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# Newslett

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### Christmas prayer.

By Spirit Emmanuel

Lord!

As the joy of Christmas kindles the flame of prayer, please renew us within for the better world.

Some say that faith has been lost in the gears of civilization and that science on Earth has extinguished the spiritual light.

In truth, Master, humankind, who already control atomic energies, prepare themselves for the conquest of cosmic forces as if they were commanders of life.

However, before their eyes, there is not only the selfishness and vanity that compromise their grandeur, like a magnificent palace on a floor of explosives...

Everywhere, beside the chariot of the powerful, losers of all conditions are dragged along. Many have gone mad from excess of comfort, and wander in the furnaces of narcotics; others, terrified at the sight of perfect crimes, born of intellectual pomp, lie mentally mutilated in the trenches of the madhouse. Millions raise their arms as if they were antennae of pain, in the immense sea of human trials, like shipwrecked men in the throes of death, along with agitated and unhappy crowds, tired of uncertainty and disillusionment ...

For all this, Lord, we, who so often deny You access to the doors of the soul, wait for You in the tormented fields of the heart.

Bend our proud neck before the manger, in which You exemplify self-denial and simplicity, and while still forgiving our weaknesses and lies, teach us again humility and service, harmony and forgiveness, with the ever-new melody of Your song of hope:

— Glory to God on high, peace on Earth, and goodwill toward humanity!...

(From the book *In the Light of Prayer*, by Francisco Candido Xavier)



### 3rd British Spiritist Congress

May 2020 - London, UK

Central theme:

**“Challenges and Solutions  
for a Happy Life”**

Speakers from  
Brazil, United States and  
United Kingdom.

Daniel Assisi  
Florencio Anton  
Haroldo Dutra Dias  
Jussara Korngold  
Peter Fenwick  
Rossandro Klinjey  
Vanessa Anseloni



Saturday, 16th May - 10am to 6pm

Sunday, 17th May - 10am to 5pm

Do not miss it.

Reserve your place:

Until 30th December - £40

1st January - £50

<https://third-british-spiritist-congress.eventbrite.co.uk>

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## Echoes of Science, Spiritism and Spirituality from the 7<sup>th</sup> British Congress on Medicine and Spirituality, London November 2019.



Once again, a great success. The congresses on Medicine and Spirituality in the UK have taken place every two years since 2007, and the 7<sup>th</sup> British Congress on Medicine and Spirituality took place in London on 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> November at Rudolf Steiner House.

The International Spiritist Medical Association, with branches in several countries, offers Spiritist-Medical congresses to present research carried out on subjects such as hearing voices, mediumship, mental problems, as well as offering complementary therapy for those who suffer spiritual attachment, obsession or spiritual influence from discarnate spirits.

For the last 150 years, Spiritism has spread to many countries. Brazil is the country where it has flourished most, and where the most significant number of followers can be found. The form into which Spiritism has evolved in Brazil is very peculiar, as most goers seek out Spiritism due to physical and mental health problems. Specific therapeutic approaches were developed to prevent and to restore a balanced “spiritual-energetic” state. Spiritist centres in Brazil are highly sought after due to their healing practices, so-called “Spiritist complementary therapies”.



In 1968, in Sao Paulo (Brazil), a group of physicians interested in the interface between medicine and the Spiritist teachings created the first Spiritist Medical Association. Over the last decades, this movement developed many actions related to education, research and assistance. The Spiritist-Medical model of health and treatment ventures to fill some gaps in scientific knowledge, thus accelerating the advance towards a paradigm shift in medicine. Some of its

members have published their research in reputable peer-reviewed medical journals.

In total, 6 speakers contributed to the cutting-edge information in this Congress, which is a unique event in the UK, as the speakers believe, accept and understand about spiritual life, eternal life, and multiple existences of the soul. Some people remember past lives, others not, and the law of Cause and Effect which is part of Universal Laws, explains our life in the 5 books of the Spiritist Teachings which were dictated by the Spirits and written



23 volunteers of BUSS were there to serve with love all of attendees and speakers.

and organised by Allan Kardec.

Dr Marcelo Saad gave a talk about Allan Kardec during the event, to help explain the basis of Spiritism to those who people attending who were not from a Spiritist background. Dr Peter Fenwick expressed that without Allan Kardec, we would not have this important information or the research that we have in our hands.

160 people attended this two-day event at Rudolf Steiner House in London.



Silvia Gibbons from the Chico Xavier Spiritist Society talked about mediumship and gave a demonstration of healing during the congress. This was highly appreciated by many, with various people enquiring about healing at the end of the event.

During the congress the foundation of the British Spiritist Medical Association was formally announced by Dr Peter Fenwick. The British Spiritist Medical Association was created with the aim to form a body of work to help health professionals understand the spiritual side of illnesses by offering lectures, symposiums, short-term courses to all who are interested in learning more about mental disorders which relate to spiritual phenomena – such as hearing voices, seeing people who have died, etc. The courses will show that these are natural phenomena and many people have the same experience.

