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# Newsletter 54

## April - June 2016

### **EDITORIAL - Thinking, before making a decision** *by Adam Osborne*

At the time of writing, this editorial has been written, re-written and started fresh various times, partially due to the chaotic turbulence that the UK has been through in the recent weeks.

On the 23rd of June, the voting public set off to village halls, schools and even old pubs to cast their vote, providing their opinion on the question of whether the United Kingdom should remain or leave the European Union. After many months of fierce debates, marketing campaigns and political turmoil, the results were announced in the early hours of Friday 24th of June that, by a small margin of only 3.8%, the UK had voted to leave the EU.

For some this was a joyous event, and for others sombre, dark and worrying. Mixed emotions were shared, tweeted, written about and aired around the world. Currency destabilised, racist attacks were being committed, and some started to complain that immense walls had not magically appeared around the borders of the UK.

Shockwaves of negative vibrations, anxiety and stress coursed throughout the country, with many people feeling betrayed, misled and upset. It was apparent that many people who voted to leave regretted it, as they, like many others, voted without knowing the full information of short-term and long-term implications, what would really happen with the economy, and what really would happen after the results were announced. And yet we still do not know.

In our modern life, we are eager to do things quickly and to have immediate results. This is, frequently, due to pride which counteracts our humbleness and intelligence. As such, we do not always appreciate the time we have been given to learn and educate ourselves to ensure that our actions have little, or preferably no, negative reaction.

Throughout the Spiritist teachings, and with messages from Spirits such as Emmanuel, Andre Luiz and Joanna de Angelis, we have reflections and examples of how to be patient and humble in order to fully understand a subject before making any decision, and the impact of misusing these natural abilities whenever there is any choice in front of us: the law of cause and effect.

There are also great parallels between The Spirits' Book (item 222) and The Gospel According to Spiritism (Chapter 7, item 13) regarding how we retain intelligence and morality from one incarnation to another, and how we should not let pride get in the way of our moral education.

We are unable to travel back in time to force ourselves to make different decisions. Whatever has happened so far in our lives cannot be undone - it is what has brought us to where we are today. Therefore, our key tasks are to learn, grow and improve ourselves, so that our future will be better than our past. This way, with love and humility, like the "poor in spirit", we can learn from our mistakes and the mistakes of others, and progress forward.

And this is a message we would like to send to our new Prime Minister, Theresa May. All decisions, no matter how big or small their impact might be, are important and need to be made based on full understanding and patience. We therefore also wish light, peace and harmony to surround this new Government during their difficult years ahead, and with the key negotiations that will affect us all.

## *Divaldo Franco's visit to London and BUSS*

Just a few days after celebrating his 89th birthday, international Spiritist lecturer, author and medium Divaldo Franco presented two talks to a packed auditorium at Queen Mary University of London.

His first talk, on the 8th of May, was on the theme of "Mediumship, Spiritual Obsession and Psychiatry Today", delivered in Portuguese with English interpretation provided by Anne Sinclair. The lecture was broadcast on the Internet via FEBtv.

After a video paying homage to Divaldo's thirty years of visiting the UK, he talked along the theme of the lecture, clarifying how we create the problems we face, and how everything we live through now is the accumulation of all the experiences we have lived through in this life and all previous incarnations.

To an audience of over 480 people, Divaldo continued to discuss the differences between the "physiological" and "psychological" people - the first being more concerned about the basic instincts in life, and the latter taking on moral and ethical ideas. The search for plenitude and happiness were stated as being inherent to humans, which is why we always tend to ask the questions: who am I? where am I from? where will I go? why do I suffer?

Divaldo continued along the same subjects of psychology and concluded the first evening talking about how Spiritism brings to us the fundamentals about the existence of God, the immortality of the soul and the communicability of the Spirits - which help us understand better the philosophical and moral consequences of our actions.

