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### LIVING BEINGS

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There is no consensus as far as an adequate definition for life, whether stemming from the phenomena that assures its conservation through nutrition and defense mechanisms, up to its perpetuation through reproduction from the simplest unicellular forms to the more complex manifestations of intelligence and sentiment seen in humankind.

At a time when humans reached an intellectual development that enabled them for philosophical reflections, thinkers emerged purporting to see in fleeting matter the only cause for life's occurrences, something that would be extinguished definitively once matter disintegrated. In the last century, it was even said that "life was only one of the properties of carbon!"

Religion, on the other hand, always affirmed the existence of a spiritual dimension in living beings. Albeit imprecise and even fantastic in earlier periods, it became more elaborate and coherent along with the advancement of knowledge.

The Spiritist Doctrine brought its own valuable contribution to the study of this topic by explaining that physical life results from the association of the spiritual principle with material organisms, over whose formation it presides and from which it gets disconnected when vital conditions come to an end. Doctrinal works further explain that through this contact, which repeats itself innumerable times through the mechanism of life and death, the intelligent principle develops itself as it passes through the various kingdoms of nature until reaching the age of reason, and its consequent responsibilities, at the human level. The evolution of the species, studied by Charles Darwin and other prominent researchers, is in reality a consequence of this much more amplified process, carried out under the supervision of the Superior Spirits. It takes the embryonic conscience, found in the lower kingdoms, to the gradual perception of itself and the environment it lives in, towards the comprehension evermore

complete of the Divine Laws, wherein the individual who lives according to them will be able to experience true happiness.

The consequences of these two concepts — material and spiritual — are radically different. The former attributes all importance to occurrences in present life, while the latter places it under the perspective of the immortal spirit, thereby establishing a set of values through which, not rarely, material losses represent gains, and victories as understood on earth, might imply grave failures with difficult reparations.

In relation to the spiritualist concept, one should further consider that the degrees of assimilation of the guidelines it generates vary greatly, ranging from a purely formal adherence — classified by some as religious materialism — to fully living the ideals of the religious message.

On the other hand, in light of the modern conquests of science, it becomes increasingly more difficult to philosophically defend materialism, which attributes a chance origin to life, whose structure, complexity and harmony evidence a superior oversight.

Once, in answering a tricky question of the Sadducees who did not admit the a spiritual existence, Jesus recalled a passage from the Old Testament on Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, all longtime dead, that said that they continued to live, concluding emphatically: "Ye do err. . . God is not the God of the dead, but of the living." (Matthew 22: 31 and 32).



*The Spirits' Book* (43 to 49)

### WHAT MAKES "NOSSO LAR" A SPECIAL BOOK

Cesar Soares dos Reis

"Nosso Lar – A Spiritual Home" was not the first book to talk about the existence of spirit colonies [in the spirit world]. Neither will it be the last. But certainly, it is the best, the most precise, and the one that offers the most information. Moreover, it is the most consoling, generous, and best written, the one that fills us with hope. When it first appeared, it brought doubts even among

the Spiritists. However, even scientists understand that maybe there are natural laws that are different, along with other forms of matter. We know, for instance, that there are billions of galaxies, our own Milky Way being only one of them, composed of gas, dust, and 400 billion of suns. Our sun lies in an obscure little corner of the spiral, journeying around the center of the Milky Way with its planets, moons, and asteroids.

Today scientists know that we, the human beings, are one of the species that grew and evolved in a small planet, the third from the sun. In spite of great conquests of science and technology, we know almost nothing of the universes and matter in its various states. We know next to nothing of vibrations and energy. To that extent, if we are still at the beginning of our knowledge on things tri-dimensional, tangible, and measurable by instruments, we can only imagine our ignorance of spirit realities.

"Nosso Lar" refers to dimensions different from ours and establishes a *continuum* matter-energy-spirit, associated to wise, just, and perfect laws acting on different levels, from matter as we know it to the spirit more ethereal and evolved.

