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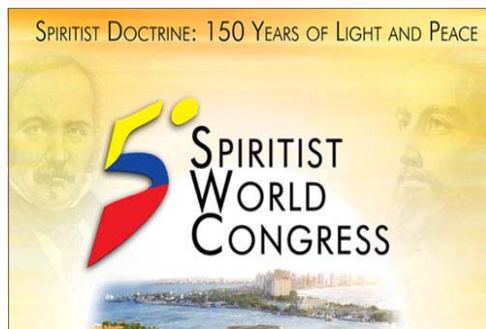
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Spiritism Sesquicentennial – Celebrating 150 years of Heartfelt Spirituality!



On October 10-13, 2007, the international Spiritist movement paid a heartfelt tribute to Spiritism's Sesquicentennial in Cartagena, Colombia. Spiritists from 22 countries gathered to discuss and share insights about the Spiritist Thought. Promoted by the International Spiritist Council and organized by the Colombian Spiritist Federation, thirty five international speakers conducted deep reflections on the foundational works of The Spirits' Book as well as discussed on the central theme of the meeting 150 Years of Light and Peace. Joy, fraternity and true spirituality surrounded those memorable days! **And the next International Spiritist Meeting will happen in Spain in 2010.** Among the many highlights is a special message (see below) by the spirit Dr. Bezerra de Menezes through the renowned medium Divaldo Franco to all Spiritists of the world. May this message be spread to all corners of our planet!

Conquests and Responsibilities

Children of Our Souls,
May Jesus, the incomparable Friend of Our Lives, bless us all.

Following Constantine's victory at the Milvian Bridge on the Tiber on the outskirts of Rome, Christianity, inspired by Jesus's teachings, initiated a new era. In fact, the Emperor Constantine pronounced the free expression of Christianity to the Roman Empire on June 13, 313.

Although the great victory of the martyrs achieved the introduction of religious freedom for Christians, it also initiated a period of great difficulty for practitioners of the glorious Gospel preached by the greatest friend of the sufferers.

Gradually, the illuminated doctrine of the persecuted yielded to the ungraceful practices of persecutors.

The old shrines dedicated to the gods were embellished and converted into cathedrals, in honor of the One who in life had no place to rest His head, even as the birds of the heavens had their nests and the savage beasts their dens.

Later, the doctrine of love united with the temporary power of arbitrary Earthly politics, to share the thrown of unwise and perverse governments...

Those who dissented were punished by fire and iron, and labeled as heretics to be constrained at any price. This culminated with Justinian, of the second Ecumenical Council of Constantinople in 553, who condemned the original doctrine of the soul's rebirth, a demonstration of divine justice, as innately heretical.

When the vile Crusades emerged, they were heinously crowned by the Holy Office, the Inquisition, and the terrible darkness that dominated spiritual consciousness on Earth...

New hope was born when Martin Luther emerged to free the Holy Gospel from the theological impositions of its possessive and fanatic interpreters. This represented the first major step to prepare for the arrival

of Spiritism. It was then that the silence of the grave opened to provide the immortal souls an opportunity to sing the glorious anthem of perpetual life, exulting love, charity and the restoration of the unmistakable beauty of Jesus' words.

Following a long period of persecution, scorn, prison, and burning (at the stake), Spiritists of the world can rejoice at the freedom that they have achieved step-by-step, with tears and bitter pain, through unspeakable intolerance – a testimony to the power of faith...

Beloved children, many of you certainly belong to that group who accompanied Constantine in welcoming the followers of Jesus into the Roman Empire.

Now, you repeat the great achievement of liberating our understanding of the Gospel through the practice of Spiritism, which is tolerated throughout the world. However, if this means victory, as no doubt it does, it also represents a great danger of falling prey to the domination of conscience, arbitrary attitudes, and misleading governance.

Be aware! Be united and unified by the ideal of truth. Keep yourselves cohesive and faithful to the Codification, which is the basis on which you will build the Temple of Universal Brotherhood.

Be tolerant without guile.

Work for the dissemination of truth, without forfeiting your principles through partnerships with worldly interests.

Be fraternal to all and everyone, without accepting the imposition of wrongdoings, crime, disguises, and the denial of the Jesus' presence in your midst.

We are building the future.

We, who preceded you as Spiritist-spirits, accompany you in this challenging task.

We do not ignore the difficulties that will confront you in this path. We are aware that personal past and the enemies of Goodness will interfere in this mission. Above all, do not forget to be vigilant and pray...

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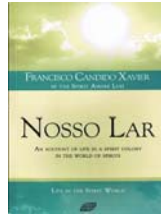
We are building the future...



Discrete Mediumship

Healing Mediumship

In the book, *Nosso Lar*, by Francisco Xavier and Andre Luiz, an example of discrete mediumship is presented in Chapter 50, Citizen of *Nosso Lar*.



