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You definitely will not solve all of the world's problems.

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# Editorial

“Work, solidarity, and perseverance” was Pestalozzi’s motto for the education of children and youth. Education became the sole focus of the French master and educator Allan Kardec, who redefined it as the total acquisition of new habits.

As a good observer of the human mind and its phenomena, Kardec understood that we are beings subject to the laws of conditioning. From kingdom to kingdom, the immortal spiritual principle evolves through its internships while learning and acquiring experiences. At the human level, for example, the cells of our physical body function according to the old acquisition of phylogenesis. Thus, we do not need to think consciously in order to make our heart beat or our lungs process oxygen. These and all the other automated functions of the body are a byproduct of millennial habits acquired in previous kingdoms. This is our divine nature. We are **learning beings!**

Therefore, educators and parents have at their disposal a natural mechanism to reach out and collaborate with their tutored children and youth. Knowing that each child brings profound experiences from past lives, and the present potential to unfold new virtues, will facilitate parents and educators’ preparedness.

Dear reader, we dedicate this issue to the beauty of spiritual education and instruction to help build our new generations. Let us rejoice and pay close attention at our serious responsibilities as recommended by the enlightened Dr. Bezerra de Menezes, because we are already living on the regenerative planet. May we delve into deep understanding of the process of regeneration and its spiritual implications!

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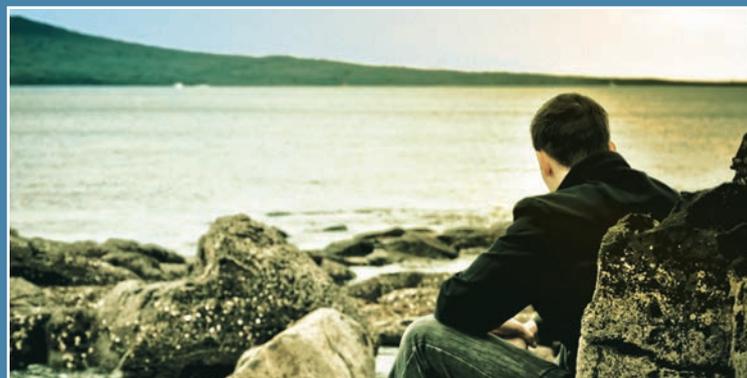
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# Pills and Nails

▣ Mackenzie Melo

Recently in the May 9, 2010 edition of the *Boston Globe* a report called *The Magic Cure* opens by stating: "You're not likely to hear about this from your doctor, but fake medical treatment can work amazingly well. For a range of ailments, from pain and nausea to depression and Parkinson's disease, placebos--whether sugar pills, saline injections, or sham surgery--have often produced results that rival those of standard therapies." This effect of improving patients' health by giving them a sham surgery, a dummy pill or a fake medical treatment is widely known today by the name *Placebo Effect*."

A placebo can be defined as a substance, a treatment, or any other medical technique that has no real active ingredients or effects known to cure illnesses. The word *placebo* comes from Latin, meaning 'I shall please' and it was probably first employed to describe these medications because the "medicine was given more to please than to benefit the patient." The known use of placebos has been registered since the 18th century and is being widely studied today, as we can infer from the *Boston Globe* report mentioned above, as well as from a brief search of the topic on the Internet.

One of the most fascinating aspects of the placebo effect is found when studies compare different types of placebos for treating the same type of illness. It was found that some forms of placebo are more efficient than others. For example, it has been shown that when giving a saline solution injection (a placebo) to cure a certain illness and administering sham pills to cure the same disease, the patients who received the injection improved much faster than the ones who received the pills. The same is also true, believe it or not, in cases of fake surgeries, when the patient thinks he or she had surgery but the doctors only opened



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the patient, stitched him/her back up and performed no actual job on the problem itself. The patient who had the sham surgery, after recovering from it, showed as much health improvements as other patients who had a real one.

Let's turn now to a subject that has similarities with the effect we just described, but that we usually tend to overlook as a way of helping us dealing and coping with our problems: prayer.

Allan Kardec, in chapter 27 of the book *The Gospel According to Spiritism (GAS)*, discusses prayers and their efficacy. In item 11 he states:

*"It is through prayer that man obtains the assistance of the good spirits who come running to sustain him in his good resolutions and inspire wholesome ideas. In this manner he acquires the moral strength necessary to be able to surmount all difficulties, and come back to the straight and narrow path should he at any time stray from it."*

So, when Kardec mentions prayer, what is he referring to? What would be a good definition of a prayer in Spiritism? In a message written by The Spirit of Truth in chapter 6 of the same book (GAS), this magnanimous spirit tells us the following: "God

consoles the humble and gives strength to the afflicted when they *ask*. His might covers the Earth and in every place, with each tear shed, He places a consoling remedy. ***Devotion and abnegation are a continuous prayer and contain profound teaching.*** Human wisdom resides in these two words." (emphasis added)

We can clearly see that the act of prayer is then not only restricted to saying words, repeating formulas, asking for things to happen, or even to glorifying God through thinking or speaking. To pray is actually a state of asking with our minds, souls, and bodies. It is supposed to be a constant action from us, giving back to the universe what the universe has presented to us .

What is important to perceive in this definition of prayer is that it is a *relational attitude*. There is no prayer without our giving of something. Devotion in the context of the message means "commitment to a good purpose; a willingness to serve good," which brings us to move away from ourselves, from our pride and selfishness. Abnegation, furthermore, enhances this concept when we, as the meaning of the word states, "renounce our own interests in favor of the interests of others." Can you see the similarity between the concept of these two words and The





Golden Rule (“Do unto others as you would have them do unto you”)?

When we start thinking of prayer... actually, let me rephrase it; When we start embodying prayer through devotion and abnegation with our whole self as mentioned by the Spirit of Truth, we will be constantly praying. Acting as such, we will not only be inviting those around us to help and provide us support for the good deeds we are doing, but we will also be creating in ourselves a strength that comes from inside. We will be edifying in ourselves a true belief in our own power of changing and improving ourselves while serving others.

Returning to Chapter 27 of the GAS in items 18 through 21, we see Kardec commenting on prayers done for suffering spirits and explaining how they work. He says that “prayer has a more direct action on them [the suffering spirits] by reanimating them and instilling in them a desire to elevate themselves through repentance, by making amends, and prayer can turn them away from bad thoughts. ***It is in this sense that prayers cannot only alleviate, but can also shorten their suffering***” (GAS Ch. 27, Item 18). So, when we are praying for others, what we are mainly doing for them is giving them strength, resources, and tools so they can be able to create their own path of recovery. (Since it is not the purpose of this article we will not explain how prayers reach others. If you want to know more about this we recommend reading the entire chapter 27 of the GAS as a starting point.)

Some scientific studies today are already showing, albeit with some criticism from other scientists, that patients who receive prayers as part of their treatments improve faster and have fewer post-operative problems. This is very important because it shows that, despite not coming to a consensus, science is once again starting to pay attention to what some scientists of the past deemed as mere superstition or as something created by “religious people,” an expression often used in a dubious sense.

This is where we find the most important correlation between genuine prayer and the placebo effect. Both share the concept of a deep and sometimes unconscious inner belief that something will help people overcome their problems. What is even more impressive in this correspondence between the placebo effect and prayer is that, when having a healthy relationship with the one who gives you the medicine, the medicine seems to work better than when we receive the medicine from a machine, for example. In a placebo study done in 2008 in the *British Medical Journal* it was noted that when the sham treatment was administered by a caring doctor 62% of the patients

improved, against 28% when not treated at all, and 44% for the ones who were treated impersonally. With prayer we find that if we want it to be more efficient we need it to come from the heart and not as mere babble or repetition when we are not even thinking about or feeling what we are saying.

In answer 479 of *The Spirits’ Book*, the spirits tell us that “Prayer is always an efficacious means of obtaining help; but you must remember that the muttering of certain words will not suffice to obtain what you desire. God helps those who help themselves, but not those who limit their action to asking for help.” So, a mere saying of words without the inner belief that it works may help us, but the help will be very small when compared to the help we receive when we really believe, when we have, in other words, faith. Faith here is not, as the answer implies, the act of being steady and waiting. Faith is action; faith is understanding the need for believing, but also the need to do one’s part to improve oneself.

When we take the placebo pill we believe the pill will help us improve. Even by not having an active ingredient that helps us, we produce our own internal medicine without even knowing it, and then we are able to get better and improve ourselves. A deeply felt prayer, coming from the heart, has a similar effect on us and on others. When praying, we give others (and ourselves) mental tools to work their way out of their problems, giving them strength and helping them alleviate their own problems, shortening their suffering.

One day we will understand deep in our hearts and souls that prayer is giving the right tool to those who need to hammer a lot of nails into a very hard wall. We have the nails and we have the wall, but we usually lack the right tool to perform the job. Babbled prayers are like giving a feather instead of a hammer. Heartfelt prayers, on the other hand, are the action of giving the right tool for the job.

We only have to remember these last two things. First: prayer provides the hammer but it only teaches how to hammer a couple of nails. All the rest is up to us. We need to do our part if we really want it done. The second thing is: be careful with your finger when hammering the nails or you will need some pills (placebos or not) to help you cope with the pain.

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## Ask Yourself

➤ Ernest O'Brien

ON WHAT BASIS SHALL WE LOCATE THE PROBLEM OF DEATH? OF COURSE, THERE IS NO DEATH. LIFE ITSELF DEMANDS DEATH AS A REBIRTH; BETWEEN BOTH, OUR CONSCIENCE REMAINS.

Experiences may come and experiences may go; in the meantime, conscience goes on. Conscience is Divine Justice within us. Do not forget you live forever.

A spirit must be seen for what he is; therefore he can only continue hereafter in the place to which he has adjusted himself. One goes through the gate of death to live again. As you know: one seeks, one finds.

Later you will receive happiness in the beyond according to your own deeds now. Think about this. Make believe you are on your own plane after death and look over your obligations before you contract them.

Each morning ask yourself: What am I looking for? First of all, hear your conscience; do not beat about the bush. Each one of us must bow to the truth.

When you are wrong it is better to admit your mistakes without reservation and henceforward repair them. You are called upon to hurt yourself, but do not cheat yourself out of the opportunity.