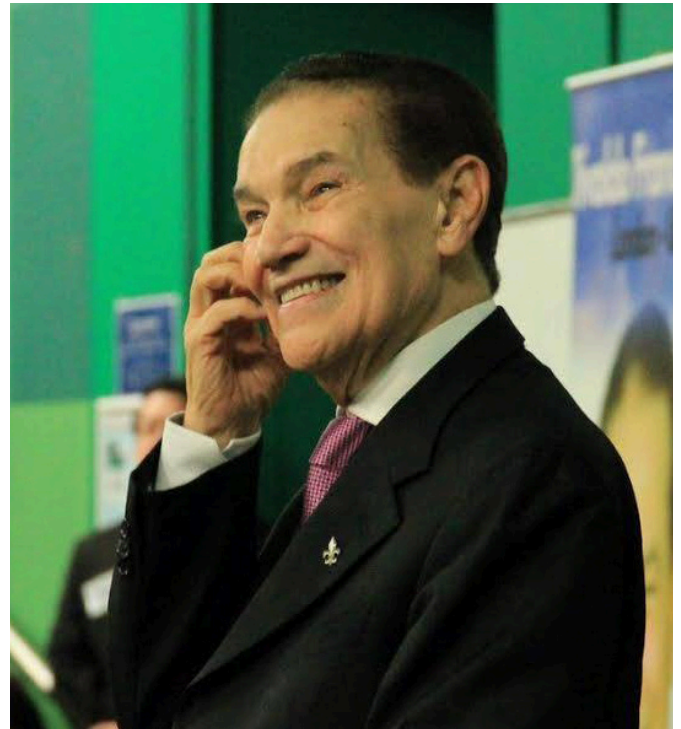
On the second evening with Divaldo, an audience of 300 people attended a shorter talk aimed more towards Spiritist centres than the general public. Divaldo started by saying how Spiritism can be seen as a light destined to clear the shadows of ignorance, especially in the challenging time we currently live in. This talk was also supported with interpretation into English by Anne Sinclair.

The subject matters changed to the "battle" between religion and science, the philosophy of human thought, the French revolution, the educator Johann Pestalozzi and finally to Hippolyte Léon Denizard Rivail, better known to most of us as Allan Kardec, who brought to us the Spiritist teachings which help to reinforce the message of "without love, there is no salvation" and the moral education of the Spirits.

After finishing this shorter talk, the audience were then invited to present questions to Divaldo, which covered subjects such as mediumship, harmonisation of Spiritist workers, psychiatric problems, the Zika epidemic, and what Divaldo would do if he ever had a day off from helping others. In his closing remarks, Divaldo thanked the hospitality and hard work of BUSS and all volunteers involved in organising and running the events.

Elsa Rossi, Chairperson of BUSS, opened and closed both evenings of the event. Photography and video teams for the two days were led by Alan Page and Raquel Vilela. The summary of this event has been adapted from the report by Julio Zacarchenco who accompanied Divaldo on his trip throughout Europe.

Some photos of this event can be found at the end of this newsletter and on the BUSS Facebook page.



# News and Events

## Cosme Massi to visit the UK

The Brazilian Spiritist researcher and lecturer Cosme Massi will be visiting London in September. He is a Physicist with both Masters and Doctorate in Logic and Philosophy of Science. All talks will be in Portuguese unless stated otherwise. We encourage you all to attend these wonderful lectures.

**Tuesday, 8th September - 6:45pm-7:45pm**

Solidarity Spiritist Society

Theme: *Jesus from the Spiritist Perspective*

**Friday, 9th September - 7:00pm-8:00pm**

Francis of Assisi Spiritist Society

Theme: *Happiness from the Spiritist Perspective*

**Saturday, 10th September - 1:00pm-5:30pm**

2nd Gathering of the Spiritist Family in the UK

Theme: *Is Happiness on Earth Possible?*

(Interpretation into English)

**Sunday, 11th September - 2:30pm-4:00pm**

Sir William Crookes Spiritist Society

Theme: *Penal Code of the Future Life*

**Sunday, 11th September - 5:30pm-6:30pm**

Fraternity Spiritist Society

Theme: *Freedom and Free Will*

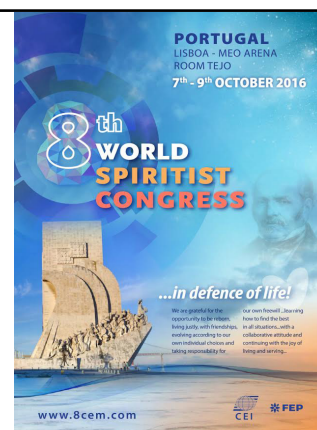
For more information about these lectures, please contact BUSS or the relevant group.

