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Overcoming challenges A great year for BUSS

Following last year's uncertainties 2021 has turned out to be another challenging year but, with confidence in God and our spiritual benefactors, we are pleased that BUSS overcame the uncertainties and difficulties presented to us. This in turn has enabled BUSS to look with confidence to the year ahead.

By encouraging and guiding people to live their lives in accordance with Spiritist moral principles BUSS continues to work towards creating greater social inclusion and greater religious and spiritual harmony between people and groups. With this new VIRTUAL PHASE we see a great opportunity to grow an increasingly wider audience throughout the world, under the framework of God's moral principles and natural laws. (cont. p 2)

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JESUS IS BORN AT EVERY MOMENT IN THE MANGER OF OUR HEARTS

As wrote Chico Xavier's mentor, Emmanuel, "the supremacy of Jesus is the divine revelation, of which He was the Sublime Messenger, and His harmonious teachings and examples speak louder than the unstable message from the most elevated philosophers which this world has ever seen.

Jesus is the highest standard of moral perfection to which humankind may aspire on Earth. God offers Him as the most perfect model, and the Teachings He taught are the purest expression of God's law, because He was animated by the Divine Spirit, and was the purest being who ever walked the Earth.

He teaches us: "Whosoever humbles himself shall be exalted, and whosoever exalts himself will be humbled." Jesus is the reason for the Christmas season. He is the most important guest in our homes, our families and our hearts.

May God bless you all and your Family this CHRISTMAS, and fill your hearts with Peace, Harmony and Happiness.

Happy New Year.

Elsa Rossi , BUSS chairperson

A great year for BUSS (cont)

During the year BUSS offered a Virtual Mediumship Course, in English, open to all interested Spiritist and Spiritualist people. We expected around 20 people would enrol but, to our surprise 36 people enrolled in two weeks. We started the virtual course in February, with weekly attendance of around 29 people. BUSS is pleased too that the good news of this course has spread so that now people from Wales, the Netherlands and Finland have joined our waiting list for next year's virtual Course.



A year of Léon Denis

This wonderful year 2021, has given to BUSS the opportunity to bring to the world, the light of one of the famous spiritist philosophers – Leon Denis, follower of Allan Kardec. We celebrated throughout the year, his 175th Birthday.

All events have been organised by the British Union of Spiritist Societies - BUSS, and have been transmitted on Facebook and YouTube by BUSS, the Irish Spiritist Federation, Kardec Radio and Kardec Group - they are still available to revisit and be watched again.

Below, our speakers, and a small taste of what they talked about:

1st/01 **Charles Kempf**, from Thann, in France spoke about "Leon Denis – The Spiritist Philosopher". Charles brought several quotes and parts of some books that gave us insights and reflection about LIFE. "Without the moral discipline that everyone must impose on themselves, public freedoms are only an illusion".

06/02 **Flavio Zanetti**, from Boston, US, spoke about the book: "The Celtic Genius and the Invisible World". It was Leon Denis' last work, and talked about the Celtic philosophy and spiritism. And explain wonderfully who the Celtics were.

06/03 **Vanessa Anseloni**, from Virginia, US, brought to light this wonderful book "After Death". The impressive moment of her speech was the revelation that our beloved Brazilian spiritist, now himself a spirit, Euripedes Barsanulfo, was resistant to Spiritism, but when someone gave to him the book After Death, he bowed to Spiritist Philosophy.

03/04 **Humberto Schubert**, from Juiz de Fora, BR, gave emphasis to Leon Denis as one of the greatest Spiritist authors . He beautifully spoke about this masterpiece "Spiritism in the Arts" and its focus on beauty. He committed himself to preserving the classical idea of beauty. He reminds us of the idea of physical beauties of the heart and the beauties of the mind.

01/05 **Roberto Watanabe**, Sao Paulo, BR-FEESP. The Problem of Life and Destiny 1st part – Roberto gave us hints to think about Mozart, proof of the existence of the soul, sleep, death . Sleep is the brother of death. When we are sleeping, the soul goes far away, and dreams are fragments of these moments.

06/06 **Munir Gariba**, from Curitiba, Brazil, spoke about "Leon Denis – The Problem of Life and Destiny, parts 2nd and 3rd". Munir brought many interesting aspects regarding the problem of destiny and the powers of the soul. He showed us that Destiny has no other rule than that of good and evil practiced, and that above all things reigns a great and mighty law, by virtue of which every living being in the Universe can only enjoy a situation proportionate to its merits.





