

“I LOVE MYSELF. I AM DRUG-FREE.”
SPIRITUAL TOOLS TO FIGHT ADDICTION



Special Seminar with Divaldo Franco

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Program

- 2:45 PM.....Reception
- 3:00 PM.....Welcome by SSB
- 3:10 PM.....Divaldo Franco’s Seminar
- 4:30 PM.....Coffee Break and Book Signing
- 5:00 PM.....Launching and Drawing of New Releases
- 5:10 PM.....Questions and Answers with Divaldo Franco
- 6:20 PM.....Closing Remarks

During the coffee break and after the seminar, Divaldo Franco will be available for book/CD signing.

Thank you for joining us tonight!

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This Seminar

The seminar "*I love myself. I am drug-free*": *Spiritual Tools to Fight Addiction* will cover an American true story on drug addiction; family issues and addiction; genetic, psychosocial, socioeconomic and spiritual factors that induce addiction. Divaldo Franco will give an overview of academic and spiritual therapies. One of the highlights will be education as a preponderant factor to Human Being's health.

ADDICTION PREVENTION CAMPAIGN



This seminar is a part of the program of Addiction Prevention Campaign "I love myself, I am drug-free" launched by SSB in 2004. Divaldo Franco was chosen as the keynote speaker for our campaign. Its goal is to raise awareness of the underlying causes of addictions in general, as well as to educate the general public onto the prevention mechanisms and treatments, according to the Spiritist View.

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).***

The major goals of our campaign are:

- 1) To offer spiritist treatment for addicts and their family members;
- 2) To create spiritist support groups for addicts and their family members;
- 3) To deepen our community's knowledge on the physical, psychological and spiritual causes of addictions and ways to prevent it. Seminars, courses, conferences and workshops will be offered to reach this goal;
- 4) To make available information on how Spiritism can help prevent and treat addictions by publishing it in our website, books and CDs;
- 5) To reach out and collaborate with other programs and institutions on addiction prevention and rehabilitation programs.

Awarded Keynote Speaker

The Spiritist Society of Baltimore, *Inc.* acknowledges Divaldo Franco for his outstanding, charitable contribution to our Addiction Prevention Campaign. He committed himself to partner with us in publishing this seminar in book and CD formats. Those will be the first spiritist materials available in English on the topic of Spiritism and Addiction.



- Thank you Divaldo Franco for your work of love and charity!

Awarded Interpreters

The Spiritist Society of Baltimore provides professional simultaneous translation with wireless headphones.



John Jensen and Sula Godfrey-Jensen are professional interpreters who are being awarded during this event due to their excellence in interpretation and charitable contribution to this event and previous ones. By providing their professional interpretation without charge, they make this event possible for the English-speaking public.

The SSB would also like to express its deepest gratitude to Whole Food Market and Mrs. Maria Grazinski (manager) for sponsoring a part of this event.



Divaldo Franco



Divaldo Franco is a worldwide renowned speaker. He has given more than 10 thousand lectures and spoken in 52 countries in the continents of Europe, Asia, Africa and the Americas. Divaldo Franco is a spiritual leader who has represented the Spiritist movement at the United Nations meeting for Peace in 2000. Mr. Franco is Doctor Honoris Causa in Humanity and also in Parapsychology by American and Canadian Universities. Through his extraordinary mediumship, Mr. Franco has published almost 200 books and 70 of them have already been translated in 15 languages.

Biography¹

Born in Feira de Santana, a small town in northeast Brazil, in the state of Bahia, Divaldo displayed clairvoyance and clairaudience before he was 5 years old. Through his childhood, Divaldo played with friends from another dimension of life that others could not see or hear. In 1947 Divaldo, along with his friend Nilson Pereira (who is also present here today, founded "*Caminho da Redenção*" (Pathway to Redemption) Spiritist Center - this was the beginning of a labor of love to benefit the sick and those in need. Two years later, in 1949, Divaldo saw through clairvoyance a very large area with many children and, through clairaudience, Divaldo heard a voice stating that his life would be dedicated to caring for children in need. In 1952, then, *Mansão do Caminho* (Mansion of the Way) was established to provide housing and care for orphaned children in Salvador, Bahia, through a system of foster homes. All of this has been going for over 50 years now and still is going strong -- and growing.