Andre displayed an act of discrete healing mediumship when his wife's new husband, Ernest, was very ill. His wife, Celia, was distraught over his condition and this only further increased Andre's personal pain. Ernest was obsessed by three inferior spirits who caused his health to decline into a state of near death.

Andre's first hurdle was realizing that he should not be angry at his wife and her new husband. Through prayer, once he began to view them as his true brother and sister, he was able to focus on the task of assisting Ernest and Celia. He first prayed a sincere prayer to God, and then prayed to Narcisa, a kind and helpful friend, to help him in the situation.

Narcisa arrived, assessed the situation and immediately started to find the remedy Ernest needed to improve his health. Through mango and eucalyptus trees, a potion was made to heal Ernest, so much so,

that his doctor shook his head in wonder and stated the new developments were a miracle.

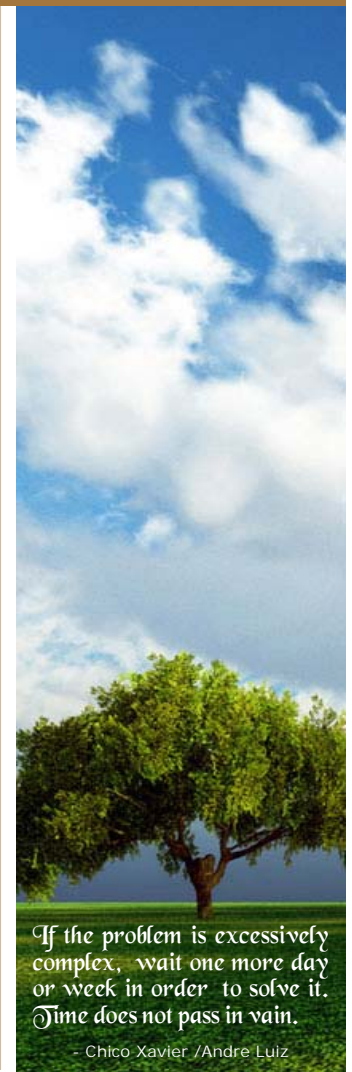
The healing was discrete because Andre did not have to do it and because he expected nothing in return. Also, he did not make it known to those he helped that he had intervened on their behalf.

These kind and superior acts brought Andre feelings of elation, courage and hope. He said the bonds that held him so tightly to his sources of inferiority had forever been broken. His spirit had undergone a total change from what it had been at the beginning of his visit to his Earthly home. He learned precious and practical lessons in understanding and in love for others. His thoughts were filled with the most elevated thoughts he had ever known.

This act of discrete mediumship not only helped Ernest, the incarnate in physical need, but also greatly helped Andre, the discarnate spirit who was on a new path of learning. We can learn from this example that incarnate or discarnate, we can practice discrete mediumship for the benefit of others.

- **Becky Stafford**

From the book *Nosso Lar* by FC Xavier and Andre Luiz - Citizen of *Nosso Lar* - Page 229,



If the problem is excessively complex, wait one more day or week in order to solve it. Time does not pass in vain.

- Chico Xavier / Andre Luiz

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

"Join your voice to those who are fighting to usher in the new Age of Fraternity"

- Joanna de Angelis



Spiritism in my life

It has been with a great gratitude that I have accepted the challenge of expressing the importance of Spiritism in my life. Because I am Japanese but born and raised in Brazil, I have been very fortunate for being exposed to different religions (Buddhism, Catholicism and Spiritism) throughout my life. Hard to think which one influenced me the most but more important is to think what I have taken from each one of them. It was not until my father passed away that I hung on to Spiritism with all my heart. It is hard to express to others the loss of our loved ones. I have been blessed for having great friends supporting my family in such a difficult time. At that time, no one could answer my questions the way Spiritism did. No one convinced me nor comforted me the way Spiritism did. The unfortunate seen in a bigger picture can be fortunate as well. I cannot put into words how comforting it is to know our loved ones are still alive and helping others in the Spiritual realm. It is much comforting to know we will meet them again every time we go "home" (Spiritual realm).

I moved to the U.S. one year after the incident and my dad guided me safely to The Spiritist Society of Baltimore (SSB) through my uncle's mediumship. My dad has communicated with us through messages, physical manifestations, and dreams. My life has changed in the last few years in a way that it makes me think I was not living enough before then. God has given us many reasons to become better people everyday. The fact that Spiritism is a sum of Religion, Philosophy and Science altogether amazes me and gives me strength to keep going ahead. Life is much easier and smoother when there is such a big plus by my side. I would like to thank SSB for being so welcoming and for helping all of us to understand better the purpose of our existence. I am thankful for being part of this great family and I am looking forward to helping SSB serve many other brothers and sisters.

Love,

- **Sayuri Kamimura**

Bezerra's message cont.

