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Merry Xmas & Happy New Year to Everyone

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Editorial

Dear Reader,

BUSS joined forces with Spiritists from other countries to arrange several events throughout 2010 to celebrate Chico Xavier's 100th Anniversary. He is considered to be the greatest Spiritist medium of all times and BUSS wanted to pay homage to his lifetime of achievements.

Cesar Perri, representing the ISC, came to share knowledge of his life and work. We had the showing of the movie "Pinga Fogo" at Queen Mary University - University of London - in October up until the screening of a 30min movie about his life followed by a lecture given by Dr. Marlene Nobre. Xavier, with whom she kept a close relationship and worked with him from the moment they first met.

Hence, BUSS proceeds with the objective of providing lectures and Seminars to the public about the Spiritist Teachings. On behalf of all BUSS workers, we would like to wish our readers a blessed Christmas and a peaceful New Year. Yours sincerely. *Chairperson - BUSS*

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Dr Sergio Felipe



Dr Marlene Nobre

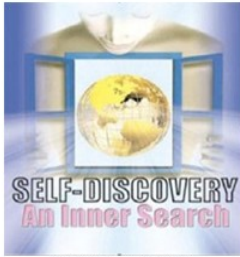


Dr Irvenia Prado

Spiritist Doctors in London

From 31st October to 3rd November BUSS organised various lectures in London for the Spiritist Medical event. It was a great pleasure to have with us three Brazilian doctors being Dr Marlene Nobre, Dr Sergio Felipe and Dr Irvenia Prado. Dr Marlene Nobre is the President of International Medical Association. She formerly practised gynaecology, with specialisation in cancer prevention. Dr Sergio Felipe de Oliveira is a neuro-psychiatrist and holds a Masters Degree in neuroscience. He is also a coordinator and post-graduate Professor for the course in Medicine and Spirituality held at the Medical Scholl of the University of Sao Paulo. Dr Irvenia Santis Prada is a veterinary surgeon, professor of animal Neuroanatomy and a writer. The first event took place at the Fraternity Spiritist Society on Sunday 31st October and the theme was about Disobsession and spiritual treatment. This took the format of a roundtable with Dr Marlene, Dr Sergio & Dr Irvenia. The other talks were held at Oxford House and the Queen Mary University of London. The event attracted a large number of English people. Spiritist Books were sold at the events.

By Angela Masuko- UK



Joanna de Angelis
Psychological and Spiritual
Studies
Every Wednesday
from 7:00pm to 8:30pm

How to deal with your Existential Conflicts

Come and join us every Wednesday evening to study and explore the spiritual psychology of the book –“Self Discovery - An Inner Search” by Joanna de Angelis the spiritual author, given through the admirable hands of Divaldo P. Franco.

This book brings the reader a doctoral thesis on the human psyche, its unbalances and deepest causes, as well as an effective therapy for the great problems that Humanity is facing today. It combines Psychology and Psychiatry with the Spiritist view of human beings and life.

When: Wednesdays from 7pm to 8:30pm

Meetings held at: BUSS Headquarter

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SPIRITIST MAGAZINE



Available in Four Different
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Spanish & Portuguese.

Inspired by Allan Kardec's works in the Revue Spirite (founded on January 1st, 1858), The Spiritist Magazine aims to bring to Spiritists and the lay public updated news about Spiritist science, including its advancements on the understanding of our origin, nature and destiny as immortal Spirits. The magazine also focuses on revisiting Allan Kardec's foundational works.

This English edition of the magazine is being published quarterly in print and online, as from April 2008. Subscriptions are available at: <http://www.spiritistmagazine.com/subscribe.html>

We also have the latest editions available at BUSS Headquarters.
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HEALING SEMINAR

In conjunction with BUSS, the ALLAN KARDEC STUDY GROUP-UK organised a HEALING SEMINAR at the Quakers Meeting House, 1A Jewel Road – E17, on Saturday, 27th November 2010 from 3.00 pm – 9.00 pm with 3 Speakers; Janet Duncan, Elsa Rossi and Silvia Gibbons.

The Seminar was very well attended and the first preparations for 16 new Healers was begun. There were plenty of refreshments and a mini Bazaar during the intervals, so an instructive and pleasant evening was had by all of the 32 participants.

By Janet Duncan - UK





Do you believe in life after birth?