A year of Léon Denis

03/07 **Dan Assisi**, from California, US. "The Big Enigma" speech was wonderful, as our dear Dan Assisi sends to our minds questions that we must think and reflect on, such as " Is there a purpose, a law that governs the Universe?" Talking about life after life, he makes the connection to different people around the world who have the same questions in their minds, and think about our eternal life. Dan emphasised that science walks little by little, towards a great unifying synthesis.

07/08 **Emanuel Dutra**, from California, US, made a synthesis of several discourses, "Lectures by Leon Denis in several Congresses". His talk opened a door of more research about projects organised before Leon Denis death. We recommend that everyone watch it again and enjoy this information.

04/09 **Faye Waddington**, From the United Kingdom, spoke about the book, The Mystery of Joan of Arc translated into English and prefaced by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle published in May 1924 by John Murray. She brought us a unique analysis of the life and legacy of Joan of Arc and the trust in her spiritual mentors and a source of strength and knowledge.

02/10 **Alexandre Caldini**, from Brazil, explained very well about "The Purpose of Life" – In his talk, Caldini brings us this Leon Denis work, with his beautiful and developed intelligence and logical explanations, a rational solution of the problem of existence in the primordial reasons in the earthly plane, in the physical body, on the way to the eternal spirit. BUSS is now launching it in an eBook format in Amazon.

06/11 **Daniel Steagall**, from Brazil, living in Washington-US, prepared a wonderful speech about "Leon Denis and the New Perspective of Pain", and he showed one impressive article written by Leon Denis – Learn how to suffer. I do not say seek sorrow! But when it comes, and stands inevitable in your path, receive it like a friend. And much more, that make us really think about how to live a better live.

For all of our followers, friends around the world, the ones that watched all Leon Denis series every month, for us, BUSS, with a great joy, we are organising the last event, bringing all together, all speakers in the same virtual room, to talk about any of the core issues that they have learnt or realised, or anything that caused to them deep contemplation, or anything additional that they want to emphasise in relation to the Léon Denis topic previously talked about.

> So we invite you all to be with us, or if you missed it, go to our BUSSAUDIOVISUALS YouTube channel.





A year of Léon Denis





Léon Denis brings us in this work, with his beautiful and developed intelligence and logical explanations, a rational solution for the problem of existence within the primordial reasons in the earthly plane, in the physical body, on the way to the eternal spirit.

He praises the points and principles which clarify in a high level and at the same time enabling easy assimilation, what we are, where we come from and where we go after our departure to the spiritual world.

Developing the main theme with the care and poetry of the soul, which is peculiar to him, Leon Denis holds the attention of the reader of all ages, in the direction of the highest aims of the human soul.







Our Bookshop has an extensive range of Spiritist books available for sale, not only in English but in other languages too. BUSS Bookshop has not been busy during lockdown but we do encourage our supporters to enquire and make purchases.

We have a Christmas SPECIAL BOOK SALE on two titles printed by BUSS that we have in stock: "Christian Agenda" and "Thought & Life", automatic writing by Chico Xavier through the spirits of Andre Luiz and Emmanuel, respectively. Buy 10 copies at special offer prices – see the flyer below for details.

Links to amazon











The 1st World Spiritist Month will happen in April 2022. The organisers are Andre Marouço-Malta, Antonio Cesar Perri-Brazil, Charles Kempf-France, Elsa Rossi-United Kingdom, and Ruben de los Santos-Uruguay, with support from FEAL the Directors. (Fundação Espírita André Luiz – São Paulo-Brazil)

BUSS British Union of Spiritist Societies

Spiritual Light

We started another way to disseminate Spiritism in March, linking problems with solutions for today. BUSS joined with Lithuania, Ireland and France in this project "Spiritual Light" and so far around 40 episodes have gone LIVE.

Recently, the Spiritist Society of London started a series TIME TO TALK, focussed on Mediumship. The intention is to create a space for people who experience different phenomena in their lives but who do not have a space to talk. For this a QR code was created and the person can ask something anonymously.



EUROPEAN SPIRITIST GATHERING

Theme: Christmas and Jesus

18th December 2021 Saturday

> Speakers: Elsa Rossi Pekka Kaarakainen



<u>Time</u>: 19hrs Dublin/London 20hrs Paris / 21hrs Finland

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JOANNA DE ANGELIS, a great contribution in Spiritist psychology. talks of This series online is organised by the Spiritist Society of Bournemouth and Poole Christian Spiritualist Church. It is transmitted on the Spiritist Society of Facebook Bournemouth and YouTube channels, every fortnight.







