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## INTRODUCTION TO THIS EDITION

Cairbar Schutel de Souza was born in the city of Rio de Janeiro on September 22, 1868 and disincarnated in Matão, State of São Paulo, on January 30, 1938.

He was one of the most important disseminators of Spiritism in our country. On July 15, 1905, he founded the "Lovers of Poverty Spiritist Group" (Grupo Espírita Amantes da Pobreza), which is known nowadays as The Clarion Spiritist Center (Centro Espírita O Clarim). It is located in the city of Matão-SP, where, also in 1905, he launched the Spiritist newspaper "The Clarion" ("O Clarim"). Twenty years later, on February 15, 1925, he published the International Spiritist Magazine (Revista Internacional de Espiritismo), a monthly publication dedicated to the study of psychic and Spiritist phenomena.

Cairbar was the pioneer in Spiritist broadcasting. He is the author of 17 major books, all published by The Clarion Publishing House, (Casa Editora O Clarim), an institution also founded by him. The names of the books are as follows:

- Spiritism and Protestantism - September 1911 (Espiritismo e Protestantismo)
- Hysteria and Psychic Phenomena - December 1911 (Histeria e Fenômenos Psíquicos)
- The Devil and the Church - December 1914 (O Diabo e a Igreja)
- Baptism - 1914 (O Batismo)
- Spiritism for children - 1918 (Espiritismo para crianças)
- Summarized Interpretation of the Apocalypse - 1918 (Interpretação Sintética do Apocalipse)

- Random Letters - 1918 (Cartas a Esmo)
- Mediums and Mediumship - August 1923 (Médiuns e Mediunidade)
- Genesis of the Soul - September 1924 (Gênese da Alma)
- Spiritism and Materialism - December 1925 (Espiritismo e Materialismo)
- Spiritist Facts and the Forces X - May 1926 (Fatos Espíritas e as Forças X...)
- Teachings and Parables of Jesus - January 1928 (Parábolas e Ensinos de Jesus)
- The Spirit of Christianity - February 1930 (O Espírito do Cristianismo)
- Life in another World - October 1932 (A Vida no Outro Mundo)
- Life and Acts of the Apostles - February 1933 (Vida e Atos dos Apóstolos)
- Spiritist Prayers - 1936 (Preces Espíritas)
- Radio Conferences - September 1937.

The book now published - **Spiritism for children** - was originally released in 1918 and it is certainly the first attempt to write a Spiritist book addressed directly to children, although it can also be used by parents to educate their children, a task that should not and cannot be neglected by those who call themselves Spiritists.

Once, Emmanuel was asked: "What is the best school to prepare the reincarnated souls on Earth?"

Emmanuel replied, "The best school is still the home where one learns the main facts about consciousness and character. Schools can teach, but only the institution of the family can educate. This is why the university can build a citizen, but only home can build a man. In its

monumental task of Christianization, the most important purpose of the evangelical Spiritism is to enlighten the conscience of the creature, so that the home is rebuilt and a new cycle of spiritual progress comes up among men, in Christian homes for the new era of Humanity." (*The Consoler, question 110, psychographed by Chico Xavier.*)

There are three reasons for our decision to publish this digital version. Firstly, the printed version is sold out. Secondly, all Cairbar Schutel's literature belongs, since January 2010, to the public domain, as per Articles 33 and 41 of Law no. 9,610 of February 19, 1998. Finally, we strongly believe that by offering this book free of charge to our Brazilian and foreign readers is paying tribute to Cairbar, who is considered by many and in our opinion too, as the number One Spiritist in Brazil.

Londrina, September 22, 2013  
Astolfo Olegário de Oliveira Filho

## PRELIMINARY NOTE

For some time now, several friends have insisted that we prepared and published a booklet with a few pages lightly summarizing the fundamental principles of Spiritism.

Lack of time and inspiration made us stop and we did not finish the task, despite the fact that it would be a valuable task for the dissemination of Truth.

Now time has arrived to fulfill this duty. We made our best efforts to put together in this small book, in a pedagogical manner, accessible to all, the most popular fundamentals of Spiritism, and at the same time provide the readers with a brief idea of this enlightening and consoling Doctrine.

For this purpose, we did what pearl divers do. We collected information, going from one book to another, all written by reliable authors, who in their passage on Earth left the light of their devotion towards the great cause that marked the extraordinary mission of the remarkable Spirit we call Allan Kardec.