As an educator, Divaldo's life is also one marked by devotion. Since 1952 more than 600 adoptive sons and daughters have been raised in the system of foster homes at Mansao do Caminho. As time went by elementary, middle, high and professional schools were created to cater to the ever growing number of children. "*Mansão do Caminho*" has become a very large educational institution complex with 22 activities which provide guidance to more than 3,000 children and teenagers everyday - all free of charge. To this date, more than 30,000 boys and girls have received an education and care at *Mansão do Caminho*'s many schools.



As a speaker, Divaldo has ministered more than 10,000 lectures and conferences in more than 300 cities worldwide. In the 25 states of Brazil alone Mr. Franco has lectured at more than 600 cities. Divaldo has held lectures and seminars in 53 different countries: 21 in Europe, 21 in the Americas (North, South and Central), 5 in Africa and 6 in Asia Mr Franco has also spoken 7 times for the United Nations - 4 times in the New York headquarters, and 3 times in Austria, at the Vienna headquarters. Divaldo has also lectured in more than 40 universities throughout the world, always addressing issues of great importance for the human being in its search for enlightenment. Mr Franco is no stranger to media either: Divaldo has done more than 215 interviews to various TV and radio stations throughout the world and, in Brazil, Divaldo's home country, he has been interviewed more than 800 times. Divaldo's schedule, as you can see, is always a busy one.

Honors received. Through his life of dedication to others, Divaldo has received many honors. Mr. Franco has been recognized with 572 honors from around the world. Among these many honors, some stand out. They are: " The degree of Doctor of Humanities *Honoris Causa* in Spiritual and Psychic Sciences from the International College of Psychic and Spiritual Sciences and from the government of Montreal, Province of Quebec, Canada; " the "Medaille de Reconnaissance" from the Humaniste Institute of Paris; " the "Medalha Camara Municipal de Leiria", Portugal; " the "Medalha da Cidade de Lobito", bestowed by Government of Angola, Africa; " the degree of Doctor of Parapsychology *Honoris Causa* from Cyberam University in Illinois; " the degree of Dr *Honoris Causa* from the University of Bahia, which was the first time a title of Doctor *Honoris Causa* was given to a Spiritist medium; and " the Diploma of the Order of Merit, a distinction given by decree of the President of Brazil to those who stand out at national level for their dedication and work in helping fostering the welfare of others.



As a medium, Divaldo has co-authored more than 170 books through pschography - also known as automatic writing. Of those, approximately 100 have been translated into 15 different languages. More than 217 spiritual writers have authored messages through his channeling. Mr Franco has also written messages in languages he did not know, such as German, French, Italian, Castilian, Afrikaans and even backwards English. In fact, he published "*Hacia Las Estrellas*", the first book to have been ever written through automatic writing in a language other than the medium's own. Perhaps the most impressive fact of Mr. Franco's accomplishments as a medium and writer is that his works have sold an impressive amount of 7 million copies, and all of its proceeds go into helping maintain *Mansão do Caminho*.

¹ (This biography can be found at: www.sqny.org, www.kardec.com, www.spiritismonline.org)

Launching of New Books and CDs

In this 2005 special seminar event, Divaldo Franco is launching his new CDs and Books:

