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Brazilian House of Representatives hosted a tribute to the Spiritist Dr. Bezerra de Menezes

In August 23-26, Brazil held its I Week of Spirituality at the Brazilian House of Representatives. It dedicated one week in tribute to the great politician, humanitarian and Spiritist Dr. Bezerra de Menezes. The keynote speaker was the renowned medium Divaldo P. Franco who gave a conference on the Life and Work of Bezerra de Menezes. There were also panels on Ethical Spirituality and Politics. *The main objective was to provide an energetic cleansing of the capital of Brazil, due to the occasion of the 174 birthday of the unforgettable Doctor of the Poor, Bezerra de Menezes.*



Bezerra de Menezes



EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH DIVALDO FRANCO*

Regarding the event, the renowned medium speaker Divaldo Franco gave an exclusive interview to the Spiritist Society of Baltimore on August 25, 2005.

1. Dear Divaldo, how and when did that initiative begin? What is the purpose of such event?

Last year, the federal member of the House of Representatives Luiz Bassuma (State of Bahia) who also presides the Spiritist Center Bezerra de Menezes, organized a solemnity in the plenary of the Federal Chamber, in Brasilia, in tribute to the distinguished advocate of Spiritism in Brazil, Dr. Bezerra de Menezes. To the closing of that event, Mr. Luiz Bassuma channeled a message in public which had a great repercussion in Brazil. He was interviewed more than once by several TV stations nationwide and by other press media.

The purpose of such important celebration is to call the attention of authorities and the public at large for the reality of life that does not limit itself to the carnal body, but has an eternal flavor.

Spiritism can show the legitimacy that it proclaims thanks to the scientific proofs that come with its information.

In the current year, other more complex and broader events will be carried out and bring about approaches on the respect to LIFE and its triumph over the lamentable situations in which we live.

Mr. Bassuma, who knows me personally, invited me to utter a public conference in the parlor *Petrônio Portela* located in the dependences of the Federal Senate, where I had spoken in previous occasions.

2. Why are spiritists called to perform this role? Was it the first time you gave a talk in the Brazilian House of Representatives?

Spiritism is spreading its principles to the Brazilian public opinion in its philosophical, ethico-moral and scientific features. It is endorsed by high-level intellectuals, authorities and people in general.

Spiritism encompasses all Human needs. Due to that, it offers solutions for the greatest problems of society. At the same time, Spiritism helps the individual in its realization towards the conquest of one's self-illumination.

The social work carried throughout Brazil by the spiritist movement is expressive in all areas: schools, nursing homes, day-care centers, homes for abandoned children, psychiatric hospitals, transitory houses, services of immediate aid to the needy, shelters, etc.

It has constituted a great force of love that surprises even those who were gratuitous adversaries of Spiritism and cannot deny its value.

As a consequence of that social work, I have previously been invited by the Brazilian Senate to participate in debates about children and youth education due to the Foundation of the Mansion of the Way. The latter is located in the city of Salvador where we have educated more than 20 thousand children.

In another opportunity, as I mentioned above, I gave a conference talk in that same auditorium.

3. How can Spiritism help the socio-politico-economical change of nations?

The greatest adversary of the human being is selfishness, which generates the badness that afflicts everyone. Besides that, ignorance and cruelty develop themselves and induce devastating afflictions to the social organism. Its antagonist is altruism that contributes to the individual and collective happiness of people.

Spiritism is the great enemy of materialism and its companions: cynicism, perversity, indifference, pride, arrogance, badness, crimes, war, terrorism, hideousness, and the whole cast of cruel murderers of the human being.

Spiritism offers security in regard to the continuity of life after death. It elucidates that happiness is possible when the individual illumines oneself and love, thus becoming a useful element in the general organism.

In that way, once the individual transform oneself, it is certain that Humankind will also transform itself.

One who is certain of the survival of the Spirit, despite the cellular disjunction through death, prepares the future through one's conduct in the present. As a consequence, one renovates oneself by self-improvement and thus makes a happier world.