Even in our days, "Nosso Lar" is still an advanced book. An audacity. The book was psychographed by a small-town medium with little education, an almost unknown individual who later on would become the most notable medium of his time, and someone whose messages would clarify crimes and be accepted in a court of law [in Brazil]. This person, Chico Xavier, would be nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize and elected the "Mineiro do século XX" [20<sup>th</sup> century's State of Minas Gerais most notable son], the same century that brought us [aviation pioneer] Santos Dumont, [former President] Juscelino, and [soccer phenomenon] Pelé. He was considered a man called Love. His books, more than 400, are repositories of knowledge and wisdom in the fields of science, philosophy, literature, and religion.

"Nosso Lar" was dictated by a deceased physician who adopted the fictitious name of André Luiz. Although competent and respected among his peers when alive, and in spite on having helped numerous people in his private clinic, in

the afterlife his inner battles took him to spend approximately 8 years in the lower zones of agony and madness, considered to be a result of suicide. He was freed of this immense suffering through the prayers of former clients he had helped, and most of all, by the persevering pleas of his mother, a spirit with many merits who constantly prayed for him. Tired of suffering, he at last uttered a heartfelt prayer and then perceived a great light stemming from a messenger of Nosso Lar. Taken to the spirit colony, he got treatment and progressively a hold of his mind. Accompanying other workers, he starts engaging in the selfless work for others. Taken in by generous spirits, he later becomes a reporter transmitting to us the structure, *modus operandi*, rules, recreation, and resources utilized by spirits interested in the fraternal service close to the earth surface, more precisely on a vibrational plane physically near to the city of Rio de Janeiro. Today, almost five centuries since the establishment of the colony Nosso Lar, the vast institution covers most of the state of Rio de Janeiro.

Nosso Lar is an enormous city, with marvelous light, music that we cannot describe, water that flows with an extraordinary subtlety, trees with greens not yet seen. One helps others, studies, strolls, meditates, works in bureaucracies, administration, sanitation and hygiene, medicine and health, education, and gardening. There is a rapid transit system called the aerobus. There are advanced TVs and a vast array of equipments that cannot be described because there are no words to understand how they operate.

Nosso Lar has a central administration and various specialized ministries. Some closer to the earth tend to problems more pertinent to life on earth. Others, turned upwards to higher planes, link their resources to the higher spheres. In the ministries, the administration is collegial. In reality, Nosso Lar has the characteristics

of the institutions of the Kingdom of Heaven: the more advanced are the ones who serve the most. Therefore, the governor is the greatest servant of all, unconditionally. Also interesting is the system of valorization of work. The service unit is called "hours-bonus" and it applies equally to all as Emmanuel teaches us in his book "Fonte Viva," Item 122: "There are no bigger or smaller tasks. They are all important in their meaning." It does not matter if the spirit works as a minister or a janitor. The hours worked are computed to each at the same value. Certainly this is not an economy system of capital accumulation where one individual has to lose for another to gain. Hence, one more lesson of Nosso Lar: the directors are the most generous benefactors, rigorously devoted to the service of goodness.

What makes "Nosso Lar" a special book? Simplicity and logic. It associates rationality and sentiment. It calls off the mythical visions of eternal hell, and identifies the existence of lower zones that can be considered purgatorial in direct proportion to our inner sufferings and our inferiority. It demonstrates that life goes on for humankind, along with their greatness and barbarism. Nevertheless, it is never devoid of resources for spirits identified with goodness who impede our more primitive brothers and sisters to destroy the good works underway.

"Nosso Lar" is also a hope that turns into certainty through the perfection of the divine laws, and thus is a hymn of love and faith. Maybe this is exactly what explains the extraordinary success of "Nosso Lar – A Spiritual Home," one of the ten bestsellers of the twentieth century in Brazil, meriting at the XI International Book Bienale in Rio de Janeiro a special citation: it reached a million five hundred thousand books sold, a wonder in Brazilian literature, an honor for Spiritist literature.

The book in its English translation can be obtained through the "Allan Kardec Educational Society" (P.O. Box 26336 – Philadelphia – USA – Internet: [www.allan-kardec.org](http://www.allan-kardec.org)).

