

# SpiritistNews

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## New Year, New Thoughts

The beginning of a new year brings new hopes and lots of resolutions. Almost everyone await changes and improvements in their lives. More abundance, less problems is the most expected hope. However, do you know where to begin it? The wise Prentice Mulford, pioneer of the New Thought in the U.S., taught us that a new life begins with new thoughts.

A century and a half before the movie *The Secret* and the many books on the New Age movement, Prentice unveiled in great details the very secret of our lives. In great synchronicity with the Spiritist Thought as found in Kardec's masterpieces, Mulford explains in his phenomenal book **Thoughts are Things** that "New thought is new life." We have true power in our thoughts, because they are as real as everything else we see and touch.

"Persistency in thinking health, in imagining or idealizing yourself as healthy, vigorous, and symmetrical, is the cornerstone of health. (...) When you say "Impossible!" and "I can't" you make a present impossibility for yourself. This thought of yours is the greatest hindrance to the possible. It



cannot stop it. You will be pushed on, hang back as much as you may. There can be no resistance to the eternal and constant betterment of all things (including yourself. (...)) Christ, through power of concentrating the unseen element of his thought, could turn that unseen element into the seen, and materialize food – loaves and fishes. That power is a power inherent in every spirit, and every spirit is growing to such power."

Thus, in 2008, exercise your inner power to a loving and fulfilling life for you and all around you. You just need to begin it with new thoughts!

- The Editors

## Investing in your family

The home is the temple of the family.

Children are a divine loan for the construction of a happy future.

All available time should be used to spend time with the family, through dialogue, examples, which thus become the most effective means of education.

The habits acquired at home last a lifetime and are transferred beyond the body.

To educate is to live with dignity, letting the contents of life vigorously impregnate those who take part in family life.

Everything you invest in your home will come back to you according to your investment.

Make your home a workshop where happiness lives.

- From the book *Happy Life* by Joanna de Angelis / Divaldo Franco



*Be fraternal to all and everyone...*

*We are building the future...*



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# FATALISM

- Is there fatalism in the events of life according to the meaning attached to that word; that is, are all events predetermined, and if so, what becomes of free will?

"Fatalism only exists when applied to the choice made by spirits upon incarnating to undergo this or that trial. Upon choosing a particular trial they delineate for themselves a kind of destiny, which is the proper consequence of the position in which they now find themselves. I am referring only to trials of a physical nature.

*"As for moral trials and temptations, spirits preserve their free will to choose good or evil and are always able to yield or resist. When good spirits see individuals lose courage, they may rush to their aid but they cannot influence them to the point of eclipsing their will. An evil spirit, that is, a little evolved one, can disturb and frighten them by exacerbating a physical danger. Whatever the circumstances, however, the incarnated spirit still retains its entire freedom of choice."*

- There are persons who seem to be pursued by fatalism, no matter what they do. Is it their destiny to be misfortunate?

"There may be trials that they must endure and which they

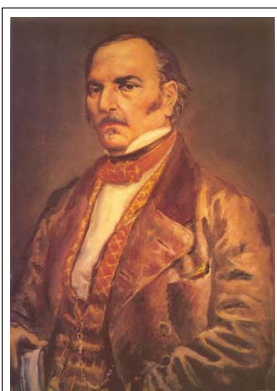


themselves have chosen. Once more you blame destiny, which is almost always a consequence of your own deeds. In the midst of the hardships that afflict you, make sure that your conscience is clear and you will feel partly consoled. The right or wrong ideas that we form about things cause us to succeed or fail according to our character and our social position. We find it easier and less humiliating to our vanity to attribute our failures to fate or destiny than to our own fault. If the influence of spirits sometimes contributes to this, we can always free ourselves from it by repelling the ideas that they suggest to us when such are evil."

The Spirits' Book by Allan Kardec, q&a 851-852. CEI

**"SELFISHNESS CAUSES US TO SEE COMPETITORS IN EVERYONE. FRATERNITY FINDS BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN ALL."**

-CHICO XAVIER



## Spiritist Facts

**1869** – On March 31, Kardec disincarnates suddenly and unexpectedly. While meeting with a book distributor in his apartment at Passage Ste.-Anne, Rivail falls victim to a rupture of an aortic aneurysm. His remains are buried at the Montmartre cemetery on April 2, at noon.