This is how Spiritism will be able to influence the change of conduct of the nations on Earth. That will happen through the moral renovation of each of their members which cannot be reached by means of decrees or laws, impositions or threats. ...*(Continues on next page)*



Letter to the Editor

May Your Light Spread Through the USA, Our Home Away From Home

A note of thanks to the Spiritist Society of Baltimore, you brought back meaning to my life and gave me new direction. I felt a bit isolated in my religious experiences because for a long time I have been searching for answers and knew that we are more than what we've been taught by religion. Religion does not answer the questions that the Spiritist Doctrine answers.

We all know that God is "all-powerful sovereignty, just and good", so why do many suffer, while others are so well off. To me only reincarnation, "that the preexistence of the soul as the only justification for the conditions of the present", makes sense. How we have lived our past lives, and this life will determine our future existence.

Only through the Golden Rule "do unto others..." and "love thy neighbors as ourselves" can we be charitable and help others. We have the free will to change ourselves to take responsibility for all our thoughts, words and deeds. Only through these teachings and through our sincere efforts to better ourselves can we then make a difference and only then can peace prevail on earth.

I know that there are a lot of people, my friends, associates and other Americans, who will benefit from these teachings, so I plead that these teachings be spread throughout the USA, with workshops, seminars, classes, English speaking engagements and more books in the English language.

In the midst of all this chaos we find ourselves in, we need hope and light - like you have been for my family and me.

Thank you Vanessa, Daniel and all the members of the Spiritist Society of Baltimore.

The Shepard Family
(SSB members from PA)

Spiritist Lectures in the USA

The speaker Miguel de Jesus Sardano returned to the U.S. for the seventh time for a series of conferences. Miguel Sardano is the president-founder of the Spiritist Center Dr. Bezerra de Menezes, located in Santo André, Sao Paulo. His itinerary consisted of 14 lectures during last May 15-30.

Sardano visited spiritist groups in several American States and cities. In some of them, his lectures were translated into the English language.

In Baltimore, a workshop was conducted on the theme "Experiences in the Spiritist Center and the application of Spiritism in our daily lives". Terezinha Sardano also participated on it.



Miguel reported his observations in regard to his trip to the U.S. The attendance to the lectures varied a great deal, because there are centers with 50, 100, or 200 attendees. But, the spiritist movement grows as the years go by. There is an average of 60 spiritist centers in the USA. The majority of them offer services either in Portuguese or Spanish. They do not make their activities available in the English language. In this sense, the language presents itself as a challenge to be overcome.

In the United States, there are only two groups who offer all of their activities in English which are the Spiritist Group of New York and the Spiritist Society of Baltimore. These two groups have a compound attendance (English and Portuguese), but they run all meetings in English. The talks given by visiting Brazilian speakers are simultaneously translated. In those groups, which run meetings in English, there are attendees who do not speak English, but they see it as an opportunity to learn the English language in parallel to learning and practicing Spiritism.

That is a work to implement Spiritism in the United States to Americans. There is somewhat Spiritist literature in English. There are about 60 titles already available and it tends to increase as the translations keep coming. Those groups translate books, messages, workbooks, etc. They have also begun producing CDs and DVDs in English. Sometimes, the two above mentioned groups - which run meetings in English - receive criticisms from our Brazilian brothers who also reside in the U.S. The latter do so because they do not understand those directors' goals who had realized that the groups will never attract the native speakers of the country if they speak in Portuguese.

For the time being, the Spiritist Movement in the United States is made by Brazilians and Hispanics. This is understandable and natural, once Brazilians and Hispanics initiated and organized the Spiritist Movement in the U.S., mainly with the support of the United States Spiritist Council, which is settled and is doing very well, although it has not reached out to Americans.