## 8th World Spiritist Congress

In October, Spiritists will be travelling to Portugal from all corners of the planet to take part in the 8th World Spiritist Congress, which is organised by the International Spiritist Council (ISC), and takes place every three years.

The event, hosted in Lisbon by the Portuguese Spiritist Federation (FEP), will have many wonderful lectures and discussions along the theme of "In Defence of Life!"

For more information: [www.8cem.com](http://www.8cem.com)



## Health Study Group According to Spiritism - London

The Health Study Group According to Spiritism is a group aimed at people interested in studying health under the spiritual prism. It was established with the support of International Spiritist Medical Association and BUSS.

Every other Wednesday from 7pm to 9pm we study books such as *The Soul of Matter* by Dr Marlene Nobre and selected messages related to health from *The Gospel According to Spiritism*. We also complement the studies with scientific papers and videos that approach this very important theme. It is for us a great pleasure to share experiences and elevate our thoughts in an atmosphere of brotherhood and union around the same ideal. It is with great joy that we invite you to participate with us.

We are based at BUSS headquarters.

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## Carol Correa visit to London



Carol Correa, a co-host of Kardec Radio for Kids and member of the Spiritist Society of Virginia (USA), visited London in June to talk at various groups. BUSS would like to thank all the groups who hosted Carol during her visit, and we thank Carol for her time, patience and dedication to the Spiritist teachings.

Here is a comment from Sir William Crookes Spiritist Society:

*In June we had the presentation of Carol Correa, who came from the State of Virginia, US. During her talk, she made a deep and uplifting analysis of life through the difficulties, daily struggles and setbacks we come across all the time. She is an absolutely sweet person with a contagious sense of humour and an inspiring way to see life. Her talk made us see the problems we face in a different perspective, as a natural cycle that we have to pass in order to improve ourselves. The issue is how to face them, either calmly, accepting them with resignation and working so they pass quicker or rebelling against them and eventually suffering for a longer period.*

## Change of location for the Spiritist Group for Peace

The Spiritist Group for Peace, who meet every Wednesday from 11am to 12pm, have now changed location.

They now meet in the OH Café, situated on the ground floor of Oxford House in Derbyshire Street, Bethnal Green, London.

For more information:  
<http://peace-uk.webs.com>







**2<sup>nd</sup> Gathering of the Spiritist Family in the UK**

Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> September 2016  
1pm – 5pm

Where is happiness?

Special Guest:  
Prof. Cosme Massi - Brazil

Venue:  
Oxford House  
Derbyshire Street  
Bethnal Green  
London, E2 6HG

Registration  
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Lecture tour of  
**Cosme Massi in London**  
8th to 11th September, 2016  
invited by BUSS



Professor Cosme Massi, Physicist with a Masters and PhD in Logic and Philosophy of Science, gave guidance to Jose Raul Teixeira during his Doctorate and is highly versed and a scholar of the Basic Works codified by Allan Kardec, as well as being an in-depth researcher of "La Revue Spirite". He brought out to everyone the collection of the Spiritist Magazine and constant research, including working on the first set of English translations, which are available on his site in PDF. With praise of his dedication and work in his research, today the Spiritist Magazine can be seen and studied more.

