

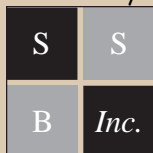


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## Spiritism and Miracles

Spiritism comes, then, in its turn to do that which each science has done at its advent, to reveal new laws, and explain, consequently, the phenomena which are the result of these laws.

These phenomena, it is true, are connected with the existence of spirits, and with their intervention in the material world which has been called supernatural. But to make it really so it would be necessary to prove that spirits and their manifestations are contrary to the laws of nature, that not one of these laws produces their manifestation.

The spirit is none other than the human life or soul which survives the body. It is the real indestructible being which cannot die, while the body is only a destructible accessory. Its existence is, therefore, as natural after as during the incarnation. It is submitted to the laws governing the spiritual principle, as the body submits to those which rule the material universe; but as these two principles have a necessary affinity, as they incessantly react upon one another, as from their simultaneous action result the harmony and movement of the whole, it follows that the spiritual and material elements are parts of the same whole, one as natural as the other, and that the first is not an exception, an anomaly in the order of things.

During the incarnation the spirit acts upon matter through the intermediation of its fluidic body, or perispirit; it is the same when discarnated. It accomplishes as spirit, and by the measure of its capacities, that which it did when on Earth; only, as it has no longer for an instrument its mortal body, it serves itself, when necessary, with the material organs of an incarnate being who is what we call a *medium*. It does as he does, who, unable to write himself, employs a secretary, or who, not understanding a language, is served by an interpreter. A secretary and an interpreter are *mediums* for an incarnated being, as a medium is the secretary or the interpreter of a spirit.

The question of miracles, then, is not, properly speaking, in the province of Spiritism; but, sustaining itself by the reasoning that God makes nothing uselessly, this idea can be educed: *that, miracles not being necessary to the glorification of God, nothing in the universe is diverted from the general laws. God does not perform miracles; since his laws are perfect, he has no need to derogate them.* If there are some facts which we do not understand, it is because we have not the necessary knowledge to comprehend them. ■

Genesis by Allan Kardec, chap XIII - The Miracles According to Spiritism - SAB 2003.

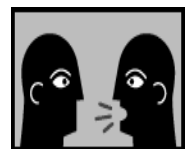
## Our Conversations



- You know?!....

"Thinking or talking constantly about ill things - such as unfair accusation of others, the destructive critic, cruelty or sarcasm - we immediately connect with incarnate or discarnate influences who feed those ill agents. And, as we go back to the same issues, we create a conditioning reflex that will develop an automatism for disturbances in general."

(Mechanisms of Mediumship by Andre Luiz/Francisco Xavier - FEB 1959).



## All Men Are Mediums

All men are mediums. All have a spirit-guide who, if they listen to him, directs them in the right way. It matters little that some men communicate directly with their spirit-guide by means of their own medianimity, while others only receive the counsels of their guide through his occult action on their heart or on their mind; in either case, it is their familiar spirit who gives them counsel. Call it as you will - your familiar spirit, inspiration, reason, intelligence - it is always a voice that answers the inner voice of your soul, and addresses to you wise counsel, though you do not always profit thereby. All men are not yet able to follow the suggestions of reason; I refer, not to the reason that grovels and crawls in its devotion to worldly things, and that loses itself in the care of gross material interests, but to the reason which raises a man above himself; the reason which transports him to unknown regions, the sacred flame which inspires the artist and the poet, the divine thought which elevates the mind of the philosopher, the vital impulsion which carries forward not only individuals but peoples, the reason which the vulgar cannot comprehend, but which lifts man ever nearer and nearer to God, the reason which leads him on from the known to the unknown, and enables him to achieve the sublimest results. Listen to the monitions which come to you incessantly, and your perceptions will gradually be opened to the voice of your guardian-angel, who holds out to you a helping hand from the celestial heights. The inner voice which speaks to the heart of every man is the voice of the good spirits around him; and, from this point of view, it may be truly said that *all men are mediums*

- CHANNING

Mediums' Book by Allan Kardec, Chap. 31  
part II - Dissertations by spirits - FEB.