**1870** – The Druid Monument on his tomb at Père-Lachaise cemetery is inaugurated on March 31.

**1883** – Madame Allan Kardec disincarnates on January 21. Two days later, her remains are buried along her husband's at Père-Lachaise.

**1890** – *O Euvres Posthumes* [Posthumous Works] is published in January, by the *Société de Librairie Spirite*, in Paris. Edited by Pierre-Gaston Leymarie, the book contains texts and articles on various topics, from theoretical essays to descriptions of some of Kardec's Spiritist activities.

*The Spiritist Review* – special edition celebrating Allan Kardec's bicentenary (1804 – 2004) - Published by the International Spiritist Council –ISC.

**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 Foundation: *The Spirits' Book*, *The Mediums' Book*, *The Gospel According to Spiritism*, *Heaven and Hell*, and *The Genesis*.

- Allan Kardec (Taken from *Qu'est-ce que le Spiritisme?* - Préambule) Translated from the original French



**"Reason requires that an intelligent effect must have an intelligent force as a cause."** - Allan Kardec (in *The Spirits' Book*)



## S P I R I T I S M

### Meetings and Societies

If Spiritism is to transform humankind – as has been averred – it can only do so by improving the masses, which will happen only gradually, little by little, as individuals themselves improve. What good is it to believe in the existence of spirits if such belief does not make one better, kinder and more accepting of one's fellow beings, and humbler and more patient in adversity? What good would it do to those who are greedy to be Spiritists if they continue to be greedy; to the proud if they continue to be full of themselves; to the envious if they remain jealous? Thus, everyone could believe in the manifestations, yet humankind could remain at a standstill – as we have seen. This is not how God intends it, however. It is toward a providential purpose that all serious Spiritist societies should tend, grouping together all those who have the same sentiments. Then, there will be unity, sympathy and fraternity among them, rather than any vain and childish antagonism provoked by self-centeredness; there will be more good deeds than mere words. Then, they will be strong and powerful because they are supported on an unshakable foundation: the good of all. Then, they will be respected and will silence all mockers because they will speak in the name of the evangelical morality respected by all.

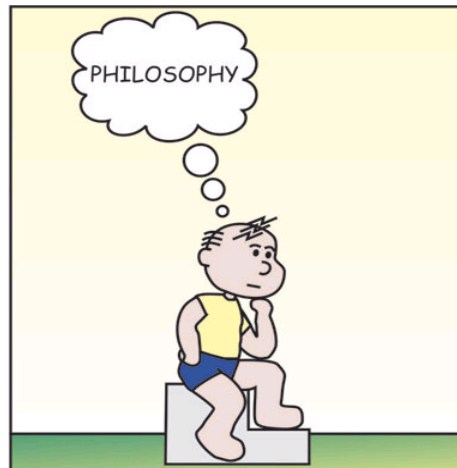
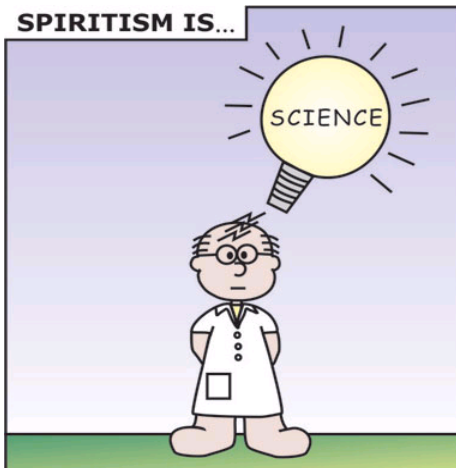


This is the course along which we have endeavored to take Spiritism. The flag we have raised on high is that of *Christian and humanitarian Spiritism*, around which we are happy to see so many people gathered on all points of the earth because they understand that the anchor of salvation, the safeguard of public order, the sign of a new era for humankind is to be found there. We invite all Spiritist societies to participate in this great work. From one end of the world to the other, may they extend the hand of fraternity, and thereby they shall snare evil in the laces of an inextricable web.

