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Dear reader, this is a special issue of our SpiritistNews newsletter. It focuses on some aspects of the dissemination of Spiritism in English-speaking countries, as well as topics related to the last three 2004 workshops: *America's Role on Earth's Spirituality*; *Astral Cities - Our Spiritual Homes*; and *The Spiritist View of Jesus, the Christ*. We would also like to remind everyone that October 3rd started the celebration of the 200th anniversary of Allan Kardec, the codifier of Spiritism, and it will 'end' on October 3rd of 2005. So we have a promising year to revisit Allan Kardec's achievements and remind us of the true meaning of Spiritism, its dissemination, and application into our lives.

- The Editor



- Allan Kardec

Spiritism For All

Spiritists of the world, we have a common cause which is to practice Spiritism in our daily lives and also to disseminate its inspiring set of principles wherever we are.

When revisiting Kardec's works, we learn that Spiritist principles are universally controlled. Therefore, Spiritism is for all. Spiritism was codified in France, but it is not French. Spiritism is wide-spread in its practice in Brazil nowadays, but it is not Brazilian. Neither French, nor Brazilian, Spiritism has no nationality and will never have. Thus, Spiritism is independent of spatial boundaries.

In the book "Among Brothers of Other Lands" (*Entre Irmaos de Outras Terras*), psychographed by Francisco Xavier and Waldo Vieira, the spirit-doctor Andre Luiz gave us clear recommendations on how we, spiritists, should behave when we are living or visiting other lands (countries). In chapter one, Andre Luiz clearly stated that we should not only learn the host country's laws, culture and habits, but also respect it by speaking in its most predominant language (see page 6).

For that reason, we, spiritists, who live in English-speaking countries, are invited to commit to the true practice of charity (love). Let us give a chance to the millions and millions of brothers and sisters who will never be able to get to know of Spiritism, unless it is spoken or written in their own native language.

The 4th World Spiritist Congress held this October in Paris gave Spiritists from all lands a wonderful opportunity to meet in mutual inspiration

and support, celebrating the 200th anniversary of the birth of Allan Kardec, the codifier of Spiritism. Great emphasis is now being placed on dissemination of Spiritism in English, in the United States and other English speaking countries.

In the U.S.A., some Spiritist groups have already risen to the challenge of using English in all communications. Several resources are available in the English language (see page 7). Therefore, we encourage other Spiritist centers to welcome English-speaking participants by opening activities in English. The alternative is isolation and failure to be effective in offering Spiritism to the greatest number that they may respond as they are moved without the need to adopt a foreign language.

Let us remember the sweet and encouraging words by Dr. Bezerra de Menezes² (1831-1900): "The unification is urgent but not rushed. Some still do not understand his saying and interpret his words in favor of postponing the efforts. However, we clearly understand that Dr. Menezes first mentioned "URGENT", meaning NOW. And when he said "NOT RUSHED", he meant "NOT WITHOUT A PLAN" and its followed dedication to it.

Dear Spiritists, time has come. Let us bring Spiritism to all. In the twenty-first century, we cannot delay the march of progress on Earth. Equality, Solidarity and Fraternity because Spiritism is for all. ■

¹ This book is in process of translation by the SSB.
² Influential Spiritist in Brazil, politician and charitable physician often called "Doctor of the Poor".

Why I Walk the Spiritist Path

by Jim Pursley*

Spiritism, to me, is nothing less than full spectrum spirituality. Unlike religion, Spiritism does not divide people into those who have the Message and those who don't. Spiritism does not assert superiority in any way; rather, it is a coordinated system for philosophical inquiry into the large questions, such as "Who are we", "Where did we come from", "Where are we going", "What is our place in the order of things" and "What is the purpose of life"? Spiritism views the entirety of creation, incarnated beings on Earth, incarnated beings in other places and completely discarnate beings (those with no bodies) as a gigantic mass of individually formed spirits whose sole task is to attain perfection and, thence, oneness with God, the Creator.

From the above description, it is clear that Spiritism and Religion have much in common. Spiritism, however, does not start and end with a finite set of writings like the Christian Bible, the Koran, the Upanishads, the Torah or any other collection of stories and instructions left by God's messengers in prior ages. To me, a major strength of Spiritism is the open environment for inquiry, free from dogma. Spiritists have their basic writings - the five books compiled by Alan Kardec in the mid-19th Century - but Spiritist thought does not end with these writings nor does it restrict itself to endless interpretations of them. Spiritism is truly organic, in that it is capable of renewing its message as conditions change. Immutable, however, is the pursuit Spiritists make of a truly moral life here on earth.