Education for happiness in the beyond revolves about our daily troubles. You cannot achieve good works without effort.

Trials reveal character. If you promise to help someone, do it now. If you want improvement do not leave it for tomorrow. Do it today.

You are born from heaven and you will go back there carrying in your conscience the fruits of your labors. Before you go back to the beyond you must cleanse your inner world. Above all, keep a good conscience. The field of thought is free. Truly you live in acts and not dreams.

Where God is, there is joy, but where God is, there is also responsibility. Use the gifts lent to you for the good of all, because when death arrives you have everything that you gave to others. Here and there may God's love be seen through you.

> This message was received on July 10, 1965 in New York, New York, U.S.A. and published in the book *Entre Irmãos de Outras Terras* by the Brazilian Spiritist Federation.

# Adolescence

▣ Divaldo Franco

TSM - ONE OF THE HARDEST PARTS OF OUR INCARNATE EXPERIENCE IS ADOLESCENCE, AS IT ENCOMPASSES MALADJUSTMENT, LACK OF UNDERSTANDING, ANGER, ETC. BESIDES PHYSICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL CHANGES IS THERE ANY SPIRITUAL EXPLANATION FOR THE HARDSHIPS OF THIS PHASE IN OUR LIVES?

DF - At any stage of the reincarnatory process, the spirit is an integral being that is subject to the constraints imposed by the body, giving it the development of values that come in a relatively dormant state. Childhood and adolescence are,

thus, transitional stages, when resources should be employed to work upon the intellect and moral human being, so as to empower him to conquer the infinite. Of course, as organic maturation occurs, often under prescriptive needs arising from experiences of previous lives, the phenomenon presents itself as a character of the spiritual being. Thanks to such circumstance, the transition can be calm and positive, or harrowing and disturbing. Highly relevant in this phase is the presence of love and discipline with a view to future potential. Here lies the importance of human childhood



as the longest among the animals: it is that time when we set out the lessons that should guide our existence through development. The teenager develops the dormant imprints of the being, which will be expressed according to environmental, familial, educational, and social factors. We disagree with some scholars who claim that everything is imprinted in our genetic codes, once we understand that each reincarnation imposes requirements and commitments that can worked out through education, which has primordial importance. Let us never forget that, although the body is young, the spirit is not so, since it has had several experiences in the past from which it preserves achievements and debts. One day, a young man told me he was very fond of heavy rock music, and dressed like the bands that he admired, but in parallel he was interested in Spiritism and began to attend a Spiritist center. As he was in conflict, he did not know whether he had to leave behind the music that he liked or change his habits.

#### TSM - WHAT WOULD YOU SAY TO THAT YOUNG MAN?

DF - It is natural that in our youth the concept of security is tied to the interests of pleasure. In a moment in which loud and violent music draws attention, the young, not-yet defined personality starts to consume it, imitating the leaders who assume mythological or aberrant behavior, especially aggressive and rebellious in regard to social norms. Since we came upon this young man's dichotomy of behavior, and not knowing what course to follow, I would say that his interest in music should not be denied due to his interest in Spiritism. The Spiritist Doctrine may give you a wider view of real life to help you penetrate it and feel it more deeply, gaining insight into future behavior. It is necessary to acquire a selective sense, which results from experiences, in order to elect what is best for our human existence. Therefore, Spiritism never prohibits, but informs and guides.

#### TSM – WHAT ARE THE SYNONYMS OF BEING YOUNG FOR YOU? COULD YOU GIVE US FIVE MEANINGS OF IT?

DF - A dreamer who demands the infinite without knowing the way forward; the soft individual who awaits the patient work of education, which can be considered a skillful moral sculptor; the idealist with rich imagination and hope; the builder of new eras; the virgin soil that awaits seeding, which will bring forth what was sown.

#### TSM - DIVALDO, WHAT DO YOU DO TO STAY YOUNG?

DF – I observe strict discipline in my moral and mental habits, while placing duties before the pleasures of life, and remaining happy with the rare opportunity offered by my current reincarnation, which gives me the gift of the Spiritist consciousness. I avoid becoming irritated with myself by forgiving myself when I make a mistake, and I do the same with my neighbor. I do not allow myself to feel irritated when accused, nor delusional when praised... Thanks to the healthy habits of prayer, meditation, and work, I enrich myself with hope and joy never to give up.

#### TSM – WHAT DOES SPIRITISM OFFER TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADOLESCENTS WHO LIVE IN TODAY'S WORLD FILLED DRUGS, SEX, AND VIOLENCE?

DF – Spiritism offers fullness, demonstrating that the transience of pleasure should give way to the permanence of joy and well-being. Spiritism stimulates self-consciousness and knocks down the invisible walls of fear and anxiety, broadening the horizons of happiness, which go beyond the constraints of illusory passions.

#### TSM - WHO WAS THE YOUNG DIVALDO FRANCO?

DF - As far as I recall, the main trait of my current life personality has been joy of life, as I have always acknowledged God for the opportunity that I enjoy. In childhood, when the spiritual psychical phenomena that I ignored disturbed me, in prayer I found solace and peace, courage and enthusiasm to continue my path. Aware of my mediumistic reality, I sought to study the doctrine of the treasures that now illuminate my existence. The great experience that I have gained has taught me that we are builders of our own destiny, and that only when we decide to obtain what pleases us is it that we become conscious of the reality of life.

#### TSM – HOW DOES THE YOUNG SPIRITIST MUST BEHAVE IN THE WORLD?

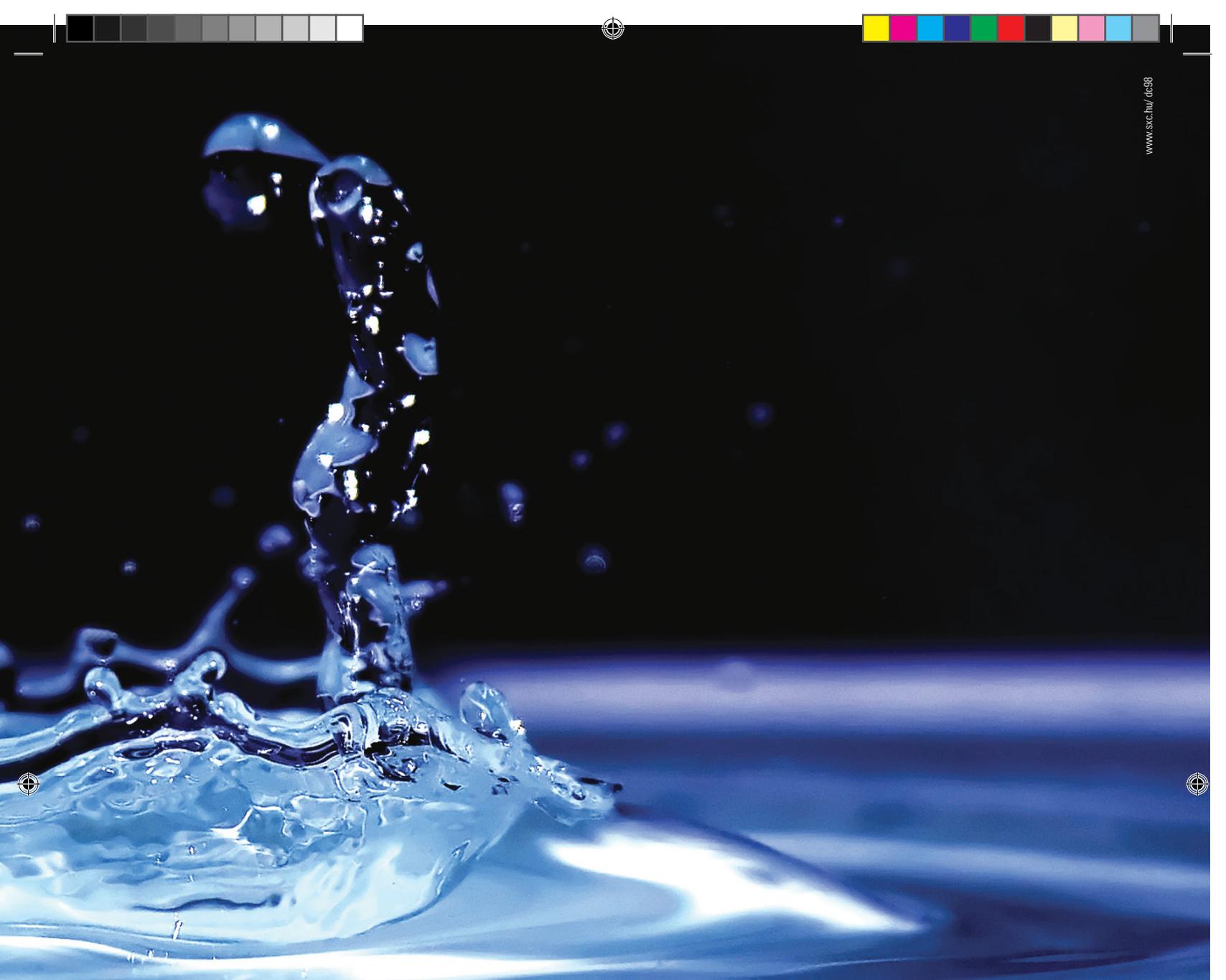
DF – The young Spiritist should make himself perfectly adjusted to doctrinal commitments, preserving himself from the disorders that predominate almost everywhere, by fulfilling his duties: study, practice, responsibility at home, work, sports, and charitable activities for the less fortunate. The young Spiritist will remain in the world without belonging to it, never trying to escape his commitments in order not to trip up on unnecessary conflicts. To be young is to have a treasure that must be preserved and multiplied through healthy investments.

# *The Law of Cause and Effect Versus the Law of Action and Reaction*

➤ Rodrigo Machado Tavares, B.Eng.; MS.c.; Ph.D.

**W**e live in this infinite universe created by God, our Father. Consequently, everyone and everything within the universe is subject to God's laws (or as some say, nature's laws). This truth is well explained by Spiritist teachings, particularly in the following books from the Spiritist codification, namely: *The Spirits' Book* (in the First Book – Causes); *Genesis* (Chapter 2) and *Heaven and Hell*.

