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Prophets are known by their fruits

"My heart and my mind are deeply disturbed. I tremble all over. I am like a drunk person, like a person who has had too much wine, because of the way the LORD and his holy word are being mistreated. For the land is full of people unfaithful to him. They live wicked lives and they misuse their power. So the land is dried up because it is under his curse. The pastures in the wilderness are withered."
Jeremiah 23:9-10

In chapter twenty-one of *The Gospel According to Spiritism*, we have a stark reminder, and warning, regarding the responsibilities and challenges of mediumship. With Spiritism, we learn that we are all mediums, that we all have the innate capacity to connect with spirits on one level or another. For some, this may be basic guidance received as intuition or a "gut feeling", whereas for others it may include being able to receive messages that are spoken or written, which have a beneficial and noble purpose.

There are many kinds of mediumship, abilities and methods for the channelling or transferring of thoughts, ideas, knowledge, energies and messages from our discarnate friends. However, what if the entity connecting to us is not of a high level of illumination, and, instead of wanting to pass something of benefit purposely wants to provide messages and thoughts that are negative, confusing or even dangerous?

In Luke 6:43-45 and Matthew 7:15-20, we have the important analogy of a tree that bears bad fruit. On the outside, almost all fruit trees will look the same: blossom in the spring, followed by green leaves shooting through, and then later fruit will appear. Although there may be signs on the outside, you can never truly tell if a piece of fruit is good or bad until you look within.

This analogy is also valid regarding everyone around us, both incarnate and discarnate. As with a tree that gives bad fruit, there are always signs that we can pick up on to know if that person, or Spirit, is of a positive influence or not. In *The Gospel According to Spiritism*, chapter 12, item 11, we are guided: *"Do not believe all spirits, but test the spirits to see if they are from God, for amongst the invisible there are also those who love to delude when they get the chance."*

So, how can we be sure of the true identity and nature of a Spirit, to be sure that they are for goodness and of virtue? Reason and logic. *"They publicise the visions of their hearts and not what they have learned from the mouth of the Lord."* **Jeremiah 23:16**

By studying the science and philosophy that is Spiritism, we can learn to identify the good from the bad, the righteous from the malign, the well-intended from those looking to cause chaos. Mediumship is innate to us all, but it is only with guidance, support and self-control of thought and action that we can learn to be balanced enough to allow our mediumship be effective, efficient and beneficial.

Life is all about learning, growing and improving ourselves. We learn by observing others, through instructions and by making mistakes. We grow by being able to use what we learn to ensure that our decisions, our actions and our reactions are balanced, beneficial and are good. We can improve ourselves through self-reflection, inner reform, humility and patience. As long as we are truly humble in our thoughts and actions, we can be sure to identify the good from the bad, know how to avoid negative influences and be a loving point of charity to all - which is, in fact, our ultimate goal.

Divaldo Franco: Be Happy Now

90th Birthday Celebrations in London

Divaldo Franco, the Brazilian Medium, Teacher, Lecturer and Writer, will be in London on Sunday 14th May to present his lecture *Be Happy Now* at Perrin Theatre, Queen Mary University of London.

This special event is part of his European tour, where many Spiritist organisations, including BUSS, will be celebrating Divaldo's 90th birthday. Tickets for this fundraising event are available via Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/divaldo-franco-london-2017-tickets-32377478911>.

All proceeds will be shared between BUSS, to cover the costs of the event itself, as well as with *Mansion of the Way* (*Mansão do Caminho*), Divaldo's charitable work in Salvador, Bahia (Brazil), where over 3000 people are helped every day with food, healthcare, schooling, and much more.



Fundraising event for Mansion of the Way, a charity in Brazil, and BUSS, a charity in the UK

Divaldo Franco
London - May 2017

Be Happy Now

Sunday
14th
MAY
2:30pm to 5:30pm

Perrin Theatre, Queen Mary University of London, 4 Newark Street,
London, E1 2AT. Whitechapel

Tickets: £25.00

Reserve your tickets at: www.eventbrite.co.uk
Search for: Divaldo Franco 2017

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Admission by ticket only

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Divaldo Franco has been awarded various titles including *Doctor Honoris Causa in Humanity* and has published over 200 books, many of which have been translated into more than 16 languages.

In 1952 *Mansion of the Way* was established, which has grown to be a thriving complex which, to date, has helped over 30,000 children and adults who potentially would not have had anywhere else to get support from.