	<p>This double CD set contains Divaldo Franco's seminar "Understanding Spiritual and Mental Health" which happened on March 12, 2004, in the city of Baltimore, Maryland, USA.</p> <p>This is the first audio CD of a Spiritist seminar in the English Speaking language. The seminar covered a psychiatric analysis on the endogenous and exogenous causes of mental and spiritual disturbances (depression, anxiety, phobias, schizophrenia); a review on its pharmacological therapeutics, and an analysis of spiritual intervention and other effective psychotherapies. It beautifully describes the Spiritist view of the psychological and spiritual disturbances, as much as it gives us a clear idea of its approach to eradicate its causes and effects.</p>
	<p>This profound and brilliant seminar, <i>Understanding Spiritual and Mental Health</i>, also generated a <u>bilingual book</u> (English and Portuguese, '<i>Compreendendo a Saúde Espiritual e Mental</i>') that will be launched in this event. If you prefer the book format, this is also a great opportunity to have it autographed by its author, Divaldo Franco.</p>
	<p>Therapeutic Visualizations - Health - CD is a unique material brought by the spectacular mediumship of Divaldo Franco. His spirit-mentor, Joanna de Ângelis, gives us this spiritual tool to find pathways to balance and health. "<i>Meditation becomes an effective way to discipline the will. It facilitates patience which helps you to conquer every day the lower tendencies that disturb you. Meditation is an imperious necessity that imposes itself before any realization. In the meditative state, you calm down your emotions and clarify your discernment, harmonizing your feelings.</i>" (Excerpts extracted from the book Moments of Meditation, by Joanna de Ângelis, psychographed by Divaldo P. Franco)</p>
	<p>"Self-Discovery, an Inner Search, can certainly be considered a masterpiece on the Spiritist Psychology. Its spirit-author, Joanna de Ângelis, through the admirable hands of Divaldo P. Franco, brings the reader what could be considered a doctorate thesis in the topics of human psyche, its disturbances and deepest causes, as well as effective therapeutics for Humanity's greatest problems. It also summarizes a variety of theories in the field of Psychology and Psychiatry combining them with the Spiritist View of the human being and life. Moreover, Joanna de Ângelis undoubtedly develops Allan Kardec's works."</p>

ADDICTION*

Among the most unfortunate obstacles that disorganize the social and moral economy in the world today are the hallucinogenic drugs. They occupy a conspicuous place in society, for they easily dominate the new generations and stifle human hopes for the future.

The sad and somber picture of those overcome by drug addiction, with the miasmatic poison they pour around them, attests to the failure of those commissioned to educate. This includes parents, teachers, sociologists, or the exponents of ethics, philosophy or religion.

Narcotics first existed among the less developed peoples. Afterwards the drug habit found its way to Western Civilizations, due to their technological successes. However, this did not fill the vacuum of human aspirations--man's broader and deeper integration into the noble objectives of life.

Concerned more with his body than with his spirit, modern man indulged in comfort and pleasure. But these conquests were of secondary value and they could only offer him disillusionment and emptiness.

Accustomed to strong sensations as he was, it became difficult for him to tune in to the finer psychic perceptions that would provide him with valuable spiritual gain and satisfy his inner life.

Educators concentrated their objectives on external values, giving little attention to the factors within. Had they done so, they would have discovered that the source of unrest lies in the immortal spirit, and would have treated those symptoms of anguish and despair.

Fearing difficulties, or motivated by a curiosity stemming from emotional immaturity, man turned to stimulants--the effects of which are always toxic--surrendering himself to them in total passivity and letting himself be overcome in utter wretchedness.

In addition to the complex task of dealing with the imprudence and immoderation of most addicted victims, there is also the problem of throngs of unfortunate pushers, always recruiting as many victims as they can.

Bad journalism, often directed by disturbed personnel, is the cause of great concern. While its function is to clarify a problem, it has rather contributed to showing its naturalness than to liberating its victims.

Movies, television and periodicals unnecessarily highlight tragedies, which increases the impact of the news on weaker minds. This causes confusion rather than comfort, driving sensitive minds to the byways of drug addiction and other dissolute means now in vogue....

Famous actors, artists, scholars and athletes do not make a secret of their use of stimulants to sustain their position of fame. When they succumb--and the scene of their self-destruction is known--they are looked upon as a model to be emulated and a prototype of their time....

When unable to proceed, many of these victims just turn off the lights of their glory, ending their lives in prisons, insane asylums, or in the gutters. In a state of hallucination, they expiate the folly to which they had surrendered themselves....

Young minds, unprepared for the reality of wars that are fought everywhere, even within the homes, where violence and disrespect abound, turn to insatiable sensuality. "Better surrender to fleeting pleasure" they say, "rather than to wait for a happiness that may never come...."

When narcotics infiltrate the sensitive perispiritual structure, they disintegrate the personality. Memories of previous lives are freed from the subconscious and become known to the present consciousness.

Sordid and destructive images from previous lives emerge, which had been made dormant through the benefit of reincarnation....