One of these "laws of nature" is the well-known law of action and reaction. The law of action and reaction is the third of Newton's laws of motion. It is also commonly called Newton's third law. This law simply states that *whenever a body exerts a force on a second body, the second body will exert a force equal in magnitude but opposite in direction*. In other words, the law of action and reaction says that to every action, there will always be an equal and opposite reaction. It is relevant to observe that Newton's laws of motion are only applicable to movements in which the bodies' or objects' velocities are far below the speed of light. For this reason, quantum physics and the theory of relativity are being used to understand movements



of bodies and objects within the microcosmic and macrocosmic worlds. In summary, the law of action and reaction is not adequate to describe certain phenomena in the material world upon Earth.

Another of nature's laws is the Law of Cause and Effect, which was not discovered, but revealed to us in a realistic way, through Spiritism in the 19th century. This law is discussed in depth in the books of the Spiritist codification, especially *The Spirits' Book*, *The Gospel According to Spiritism* and *Genesis*. Knowledge of the existence of this divine law is very important for us to comprehend God's love. In fact, a clear understanding of the Law of Cause and Effect has the potential to bring our behavior into accord with love. In other terms, to understand the Law of Cause and Effect can help us to make wise decisions in life, and consequently to evolve more efficiently.

Therefore, considering these two laws and their similarities, it is not unusual to hear the following sentences: *The Law of Cause and Effect is the same thing of the law of action and reaction, that law from Isaac Newton*. In reality, the Law of Cause and Effect is a practical example of the law of action and reaction, because nothing is by chance. Based on that, we can ask ourselves: i) Are these two laws synonymous? ii) If so, why? iii) If not, what is the direct or indirect implication of thinking that they are the same? iv) What is the relationship between these laws?

These types of questions might be commonly asked, especially by those who are starting to study Spiritism. Having this in mind, we should always remember what the Spirit of Truth told us: ***Spiritists! Love one another, that is the first precept; the second is to educate yourselves.*** It is interesting to observe that The Spirit



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	Law of Action and Reaction	Law of Cause and Effect
Nature	Binary	Non-binary
Characteristics	Physical Law	Moral Law (Non-physical Law)
Process	Non-complex	Complex
Predictability	Determined	Variable
Applicability	Bodies/objects under certain conditions in the material world on Earth.	Intrapersonal and interpersonal relationships in the material and Spiritual worlds.
Time dependency	Immediate	Variable
Factors dependency	Limited	Many

Table 1: Core differences between the Law of Cause and Effect and the law of action and reaction

of Truth included a second commandment, educate yourselves, which clearly is not more important than love; nevertheless, it should also be our aim as Spiritists.

Sir Isaac Newton published his work on the laws of motion in 1687. The concept of the Law of Cause and Effect was introduced in the 19th century with the advent of Spiritism. It is reasonable to say many of us probably are (or used to be) more familiar with the law of action and reaction than with the Law of Cause and Effect. This can be said because we are all immortal beings and, therefore, we have heard and learned about law of action and reaction much earlier than the Law of Cause and Effect.

Furthermore, we can say that understanding of the Law of Cause and Effect is something new here on Earth. In addition to that, its concept is more "restricted" to us Spiritists. Following this thinking, it is very likely that many of us, when we started to study Spiritist teachings, as we were learning new concepts (including the Law of Cause and Effect) made some comparisons, analogies, and associations in order to make these new concepts clear in our minds. For instance, it is a common practice during the learning process to use an object of comparison to explain the object of study.

Following this logic, the object of study is the Law of Cause and Effect and the object of comparison is the law of action and reaction. Although, the association between these two laws can be made for learning purposes, it is not correct to say that these two laws are the same. When we do that, we are assuming that the object of study is the object of comparison and vice-versa. This misunderstanding can lead us to perceive the sentence "nothing is by chance" in the wrong way. As a consequence of that, there might be a likelihood of creating a "theory of divine fatalism" which has nothing to do with Spiritist teachings. The reading of Chapter 10 ("The Law of Liberty") of *The Spirits' Book* is recommended.

For this reason, it is appropriate to say that the Law of Cause and Effect is not the law of action and reaction. It is correct to say that both laws have a similar principle; nevertheless, they are different laws. Their similarity relies on the fact that for every action, there will be a reaction; i.e., for every cause, there is an effect. This is a logical event for everything in life; however, the manner in which these two laws are developed is completely different. Table 1 summarizes the core differences between these two laws.

As we can see, these two laws differ completely. Furthermore, we should always be aware of that. This is an important issue to be pointed out, because nothing is by chance; however, each case is particular.

Following this thinking, we should not try to "guess" the possible causes of the effects, when the circumstances are completely unknown to us, and especially if this knowledge will not add anything to our moral progress. For instance, we should not judge our neighbor by trying to find the causes of present situations (i.e., the effects) of his or her life. Neither should we "punish" ourselves through guilt for our mistakes and/or "sufferings." However, we should avoid committing the same errors, always reflecting before any action (including our thoughts). We should never "blame" God and/or the government and/or our families and/or our friends for our wrong-doings and/or "sufferings" in this present life. This is an indirect way of saying that the Law of Cause and Effect is the same of the law of action and reaction. And to say that the Law of Cause and Effect is the same as the law of action and reaction is almost promoting unconsciously the illogical doctrine of fatalism.

In summary, responsibility is the key word. We should use our free will wisely, loving ourselves and loving our neighbors. This is the way to love God, as demonstrated by Jesus here on Earth and well explained by Spiritism.



# EUTHANASIA

## *Guidance from the Spiritual World*



▣ Janet Duncan

Suffering is a painful subject! However, it is time now for earthly Humanity to begin to come to an understanding that things are not always just as they appear. Within Spiritist teachings, as codified by Allan Kardec, coming to us from the spirit world through various mediums ever since 1857, there is much guidance on matters that affect us during our bodily sojourn on this planet. This has brought us to recognize that frequently, with the best of intentions, we commit grave errors of judgment, requiring readjustment in future lives, under the spiritual Law of Cause and Effect.

We therefore submit a few items of Spiritist teachings that have come from some spiritual benefactors (known to be trustworthy and reliable), that were received by Brazil's best-known medium Francisco Xavier,

commonly called "Chico," who returned to the spiritual homeland in 2002, at the age of 92.

### CONDEMNING EUTHANASIA

*"Is euthanasia a good thing in cases of incurable illnesses?"*

Man has no right to practice euthanasia, in no case whatsoever, even when it appears to be a demonstration of a beneficial measure.

Prolonged agony may have a precious purpose for the soul, or an incurable disease can be beneficial. This is because it can act as a drainage valve for the imperfections of the spirit, thus helping it in its march towards the acquisition of a higher level of moral life. Even more, divine design is unfathomable and mankind's precarious science cannot decide upon the transcendental problems of the needs of the spirit."

EMMANUEL

(Taken from the book *O Consolador* (The Consoler) question 106, received by Francisco Xavier, published by the Brazilian Spiritist Federation - FEB. Translated from the original Portuguese.)



## WHEN VISITING THOSE ON BEDS OF PAIN.

“Happy ones of this Earth! When you go by the foot of the beds of those who are passing through prolonged agony, cast aside all thoughts of hastening their death! ...

Close beside those who are chained to their beds and behind mouths unable to speak are spiritual benefactors fulfilling ennobling tasks, praying and holding out friendly arms!

For now, we are ignorant of the value of just a few minutes of reconsideration, on the part of the ones who will be travelling, as they ardently seek to examine the pathways they have trodden before their return to the comfort of their spiritual home.

If you do not feel you have the capacity to offer a few words of consolation or the help of a prayer, go away and leave them in peace! The tears they weep are as pearls of hope covering their faces. The groans they drag up from their chests, seeming to be sobs imprisoned deep in their hearts, almost always represent hymns of happiness as they face immortality that shines brilliantly from the beyond!

Companions of this world, who still have only a limited vision of the carnal framework, for love of your dearest sentiments, give consolation and silence, sympathy and veneration to those who approach the tomb! They are not the tortured mummies that your eyes contemplate, destined for the gravestone where dust destroys.... They are children of heaven, preparing to return to their homeland, waiting to travel the river of truth, along whose margin one day you too will travel!...”

ANDRE LUIZ

(Extract taken from “Sexo e Destino” (Sex & Destiny) received by Francisco Xavier and Waldo Vieira, chapter 7, pages 272-273 – special edition edited by FEB. Translated from the original Portuguese.)

## SUFFERING AND EUTHANASIA.

“When you find yourself before someone whom death is shrouding in a shadowy halo, remember that life continues beyond the great renewal....

Do not believe you are authorized to strike the supreme blow to those who suffer in silence, on the pretext of consoling and loving. Because frequently behind dim eyes and trembling hands that wave their final farewells, the person is only acting in response to notice and warnings so that their errors may be repressed or so their pathway may be adjusted tomorrow. Behind the most insidious and most difficult sickness shines help from Infinite

goodness, facilitating the indebted person to earn his or her release.

For this reason, in our own sicknesses, recognizably obscure from earthly diagnoses, there shine lessons whose ending we must await, so that mankind does not lose its divine essence. When this happens it is because the carnal body is a sublime instrument, even when highly deformed or mutilated, through which the soul is called to light its evolutionary flame. It is for this reason that at each step in this world where we find ourselves we encounter physical clothing in diverse moral models.

- Bodies that are sanctuaries...
- Bodies that are workshops...
- Bodies that are blessings...
- Bodies that are hiding places...
- Bodies that are flagellations...
- Bodies that are ambulances...
- Bodies that are prisons...
- Bodies that are expiations...

In each of these ideas, however, there beats the concession of the Lord, inducing us to make payment for old debts that eternal justice has not yet erased.

So, do not disrespect those who are immobilized on a horizontal cross of prolonged and difficult sickness, by administering them the poison of an easy death, inasmuch as you will also probably come to know later of the usefulness of lying down, a position indispensable for profound meditation.

By using kindness toward those who are passing through similar experiences, you will not lack kindness from those around you on the day of your greatest experience. Remember that in giving value to terrestrial existence, Christ Himself snatched Lazarus from the darkness of the grave so that this beloved friend could have further opportunity to complete the time needed for his personal sublimation.”