In the womb of a pregnant woman two babies carry on a conversation. One is a believer, the other an atheist. The atheist: Do you believe in life after birth? The believer: Certainly. Everybody knows that there is a life after birth. We are here to grow and become quite strong and prepared for what is waiting for us next. The atheist: Come now! There could be no life after birth! Can you imagine how this life would be? The believer: I don't know all the details, but I believe that there is more light outside and perhaps that we can wander around and eat food out there. The atheist: Nonsense! It is impossible for us to walk and to eat! Ludicrous! We have the umbilical cord that nourishes us. I simply want you to consider the following: life after birth cannot exist because our life, the umbilical cord, is already quite short. The believer: I am sure it is possible. It only will be a bit different. I can picture it. The atheist: But there's no one who's ever returned from there! Life simply ends after birth. And frankly, life is of great suffering in the darkness. The believer: No, no! I don't know exactly how life will be after birth, but, in any case, we will meet our mother and she will take care of us! The atheist: Mother? Do you think we have a mother? Well, where is she then? The believer: She is everywhere around us, and we are inside her! We move because of her and thanks to her we get around and we live! Without her we would not exist. The atheist: Absurd! I have never seen such a mother; therefore, there is no such thing. The believer: I cannot agree with you. In fact, perhaps when everything is quiet, we can hear her sing and feel how she caresses our world. I firmly believe that our true life starts only after birth. And you???

Dr. Jirina Prekop, PhD, Czech Psychologist
Translated to English by Ily Reis
Prepared by SGNY/SAB

NEW BOOKS SOON

SCIENCE & SPIRIT
by Dr Hernani Guimaraes Andrade

“A little girl astonishes her parents by giving detailed information about her dead uncle “

A Brazilian soldier killed in the 1932 Constitutional Revolution ‘drops in’ unexpectedly on a medium nearly thirty years later, giving his name and numerous personal details almost all of which turned out to be true.

A family is terrorised by bombardments of stones thrown by invisible hands, and by inexplicable outbreaks of fires, some of them witnessed by police.

A little girl astonishes her parents by giving detailed information about her dead uncle – again all of it being true. It appears that she is in fact her uncle reborn.

These are three of the many cases of ‘paranormal’ phenomena that were meticulously investigated by pioneer Brazilian Parapsychologist Hernani Guimarães Andrade (1913-2003), who was both a scientist and a Spiritist. Here, he provides some of the best evidence on record, for poltergeists, reincarnation, or survival of death.

Hernani Guimarães Andrade (1913-2003) graduated in civil engineering from the University of São Paulo in 1941. After working for various public and private companies including Brazil’s National Steel Company, he joined the São Paulo State Water and Electricity Department, where he became technical director of its electricity and telephone division.

In 1961 he founded the Brazilian Institute for Psychobiophysical Research (IBPP) with a small group of like-minded Spiritists.

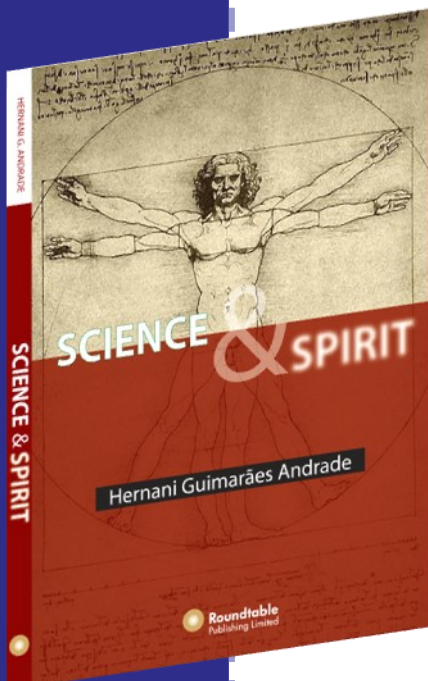
Its stated objective being ‘The study of paranormal facts and systematic research into the laws, properties and potential of the Spirit, by scientific methods’. He was the author of sixteen books, including three on reincarnation based on the original research he and his colleagues carried out on 75 Brazilian cases and two on Brazilian poltergeist.

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By Elsa Rossi - UK



News from Governance, Risk Management and Compliance

New Work Groups Are Being Formed

Do you do Event Planning; Maintain Your Organisation's Web Site or Computer Services; or Handle Finances for your Organisation? If yes, then BUSS needs you!

