

## **THE SPIRITUALISTS' NATIONAL UNION (SNU) HAVE ISSUED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT**

### **DEFINITION OF ANGELS:**

As spiritualists, our definition of angels is a spiritually evolved intelligence, either incarnate or discarnate, which aids the soul of another.

### **EVIL SPIRITS:**

We cannot accept the idea of evil spirits. As spirit is the pure expression of God, evil is a product of the negative thoughts and actions of the conscious mind and therefore not of spirit. We do not accept the idea that the spirit world can exert any harmful force on humankind.

### **POSSESSION:**

Due to the past and present activities of the media and film industry, some people have come to believe possession is possible. However, throughout all religious history there has never been a proven case of possession. The AFC (Arthur Findlay College) does not accept that possession is a reality.

### **PROTECTION:**

The AFC teaching staff accept that based on the Fifth Principal of Personal Responsibility, the only protection that is needed is from our own ignorance. Our greater understanding of natural law allows us the knowledge that God is the ultimate embodiment of unconditional love and that the concept of protection is therefore meaningless.

### **PSYCHIC ATTACK:**

We believe it is possible to feed one's own paranoia and this can be realized through our heightened sensitivity. The damage we can do to ourselves is unlimited as we respond through our painful and emotional states. We feel our emotions can be very fragile and because of this heightened state, we try to rationalize sense or feelings not normally experienced thus labeling them as psychic attack.

### **TERMINATIONS / MISCARRIAGES:**

The AFC teaching staff accepts that based on the Fourth Principal – the Continuous Existence of the Human Soul, that: it is not possible to communicate with a terminated or miscarried fetus but it is possible to communicate with family who are connected and who have an awareness of the event and therefore bring reassurance to the recipient. And that following the Seventh Principle – External Progress Open to Every Human Soul, there is progression of the individual in the spirit world, but we cannot give definitive evidence of the process.

### **EXTRA-TERRESTRIALS or LIFE ON OTHER PLANETS:**

Even though people may say they have certain experiences, we cannot confirm or deny their existence on other planets.

### **GUIDES:**

As spiritualists we understand and accept the role of guides as a supporting team to us in our earthly lives, in our Mediumship and our spiritual progression. We accept that certain reflections of teaching from a spiritual hierarchy. However, archangels and ascended masters do not form part of our belief system.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

It is not possible for anything or anyone to attach itself to you. A person may believe this can occur because the incorrect idea is planted by another person due to malicious or ignorant intent. Therefore, the individual's own mind and ignorant thinking can manifest a false reality in which they sincerely believe this may be happening. Fear can be alleviated by education, counseling and healing to help the individual to recognize the situation is not genuine.