Thus, after such repeated incursions into the disturbed world within, the orders given by the conscious mind are disrupted. The addicted is then thrown into the traps of insanity and his centers of mental order are torn apart. So is his health and will, with hardly any possibility at all of reversing the process due to a dependency from which body and mind suffer helplessly....

It has been argued, in defense of certain drugs, that some primitive peoples and their descendants today have used and are using vegetable stimulants to obtain paranormal forays into the spiritual world. They overlook the fact, however, that by conscious concentration, deep meditation, and prayer, great results are possible without the harmful effects of hallucinatory means.

The near majority of those who develop an extraordinary perception through drugs uncover in themselves the substratum of their spiritual past. It then transforms itself into phantasmagoric visions, that come to the surface and persist even when the experience is over. These visions gradually impose themselves leading to the mental disruption of the irresponsible novice. It should also be pointed out that discarnate adversaries are always watching their victims in order to take advantage of their dreams and trips. They appear in the mind of the addicted victim with their wicked semblance, causing him to be horrified. This establishes fixations in his psychic structure, preparing the ground for future possessive conditions and increasing his woes.

We need effective and powerful antidotes to attack the problem of narcotics, such as: a plain, straightforward education in the Gospel; spiritual awareness; freedom and guidance based on responsibility; early moral discipline; the loving watchfulness of careful parents and teachers; social and medical assistance rendered in a brotherly spirit. The problems resulting from the use of narcotics are the self-inflicted punishment that humanity is suffering for exchanging the real values of love for a senseless behavior.

The solution to the problem, therefore, is one of education in the Christianized family, in schools of noble principles, in upright communities; and not by police repression....

If you are a young man or girl, do not deceive yourself by thinking that if contaminated by this illness, you can be easily cured.

If you are an adult, do not go about dreaming a way of life that belongs to bygone infancy, or looking for pleasures that end with the ephemeral life of the body.

If you are a teacher, be noble in your guidance, treating all subjects seriously, without preconceived ideas.

If you are a father or mother, do not think that your home is immune. Carefully watch the behavior of your children. Take care of them before they indulge in the lures of hallucinatory drugs. If, however, the problem is already inside your home, do not run away from it by ignoring its existence, nor be self-deceiving, rebellious or hostile. Discuss, explain, guide, and help the victims. Seek the means available in the medical field as well as in the Spiritist Doctrine. By doing so, you will be contributing with the re-education and happiness of those entrusted you by Divine Law, for the sake of your and their great joy.

*(This text is in chapter 8 of the book *After the Storm*, by Joanna de Ângelis, psychographed by Divaldo Franco)

Spiritism

Definition

- “Spiritism is a science which deals with the nature, origin and destiny of Spirits, as well as their relationship with the corporeal world.”
- It is the set of principles, as revealed by the Superior Spirits, contained in Allan Kardec’s works, which constitute the Spiritist Fundamentals: The Spirits’ Book, The Mediums’ Book, The Gospel Explained by Spiritism, Heaven and Hell, and The Genesis.

What it reveals

- It reveals more profound concepts with respect to God, the Universe, the Human Being, the Spirits and the Laws which govern life itself.
- Furthermore, it reveals who we are; where we have come from; where we are going to; what is the objective of our existence; and what are the present and past causes of pain and suffering.

What it encompasses

- Spiritism contributes to all areas of knowledge, human activities and behavior, offering new perspectives for humankind.
- Spiritism is studied, analyzed, and practiced in all the fundamental aspects of life, such as scientific, philosophical, religious, ethical, moral, educational, and social.

Its main principles are:

- God is the Supreme Intelligence, first cause of all things. God is eternal, immutable, immaterial, unique, omnipotent, supremely just and good.
- The Universe is God’s creation. It encompasses all rational and non-rational beings, both animate and inanimate, material and immaterial.
- In addition to the corporeal world inhabited by incarnate Spirits, which are human beings, there exists the spiritual world, inhabited by discarnate Spirits.
- There are other inhabited worlds in the Universe, with beings at different degrees of evolution: some less, some equal and others more evolved than men on Earth (us).
- All the Laws of Nature are Divine Laws because God is their author. They cover both the physical and moral laws.
- A Human Being is a Spirit incarnated in a material body.
- What connects the physical body to the Spirit is a semi-material body named perispirit.
- Spirits are the intelligent beings of creation. They constitute the world of the Spirits, which pre-exists and outlives everything.
- Spirits are created simple and ignorant. They evolve intellectually and morally, passing from a lower order to a higher one, until they attain perfection, when they will enjoy unalterable bliss.
- Spirits preserve their individuality before, during, and after each incarnation.
- Spirits reincarnate as many times as is necessary for their spiritual advancement.