In order to help the NHQ and all our Affiliates, we are forming several new Work Groups within a 'Shared Service Centre' here at BUSS. The idea is that you already do this for your organisation so, why not join a team of similar workers at BUSS and do this for those Affiliates that do not have these skills. Chances are you won't be spending any more time on this than you currently do for your organisation BUT AS A TEAM, we can do so much more and help those Groups that do not have these skills. Why make others struggle when this is so easy for you!

This is your chance to really contribute to the Spiritual progress here in the UK. Many Groups have outstanding Spiritual workers who are forced to work in areas of their weakness - instead of contributing to Spiritual progress. We are one family under the umbrella of BUSS and need to help each other. This is fundamental to our Teachings so, let's practice this within our own organisation. **We need YOU!** Starting in December, we are looking for workers to join the following Groups:

- Finance and Accounting (4-6 Workers Needed)
- Event Management (3-5 Workers Needed)
- IT Services (1-2 Workers Needed)

Many complaints have been expressed and you all know the problems of a growing organisation; this is your chance to make things better and put your mark on Spiritual Growth in the UK. If you have an interest in any of these areas, joining one of these Groups will help use your existing skills or teach you new skills for entry to a new job. It does require a commitment to work at least 4-6 hours per month on a flexible work schedule. Please help BUSS help you.

Please contact Russ Davis on 07572452795 or by email at russ.davis13@gmail.com or call BUSS on 0207 729 3214 or by email at bussevents@gmail.com to express your interest in joining one of these Groups.

Health and Safety

Providing Public Services in the UK requires that for our weekly meetings, a basic First Aid Kit be present at each meeting site. In addition, events with more than 10 people attending require at least one person that is trained in basic First Aid.

BUSS has arranged to provide First Aid Kits for £15 and Basic **First Aid Training for under £35**. You are required by UK law to have a Basic First Aid Kit available for your meetings and events. First Aid training is something we all should know as you never know when Providence would present you with the opportunity to save someone's life or to provide help for an injury. Classes are being formed for next year at BUSS. Please let us know your interest and we will arrange the training. Contact BUSS on 0207 729 3214.

By Russ Davis - UK

Software Copyright Compliance

As you all know, sharing of software is illegal.

BUSS has been added to a Charity Technology Exchange and is pursuing the purchase of authorised copies of software for our Affiliates to use on their computers. Within the UK, the Federation Against Software Theft (FAST) works with Law Enforcement to enforce copyright protection. The UK Civil search order gave FAST the powers to search Companies, Charities and Not-for-Profit organizations suspected to be involved in software theft, unauthorized duplication and illegal use.

FAST is currently targeting organisations such as ours and they have the power to enter your meeting sites without notice and ask for proof of licenses for software. If you cannot prove you have legal copies they may confiscate the computers and seek prosecution in the Courts for those responsible for using or distributing illegal copies of software. So, the message to all Trustees is to verify all copies of software used to support your activities are legal. Ask your workers to check they are using legal copies of software!

None of us want to fall foul of the law, so BUSS is being given the opportunity to purchase common software used in support of our Spiritual efforts at highly discounted rates. This software may be purchased by our Affiliates through BUSS.

This is also a good way to simply upgrade the software that you use at prices that are generally less than 25% of the retail price. Software that is included in the CTX scheme is vast (there are over 100 titles from Microsoft alone) and includes operating systems, office products, publishing and networking plus many more. For example, Office 2011 will only cost £26 if you buy it from BUSS vs. £85-135 from Retail Stores.

Please provide the list of software (PC or MAC) your organisation wants to purchase before 20 December. You should contact Russ Davis on 07572452795 or by email at russ.davis13@gmail.com to discuss the titles or any hardware you want to purchase.

By Russ Davis - UK



The Child

Man will build his nest on the top of the highest buildings made of concrete...

He will dominate science and will fill the space above with multiple invisible waves transmitting sound and colour...

He will cross the sky in flying palaces at the speed of lightning...

He will tower over powerful instruments to study the nature and the movement of the stars...

He will reach in triumph the top of intellectual conquests speculating about the essence of the universe...

However, if he does not come down to help the child lying on the floor of the world, it will be useless to hope for a better Mankind.

It is during childhood that the germ of perfection appears renewed, in the same way that the brightness of a new day begins at dawn.

Stretch out your generous arms and help the little ones who are around you.

Free them today from ignorance and poverty, laziness and cruelty, so that tomorrow they may be able to avoid crime and suffering.

Be it flesh from your flesh or someone else's offspring, every child is the life of your life.

Learn how to kneel down to reach it in the same way Jesus came down to redeem us.