Spiritists, in my experience, support each other in manifesting the moral teachings of Christianity. Thus, not only is Spiritism a philosophical inquiry joining heart and intellect, it is a practical way to support one another in leading as pure an earthly life as possible.

I am a Spiritist because I wish to take my place in the society of humans partnering with Superior Spirits in the realms of applying love to every endeavor. In community and in safety from the excess of human or Spirit ego, I join Spiritists in the great quest for individual perfection through collective association.

I could find community as a member of a religion, but I am likely to feel slightly apart from others who do not agree with me or share my religious views.

I could wholeheartedly participate in secular charitable activities, but these are not purified by surrender of the human ego to a Divine will.

I could go my own way and free lance my spirituality. This can be a dangerous path, as I may not have the discrimination to tell a well meaning guide from a selfishly intentioned one.

I could abstain from all spiritual pursuit and remain as pure as I can in thought, preferring a humanist philosophy to a Divinely-centered one.

Frankly, I am a Spiritist because Spiritism answers more questions, poses no restrictions, erects the fewest barriers of self-proclaimed superiority and is the purest form of mutual support for the pursuit of individual perfection that I have found. ■

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An American Spiritist's New View on Life

by Laura Egger*

I have always had a strong faith in God and a belief system that included angels as messengers of God. But my outlook expanded radically a year and a half ago when the principles of Spiritism first entered my life. Spiritism has altered the way I think, live, and pray.

If not for the writings by *Joanna De Angelis*, I would not know that God needed me to reflect His light. The words of the Lord's Prayer, "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven" illustrate this idea. I now understand that the spirit is always alive whether as an incarnate or a disincarnate. This knowledge has transformed every aspect of my life. I now realize that relationships continue after material death. This principle has shaped the way I exist. For example, the golden rule, "Treat others as you yourself would like to be treated" has implications that extend into my future lives. My prayers have also changed. I not only thank God for all my blessings, but I include rescue prayers for suffering spirits that may be around my loved ones or me. I incorporate thoughts from the prayers in the back of *The Gospel Explained by Spiritism*. Most importantly, the principles of Spiritism guide my life. I consciously seek to raise my vibrations through good thoughts. I know that to perfect my spirit I must accomplish good deeds and selfless acts of loving kindness and compassion.

I have always had a concept of what it means to be a good person. But Spiritism has broadened my view, refined my vision, and influenced my decisions as I continue to learn and act. The Spiritist writings inspire me like a beacon provides a light in the dark.

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Reward in Spreading Spiritism

by Jussara Korngold *

In many parts of the world, through observation and work, we verify that the human being is the same wherever he is reincarnated, and we can certainly observe how much in need people in this country are. It has been very rewarding to be able to spread Spiritism in English in the United States among Americans and people from other nationalities. Through this experience, it has been clear to us that the acceptance of the Spiritist Philosophy will depend on the genuine interest and spiritual involvement of every individual, independent and regardless of his/her nationality. Therefore, it is our duty, as true spiritists who try to follow the teachings of Jesus, "Without Charity there is no Salvation", to be charitable and to give them the opportunity to benefit from Spiritism, as well.

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America's Role on Earth's Spirituality

"By studying the characteristics of various countries, or of any human grouping, it is easy to get an idea of the invisible population that partakes of their lives and actions." - Allan Kardec



In the inspiring book *A Caminho da Luz*¹ (Walking towards Light) psychographed by the medium Francisco C. Xavier, the spirit Emmanuel gives us a beautiful and logical account of the history of Humankind through the Spiritist View. Basically, it tells us that at every human event in a nation, there is a spiritual guidance for it. In its first paragraphs, Emmanuel narrates that "the traditions of the spiritual world tell that in the guidance of all phenomena in our solar system, there is a Community of Pure Spirits selected by the Supreme Lord of the Universe. In their hands reside the directing guidelines of life in its planets. That Community of Angelic and Perfect Beings of which one of its members is Jesus, had already met twice in the proximities of Earth for the solution of decisive issues in the organization and direction of our planet."

Emmanuel corroborates Allan Kardec's saying that nations are collective individualities: just like individuals, they go through their periods of infancy, maturity, and gradual decline.