Christ cares for and controls the Earthly ship as a sublime Planetarium. He counts on you as His collaborators, to differentiate the message of love and peace, wisdom and liberation from the tinsel liars of the world, and the ephemeral victories that dissipate with the sun of truth and the joy of morning...

Victories attained become great responsibilities.

Each step extends the boundaries of responsibility, requiring more of your dedication and sacrifice.

Unite yourselves! Love and help one another!

These enlightened days initiate the Era of eternal light for the entire world.

Friends of our souls, children of our hearts, bring Jesus into the world and stay positive even when you encounter intolerance and suffering, because His kingdom is not of this world. To overcome, it is necessary that you win over the world and its passions.

This is the message conveyed by the Mentors of different nations gathered here through your ever humble and paternal servant and friend,

- Bezerra de Menezes

(Message received by the medium **Divaldo Pereira Franco** in trance mediumship during the 12th Meeting of the International Spiritist Council in Cartagena, Colombia on October 14, 2007, after the closing of the 5th World Spiritist Meeting.)

Translated by Vanessa Anseloni
Revised by Christopher Murchinson



Dr. Bezerra de Menezes

Adolfo Bezerra de Menezes (1831-1900).

Respected Brazilian physician and statesman, Bezerra was known as the "doctor of the poor", and was president of the Brazilian Spiritist Federation (FEB) in 1889 and 1895-1900.

Get Ready! Save the Date for the

2nd U.S. Spiritist Symposium

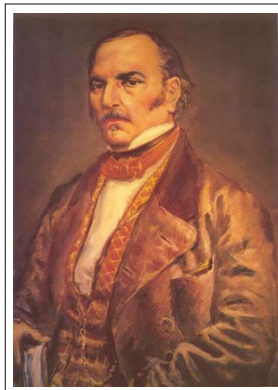
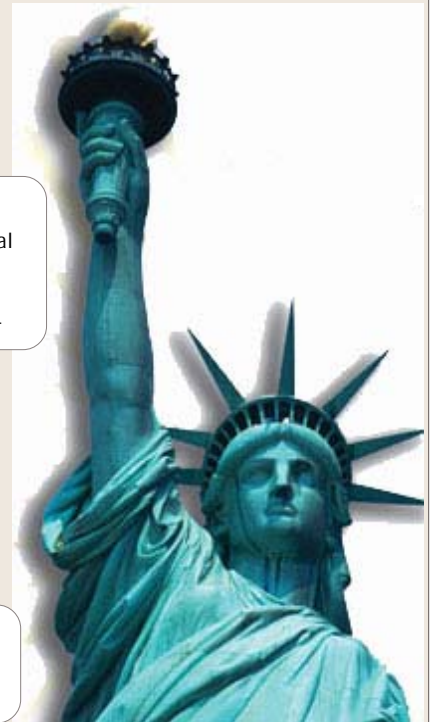
Propelling Our Integral Healing with the Spiritist Therapy

Saturday, April 19, 2008

Location

The New-York Historical
Society
170 Central Park
New York, NY 10024

More information
in the next
Newsletter issue.



Spiritist Facts

1864 – Kardec publishes *Imitation de L'Évangile selon le Spiritisme* [Imitation of the Gospel According to Spiritism]. The book contains explanations on the moral teachings of Christ, their relation to Spiritism, and their application to all aspects of everyday life. Printed at *Imprimerie de P.-A. Bourdier et Cie, Rue Mazarine, 30*, the 444-page book is the precursor of *The Gospel According to Spiritism*.

1865 – On August 1, Allan Kardec publishes *Le ciel et l'enfer, ou la justice divine selon le Spiritisme* [Heaven and Hell, or Divine Justice According to Spiritism]. The book presents a comparative study of different doctrines regarding the passage from the physical to the spirit world, future punishments and rewards, angels and demons, eternal punishments, etc. It also contains many examples of the condition of souls during and after death.

1866 – *L'Évangile selon le Spiritisme* [The Gospel According to Spiritism] is published. The description is identical to that of the *Imitation of the Gospel*, except for the date and the sentence «Third edition, revised,

corrected and modified.» Kardec considered it a new edition of the previous version, even though the title was slightly shortened.

1869 – *La genèse, les miracles et les predictions selon le Spiritisme* [The Genesis, the Miracles and Predictions According to Spiritism] is published by the *Librairie Internationale* on January 6. This is the last book published by Allan Kardec.

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



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

Spirit Teachings..

PATIENCE

Suffering is often a blessing. When you suffer, don't let yourself become discouraged; rather, be accepting of the Divine Will, which, through the pain of this world, prepares the way for your glory in the greater life.

You must nurture patience, because it may also be an expression of love and compassion, as taught by Christ. There are many different ways of expressing compassion giving money to the poor, for example, is one of the easiest ways. There's one kind of compassion, though, that is much harder to exercise and consequently offers a greater merit to forgive those people who cause your suffering and strain your patience.