As those friends, who insisted on the publication of this booklet, we are also convinced that it will fulfill its purpose in its task of informing and enlightening the beginners who seek to follow this Path of Life.

May the Geniuses that promote human progress open the intelligence of all who read this book, and may the Doctrine it contains be accessible to their hearts so that the Kingdom of God may descend to Earth and the Supreme Governor of our planet, Jesus Christ, keeps us under His protecting sight.

Cairbar



## GOD

**What is God?**

God is the Supreme Intelligence of the Universe and the primary cause of all things.

**What is the proof of the existence of God?**

Everything proves the existence of God, the wonders of creation, our organs, all our senses and ourselves. Everything that man has not done is the work of God.

**Does God have a human body?**

No. God is Spirit; He is everywhere; His Intelligence radiates throughout the Universe.

**What proves that God is everywhere?**

The marvelous order and harmony seen in both the biggest and smallest things. The souls that rise up to Him on the wings of prayer feel His presence and the power of His immense love, extended to all beings without exception.

**Is God then the Supreme Source of Goodness and Justice?**

Yes, He is the source where we drink the energy we need for the development of our intellectual and moral faculties.

**Is there more than one person in God?**

Reason tells us that God is unique and indivisible. The more we progress and become virtuous, the more we understand God.

## RELIGION

### **What is Religion?**

Religion is the science that leads us to God, making us aware of our duties and destiny after death.

### **Can religion then teach us about our destiny after death?**

Yes, this is one of the main teachings of religion, since its action is not limited to the small world in which we live.

### **Briefly, what is Religion all about?**

It is to love God with all our hearts, soul, understanding, and with all our strength, as well as to love our neighbor as we love ourselves.

### **What should one do to love God?**

1st - Raise our soul to Him in prayer.

2nd - Rely on His goodness and justice.

3rd – Be generous, that is to say, relieve and comfort those who suffer, and treat the unhappy with all the possible goodness.

4th - Devote ourselves to the study of His law, which is the Religion.

### **What should we do to love ourselves?**

Study and be virtuous, work for our spiritual progress and our maintenance in this world. Finally, be good, humble, loyal, and charitable.

**What should we do to love our neighbor?**

According to our possessions, we should do to our neighbor everything we wish others to do unto us.

**Is it right to hate those who harm us?**

Since Religion consists in the practice of Charity, we must always forgive and return good for evil.

## PRAYER

**What is a prayer?**

To pray is to raise our soul to God. It is through prayer that we approach God and communicate with Him.

**Does God answer those who pray with faith and fervor?**

God always sends good Spirits to help them.

**Are there special formulas to pray?**

No. God cares little about formulas for prayers. What matters is the intention of the one who prays, this is what, in His Goodness, He considers most important.

**Why, then, even in Spiritism, are there Prayers dictated by Spirits, and published in several books?**

These prayers teach men to reason when they address God, by not only using words, but also involving their feelings and understanding.

**Then these formulas do not constitute a rite?**

Spiritism has no ritual or formality. When the Spirits offer us a collection of Prayers, their intention is to help us with an example of how the Prayer should be, not limiting it, however, to mere words. As previously mentioned, the purpose is to make a Prayer understandable, sensitive, and pleading, which is our purpose when we

address the Supreme Creator, and to learn how to ask for what is useful and convenient for us.

### **Is God pleased with Prayers?**

Yes, because it is an act of humbleness, it is the recognition of our weaknesses and submission, invoking the help of the Higher Powers always ready to attend our prayers.

### **What about the prayers repeated many times?**

We have already said that God's goodness is free from formulas and the number of words said. God pays attention to the intentions of the one who prays. The endless prayers, "Hail Mary" and "Our Father," repeated 5 or 7 times, the prayers uttered with the lips, not felt in the heart, nor understood by intelligence, have no value before God. Jesus said, "Do not be like the hypocrites who think they will be heard for much speaking." The most important is to pray well and not a lot.

### **For whom should we pray?**

We should pray for our family, friends, and enemies in this, and in the other world, and for ourselves too. We should pray for those who suffer and those for which no one prays.

### **Is it acceptable to receive payment for prayers that we say in the intention of others?**

Reason tells us that God does not sell His mercy, and has nothing to do with dealers who even trade with divine things.

