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Editorial

Spiritist Societies.

(written by Allan Kardec in 1869)

All that we have said concerning Spiritist meetings is equally applicable to regularly constituted societies; and as we have frequently been asked for advice respecting the mode of organisation which may be usefully adopted by such bodies, we proceed to state briefly our opinion in regard to this point.

Spiritism, being in its infancy, is still too diversely regarded, and its essentials are still too little understood, by many of its adherents, to constitute any very strong bond of union among persons associated in a society of this kind. Such a bond can only exist between those who see its moral bearing, and who endeavour to make a practical application of its principles. Between those who see in it only an order of facts more or less curious, no strong bond of union can exist; its members being more interested in facts than in principles, a mere difference of opinion in regard to the phenomena would suffice to create disunion between them. On the other hand, a society that should be united in principle, and in which mutual trust and kindness should exist to the exclusion of their opposites, whose members should assemble with the sole aim of obtaining truth through the communications of superior spirits, would not only be likely to live, but would be indissoluble. But the difficulty of bringing together elements really homogeneous, has led us to the conviction that Spiritist should aim at multiplying small groups, rather than at forming themselves into large agglomerations. These groups, corresponding together, visiting each other, and transmitting to one another the results arrived at by each, may, even now, form the nucleus of the great Spiritist family which will one day rally to itself all opinions, and unite all men in the common brotherhood of Christian charity.



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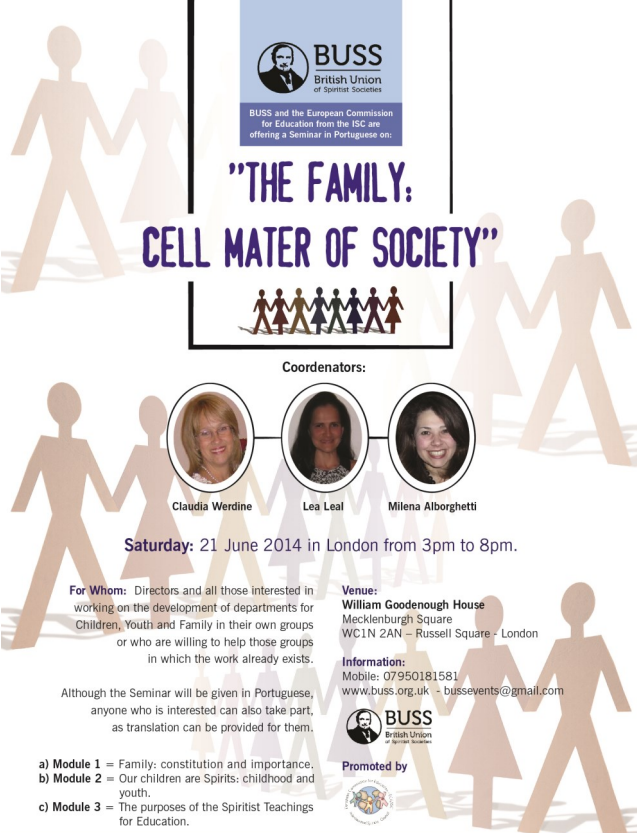
It is a question of Learning


Suffering, whether in silence or not, achieves its aim and contributes towards the happiness of every human being, allowing him to understand his smallness in the presence of life and the grave need to achieve balance. It exercises its function of purifying the Spirit by presenting it with different levels of harmony and blessings, which can never be equalled by terrestrial success...

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**"THE FAMILY:
CELL MATER OF SOCIETY"**



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For Whom: Directors and all those interested in working on the development of departments for Children, Youth and Family in their own groups or who are willing to help those groups in which the work already exists.



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BUSS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – AGM 2014.

On Saturday 31st May 2014, from 3.00pm - 5:30 pm, the BUSS AGM took place attended by **23 people**, amongst Directors, Presidents and workers from **9 UK Spiritist Groups**.

Held in an atmosphere of great peace and fraternity the Agenda was gone through, together with the nomination of **9 trustees** for BUSS, who we will have during the year 2014-2015, acting administratively for the good management and performance of the Charity.