In this retrospective of humankind's history on Earth, Emmanuel remembers the difficult times we went through in the Medieval Age. There, the Inquisition imposed by the Church caused an imbalance in Europe's karma in such way that "Christ finds in America* its greatest hope. In that field of new regenerating battles, all good-willed spirits could work for peace and fraternity of the future humanity. Therefore, it was defined the role of each region of the continent. The 'brain' of the new civilization was localized where

is nowadays the United States of North America. And, its 'heart' is located in the welcoming and replete soil where Brazil in the South America blossoms...Under Jesus' orientation, the invisible plan conducted to America all the sincere and working spirits that did not need reincarnations in Europe...Entities called to the organization of the future progress were transferred to the hemisphere of the New World."

In 1776, in the British colony of North America, "the Invisible world executes in the new lands the great democratic principles taught by the philosophers and thinkers of the XVIII century." Certainly, there are many clear signs that the formation and independence of the USA was inspired by Enlightened Spirits, starting from its Founding Fathers who wrote the most democratic and fraternal Constitution ever existed on Earth. The Spiritist concepts are intricate in its first paragraphs as follows: "...We hold this truth to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness..."

And later, in the night of March 31, 1848, "aware of America's mission of concord and fraternity, the invisible plan placed therein the spiritual world's first tangible manifestations." Those were the Hydesville spirit-phenomena that inspired many Men of Science, including Kardec in France. There, the Superior Spirits deposited the seeds of Spiritism. Those phenomena changed Humankind forever by starting a New Era. ■

** This is the reason why many Europeans felt the urge to navigate overseas and explore new lands. That caused the Discovery of the American Continent guided by the Superior Spirits.*

¹ FEB, 1938. This book is to be translated in English.



The Wings of Progress

There are two kinds of progress - intellectual and moral. These mutually support each other, though they do not necessarily march in tandem. Among civilized nations in this century, intellectual progress has been

stimulated and supported to a degree unheard of in the past. At the same time our ethical progress has lagged behind. Yet if we compare the social customs of the last few centuries with those of today, we find it undeniable that real moral progress has taken place. There is no reason to suppose, then, that moral progress has stopped. It is altogether probable that there will be as great a difference in moral conduct between the nineteenth and twenty-fourth centuries as there has been between that of the fourteenth and the nineteenth. To doubt the continuity of moral progress is to believe either that humanity has reached the summit of

perfection, which is absurd; or that it is not ethically perfectible, which experience has proven to be incorrect. (*The Spirits' Book* by Allan Kardec – *The Laws of Progress*, Chap 23 - AKES 2003)

IMPORTANCE OF KNOWLEDGE

Knowledge is never useless, since it contributes to your progress. Besides, acquiring new knowledge expands your intellectual capacity and quickens your development in the spirit-world. There you will learn in one hour what might otherwise have taken you many hours to understand. Greater knowledge, when put to proper use, also gives you an opportunity to help others. The journey toward perfection is based on achieving an all-encompassing knowledge; thus, everything you learn promotes your development.

Does moral progress always follow intellectual progress?
- This would be the normal sequence; however, it does not automatically follow sometimes. (The Spirit's Book q 780)



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Spirit World

The spirit-world is like a great city where individuals of all ranks and conditions see and meet each other but do not necessarily socialize. As in a city, circles are formed by similarities in tastes, and good and bad spirits share the same space without having to interact.

Architecture

The buildings on the physical plane originate in the *architects' thoughts* and in the *material* that is used in the engineers' plans. The construction of our buildings follows the same principle, except that the *matter is in a state much more malleable to the influence of thought.*"¹

Hierarchy

The authority of spirits over one another is very great. Their power results from their moral ascendancy. Their influence over the lower one is, so to speak, irresistible... Spirits belong to different orders because of their moral merit...Moral superiority is everything."²

Accessibility

Spirits of different orders see each other, but they are separated. According to their mutual likes and dislikes, they approach or shun each other just as you do. The spirit-life is one of varied conditions and relationships, and the earthly life is only a vague reflection of it. Spirits of the same order are drawn together by a sort of affinity and form groups or families united by a common aim-the good ones by the desire to do good, the bad by the desire to do wrong. They gather together because of the similarity of their activities and by the wish to be among those they resemble. The good spirits go everywhere, they must in order to influence wrong-doers. But the regions the good spirits inhabit are forbidden to those of lower degrees because of the disturbing nature of the latter's thoughts and desires."²

Communication

Spirits need only see each other to communicate their ideas. Their 'Language' is more meaningful than ours as their thoughts are reflected in themselves. In addition, the Cosmic Principle acts as a medium that conducts their thoughts through the universe, much like air conducts sounds. By means of the Cosmic Principle, spirits can send their thoughts across different worlds."²