The Medium's Book by Allan Kardec, Chap XXIX, item 350. CEI

**"Use every opportunity to act in an elevated manner. Some people wait for extraordinary moments and special occasions, which may never come. It is not important what you do that makes you great or important. It is how you do each thing that will transform you."**

- Happy Life by Joanna de Angelis/Divaldo Franco



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# Get Ready! Save the Date

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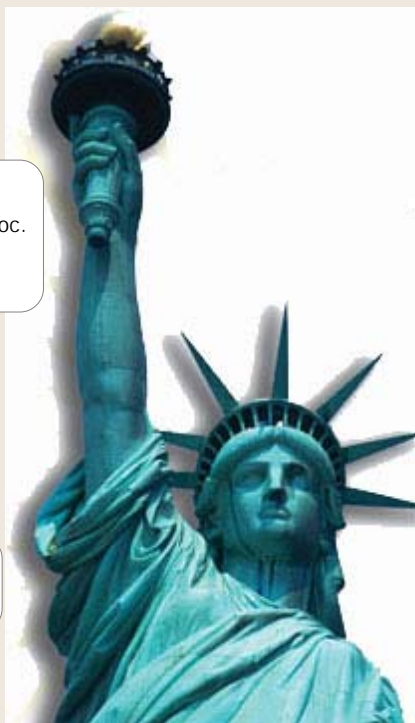
## 2<sup>nd</sup> U.S. Spiritist Symposium

*Propelling Our Integral Healing with the Spiritist Therapy*

Saturday, April 19, 2008

### Location

The New-York Historical Soc.  
170 Central Park  
New York, NY 10024



Visit the website at:  
[www.spiritistsymposium.org](http://www.spiritistsymposium.org)

### SPONSORS

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## Program

### 11AM – OPENING CEREMONY

*Art, Spirituality & Therapeutic Moment*

### 12PM – INTRODUCTORY LECTURE

**The Spiritual Laws of the Spiritist Practice -**  
*Vanessa Anseloni (SSB, MD)*

**2:45PM–Lunch Break & visit to the museum collection (optional)**

### 1:45PM – PANEL DISCUSSION:

**Immune Surveillance of the Soul**

- **Photography of the Thought** - *Nahur Fonseca (AKSS, MA)*
- **Mediumship and its therapeutic features** - *Susana Simoes (CLSG, FL)*
- **Christ consciousness and its miracles** - *Anisio Resem (SSSD, CA)*

### 2:30PM – INSPIRATION MOMENT:

**The role of the spiritist therapy in my life**

*Paula Schmidt (SSB, MD) and Edith Martinez (SGNY)*

### 3:00PM – POSTER SESSSION:

**The Spiritist Foundation and Its Therapeutics**

#### Main principles of Spiritism:

- 1) Existence of God – *Eduardo Guimaraes (IESS, NY)*
- 2) Immortality of the soul – *Addison Cornwell and Dulce Story (LISS, NY)*
- 3) Reincarnation - *Carolina Strosnider (SSB, MD)*
- 4) Multitude of the Inhabited Planets – *Andreia Marshall (CSSC, FL)*
- 5) Communicability of the Spirits – *Brian Vosberg (LLSC, NJ)*

#### The Basic Books of Spiritism:

- 6) The Spirits' Book – *Elmo Delandes (SGNY, NY)*
- 7) The Mediums' Book - *Eliana Preda (Blossom)*
- 8) The Gospel According to Spiritism – *Leonardo Vieira (SSB, MD)*
- 9) Heaven and Hell – *Fernando Flores (AKSS, CT)*
- 10) Genesis – *Gustavo Pinto (CSSC, FL)*