We're well aware of how difficult life can be. It is composed of so many little difficulties that seem like pinpricks but that, repeated often enough, end up hurting badly. Still, if you look carefully at the duties you've been called to fulfill and at the resources and support you've received, you have to admit that the number of blessings is far greater than the number of pains. Raise up your eyes to the sky, then, with abundant hope. If you do, your burdens will seem much lighter than when you walk disheartened, with downcast eyes.

Courage, friends! Christ is your model. He suffered far more than any of you, although He had nothing of which to purify Himself, unlike those of you who have to make up for your past and so strengthen yourselves for the future. Be patient; be Christians! This last word summarizes everything.

- A Spiritual Friend (Havre, 1862).

The Gospel According to Spiritism by Allan Kardec Chap 9 – Blessed are the Meek and the Peacemakers.

...With our thoughts, we make our world."

- Buddha

PROBLEMATIC PEOPLE

Where do these 'problematic people' who are placed next to us come from?

The problematic person who walks by your side along the path of evolution is not unknown to you.

The difficult child who demands full time dedication has not been with you for the first time. The stubborn elderly who you see as a continuous nightmare, draining your energy, is not a fortuitous meeting along the way.

The relative of any degree who is a trial for you has not been placed in your company by chance. They all come back from your spiritual past. Yes, they have fallen and still resent their moral fall. They are today atoning for those faults - and so are you.

When somebody falls, there are always inducing factors that encourage the fall. Usually the person responsible for the unfortunate event remains unknown to the world. Nevertheless, they cannot hide from their conscience nor from the Sovereign Laws.

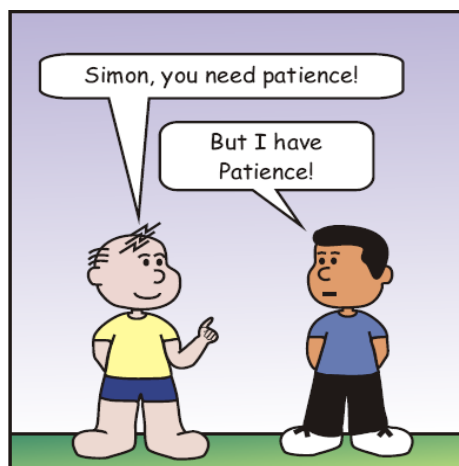
They are reborn in a different time and circumstances, yet they meet again, as relatives, either in the same blood family or in the spiritual one, within the great human family, returning for the indispensable course of reparation and compensation.

- Joanna de Angelis

From the book "Joanna Responde" by the Medium Divaldo Pereira Franco.

Cultivate affability and sweetness in your path. Nevertheless, do not waste your time in useless conversations.

- Chico Xavier and the spirit Andre Luiz



Ethics of Cloning & Clones as Understood by Spiritism

"Goodness is everything that conforms to God's Laws; evil is everything that is contrary to this. Therefore, to do good is to proceed in accordance with God's Law. To commit evil is to infringe this law."

How is cloning achieved? In lay terms it is sufficient and intelligible to say that scientists in laboratory, having taken a living cell, are then able to induce a system of 'regression' till it goes back to the embryonic stage, in other words the ontogenesis of the cell. From this point it is sometimes possible to acquire an embryo and then go on to recreate the usual sequence of growth, cell by cell, atom by atom.

However, there is more to this than just the material cells, atoms, and eventual organs because apparently it lacks the Life Force! But this cannot be, because without LIFE nothing can grow or exist for any length of time. So what of this? We can create material bodies, but the scientist cannot create the Life Force or spiritual essence essential to continued life and constant healthy growth. Therefore we must understand that just as babies born naturally (either animal or human) in their mother's womb have a Spirit, so the Clone must have a Spirit.

Within the Spiritist Teachings much has been done in the field of science and research and it has long been known that a Spirit will become 'attached' to the new embryo at the moment of conception. With a Cloning, it can be no different. Nevertheless, the circumstances are very different and varied, resulting in a large number of failures within the laboratory. But if the Clone is to grow and become a being it must have a spirit attached to it, either animal or human. For it is the ever present spirit that is responsible for the actual formation of that body. Each new cell must be triggered off at the given moment, so that the new body is slowly but completely formed. Here it can also be seen how some bodies are badly formed, or not complete, causing the natural abortion of a foetus. Every pregnancy must go through all of the various building stages, directed by the incoming spirit designated for that particular body. If there is a hiccup not intended, then the pregnancy will terminate.