## Guardian Angels and Mentors



They are spirit guides of **high degree** who associate themselves with a particular individual.

**Their mission is to protect us in giving good advice, consoling and keeping up our courage as we undergo the trials of earthly life.**

The Spirits' Book by Allan Kardec, chap. 13 - AKES 2003.



## Mediumship Meetings

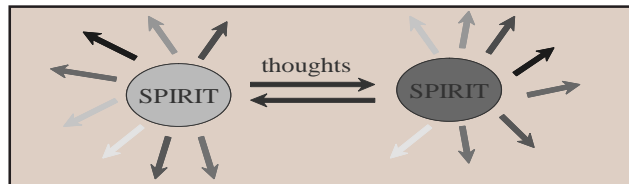
Advice by François Fénelon

My friends, you desire to form a Spiritist Society, and I approve of your doing so, for mediums should not remain isolated. This sublime faculty has been given to them, not for themselves alone, but for the general good. **By their interaction with others, they are enabled to form a truer judgement in regard to the value of the communications they themselves receive; whereas, if they remain alone, they are more easily brought under the power of deceptive spirits, who are delighted at having no one to judge their statements.** This is my advice to you in reference to mediums, who, unless they are swayed by pride, will understand and profit by it. And, now, in reference to other points.

*Do you really understand what a spiritist meeting should be?* No; for, in your zeal, you think the best thing to be done is to bring together as many persons as possible, in order to convince them. Undeceive yourselves; the fewer you are, the more valuable will be the results you will obtain. It is by your moral ascendancy that you will bring the incredulous to your side, much more surely than by the exhibition of physical phenomena which people come to see from curiosity, and not only do not always believe, but often laugh at. On the other hand, if they find among you only persons worthy of esteem, though they may perhaps not at once accept your belief, they will, at any rate, respect you; and *respect* always predisposes to *confidence*. You know that *the mission of spiritism is to bring about a moral reform of the human race*; let all spiritist societies, then, set an example of Christian virtue; and, in these days of selfishness, let such gatherings always offer the spectacle of friends united by a true and noble kindness." (Mediums' Book by Allan Kardec, Chap. 31 part II - Dissertations by spirits - FEB.)

## LAW OF THE MENTAL FIELD

The law of the Mental Field commands the energetic home of the Spirit. Through it, each spirit will assimilate only the influences that it attracts to. Each mind is a world *per se* and breaths in the created waves that it emits or in the psychosphere in which it gravitates towards this or another sentimental objective, according to its own will. Without it, the law of responsibility would not subsist. (Mechanisms of Mediumship by Andre Luiz/Francisco Xavier, chap 17. FEB 1959)



In the above figure, we represented how an incarnate or discarnate spirit gets attuned with other spirits. It all depends on the spirit's mind, consequently on the type of thoughts that one transmits. Each arrow represents a line of thought that are pointed out as vectors characterized by its own qualities, frequency and direction. The attunement of spirits with one another depend on the Law of the Mental Field. (by SSB)

## Civilization



Civilization is a gradual process. As people evolve, they are faced with new challenges. But, notwithstanding their complexity, some of these problems are in and of themselves indicative of progress. As people embrace higher moral values, the social anomalies that may exist are gradually eliminated. To be considered truly and completely civilized, a nation must have reached a point at which its members have reduced to a minimum their expressions of selfishness, greed, and pride. In such an environment, intellectual and moral rather than material interests will predominate. There will be equal opportunity for personal growth and a greater degree of mutual good will, good faith, and generosity. The social foundations will be less rooted in class and race prejudices, which are incompatible with the principle of "love your neighbor." The laws will be the same for everyone, without exception, and true justice will be exercised. The weak will be given legal protection; the opinions and beliefs of every person will be respected; and the number of the poor and unfortunate will be at a minimum. Finally, all people of good will be secure in the realization that their minimum needs will be met. ■