Family Reunion

Relatives and friends reunite after death depending on how evolved they are and the paths they have to follow. If one is further advanced and progresses more rapidly than the other, the two cannot remain together. They may see each other occasionally, but they can only be reunited for good when the one behind catches up or when both reach the state of perfection. Moreover, a spirit is sometimes deprived of the sight of its relatives and friends as a means of correction."²

Transition

Relatives and friends will come to meet you when you are leaving Earth because you are a spirit they love. They greet you as if you had come back from a journey and congratulate you on your escape from the dangers of the road. They also aid you in freeing yourself from the bonds of the flesh..."²

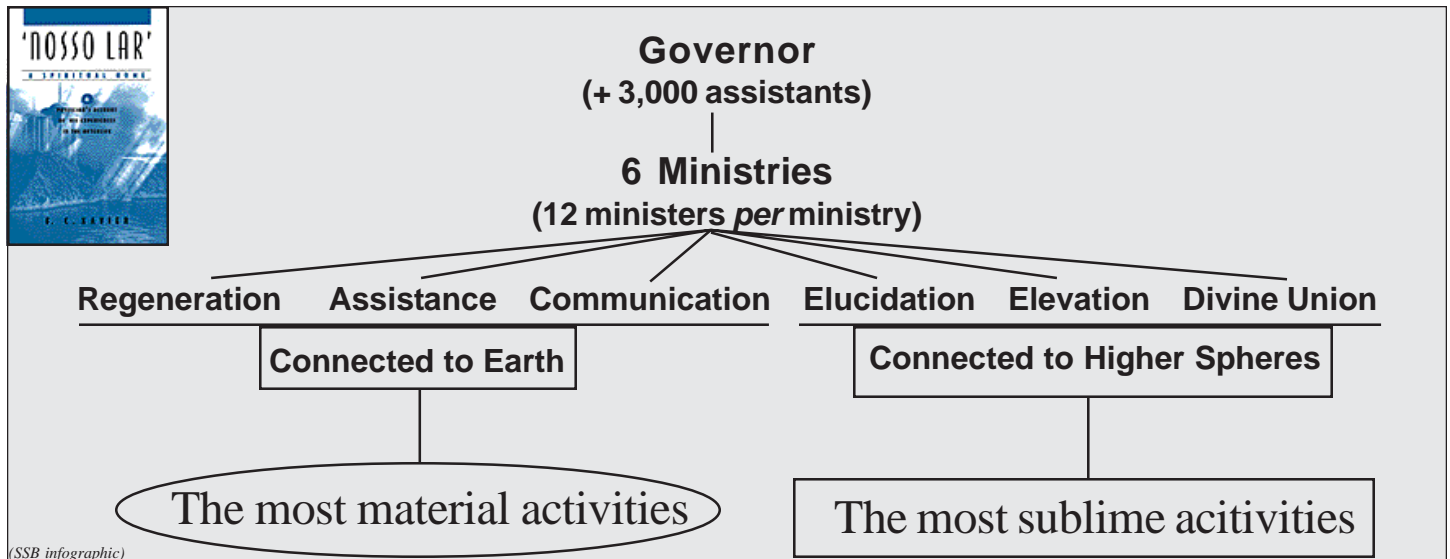
¹And Life Goes On... by Andre Luiz/Francisco Xavier, Chap 9 -AKES 2000

²The Spirits' Book by Allan Kardec, Spirit Life, Chap 10 -AKES 2003

Example of the Organization of a Spiritual City: "Nosso Lar"

"Nosso Lar" (means Our Home) is a spiritual city in many that exist in the Universe. The spirit-doctor Andre Luiz told us by the hands of the medium Francisco Xavier that 'Nosso Lar' is a transitory spiritual colony in Brazil (Chapter 37). 'Nosso Lar' was founded by a group of distinguished Portuguese pioneers who, after passing on, settled in the spiritual planes over Brazil in the sixteenth century. In this inspirational book, Andre Luiz explains us about the organization of this spiritual city, as drawn in the scheme below.

(Nosso Lar - A Spiritual Home by Andre Luis/Francisco C. Xavier - AKES 2001)



(SSB infographic)

The Spiritist View of Jesus, the Christ

Neither God, nor an ordinary Man... a Superior Spirit

His Nature...