The congress offered precious moments, such as musical harmonisation with Dr Karine Sa Ferreira and Dr Felipe Sa Ferreira. Anne Sinclair provided interpretation from Portuguese into English for Dr Felipe Sa Ferreira, while all other lectures were delivered in English.



A small workshop from the Say YES to Life! campaign was held at the event by Tania and Steve Duff from Southampton, who were explaining about the termination of pregnancies from the Spiritist perspective, and the need of preserving life.

Dr Terry Palmer and Elisabeth Bomba were the Masters of Ceremony of the Congress.

BUSS is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation which supports Spiritist Societies and Groups in spreading the Spiritist Teachings across the UK. BUSS is affiliated to the International Spiritist Council.

**The Spiritist Society of Windsor and Maidenhead** hosted the very first Spiritist Seminar on 30<sup>th</sup> November in Maidenhead. This one-day event was organised in partnership with the Spiritist Society of Bicester, with support from BUSS, and brought 12 short lectures in a TEDx format, with the central theme of "Living Spiritism". The lectures were:

Charles Kempf – Allan Kardec  
 And The History Of Spiritism

Elsa Rossi – Spiritist Books: A  
 Window For Freedom

Tania Stevanin – Good And Evil: A Matter Of Common Sense

Altino Mageste – Overcoming Pain And Suffering

Anne Sinclair – Reincarnation According To Spiritism

Evanise M Zwirtes – In Search Of Happiness

Dan Assisi – Spiritism: New Thinking for a New Era

Humberto Schubert – Sexuality, Inclusion And Diversity

Fernanda Perini – The Fundamentals Of Spiritist Education For Children And Youth

Silvia Gibbons – The Spiritist View Of Mediumship And Healing

Maria Paula Goncalves – Integrative Health and Transdimensional Healing

Lorraine Reeves – Meditation As Part Of Our Spiritual Evolution

Attendees were from various Spiritist groups around the UK, as well as Charles Kempf from France, Dan Assisi from America and Pekka Kekäläinen from Finland.

During the event, the main Spiritist books by Allan Kardec were available from the bookstall, where they were also selling Christmas cards designed by attendees of Spiritist Society of Windsor and Maidenhead and the Spiritist Society of Bicester. A café was also organised to help refresh everyone throughout the day.



The event was closed with a special video message from Janet Duncan, who could not attend in person.

It is hoped that all groups can host this event in the future, helping to take Spiritism around the UK with short and insightful lectures. The Spiritist Seminar 2020 is already being organised and will be held in Bournemouth.

Videos of the lectures will be posted to the Spiritist Society of Windsor and Maidenhead's YouTube channel in the near future.

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**Daniel Assisi** from California, US, visited some Spiritist groups in the UK: Allan Kardec Study Group, Fraternity Spiritist Society, Spiritist Centre for Peace, Spiritist Psychological Society, Spiritist Society of London. Dan was one of the speakers at the "Spiritist Seminar: 2019 Living Spiritism", hosted by the Spiritist Society of Windsor and Maidenhead.



The **9th World Spiritist Congress** organised by the Spiritist Council of Mexico and the International Spiritist Council, was a great success. 1,800 attendees from several countries. 4th, 5th and 6th October 2019 - Mexico City

“Building the Spiritual Being of the Future” was the central theme. Elsa Rossi, chairperson of BUSS, participated in a Group Discussion. Thank you to Jorge Camargo Zurita and team for the efforts to organise this Congress.

Following the Congress, the International Spiritist Council gathered a meeting with 21 Spiritist Federations, from different nations, affiliated to ISC.

New board of the Executive Committee:



Picture 1 - 11 Members of the Executive Commission before 2019 election, serving ISC for many years.

Picture 2 - The new 11 members of the ISC Commission elected in 2019, description below:

General Secretary: US - Jussara Korngold

1st Secretary - SPAIN - Jesus Sanchez

2nd Secretary - PORTUGAL - Vitor Mora Faria

1st treasurer - BRAZIL - Helio Blume

2nd Treasurer - CUBA - Manuel de la Cruz

El Salvador, France, Canada, Colombia, Switzerland, Uruguay, Brazil, Guatemala.

Financial Commission - Ireland, Mexico





### SPIRITISM IN THE PSYCHIC WORLD

We are very happy to have found a place in the spiritualist journal *Psychic News*. In June we had a front-page article about the Peace and You Movement, promoted by Divaldo Franco, which took place in May. In the October issue, we had an article about Francisco Candido Xavier (Chico Xavier), entitled *The Medium Of The Century*. Our article about the 7th British Congress on Medicine and Spirituality has already been submitted to the editor-in-chief. Soon we will have a monthly space in *Psychic News* to write short articles about Spiritism. My thanks to the Spiritual Benefactors for giving us this opportunity.