**08/09 - 6:45pm to 7:45pm - Thursday**  
**Solidarity Spiritist Society**

Theme: Jesus from the Spiritist Perspective (in Portuguese)  
Quakers Meeting House, 59, Wandsworth High Street, SW18 2PT

**09/09 - 7pm to 8.30pm - Friday**  
**Francis of Assisi Spiritist Society**

Theme: Happiness from the Spiritist Perspective (in Portuguese)  
Stockwell Community Centre - 1 Studley Road, SW4 6RA

**10/09 - 1pm to 5:30pm - Saturday**  
**2nd Family Gathering**

Theme: Is Happiness on Earth Possible?  
(Portuguese with interpretation into English)  
Oxford House, Bethnal Green, E2 HG

**11/09 - 2.30pm to 4.30pm - Sunday**  
**Sir William Crookes Spiritist Society**

Theme: Penal Code of the Future Life (in Portuguese)  
West Hampstead Women's Centre, 26-30 Cotleigh Road, NW6 2NP

**11/09 - 5:30pm to 6:30pm - Sunday**  
**Fraternity Spiritist Society**

Theme: Freedom and Free Will (in Portuguese)  
Enterprise LDN, 278- 280 South Lambeth Road, Stockwell, SW8 1UJ

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## AKSG BBQ

The Allan Kardec Study Group held a fundraising BBQ on 10th July.

Many people from various Spiritist groups attended and with high praise given to the organisers.

## Elsa's visits to groups

Elsa Rossi, Chairperson of BUSS, recently visited Blossom Spiritist Society, in Wokingham, (first photo) and The Spiritist Society of Windsor and Maidenhead, in Maidenhead (lower photo).



# Spiritist Education of Children

## Establishing the sectors of Youth and Family at Fraternity Spiritist Society.

In 2016 the sectors of the Youth and the Family were established in the Fraternity Spiritist Society's Department of Infancy and Youth, which until then was running only the Infancy Sector, which at the moment is coordinated by the educator Emanuela Vita.

The new sectors were established to complement the work done with the children since Fraternity's first public meeting, about 24 years ago, and to embrace all the family members. The work counts now on the coordination of the educator Fernanda Perini (Youth Sector) and the educator Maria Paula Gonçalves (Family Sector), under the general coordination of Elizabeth Stevenson.

The insertion of the youth and family sectors have basis on the Project entitled "Seeds of the Future", from the ISC European Commission of Spiritist Education, which aims to "meet, broadly and in the light of the Spiritist teachings, the basic needs of children, youth and families, mostly seeking the quality of family relationships, which is the primary cell of society." (Seeds of the Future project, The proposal of Spiritist Teachings for Education - ISC European Commission for Spiritist Education)

A project has already been set in the youth sector, which aims to promote and encourage the gradual integration of the youth in Fraternity's activities, promoting the awakening of commitment and responsibility to the work in the Spiritist movement, as they will be the ones who will give continuity to the Doctrine.

The youth will have special classes about the activities of the Fraternity Spiritist Society, which will be taught by the coordinators of each department under the supervision of the Department of Infancy, Youth and Family MEIMEI (Youth Sector). Classes will take place every three months until all departments have been covered.

The work proposed by the Family Sector is based on speeches and conversations with adults (every three months) on issues related to the importance of family in constitution of the society, the role of parents or guardians in the formation and education of their children and the construction of healthy family relationships, always in the light of the Spiritist Doctrine.

## Unification and integration of the Department of Infancy, Youth and Family and the Spiritist Movement in UK.

Aiming to encourage the unification of the Spiritist education in the UK and the integration of the youth and children in the Spiritist movement in general, the Department of Infancy, Youth and Family from Fraternity and Sir William Crookes Spiritist Societies organized an Educational trip to The Royal Observatory Greenwich in London.

The visit to the observatory allowed children and youth to experience the knowledge taught by Spiritism and took place on 3rd July 2016.

More photos are on page 6 and the Facebook pages of Fraternity and Sir William Crookes.



Visit to the Royal Observatory Greenwich



# CHICO XAVIER

Text by Jessica – 11-year-old

Illustration by Rafael H. - 13-year-old



**APRIL 2, 1910**

**JUNE 30, 2002 (92 YEARS)**

## Childhood:

He was born among a humble family. His mother died when he was 5 years old. He talked with his mother's spirit for some years, people thought that he was crazy for several years because he talked to spirits. When his mother died he went to live with his godmother for two years. She was very cruel to him. When Chico's father got married again, his wife Cidália Batista gathered the nine children once and for all. She died as well.