If we fail to rescue childhood for the glory of God, all human progress will continue to oscillate over the thorn bushes of illusion and evil.

Do not forget that by each cradle God allows us to meet our own future.

It is in our hands to transform it into a dangerous path leading to darkness or a bright stairway leading us to the light.

EMMANUEL

(Medium: Francisco Cândido Xavier, in: "Taça de Luz" – LAKE Edition)



Dr Irvenia Prada

The Chico Xavier Spiritist Society hosted a meeting on 1st November 2010, with Dr. Irvenia Prada, a Veterinarian and Professor of Animal Neuroanatomy at the University of Sao Paulo in Brazil.

The theme of the talk was on “The Spiritual Question about Animals” and it was very well received.

Dr Irvenia Prada is a very learned scholar and is primarily a scientist. Her standpoint is always scientific, such as the gathering of data, observation and experimentation to test a hypothesis. Therefore hers is a very clear objective and well thought out explanation on a subject that can be quite complex. Such as - Do animals have souls? Do they progress in the same pattern of evolution as Mankind? Does their intelligence give them freedom of choice? How should we behave towards animals in general? Are they available for us to experiment on them and to eat them? Do they stay with us after they leave the physical body?

All these questions and many more were answered in a very open and practical way, without judgment of anyone, in a sense that as rational beings and possessed of Free Will we should make our own judgment on how to behave towards those creatures that share the world with us.

Dr Irvenia Prada is also a Spiritist and she unites the Teachings of the Superior Spirits, as given to Allan Kardec in the Spiritist Codification, to the scientific method. We see that they can live quite well together when scientists can see themselves as part of the greater creation.

She has an open and clear way of explaining such a very difficult subject, making it easy for everyone to understand and encouraging people to do their own research.

It was a very interesting evening with literally everyone staying on to ask questions long after the meeting concluded. Thank you Dr Irvenia!

If you are interested in knowing more about this subject her book “The Spiritual Question about Animals” is now being published in English and BUSS bookshop may be able to help you acquire it.

By Silvia Gibbons - UK



The Making of a Loving Shoe Box Mountain



Dear Friends and Fellow Spiritists.

Our campaign has come to the end. We are ever so happy with the results. More growth and an amazing result of 541 boxes achieved this year. I can't thank enough all volunteers that took part in the O.C.C. this year.

Operation Christmas Child has grown again. We wanted to take this opportunity to share the exciting and rewarding experiences of the O.C.C. 2010. We are not finished yet and a lot of work and efforts are still underway. We estimate that this year around one hundred Spiritists in the U.K. are taking part of the campaign. To date four hundred and fifty children will benefit from our work and we are certain to go beyond the 500 mark, which is a remarkable achievement, given the economic climate that we are living.

As the mountain of shoeboxes grows, our love goes with them to far destinations, such as Eastern Europe, Central Asian and Africa.

Thank you all for your shoe boxes, fund raising, donations, smiles, friendship, time, hard work and for sharing your love with the children in need.

We will publicise facts and figures on the next issue of the BUSS News Letter, but for now and in the name of the Samaritan's Purse International and the receiving children, a big Thank You and Merry Christmas.

www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk

By Antonio Leal, Co-ordinator of the O.C.C. for B.U.S.S



Four months ago, **Bezerra de Menezes Spiritist Society** managed to rent a room in Bethnal Green where we now hold the following activities:

Tuesday Evenings – 7.00pm to 8.45pm – Systematic Study of Spiritism
 Wednesday Evenings – 6.00pm to 7.00pm – Fraternal Guidance
 Friday Evenings – 7.00pm to 8.30pm – Public Talks

Meetings in Portuguese held at: Oxford House in Bethnal Green, Second Floor - Room 9 Derbyshire Street – London – UK – E2 6HG

With the help of the spiritual Benefactors, we believe we can help disseminate Spiritism in the heart of East London. For more information, please contact Marlene Marques at 07590030017.

