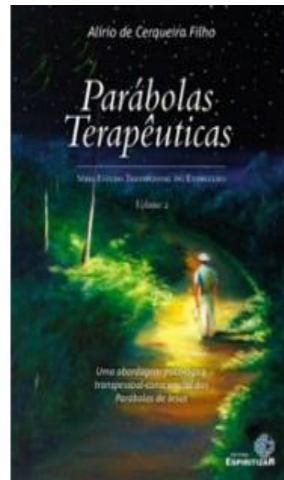


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Book Review – Parábolas Terapêuticas II



This book aims to develop reflections so we can revive in our minds the meaning of the divine Laws, as the question 621 of the Spiritists Book says: Since man has in his consciousness the law of God, why it needs to be revealed? "He has despised and forgotten. God wants man to be remembered. "

The process of understanding the divine Laws, to love and respect each other and practicing the divine laws leads

us to the existential balance, which is the main objective why we, immortal Spirits, reincarnate over and over through the centuries.

In other words, the existential balance starts from the moment the Spiritual Being awakens his conscience and is one of the most significant issues that the immortal Spirit must develop along his evolutionary path.

Alirio Cerqueira

Source: espiritizar.com.br

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Alirio Cerqueira:

Planet Earth: You And A Regeneration World



On February 28th, 2013 Alirio de Cerqueira Filho, a special guest from Brazil, spoke to the Kardec Spiritist Group of Austin. He talked about this important transitioning period our planet has been going through and what our role on this process is, as evolving Spirits.

Alirio brought us a very profound, but yet clear interpretation of Matthew's message from the Gospel of Matthew, 24:13 "But he who stands firm to the end will be saved" and reminded us of our real mission on Earth which is to practice God's Laws of Love, Justice and Charity.

Now, more than ever is the time to elevate our thoughts, let go of the material things that make us suffer and focus on what really matters, the Spiritual virtues.

Our beloved planet is being carefully prepared by the Superior Spirits to become a Regeneration World and Jesus is inviting all of us to be part of this New World without suffering and expiations. Following Him will require us to look deeply inside, recognize our faults and decide to act like real Christians, according to Jesus teachings, everyday, one day at a time. Are you prepared?

For more information on this topic, please visit <http://www.espiritizar.com.br/videos/Vol13/terra-um-mundo-de-regeneracao-e-voce> (Portuguese material)

By Fernanda Silveira

Youth Spiritist Education

Kardec Spiritist Group of Austin invites you and your kids to join us on our Youth Spiritist Education.

The meetings take place every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month.

From: 11:00 to 12:00am

Ages: 5 and older

If you plan to join us, please let us know in advance.

If you need to reach one of us to find your way, please feel free to call:

- Adriana Martins: 638-7176
- Beth Madden: 992-9048
- Joce Almendra: 576-2030

Book Club

Our Book Club meets every last Thursday of the month to discuss a book or part of a book related to Spiritism.

The purpose of our Book Club is to promote the study and discipline through reading.

Our next meetings:

April 25th at 7:00pm

Jun 30th at 7:00pm

For more information, please contact:

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Luciana Corwin luairam@gmail.com

Volunteer Opportunity

Every second Saturday of each month Kardec Spiritist Group of Austin visits the Austin Children's Shelter for an afternoon of fun and interaction with children that were rescued from abuse and neglect.

There are 51 children and youth in care today at ACS, over 40 of them are between the ages of 12 – 18.

Sign up as a volunteer with Fernanda Bueno:

nandafernandabueno@yahoo.com.
phone 512-669-9263

We look forward to hearing from you!

Many of you have asked how to help our group, and here is one opportunity!

Our fixed monthly expenses with rent, utilities and other essentials total \$1058.00 per month.

Any contribution is optional, but really appreciated.

If you are in a position to commit helping the group, even with a small amount monthly it would be really helpful.

The fundraising events we promote throughout the year help us mainly with special events, such as speakers' travel expenses, but they don't cover these fixed costs.

Please talk to us if you can help!

We feel very blessed to share such a wonderful house of studies and prayers!

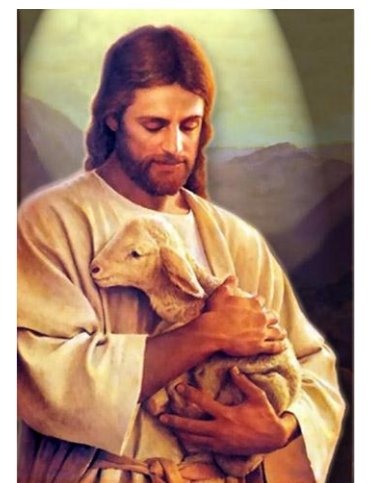
Thank you in advance for your consideration.

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Happy Easter From Our Group to You

For the spiritist doctrine the true spiritist is recognized for his/her "moral transformation and the efforts they undertake to discipline their bad inclinations" (Gospel - Kardec). It is in this sense that we understand the meaning of Easter: our individual search for our self-reform, modifying the old man that is inside each of us to be reborn a new man each and every day. Have a really Happy Easter!