However, frequently these situations are part of the incarnation plan, when some abnormality is necessary for that particular spirit, which may also stem from the acquired genetic structure and not necessarily triggered by the incoming spirit. Be it animal or human, as the spirit essence attaches to the forming foetus this then becomes enveloped by the perispirit (or astral body) which acts as the go-between, thus allowing the spiritual essence to act upon the physical matter. Within science there is much that can and will be done in the field of animal cloning that will bring many benefits for man, such as compatible organs for transplants thus avoiding rejection; and for the animal kingdom the possibility of continuing species on the verge of extinction, etc.

However, the area of human cloning is rather different, with many aspects needing further consideration. It is interesting to note here that Nature has always created clones. Identical twins being the completed example of this, but then Nature knows what it is doing! Let us also note that although twins may be very similar in character, they are never identical, nor are their fingerprints.

It is also significant to remember a statement made in the book 'Evolução em Dois Mundos' (*Evolution in Both Worlds*) by Dr. Andre Luiz (Spirit) received through the famous Brazilian writing medium Francisco Candido Xavier. This doctor states that some time in the distant future humans will no longer be required to go through the troublesome and painful process of birth as we know it today. That when loving affections are widely understood and practised by all humanity on the planet, on a daily basis, then the process of reincarnating will happen within



laboratories who specialise in this very special and sensitive work, and that the whole event will be achieved in a much shorter time. He also reports that the growth period of childhood will also be greatly shortened, because it will no longer be the necessity of learning that it is today.

We finalise our brief comments with the words of Dr. Sergio Felipe de Oliveira, a Brazilian doctor graduated from the University of Sao Paulo, who is a Researcher at the Scientific and Biochemical Institute of that same University. He is also Director of the Department for Mental Health of AME-SP and Clinical Director of the PINEAL-MIND HEALTH INSTITUTE IN Sao Paulo. His comments are taken from an article on Cloning taken from the book "Saude e Espiritismo" (*Health and Spiritism*) published by the Medical-Spiritist Association of Brazil.

"Useful Cloning is always done from the spiritual world, within the Natural Laws. Orthodox Science is concentrated in Europe and the USA and these countries do not respect the embryo. When there is no respect, there is no capacity for perception and Science needs perception.

In the USA 30% of all gestations are aborted. This generates a human disturbance of the ambient and also a very great anthropological problem as well. I believe that the problem of human cloning lies here. Science has no ethics to deal with embryos, so how can it discuss rationally the cloning of human beings? Surely unconditional respect for life must come first? We can only begin to understand human cloning when Science has become enlightened through the discovery of the Spirit and when it begins to work towards the spiritual elevation of humanity." ■

- by Janet Duncan

Mrs Janet Duncan is the President of the Allan Kardec Study Group - UK, [Centre for Spiritist Teachings](http://www.centreforspiritistteachings.org).

THE JOINING OF THE SOUL WITH THE BODY

- At what moment does the soul actually join the body?

"The union begins at conception, but is only complete at the moment of birth. From the moment of conception, the spirit designated to inhabit a given body is connected to it by a fluidic tie, which gets tighter and tighter up to the instant the child is born. The newborn's cries announce that it has entered the number of the living and the servants of God."

(The Spirits' Book by Allan Kardec q&a 344)

AMALIA DOMINGO SOLER

The poetess of the violets



One of the most significant figures in the Spiritist movement is Amalia Domingo Soler. Not only for her immense work spreading Spiritism, but mostly because of her vivid example of abnegation, charity and love.

Amalia was born in Seville, Spain on November 10th, 1835, right after the great Empire of Spain collapsed due to the civil war known as "Carlist Wars". At that time, Spain went through difficult times, especially poverty and diseases. In this historic frame, Amalia had plenty of tribulations during her childhood. Before she was born, her father left for a long trip and never came back. Then, at eight, she became blind. After medical treatment, she recovered her vision, though with recurrent problems during all her life.

Amalia had a strong and loving relationship with her mother. Who took care of Amalia with great devotion. She

wanted to see Amalia well educated, despite her vision problem. When Amalia was two years old, her mother started teaching her to read. At five, Amalia learned to read with fluency. At ten, she started writing poetry, and eight years later, she published her first verses. However, at twenty five, Amalia Soler suffered a great emotional shock when her mother passes away.

After her mother's death, Amalia started the most difficult phase of her life. Single, without money and family, she only had two options: either stay in a catholic convent or get married with a wealthy man. Her strong and independent spirit could not accept either of those options. So, she moved to Madrid, capital of Spain. In Madrid, she worked as a seamstress, while writing poetry. But, that was not enough to survive. She had to ask for charitable contributions. At that time, she felt lost and sick. Her spirit was in darkness and desperation. One night, she thought of killing herself and, suddenly, she saw her mother. That spirit phenomena made such an impression on Amalia that she sought for spiritual comfort in religion. There, she rediscovered Jesus' love and faith.