Trustees elected were: Andrea

Faistauer, Christopher Kinghorn, Darleny Castelhana, Davian Jessamy, Elsa Rossi, Gilson Guimarães, Janet Duncan, Leonardo Rocha and Silvia Gibbons.



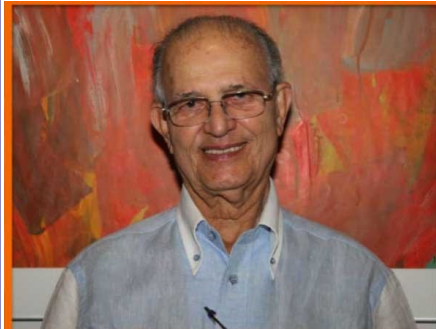
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facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/UK.BUSS> - contact: buss.office@gmail.com

ONCE AGAIN SUCCESS FOR THE TWO-DAY EVENT WITH DIVALDO FRANCO IN LONDON.

The presence of Divaldo Franco in the UK has been happening for almost 30 years within the Spiritist Movement.

Attendants from different countries such as the United States, Singapore, Brazil, Portugal, Spain and Luxembourg, among others, came to these 2 days events.



My Uncle Nilson

A tribute film to the life of

Nilson de Sousa Pereira

and the "Mansion of the Way" Project
(Mansão do Caminho) in Salvador (BA) Brazil

A production by:

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On Saturday, 10th May in South London, in the immense Lambeth Town Hall, attended by almost 300 people Divaldo gave a mini-seminar on the topic - **150 Years of "The Gospel According to Spiritism"**



Initially we had a beautiful tribute to Nilson Pereira de Souza, dear "Uncle Nilson" who had been Divaldo's constant companion during his travels around the world, a selfless server of Christ, who dedicated his life to the service of goodness. Followed by a beautiful film prepared by Antonio Leal, showing the work being done by the Dept. of Youth at the Solidarity Spiritist Society.

During the two days of events we also had the pleasure of brilliant presentations by the baritone Mauricio Virgin and cellist Mara Wolf that brought an ambient of prayer from their music.

During his talk Divaldo emphasised the fact that there has never been another incarnate person upon planet Earth of the category of Jesus. His pureness and elevation was unique and no one will ever equal Him, because He is the creator and Governor of our planet. The prophets that came after Him talked about various aspects of life, but only Jesus presented LOVE like

a symphony of blessings. Jesus presented the triad of love, to love God above all things and your neighbour as yourself. At the end of the Seminar Divaldo received a very special tribute from the U.K. Spiritists, which was a self-portrait in oil, painted by Irene Malvezi.

On Sunday 11th May, Divaldo Franco presented the welcoming crowd, present at the Perrin Lecture Theatre, with the theme *The Psychology of Forgiveness*. The theatre at the Queen Mary University, with seating for 400 people, was almost completely full for this event.

During these events the English translator was the outstanding Anne Sinclair.

With the usual enthusiasm during his lectures, Divaldo referred to the present time and highlighted the fact that humanity has achieved technological achievements never before imagined, but that although solving some of the riddles of the galaxies, man is still unable to decipher his own enigmas. He asserted that we live armed against each other, when we could and should be loving each other if we only applied the Teachings of Jesus.

Thus he made the point that in seeking to fill a void – that of *not knowing yourself* – mankind surrounds itself with material goods beyond what are necessary and consequently suffers from a lack of the real essentials of life.

Divaldo then presented everyone with a prescription or recipe, being a list of attitudes that should be exercised by all who desire to live a full and happy life.

Such as: 1 – To always be loving; 2 – Do not make enemies; and 3 – If someone sends you negative thoughts do not allow them to affect you, instead surround yourself with thoughts of love. These summarised items were developed in detail, allowing everyone to see them from a new, meaningful and enlightened aspect.

Divaldo ended his brilliant lecture by stating that it is well worth loving and forgiving. That consequently whenever a bad thought comes to mind, we should immediately replace it with a good thought so as to make all negativity null and void.

In those two days, the BUSS bookshop offered the public new titles by Joanna de Angelis and Divaldo Franco also offered to autograph their newly acquired books. The selling of books is a good way to raise funds for both BUSS and The Mansion charities.