Without prejudging anything of the nature of Christ..., let us consider him as nothing other than a superior spirit, — one of those of the highest order; and let him be placed only by his virtues above the rest of terrestrial humanity. By the great results which he produced, his incarnation into this world could have been only one of those missions which are confided alone to direct messengers from the Most High for the accomplishment of his designs. By supposing that he was not God himself, but an ambassador of him for the transmission of his word, he would be more than a prophet: he would be a divine Messiah.¹

The Role Model of Moral Perfection

In the question 625 of the Spirit's Book, Kardec asked to the Superior Spirits what is the most perfect guide and model that God has offered to us? Their answer was *Jesus*. Kardec discussed that Jesus is the God-given model of moral perfection toward which we should all strive. Animated by the Divine Spirit, Jesus was the purest being who has ever appeared on Earth; and the doctrine He taught is, accordingly, the purest expression of the Divine law. Others who have professed to instruct humanity in the law of God have, by contrast, sometimes led it into error. The reason is not hard to discover. The latter have been swayed by ideas and feelings of a too earthly nature and have confused laws that regulate the life of the soul with those that govern the life of the body. Many pretended revealers, moreover, have announced as Divine laws what were only human ones, which they devised to serve their own interests and to assure their domination over others.²

As a Man...

As a Man, he had the organization of organized beings; but as a pure spirit, detached from matter, he must have lived in the spiritual life more than in the carnal, of which he had not the weaknesses. *His superiority over men was only of his spiritual nature, which absolutely controlled matter, and his perispirit, which was formed of the most refined of earthly fluids* (Chap. XIV, item 9). His soul must have been attached to the body only by the most indispensable links; constantly separated from one another, it must have endowed him with a double sight, not only permanent, but of an exceptional penetration, very superior to that of ordinary men. It must have been the same with all the phenomena which depend upon the perispiritual or psychic fluids. The quality of these fluids gave to him an immense magnetic power, seconded by a constant desire to do good.¹

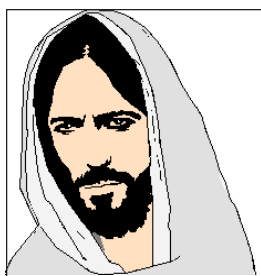
As a Medium...

In the cures which he performed, did he act as a *medium*? Can he be considered as a powerful healing medium? No; for the medium is an intermediary, an instrument which discarnate spirits use. Now, Christ had no need of assistance, he who assisted others; he acted, then, by himself, by virtue of his personal power. Thus can incarnated beings, in certain cases, do according to their strength. What other spirit would have dared to inspire him with his own thoughts, and charge him to transmit them? If he received a strange influx, it could only be from God. According to a definition given of him by a spirit, he was a *medium of God*.¹

¹Genesis by Allan Kardec, Chap XV - Superiority of the Nature of Jesus - SAB 2004

²The Spirit's Book by Allan Kardec. Question 625 - AKES 2003

Christ's Mission



Jesus did not come to destroy the Law, that is to say God's Law. He came to fulfill and develop it, to show its real meaning and to adapt it to the degree of Man's advancement at that time. That is why we find within the Law the principle of our duty to God and our fellowmen to be the base of His doctrine... But Jesus was no mere moralist legislator offering His ward as exclusive authority. It fell to Him to complete the prophecies which had announced His advent, by means of the exceptional nature of His Spirit and His divine mission. Jesus came to teach mankind that true life is not the one lived here on Earth, but rather the life lived in Heaven. He came to show the pathway to this Kingdom, how to be reconciled with God and to present these facts as part of things to come which would enable mankind to fulfill its destiny. However, He did not explain everything, but limited Himself to offering only the initial part of the truth on many subjects, saying that Man as yet could not understand the whole truth. But He talked about all things in implied terms. In order for people to be able to understand the hidden meaning of His words it was necessary for new ideas and knowledge to mature, so bringing the indispensable key, as these things could not appear before the human Spirit had achieved a certain degree of maturity. Science still had to play an important part in the emergence and development of these ideas; therefore it was necessary to give time for science to progress. ■

The Gospel According to Spiritism by Allan Kardec, Chap I - I Have Not Come to Destroy the Law - AKP 1987

Studying Spiritism: a Privilege

by Michael Friedenber*

Growing up in a Jewish household and being a practicing Jew, left many unanswered questions as to what happens when you pass away. As I grew older the thought of reincarnation sounded more like a reality than a fantasy. There were too many things about it that made complete sense, I could not help but believe. After meeting Ingrid, she invited me to come to a study group of the Spiritist Society of Baltimore. In the study group, we discuss laws that bind us to life and death, not the laws of men. Going to the study group and workshops have helped me answer the life long question of what happens to us when we die, how to have more peaceful existences, and to help those in need. Everyone that I have met through the group, though not having the exact thoughts, are all on the same page of life trying to make the best of what has been given to us. Attending the study group has helped me to answer questions that I have had, and raise new ones to be answered when the time comes. I do feel it a privilege to have met everyone in the group as they have helped me become more educated about reincarnation.