- Spirits are always progressing. In their multiple physical existences, they may sometimes become stationary but they never regress. The speed of their intellectual and moral progress depends on the efforts they make to attain perfection.
- Spirits belong to different orders according to the degree of perfection they have attained: Pure Spirits, who have attained maximum perfection; Good Spirits, whose predominant desire is towards goodness; and Imperfect Spirits, characterized by their ignorance, their tendency towards evil, and by their inferior passions.
- The Spirits' relations with Human Beings are constant and have always existed. The Good Spirits attract us towards goodness, sustain us in life's trials, and help us bear them with courage and resignation. The Imperfect Spirits induce us towards error.
- Jesus is the Guide and Model for all Humankind. The Doctrine He taught and exemplified is the purest expression of God's Law.
- The morality of Christ, as contained in the Gospels, is the guide for the secure progress of all Human Beings. Its practice is the solution for all human problems and the objective to be attained by Humankind.
- Human Beings are given free-will to act, but they must answer for the consequences of their actions. Future life reserves for Human Beings penalties and pleasures according to the respect they do or do not show for God's laws.
- Prayer is an act of adoration for God. It is found in the natural law and is the result of an innate sentiment in every Human Being, just as the idea of the existence of the Creator is innate.
- Prayer makes Human Beings better. Whoever prays with confidence grows stronger against evil temptations, and God sends the Good Spirits to assist them. This assistance will never be denied when requested with sincerity.

THE SPIRITIST PRACTICE

- All Spiritist practice is gratuitous, following the orientation of the moral principle found in the Gospel: "Give for free what you receive for free."
- Spiritism is practiced with simplicity, without any external forms of worship, within the principle that God should be worshipped in spirit and in truth.
- Spiritism has no clergy, nor does it adopt or use at any of its meetings or during its practices the following: altars, images, candles, processions, sacraments, concession of indulgences, religious vestments, alcoholic or hallucinogenic beverages, incense, tobacco, talismans, amulets, horoscopes, cartomancy, pyramids, crystals, or any other objects, rituals or external forms of worship.
- Spiritism does not impose its principles. It invites those interested in knowing it to submit its teachings to the test of reason before accepting them.
- Mediumship, which allows the Spirits to communicate with Human Beings, is a faculty which many individuals bring with them at birth, independently of the religion or belief that they may come to adopt.
- Spiritist mediumship practice is solely that which is practiced based on the principles of the Spiritist Thought and within Jesus' examples.
- Spiritism respects all religions and doctrines; values all efforts towards the practice of goodness; works towards peace and fellowship between all nations and all peoples, regardless of race, color, nationality, creed, cultural or social standing. It also recognizes that "the truly good person is one who complies with the laws of justice, love, and charity in their highest degree of purity." (The Gospel According to Spiritism – chapter 17 – item 3).

Adapted from the International Spiritist Council's flyer (<http://www.spiritist.org>)

ALLAN KARDEC



Allan Kardec, the nom de plume of H. Leon Denizard Rivail, was a French educator and philosopher born in Lyon on October 3, 1804. Rivail spoke several languages, and his impressive intellectual background allowed him to teach courses in comparative physiology, astronomy, chemistry and physics in a prestigious scientific school in Paris. For one of his research papers, he was inducted into the Royal Academy of Arras. He organized and taught free courses for the underprivileged. In 1854, at the age of 50, Rivail heard of the mysterious paranormal phenomena that had taken America and Europe by storm.

Despite his skepticism, he was convinced by close friends to attend an experimental meeting where he was able to witness such occurrences firsthand. His intellectual curiosity and scientific instincts told him that there had to be a rational explanation for these phenomena. Consequently, he began soon afterward to conduct investigations of his own.