EMMANUEL

Religião dos Espíritos (Religion of the Spirits) – received by Francisco Xavier, page 59-60, published by FEB. Translated from the original Portuguese.

Nothing in this life is for nothing! As we come gradually to consider the facts and gain a greater understanding of the real purpose of LIFE, so will we find it possible to broaden our horizons and realize that true justice and true love actually do exist! The Universal Creative Force is always merciful in helping us to right the wrongs we have committed over time. Let us be thankful!



# *The GREEDY MAN of Forno Street*

▸ Allan Kardec

THE NEWSPAPER PETITE PRESSE OF NOVEMBER 19, 1868 TRANSCRIBED THE FOLLOWING NEWS ITEM FROM THE NEWSPAPER *LE DROIT*:

"In a miserable hut on Four-Saint-Germain Street, lived an individual of a certain age named P...

"He did not receive anyone. He would cook for himself more frugally than a recluse. He wore sordid clothes. The man was so thin that he seemed to be depleted by privations of all kinds and was thought to be a victim of the most profound poverty.

"However, a foul odor began to spread throughout his house. Its intensity increased and reached a small restaurant on the ground floor to the point that the customers complained about it.

"People searched for the cause of the bad smell and found that it came from the house inhabited by P...

"The finding brought to mind that P... had not been seen for some time and, fearing that something awful had happened, they quickly informed the local police.

"Immediately, the authorities stopped by at the location and demanded that the locksmith open the door. However, as soon as they got into the bedroom, they felt suffocated and had to leave. Only after they let the outside air come in were they able to get in and investigate with due care.

"A sad scenario opened up before the eyes of the policeman and of the doctor who accompanied him. Lying on the bed, the body of this P.. was in a complete state of putrefaction; covered with blowflies, thousands of worms gnawing the meat that was falling to pieces.

"The state of decomposition did not reveal the cause of death, which evidently had happened some time before. There was an absence of any trace of violence, suggesting a natural cause of death, such as a stroke or a cerebral hemorrhage. In fact, they found inside a piece of furniture about 35 thousand francs in cash, stock, bonds, and various securities.

"After the formalities, they rushed to remove the human remains and disinfect the site. The money and the securities were collected and sealed."

Upon being evoked at the Spiritist Society of Paris, this man gave the following communication:

**SPIRITIST SOCIETY OF PARIS, NOVEMBER 20, 1868 – MEDIUM: MR. RUL**

You ask me why I let myself starve to death when I possessed a treasure: 35,000 francs are in fact a fortune! Poor me! Gentlemen, you are too well informed about what is happening around you not to understand that I underwent trials and that my end clearly states that I failed. Indeed, in a previous



existence, I had fought mightily against poverty, a battle which I had won only with effort, energy, and perseverance. Twenty times I was about to see myself deprived of the rewards of my labor. So I was not sensitive to the poor, whom I drove away whenever they knocked at my house. I saved whatever I earned for my family, my wife and children.

Therefore, for my trial in this new existence I chose to be sober and moderate, and share my wealth with the poor, my brothers in despair.

Have I kept my word? On the contrary, I was very sober and moderate, very moderate indeed. But I was not charitable.

My unfortunate end was only the beginning of my sufferings, harder and more painful this time, when seeing with the eyes of the spirit. So I would not have had the courage to come before you if I had not been assured that you are good and compassionate with others' disgrace. I then come to ask you to pray for me. Ease my sufferings, you who know the means to make suffering less painful. Pray for your brother who suffers and wants to go back to suffer so much more!

Mercy, my God! Pity the weak being who failed. And, you gentleman, compassion for your brother who begs for your prayers.

The Scrooge of Forno Street

> This article was published in the Revue Spirite in January, 1869.

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# *I Wish I Had Never Been Born*

► Jussara Korngold

**“I WISH I HAD NEVER BEEN BORN!” HOW MANY TIMES HAVE WE HEARD A SON OR A DAUGHTER MAKING THIS STATEMENT, OR HOW MANY TIMES HAVE WE SAID THIS TO OUR PARENTS?**

The fact is that not only did we ask to be born, but we also asked to be born into the exact family to which we now belong. A family is always comprised of similar spirits, either attracted to one another through noble realizations of love or through serious and disturbing commitments from previous lives, which explain so many conflicts taking place in a household.

Family is always a sublime opportunity for the reencounter and mixing of spirits, providing the most varied enlightening experiences in the terrestrial school.

*Committed before rebirth, and facing urgent duties that cannot be postponed, spirits forming the family group assume responsibility in the presence of their*

*future offspring, establishing plans and projects which are to be followed through with in the carnal world, meeting evolutionary demands.*

*After consulting the maps of individual responsibilities, the spirit guides present the future parents to their offspring, with whom they will cultivate and forge ties of love, designating processes for spiritual growth, through which all will reach the goals to which they aspire.<sup>1</sup>*

Being a parent, however, is a mission not without distress, and many times it is necessary to be self-abnegating regarding each trial that parents may suffer because of their children.

Quite often parents do not find among their children the goodness their hearts desire, but on the contrary, children may bring displeasure, sorrow and ingratitude that cause great suffering. In *The Gospel According to Spiritism* the spirits tell us that ingratitude



is one of the most immediate fruits of selfishness. It is always revolting to honest hearts. But the ingratitude of children toward their parents has an even more odious character.<sup>2</sup>

Therefore, the only way for us to accept and understand this situation is through knowledge. Spiritism teaches us that *upon leaving the earth spirits realize the disastrous effects of their passions and then resolve to do better. They understand that, in order to reach God, there is one password only: charity. These spirits look at those they detested while on earth, and after years of meditation and prayer they agree to be born into the family of the one they used to hate. However, the constant contact with individuals they used to hate is a terrible trial to which they sometimes succumb if their will is not sufficiently strong. Thus, depending on whether good or bad resolution prevails, the spirit will be either a friend or an enemy of those among whom it has been called upon to live. This is how one can explain those hatreds, those instinctive repulsions that may be observed in certain children and which no previous act seems to justify.*<sup>3</sup>

If serious disaffections dive into carnal clothes in order to restart the evolutionary experiences with old enemies or unfortunate victims, experiencing lives of reparation, it is to give way to renewal and peace. This is the mission that has been entrusted to parents and for which they will receive recompense if they faithfully fulfill it. The care and education they give their children will help in their self-improvement and future well-being. Thence, it is pivotal for parents to be patient and to take great care, not forgetting that the ones who most have need of their mercy and forgiveness are the ones who are the least good-natured and are the least knowledgeable regarding morality.

*However, carefully laid plans do not always work out; many parents, due to emotional troubles and psychological distresses become careless towards their children, not respecting their previous commitment. The psychological immaturity of many adults leads the parents to child-like behaviors, and they try to maintain the same habits they had before the birth of their children. They regret no longer being able to enjoy certain pleasures of deception, while also ignoring new responsibilities that call out for their attention. Often they believe that by providing the necessary means for supporting the home, they already have sacrificed enough, unwilling to commit and resign themselves further.*<sup>4</sup>

They expect that, in spite of such behaviors, their children will grow up well as a result of some miraculous decree of Providence. They overlook the fact that not even in nature does this happen.

A seed of a tree in order to grow and develop needs to be planted in the right soil that will supply it with the necessary nutrients. It will also need the right amount of water and sunlight so that it can grow strong and give good fruits. So, how could we expect that for us rational beings it would be any different? If we want to see our children give good fruits we have to dedicate ourselves to them.

As a result of lack of attention, what had been agreed upon previously - that is, that the relationship should grow stronger in love and mutual respect - is seriously compromised. It is under those circumstances that we witness tumultuous relationships that border on violence and madness within the household.

Life is not made by improvisation; nothing happens by chance; and what sometimes may appear as chance is nothing more than the manifestation of unknown mechanisms that have been previously programmed. We have to keep in mind that following God's design, which always works with the aim of benefiting us, spirits presenting vibratory similarities and the same frequency of thought and evolvment will be placed together to work on their evolutionary needs. Their goal is to untie the hateful bonds that have been connecting them, sometimes for many centuries, and to develop bonds of love in their place.

It is thus that we see yesterday's rejected lover returning as the rebellious daughter, tormented, awakening the father's pity and mercy, diluting herself from resentment. Thus also is the ungrateful son returning as the father of a previous experience, spoiled in his aspirations, having a new opportunity to forgive, in case his moral ineptitude did not allow him to forgive earlier.

*Imagine how many past life stories there are among incarnated beings upon the Earth, and that if we knew them we would bow our heads in shame! It is true that we cannot know these stories now, but it should satisfy us to know that there is no effect without a cause.*<sup>5</sup>

If it were not for the family, heinous crimes that often occur out of view of society, (but not the individual's awareness), would be difficult to rectify, because in the most complex groupings, hatreds would resurface much more easily, creating terrible episodes of vengeance and thoughtlessness, further complicating the processes of reparation.

In the center of the family, because of daily coexistence and biological ties, mutual reparations become easier. Not always, however, are the results positive, due to the severity of the crime and the deep resentment and ill-will still present, thereby requiring new future commitments. Nevertheless, better





prospects of understanding and mutual assistance always spring forth.

*Therefore, if a good parent has difficult children, it is not the result of punishment but only the result of a just law. For this reason parents should not rebuff the little child who spurns them, nor the one who repays with ingratitude. It was no accident that made the child the way he is and gave him to you. An imperfect intuition about the past is being revealed, from which you may deduce that one or the other of you has hated much or has been greatly offended.<sup>6</sup> These children were given to parents as a sacred duty by God so they could be their guides and protectors, and to help them in taking at least one step forward on the long road of their spiritual progress.<sup>7</sup>*

Our conduct within the family should be a beautiful example, exhibiting all kinds of virtues. It is through our example that one day some of those around us could be led to becoming good citizens.

So, next time you hear your child saying, or you think about saying to your parents "I wish I had never been born!" think twice, and remember that according to Divine Laws, you were placed in the exact place, among family members that have joined together to achieve their best in terms of spiritual evolution. Use all the opportunities you have, the good and the bad ones, to work in your favor. Exercise patience whenever one of your loved ones says something unpleasant

to you. Exercise charity and always be the first to offer a helping hand in challenging times. Always be gentle, and you will see that life will smile at you, and above all, you will smile at yourself for what you are now capable of achieving.