For information about *Mansion of the Way*, please visit: <http://www.mansionoftheway.com>

To contact BUSS about this event, please e-mail: buss.office@gmail.com

Carlos Campetti in London



The Brazilian journalist, Medium and lecturer, Carlos Campetti, was in London on 24th, 25th and 26th February as part of his visit to Europe.

On the Friday, he talked at the Francis of Assisi Group, Stockwell, about Education of Spiritist Youth. On the Saturday he talked at the BUSS Seminar on the subject of Conversation with Jesus. During this event, the Charlie Chaplin Spiritist Theatre Group performed a short play (see page 4).

The following day, Mr Campetti talked at Sir William Crookes Spiritist Society, at their new location in Plaistow, and then at Fraternity Spiritist Society in Stockwell.

BUSS would like to thank all those who attended these various lectures, and Mr Campetti for his visit.

Spiritist Lecture in Birmingham by Marcelo Mota

Spiritism, a New Perspective on the Life - this was the theme of the 1st Birmingham Spiritist Meeting, held at the Westmere House on the afternoon of the 4th March, under the promotion of the **George Vale Owen Spiritist Study Group**.

Almost thirty people from twelve cities and four countries (England, Germany, Switzerland and Wales) attended the event which was held entirely in English.

The Guest Speaker **Denis Martins**, a PhD Researcher in Artificial Intelligence at the University of Münster, Germany, addressed the subject in an interactive climate, following an innovative format and rescuing, from the guidelines of Allan Kardec, practical and simple ideas that can transform our lives.

Other attractions that outlined the harmony of the event were the reception of clarinettist Ricardo Peres, a member of the Group, the background landscape with the garden of the House and the exhibition "**George Vale Owen - Illustrated Biography**", displayed during the coffee break.

But one of the moments that most charmed everyone was the Walking Tour, during the morning of the same day through the streets of Birmingham City Centre. For about two hours the participants toured the centennial Moor Street Train Station, the Bullring Square (landmark of the city), the building of the former Queen's College (where George Vale Owen studied), the modern Library of Birmingham (considered the largest public cultural space in Europe) and the calm waters of the famous Birmingham & Worcester Canal, as well as many other attractions.

We thank all those who have directly and indirectly made this moment possible and we hope that other initiatives will emerge in our country!

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Dialogue between Jesus and a Courtesan

by Cristiane Parmiter

The *Charlie Chaplin Spiritist Theatre Group* had another opportunity to take part in one of the events organised by BUSS: the first of this year and, hopefully, one of many to come. This time, a stage reading performance took place. Stage reading can be said to be “a form of theatre without sets or full costumes. The actors, who read from scripts, may be seated, stand in fixed positions, or incorporate minimal stage movement”.

As one of the main goals of this theatre group is to express meaningful Spiritist ideas using the medium of Art, we chose to do a stage reading from a text that has the Spirit Humberto de Campos as the author writing through the medium Francisco Candido Xavier. This was chosen to match the theme of the talk of Carlos Campetti, who was the BUSS guest speaker of the event. His theme was “Conversation with Jesus” and the stage reading featured two different dialogues between Jesus and a Courtesan: the first part showed the dialogue happening when she was fearless and healthy; while the second dialogue happened when she was lonely and ill.



This story talks about a Courtesan who confused love with lust, that was the way in which she was able to express her attraction to the magnetism of Jesus. She expressed her physical desire by saying:

“I am thirsty for affection! I found in your eyes a flame I have never seen before and I am acting this way because I love you (...)”

Jesus did not comply with her request. But, after some years had passed, when she was lonely and had the scars of a leper in her body, she learnt what love really was when she heard from him:

“I found in your eyes a different flame that I have never seen before and I am acting this way because I love you. I am not here for your body; I came here for your soul. I am the Good Shepherd and whoever believes in me, although he dies; yet he will live.”

We were extremely happy with the performance’s outcome which seems to have touched some hearts! We can only thank all the people behind this project who contributed and worked together to spread this idea of love in this event. It can be in the simplicity of a reading about Jesus that we might find comfort and goodness in ourselves. We plan to be spreading more ideas of love soon! Check out our Facebook page to know more about the group and future plans.