WHAT IS STOPPING US?

By Jorge Godinho Nery

"I am leaving you at peace.
I am giving you my own peace.
I am not giving it to you as the world gives." (John 14:27)



The peace of Christ is not understood by humankind, nor assimilated, much less experienced. It is not external; it is not exogenous; it does not have its foundations in the things of the world, in fleeting and temporary values.

To possess it, it is necessary to conquer it.

To conquer it, we have to assimilate it and live it as often as necessary to make it emerge spontaneously.

The peace left by Christ is contained in the living of the greatest commandment: "Love God above all things and your neighbor as yourself."

To assimilate the greatest commandment is not simply to gain knowledge. It requires effort, expenditure of energy, resignation, will, and self-determination to practice it and live it.

"Love thy neighbor" is charity in its noblest strength. It is to be benevolent with all, indulgent to the faults committed by others, and to forgive offenses.

Whosoever proposes to be charitable begins the journey of peace. In his first steps, the

individual begins to feel the blessings of peace of conscience due to the fulfilling of duty while making efforts to accept his neighbor as he is and not as we might hope that he becomes. It is also to keep silent in the face of slander; to house the homeless; to be benevolent to all by applying indulgence to the faults of others, and to practice forgiveness before attacks.

On this journey, from our first steps, we begin the conquest of patience, benevolence, indulgence, capacity to forgive, understanding, trust, faith, resignation, renunciation, and endless virtues, especially the growing love that will hatch within us as we share our love for others and let it develop as the only path to its final and relentless destination, which is peace.

Peace is an intimate conquest, work to be done in many existences, which must be started immediately, or else it will be delayed, as has occurred until our days.

When we assimilate and live the good news of the Master Jesus, peace unfolds upon itself and builds its indestructibility. Let us be the conquerors of ourselves in regard to the building of peace. Let us build it by practicing

goodness, and so we will begin to see it overtake us and reassure us gradually, until the serenity of the Master, one day, will be part of our spontaneity.

Indestructible peace has already been left to us. It was given to us, exemplified and lived by Him who is the model and guide of humanity.

We have no right to ignore it, because we already know of it. At least, we have already heard of it. It remains simply to those who of us who are predisposed to possess it, to roll up our sleeves, winning for ourselves the Herculean struggle to assimilate it and experience it.

To gain peace depends on each one. It depends on our own efforts, which cannot be delegated. It is an achievement of the self.

So, what then is stopping us?

Text extracted from the article "What is Stopping Us?", by Jorge Godinho Nery, *The Spiritist Magazine*, No13, December 2010, page 8 and 9

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MAY CALENDAR

Our Spring Garage Sale

and

Julio Carvalho



More information to be announced in our weekly study meeting

Forgetting the Past

By Orson Peter Carrara

If we are all reincarnated, why don't we remember our past existences? This remains an intriguing question, one that casts long doubts for many people.

Forgetfulness of our past, — that is, our previous lives— indicates God's wisdom. Remembrances of episodes occurred in past lives would bring many inconveniences, not the least of them the following: a) a great humiliation due to unpleasant memories of our many moral missteps, especially if it involved third parties; b) the exaltation of our pride and self-importance due to high positions we might have occupied; c) damage to our social relations because by remembering our actions, we would certainly also remember actions of our path towards bliss and progress; and e) hate and vengeance that could undermine relationships and incite new aggravations.

On the other hand, among the plentiful advantages of forgetting our past —and we

repeat, all fruit of the Divine Wisdom— we can find: a) opportunities for new beginnings without disturbing remembrances; b) that the progress we reached so far will allow us to take steps for new advancements; c) reconciliation with old foes without the embarrassment of remembrances that could impede it; d) the overcoming of past traumas in renewed circumstances; e) new experiences and learning without the hindrance of a past that could interfere; f) and the acquisition of new experiences without any links with the past.

Those who do not know the process allege that forgetfulness would be an impediment for the rebuilt of our path, when in reality this "erasing of memories" brings true blessings. God benefits us with forgetfulness casting a veil so to say in our memory to prevent errors and equivocations from our past to turn into chains or weights that would impede us from building or rebuilding our own happiness.

However, if we still intend to find out what we were or what we did before our present life, it will suffice to observe attentively our tendencies, abilities, moral shortfalls, as well as ties that bond us to certain people, to get a sense of our conduct and behavior in previous lives. This close analysis will allow us to correct the direction of our current path.

To know more, dear reader, try to further read and reflect on questions 392 to 399 of "The Spirits' Book" by Allan Kardec. The issue surely is gripping, nevertheless the Spiritist Doctrine recommends discernment and avoidance of unnecessary curiosity. The essential point, in the end, is to adopt a good conduct now in order to construct a better future for later.

Extracted from <http://www.ieja.org/artiles>

Let's be Patient

"Let's be patient with everything that is happening in our existence.

Our impatience upsets the internal and external processes of Nature within us.

Patient acts and attitudes can change how we see and deal with conflict.

Let us remember that every problem contains within itself the seed of the solution."

Hammed

"The Pleasures of the Soul" - Patience

SAVE THE DATE!