Using the same logical rigor that he had applied to his work in education and science, Rivail set out to understand the phenomena. He submitted questions to different channels (mediums), in different countries. The answers were compared, analyzed, and organized for inclusion in *The Spirits' Book*, which was first published in 1857.

To keep his new area of research apart from his writings on education, Rivail — on the advice of spirit instructors — adopted the name Allan Kardec, which he was told had been his name in a previous incarnation. In addition to the publication of the books listed below, he founded the Spiritist Society of Paris and *La Revue Spirite*, a journal he edited until his death on March 31, 1869.

He was married to Amelie Gabrielle Boudet on 6th February 1832. She was nine years his senior, a writer, teacher of fine arts, poetess and artist. She was a perfect companion and helper, being dedicated and uncomplaining. She played an important part in all her husband's activities and sustained him through many financial difficulties encountered during his life, and greatly assisted him in his teaching.



Books by Allan Kardec:

The Spirits' Book
The Medium's Book
The Gospel – According to Spiritism
Heaven and Hell
Genesis
Posthumous Work

Adapted from the website: www.allan-kardec.org

International Spiritist Movement

International Spiritist Council



Founded on November 28th, 1992, it is an organization resulting from the unification, on a world wide scale, of Representative Associations from each Spiritist Movement within the various countries.

Objectives:

- To promote solidarity and the fraternal union of Spiritist Institutions in all countries, as well as the unification of The World Spiritist Movement;
- To promote throughout the world the study and the dissemination of the Spiritist Doctrine in its three basic aspects: scientific, philosophical and religious;
- To promote the practice of spiritual, moral and material charity, according to the Spiritist Doctrine.

Participating Institutions:

Angola: Sociedade Espírita Allan Kardec de Angola
Argentina: Confederación Espiritista Argentina
Bolivia: Federacion Espirita Boliviana - FEBOL
Brazil: Federação Espírita Brasileira - FEB
Belgium: Union Spirite Belge
Chile: Centro de Estudios Espirita Buena Nueva
Colombia: Confederación Espiritista Colombiana – CONFECOL
Denmark: Grupo de Estudos Espíritas "Allan Kardec - GEEAK
El Salvador: Federación Espírita de El Salvador
Equator: Federación Espirita del Ecuador - F E DE
France: Union Spirite Française et Francophone
Guatemala: Cadena Heliosófica Guatemalteca
Honduras: Asociación Civil de Proyección Moral - ACIPROMO
Italy: Centro Italiano Studi Spiritici Allan Kardec
Japan: Comunhão Espírita Cristã Francisco Cândido Xavier
Mexico: Central Espírita Mexicana
Norway: Gruppen for Spiritistiske Studier Allan Kardec
Paraguay: Centro de Filosofia Espiritista Paraguayo
Peru: Federación Espirita del Perú – FEPERU
Portugal: Federação Espírita Portuguesa
Spain: Federación Espirita Española
Sweden: Gruppen för Espiritiska Studier Allan Kardec
United Kingdom: British Union of Spiritist Societies - BUSS
United States of America: United States Spiritist Council -USSC
Uruguay: Federación Espírita Uruguaya

National Spiritist Movement

United States Spiritist Council



Founded on November 15, 1997, the United States Spiritist Council was created to promote the union of the U.S. Spiritist organizations and the unification of the Spiritist Movement in the U.S. This way, counting on each other's help and support, the task of disseminating the Spiritist Doctrine will be shared by all.

The United States Spiritist Council will devote its best efforts to bring together the Spiritist community in the U.S. in our common objective to disseminate the Spiritist Doctrine in this country. As such, the USSC pledges to:

1. Promote the fraternal union of the U.S. Spiritist institutions, and the unification of the national Spiritist Movement.
2. Promote the study, diffusion, and practice of the Spiritist Doctrine according to its principles and postulates, and in all its fundamental scientific, philosophical, religious, ethical, and moral aspects.
3. Promote the practice of spiritual and material charity in the light of the Spiritist Doctrine.
4. Represent the Spiritist Movement in the United States.

The structure of the USSC comprises of the USSC Board of Directors, Auditing Council, Auditing Council Alternates, and Administrative Council.