Divaldo Pereira Franco has been the most consistent encourager of Spiritism in the United States, supported by the United States Spiritist Council which is under the coordination of Vanderlei Marques, located in Washington, DC. For many years, John Zerio, a Brazilian who lives in Phoenix, Arizona, had collaborated with Divaldo both as interpreter and coordinator of his schedule of lectures. Currently, Divaldo counts on the collaboration of several companions in many American States and cities. Local organizers have been taking care of the events. Naturally, as the country is very large, the unification of the groups is challenged by its distance. The internet has been an excellent tool of interaction among groups.

**The original article was published in the Spiritist newspaper
"O Clarim" from Matao-SP, Brazil**

Divaldo's interview (cont.)

4. How was the event at the House of Representatives for you? What were your impressions on it?

The commemorative solemnity to Dr. Adolfo Bezerra de Menezes Cavalcanti's birthday was very meaningful. Although its actual date was on August 29, the celebration was anticipated due to the creation of the I Week of Spirituality in the Brazilian House of Representatives. In previous years, there were special tributes to Allan Kardec and Chico Xavier. Now, the work will expand to the future.

The federal member of the House of Representatives, Mr. Luiz Bassuma, presided the solemnity. Mr. Bassuma was the idealizer and coordinator of the project. The table was constituted by Senator Paulo Paim, Mr. Nestor Masotti (President of the Brazilian Spiritist Federation), Dr. Zalmino Zimmermann (President of the Brazilian Association of the Spiritist Magistrates) and the president of the Spiritist Group Bezerra de Menezes at the House of Representatives.

The auditorium was overloaded with people who were also seated on the carpet of the beautiful room. There were more than 800 people.

After the traditional introduction and the opening prayer I gave a conference talk in an environment of respect and great silence that lasted 1 hour and 15 minutes. I narrated the lifetime of the eminent Spirit in the Nation of Truth. I also mentioned some of his biographic passages with relevant spiritual references. Several members of the House of Representatives, Senators, judges, lawyers, physicians and the public in general were present.

*** 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. 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.

Building Blocks in Disseminating Spiritism

If you accept the premise that Spiritism is a vital, vibrant path which offers a rigorous process of inquiry into the really large questions (like What are we doing here, where did we come from and where are we going?) and if you accept that Spiritism offers clear and truthful answers and insights, then it makes sense that it should be widely disseminated throughout the world. While this is a laudable goal, one which is accepted by most Spiritists, one finds disagreement at times on the strategy and tactics of activities which promote the dissemination of Spiritism through programs, literature and people to people contact.

Let's be concerned with just one issue here – the language in which we communicate Spiritism to the world. This concern has two dimensions: Language family (English, French, Spanish, etc.) and actual words and phrases employed in those languages.

Current Dispersion of Spiritists Throughout the World

Roughly 90% of all Spiritists in the world are to be found in Latin America in general and, most notably, in Brazil in particular. The rest of the world has Spiritist activities, to be sure, but they remain a very small part of the population in English speaking countries, European countries and, even less densely, Asian and Oceanic countries.

The heavy concentration of Spiritists in Latin America is a great resource, but it brings with it an inertia in language and culture which must be balanced if Spiritism is to be widely disseminated outside of Latin America.

Expanding Spiritism to the World

Two issues come to mind:

- What should be the language of Spiritist books, magazines, programs and other communications?
- How should resources be allocated to achieve the widest penetration across the world with the most efficient use of resources?

If a language other than that of the host country is selected for local Spiritist communication, it will be clear to those in the host country that Spiritism is an activity brought to its shores by foreigners, who choose to remain foreigners. Very little will happen. In the United States, for a large number of Spiritist organizations, this observation appears to be the case. Perhaps the U.S. is too close to Latin America, with frequent immigration, to force local Spiritist groups to integrate into the society. Whatever the reason, Spiritism in the U.S. is not growing as much as its potential would suggest.