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1 From the book Family Constellation – Joanna de Angelis and Divaldo Franco translated by SAB.

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# *We Are Water and Spirit*

▣ Bernie Siegel, MD

You can look into a mirror and see your image  
 water reflects your image too  
 but unlike a mirror you must get close to the water and yourself to see the reflection  
 and just as water may exist as a liquid, solid, or vapor  
 you can undergo continual transformation too  
 depending on your state of consciousness  
 you can choose to close your heart  
 and become hard and cold as ice  
 or become sparkling diamonds on the branches of the tree of life  
 or protect and guard the life which exists beneath the surface  
 for it is only when we are willing to go beneath the surface  
 into the stillness and depth of our being that we truly find ourselves  
 and create the authentic path our stream should follow  
 as a stream of water flows over and around stones making beautiful sounds  
 your blood stream can flow over obstacles, become as destructive as a tsunami  
 or choose to vaporize and rise above life's difficulties  
 ready to fall back, when needed,  
 as gentle rain softening the soil of life  
 one day every blood stream will find its way to the endless sea of life  
 where you will be reborn as white crystals  
 which descend slowly and gently onto the frozen ground  
 when the world experiences a drought of love  
 forming a blank canvas upon which the world can now create a work of art.

## TAO TE CHING

Nothing in the world is as soft and yielding as water yet for dissolving the hard and inflexible, nothing can surpass it the soft overcomes the hard; the gentle overcomes the rigid, everyone knows this is true, but few can put it into practice.



# New Responsibilities

► Bezerra de Menezes

NEW ERA

## SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF MY SOUL, MAY JESUS BLESS US ALL.

The twentieth-first century has brought about the most advanced technology and has explored the endless horizons of science.

Ancient mysteries of knowledge are revealed. Enigmas which had been incomprehensible are deciphered and materialism smiles mockingly at messages of sublime love.

Paradoxically, formidable advances in these areas of intellect have failed to modify the traumatic events that have recently taken place on the planet. At the height of intelligent achievement, social turmoil remains attached to the planetary upheavals at this time of great transitions that our beloved Earth is going through.

From one moment to the next a volcanic eruption breaks the layers that hide the magma, and the ashes – tossing them more than 10,000 meters above the surface, changing the whole European landscape and threatening communications and movement, while many fear other repeated eruptions that may bring poisonous gases or molten lava. Phenomena of such magnitude can be detected but not prevented, showing that the vacuity of intelligence cannot overcome the wisdom of the cosmic laws established by God.

And Gaia - the great Mother Nature - is in contortion, while violence erupts voraciously in different locations, threatening the political, economic, social and, above all, moral stability of civilization, characterizing these as the days of ancient Sodom and Gomorrah of biblical times....

One might believe that chaos would be the inevitable conclusion; however, the terrestrial boat that sails the immense horizons of the cosmos is not adrift. Jesus is at the helm and His divine architects

command the movements that will produce changes in the geological mass, as moral transformations occur.

The new era having begun in this same century, it brings about a precursory period of peace, religious faith, art, beauty, goodness, and duty. As both incarnate and discarnate souls notice this period of transformation, we are invited to contribute in favor of the progress that reaches us in a complex but well directed way.

Let us proceed together with the hosts of the Consoler toward the new period of world regeneration. May our actions be directed by the teachings of Jesus, so the behavioral guidelines must be clearly defined for everyone. May we also be identified by the way that we face trouble, anguish, adverse experiences, and holocaust, just like the early Christians who lived through a similar period. They established the liberating Gospel on Earth, which had been disfigured during seventeen centuries and now has been restored by Allan Kardec, who brought us the Consoler as promised by Jesus.

It is therefore understandable that spirits committed to a criminal past are trying to instill disorder by establishing an imbalance of the emotions that are categorically evil in the mythical version of demonic disturbances. On behalf of the inextinguishable light of those momentous days in Galilee, particularly during the incomparable symphony of bliss, we demonstrate that ours is the power of love, and our thoughts in the intimate inner world are working for our enlightenment.

These days, as in the past, to love is to see God in our neighbor; to meditate is to find God in our intimate inner world, in order to spread charity toward all human beings. Let us work, then, with our inner world, not fearing any threats of a calamitous nature

occurring through great destructions that are part of the progress and renewal of the planet. Neither should we fear conflicts of a domestic or emotional nature, showing that the light of Christ shines within us and guides us safely.

Eurasia, tired of so much war, destruction, and materialist blindness, continuing holocausts amongst races and ethnic groups, and arbitrary and perverse governments, cries out for Jesus, just as the rest of the world does. His emissaries, from Krishna to Baha'u'llah, from Moses to Allan Kardec, from Buddha to the pilgrims of non-violence, from Mohammed to the Muslim peacemakers who are all ministers of Jesus, have prepared the pathways across the millennia in order that through the Consoler, even without changing philosophies or religious policies, love remains predominate.

Let us celebrate and live our belief in God, immortality, and successive existences, inspiring all humanity to hold each other's hands in order to build the new world of regeneration and peace that we all long for...

My children, Jesus has always been and will always be our compass, leading us safely to plenitude. Strive for goodness at any price. However long a corporeal existence it may take, it is always just a brief moment within immortality. Therefore, sow love today, thus safely redeeming yourselves from the mistakes of yesterday, knowing that these are the sublime days of great change for the better. We will still shed many tears and hear many alarming prophecies, but the Earth will emerge happier and more refined from this process, with its fortunate children headed for a superior world on the evolutionary scale.

Dear friends from different countries gathered here, we send you our very best wishes on behalf of the spirits that are part of the team of the Consoler. We implore the unforgettable Master to continue blessing all of us with His peace, confident that together with Him – the ever-loving One, so frequently rejected – we shall overcome all obstacles.

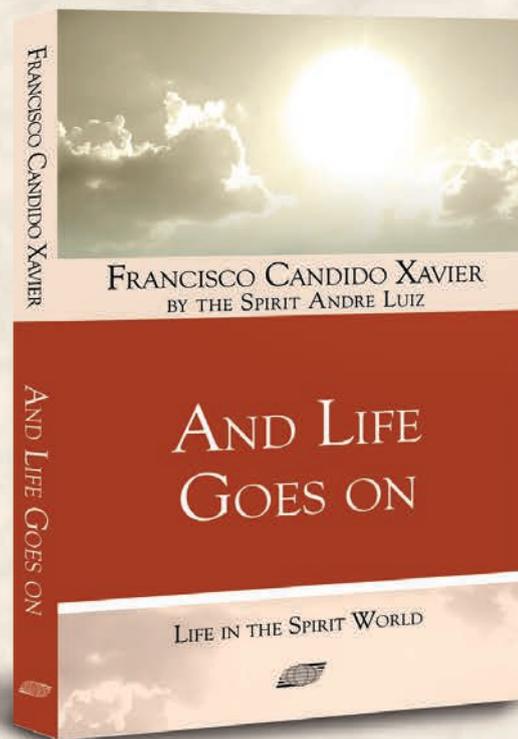
Sons and daughters of my soul, I send you much peace. May our beloved Jesus remain with us always.

These are the constant wishes of your humble and paternal servant.

Bezerra<sup>1</sup>

- > (Message received in trance by the medium Divaldo Franco, on the morning of May 9, 2010, at the meeting of the International Spiritist Council, in Warsaw, Poland.)
- > Translation by Debora Cordeiro Rosa, Johnny Silveira and Janet Duncan.

<sup>1</sup> Message slightly revised and amended by its spiritual Author. Annotation made by the medium.



This book presents a description of the human being after discarnation and demonstrates that, in the Beyond, the mental state of spirits directly impacts their existence there.

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# *Glorious Moments of Transition*

## ➤ Bezerra de Menezes

### ... WE ARE NOW IN A NEW PERIOD.

These days mark a very special moment in history, the moment of change in the world, from expiation and atonement to a world of regeneration.

The dark night that fell upon the Earth slowly has given way to a dawn of blessings.

To go backward is no longer an option.

You daughters and sons of my soul signed a commitment to Jesus before you plunged into the flesh, to serve Him with dedication and devotion.

You promised you would be faithful to Him even if you were required to sacrifice.

Broadening the horizons of the dawn that leads to the fullness of the day, let us rejoice together --we incarnate spirits--and you that transit through the world of shadow. But beyond the ecstasy that dominates us all, let us keep in mind the serious responsibilities that garnish our existence in the body or out of it.

We must revive the unforgettable days of the time of martyrdom. We will be invited, not only to the applause, the enthusiasm, and the joy, but also to the testimony, the silent testimony, of the inner landscapes of the soul, the testimony of love for those who do not love us, the testimony

of selflessness in helping those who still take pleasure in creating problems, unnecessarily trying to hinder the march of progress. The great transition having begun, we will reach the climax, while the planet experiences its physical and geological changes, as well as unavoidable moral changes. Let us be those Spiritist spirits who demonstrate the greatness of the love of Jesus in our lives.

Others may claim, others may complain, and others may debate, while we keep in our souls the commitment to love, and love always, bringing Jesus back with all the vigor of those faraway days that are yet so very close... Jesus, beloved sons and daughters, is waiting for us! Let our shield be love, our work tools be love, and our life a hymn of love.

These are the wishes that we conceive, the Spiritist spirits who suggested that I be their representative before you.

With much love, the humble and paternal servant of always.

Much peace, sons and daughters of my heart!

- > This message was mediumistically received by the medium Divaldo Franco on April 18, 2010 at the closing ceremony of the Third Brazilian Spiritist Meeting in Brasilia, Brazil.



## Spiritism In The United Kingdom

▣ Antonio Cesar Perri de Carvalho DDS, PhD

On my first visit to the UK, I was interested in finding out what existed there in regard to Spiritism. In 1971, I found a Spiritualist church in Manchester and even paid a modest fee to receive the magnetic pass. Two years later, in London, we visited the Spiritualist Association of Great Britain (SAGB) founded in 1872 and a follower of Modern Spiritualism from Hydesville - and the Society for Psychical Research (SPR) - founded in 1882 by a group of British academics. From these two organizations I acquired books and periodicals. Then I realized that there was no Spiritist organization in the country, but rather that the movement there follows the tradition of the "new spiritualism," which focuses on mediumship as a professional practice.

