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# Newsletter 60

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## God Always

No matter how difficult the situation, lift up your head and walk on. Discouragement is a subtle enemy that annuls your best efforts.

If friends have deserted you because of your financial problems, or emotional mishaps;

If relatives have drifted away for no apparent reason;

If everything threatens to push you into solitude;

If you are feeling lonely just because there is no one around, stop, lift up your heart and wait. This is not a spiritual reality, it is only a fluttering reflection of your bitter state of mind.

You are never alone, really. As part of the whole Creation you are within it, as it is within you.

Wherever you are, God is with you: at home or at work; at leisure or at rest; in illness or in good health. Seek solace and strength in God to go on, and attend to your duties.

You will only be lonely if you consciously break the mental link with His love.

Even so, however, He will still be with you.

You are one with the whole of Humanity. People come and go. Keep a balanced attitude; do not grieve for those who go their way, neither rejoice with those who come your way. People are like moving vehicles; they have their destinies.

You cannot stop them.

Understand this law and be a friend and a brother to those you meet along the road of life. Do not try to hold them back, or cling to them. Help them if you can, and go your own way.

Only God is the eternal ever-present companion.

Learn this, and never be lonely again.

*Divaldo P. Franco/Spirit Joanna de Angelis, 'God Always', in Child of God, trans. by Ely J. Donato (LEAL, 1995).*



## Medicine and Spirituality Congress

The 6th British Congress on Medicine and Spirituality took place at Rudolf Steiner House in London on 11th and 12th November, and was organised by BUSS and AME-International, the International Medical Spiritist Association.

The well-received lecturers were Alexander Moreira Almeida, Decio Landoli Jr, Jorge Daher and Marcelo Saad from Brazil; Andrew Powell, Chris Roe, Eunice Minford, Peter Fenwick and Sarah Egger from the UK; and Jim Tucker from the USA.



Many people attended the two-day event, and the online transmission via FEBtv was viewed by over 20,000 people worldwide.

BUSS would like to thank all those who attended, as well as the many people who contributed to the smooth running of the event.

## Blossom Spiritist Society celebrates 5 years



The enlightening debate was attended by members of Blossom, Fraternity, SSWM, and others who joined together with the group founders, Christiano and Maria Paula Gonçalves, for this celebration.

The group is based in Wokingham, Berkshire and meet every Wednesday.

For more information about this group, please visit their website [www.blossomspiritistsociety.co.uk](http://www.blossomspiritistsociety.co.uk) or contact via e-mail [blossom.ssuk@gmail.com](mailto:blossom.ssuk@gmail.com).

On 2nd December, Altino Mageste and Marcelo Mota presented a philosophical debate entitled "From the pioneer Christian Churches to the present-day Spiritist Centres: what have we learnt from the lessons of the Gospel?", as part of the 5th anniversary celebrations of Blossom Spiritist Society - UK.





## Francis of Assisi Group



**Francis of Assisi UK**

Francis of Assisi Spiritist Group, based in Stockwell, London, would like to inform that as well as holding public meetings, they also have Gospel Teachings for Children.

Both activities are on Fridays from 7 pm to 9 pm, and are held at Stockwell Community Resource Centre, Studley Road, Stockwell, London.

**Public meeting (in Portuguese only)**  
**Coordinator:** Pedro Fernandes

- The Gospel According to Spiritism
- The Spirits' Book
- Public talks
- Healing
- Fraternal Assistance

**Gospel Teachings for Children (in Portuguese and English)**

**Coordinator:** Katia Fernandes

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## Seminar for Spiritist Educators of Children

Spiritist Educators from UK groups are invited to attend the Seminar for Educators in Belgium, on 24th and 25th March 2018.

This event will take place at Château de Wegimont, and will be held alongside the 16th Meeting of ISC Europe, which will start on 23rd March.

For more information about this seminar for Spiritist Educators, please contact the Francophone Spiritist Movement (LMSF) at [info@lmsf.org](mailto:info@lmsf.org), or BUSS at [office@buss.org.uk](mailto:office@buss.org.uk).

## West Kent Spiritist Group Fraternal Visits

In July of this year, the West Kent Spiritist Group, coordinated by Carlos Folchini and Alexandra Ribeiro, visited the Spiritist Group of Brighton, who in turn visited WKSG in August.

In September, the group then travelled to Canterbury to visit the Guiding Light Spiritist Society.

The West Kent Spiritist Group will be completing their first year of activities in January 2018.

The group meets in Sevenoaks on Sundays and in Gravesend on Wednesdays.

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# Spiritist Groups in the UK

## British Union of Spiritist Societies Members

### London Regions

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

### Other Regions

Blossom Spiritist Society .....	Wokingham, Berkshire
Guiding Light Spiritist Society.....	Canterbury, Kent
Manchester Spiritist Society .....	Manchester
Sheffield Spiritist Group .....	Sheffield, South Yorkshire
Spiritist Friends of Edinburgh.....	Edinburgh, Scotland
Spiritist Group of Brighton.....	Brighton, East Sussex
Spiritist Group of Glasgow.....	Glasgow, Scotland
Spiritist Society of Bournemouth.....	Bournemouth, Dorset
Spiritist Society of Windsor and Maidenhead .....	Maidenhead, Berkshire

## Other Spiritist Groups

### London Regions

Andre Luiz Spiritist Society .....	Bermondsey
Ascension Spiritist Group .....	Bermondsey
Bezerra de Menezes Spiritist Society .....	Bethnal Green
Family Group London.....	Regents Park
Richmond Spiritist Fellowship .....	Richmond
Sir Arthur Conan Doyle Spiritist Society.....	Old Street
Spiritist Group of Harrow .....	Harrow

### Other Regions

Cambridge Spiritist Group .....	Cambridge
Cardiff Spiritist Studies.....	Cardiff, Wales
George Vale Owen Spiritist Study Group .....	Birmingham
Sir Oliver Lodge Spiritist Group.....	Harpenden, Hertfordshire
Spiritism Plymouth.....	Plymouth, Devon
Spiritist Friends of Dundee.....	Dundee, Scotland
Spiritist Studies Group of Southampton .....	Southampton, Hampshire
Spiritist Studies in Leeds.....	Leeds, West Yorkshire
Swindon Espirita – Spiritist Studies in Swindon ....	Swindon, Wiltshire
West Kent Spiritist Group.....	Gravesend/Sevenoaks, Kent