## Contact with Spiritism:

He met his spiritual guide Emmanuel in 1931. His mentor informed him of his mission to psychograph a sequence of 30 books, and the spirit explained to him that to achieve such a task, it would be demanded three very important conditions: discipline, discipline, and discipline.

## Important information:

Chico wrote most of 450 books. He never admitted being the author of any of his books. He affirmed he would only respond to whatever was dictated to him.

Jessica,

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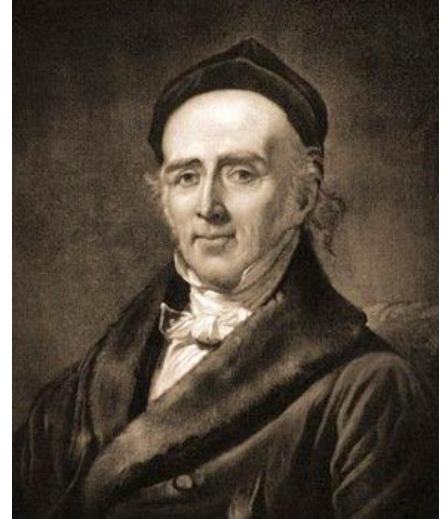
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## Homeopathy and Spiritism - Two Spiritualist Philosophies

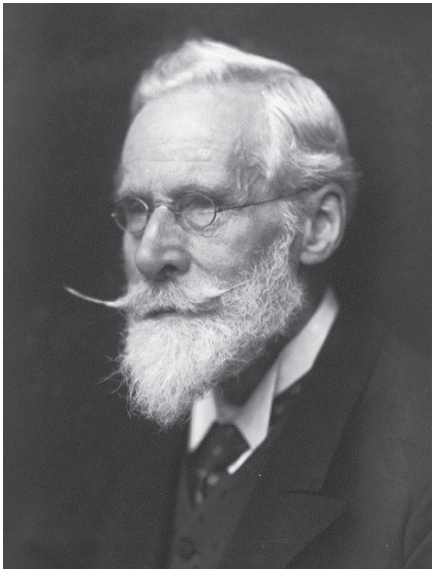
*By Dr. Renata Hines DDS, BS, MARH, LCCH - Sir Oliver Lodge Spiritist Group*

These two spiritualist philosophies emphasize the spirit and seek above all to fight materialism which is still rampant and rife on Earth and still contaminates our science and modern medicine. However, it must be pointed out that they are not the same or interchangeable.

Samuel Hahnemann, the founder of Homoeopathy, died in 1843. As we know, Allan Kardec delved deeper in the spirit phenomena in France and in March 1856, Kardec had his first dialogue, through a medium, with The Spirit of Truth, followed by a dialogue with Samuel Hahnemann, also via a medium. Kardec named this dialogue with Hahnemann as "My Mission", and Samuel Hahnemann not only confirms Allan Kardec's mission as revealed to him by The Spirit of Truth. During this dialogue, Hahnemann also gives Kardec some more advice on how to proceed with his mission.