Arthur Conan Doyle wrote about the differences in Spiritism in Britain<sup>1</sup>. The SPR has kept its focus on research, true to its purpose, since its foundation. At our visit we collected data for the preparation of the book *The Wise Men and Ms. Piper*<sup>4</sup>, about the remarkable medium of Boston, and at that time we

published an article in the *International Spiritist Journal* as a report on my visit to the country<sup>3</sup>.

On a more recent stay in London, I followed a program sponsored by the British Union of Spiritist Societies (BUSS), while visiting the SAGB and the SPR again. In neither of these were there any major changes. The SPR still publishes the traditional periodical *Journal of the Society for Psychical Research*. At the SAGB, I had the pleasant surprise of finding an issue of *Psychic News Journal* highlighting Chico Xavier on its first page<sup>7</sup>. We had the opportunity to visit journalist Guy Lyon Playfair - who worked in Brazil - and who is the author of several books, including reports of his contacts with the medium "Arigo" and Chico Xavier, in *The Flying Cow* (1975), and the recent *New Clothes for Old Souls* (2006). Playfair has just completed a book on Chico Xavier which is to be published shortly.

But what has changed in England during the last decades regarding its spirituality?

The major change is that there is now Spiritism with an organized Spiritist movement in the United Kingdom.

Many efforts and attempts were made during the first waves of dissemination. Chico Xavier and Waldo Vieira visited the UK in 1965<sup>5</sup>. Divaldo Franco also began visiting the UK in 1967<sup>2</sup>. The first Spiritist organization in England was founded 27 years ago with the Allan Kardec Study Group through the efforts of Janet Duncan. She lived and worked for some time in São Paulo, Brazil where she became a collaborator of the Spiritist Group Batuíra, and visited Chico Xavier several times. Upon her return to the UK, she founded

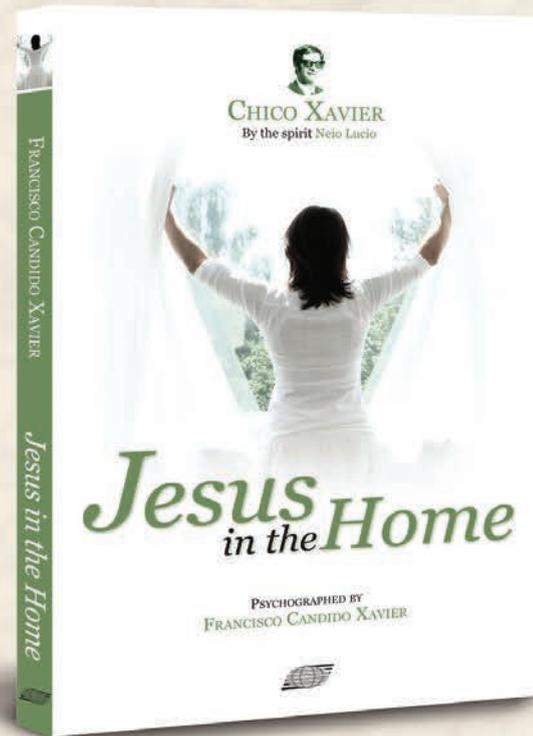
the above mentioned Spiritist center and also created Allan Kardec Publishing Ltd., which issued books in English such as the *Christian Agenda*, *Astral City (Our Home)* and *The Gospel According Spiritism*. From that first London center others were created. Currently there are more than a dozen centers and spiritual groups in England which led to the founding of the British Union of Spiritist Societies (BUSS) in 1994. In recent years, some of these institutions have already been building up a substantial record of charity. The BUSS has promoted many events with guest speakers, conferences, congresses and support for physician-Spiritists. The achievements that occur are due mainly to the valiant struggles of immigrants in the difficult adjustments to another culture and the ceaseless work to form and maintain Spiritist groups. In this regard, we always encourage reading of and reflection on the historical novels of Emmanuel. Therefore, there is a certain similarity between the first centuries of Christianity and this century and a half of Spiritism.

The British Union of Spiritist Society (BUSS) hosted a week of events covering the life and psychographic work of Chico Xavier in London, between May 10 and 16, with our participation. During a one-day period, we participated in an informal meeting of questions and answers with workers at the BUSS headquarters of spiritualists. Concluding the program, we presented the seminar "The psychographic works of Chico Xavier" which was attended by leaders and contributors of various Spiritist groups in Britain. The BUSS prepared a short film in honor of Chico Xavier. On that occasion, information about the actions of the International Spiritist Council were presented, including its English editions of books by Chico Xavier and an issue of *The Spiritist Magazine* was released, published by the CSI, which highlights the honored medium.

Before the seminar, on Saturday morning, there was an assembly of BUSS and election of a new board, which will be coordinated by Elsa Rossi. Moreover, it is the second time that our presence in London coincides with meetings of BUSS. For further information: [www.buss.org.uk](http://www.buss.org.uk)

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NEW RELEASE



This book contains lessons taught by Jesus during meetings at Simon Peter's house, where the first Christian home worship was held. It addresses themes such as love for one's neighbor, the value of service, compassion, education, etc.

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It is recommended that *Jesus in the Home* be used in conjunction with *The Gospel according to Spiritism*, *The Spirits' Book*, or any other book chosen by the group. In families with children, it would be useful to add *Our Father* by the spirit Meimei. All three titles are available from the International Spiritist Council.

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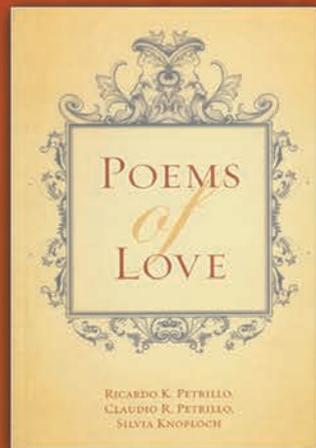
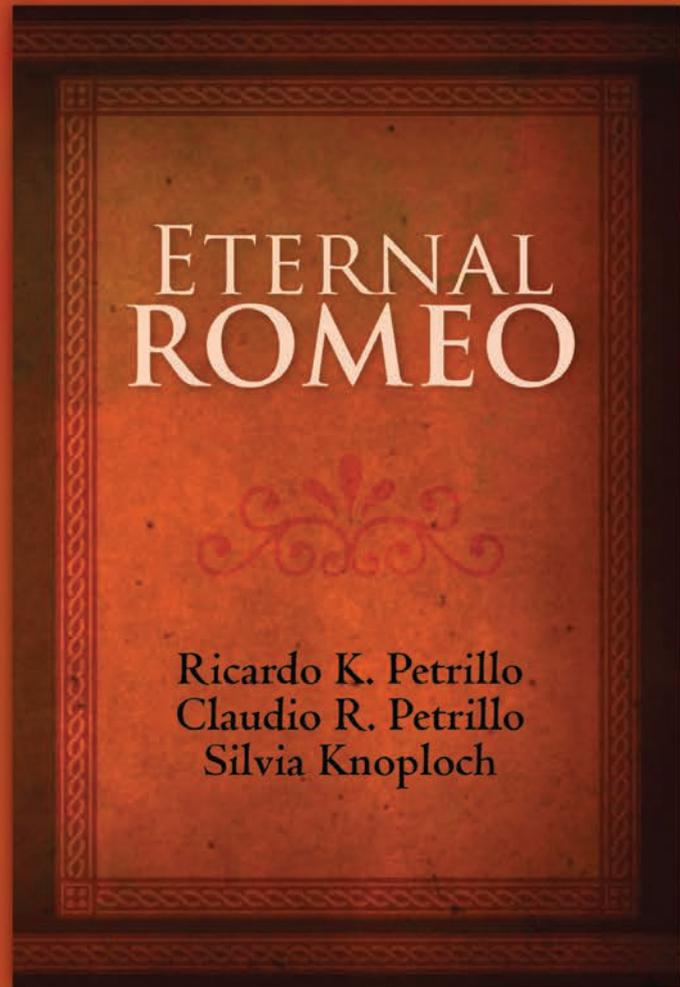
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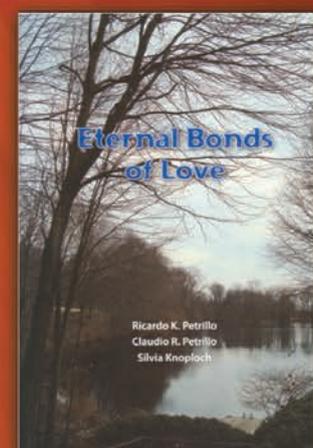
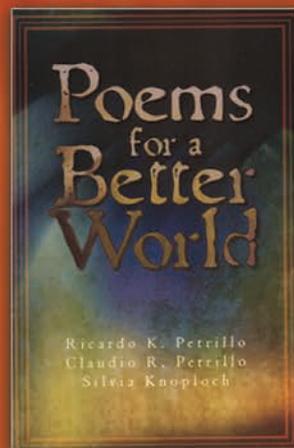
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## *Others' Happiness*

▣ Marcel Souto Maior

A well-established entrepreneur came to Chico Xavier looking for help.

- I have everything, Chico: money, a wonderful family, beautiful children, and a great home, but I am not at all happy. The entrepreneur awaited a spiritual pass, a prayer, a magical solution. Instead, he received a short piece of advice:  
- You are missing the happiness of others.

> From the book *As Lições de Chico Xavier* by Marcel Souto Maior



# Molding Your Heart

▸ Andre Luiz

**B**rothers and sisters on the earth: in the midst of the tribulations of human existence, learn to tolerate and to forgive! ... No matter how hurt or slandered, offended or cursed, forget evil by doing good! ... You who have had your trust betrayed, or your spirit torn in the traps of darkness, light the light of love wherever you are! Friends, you who have been vilified or insulted in your most sublime intentions, forget these offenses and bless the tribulations that mold your heart for the Greater World! ...

Sisters, who have suffered indescribable torments in your flesh, despised by smiling tormentors who left you distraught in anguish after having lured you with false promises, bless those who have destroyed your dreams! ... Single mothers, banished from home and beaten by life, falling into prostitution for having kept in your womb the children of your disgrace without resorting to an abortion; suffering mothers who are many times denied the right to defend yourselves – a

right extended even to criminals in prisons – forgive your tormentors! ...