### **If you pay for a prayer, does God hear it?**

No, He does not. A prayer is an expression of love and submission. Those who rise through a prayer to the Supreme Creator must be selfless and humble.

### **How is Our Father's Prayer?**

Our Father, who is in the infinite hallowed be Thy name, Thy Kingdom come, the Kingdom of goodness, and let Your will be done on Earth and in Space, and in all the inhabited worlds. Give us the bread of the soul and body. Forgive our offenses, as we, heartily, forgive those who have offended us. Lead us not into the temptation of the bad Spirits, but send us the good ones to enlighten us.

I love You, oh my God, with all my soul and I want to love all men that, because of Your love, are all my brothers.

### **What is the prayer for the Guardian Angel?**

Beloved Spirits, Guardian Angels, you whom God in His infinite mercy allows to look after men, be our protectors in the trials of earthly life. Give us the strength, courage, resignation, inspire us to do all that is good, repress our inclination to evil and may your gentle influence enter our souls. Let us know that a devoted friend is beside us watching our sorrows, and sharing our joys. Do not abandon us. We need your protection to endure with faith and love the trials that God sees fit to send us.

### **How should we pray for those who suffer, incarnated and disincarnated?**

God Almighty, You that see our miseries deign to listen favorably to our request in the name of our love for those who suffer, incarnated and disincarnated. Look at them with pity and mercy. Open their souls to repentance and give them the means to redeem their past. Shower them with Your love particularly those we were acquainted with, and those we loved. Send their souls a ray of hope, allowing them a glimpse of the greatness of their destiny, and the happiness of, one day, coming together in spiritually more advanced worlds.



## MAN AND IMMORTALITY

**Since religion is a science that teaches us about our destiny after death, which is the inner nature of man? Is man only a body?**

No, the human body is nothing more than the instrument that the Spirit uses in this world to improve himself. At the time of death, the "spiritual man" abandons his body as we do to our old clothes.

**Is this why we call the "spiritual man" a Spirit?**

Yes, all creatures are Spirits re-dressed in carnal bodies.

**Then, the Spirit was not born when the body was born?**

In the beginning, the Spirit lives in the Space and embodies in our world, as well as in others, as often as it is necessary for his improvement.

**Are the animals Spirits too?**

Yes, but they are spiritually less developed, but they are also immortal and capable of improvement, since progress is a law of God. Since they are also God's creatures, it would not be fair that He created animals to let them die forever. <sup>(1)</sup>

<sup>(1)</sup> Although the word Spirit is used often to designate the human creature when disembodied, its use in relation to disembodied animals is found in the works of Allan Kardec. Please see

the Spiritist Magazine, 1861, translation published by Edicel, pages 227 to 229; the Spiritist Magazine in 1865, Edicel, pages 128 and 129, and in The Book of Mediums, Chapter XXV, item 283, 36th question.

Regarding the presence of the Spirits of animals in the spiritual plan, you can see the magazine "The Consoler" Issue 266, dated 06/24/2012, "Spiritism Answers." The link is:

<http://www.oconsolador.com.br/ano6/266/oespritismoresponde.html>

### **How can a Spirit live in another world without a body?**

The Spirit's body is made of a fluidic substance and the more advanced he is, the thinner and brighter is the body that covers him.

### **In this case, do the Spirits recognize each other?**

Yes, because each one has a body. They recognize each other, the same way we recognize relatives and friends.

### **Do the spirits of animals have a body?**

Yes, they do and it is similar to the body the animal had while on Earth. It is to this body that we give the name of perispirit.

### **Do the Spirits move faster than we do?**

They move much faster than our faster vehicles and aircraft. They move from one place to another at an incredible speed, the same speed as our thoughts, according to their level of development and their task in Space.

### **Why do we not see the Spirits?**

This is because our sight is not perfect. We also cannot see the air we breathe or the stars by the intense light of the Sun.

**Were the Spirits created good or bad?**

God created all spirits simple and ignorant. Each one reaches perfection more or less quickly, according to the way he uses his freedom.

**Does this mean that there are no angels and demons as taught by the religious sects?**

Yes, just as there is no eternal punishment and no Hell.

**What about those who are bad in this world?**

They suffer their punishment in another future life and reincarnate to repair the evil done.