**SPIRITISM & PSYCHOLOGY**  
what is the *connexion?*

04<sup>th</sup> April 2020

Dr Mick Collins | Dr Tania Stevanin

Lancaster Hall, 35 Craven Terrace, London W2 3EL

Reserve your place at:  
<https://spiritism-psychology-2020.eventbrite.co.uk>  
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### SPIRITISM & PSYCHOLOGY

This half-day event will explore potential improvements to our mental health and well-being through the links between Spiritism and psychology. Humanity is currently experiencing escalating levels of anxiety, depression and grief etc, due to multiple crises in the world (ecologically, economically, politically and socially). A collective transformation is much needed, such as Carl Jung's method of 'individuation', which has resonances with 'soul progression' found in the work of Allan Kardec. A case will be made for greater collaborative links between Spiritism and psychology.

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### SPIRITIST SOCIETY OF LONDON

The Spiritist Society of London had the honour of receiving Dr Daniel Assisi on 5th December for a roundtable study of the book *What is Spiritism*, by Allan Kardec, first published 160 years ago in July 1859. The new venue of SSL is: Quakers Meeting House, 17, Old Ford Road, Bethnal Green, East London, E2 9PJ. The location is 100 meters from Bethnal Green Station, close to the Museum of Childhood. For more information, please contact: 07849896516 or e-mail: [sslondon2010@gmail.com](mailto:sslondon2010@gmail.com) Website: [www.spiritist-society-london.org](http://www.spiritist-society-london.org) Facebook: [www.facebook.com/pages/Spiritist-Society-of-London-SSL](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Spiritist-Society-of-London-SSL)



### BUSS NEW CONSTITUTION APPROVED by Charity Commission

BUSS is now a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, with the registration number 1136512.

This has been an important step for BUSS in its objectives to disseminate the Spiritist Teachings in the UK. BUSS would like to thank Bob Williams and Fabricio Assuncao of the Spiritist Society of Bournemouth for all their support.

# 3<sup>rd</sup> BRITISH SPIRITIST CONGRESS

LONDON - UK  
MAY 16<sup>th</sup> AND 17<sup>th</sup> 2020

"Challenges and Solutions for a Happy Life"



**DANIEL ASSISI**



**FLORENCIO ANTON**



**HAROLDO DUTRA**



**JUSSARA KORNGOLD**



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## Spiritist Groups in the UK

### Member Groups of BUSS

#### London Regions

Allan Kardec Study Group-UK .....	Walthamstow
Chico Xavier Spiritist Society .....	Hammersmith
Francis of Assisi Spiritist Society .....	Stockwell
Fraternity Spiritist Society .....	Stockwell
Sir William Crookes Spiritist Society .....	Plaistow
Solidarity Spiritist Society .....	Wandsworth
Spiritist Centre for Peace .....	Bethnal Green
Spiritist Society of London .....	Bethnal Green

#### Other Regions

Allan Kardec Manchester Spiritist Society .....	Manchester
Blossom Spiritist Society .....	Wokingham, Berkshire
Guiding Light Spiritist Society .....	Canterbury, Kent
Oxford Spiritist Study Group.....	Oxford, Oxfordshire
Sheffield Spiritist Group .....	Sheffield, South Yorkshire
Spiritist Friends of Edinburgh .....	Edinburgh, Scotland
Spiritist Group of Brighton & Hove .....	Brighton, East Sussex
Spiritist Society of Bournemouth .....	Bournemouth, Dorset
Spiritist Society of Windsor and Maidenhead .....	Maidenhead, Berkshire

### Other Groups

#### London Regions

Andre Luiz Spiritist Society .....	Bermondsey
Ascension Spiritist Group .....	Bermondsey
Bezerra de Menezes Spiritist Society .....	Bethnal Green
Joanna de Angelis Spiritist Society.....	Stockwell
Lar Espírita Maria de Nazaré.....	Banner Street
Richmond Spiritist Fellowship .....	Richmond
Sir Arthur Conan Doyle Spiritist Society .....	Old Street
The Spiritist Family Group .....	North London
The Spiritist Psychological Society.....	Hammersmith

#### Other Regions

Allan Kardec Belfast.....	Belfast, Northern Ireland
Cambridge Spiritist Group.....	Cambridge
Cardiff Spiritist Studies.....	Cardiff, Wales
Sir Oliver Lodge Spiritist Group.....	Shefford, Bedfordshire
Spiritism Plymouth.....	Plymouth, Devon
Spiritist Friends of Dundee.....	Dundee, Scotland
Spiritist Group of Glasgow .....	Glasgow, Scotland
Spiritist Society of Bicester .....	Bicester, Oxfordshire
Spiritist Studies Group of Southampton.....	Southampton, Hampshire
Spiritist Studies in Leeds.....	Leeds, West Yorkshire
Spiritist Studies in Swindon.....	Swindon, Wiltshire
West Kent Spiritist Group.....	Gravesend/Sevenoaks, Kent