Parents, who bear on your bruised shoulders the burden of thankless children; children, who endure in flesh and soul the tyranny and brutality of insensitive parents; and spouses, pierced with the daggers of misunderstanding and cruelty within the walls of your home: acquit each other! ...

Sufferers of all kinds of obsessive conditions, weave veils of compassion and hope over the unfortunate spirits – incarnate or discarnate – who torment you at every hour! ... People, harmed or persecuted all over the world, forgive those who have become instruments of your afflictions and tears! ...

When you feel the temptation to strike back, remember the One who encouraged us to “love our enemies” and to “pray for those who persecute and slander us!” Remember the Christ of God, who preferred to be condemned rather than to condemn, because those who practice evil know not what they are doing! ... Know for certain that the laws of death do not exempt anyone, and do not forget that on the day of your great farewell to those who stay behind in this place of trials, it is only through the blessings of love and peace of a clear conscience that you will find the deliverance you have longed for!

Source: And Life Goes On by Andre Luiz (Spirit) / Chico Xavier (Medium), published by the International Spiritist Council



TESTIMONIAL

# What a Surprise!

➤ Sara Mir

**W**hat a surprise! I had been Spiritist all my life and I was not aware of it.

Two years ago I joined the Spiritist group of Baltimore, and I was honored to attend Dr. Vanessa Anseloni's weekly lecture. Reflecting on the lecture I sensed an odd familiarity with the topic, slowly it dawned on me that the lecture lined closely to Rumi's teaching.

Later on, participating at the Spiritist Group of Virginia, we were assigned to give a lecture about the immortality of soul; the subject came very natural to me and I completed it with two poems of Rumi relevant the topic.

Almost everyone at the lecture appreciated Rumi's poem and were very interested to know more about Rumi. This gave me the opportunity to have a discussion with Dr. Anseloni about my faith and how my upbringing had been immersed in the Rumi's teaching. The outcome of that conversation made me to realize that in-fact I had been Spiritist all my life.

Rumi the 13<sup>th</sup> century Persian mystic poet was born on the eastern shores of the Persian Empire on September 30, 1207. Rumi is now one of the most widely read poets in America and his work has been translated into many world languages including: English, Spanish, French, Italian and Russian.

Sara Mir is a member of the Spiritist Group of Virginia.

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# In the Light of Love

➤ Chico Xavier

**My dear brothers and distinguished sisters in commitment with Jesus,**

Let us pray together the Lord's gifts of understanding and peace, faith and brotherly love!

Faced with the infinite mercy of Our Father manifested among us in lights and unsurpassed goodness, we have to consider, in gratitude and recognition, the sincere friendship we owe to each other, as the effort to adopt the message of the Gospel of Love and the work ennobles the days, the inner life, always praising God!

We watch the manifestations of those generous hearts that in us - humble candidate for the Christian enlightenment - see what it shines in Jesus our Lord, and our deep gratitude for this mark of kindness and tenderness - a real stimulus to our heart still imperfect, proposing us the continuation of the great struggle for the renewal of our own in light of the Gospel.

In these notes of recognition and gratitude, we do not use here the effect of conventional human thought divorced from the love of God. No! We stress the truth that shows in life that we discover, between tears and sacrifices, faith and service, sublime enjoyment.

All of our disagreements on Earth are still residues of our inferior tendencies, like Transitional shadows between inerasable lights of Divine Love...

In the Christian Spiritist journey the challenges are always a reflection of our imperfections.

I tell you this with sincerity brought from the experiences reported by the years of blessed learning and labor between the Physical and Spiritual Worlds.

The Chico you all identify with the unchanging goodness of your so-dear souls is nothing but the projection of the potential that springs, beautiful and immortal, of your feelings converted to our Lord Jesus Christ!

Our duty towards Spiritism reaches high levels of responsibility. All the openings of human society in regard to the sublime revelation that came with Allan Kardec require from all of us to erase everything that, inside of us, resemble the impediment, the adulteration of the exalted evangelical purposes, then revived by the teachings of the spirits.

The most significant manifestation of love is the faith that corrects our defects, raising us from the tragedies and hardships of all sorts and shows us the



Lord on top of the mountain, which is towered more by the mechanism of evolution and progress.

The happiness of those who actually understand the Doctrine of the Spirits is to serve because serving without demands, without elitism, without the painful shadow of vanity and pride, we exercise the gift of love.

There is no other way, my brothers, to seeing and feeling God inside yourself!

The "Cisco" that talks to you right now, still needs the lovely prayers from all of you.

An incarnation, illuminated by the Doctrine and seeking its own education in discipline, is a significant step, but not holiness, as many think.

Respect to all is the basic principle of the evolution. We do not recognize authority who does not love, excluded from the divine purposes!

But, when the silence braking basic impulses and patience is about the wisdom of God, the true understanding of what the Spirit reveals makes us better, enabling us to endorse good spirits on this climb that follows to the infinity of creation, revealing to us the Father Exalted!

Let us love one another, my brethren, no competition, no vanity, without pride, without disregard to what Jesus taught us in his redemptive mission of our dangerous old human habits!

About Brazil, raise the blessing of the gravest responsibility: the experience of the Gospel pure and simple, in that faith and charity, giving hands, demonstrate to all our brothers in suffering and in denial, the presence of God!

We thank, with the heart and soul committed to serve and love, because the highest distinction of a child of Almighty God is doing His Will, all the time and occurrences of the way!

We ask that our Maternal Angel - Our Blessed Mother - blesses all of us in His name - the Lord and Master, our planetarium Governor.

May our Benefactor, at the service of Ishmael in Brazil and all over the world, inspire us today and all days to come, the compassion and friendship, trust and abnegation.

Thank you, my so dear friends! The honor of the heart follows to Jesus, as all spring water sources provide water that will rest in the ocean! Serve without discouragement, without demand, because love is our highest award, speaking of God in our being!

The humblest servant and friend to all,

Chico Xavier

Psychographed message by the medium Wagner Paixão at the Third Brazilian Spiritist Meeting in Brasilia Convention Center in Brazil on April 18, 2010.



## FOURTH U.S. SPIRITIST SYMPOSIUM

▸ Mauricio Cisneiros

The annual United States Spiritist Symposium took place on April 24, 2010 in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. This event has become a symbol for the unification of the Spiritist Movement in America as Spiritist directors from all over the country came together to share knowledge and enjoy each other's company.

The United States Spiritist Council hosted the event, which was also attended by representatives of the the International Spiritist Council and the Canadian Spiritist Council.

The theme for this year's event was "Mediumship: A Bridge Between Two Worlds." About twenty speakers from various states in the U.S. talked about this fascinating topic. The subject of mediumship was covered through several talks such as "Mediums" and "Practical and Scientific Aspects of Mediumship."

It has been customary to invite a local representative to acquaint the attendees with the background of the host city. This year the United States Spiritist Council invited Tim Myette from the Fort Lauderdale Historical Society to speak about Fort Lauderdale history and highlights. This was followed by Cesar Perri from the International Spiritist Council and keynote speaker Tom Cratsley from the Lily Dale Spiritualist Camp. Over the next few hours several guest speakers expounded on the scientific and practical aspects of mediumship.

This event was an opportunity to stage the introduction of new USSC publications. The book "Mediumship: All You Need to Know" by Richard Simonetti was launched and sold at the Symposium for the first time. The symposium also launched the DVD "Basic Questions About Spiritism" prepared by the New Jersey-based Divine Light Spiritist Center. The DVD, as well as the latest edition of *The Spiritist Magazine* were included in a folder with other materials related to Spiritism and the Spiritist Movement and distributed free of charge to all Symposium participants.

During the Symposium, youth education classes were taking place in separate classrooms which youngsters from ages 4 to 15 attended. Additionally, art was well represented in the day's activities with the viewing of two short films titled "Life and Work of the Medium Chico Xavier" and "Artistic Vision." To complete the artistic presentation the Spirit of Drama Theater Group from Orlando, Florida, performed the play "The Fox Sisters."

The event was brought to a wonderful close by representatives of the Spiritist Movement of California who took the stage to invite everyone to attend the Fifth Spiritist Symposium which is to take place on April 23, 2011 in San Francisco.

> More information about the Spiritist Symposium can be found at [www.spiritistsymposium.org](http://www.spiritistsymposium.org).



## U.S. LIBRARIES RECEIVE THE SPIRITIST MAGAZINE

The last issue of The Spiritist Magazine was freely distributed to 81 libraries in the United States, throughout all states. Also, 36 Maryland penitentiaries received a free copy of the previous issue of the magazine.



## SECOND U.S. PEACE AND YOU MOVEMENT WITH DIVALDO FRANCO

On March 20, 2010, the Spiritist Society of Baltimore promoted and sponsored the Second U.S. Peace and You Movement with Divaldo Franco at the University of Maryland College Park. The event was entitled Emotional Balance for a Healthier Life, in which the awarded professor and scientist, leader on the Science of

Emotions, Dr. Lydia Temoshok gave the keynote address. Also, Dr. Claudio Petrillo and Dr. Silvia Knoploch gave a talk on Vision and Prescription for the New Medicine. Divaldo Franco, the Ambassador of Peace, concluded the event with a talk on Emotional Balance and Spirituality. More information at [www.peaceandyou.net](http://www.peaceandyou.net).



## BOOK EXPO AMERICA

The International Spiritist Council had a booth at the 2010 Book Expo America held at the Jacob Javits Convention Center in the city of New York in May 25-27.

## THIRD MEDICAL SPIRITIST CONGRESS

The Third Medical Spiritist Congress happened in Washington, DC, USA, on June 11-13. The event was organized by the U.S. Medical Spiritist Association. The meeting theme was Bridging Medicine and Spirituality. The successful event counted on the presence of high level scientists and physicians from the U.S.A, as well

England, Brazil, and Colombia. One of the highlights was the comparative study of the The studies of Andre Luiz were discussed in light of the most current scientific advancements. The U.S. Medical Spiritist Association will be selling the DVDs of the lectures in their website [www.ame-usa.org](http://www.ame-usa.org).