Let's encourage all Spiritists everywhere to use the host country language. Did Brazil use French? No – it used Portuguese. The second question is a bit more difficult to pursue. It is inefficient for every local group to have translating activities, but Spiritism is not a well centralized activity, either. The best we can do, we believe, is to convene groups of Spiritists from time to time and to develop global priorities as part of one's Spiritist responsibilities.

Let's look at global internet usage, as e-books are an inexpensive and effective way of disseminating Spiritist writings and to communicate among Spiritists. Of the world's some 6.5 billion people, about 15% are estimated to be internet users. Roughly 70% of all internet users are to be found in Europe, Australia and North America. Penetration in Europe is about 39% and in North America it is 70%. Asia only has some 9%, while Latin America has 13%. Granted, the populations in Asia represent half of the world's total population.

If one sees the internet as a viable means of communication, one looks to the English speaking areas of the world for the most fertile ground. But in which language to publish?

English speaking countries only account for about 8% of the world's population, but the English language is widely spoken and written as a second language. Spiritists have long championed Esperanto, but learning it takes the same time as learning another language. Perhaps people would be far better off learning the dominant world language, as a practical matter.

Let's look at another set of statistics, the number of speakers of the main world languages. According to Translation USA, there are about 1.1 billion people in the world who speak English (this could be underreported, because many people read English but don't speak it). In contrast there are 1.4 billion Chinese Speakers (this must be an old number), 389,000 Spanish speakers and 227,000 Portuguese speakers. Using these data, it makes sense to mount efforts in English or Chinese. This said, the great majority of Chinese speakers reside in China, while less than half of the world's English speakers reside in North America, Great Britain/Ireland and Australia/New Zealand.

But, in deciding on any kind of translation effort, one must consider the growth of languages, too.

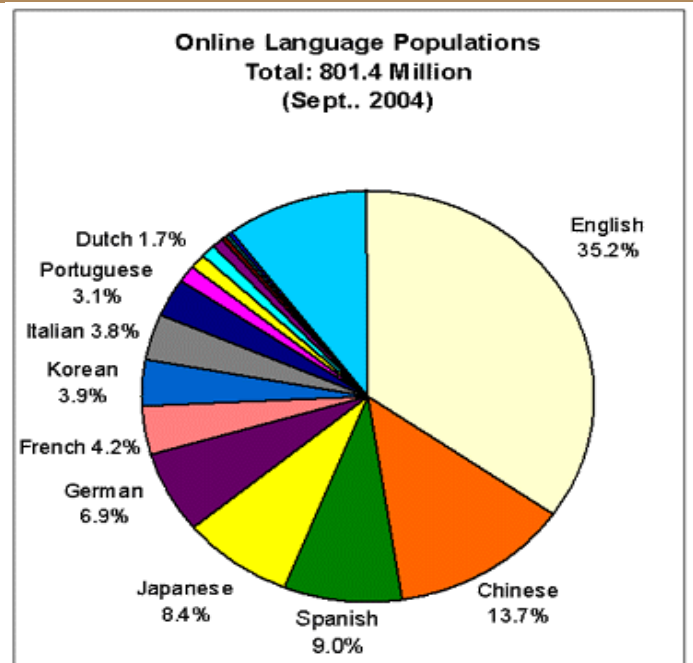
Unfortunately, there are no good statistics available. But, barring decline in the cultures of the English-speaking world, the language will continue to grow as not only a first language but as an important second one.

If Spiritists had only one language from which to choose, it should be English, period. Fortunately, we do not have to make such a difficult choice. Local activities can and should be held in the language of the host country. But communication in English should be prioritized if Spiritism is to efficiently reach a large number of the world's people.

Converting to a host country language by a first generation immigrant can be a difficult experience, as we can attest (being in Brazil). But we have little choice, as there are few other Americans here with whom to communicate. The same may not be true elsewhere, but effectiveness in any effort involving communication must be held in the dominant language. If done otherwise, results are likely to be paltry, with the outcome being a reduced desire for it. Spiritism deserves more than a token effort, we believe, and efforts should be made to increase the probability of success through a serious strategic look at what it takes to be effective.