## AROUND THE WORLD

### • ARGENTINA

"When does one suffer the most?", "At birth or at death?" and "Influences on the mediums" are titles of two booklets by Antonio Cantarela Germaná being reprinted by the "Sociedad Espírita Amalia Domingo Soler," in honor of one of its founders. A bit over ten pages each, the booklets bring explanations in an easy language to various topics under the light of the Kardec Codification. To order, contact the "Sociedad", headed by Ernesto Clementoni, at Puerto de Palos 1899 esq. Malvar Pinto – Bº Talleres Oeste – 5012 Córdoba – Argentina.

### • BELGIUM

The magazine "Voie Divine" (Divine Path), a publication of the "Union Spirite Belge" (Rue Maghin 43 – 4000 Liège – Belgium – Internet: <http://users.skynet.be/usb>), dedicates three pages of its last issue to the First Franco-Belgium Symposium recently carried out in the city of Liège, Belgium. It details the event that brought lecturers from Germany, Canada, France, and Brazil, the latter represented by Nestor João Masotti, president of the "Federação Espírita Brasileira" [Brazilian Spiritist Federation], and also Secretary-General of the International Spiritist Council. Photographs of the event show the impressive number of people who attended, filling up the premises of the "Union Spirite Belge." At closing, the president of the "Union Spirite Française et Francophone," Roger Perez, pointed out the importance of such an event, especially with the next World Spiritist Congress, to take place in Paris in 2004, just around the corner, representing one more historical landmark of the Spiritist dissemination on an international level.

### • COLOMBIA

The webpage of the "Federación Espírita de Cundinamarca" lists affiliated Spiritist centers, messages, events, and news, and announces the 10<sup>th</sup> Colombian Spiritist Congress, to take place April 8-10, 2004, in Bogota, with the backing of the "Confederación Espírita Colombiana." The Internet address is [www.geocities.com/fespund](http://www.geocities.com/fespund), and the mailing address is Carrera 15 N<sup>o</sup> 49-28 – Bogota D.C. – Colombia.

### • ITALY

Yet another case on life after death was published at the periodical "L'Aurora." This time, it tells the experience of Gino Rinaldi, a loving son who lived in Rome, who, at the end of August 2002, started to hear whisperings that his mom would go back to the spirit world that same month. Worried, he told other relatives about it, and the story finally got to his mom's ears. She lived in Pescara, distant approximately 200 km. In order to calm him down, the mother said: "Don't worry, dear Gino, when I go on the journey from this to the next world, you will be the first to know. Sjust stay calm!" And as she promised, on the last day of the month, when Gino had already retired to his bedroom, he was awakened by a noise: the frame with his mom's photograph had fallen to the ground. He thought of calling her, but at 2 AM in the morning, he decided to wait some more. It just so happens that in the morning, before he was able to do it, he received a phone call from his sister that their mom had died from a heart attack. According to the doctor, she died at around two in the morning, the exact time he woke up with the noise of the frame



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hitting the ground. She had promised him she would let him know when she would go to the spirit world, and she kept her promise. He was indeed the first one to know, since her body was discovered only much later the next day.

“L’Aurora” is located at Largo Pietà, 9 – Camerino – 62032 Macerata – Italy.

#### • KOREA

With participants from all over the world, the 35<sup>th</sup> Korean Congress on Esperanto will take place October in the city of Chonan, 80 km from Seoul. The program will focus on cultural topics, including artistic presentations and tours around the city. Additionally, basic and medium level Esperantists can take tests to evaluate their knowledge of the International Language.

A bulletin on the Congress, in Korean and Esperanto, is being distributed with the magazine “La Lanterno Azia” (“The Asian Lantern”), of the Korean Esperanto Association (Gangbyeon Hansin Core B/D 1601 – 350 Mapo-dong – Mapo-gu – 121-703 Seoul – Korea – Internet: www.esperanto.or.kr).

#### • PORTUGAL

The “Federação Espírita Portuguesa” completed 77 years of service to Spiritism. On its webpage, www.feportuguesa.pt, it informs, among other items, that it was founded on May 26, 1926, and that Dr. Afonso Acácio Martins Velho served as its first president.

The site carries links for news and names of the Portuguese Spiritist Movement organizations, as well as those of other countries.