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Fraternity at new address

FRATERNITY SPIRITIST SOCIETY

Coordinator : Ms. Elizabeth Stevenson

Sundays : 5.30pm to 8.30pm

Activities : Studies of Spiritism in Portuguese and English
Talks and Lectures followed by optional Healing
Spiritism Education for Children

Meeting Address : Kensington United Reformed Church, Allen Street, London, W8 6BL - Tube: High Street Kensington

Postal Address : P.O Box 250, London, W8 6ND

Contact : 07590 463 500

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Web Site : www.fraternitiespiritistsociety.org

NEW GROUPS

SPIRITIST STUDIES IN LANCASHIRE

Coordinator: Janaina Roberts

When: Wednesdays from 8pm

Meeting: study in English/Portuguese

Darwen - Lancashire

Contact : 07917881811

E-mail Address: Spiritism.Lancashire@gmail.com

Web Site: <http://spiritism-lancashire.webs.com/>

THE GUIDANCE LIGHT SPIRITIST SOCIETY

Coordinator: Luiz & Sonia

When: Wednesday from 7 pm till 8 pm (except the 3rd Weds of the month) and 7 pm till 8:30 pm on Friday (only 3rd week of the month)

Meeting: Canterbury - Kent

Activities: Mediumship circle and / or fraternal assistance. Studies of Spiritism in English and / or Portuguese.

Contact: 01227 766875

E-mail Address: guidance.light@gmail.com

THE OXFORD SPIRITIST STUDY GROUP

When: Thursdays from 8pm-9.30pm.

Where: The West Oxford Community Centre
 Botley Road, Oxford, OX2 0BT.

E-mail Address: oxfordspiritiststudygroup@yahoo.com

The Spiritist Society of London had the pleasure to sponsor talks held by Dr. Vanessa Anseloni from Baltimore USA. She held the following events:

2nd October 2010: Seminar on "Fraternal Assistance" and "Understanding Spiritual Surgeries" at Tate Britain

5th October 2010: Special talk called "Darwin forgot the Spirit" at Oxford House theatre.

We are now meeting every Thursday from 7.30pm to 9pm for our public talks that have a topic of the month. September was the Month of Reincarnation, October the Month of Healing, November the Month of Mediumship and December will be the Month of Jesus.

We are also offering the "**ROADMAP PROGRAMME FOR SPIRITIST STUDY AND PRACTISE**" every Tuesday evening at Oxford House. The Roadmap Programme for Spiritist Study and Practise (RPSSP) focuses on the goal of promoting the study and practise of Spiritism, while contributing to the formation of Spiritist Workers. It welcomes everyone to take this Course without distinction to sex, race, religion or nationality. Each class comprises of a one and a half-hour study session and is divided into three (3) phases.

If you would like more details, please contact Franziska Kranz at 07749668625 or e-mail: thesslondon@gmail.com

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Allan Kardec

The Spirits' Book by Allan Kardec

752. Is the sentiment of cruelty connected with the instinct of destruction?

"It is the instinct of destruction in its worst form, for, though destruction is sometimes necessary, cruelty never is; it is always the result of an evil nature."

742. What is the cause that impels man to war?

"The predominance of the animal nature over the spiritual nature, and the desire of satisfying his passions. In the barbaric state, the various peoples know no other right than that of the strongest; and their normal condition is, therefore, that of war. As men progress, war becomes less frequent, through their avoidance of the causes which lead to it; and when it becomes inevitable, they wage it more humanely."

Disseminating Spiritism world-wide

The Spiritist movement has been growing worldwide. Despite this positive tendency, it is still on its infancy in many countries. There are many key-points that can potentially represent “barriers” for disseminating Spiritism globally speaking. These key-points should be understood and considered by all of us who, in a way or another, are involved in disseminating the consoling Spiritist teachings outside our homelands in this current existence.

As Spiritists, we should always observe and respect the local context in where we are living. Clearly, from the Spiritist teachings, it is well known that we live on a planet of expiations and trials and therefore, we are all in the same or similar level of spiritual evolution. Nevertheless, having said this, each nation is different and for this reason, every society has its particularities, which should be taken into account. Following this thinking it is relevant to observe that Francisco *Cândido* Xavier in 1965 visited several countries, including England. During this fraternal journey, our beloved Chico Xavier learned English for being able to communicate with the local people. Based on this experience, the book “*Entre Irmãos de Outras Terras*” was written (and it has been translated into English recently under the title: *Amongst Brothers of Other Lands*). One of the messages given by André Luiz in New York, USA (July 29, 1965) lists the key-points which should be considered by all of us when visiting other lands, such as: Study the language of the country that you visit in order to be more useful; Get to know the legal provisions that apply in the country that you are visiting, and obey them; Never be sarcastic about any of the habits and beliefs of the country you visit. This book is literally a good manual of conduct for all of us Spiritist living abroad. For this reason, *its reading is highly recommended and its messages deserve our sincere reflection. its reading is highly recommended and its messages deserve our sincere reflection.*

By Rodrigo Machado-UK

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