*Samuel Hahnemann*



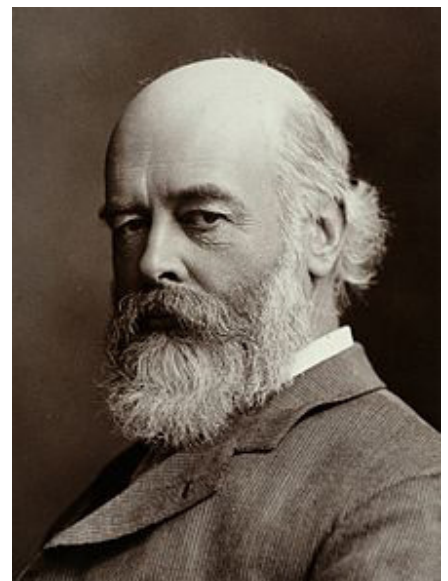
*Sir William Crookes*

Samuel Hahnemann was very much likely to being working in these two movements from the spirit world which he could do more freely and easily than from our material end. Indeed, during this period of time, there were other scientists incarnated on Earth, who also took an interest on studying spirit and after-life phenomena, such as Sir William Crookes and the physicist Sir Oliver Lodge, both in the United Kingdom. However, just as Samuel Hahnemann was persecuted in many different ways when alive, the same treatment has been meted out to Allan Kardec, Sir Oliver Lodge and Sir William Crookes, who actually proved by repeatable experiments under laboratory conditions that there are people living in the normally invisible part of the universe and that we are dealing with natural and normal forces in the universe. The only weapons left as ammunition of those who have a great deal to lose

from the truth was and is censorship and character assassination.

The attacks on Samuel Hahnemann and Sir Oliver Lodge have been very vicious and they all still carry the awkward labels of liars, cheats, cranks, frauds, gullible idiots, and their enemies also added on top of that allegations that Sir William Crookes was a sex maniac, just in case the other labels are not enough. Many scientists who tried to find out how homoeopathic remedies work have been ridiculed and suffered censorship and character assassination, just as Sir William Crookes and Sir Oliver Lodge did.

One famous case was that of French immunologist Jacques Beneviste, who was hired and provided with a brand new lab by a pharmaceutical company, in order to discredit homoeopathy. However, well into his research, he was able to observe the action of these high dilutions in which at first he did not believe. It goes without saying that, at the end of this "research", the lab was removed from him, and even the magician James Randi joined in TV shows in order to ridicule him, just as had happened to Crookes and Lodge in the past.



*Sir Oliver Lodge*



At present times, Professor Luc Montagnier, a French virologist who co-discovered HIV and who won the Nobel Prize in 2008, describes that his latest work has significant implications on homoeopathy. Montagnier affirms: "I can't say that homoeopathy is right in everything. What I can say now is that the high dilutions are right. High dilutions of something are not nothing. They are water structures which mimic the original molecules." Montagnier has not been able to pursue this research in France because of lack of funding and also due to French retirement laws. However he has also hinted another reason as when he applied for funding from other sources, he was turned down.



*Professor Luc Montagnier*

Montagnier argued that there is a kind of fear around this topic. In this context Montagnier refers to Dr Jacques Benveniste, mentioned above. Montagnier regards him as a "modern Galileo." Montagnier affirms: "Benveniste was rejected by everybody, because he was too far ahead. He lost everything, his lab, his money. I think he was mostly right, but the problem was that his results weren't 100% reproducible." "I am told that some people have reproduced Benveniste's results, but they are afraid to publish it because of the intellectual terror from people who don't understand it."



*Dr Jacques Benveniste*

Montagnier is not worried that his colleagues will think he has drifted into pseudo-science. He replied adamantly: "No, because it's not pseudo-science. It's not quackery. These are real phenomena which deserve further study."

Materialism, to this day, is still very strong and these scientist attackers (plus armchair scientists who open up "scientific" internet forums to discredit spiritualist research and homoeopathy) are locked into Einstein's materialistic model of the universe - the theory of relativity and the Big Bang.

These are incompatible with quantum mechanics, the study of the invisible part of the universe.

Besides, the great materialistic powers on Earth, such as formalised religions, materialistic science or pharmaceutical companies, have vested interests, and their projects and reputations would be threatened if certain things were shown to be true. Needless to say that Montagnier is already starting to be ridiculed.

## Articles for the BUSS Newsletter

We want your news, articles, stories, jokes, poems, artwork, photos, and recipes - as long as they are related to Spiritism or Spiritist activities.

Please send your material to the BUSS Newsletter team: [office@sswm.org.uk](mailto:office@sswm.org.uk) before 26th September.

We can accept text, photos and images and all formats.

## BUSS AGM Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of BUSS take place on 17th September at 2pm.

This is an administrative meeting and will be held at Oxford House, Bethnel Green.

It is for directors, secretaries and administrators of groups aligned with, or who are members of BUSS.



# Photos from the events with Divaldo Franco