References: www.translationservicesusa.com; www.nationmaster.com

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Source: <http://www.global-reach.biz/globstats>

Do You Want To Become a Medium?

So many "New Age" schools have popped up, that for a fee, one can receive instruction on becoming a medium (i.e. spiritual healer, channeler, psychic, etc.). ***What has Spiritism to say on this matter?***

Spiritism says that each person is already a so-called "psychic or medium", or one who can be said to have what many call the "sixth sense." This faculty is natural part of our spirit which is, more or less, in tune with receiving impressions from the spirit world. Some people are more open to these impressions than others. Now, if we put our special attentions to further opening up this faculty, yes, we may be able to amplify its reception.

But... let me say this, if it is not meant for a person to be able to receive these more direct and obvious spirit communications or impressions, for whatever reason, then no matter how much a person can try and be "a medium", it is not going to happen. Everything is subject to the laws of cause and effect, and, the Will of the Creator, so in this life we may not be able to have this faculty opened.

As for a person who is set upon wanting to open up their mediumship faculties, they should seriously and sincerely examine the reason they would want to do so. This faculty can be dangerous to the novice, in that, one exposes oneself to errant spirits (those earth bound and troubled souls) and their sometimes potentially harmful influences. If one is not attending a good Spiritist Center which provides good

mediumship education, there is danger the medium could be the subject of spirit fascination and worse, possibly obsession.

The books of Allan Kardec provide information in the instruction and the proper guidelines for mediumship. **It emphasizes moral rectitude on the part of the medium and accepts that mediumship is a special gift, rather more for the moral improvement of the medium (than for transmitting messages to others).** In addition, mediums provide a sacred service which should be done freely, without compensation.

This gift is by virtue of the Will of God, and can be taken away as swiftly as it has been given.

Nevertheless, mediums at a Spiritist Centers provide a wonderful and fulfilling service by allowing troubled spirits access to our material world, so they can provide assistance to them in helping them understand their condition in the spirit world. They also act as instruments for communication from the spirit world for proof of life after physical

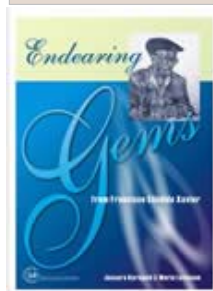
death and some consolation for those here left behind. There are also mediums for healing. In addition, spirit guides inspire and guide us with their beneficial communications.

Do you still want to be a medium? Are you ready for the responsibilities that come with it?

by Yvonne Limoges

*President of the Spiritist Society of Florida.
Text extracted from GEAE website (www.geae.inf.br/en/)*

SUGGESTED SPIRITIST BOOKS



Endearing Gems from Francisco Candido Xavier

by Jussara Korngold & Marie Levinson

The reader will be delightfully pleased with some of the enlightening messages and examples of Mr. Xavier's life. Francisco C. Xavier dedicated his life to utilizing his aptitude as a medium to bring comfort to as many people as possible. His books sold an estimated 25 million copies, the profits of which were all channeled into charitable organizations.

Health problems in his youth and middle age, including eye problems and surgeries, had not stopped him from fulfilling his mission to assist those in need. His outlook is only one: love of his neighbors, disinterest in personal or material gain and a constant and exclusive concern with the happiness of others.

In the year 2002 we found ourselves in such a great quandary due to the departure of such a dear and valuable missionary, the true example of self-denial and love to others, and we could not avoid being concerned about the present situation of the spiritists located in the United States striving for the dissemination of the Spiritist Philosophy in the Americas. Therefore, we 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 get to know a little about the extraordinary person that Francisco (Chico) de Paula Candido Xavier was. As Jesus said it is by the fruits that we know about 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. (paperback, 96 pages).