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Spreading Spiritism in the USA

by Yvonne Limoges*

My father and the director of our Center, who was born in NYC, attended a large Spiritist Center that was established in NYC in 1933. It was in a Spanish neighborhood and they held their meetings in Spanish. He attended that Center as a child and then later when he started his mediumship in mediumship classes. When my father moved his family to Florida for better job opportunities, he missed terribly the Spiritist Center.

My parents raised us to believe in Spiritism. We read all the books of Kardec, Leon Denis, Amalia Domingo Soler, Miguel Vives, and more. As my brother, sister and I grew older and spoke about of our beliefs to our friends, they became very interested and wanted to study and attend our meetings. My father agreed, with advice from his spirit guides, and that is how our Center started. We officially became **The Spiritist Society of Florida** in 1982.

A tremendous amount of Americans in this country believe in the existence of a soul, in mediumship, the spirit world, in spirit communication, in reincarnation, in the plurality of other worlds, in the morality of Jesus, and that our souls need to moralize ourselves and follow an evolutionary path towards a higher and morally sublime level. They believe it in their very souls, but they do not have a name to call these beliefs "as whole set of concepts together." Only Spiritism exists right now to encompass these ideas, but they do not know that it exists. But, when they find out about our Spiritist Center, they feel right at home. Everything they ever believed in, is right there... altogether in what we call "Spiritism."

Thus, in the United States, the ground is very fertile for further direction, clarification, cultivation, and "the sifting of the wheat from the chaff." **Will the Americans figure it out for themselves through trial and error and spirit revelations, or, are the Spiritists from other countries truly willing to lend a helping hand?**

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Guidelines for Spiritists in a trip

by ANDRÉ LUIZ

Get to know of the legal dispositions that rule the Country that you visit and obey them.

Avoid prejudices or dissensions that you may find. Respect the feelings of each person that you encounter and try to assist him or her by rendering your assistance.

Avoid personal exhibition.

Be discrete and practice simplicity.

Respect the systems of spiritual work that may be different from the one you chose.

Avoid criticisms and arguments.

Do not compromise Spiritism in any circumstances, mainly in those that are related to personal interest.

Reject any participation in clandestine business even though some may be apparently masked of legality in order to improve your financial situation.

Study the language and the customs of the visited Country in order to be more useful.

Refuse to make depreciatory comparisons susceptible of humiliating your hosts.

Avoid vexatious adjectives in regard to personalities, situations, cases and things of the Nation that receives you.

Cease anecdotes and jokes of bad taste.

Do not give opinions on the difficulties of the region where you stay without a thorough knowledge of the causes that caused them.

Do not create problems.

As much as possible, avoid being in financial debt wherever you go.

Never adulate nor humiliate.

Never ridicule the habits and beliefs of the Country where you may be at.

Refrain from indoctrinating others. But, be ready to say a good word or the true concept of the Spiritist View in order to sow renewal and elevation to the listeners.

Do neither wish superiority for your home country nor diminish it with thoughtless comments.

Abolish the "**foreign**" word of your vocabulary and treat the children of other nations as your true brothers.

(New York, NY, USA, July 29, 1965)

Among Brothers of Other Lands (*Entre Irmaos de Outras Terras*) by Francisco Candido Xavier and Waldo Vieira, chapter I (FEB). This book is being translated by the SSB.