<https://www.facebook.com/Charlie-Chaplin-Spiritist-Theatre-Group-UK-1754970318086390>

Quick Reads

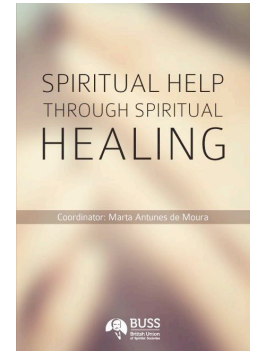
Fraternity and Chico Xavier celebrate

Two key Spiritist groups in London have been celebrating milestone anniversaries. Fraternity Spiritist Society in Stockwell, London, has been celebrating 25 years since their foundation with a series of special lectures, and Chico Xavier Spiritist Society from Hammersmith, London, has been celebrating 10 years since the start of their group.

Spiritual Help through Spiritual Healing

BUSS has just published the English version of the book *Spiritual Help through Spiritual Healing*, an instructive guide looking at the mechanisms and practice of spiritual healing, universal and vital fluids, magnetic and healing energies, and how healing can be applied to be efficient and effective.

Please contact BUSS to order your copy of this book.



Spiritist Education for Children and Youth

Dr Lucia Moysés will be in London on 1st July to talk on the subject of *Spiritist Education for Children and Youth: Opening Spaces and Renewing Ideas*. The seminar, organised by the BUSS Education Department, is aimed at everyone who has an interest in providing Spiritist education to children.

The whole day event will take place at Wandsworth Quaker Meeting House starting at 10am. For information, contact: uk.spiritist.education@gmail.com

Sir William Crookes inauguration of new location

With great thanks to the effort of their charity shop in Caledonian Road, London, Sir William Crookes Spiritist Society have recently officially opened their new premises in Plaistow, East London. Elsa Rossi delivered one of the first lectures at this new location.

Mediumship Seminar

In January, BUSS held a Mediumship Seminar in London, presented by Ana Sinclair, Silvia Gibbons and Tanya Moore. The topics discussed included an introduction to mediumship, an overview of Spiritism, a look at different kinds of mediumship, the challenges and dangers of mediumship, as well as case studies of how mediumship can be beneficial regarding health.

Departments of the British Union of Spiritist Societies

BUSS has many different departments taking care of various activities. These include: Bookshop; Education Department; Event & Catering; Audio/Visual team; Seminars and Courses; Advertising; Translation Department; Charlie Chaplin Spiritist Theatre Group and our Website team.

To get more information about any of these teams, or to volunteer your time in helping BUSS, please contact buss.office@gmail.com.

Upcoming events



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25th Anniversary of Fraternity Spiritist Society

London, April 2017

"160 Years of The Spirits' Book"
BUSS Seminar
22nd April
Saturday 11:30 to 17:30
Location:
Stockwell Community Centre
1 Studley Road, Stockwell,
London, SW4 6RA
Nearest Underground:
Stockwell

"Clear Conscience and Faith in the Future"
Fraternity Spiritist Society
23rd April
Sunday 11:30 to 18:15
Location:
Future LDN Ltd. 278-280 South
Lambeth Road, Stockwell,
London, SW8 1UJ
Nearest Underground:
Stockwell


All talks will be interpreted into English
For more information: www.buss.org.uk

 **FRATERNITY SPIRITIST SOCIETY** 



6TH BRITISH CONGRESS ON MEDICINE & SPIRITUALITY
The Dawn of a New Era in Medicine
11th and 12th NOVEMBER 2017

Dr. Jim Tucker
Dr. Marcelo Saad
Prof. Chris Roe
Dr. Andrew Powell
Dr. Alexander Moreira

Prof. Jorge Daher
Dr. Sarah Eagger
Dr. Peter Fenwick
Dr. Decio Iandoli
Dr. Eunice Minford

Location:
Rudolf Steiner House
35 Park Rd, London, NW1 6XT
 Baker Street

Contact:
British Union of Spiritist Societies
UK Charity No. 1136512
Website: www.medspiritcongress.org
E-mail: booking@medspiritcongress.org

BUSS SEMINAR
Spiritual Counscience in the Modern World

8th JULY 2017
2:00pm to 6:00pm

LECTURES:
Tania Stevanin
"Scientific Development in the XXI Century"
Charles Kempf
"How does Spiritual Moral Laws fit the Modern World"

Bankside Community Space
18 Great Guildford Street - SE1 0FD
London Bridge Blackfries

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Limited Spaces

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LONDON
JUNE 2017

07th Wednesday
11:00 to 12:30
Spiritist Centre for Peace
Theme: I have died what now?
Oxford House, Derbyshire Street,
Bethnal Green, E2 6HG