**Can the Spirit last for one thousand or two thousand years?**

It can last for thousands and thousands of quadrillions, of sextillion years. The Spirit never dies. The Universe is infinite and the Spirit is immortal. The longer he lives, the wiser and happier he feels the more freedom he will have to go wherever he wants and the better he will acknowledge the works of Creation and care for it.

## COMMUNICATION WITH THE SPIRITS

### **Can the Spirits contact us?**

God allowed the Spirits Community to contact man assuring him of immortality.

### **How do the Spirits show themselves to man?**

In several ways. They become visible, and talk to us directly or with the aid of mediums.

If we are musicians, to prove that we are so, we can whistle or sing a song. However, if we have no voice or we cannot whistle, we can play a musical instrument to prove that we are indeed a musician.

This is what the Spirits do: they appear in person or use a medium to contact us.

When we read Allan Kardec's book "The Book of Mediums," we then understand how they communicate with us.

### **It is said that we should not evoke the Spirits.**

We should not evoke a Spirit we do not know, or call the Spirits for useless purposes. We should always prefer our relatives or friends, which we trust, but always for spiritual purposes.

### **Is it dangerous to evoke any Spirit?**

Would we call any man, someone we do not know, to exchange ideas or question him? Let us evoke preferably our Guardian Angel, our Protecting Spirits, and we will be successful.

### **Are there Spirits who especially watch us?**

God, in His Supreme Goodness, gave each of us a Protecting Spirit, whom we call Guardian Angel, and this Angel, is in charge of watching us, inspiring us good thoughts, helping with his advice, comforting and encouraging us in the trials that we face throughout our lives.

### **Do the Spirits have the same needs and suffer the same way as we do?**

They are aware of need and suffering because they have also gone through them. However, they do not feel them the same way we do, since they do not have a body.

### **Do the Spirits feel tired?**

No, they do not. Their energy is restored naturally with no effort of their organs.

### **Do the Spirits need light to see?**

They see for themselves, and in the other world, there is only darkness for those who are in expiation.

### **Then, the Spirits see things as clear as we do?**

They can see clearer than we can, since their vision captures things our sight cannot reach.

### **Do the Spirits hear sounds?**

Yes, and they can even hear sounds that our ears cannot perceive.

## LIFE IN ANOTHER WORLD

### **How is the other world?**

The other world is similar to our world. It has almost everything we have in this world and many things we do not have here.

### **Is it far from us?**

No, instead it surrounds and reaches us.

### **Why do we not see it?**

We do not see it, because of its physical composition. It is not made of a rough matter as our world is, but of a thin and delicate matter, suitable to its inhabitants, whose bodies are also made of thin and purified matter.

### **Then, are there houses, trees, flowers, parks, and animals?**

And why not? When he arrive there we will see all this, and, according to our spiritual progress, we will find, beyond these spheres, other more perfect worlds and made of even thinner matter.

### **What is life like in this other world?**

It consists of working, developing art and science, worshipping goodness, and worshipping God. Life in another world is essentially active: each one has a task, and works according to his ability and the knowledge he has acquired.

**In the other world, there are no bohemians and vagabonds as there is here?**

Yes, there are in large quantities. These Spirits bother and torment us, because they are closer to us, due to their materiality. However, they cannot stay for a long time in this state, and soon they are called to order and to assume their responsibilities.

## FUTURE PUNISHMENT AND ENJOYMENT

### **Future punishment and enjoyment, what does it mean?**

Future punishment and enjoyment are a consequence of our deeds. Reason tells us that when sharing happiness, which everybody wants, the good and the bad cannot receive the same share of it.

### **What is enjoyment in another world?**

The greatest happiness is to fulfill our duty. Secondly, we can use everything in the other world, without going against the authority of the Divine Law.

Moreover, there are the most pleasant tours, leisure traveling, and education. The enjoyment of afterlife, however not material as it is in our world, is more refined than those we can enjoy on Earth.

### **What is punishment?**

Punishment is the lack of enjoyment and freedom, as well as remorse for having committed crimes and misdeeds. Also, punishment is found in the misery experienced by those who surrendering themselves to indolence did not want to study and be charitable.

### **In this case, there is no Heaven, Purgatory, or Hell as taught by the religions?**

Reason tells us that no. Suffering is not in this or that place. It happens to the Spirit that violates the Divine Law. Do we not see, even in this world, how some suffer



more pain than others do, although they are in the same place? Each one reaps in afterlife what he has sown here. "They who sow the wind shall reap the whirlwind").

