

Chesterfield psychic sees the dawning of a new age

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For those who feel overwhelmed or confused by the panoply of preachers, the alternative, says Carl Hewitt, is "knowledge".

"We are reaching the end of an age that's been with us for a long, long time. This past age has kept us in ignorance, fear and superstition for so long that the part of us that has lived in other lifetimes is crying out for freedom," he says.

This evening at the Hewitt building on Route 85 in Chesterfield, Hewitt is starting an eight-week seminar on the making of psychics. Every Wednesday evening, for a small fee, Hewitt will be discoursing on gifts of the spirit, mediumship, trance channeling, vibrations, auras and reincarnation.

"I am a minister but not a religious fanatic. I am also a medium, call it what you will, oracle, prophet, seer -- they are all the same," says Hewitt.

This is not off the wall, Hewitt says. What is taught here is to help reveal the truth about gifts of the spirit. These gifts, he says, have always existed and everyone has them to some degree.

"Except they've been covered up. Think about this: 2000 years ago the high priests were happy because the people were supporting them, then

along came this man, Jesus by name, with gifts of the spirit. This man was around to share and teach very simple, very basic truths. The high priests had changed everything to keep people under their control. This man was here to carry out laws, not change them. The one gift he put emphasis on was the gift of healing.

"Now picture it," Hewitt continues, "here's this man, who's reputation is growing, and he's nothing more than a spirit channel. People started following him. When the priests looked around and saw their flock gone they panicked. They wanted to get rid of him so they used a pack of lies to do it. But Jesus told the people he would be back in three days, and he did return because he knew about the spirit.

"The Bible," Hewitt adds, "is a history of psychic happenings."

It took Hewitt's father 22 years after his death to appear to Hewitt, "because he had to learn the laws of communication between the two worlds. But in the spirit world there is no time, it all happens simultaneously. You have always been the same old you, only in different material bodies."

But this kind of teaching, Hewitt tells us, has been suppressed because people were brought up believing it was evil. "People were scared to talk about it."

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Hewitt draws upon his own life experience when he talks of suppression. Brought up as the last of 11 children in a southern Baptist family in North Carolina, Hewitt was chastised for his gifts. Struck, he says, by visions and voices by the age of 3, Hewitt was not encouraged to talk about them.

"I went through hell with the gift for years. It wasn't till I got to school that I began to understand that I wasn't sick. I made a friend there who had the same gifts. But the pressure and ridicule got so intense she committed suicide. After that I left town," he says.

Hewitt, an outcast from his hometown, moved all over the country pursuing several off-beat careers. As the scientific community committed more hours to psychic research the field gained a degree of legitimacy. Gradually, Hewitt became more at ease with what he says is his calling.

Finally the voices told him about a medium in Connecticut. Reverend Catherine Marjiorotti helped Hewitt finally overcome his shame. "It was a slow process coming out of the darkness -- it was a bad trip for a long time. I stayed here where someone could understand me. I didn't want to go back to the prejudice," he adds.

A few years ago Hewitt became an ordained minister in the spirit religion. "The voices advised me on how to start the church and the state

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accepted it as a religion, not as a sect or a flash-in-the-pan, but as a teaching and healing ministry."

He is now pastor of the Gift of the Spirit Church and Psychic Research Center in Chesterfield. "But this is a non-denominational church. I tell people to use their own judgement. I'm not caught up with religions or guilt trips. I don't want people to become slaves to dogma. I try to help people become captain of their own ship.

"God," Hewitt believes, "is not a single deity sitting on high like I was taught. As Jesus said he is within each of us. That 'within each of us' is the spirit, or you could also call it the 'soul.'

"The spirit moves at a faster vibration than the material body. The body works at a lower frequency, if you will." As a medium, Hewitt says, he acts as a channel between the spirit and material

world through which energy may pass. He says he is clairvoyant, that is, able to apprehend things on another level, and clairaudient, able to hear from the "spirit of mind's ear."

All mediums Hewitt says, have a spirit control. Hewitt's controlling spirit, a 16th century Tuscarora Indian chief, helps control the energy when Hewitt acts as a bridge between worlds. "He is my guard and guardian. He has told me we knew each other in a past life."

Although he disputes the date (Hewitt says he was up all night July 17 -- "I felt like I was on another planet") he concurs with the idea there has been a reconfiguration of the universe, popularly known as the

"Harmonic Convergence."

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In the seminar Hewitt says he will just try to open up people's minds. "The rest is up to them. I'm not saying you'll become a medium, but I'll give you the building blocks."

There are, he notes, two fundamental ideas one must understand to help open up his mind. First, there are two bodies and two worlds, the physical and the spiritual. "Bodies in spirit are as real as physical bodies. The brain is the receiver and the soul is the memory bank. The soul is your light, the aura that surrounds your body."

Second, life never ends. "There are changes in life from the physical plane to the spiritual plane but your life continues even after you die."

At an introductory session last Wednesday Hewitt asked his audience, "Did you ever wonder why only a small part of your brain functions? What is the rest of it? Stuffing? Sawdust? Is it possible that a medium or channeler, as a person in an altered state, opens up those unused chambers?"

"We all have the gift of clairvoyance. We've just been taught to forget how to use it. I don't claim to have all the answers. I'm searching just like you."