



Heaven and Hell

Divine Justice According to Spiritism

1st Part - Doctrine

2nd Part - Examples

HEAVEN

HELL

"Heaven is everywhere; it has no fixed site, no place, no circumscribing limits - the planets, the stars, and all the highly evolved worlds are the last stations on the road which leads to it. Virtue opens the gate of that supreme abode; vice bars its entrance."

Heaven and Hell, chapter 3, item 18

"Suffering being indissolubly connected with imperfection, (...) the soul finds its own chastisement in itself, wherever it may be, and needs no circumscribed place as the scene of its suffering. Hell is, consequently, wherever there are souls that suffer..."

Heaven and Hell, chapter 7, item 5

What is to be understood by PURGATORY?

"Purgatory, according to Spiritism, is no longer a vague and uncertain hypothesis; it is a physical reality that we see and touch, and to which we are even now subjected; for Purgatory is nothing else than the worlds of tests and atonements and the Earth is one of those worlds. These are worlds in which the individuals atone their past and present, for the advancement of their future happiness."

Heaven and Hell, chapter 5, item 4

ANGELS

DEMONS

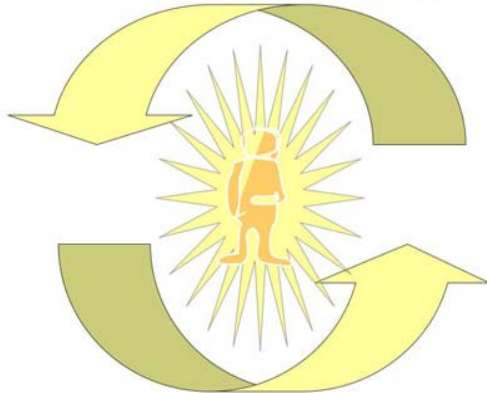
"Angels are the souls of human beings who have reached the highest degree of perfection attainable by them, and who have entered upon the full enjoyment of the felicity for which they were created."

Heaven and Hell, Allan Kardec - Chapter 8, item 13

"According to Spiritism demons are imperfect spirits who will grow better in the course of time; they are still at the foot of the ladder, but they will reach the top sooner or later."

Heaven and Hell, Allan Kardec - Chapter 9, item 21

Multitude of Existences



The Passage



Extinction of Organic Life → Rupture of Fluidic Link → Separation of soul and body

Happy Spirits



I felt myself to be in the enjoyment of the plenitude of health and strength!
Mr. Sanson

Spirits in a Middle Condition



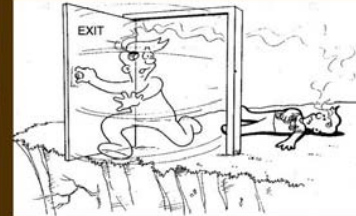
"I was not active in all good works as I ought to have been; my forgetfulness of God led me into other sorts of forgetfulness which, though not punishable by human laws, are nonetheless offences against the law of God." Joseph B're

Suffering Spirits



"My spirit, held to my body by the bonds of materiality, had great difficulty in getting free; I had no idea I had been withdrawn from it. I searched for my body, and was both alarmed and astonished at finding myself lost in the midst of a crowd of shadows."
Novel

Suicides



"Am I dead? Not at all! I inhabit my body and you cannot imagine how much I suffer! I fled from suffering to find torture!"
The Suicide at the Samaritaine

Repentant Criminals

"I am punished by perceiving the true nature of my acts, for which I beg of God to grant me forgiveness. I now know that we ought not cut short the life of our brothers and sisters. I am punished by remorse for having delayed my advancement through taking the wrong road."
Verger



Obdurate Spirits



"Crime? A mere word! Crime is everywhere! I reject your pity. I ask for nothing. I suffice to myself; and I shall be able to resist this odious light!"
Lapommeray

Terrestrial Expiations



"The sorrows of Earth are a preparation for the joys of heaven. Suffering is only a bitter rind of a delectable fruit, when borne with courage and resignation. I had solicited my sufferings in order to finish the work of my purification."
Marcel

"A dream, that I had several times, was that I would sacrifice my life to save others. After all, if I were going to die anyway, it might as well do some good."
Stephen Hawking

"The road of happiness is equally open to all; the goals to be reached, and the conditions for reaching it, are the same for all."