-The Spirits' Book by Allan Kardec, part III, Chap 23 - AKES 2003

## NATIONS

**-Nations are collective individualities: just like individuals, they go through their periods of infancy, maturity, and gradual decline. Doesn't this truth, which is historically verifiable, lead us to suppose that the most advanced nations of this century will, like the ancient ones, have their decline and fall?**

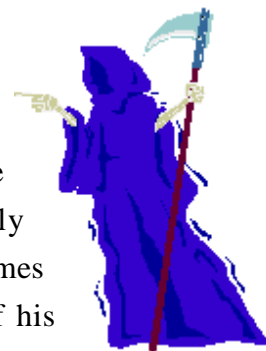
*"Nations that are inspired solely by materialistic values, whose greatness is founded on military might and territorial conquest, grow and die because, very like the individual, they exhaust their strength." Nations in which social laws do not favor the education of the mind and heart disintegrate because only knowledge dissipates darkness, and only love eliminates selfishness. Nations, like individuals, have to acknowledge the life of the soul; and ones in which the laws are in harmony with the everlasting laws of God will live, becoming beacons for others." (The Spirits' Book by Kardec, q788).*

**"We can live without religion and meditation, but we cannot survive without human affection."**

**- DALAI LAMA**

## The Fear of Death

When a person is materially minded, more attracted by the physical than the spiritual life, he identifies himself primarily with the pains and pleasures of earthly existence. His only happiness comes from the elusive satisfaction of his physical desires. This person, constantly preoccupied with the demands of material life, becomes tortured by perpetual anxiety. In this context, the thought of death is terrifying because he doubts the future and because he realizes that in dying he must leave all his affections and aspirations behind.



By contrast, when a person becomes spiritually minded, she raises herself above the illusory wants created by material desires; and she experiences, even on this earthly plane, enjoyments the materially minded person cannot conceive of. The moderation of desires gives her calmness and serenity of spirit. Involved in the good she has done, she finds no great disappointments in life, and its annoyances pass lightly over her without leaving lasting impressions. ■

-The Spirits' Book by Allan Kardec, part IV, Chap 28 - AKES 2003

## Human Body



If we analyze the human body and its natural functions we cannot fail to recognize that despite all the charms it can offer to our senses, it is, on the whole, when we consider only its substance, a rather vulgar object. Its true nobility lies in its spirit, its feeling, its intelligence, in its veneration for art and science; and the value of a man does not lie in his body, so short-lived, so changeable, so frail, but in his soul, which reveals itself, even in this life, as blessed with the faculty of enduring eternally.

- Death and Its Mystery by Camille Flammarion. vol I chap. 2 - SAB 2002.

### **- How can Spiritism contribute to human evolution?**

*"It can help disprove the ideas of philosophical materialism and thus make human beings understand where their real interest lies. It can eliminate doubts about life after death, so that people can feel secure about their future. And it can be vital in eradicating the prejudices of religions, social classes, and races. Spiritism will, ultimately, teach humanity the great lesson of brotherhood under which all men and women will eventually live in solidarity." (The Spirits' Book by Kardec, q799).*



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Special talk Spiritism: My Saving Grace

by Barbara Paulin

Saturday July 17, 2004 - 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM

Barbara Paulin is the author of *Path of Promise, Path of Peace: How to Hear Your Higher Self Speak*. She is an active member of the Allan Kardec Educational Society. Also, she is an A.R.E member from Florida. She has taught meditation and psychic-intuitive development for more than thirty years.

In this talk, Barbara Paulin will talk about her personal experience with Spiritism and how it changed her life.

**Free Admission !!!**

At Ruscombe Mansion Community Center  
4801 Yellowwood Avenue - Baltimore, MD 21209

### Special talk Unfolding Our Spiritual Nature: Path of Harmony

by Raul Teixeira, Ph.D.