The “Federação Espírita Portuguesa” (Casal de Cascais – lote 4 r/c – Alto da Damaia – 2720-090 Amadora – Portugal) is currently headed by Arnaldo Costeira. Its vice president is Vitor Mora Féria.

#### • SPAIN

Recently launched, the program “Al final del sendero” [At the End of the Path] addressed one of the Spiritist topics that attracts the most curiosity: reincarnation. Broadcast by “Contigo TV” and presented by José Luis Molina, it also had Hermano Francisco, editor of the magazine “El Gran Corazón,” which disclosed the high number of viewers and showed a photograph of the interview. “El Gran Corazón” is a publication of the “Comunidad Espírita Cristiana del Hermano Pedro” (Apartado de Correos 143 – San Javier – 30730 Murcia – Spain – Internet: grancorazon@ctv.es).

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God forgives our faults in the certainty that we will equally learn to forgive offenses and faults of others.

Emmanuel

#### • UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Death of children, suicide, abortion, premonition, transition after death, as well as cremation were some of the issues discussed by writer and lecturer Richard Simonetti at a seminary sponsored by the “Christian Spiritist Study Center” (2600 Hammondville Road – Suites 10 e 11 – Pompano Beach – Florida 33069 – USA – Internet: www.kardec.com).

The theme of the Seminar was “Who’s Afraid of Death?”, based on the book with the same title by Mr. Simonetti. The event took place on September, at the “Township Center for the Performing Arts” (2542 Lyons Road – Coconut Creek – Florida – USA).

#### BOOK REVIEW

#### WHO IS AFRAID OF DEATH?

Richard Simonetti, writer and Spiritist lecturer known in the Brazilian Spiritist Movement and worldwide, has a new book out with current and relevant topics, among them “Abortion,” “The Spiritual Body,” “Tragedy,” “Death of Children,” “Delays in the Disconnecting Process,” “Awareness of Wrongdoing,” “Cremation,” “Transplants,” and “Roots of Stability.”

A thrilling narrative written in clear language, the book has 134 pages divided in 34 chapters. A publication of the “Centro Espírita Amor e Caridade” (Rua Sete de Setembro 8-56 – CEP 17015-031 Bauru-SP – Brazil – Internet: www.ceac.org.br), it can be obtained by writing directly to the “Centro.”

“Roots of Stability” below, is the chapter chosen to exemplify the style and message of the book.

“According to research carried out by the magazine ‘Psychology Today,’ the thing people fear the most is the death of a beloved person. Many people simply refuse to think about it, even in relation to older family members. As it regards kids, forget about it!

“There is a human tendency of setting the roots of emotional stability on the grounds of endearment, especially towards family members. We feel safer this way, willing to face the hardships of existence.

“The problem, though, is that at the death of someone very close to a person’s heart, he loses balance, as if the ground had been removed from under his feet, and lives a crisis of despair. For a long time he feels emotionally mutilated, with no support, no courage, no will to live...

“To avoid such problem, we have to learn how to cope with death, accepting it as an evolutionary experience typical of the world in which we live, and that, most probably, before it comes after us, it might take someone we love within a few years or within a few days.

“We should always be prepared, that is, think about the possibility without morbidity or pessimism, but exercising our capacity of being realistic.

“We are not saying that we should be rationally cold, reducing our affections to mere pieces of a game we agree to lose during the game of destiny, but we should seek understanding of Life’s mechanisms, so that we do not feel useless, as if there were no more reasons to live because we have lost a beloved person.

“Arrival and departure, company and loneliness, union and separation, life and death, these are all existential antitheses that keep on being repeated throughout the centuries, shaping our personality in the dynamics of evolution, according to the wise and just Divine Will.

“Therefore, to our own benefit, it is mandatory that we set other emotional roots, starting with our effort to comply with the purposes of our earthly journey. Living with beloved ones is important, but it represents only one of the motivations that we must have in life. There are others, immediate and essential: our moral and intellectual improvement, the effort for self-renewal, active social participation through good deeds, nurturing spiritual values. Similar initiatives light in our hearts the divine flame of ideals that light the ways, offering us comfort and safety in all situations.