# WEEK OF CELEBRATION OF THE CENTENARY OF CHICO XAVIER IN LONDON

ISC NEWS



The British Union of Spiritist Societies (BUSS) hosted a week of events on the life and psychographic work of Chico Xavier in London between May 10 and May 16 with the presence of the director of the International Spiritist Council (ISC) and the Brazilian Spiritist Federation (BSF), Antonio Cesar Perri de Carvalho.

Mr. Perri de Carvalho lectured at the following organizations and events: the Allan Kardec Study Group (title "Repercussions from the work of Chico Xavier"), the BUSS, to Spiritualist workers (theme "The Idea of unity in the works of Chico Xavier"), the Sir William Crookes Spiritist Society (theme "Spiritual journey and the works of Emmanuel"), the Solidarity Spiritist Group (theme "Historical novels by Emmanuel"), the Bezerra de Menezes Spiritist Group (theme "Mediumship in the works of Chico Xavier"), and he participated in informal meeting for questions and answers with workers at the headquarters of BUSS. Concluding the program, Perri gave a seminar on "The works of psychographic Chico Xavier," which was attended by leaders and employees of various Spiritist groups in Great Britain.

On that occasion, Dr. Perri reported to the audience on the actions of the ISC and on its English editions of books by Chico Xavier, as well as the most recent issue of *The Spiritist Magazine* (published by the ISC), which highlights the honored medium. Before the seminar, BUSS held its general assembly with the election of its new board of directors led by Elsa Rossi. The guest speaker also visited other organizations and held discussion with their leaders. For more information, please go to [www.buss.org.uk](http://www.buss.org.uk).

## THIRD BRAZILIAN SPIRITIST CONGRESS

### SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BRAZILIAN NATIONAL COUNCIL (BNC) OF THE BRAZILIAN SPIRITIST FEDERATION (BSF) HONORS CHICO XAVIER

On the day before the Third Brazilian Spiritist Congress, the Regional Commissions of the BNC of the BSF and a special meeting of the BNC happened at the Brasilia Convention Center. The joint meeting of the Regional Commissions of the CFN had eight to ten accredited representatives of each of the State Federations.

There was an opening ceremony followed by meetings of the four regions (North, Northeast,

Central and South) of Brazil. Then, the Special Meeting of the BNC proceeded. The main theme of the regional commissions was the progress of the "Work Plan for the Brazilian Spiritist Movement (2007-2012)."

The meetings were coordinated by the Secretary General of BNC Antonio Cesar Perri de Carvalho. The meeting was chaired by the BSF President Nestor João Masotti. There was a presentation of the each regional progress report, which included the dissemination of Spiritism and the Centennial of Chico Xavier.



## BRAZILIAN CONGRESS HONORS CHICO XAVIER

**THE THIRD BRAZILIAN SPIRITIST CONGRESS, PROMOTED BY THE BRAZILIAN SPIRITIST FEDERATION, WAS HELD WITH GREAT SUCCESS ON APRIL 16-18, 2010 AT THE ULYSSES GUIMARÃES CONVENTION CENTER IN BRASILIA. ABOUT FIVE THOUSAND PARTICIPANTS ATTENDED THE EVENT UNDER THE MAIN THEME: "CHICO XAVIER: MEDIUMSHIP AND CHARITY WITH JESUS AND KARDEC."**

The opening ceremony counted on professional artistic presentations and the honor guard of the Brazilian federal government, the Dragoons of Independence. The event was opened by the President of the Brazilian Spiritist Federation Nestor João Masotti. The vice-president of Brasil Jose Alencar attended and made use of the word. Also present was Minister of Social Welfare Carlos Gabas, representatives of the Post Office, deputies Raquel Teixeira and Luiz Carlos Bassuma, Euripides Higino dos Reis, general secretary of the BNC, which included the presidents of 27 State Federations, Marlene Noble.

The keynote lecture was given by Divaldo Franco after national launching of the Commemorative Stamp and Commemorative Medal of Chico Xavier's Centennial.

The Congress was live broadcast for Brazil and the world through the TV of the International Spiritist Council ([www.tvcei.com](http://www.tvcei.com)). More than 12,000 people attended the event, with great repercussion in the media, including in Rede Globo, specifically in the program Jornal Nacional.

At the closing ceremony, José Raul Teixeira gave the final lecture while the medium Wagner Gomes da Paixão received a written communication by Chico Xavier entitled "In the Light of Love".

In the afternoon of April 18, there was an open-to-the public tribute to Chico Xavier with the participation of the Choir of the Federal District of Brazil and the artists Carlos Vereza and Nando Cordel, followed by Divaldo Franco's lecture. During the lecture, Wagner Paixão, medium, received a written communication from the former president of Brazil Juscelino Kubitschek de Oliveira entitled "Brazil for Jesus". This public event was also broadcast live on TVCEI in about 20 auditoriums and halls of Spiritist organizations in Brasilia.



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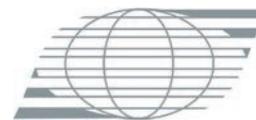
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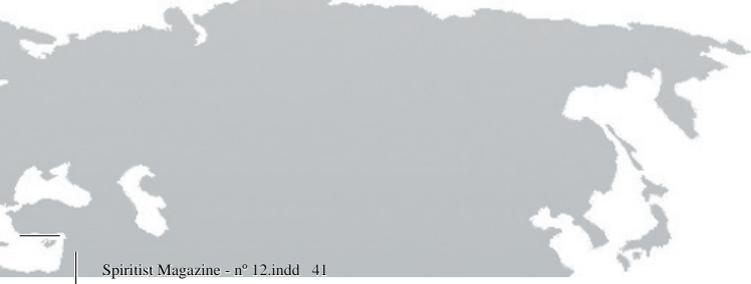
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# Jesus, Kardec and Us

▣ Emmanuel

Had Jesus thought too highly of Himself so as not to tolerate contact with human weakness,  
 Had He believed that everything should be left for God to do,  
 Had He admitted that we were forever lost in our rebellion and delinquency,  
 Had He restrained the success of His teachings to the support of the highly educated,  
 Had He waited for monetary endowment and political support in order to carry out His work,  
 Or had He backed down in the face of sacrifice, we certainly would not have the light of the Gospel which opens for us the path to spiritual emancipation.

Had Allan Kardec overrated his merited position in the aristocracy of intelligence, placing deserved honors and titles above his own convictions,  
 Had he been expecting the partaking of illustrious personalities in the message which he bore,,  
 Had he waited for financial support to plunge into his task,  
 Had he considered his difficulties as an educator with scarce time to devote to commitments outside his profession,

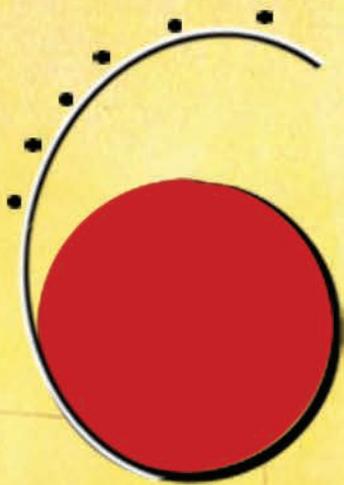
Or had he backed down in the face of the slander and personal attacks which marked his path,  
 We would not have the Spiritist Codification which complements the Gospel, and teaches us the responsibility of living.

Reflecting on Jesus and Kardec, we do not understand our thoughtlessness when we declare ourselves too virtuous, too busy, too educated, too shy, too incapable, or too disillusioned to attend to our own obligations in the Spiritist philosophy.

If we consider this, the Master and the apostle of human renovation passed among men, suffering lacerations and exemplifying the good and love of the truth, while we indebted consciences run away from learning and serving for our own benefit, undoubtedly we will be, without noticing it, under the hypnosis of an unseen obsession, showing balance on the outside and madness on the inside.

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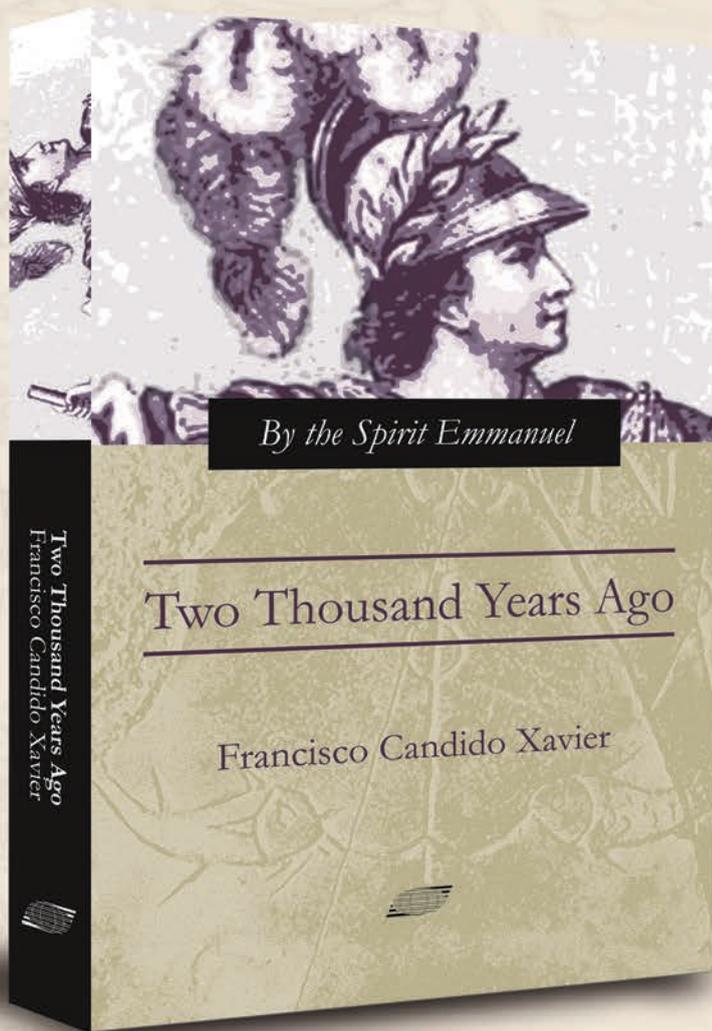
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