As time passed by, her vision problems got worse. While seeing a doctor, he talked to her about Spiritism. It was when Amalia got interested on it. She read everything she could find about Spiritism. She got engaged in Spiritism in such a way that she started writing Spiritist articles. Her first Spiritist articles were written and published in the newspaper "The Revelation" (La Revelación, Alicante, Spain) and in the magazine "The Criterion" (El Criterio) in 1872.

Amalia became popular in the Spiritist movement on March 31st 1875 when she read her poem "To the memory of Allan Kardec" during the celebration of the Anniversary of Spiritism. She became famous for her writing gift and her true commitment with the Spiritist movement. On May

22nd, 1879, she founded the Spiritist magazine "The Light of the Future" (La Luz del Porvenir), remaining as its editor-in-chief for ten years.

Her Spiritist friends from the city of Alicante offered her help. They want her to work as a medium full time, but she, as a conscientious Spiritist, kindly refused the offer, knowing of the inadequacies of such proposal. The poetess continued working during the day and mediumistically writing in the evenings. She worked in collaboration with discrete mediums (Maria, Eudaldo and Miguel Vives) through whom she received the beautiful messages of Father German, her Spirit-mentor. She wrote several books and more than 1,286 articles. Her most popular books are "Memories of a Woman", "Facts that prove", "I forgive you", "Her most beautiful writing", "Spiritist Tales", "Memories of Father German" (recently published in English), "Bouquet of violets", "and The greatest virtues".

Amalia returned to the spiritual realm on April 29th 1909. Since then, several mediums have already received her messages, one of them being Divaldo Franco, the renowned Brazilian Spiritist medium. Amalia Soler's work has great influence in the Spiritist movement, especially in the Hispanic countries. May Amalia's lifelong examples inspire us as well!

- Alba N. Morales

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Spiritism and Spiritualism reunited once again!

Reverend Janet Nohavec from *The Journey Within Spiritualists' Union Church* in Pompton Lakes, NJ first met Vanessa Anseloni, president of the Spiritist Society of Baltimore in Lily Dale, NY in 2005. In admiration for the Spiritist philosophy, Rev. Nohavec invited Vanessa Anseloni to deliver the keynote address entitled **Spiritism in the World** on the 11th Anniversary of the Journey Within Church on October 14, 2007, followed by a celebration lunch and the workshop on *The Spiritist View on Indigo and Crystal Children*. It was an enlightened reunion of spiritual affinity!



New Workshop Series

We congratulate the opening of the workshop series in the new spiritist center Inner Enlightenment in New York. On September 30, Eduardo Guimaraes, president, invited Vanessa Anseloni to launch its workshop series. The first workshop was entitled *The Dynamics of Our Sixth Sense*.



Go Long Island!

The Long Island Spiritist Doctrine Studies celebrated the 150 years of *Spiritism* with a special event where Jussara Korngold and Vanessa Anseloni conducted two workshops on the Spiritist Thought. *The Spiritist View on Suicide* and *The Spiritist ABC's of Stress, Anxiety and Depression* were the main topics of discussion. This promised to be the first of many others to come in the future.

Events in the U.S.

WASHINGTON - DC

FLORIDA

USSC
Double Celebration

**150th Anniversary
of the Spirits' Book**

10th Anniversary of the
United States Spiritist Council

18 November 2007
10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Marriott at Metro Center
775 12th Street, NW
Washington D.C., 20005

Admission is free and registration
is required. Participants
can register at the USSC's website,
via U.S. Postal Service using the form on
the flyer or by FAX at (240) 453-0361.

The United State Spiritist Council (USSC) will promote a double celebration on **November 18, 2007 - 10AM - 6PM** in Washington, DC. The meeting will celebrate the 150th anniversary of The Spirits' Book and the USSC 10th Anniversary.

The meeting will have the presence of the two renowned Spiritist Mediums from Brazil: Divaldo Franco and Prof. Raul Teixeira.

For information on registration and the whole program, please visit the USSC website at:

www.usspiritistcouncil.com

CALIFORNIA

Spiritist workshops in San Diego

Saturday, Nov 3

Allan Kardec Fellowship Society
(Portuguese)

"A Terapia Espirita para o Imigrante"
7:30pm to 8:30pm

Sunday, Nov 4

Spiritist Society of San Diego:
-Workers and students -
(English)

"Talking about Spiritism in America"
4:00pm to 5:30pm
and
"Spiritual Treatment"
6:00pm to 8:00pm

Monday, Nov 5

Allan Kardec Center
(Portuguese)

"O Centro Espirita: Templo, Escola e Hospital da Alma"
7:15pm to 8:30pm

Tuesday, Nov 6

Spiritist Society of San Diego:
(English)

"The Dynamics of Our Sixth Sense"
6:30pm to 8:15pm

All workshops will be presented by *Vanessa Anseloni*
For more information at:
www.sssandiego.org

VIRGINIA
(workshop)