“When we have an ideal, assuming our responsibility as sons of God, created to His image, developing our creative potentials, we become more capable of loving, we have better relationships with family members, we tighten the bonds of affinity, but detachment will mark our affective feelings, making us capable of keeping balance and tranquillity when death comes after someone of our intimate circle.”

#### FROM OUR FELLOWS

#### I WANT TO BE A TV

Maria Lúcia Silva Rodrigues

A teacher asked her pupils to write an essay on what they would like to be if they could choose. One of the children wrote the following:

“I would like to be a TV to receive my parents’ attention and care. In my house, TV is always the center of attention. When it is speaking, no one can speak, especially if it shows soaps or soccer. When my father comes from work, instead of playing with me, he goes directly to the remote control and ignores me. My parents do not resolve my problems as quickly as they repair a problem with the TV because their lives have no fun without it. In short, I wish they would only take care of me the same way they care for their TV.”

This text, unfortunately, reflects the behavior of many parents towards their children.

The hasty pace of present living induces us to stress about the struggles to keep our jobs, commuting in chaotic traffic, the fear to live in violent urban areas, our doubts towards the future, and this, that, and the other.

## IN THE SPIRITIST MOVEMENT

Due to so many stressful conditions, we, the parents, come home at night with our nerves frazzled. We just think how great it is to be back home, sweet home!

All we want is a hot bath, a good meal, a good program on TV, and then to sleep like a baby. After all, we deserve it after a whole day of work!

But, what about the children? How are they? We might even ask them how they are, but surely not always do we wait to hear the answers.

“Daddy, look what I have done in school today!” says the child showing a drawing it thinks is a masterpiece. Tired as we are, we barely utter that it is indeed beautiful.

And so we, the stressed parents, convince ourselves that yes, we come from work dead tired, but it is all about guaranteeing a better future for our children. “If I die tomorrow, what will happen to them?”

They will become orphans, or better yet, they will continue to be orphans, since their living parents already do not care.

It is high time to reflect on how much time we dedicate to our families. It is necessary to work to have a stable life, but all within limits. Jesus reminded us to not worry about tomorrow, as each day brings its own worries.

In order to guarantee our material future, we forsake the present — the ideal time to lay the foundations for the emotional connections between parents and children. Why accumulate material possessions if the only possession a child wants is its parents’ love, and this love it does not have?

Why have so much real estate — a house in the mountains, a house at the beach — if in those houses there is no warmth? It would be better to have a paltry cottage filled with love than a palace with loneliness.

Why have strong and fast cars if they cannot diminish the distance between the hearts of parents and children?

Why know all about information technology and speak many idioms if they cannot decode the language and the sentiments of their children’s soul?

Mothers! Fathers! Time is of the essence! Do not leave for tomorrow the love you should show your child! Do it today! Show your child through words and gestures all the love you carry inside. Hug them, kiss them, and tell your children how much you love them. Spend time with them because they are more important than any other undertaking. You have a commitment with your children that was set before their birth. They are temporarily your children, but above all the children of God! Just imagine your responsibility, to educate a child of God. Do it with your heart and you will not regret it. Act with love and you will receive from the spirit world the necessary strength to direct your children in the path of goodness in this existence.

### • *MANOEL FERNANDES*

Manoel Fernandes da Silva Sobrinho has disincarnated. Brazilian, he was born on August 10<sup>th</sup>, 1921. Spiritist and Esperantists, a memorable journalist who worked at different newspapers from 1940 to 1970, he had once been editor-in-chief of the “Diários Associados” of Assis Chateaubriand, the latter one of the most respected entrepreneurs in the news industry in Brazil.

A personal friend of President Juscelino Kubitschek, during his mandate he held a series of public offices in the area of social communications.

As an Esperantist, he was a partner, advisor, and collaborator of the “Sociedade Editora Espírita Francisco Valdomiro Lorenz.” He wrote, revised, and selected texts for publication in the quarterly bulletin “Komunikoj,” in the annual “Almanako Lorenz,” as well as Spiritist and Esperantist books published by the institution.

He was a notable collaborator in the works associated to Lar Fabiano de Cristo and Capemi. At the “Serviço Espírita de Informações,” [this bulletin] he also wrote, reviewed and selected texts for the issues in Portuguese, Spanish, English, and Esperanto.