#### The Spiritist Therapeutics:

- 11) Passes – *Livia Trevisani (AKSCCO, FL)*
- 12) Spiritually magnetized water – *Ovande Furtado Jr. (JASS, PA)*
- 13) Obsession & Disobsession – *Ricardo Mastroleo (AKSEC, TX)*
- 14) Prayer – *Junara Araujo (SGNY, NY)*
- 15) Intelligent Sleep – *Fernanda Ferreira (AKSS, MA)*
- 16) Fraternal Counseling – *Julio Carvalho (SCDL, NJ)*
- 17) God at Home – *Felipe Bucalo (LISS, NY)*
- 18) Spirituality for Children and Youth – *Hugo Melo (IESS, NY)*
- 19) The therapeutics of Charity – *Gilberto Neves (AKSS, MA)*
- 20) Inner Transformation – *Ligia Carvalho (SCDL, NY)*

### 3:45PM – Coffee Break

### 4:00PM– ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION:

**Why American Spirituality needs Spiritism**

- *Amy Blank (Angel Center, IL), Gloria Coelho (CSC, CO), and Mauricio Cisneiro (CSSC, FL)*

### 4:45PM– FINAL LECTURE:

**Genesis: Kardec's masterpiece - Jussara Korngold (SGNY, NY)**

### 5:30PM– CLOSING CEREMONY

## MAKE YOUR REGISTRATION TODAY!

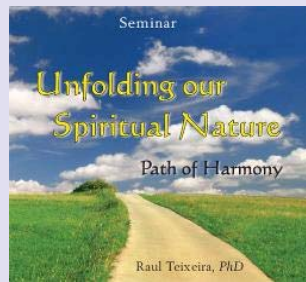
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[WWW.SPIRITISTSYMPOSIUM.ORG](http://WWW.SPIRITISTSYMPOSIUM.ORG)

*The sole purpose of the Spiritist Symposium is to promote the English speaking Spiritist movement; to strengthen and value the efforts of all Spiritist centers that promote Spiritism in the English language.*

"Help without demands, so that others may help you without complaints." - *by Chico Xavier /Andre Luiz*

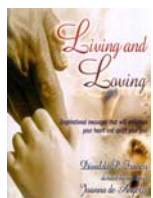




### Audio CD UNFOLDING OUR SPIRITUAL NATURE: Path of Harmony by Prof. Raul Teixeira

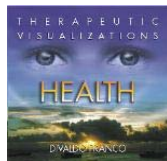
In an unmatched wisdom, Prof. Raul Teixeira tells us who we are, our origin, nature and destiny. Combining scientific profound insights of Spiritism, Prof. Teixeira enlightens our lives when discussing everyday life topics such as sympathy and antipathy, life and death, suicide and euthanasia, pain relief and past lives. (*Voices: Greg Stewart and Vanessa Anseloni*)

To order this book go to: [www.ssbaltimore.org/bookstore](http://www.ssbaltimore.org/bookstore)



### Living & Loving Divaldo Franco/ Joanna de Angelis

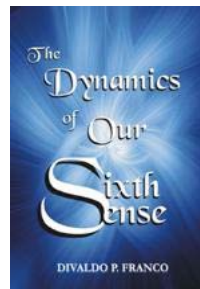
This book is for your day-to-day use. With beautiful inspirational messages, each page of this little book brings joy and comfort to all events of life.



### Therapeutic Visualizations - Health - CD Divaldo Franco

This CD is 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...

(Voice: Greg Stewart)

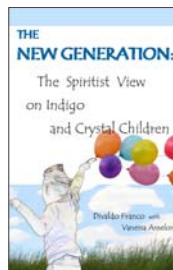


### The Dynamics of Our SIXTH SENSE

by Divaldo Franco

This book came true as a result of a phenomenal workshop given by the Brazilian medium and speaker Divaldo P. Franco on July 22, 2006 in the auditorium of the Lily Dale Assembly. It crowned the *I Spiritist Weekend in Lily Dale*, sponsored by the Lily Dale Assembly.

This workshop represents an unforeseen study of our sixth sense, our mediumship. Divaldo Franco provides us with the definition of mediumship, its types, and its therapeutic features. Through his personal experiences, he enlightens us with considerations on the role of mediumship and its charitable purpose. The core of his teachings was of love and kindness. The end of the workshop was blessed with an uplifting trance channeled message of *Dr. Bezerra de Menezes* through Divaldo Franco's extraordinary mediumistic ability.