Spiritist Books Available in English

TITLE	AUTHOR	PUBLISHERS	CHILDREN'S BOOK	AUTHOR	PUBLISHERS
1 The Spirits' Book	Allan Kardec	FEB ¹ , AKES ²	1 And For the Rest of Our Lives	Wallace Leal V. Rodrigues	SAB
2 The Gospel Explained by Spiritism	Allan Kardec	AKP ³ , AKES	2 Children from the Beyond	Cairo Ramaciotti/Francisco Xavier	SAB
3 The Medium's Book	Allan Kardec	FEB, LAKE	3 The Sower	Amelia Rodrigues/Divaldo Franco	LEAL
4 Heaven and Hell	Allan Kardec	SAB ⁴	4 A Ghost Story	Laura Bergallo	SAB*
5 Genesis	Allan Kardec	SAB	5 Life Taught Us	Maria I. B. Bolcone	SAB*
6 Introduction to the Spiritist Philosophy	Allan Kardec	AKES	6 Life Tells Us I, II, III	Neio Lucio	SAB*
7 Here and Hereafter	Léon Denis	SAB*	7 The Legend of the Miracles of Love	Selma Lagerlöf / Divaldo Franco	LEAL
8 Life and Destiny	Léon Denis	SAB*	8 Big Bad Wolf	Roque Jacinto	AKP
9 The Mystery of Joan of Arc	Léon Denis	SAB*	9 The Wicked Queen	Roque Jacinto	FEB
10 Christianity and Spiritualism	Léon Denis	SAB*			
11 Death and Its Mystery – volume I	Camille Flammarion	SAB*			
12 Death and Its Mystery – volume II	Camille Flammarion	SAB*			
13 Unknown	Camille Flammarion	H&Brothers			
14 Mysterious Psychic Forces	Camille Flammarion	Boston Small			
15 Uranie	Camille Flammarion	Cassel P Co.			
16 Haunted Houses	Camille Flammarion	Tower Books			
17 Evidence for a Future Life	Gabriel Delanne	SAB*			
18 Nosso Lar	Andre Luiz/Francisco Xavier	AKES			
19 And Life Goes On	Andre Luiz/Francisco Xavier	AKES			
20 In the Domains of Mediumship	Andre Luiz/F. Xavier & Waldo Vieira	SAB*			
21 Disobsession	Andre Luiz/F. Xavier & Waldo Vieira	SAB*			
22 Our Daily Bread	Emmanuel/Francisco Xavier	SAB*			
23 The World of the Spirit	Francisco Xavier & Waldo Vieira	Phil. Library*			
24 The Gospel at Home	Maria Payás & Olga Romaguera	AKES			
25 Christian Agenda	Andre Luiz/Francisco Xavier	AKP			
26 We are All Mediums	Odilon Fernandes/Carlos Baccelli	CEEPPD			
27 Magnetic and Spiritual Healing	Jussara Korngold	SAB			
28 Child of God	Joanna de Angelis/Divaldo Franco	LEAL ⁵			
29 After the Storm	Joanna de Angelis/Divaldo Franco	LEAL			
30 Obsession	Manoel P. Miranda/Divaldo Franco	LEAL			
31 Guidelines for Safety	Raul Teixeira & Divaldo Franco	Frater ⁶			
32 Illuminating Messages from the Beyond	Jussara Korngold & Marie Levinson	SAB*			
33 Who's Afraid of Death	Richard Simonetti	CEAC			
34 Endearing Gems from Francisco C. Xavier	Jussara Korngold & Marie Levinson	SAB*			
35 Life's Triumph	Paulo Rossi Severino & AME-SP team	Ed. Fe			
36 Obsession, Passes and Counseling	J. Herculano Pires	SAB*			
37 Living and Loving	Joanna de Angelis/Divaldo Franco	LEAL			
38 Recipes for Peace	Joanna de Angelis/Divaldo Franco	LEAL			
39 Studies in Spiritism	Amy Tanner	Promet. Books			
40 Green Light	Andre Luiz/Francisco Xavier	SGBRIGHTON ⁷			
41 After Death What	Cesare Lombroso	Aquarian Press			
42 The History of Spiritualism	Sir Arthur Conan Doyle	Arno Press			
43 Spirits and Scientists	David J. Hess	Penn Univ. Press			
44 Kardec's Spiritism	Emma Bragdon	Lightening Up Press			

¹ FEB: www.febnet.org.br, ² AKES: www.allan-kardec.org, ³ AKP: www.spi-london.com/kardec, ⁴ SAB: www.sgny.org, ⁵ LEAL: www.mansaodocaminho.com.br, ⁶ FRATER: www.editorafrater.com.br, ⁷ SGBRIGHTON can be ordered through SAB, *Electronic version (pdf)

RECOMMENDED BOOKS



Endearing Germs from F.C. Xavier by Jussara Korngold & Marie Levinson

The authors have gathered in this book a collection of articles, interviews and book excerpts, in order for the reader of the English speaking countries to understand and to get to know a little about the extraordinary person that Francisco (Chico) de Paula Cândido Xavier was. As Jesus said it is by the fruits that we know of the quality of the tree, and in the same manner, it is by the work he left us that we can see how valuable he was. Mr. Xavier channeled 409 books during his lifetime on Earth. So far only *three books* (*Nosso Lar - A Spiritual Home*, *And Life Goes On...*, and *Christian Agenda*) have been translated and published in English.