There are affiliated spiritist centers and societies in the following U.S. States:

California	Maryland
Colorado	Massachussetts
Connecticut	Michigan
Florida	New Jersey
Georgia	New York
Illinois	Pennsylvania
Texas	

To find contact information on your local spiritist center, please visit the USSC's website at <http://www.usspiritistcouncil.com>

SPIRITIST SOCIETY OF BALTIMORE, Inc.

The Spiritist Society of Baltimore Inc. is an educational non-profit organization.

Our goals are:

- The instruction of all who are interested in learning and practicing Spiritism based on Allan Kardec's works.
- The study and practice of the relationship between the material world and the spiritual one in order to better understand the purpose of life.
- The loving and charitable assistance to all those in physical, psychological and/or spiritual needs.

The Spiritist Society of Baltimore was created in October 1998 in the city of Baltimore, Maryland. It was finally incorporated in 2002. We are committed to spread the Spiritist teachings as means to raise spiritual awareness in our community. We also welcome everyone without distinction as to sex, race, religion or nationality.

ALL OF OUR SERVICES ARE FREE OF CHARGE!

All Spiritist practice is gratuitous, following the orientation of the moral principle found in the Gospel: "Give for free what you receive for free."

OUR ACTIVITIES

1. Workshops on the Spiritist Thought – Saturdays, 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM

January 29 – *Where Science and Spiritism Intersect*
February 26 – *Spiritist tools for everyday use*
March 19 – *Spiritist insights for health practitioners*
April 30 – *Spirit-influence in our well being*
May 21 – *Reincarnation and sexuality*
June 25 – *America and its role on Earth's spirituality*
July 30 – *Poor or rich: why?*
August 27 – *Spirituality at Work*
September 17 – *Mediumship in you*
October 29 – *Wars and the spirit-world*
November 19 – *The family I chose*
December 10 – *The Christ consciousness*

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2. Spiritist Activities for Children

Activities also for children, while parents are at the workshop!

3. Study Group

These meetings take place every **Thursday** from 8:00PM to 9:30PM for the study of Spiritism.

222 Pine St - 2nd floor
Multi-Purpose Room 245
Baltimore, MD 21201

4. Fraternal Counseling & Spiritual Treatment

These services are offered every Monday from 7:00- 7:45PM.

Anyone who undergoes a difficult time due to physical, psychological and/or spiritual imbalance is eligible to receive the fraternal counseling and the spiritual treatment. These services comprise of prayers, instructions and special passes followed by spiritually magnetized water.

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5. 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 Spiritism. Mediumship is a natural faculty that needs to be understood and educated as much as our intelligence. These meetings are an opportunity to study and educate our mediumship within a group in a safe and charitable manner.

NEW LOCATION FOR OUR SERVICES AND MEETINGS

On **June 2nd 2005**, the Spiritist Society of Baltimore will be offering its services and meetings at a new location (*SpiritWorks Resource Center*) on **1300 Yord Rd. Luterville, MD 21093**.



Driving Directions

- Merge onto JONES FALLS EXPY/I-83 N
- Merge onto BALTIMORE BELTWAY INNER LOOP/I-695 E toward TOWSON/YORK PA.
- Take EXIT 26A toward MD-45 S/YORK RD/TOWSON.
- Turn LEFT onto WEST RD.
- Turn LEFT onto YORK RD.

We would like to thank the generosity and dedication of Judith Campbell, Executive Director of Health Awareness, Inc. for kindly sponsoring this possibility.

SSB's FUTURE EVENTS

- **March 19 – Spiritist insights for health practitioners – 7:30 – 9:00 PM**

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- April 21 – [Dr. Peter Hinderberger's talk](#) – 8 – 9:30 PM

Addiction in the Light of Spiritual Science



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Many people suffer from addictions. These addictions vary from alcohol, legal and illegal drugs to gambling, sex and tobacco. Genetic as well as socio-psychological factors are disposing elements. Neurotransmitters are maintaining them. In this presentation we are exploring the deeper meaning of addiction beyond the physical realm: What do addictions do to the sublime members of our human organism, our etheric, soul and spirit?

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