## VICES AND SINS

### **Which are the sins that make us unhappy in afterlife?**

All faults are caused by pride and selfishness. The excess of love for oneself disregarding others makes man think high and feel superior to his fellows, transferring to himself deeds he should only attribute to God. This is the root of all vices, which are born from pride and selfishness.

### **What is pride?**

It is the most dreaded of all diseases of the soul: it is the assumption that man is superior to others, giving place to anger, envy, laziness, lust, and all those vices that make us suffer.

### **Is anger really a big fault?**

It is more than a fault. It is better for a man to be lame than to be angry. Besides harming the Spirit, it harms the body as well.

### **What can we do to fight back anger?**

Practice patience, bearing our suffering according to the teachings of Jesus, repressing the violence in our souls, practicing peace, and trying to be calm.

### **Is it hard to fight envy?**

Nothing is difficult when you want. By starting to avoid criticism, gossip, and calumny, we will end up

by stopping the envy that makes us suffer. We do not get what we want by envying others, or wanting what belongs to them.

### **Is laziness a great evil?**

It is an obstacle, like an abyss, that separates us from the material and spiritual goods. The lazy one is always a parasite that lives at the expenses of others.

### **What does selfishness mean?**

When one loves in excess his belongings with no regard for others, he is selfish. This fault neutralizes some good qualities man may have because it becomes incompatible with justice, love, and charity.

Finally, to know what evil is, do what Jesus taught: "Do not do unto others what you do not want others to do unto you." When you go against this teaching, then you sin. Let us not surrender to gluttony, sensuality, lust. Let us be sober and chaste, and let us fulfill our duties.

## VIRTUES

**What is virtue?**

Virtue is a state of mind that makes us get used to being good and practice goodness.

**Which are the virtues?**

Virtue is only one and it is very clear - charity.

**Does this mean that charity is not limited to only doing alms and helping the poor and sick?**

It is all this and even more. It is to be patient, humble, without vanity or pride, to love, to do what is true, to comfort the afflicted and teach those who go wrong. Ultimately, the virtuous man carries out his duties for himself, for his neighbor and for God.

## WORK

**What can we say about work?**

Work is a law of nature, important to all.

**Why could not God refrain from imposing working conditions for man?**

God can do whatever He wants and He imposed working conditions for the Spirit to progress through his own efforts, and the merit of his own work. Besides, without work what would the Spirits and man do?

**Do we also work in the other world?**

We have already said that life in the other world consists of working.

**In the other life, is work as hard as it is here?**

Certainly not, work is less material in the same way it is in the perfect worlds. All intelligent action is a kind of work.

**So does work exist in the entire Universe?**

In Nature everything works. Even God, as Jesus said, works continuously.

**Without work, would there be no progress?**

Let us look at the lazy and vagabonds in our world, rich or poor, and see what knowledge they have acquired: by watching them from a moral and spiritual

point of view, we will conclude that it represents very little.

## SPIRITIST MORALITY

### **What is moral?**

Moral is the set of rules that we must follow to do good and avoid evil.

### **What is moral according to Spiritism?**

It is the same as the one taught by Jesus, the Christian morality that says, "Be good to all, including those who harm you."

### **How do we practice the Spiritist moral?**

The Spiritist moral is based on forgiveness, because hatred and revenge are unknown to the good souls.

### **Is moral only this?**

No, this is the main condition, but moral extends to charity, friendliness, generosity, humbleness, indulgence, work, and order.

## REINCARNATION

**Is it true that after we die we reincarnate and come back to Earth?**

Were it not like this, how could we explain the material, intellectual and moral differences found in men regarding fortune, health, and body's shape, level of intelligence, virtues, and vices? The innate skills clearly prove reincarnation.

**What are innate skills?**

They are like vague memories of previous incarnations, such as Mozart composing music at the age of seven, Pascal, a mathematician at the age of 12 and so many other examples.

**These men, who know a lot and are very good, are they a proof that they have already lived several times on Earth?**

Yes, perfectly right, the same way the savages are young Spirits, who were recently still living as animals.

**Are these savage beings like us?**

Yes, they are and after successive existences, they shall be wise and saints, since progress is given to all.

**And when we become wise and pure, do we still need to reincarnate on Earth?**

No, we do not, unless we come back with the mission to teach those who are here on Earth.