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Here and Hereafter

by Leon Denis

Here and Hereafter, is a scientific and rational solution of the problems of life and death, and of the nature and destiny of the human ego in its successive lives. This book is an able and luminous account of the phenomena and doctrines included under the term "Spiritualism", their relation to modern science and their influence on conduct. The present volume is a new revised and enlarged edition according to the original work.

At all times rays of divine truth have shone upon men; every religion has had its share in them, but human passions and sordid interests too soon have intervened, and obscured their purity; then followed dogmatism, religious persecution and all manner of abuses, and thus man relapsed into indifference and skepticism. The tide of materialism has overflowed all, relaxing the character and undermining the conscience.

The education of the soul being the very object of existence, it is necessary to briefly recapitulate the precepts thereof: To repress all gross desires and material inclinations, and to cultivate, in their place, elevated and intellectual tastes. To strive, to struggle, and if needs be, to sacrifice self, to the advancement of mankind and of all races. To inculcate in our brothers and sisters the transcendent beauty of Truth and Righteousness. To love truth and justice, and to practice good will and charity towards all men; this is the key to future happiness, this is Duty. (New revised edition - Published by SAB)

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AMERICA'S CHALLENGE

The United States of America are now facing its own tsunami. It was called Hurricane Katrina. And now it is estimated that hundreds may have been killed...thousands of homes damaged or destroyed...billions of dollars in property loss...one million people without power for who knows how long...and of course...personal nightmares forever.

Many people will bear moral and material difficulties in the times ahead. In moments like these, we are naturally compelled to search for the meaning of so much suffering. Fortunately, Kardec have already posed the same questions to Superior Spirits and we can find solace in their answers. You will find enlightening explanations given by the Spirit Benefactors as compiled in The Spirits' Book (Part 3, chap 6, q 737-741) and in The Gospel According to Spiritism (Chap 5, item 27) by Allan Kardec.

According to the principle of charity, there are several ways of helping our brothers and sister in New Orleans. We can help by praying for those who departed to the spirit world and for those who remained here on Earth. Both are certainly going to benefit from this, because prayer is thought. And thought is life. You can also help through donations to non-profit organizations such as the ones listed below:

AMERICAN Red Cross; Network for Good
or your local **Fire Fighter Headquarter**

The Spiritist Society of Baltimore wishes Love and Light to all the families affected by the Hurricane Katrina.



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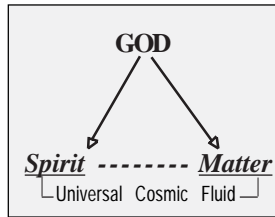
During approximately six years of the Second Great World War, European doctors and psychologists noticed a decrease on the cases of mental diseases while the war was happening. By the end of the war, the statistics showed that the number of mental illnesses intensified. How can that be explained?

- "Emmanuel, our spiritual friend explains that on the course of our collective hardship we are instinctively driven to work in favor of the needy, forgetting about ourselves. In that way, we spontaneously learn about solidarity, tolerance, unity and mutual understanding, which results in an immunization against many of the diseases considered "mental". And he adds that if we decide to work in favor of one another without the purpose of selfishness and ambition, in times of peace, we will always have the same results. At our present stage of evolution, that happens because, as we devote our time to help other people with love and no hidden agenda, it is easier to carry along our "mental weight."

from the book: "Janela para a Vida", by
Francisco Candido Xavier
Submitted and Translated by Aloisio Correia
(SSB member)

Charity is Love in Action !

Passes - a spiritual therapy



Examining the general elements of the Universe, Allan Kardec received precious information from the Superior Spirits, as we can read in "The Spirits' Book" (Part I, Chapter 2). The Spirits explained that there are three elements in the Universe: God, Spirit and Matter (*see figure*).

God is the Supreme Intelligence-First Cause of all things. It is the cosmic force and the cause of everything that has been created. It also established Laws that regulate the equilibrium of the Universe.