BUSS is preparing Seminars in Portuguese & English for 2022, including preparation for Spiritist Educators.

BUSS already has Seminars available in our BUSSAUDIOVISUALS. YouTube channel: <u>https://youtu.be/XyY3u_PrAt0</u>







The High Five campaign was setup by Kardec Group during the COVID-19 pandemic to help two community organisations in Brazil with their continual costs supporting their activities.

Grupo Espírita Scheilla (Salvador, Bahia) and Instituto Multi Irão (Curitiba, Paraná) have been created with the purpose of supporting those in need with the basics of somewhere to live, the ability to read and write, educational activities to help ensure children are safe and off the streets, helping to ensure that people have food on their plates, and that people have the ability to find dignified jobs that help them support their families.

Both groups are reliant on donations to support the many families who depend on them, and since March 2020 the donations they receive have been very low. All donations are welcome. For more information and details of how to donate via PayPal or bank transfer: <u>www.kardec.org.uk/highfive</u>

JOANNA DE ÂNGELIS TRANSLATION PROJECT - Official campaign by AME-Brasil (Brazilian Spiritist Medical Association), Mansão do Caminho, Centro Espírita Caminho da Redenção, and Editora LEAL

Dear friends,

We are starting a campaign in order to translate the books of the Psychological Series by Joanna de Ângelis, and other books related to the Series, into English.

We know that translating the Benefactor is not an easy task, given the complexity of the content and the difficulties of the terms used. Additionally, the work in English will be a reference for further translations in other languages. As such, there is care taken to have the translations completed by highly qualified professional native translators. Sensitive to this proposal, which can benefit many people, we invite you to collaborate by donating towards this project.

Kardec Group, from England, is supporting us and has kindly agreed to be responsible for collecting the donations. Our thanks to everyone who can spread the word and help in any way. Gelson Luis Roberto

Coordinator of the Centre for Spiritism and Psychology of the Brazilian Spiritist Medical Association (Coordenador do Núcleo de Espiritismo e Psicologia da AME Brasil)

Joanna de Ângelis Translation Project

Donate towards new English editions of the Psychological Series by Joanna de Ângelis, and other books related to the Series, and help bring the Benefactor's teachings to thousands of people around the world.

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For information about donating via PayPal, as well as posters to share on social media: www.kardec.org.uk/joanna



SPIRITISMx 2021: Understanding Our Multidimensional Journey

On 20th and 21st November, the third edition of SPIRITISMx took place. This seminar of short talks is organised by Kardec Group (Spiritist Society of Windsor and Maidenhead, and Spiritist Society of Bicester), as an anniversary event for the Spiritist Society of Windsor and Maidenhead.

Following from the previous year, SPIRITISMx 2021 was an online event with four blocks of short talks with lecturers from the UK, France, Finland, Denmark, America and Brazil, talking around the main theme of "Understanding Our Multidimensional Journey".

The topics included "Preparing for Regeneration: Beyond Our Comfort Zone"; "Music and Arts: Connecting to Higher Dimensions"; "Mediumship and Mental Health"; "After Life: Exploring the Beyond" and "Ecological Sustainability: Caring for Our Planetary Home".

The talks were interlaced with musical performances by Frederico Gouveia (New York) and Thomas Gregory (London), plus two special English versions of videos from the Brazilian Spiritist comedy group *Amigos da Luz* were also shown during the event.

During the event, Kardec Group highlighted their High Five fundraising campaign which supports Grupo Espírita Scheilla and Instituto Multi Irão in Brazil, as well as launching the Joanna de Ângelis Translation Project, which is an official campaign by AME-Brasil (Brazilian Spiritist Medical Association), Mansão do Caminho, Centro Espírita Caminho da Redenção, and Editora LEAL.



Kardec Group would like to thank all those who took part in the event, the speakers and audience, as well as the following organisations for restreaming the event: British Union of Spiritist Societies; Irish Spiritist Federation; International Spiritist Council; Rede Amigo Espírita; Spiritist Network; and EspiritsmoNet.

The recordings of the live event, as well as the music from the event and the recordings from the 2019 and 2020, are available on the Kardec Group YouTube channel. The videos of the individual talks from SPIRITISMx 2021 will be available soon.

Website: <u>www.kardec.org.uk</u> YouTube: <u>www.youtube.com/kardecgroup</u> High Five campaign: <u>www.kardec.org.uk/highfive</u> Joanna de Ângelis campaign: <u>www.kardec.org.uk/joanna</u>