### **Do the Spirits only incarnate on Earth?**

They incarnate on Earth and on other worlds, which we call planets.

### **Why do we not remember past incarnations?**

Because our brain is conformed, and prepared to handle only this life. Moreover, it is a grace that God gives us, allowing us to forget our past crimes. However, when we return to the other world, we shall remember our lives on Earth. Everything follows a divine plan.

## PLURALITY OF WORLDS

### **Are there many inhabited worlds?**

They are numberless. Only in our solar system, we have Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune, which are all very close to Earth.

### **Are these worlds larger than the Earth?**

Uranus is 74 times larger than the Earth. Neptune is 100 times larger, Saturn 864 times larger, and Jupiter 1,300. Venus and Mercury are smaller, and Mars is roughly equal to Earth.

### **And the moon?**

It is a satellite of the Earth.

### **Do the other worlds also have moons?**

Not all of them, but Uranus has five, Mars two, Saturn ten, plus two huge luminous rings, Neptune has two, and Jupiter fourteen. Jupiter, this colossal world, is not like the Earth, and it is not subject to seasons, or to sudden temperature alterations. It is favored with a constant spring.

### **What are the stars?**

They are the same as our sun that shines over us. If some stars seem small, although they are millions of times greater than our sun, it is because they are at great distance from Earth.

**Do these suns illuminate other earths like ours?**

Each one of them is the center of planetary systems, as is the case of the sun of our system.

**Is the physical constitution of the worlds always the same?**

No, sometimes they differ, and so do the beings that inhabit these worlds. The harmony of shapes, due to the diversity of means, reinforces the Law of Divine Oneness.

**Do the worlds end?**

They undergo a transformation as time goes by. The same happens in nature to everything that is not spiritual. Only the Spirit is immortal.

## UNDERSTANDING THE GOSPEL

### **What does Gospel mean?**

It means "Good News" – "News of Salvation."

### **Who is the founder of the Gospel?**

Jesus Christ. He is the Governor of our planet, and came to Earth with a special mission to bring the Religion of Love for all of us.

### **Should we read the Gospel?**

Yes, we should. It tells us the life of Jesus and His teachings.

### **What do these teachings consist of?**

They consist of the practice of charity, and the duties we have with ourselves, with God and our neighbors.

### **Does the Gospel teach a different doctrine from Spiritism?**

No, it could not teach anything different since the mission of Spiritism is to preach the Gospel in Spirit and Truth.

### **What are the parts of Jesus' teachings that are found in the Gospel?**

Jesus' teachings were verbal and practical. He did not just talk. He taught by practicing what He said. In the Sermon on the Mount, for example, Jesus summarized His doctrine. When He finished the speech, and came

down the hill, a leper approached and worshiped Him, pleading, "Lord, if You want, You can make me clean".

And Jesus stretched out His hand and touched him, saying, "I do want, be clean." Immediately he became free from leprosy (Matthew, Chapter XIII, 1 to 4).

The Master acted like this constantly, and made everyone understand His Word, not only through the ears, but also through the eyes.

To be better understood by all, He explained through parables, the Religion they should follow. He taught us, for example, in the Parable of the Sower, to understand the real meaning of His words, in the figure of the good soil that receives the seed and produces abundant fruit (Matthew XIII).

The Parable of the Hidden Treasure and the Pearl teach us the means of seeking for spiritual things, i.e., the "Kingdom of Heaven" and so on.

### **Did Jesus teach about reincarnation?**

Yes, in the conversation he had with Nicodemus, according to Chapter III of the Gospel of John, Jesus told Nicodemus that he needed to be born again to see the Kingdom of Heaven. After the Transfiguration, when coming down the mountain, He announced the reincarnation of the prophet Elijah, who received the name of John the Baptist.

### **And what did Jesus say about communicating with Spirits?**

His doctrine is the sanction of this truth. Otherwise, He would not have evoked the Spirits of Moses and Elijah, who appeared to Him on the Mount Tabor and talked

with Him in the presence of His disciples Peter, James, and John. And Jesus, Himself, would not have appeared and would not have communicated with all His disciples after His death at the Golgotha.

### **Did Jesus say something about other inhabited worlds?**

Wanting His disciples to understand that this is so, He said, "There are many mansions in my Father's house."