The spirit is the intelligent principle of the Universe. It is the psyche that is elaborated throughout its evolution by internships in the different Kingdoms: mineral, vegetable, animal, humanoid, and later, angelical. **Matter** is the bow that enchains the Spirit. It is also the instrument that the Spirit uses and on which it exerts its action. However, matter is not a simple element. It can present itself in different levels and states.

Thinking about this, Allan Kardec asks to the superior Spirits in question 30 of "The Spirits' Book": "Is matter formed by one or many elements?" The spiritual entities answered: "Of one only primitive element. The bodies that you consider simple are not true elements. They are transformations of the primitive matter."

Therefore, there is a material primitive element, source of everything we know as matter and its transformations. The Codifier, Allan Kardec, called it the primitive element of the **Universal Cosmic Fluid**. That matter (*Universal Cosmic Fluid*) is the origin of all the material states, flavors, odors, colors, sound, qualities, of all the transformations that matter undergoes. The poison and the remedy are originated from exactly the same principle. The difference between one and another substance is in the dispositions and transformations of its molecules.

The Spirit - intelligent agent of the Universe
- can act upon matter modifying its

molecules. That is what occurs in the magnetization process. By using the will power, the magnetizers modify one substance, giving flavor, and color to it. It can also give active qualities of other substances.

Because of thought, the Spirit can radiate healthy or deleterious fluids. These fluids, even the most quintessenced ones, are transformations of the Universal Cosmic Fluid. Through thinking, the Spirits can act on the spiritual fluids, manipulating them.

This is what occurs in the *pass*. The *pass* is a Fluidic transmission. This practice came from Jesus and the primitive Christians, when they raised their hands and radiated healthy vibrations that healed people. At the moment of the pass, the pass-giver can also give out energy (magnetic fluid), at the same time the Spirits use the pass-giver to pour spiritual fluids on the patient.



The pass acts directly in the perispirit. The benefits are physical, emotional and spiritual. From the physical point of view, the perispirit will transmit the irradiations, received in the pass, to the body, providing a renovation of healthy cells. On the emotional view, the patient will feel more tranquil; he/she will experience more clarity in his/her ideas, and a psychic freedom to organize the thoughts. On the spiritual view, the pass is essential, because it will help the patient to easily attune with the good Spirits; and, if, for any reason, the patient is suffering from an "obsession", the pass will help to loose the link established between the patient and the spirit. This process is normally a reciprocal mental disturbance. Finally, the pass is a spiritual therapy of Love, applied in the Spiritist Institution, as a reinforcement of one's moral transformation which provides a reestablishment of the integral health.

- Get to know of it!

by João Batista Cabral
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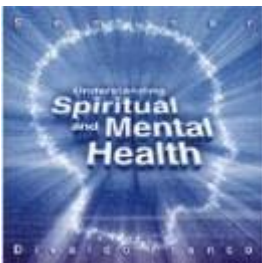
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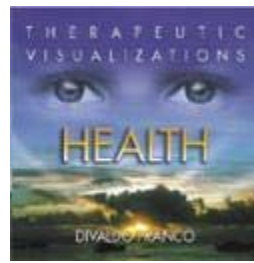


This double CD set contains Divaldo Franco's seminar "**Understanding Spiritual and Mental Health**" which happened on March 12, 2004, in the city of Baltimore, Maryland, USA. This is the first audio CD of a Spiritist seminar in the English Speaking language. The seminar covered a psychiatric analysis 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.

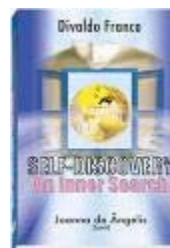


This profound and brilliant seminar, **Understanding Spiritual and Mental Health**, also generated a bilingual book (English and Portuguese, '**Compreendendo a Saude Espiritual e Mental**') that will be launched in this event.

If you prefer the book format, this is also a great opportunity.



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. "*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.*" (Excerpts extracted from the book Moments of Meditation, by Joanna de Ângelis, psychographed by Divaldo P. Franco)



"**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."

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