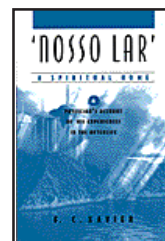
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Introduction to the SPIRITIST PHILOSOPHY by Allan Kardec

This book is, for all purposes, a primer on Spiritism. It contains two of Allan Kardec's works: *Qu'Est-Ce Que Le Spiritisme?* (What is Spiritism?) and *Spiritisme Reduit a sa plus Simple Expression* (Spiritism in its Simplest Expression). In the first work, Allan Kardec converses informally with three characters, a critic, a skeptic, and a priest, introducing them to a view of life and spirituality centered on the individual. The characters represent a composite of the adversarial stances Allan Kardec faced in Europe at a time when religious orthodoxy cast a dense shadow over people's views of reality. It is a light and engaging review of the Spiritist proposal detailed earlier in *The Spirits' Book*. The second work, though smaller in size, presents an insightful yet rich summary of the Spiritist wisdom. Less descriptive and more inspirational, it is a soulful letter addressed to the heart of the reader.

-AKES 2004



Nosso Lar – A Spiritual Home by F.C. Xavier André Luiz Collection

"The former physician André Luiz's articulate and compelling reporting reads more like a novel than a detailed, compelling document of afterlife existence that it is. Rarely does one find information about the afterlife that is both inspirational and informative — but such is the case here."

-AKES 2000



And Life Goes on... by F.C. Xavier André Luiz Collection

"This is a true story that illuminates life. In Evelyn's courage you will discover the force of faith, and traces of the invisible design that guides every person's return to love."

-AKES 2000

UPCOMING EVENTS

2004 WORKSHOP SERIES

Aug 28 – Spiritual Treatment

Sep 18 – Photography of the Thought

Oct 16 – America and its role on Earth's spirituality

Nov 13 – Astral cities: Our spiritual homes

Dec 04 – The Spiritist View of Jesus, the Christ

Free Admission !!!

Activities for CHILDREN (above 4 years old) are provided, while parents are at Workshop

Time:
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Place:
Ruscombe Mansion Community Health Center
4801 Yellowwood Avenue
Baltimore - MD 21209

JOIN OUR ACTIVITIES

SPIRITIST THOUGHT STUDY GROUP

These meetings take place every **Thursday** from 8:00PM to 9:30PM for the study of the Spiritist Doctrine. They are open to the general public. For more information, please contact us.

Phone: 410 - 837-0991 or 410-382-5328
e-mail: ssb@ssbaltimore.org

FRATERNAL COUNSELING & SPIRITUAL TREATMENT

These services are offered every **Monday** from 7:00-7:45PM. Please, contact us for more information.

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Mediumship Educational Meetings (by invitation only)

These meetings take place every **Monday** from 8:00 PM to 9:30PM for the study and practice of mediumship according to the Spiritist thought.

Our activities are free of charge !!!

TAKING POSITIVE STEPS

When you find yourself on the verge of despair, quicken your steps forward inhibiting your pause. Pray, to God for more light In order to overcome the shadows.

Do something positive, beyond the weakness that you may find within yourself. Read an enlightening message that may heighten your reasoning in the constructive variance of ideas.

Be in contact with people whose conversation will enhance your inner spiritual self.

Seek out an environment that would be conducive to receiving ennobling inspirations.

Do someone a favor, particularly to someone who you have been avoiding for a long time.

Go visit a friend, who is ill, seeking a little comfort in those who are facing far greater difficulties than yours.

Complete your prior unfulfilled tasks that may be causing these clouds of discouragement.

Be assured that we are all marching forward, overcoming problems and struggles, as we acquire experience, Life accepts our pauses for the restoration of our energy, but it does not accept any moments of inertia.

ANDRÉ LUIZ-FRANCISCO CANDIDO XAVIER
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Fundraising Event

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FOOD FOR THE SOUL

Delicious organic and healthy food!
Bring your family and friends for a wonderful day!

When: Sunday, November 21th (12PM - 3PM)

Price: \$10.00 each

Where: Ruscombe Mansion Community Health Center
4801 Yellowwood Avenue - Baltimore, MD 21209

For more information:
(410) 382-5328 or (443) 540-0442

This is a fundraising event sponsored by the **Spiritist Society of Baltimore, Inc.** and **Whole Foods Market**



This event is a part of the new campaign launched by SSB: *I love myself, I am drug-free*. The SSB has a broader definition of what is a Drug. It encompasses anything that can harm either our physical body (*chemical substances, junk food, etc*) or our spiritual body (*selfishness, anger, pride, gossip, hatred, etc*).