Manoel Fernandes, our Tio [Uncle] Manoel, as he was known, disincarnated on September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2003, at 82, leaving his wife Dona Bernadete Queiroz Silva. He also leaves a legacy of service to the dissemination of Spiritism, Esperanto, and the Gospel, with great examples of humility and devotion.

### • *SEX AND OBSESSION – CDs*

One of the renowned works by Manoel Philomeno de Miranda, also the theme of a workshop by Divaldo Pereira Franco, can now be found in a CD collection called “Sexo e Obsessão” [Sex and Obsession]. Consisting of four volumes, the topics relating to sexuality are presented separately: sex in the media, sexual conflicts, homosexuality, bisexuality, polygamy, pedophilia, abortion, soul mates, and sex as the sublime force of the soul. The collection, enriched with parables and stories, as well as a Q&A, is a true resource tool for Spiritist organizations and the Spiritist youth in general. It is a launching of the “Livreria Espírita Alvorada Editora,” Rua Jayme Vieira Lima 104 – Pau da Lima – 41235-000 Salvador-BA – Brazil – Internet: leal@mansaodocaminho.com.br.

The monies from the sale of this collection are destined for the “Mansão do Caminho,” which assists needy children, youth, and families in Salvador, Bahia.

### • *SPIRITIST HOSPITAL*

Tending currently to 433 patients, the “Hospital Espírita de Porto Alegre” (Praça Simões Lopes Neto 175 – Teresópolis – 91720-440 Porto Alegre-RS - Brazil - Internet: hepamktg@terra.com.br), has launched a

project to divulge its work and seek the support of the at large Spiritist family. One of the goals of the hospital is to become better known by the Spiritist Movement of the state it is located in, and to show the importance of the assistance it provides not only to incarnates but also discarnates. Moreover, it aims to be better known at the local community level thereby fostering enlightenment through events related to mental health, obsession, mediumship, and chemical dependency.

The project has the support of the “Federação Espírita do Rio Grande do Sul” and the “Associação Médico-Espírita” from the same southern state.

### • *WISDOM OF THE GOSPEL*

Indispensable for the study of the Gospels, this work no longer published can now be found in the Internet for free. Titled “Sabedoria do Evangelho” [Wisdom of the Gospel], it encompasses an appealing research of the texts of the Gospels with comments in the light of the Spiritist knowledge authored by the sorely missed Prof. Carlos Juliano Torres Pastorino, one of the founders of the “Lar Fabiano de Cristo,” and also author of the classic “Minutos de Sabedoria.” The entire collection is composed of eight volumes and is available in PDF at the site of the “Portal do Espírito” ([www.espirito.org.br](http://www.espirito.org.br)). Other well known Spiritist books — “Nosso Lar,” “A Caminho da Luz” — plus the Codification of Kardec are also offered.

### • *CONGRESS ON SCIENCE*

A topic recently addressed in various articles will also be the theme of the IV Spiritist State Congress to take place November 1-2 in Porto Alegre: “Science in the Light of Spiritism.” A promotion of the “Federação Espírita do Rio Grande do Sul” (Av. Desembargador André da Rocha 49 – Centro – 90050-161 Porto Alegre-RS – Brazil – Internet: [www.fergs.com.br](http://www.fergs.com.br)), it intends to open the debate on important issues such as the necessity to link up the scientific knowledge with the spiritual, and ways to dynamize the dissemination of the Spiritist Thought within communications and educational organizations.

### • *PEACE DAY*

Palmares, a town in the state of Pernambuco, now has a day especially dedicated to peace: the Municipal Peace Day, now part of the town’s calendar thanks to some Spiritists who encouraged a bill to institute this celebration. To fall always on the third Sunday of September, commemorations this year took place at the Praça Dr. Paulo Paranhos, in the center of town. A Spiritist choral made a presentation followed by other singers who also brought messages of peace to the public.

Information was made available by the “Núcleo de Estudos Espíritas Violeta Griz,” Rua Frei Caneca s/nº – Centro – 55540-000 Palmares-PE – Brazil.