ISC NEWS

1st European Spiritist Life Philosophy Meeting

This was a very important meeting and the goals were reached for this 1st European Spiritist Life Philosophy Meeting, held in English on 25th to 27th April 2014, in Cracow (Poland). Organised by the International Spiritist Council & Oficyna Wydawnicza Rivail (Polish Spiritist Publishing House). Participants came from Ireland, Finland, France, the UK and of course Poland. The next meeting will be in Finland 2015.

NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

SPIRITIST SOCIETY OF LONDON

SSL has ended Book 1 of the Systematic Study of the Spiritist Teachings (ESDE) and has begun Book 2, with another 12 lessons. SSL AGM on 07th June 2014 was a very nice meeting, new resolutions and plan for year ahead.

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www.facebook.com/pages/Spiritist-Society-of-London-SSL

FRANCIS OF ASSISI SPIRITIST STUDY GROUP

This is a new Study Group in Portuguese, holding meetings on Fridays, from 7pm – 8:30pm, at Oxford House in East London. More details very soon.

BLOSSOM SPIRITIST SOCIETY

Study on Wednesdays, from 7:30 pm – 8:40 pm at the chairperson's house, in Wokingham, Berkshire

E-mail: blossom.ssuk@gmail.com

Website: www.blossomspiritistsociety.co.uk

EMMANUEL SPIRITIST GROUP OF BANBURY

They dedicate their work to the study of The Gospel According to Spiritism and implanting the Gospel in Homes.

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SPIRITIST FRIENDS OF EDINBURGH - Scotland

have a new e-mail and a new website:

E-mail: sfe.edinburgh@gmail.com

Website: www.spiritisminscotland.com

HOME COUNTIES SPIRITIST STUDY GROUP

is the new denomination for the Spiritist Study Group of Harpenden.

Meetings: Thursdays from 7:10pm to 8:20 pm - Address: 12 Southdown Road, Harpenden, Herts, AL5 1PD.

However due to refurbishment of the Friends Meeting Hall, we are carrying out our meetings on Wednesdays from 7:10pm to 8:20pm at Harpenden Trust Centre, 90 Southdown Road, Harpenden, AL5 1PS. Our website address is:

<http://harpendenspiritistgroup.webnode.com>

Our facebook page is:

<https://www.facebook.com/homecountiesspiritist>

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A Mediunidade
 27 de Julho 2014 13:00 - 17:30hrs
Seminário
Expositores: Evandro Zerbini, Maria Novelli, Carolina Von Scharffen, Manuel Portinho Filho, Silvia Gibbons.
Tema: Mediunidade & Sintonia, Como Saber se Somos Mediuns, Glândula Pineal e o Mecanismo da Comunicação, Mediunidade & Loucura, Mediunidade sem Lígamos.
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FRATERNITY SPIRITIST SOCIETY

Mediumship Seminar

27 July.
(In Portuguese)

Enquiries about Fraternity events, please, visit their Group website or contact by e-mail

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SPIRITIST GROUP OF BRIGHTON

The group changed their meetings: info by e-mail: spiritbrighton@gmail.com

SPIRITIST STUDIES IN BRISTOL

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS



BUSS has the great pleasure to invite you to the following seminar:
MEDIUMSHIP & SHAMANISM: CONVERGENCE AND DIVERGENCE
REINCARNATION AND IMMORTALITY: REDISCOVERING THE SOUL AND PRESERVING LIFE
Saturday 6th September 2014
4pm to 8pm - London
FREE ADMISSION
 Under reservation only
Speakers:
Dr. David Luke, MD:
 David Luke PhD is Senior Lecturer in Psychology at Greenwich University.
Dr. Sergio Thiesen, MD:
 Cardiologist and Professor of Medicine at the National Institute of Cardiology, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
Venue: LOST Theatre
Address: 208 Wandsworth Road, London SW8 2JU
Tube: Stockwell (Northern & Victoria Lines)
Buses: 2,77,87,88,196,P5
For reservations access: <http://bit.ly/BussSeminarSept2014>
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MD:

[Dr Sergio Thiesen,](#)
MD:

for reservations access 6th September Seminar:

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More events in September in the BUSS website

Marta Antunes Moura:
27 September