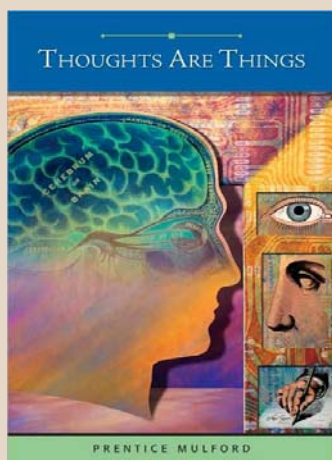


### THE NEW GENERATION: the Spiritist View on Indigo and Crystal Children by Divaldo Franco with Vanessa Anseloni

This book was written by the great spiritual leader and humanitarian Divaldo Franco and the neuroscientist and Spiritist Vanessa Anseloni. This book encompasses a never-before put together multidisciplinary view on the challenges faced by the new generations. It brings relevant information in the areas of Neurosciences, Psychology and Spiritism to help people understand and educate the children of today's world who will be responsible for the great transition from a world of wars and suffering into a more fraternal and peaceful one.

Go online to order these books at [www.ssbaltimore.org/bookstore](http://www.ssbaltimore.org/bookstore)

## Recommended Book



### Thoughts are Things by Prentice Mulford

*Thoughts are Things* (1889) is a collection of the author's short, thought provoking essays taken from The White Cross Library. He wisely describes our nature as incarnate souls and the importance of this life and the thoughts we emit, once we are co-creating constantly through our thoughts. He gives very practical and therapeutic tips that will empower you to redefine the meaning of your life from a spiritual perspective. One of the highlights of the book regards his visionary

view on health and happiness. Wise and nondogmatic in his teachings, he states "In the spiritual life every person is his or her own discoverer, and you need not grieve if your discoveries are not believed in by others. It is your business to push on, find more and increase your own individual happiness."

### Prentice Mulford

A New Thought pioneer, Prentice Mulford (1834-1891) was a noted literary humorist and California author. After a time fortune hunting in the 1849 gold rush and writing for several Californian newspapers, Mulford turned his attentions to spiritual matters. His influence is still felt in the writings of today's best mental and spiritual authors.

## MENTAL IMPAIRMENT

- *Is there any basis for the opinion that mentally impaired individuals have a soul of a little-evolved nature?*

"No. They have a human soul that is frequently more intelligent than you might think, and which suffers immensely from the insufficiency of its means to communicate, as a mute suffers from the inability to speak."

- *What is the aim of Providence in creating unfortunate beings like the mentally impaired?*

"The spirits who dwell in such bodies are expiating past wrongs. They suffer from their constraints and from the impossibility of expressing themselves because of undeveloped or defective brains."

- *Then is it inaccurate to say that organs do not exercise any influence on the faculties?*

"We have never said that organs have no influence at all; rather, they exercise a very great influence on the manifestation of the faculties, but they themselves do not produce the faculties – that is the difference. A good musician will not make good music with a bad instrument, but that does not mean that he or she is not a good musician."

"It is necessary to distinguish between the normal state and the pathological state. In the normal state, mental ability may overcome material obstacles. However, there are cases where matter offers so much resistance that the manifestations are hindered or distorted, as is the case with mental impairment and insanity. These are pathological cases, and in such states the soul is not in possession of its full reasoning ability, which is why human law exempts such persons from responsibility for their acts."

