spirit entity, who turned out to be Carl's eldest brother, Erbin gave him a message. Erbin had died along with his mother, Louella, Alvie's first wife. They had both died on the same day during a flu epidemic. Erbin clairaudiently told Carl as he was hoeing the field, "Son, you will not be this type of farmer in the future. You will become a spiritual farmer planting spiritual seeds in the minds of people."¹ Carl, without thinking repeated what he heard. "Daddy, some day I am not going to be this type of farmer. I will be a spiritual farmer planting spiritual seeds in the minds of people."

Alvie was taken aback by what his son just said. He stopped hoeing, and kind of leaned on the hoe, and said these words to Carl. "Son, I have never known anyone but Jesus, who could speak to people in this world and the next." These were the only positive words that anyone in Carl's family ever said about his mediumistic abilities.

Since Alvie was so convinced that his son was possessed by the devil, I surmise that Spirit entranced Alvie to give Carl this bit of encouragement. It was the first of two occasions that Carl's mediumship was positively reinforced, until he reached the age of twenty-three.



Erbin, Carl's eldest half brother, telling Carl he will become a Spiritual farmer.

¹ This refers to parables in Matthew 13.