Spiritual tools to overcome relationship struggles
by *Vanessa Anseloni*

Tuesday, November 20, 2007
7:30 - 9:00 PM
FREE ADMISSION!
Tysons Corner Healing Centre
8206 Leesburg Pike, Suite 201
Tysons Corner, VA 22182

MASSACHUSETTS
(workshop)

Prayer
by *Judith Peterschmitt*

Friday, Nov 30, 2007
Allan Kardec Spiritist Soc. of Massachusetts
52 Broadway Ave
Somerville, MA 02145
www.akssma.com

Spiritist workshops - Florida

December 1st (Sat): Portuguese
Theme: **The Spiritist Therapy for Immigrants**
Location: Centro Espirita Amor e Fraternidade (CEFA)
Time: 3 pm to 6 pm
Address: 1140 JF Kennedy CSWY suite 321
North Bay Village FL 33141
Tel: 305-519-3161

December 2nd (Sun): English
Theme: **The Spiritist ABC's of anxiety, stress and depression**
Location: Allan Kardec Christian-Spiritist Center of Orlando @ 11:30 am
Address: 4070-D L.B McLeod Rd
Orlando, FL 32811
407-421-0410
www.kardecinorlando.com

December 3rd (Mon): Portuguese
Theme: **Jesus - The Psychotherapist**
Location: Conscious Living Spiritist Group @ 8pm
Address: 1190 NE 125th Street
Miami FL 33161
786-357-5651
www.clsg.us

December 4th (Tue): English
Theme: **Sex and Destiny**
Location: Conscious Living Spiritist Group @ 8pm
Address: 1190 NE 125th Street
Miami FL 33161
786-357-5651
www.clsg.us

December 5th (Wed): English
Theme: **The Dynamics of Our Sixth Sense**
Location: Christian Spiritist Study Center @ 7:00pm
2600 Hammondville Road, Suites #10, 11
Pompano Beach, FL - 33069
561 327 1027
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Raul Teixeira visits Florida

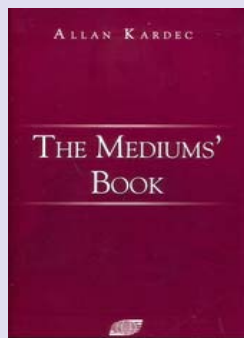
From Nov. 20 to Nov. 27, Prof. Raul Teixeira will be given a serie of talks on several Spiritist Centers in Florida.

see schedule at:
www.spiritistfederation.us/Events/Raul_2007.htm

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To announce your Spiritist event (upcoming or past one), please submit a brief paragraph with/without photos to:
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Spiritist Books/CDs



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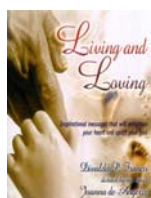
THE MEDIUMS' BOOK

by Allan Kardec

The Mediums' Book is one of the five volumes that comprise the Spiritist Codification. Its author, Allan Kardec, explains that *The Mediums' Book* combines "the special teachings of the Spirits concerning the theory behind all kinds of manifestations, the means of communicating with the invisible world, the development of mediumship, and the difficulties and pitfalls that may be encountered in the practice of Spiritism".

The Mediums' Book is the safest manual for all those who dedicate themselves to activities involving communication with the spirit world.

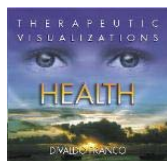
Translated by: ISC- Darrel W. Kimble & Marcia M. Saiz - 624 pages - Published by the **International Spiritist Council** - To order this book: www.sgn.org



Living & Loving

Divaldo Franco/
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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.

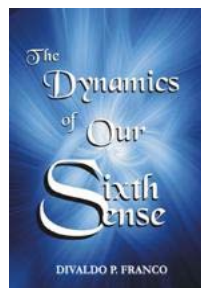


Therapeutic Visualizations

- 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)

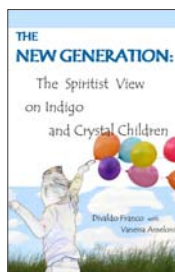


The Dynamics of Our SIXTH SENSE

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.

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TRANQUILITY

1) Begin the day in the light of Prayer.
God's love never fails.

2) Accept any difficulty without much ado.
Today is time to do the best.

3) Work with joy.
The idler, even when appearing to be in a golden pedestal, is a thinking corpse.

4) Do people good as much as you can.
Each creature transits among his own creations.

5) Value the minutes.
Everything returns, except lost time.

6) Learn how to fulfill your duties.
If you don't believe in discipline, observe a car with no brakes.

7) Esteem simplicity.
Luxury is the mausoleum of those who approach death.

8) Forgive unconditionally.
Growing angry is the best way to lose.

9) Be gentle, especially at home.
Try serving members of your family the way you do with visitors.