Sunday August 08, 2004 - 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM

In this seminar, Prof. Teixeira will unfold the true nature of human beings; the progression of spirits; the mechanisms of spiritual communication; its profound and serious purpose as means of humankind progress and harmony.

Prof. Raul Teixeira is one of the greatest names behind the Spiritist Thought in the world today. Raul has 21 Spiritist books published, and continues to produce many mediumistic works through automatic writing.

Advanced registration fee: **\$10.00\*** (to defray costs)

At the door fee: **\$ 15.00**

**Refreshments will be served**

Professional simultaneous translation w/ wireless headphones will be provided

**Place:**

University of Maryland School of Medicine  
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## 2004 WORKSHOP SERIES

**Jun 26** – Our mediumship, Our Sixth Sense

**Jul 17** – Special Talk by *Barbara Paulin*

**Aug 08** - Special Talk by *Raul Teixeira*

**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  
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## JOIN OUR ACTIVITIES

**Our activities are free of charge !!!**

### 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.

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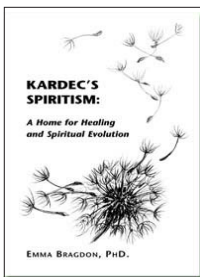
These services are offered every **Monday** from 7:00-7:45PM. Please, contact us for more information.

Phone: 410 - 837-0991 or 410-382-5328  
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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.

## RECOMMENDED BOOKS

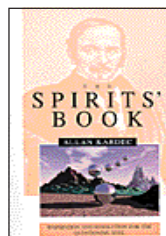


### KARDEC'S SPIRITISM: A Home for Healing and Spiritual Evolution

by Emma Bragdon,  
Ph.D

Community centers that function as grassroots welfare systems, alternative health centers, and schools for training mediums (psychics) and fostering spiritual evolution, all rolled into one have been developed in Brazil. Called Kardecist Spiritist Centers, they are ecumenical, and foster brotherhood and peace. Bragdon suggests we import components of these highly effective places of healing — proven successful for 100 years — to improve our ailing healthcare system. Current lls us that a strong spiritual life is therapeutic, and Energy Medicine may be the wave of the future. This book will guide you in exploring that direction.

Published by *Lightening Up Press*, 2004

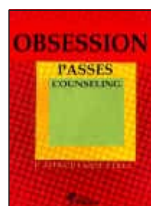


### The Spirits' Book

by Allan Kardec

"The Spirit's Book contains the basic tenets of Spiritism. But whether one is a Spiritist or not, this book is a must-read for every spiritually-inclined person. The "dialogues" between Kardec and the spirit instructors reveal a wisdom that challenges many of our preconceived notions about our spiritual reality, as well as about the causes and purposes of many things and events that are seemingly inexplicable.

- AKES, 2003



### Obsession

by J. Herculano Pires

"This book contains a great summary on one of the most common spiritual pathologies on Earth: obsession. Based on Kardec's works, J. Herculano Pires explains what is obsession, its causes, consequences and main features. On the last two thirds of the book, he brings us the tools to treat it: the passes and counseling. It is certainly a straightforward guide."

- SAB, 2004



### Death And Its Mystery

by Camille Flammarion

Is death an end or a transformation? Do there exists proofs, evidences of survival of the human being after the destruction of the living organism? Until today the subject has remained outside the field of scientific observation. Is it possible to approach it by the principles of *experimentation* to which humanity owes all the progress that has been realized by science? Is the attempt logical? Are we not face to face with the mysteries of an invisible world that is different from that which lies before our senses and which cannot be penetrated by our methods of positive investigation? This book is a collection of three volumes related to what happened before death (vol I); at the moment of death (vol II) and after death (vol III).

Published by: *The Century Co. New York, 1921*  
- SAB, 2002