From *The Spirits' Book* by Allan Kardec q&a 371-372

## The Spiritist Society of Baltimore's new location

We are happy to inform you, that the Spiritist Society of Baltimore now has its very own place to conduct its activities. Our new location will better enable us to grow and expand our services. So from now on, if you're looking to visit us, please come see us at:

**22 W. Padonia Road - Padonia Plaza  
Bdg. B, Suite 317  
Timonium, MD 21093**

Please note that we made some changes to our activities calendar for the New Year. Workshops on the Spiritist Thought will now be on the last Sunday of each month at 10:30am with Spiritist activities for children 4 years old and above while the parents attend the workshop. All the other Sundays we will have talks on the Spiritist Foundation also at 10:30am. Fraternal Counseling and Spiritual Treatment services will continue on Mondays from 6:15pm- 7:50pm. A new program (Roadmap for the Spiritist Study and Practice) for those interested in learning Spiritism will be happened on Thursdays from 8:00PM to 9:30PM. All services are free of charge. *Come and visit us!*



## Event

### Spiritist Society of Baltimore OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2008

**10:30am - Special Workshop with guest speakers Beti Rozen and Peter Hays** Authors of the acclaimed book: *Annabelle: A Child on the Way* - "A child chooses her family before she is born and a new adventure begins. Annabelle is the child that exists in all of us." - *Free Admission!*

**12pm -1:30pm - Special Lunch** - after the workshop you can join us for special lunch. *\$10 per person*

**1:30pm -3:30pm - Talk to Our Practitioners** - Stop by our booths and find out more about the different services provided by the SSB. - *Free Admission!*

### BOOKSTORE

*Our bookstore will be open from 10:00am to 3:30pm  
selling Spiritual Books/CDs/DVDs*

### LOCATION

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Tel.: 410-382-5328/443-827-1730**

## JOIN OUR ACTIVITIES

### FRATERNAL COUNSELING & SPIRITUAL TREATMENT

These services are offered every  
**Monday** from  
6:15pm to 7:45pm.

### Mediumship Educational Meetings (by invitation only)

These meetings take place every  
**Monday** from 8:00pm to 9:30pm  
for the study and practice of  
mediumship according to  
Spiritism.

### ROADMAP FOR THE SPIRITIST STUDY AND PRACTICE

This meeting is offered for those  
who are interested in learning  
Spiritism and also to become  
Spiritist practitioner. **Thursdays**  
from 8:00pm to 9:30pm.

### Special Activities

Some activities may  
happen on Saturdays. Stay  
tuned by checking the SSB  
website - [www.ssbaltimore.org](http://www.ssbaltimore.org)

Please, contact us for more info.  
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410-837-0991  
e-mail: [ssb@ssbaltimore.org](mailto:ssb@ssbaltimore.org)

**Activities are free of charge !!!**

## 2008 SSB Calendar

### JANUARY

31 - Movie Discussion: *The Five People You Meet in Heaven*

### FEBRUARY

- 3- Talk: Divine Providence
- 7- Book Discussion:  
*Nosso Lar- Our spiritual home*
- 10- Ten-year celebration  
countdown (SSB group)
- 14- *Roadmap for the Spiritist  
Study and Practice*
- 17- Talk: Good and Evil
- 21- *Roadmap for the Spiritist  
Study and Practice*
- 24 - Workshop: When  
generosity rules out fear
- 28- *Roadmap for the Spiritist  
Study and Practice*

### MARCH

- 2- Talk: Spiritual Genesis
- 6- *Roadmap for the Spiritist  
Study and Practice*
- 9- Ten-year celebration  
countdown - Guest Speaker:  
Julio Carvalho
- 13- *Roadmap for the Spiritist  
Study and Practice*
- 16- Talk: Formation and  
Properties of the Spiritual Body
- 20- *Roadmap for the Spiritist  
Study and Practice*
- 23- Talk: Do Spirits Exist?
- 27- *Roadmap for the Spiritist  
Study and Practice*
- 30- Workshop:  
Controlling the 7 emotions  
that eat your heart out

## UPCOMING

### 2008 WORKSHOP SERIES

(SUNDAYS)

**Feb 24-**When generosity  
rules out fear

**Mar 30-**Controlling the 7  
emotions that eat your heart  
out

**Free Admission !!!**

Spiritist activities for CHILDREN (above 4  
years old) are provided, while  
parents are at Workshop  
Time: 10:30 pm - 12:00 pm  
Followed by Lanch (\$10/person)

## OUR SERVICES LOCATION

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*Stay away from inferior conditions; acquire higher understanding.*

- Emmanuel/Chico Xavier (Our Daily Bread, Ch.6, p.26)