10) For your own peace, remain loyal to yourself.
Remember that in the day of the Calvary the crowd applauded the triumphant cause of the crucifiers, but Christ, lonely and defeated, was God's cause.

Spirit: ANDRÉ LUIZ

Medium: Francisco Cândido Xavier

In: "O Espírito da Verdade" - FEB Edition

Wealth and Poverty as Trials

- Why do some of us have wealth and power while others are poor?

"In order to provide different kinds of trials. Your trials were chosen by you before reincarnating. "

- In which one, wealth or poverty, is it harder to succeed?

"Both are difficult. Poverty often incites rebelliousness against God; wealth can lead to all kinds of excesses."

- If the wealthy person is more exposed to temptations, doesn't he or she also have more opportunities to do good?

"That is what the wealthy often fail to do. They become self-centered and proud. And they never seem to get enough. Their wants increase along with their fortunes, so in their eyes the fortune is always too little."

Discussion:

Power and social status are trials as difficult and risky as poverty. The greater our means and power, the more obligations we have to fulfill and the greater our opportunities to do both good and evil. The poor among us are tested for resignation; the rich, on what use they make of their wealth.

Wealth and power arouse all the instincts and appetites that bind us to matter and keep us distant from spiritual perfection. This is why Jesus said that it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a wealthy man to enter the kingdom of God.'

From **The Spirits' Book** by Allan Kardec q&a 814-816

Special Talk

Overcoming the Conflicts of Material Life

by Raul Teixeira, PhD

The Spiritist View on how to overcome the struggles of material life and find balance. Often times, people get conflicted with the material needs and the need of a more spiritual lifestyle. Learn in this conference how to reconcile your material and spiritual needs in order to live a more fulfilled life.

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Monday, Nov 19, 2007

7:00pm-9:30pm

SpiritWorks Resource Center
1300 York Rd - Building C -300
Lutherville, MD 21093



This event is sponsored by Spiritist Society of Baltimore, Inc. For more information: Phone: 410-382-5328 - e-mail: ssb@ssbaltimore.org - site: www.ssbaltimore.org



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Come and join us in this inspirational journey through painting, poetry, music, play and spirituality!

Clinics Available for Participants older than 16 years old:

1. Painting
2. Music
3. Poetry
4. Play

There will be a special clinic for participants between 10 and 16 years old.

Everyone is Welcome!

If you would like to join us please RSVP in person or by email at ssb@ssbaltimore.org for one the clinics by December 6th. (options listed on the left)

Saturday Dec 8th, 2007
6pm -9pm

Event Location:

SPIRITWORKS Resource Center
1300 York Rd - Building C, Suite 300
LUTHERVILLE, MD 21093

FREE ADMISSION (Love Donations Welcome)

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JOIN OUR ACTIVITIES

FRATERNAL COUNSELING & SPIRITUAL TREATMENT

These services are offered every **Monday** from 7pm 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.

TALKS on THE SPIRITS' BOOK

A tribute to the 150th anniversary to help us deepen our knowledge on Spiritism. - Open to the public, every **Thursday** from 8:00pm to 9:30pm.

Therapeutic Moments

Every **Saturday** 7-8pm,
**except on the day of our
monthly workshops**

Please, contact us for more info.
Phone: 410 - 382-5328 or
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Activities are free of charge !!!

2007 SSB Calendar

NOVEMBER

1 - Law of Justice, love and compassion
(Talk on the Spirits' Book)

3 - The Last will be First
(Therapeutic Moments)

8 - Moral perfection
(Talk on the Spirits' Book)

10 - **SSB Workers' Meeting**

10 - The Courage of Faith
(Therapeutic Moments)

15 - Earthly joys and sorrows
(Talk on the Spirits' Book)

17 - **Environmentally savvy,
Spiritually wise** (workshop)
by Vanessa Anseloni

19 - **SPECIAL TALK:**
**Overcoming the Conflicts
of Material Life**
Prof. Raul Teixeira

22 - Fear of death and suicide
(Talk on the Spirits' Book)

DECEMBER

1- If You Help Yourself
then Heaven will
Come to Your Aid
(Therapeutic Moments)

6 - Future joys and sorrows
(Talk on the Spirits' Book)

8 - **ART & SPIRITUALITY**

13 - Heaven, Hell
and Purgatory
(Talk on the Spirits' Book)

15 - Learning with the masters,
Making the difference
(workshop)
by Vanessa Anseloni

Holiday Break

UPCOMING

2007 WORKSHOP SERIES

Oct 27 - Decoding the Bible with a Spiritist key.

Nov. 17 - Environmentally Savvy, Spiritually wise.

Dec. 15 - Learning with the Masters, making the difference

Free Admission !!!

Spiritist activities for **CHILDREN** (above 4 years old) are provided, while parents are at Workshop

Time: 7:30 pm - 9:15 pm

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)