07th Wednesday
19:00 to 20:30
Sir William Crookes Spiritist Society
Theme: Finding yourself in Charity
269 Caledonian Rd, N1 1EE

08th Thursday
19:00 to 20:30
Spiritist Society of London
Theme: How to help yourself to be yourself!
Oxford House, Derbyshire Street,
Bethnal Green, E2 6HG

09th Friday
19:00 to 20:30
Francis of Assisi Spiritist Group
Theme: Angels and Demons
1 Studley Road, Stockwell, SW4 6RA

10th Saturday
13:30 to 17:30
BUSS Seminar
Theme: Mediumship and Chemical Dependency
17-21 Trebovir Road, London, SW5 9NF

11th Sunday
16:30 to 18:15
Fraternity Spiritist Society
Theme: Challenges and Solutions
Future LDN Ltd, 278- 280 South
Lambeth Road - SW8 1UJ

12th Monday
19:00 to 20:30
Chico Xavier Spiritist Group
Theme: 160 Years of the Spiritist Codification
20, Nigel Playfair Ave,
Hammersmith, W6 9JY

14th Wednesday
11:00 to 12:30
Spiritist Centre for Peace
Theme: Existential Conflicts
Oxford House, Derbyshire Street,
Bethnal Green, E2 6HG

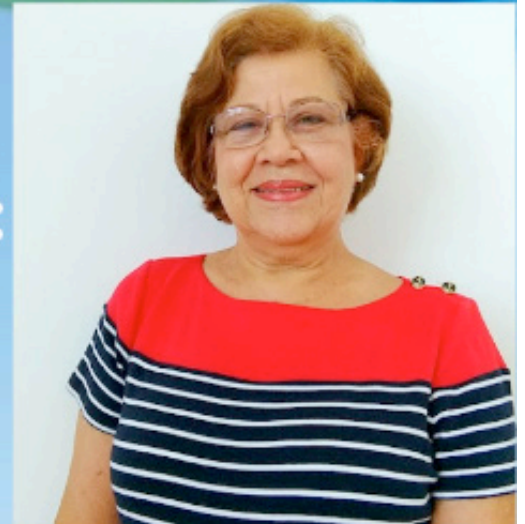
14th Wednesday
19:30 to 21:00
Kingston National Spiritualist Church
Theme: Challenges and Solutions
Villiers Road Kingston-Upon-Thames
KT1 3AR

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"The Chico Xavier Spiritist Society will this year celebrate 10 years since its foundation and to mark this important date it will hold a cycle of lectures by a special guest."

Dr Lucia Moysés

Spiritist Education
for Children and Youth:
Opening Spaces and
Renewing Ideas



Saturday 1st July
10:00 to 17:30

Wandsworth Quaker Meeting House
59 Wandsworth High Street,
London, SW18 2PT

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Spiritist Groups in the UK

British Union of Spiritist Societies Members

Allan Kardec Study Group	Walthamstow
Blossom Spiritist Society	Wokingham
Chico Xavier Spiritist Society	Hammersmith
Francis of Assisi Spiritist Society	Stockwell
Fraternity Spiritist Society	Stockwell
Guiding Light Spiritist Society	Canterbury
Sheffield Spiritist Group	Sheffield
Sir William Crookes Spiritist Society	Plaistow
Solidarity Spiritist Society	Wandsworth
Spiritist Centre for Peace	Bethnal Green
Spiritist Friends of Edinburgh	Edinburgh
Spiritist Group of Brighton	Brighton
Spiritist Society of London	Bethnal Green
Spiritist Society of Windsor and Maidenhead	Maidenhead
Spiritist Study Group in Dorset	Bournemouth

Associated Groups

Andre Luiz Spiritist Society	Bermondsey
Ascension Spiritist Group	Bermondsey
Bezerra de Menezes Spiritist Society	Bethnal Green
Cardiff Spiritist Studies	Cardiff
Caritas Gospel Study Group	Devon
George Vale Owen Spiritist Study Group	Birmingham
Manchester Spiritist Society	Manchester
Richmond Spiritist Fellowship	Richmond
Sir Oliver Lodge Spiritist Group	Harpندن
Spiritist Friends of Dundee	Dundee
Spiritist Group of Harrow	Harrow
Spiritist Studies Group of Southampton	Southampton
Spiritist Studies in Bristol	Bristol
West Kent Spiritist Group	Northfleet



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