### **Then, the Spiritist Doctrine has the divine sanction?**

We have seen that yes, and by this passage of the Gospel it is very clear that the Spiritism was foretold, and promised, by Jesus. He said, "I have spoken these things while still with you, but the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, shall teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you" (John , Chapter XIV, 26).

## SPIRITISM

**What is Spiritism?**

It is a Divine Revelation that covers all human knowledge and promotes its progress based on a higher science, which deals with the nature, origin, and destiny of the Spirits, and their relation with the corporeal world.

**Is there, or will there be later on, another revelation, which shall give us more truths, or offer us more knowledge than Spiritism does?**

No, Spiritism will not stop its activity. It said the first word, but it shall never say the last.

**What shall we think of those who claim that Spiritism is a step to arrive to a genuine Theosophy?**

They do not know what they are saying. They have no knowledge of Spiritism. Therefore, they did not study its various manifestations too.

**And this new science that appeared with the name of Metapsychics, will it not outdo the Spiritist principles? <sup>(2)</sup>**

It shall not outdo Spiritism, because this science is only a "research hypothesis" that goes beyond the psychological hypothesis, i.e., the old psychology.

(2) The question today would make sense if, instead of Metapsychics, it had been said Parapsychology. (The Clarion Editor's note.)

**But does not Metapsychics consider veridical the manifestations that Spiritism considers spiritual and animistic?**

This is one more reason why Spiritism exercises its action among the wise and the scholars.

**Why do religions fight Spiritism?**

Attachment to rooted ideas, instinct of the domain over crowds, in some it is the interest in material goods, in others it is the human respect and prejudice and finally, in most of them, acting in bad faith. Did the same not happen to Christianity when its Founder brought to the world the New Redemption? This made Him say, "No one, who drinks the old wine, wants the new, for he says that the old is better."

**Is Spiritism accessible to everyone?**

Yes, because it has no dogmas or mysteries, or subterfuges.

**Is there no danger in teaching it to children and to ignorant?**

Spiritism is a wonderful voice that speaks in all languages, in such a way it can be understood. To the wise, it speaks the WORD OF SCIENCE, and to the young of age and humble, the WORD OF LOVE.



**What can we say about those who claim that the unskilled and illiterate people cannot embrace Spiritism, since they would run a great risk?**

Having nothing to say and not being able to contest a Doctrine that they barely begin to have a glimpse of, they will say what comes to their minds. They do this to be taken for judicious and scrupulous people.

**Then, those who have no knowledge at all, and evoke the Spirits just for fun, do they not run the risk of being harmed?**

This is another case, and then Spiritism is not responsible for this. To evoke Spirits is not the same as to be a Spiritist or study Spiritism, the same way as to make a noise with compressed gunpowder is not the same as to be a firework expert or someone studying pyrotechnics. One thing is the use, and another is the abuse.

**Does this mean then that we can study Spiritism fearlessly?**

We ought not to study Spiritism. We must study it! We will find in Spiritism what we find nowhere, in no school, academy, or church. Spiritism will guide us through the uncertain world we live. Spiritism is the tie that binds the Spirits, connecting them to God.

Let us take part of this meeting, in this school, with the best intentions and the desire to learn. Thus, we are under the protection of the Good Spirits, who guide this movement of human spirituality, and let us stay, with the protection of our Father.

PRAYER

Our Father, in Heaven, let Your Holy name be known.  
Let Your Kingdom come to us.  
Let Your will be done on Earth and in Heaven!  
Our daily bread give us today!  
Forgive our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
Forgive our offenses, as we forgive our offenders!  
Let us not fall into temptation, but free us from evil!  
So be it!

## LETTER TO JESUS

My Lord and Master Jesus.

Praise Your enlightened Spirit!

I have held onto You through the painful moments of my life, and never stopped deserving Your mercy.

In moments of joy and abundance in my life, I have never stopped thanking You and singing praise unto Your unique Spirit.

Help me, Lord, in my weaknesses; fill up my failures, fill up my emptiness with Your kind intention and do not let my faults scandalize or maculate Your doctrine or word.

I am Your disciple and I love You as a faithful dog loves its owner. I am an ignorant child. Have mercy on me!

Bless all Spirits, my brothers, who support me and give them strength to operate Your love with me.

Praise God, our Heavenly Father, whom I know through You, and whom I love and adore, showing this by keeping Your commandment.

Cairbar Schutel

(Prayer said at ten o'clock at night, on March 19, 1936.)

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