

Book Club

Last October, we discussed the second part of the wonderful book **Paul and Stephen** (Spirit Author: Emmanuel and Medium: Francisco Cândido Xavier).

It is the most famous and longest novel in all of Spiritist literature. The spirit Emmanuel, through the mediumship of Chico Cândido Xavier, describes one of the most emblematic moments of early Christianity: the story of Paul of Tarsus, better known as Saint Paul. The richness of the narrative takes the reader to the Galilee of twenty centuries ago, revealing the spiritual events behind the expansion of Christianity. Besides offering new information on Paul's conversion at the gates of Damascus, his escape to the desert, and his travels, the book talks about the relationship between Paul and Stephen, the first martyr of Christianity. *Paul and Stephen* is considered one of the top ten Spiritist books of the 20th century.

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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

Book Club

Our Book Club meets every third Wednesday of the month to discuss a book, or part of a book related to Spiritism.

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

Our next meeting:

November 19th at 7:30pm

For more information, please contact:

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Volunteer Opportunity

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

There are about 50 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 Michele Souza (512) 815-7189

michele.fsouza@gmail.com

We look forward to hearing from you!

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

Any contribution is optional, but really welcomed and 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 place of studies and prayers!

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Carlos Campeti Lecture



Last September we received the speaker Carlos Campetti. Campetti is a journalist, writer and a diffuser of the Spiritism. His lecture was about 'The Good and the Evil'.

Carlos reminds us how easy it is to recognize evil, as it is present in our everyday life. The planet Earth has undergone several changes and it is continuously evolving, however we are still struggling ethically and morally.

Communication is a very important tool for the good or evil, thus it implies caution. We can avoid or foment difficult situations, "inviting" spirits that enjoy and support our thoughts and actions. We should always reflect on what we are saying; the subjects and the level of the conversation are essential to the quality of connection we establish.

If we are incautious, negative and unhappy spirits easily influence us. Evil spirits are like us, but are diverted from the path of the light. Although we are influencing and being influenced by each other, we still have our free will and we are responsible for our actions, we are not puppets. We have the sense of what is right and what is not. The divine essence is within us. Therefore, let's connect to good spirits with a positive attitude.

On the Spirits' Book there is a definition of morality: "The rule of good conduct is to distinguish good from evil, to exercise our capacity to act with consciousness. The good things are those according to God's law and everything that is against this law is evil, but what is the law of God? God's law is to do to others what we would like them to do for us."

Many times selfishness and our inability to see beyond material reality distract us from the path and in consequence, we suffer.

God created us and gave us the free will to make choices. We create evil with our poor choices, but evil is a "temporary condition", goodness is our destiny!

CONNECTION

By Claudio Petrillo



In the peaceful confines of our souls rests, hidden from our senses our connection with God!

Each time we search we find it and even if for a fraction of a second we feel the connection and sometimes perceive the path that lead to it

It is a gesture a kind thought a smile a compassionate embrace or in contemplation of Nature!

From time to time even the most brutal of beings gets a glimpse of it to contrast with all attachments that keep it at a distance that keep it at bay

Moments of friendship sincere friendship built on common beliefs principles pure friendship without

interest this is fraternity!

Amongst the many paths to our internal peace one common thing remains: they all require work!

And for that reason we return as many times as needed to develop, discard to accept, divest sublimate but most of all to love!

To love yourself not your image and then expand that love to others around you and then all!

How long would that take? There are no time tables as the process exponentially extends to other realms or realities! Our work will produce gradual understanding of our own selves

When it is done without expectations and in the name of our creator!

The external results will be what they will be the act of doing will remain ours!

As simple as it seems it is the most powerful! and effective way of changing our world!

Without ambition one day at a time gaining strength with each thought with each act raising many along with us!

The vision is here it has always been and now it will remain within.

Poem mediumnistically written by Claudio Petrillo, MD, medium-author of the book *Eternal Bonds of Love* written by his son Ricardo Petrillo.

CHARITY

Charity is, above all, friendship.
 For one who is hungry, it is a plate of soup.
 For one who is sad, it is a consoling word.
 For one who is evil, it is the patience that we must achieve to be of assistance.
 For one who is desperate, it is the heartfelt aid.
 For one who is ignorant, it is an unpretentious teaching.
 For one who is ungrateful, it is to forget.
 For one who is ill, it is a personal visit.
 For the student, it is a learning opportunity.
 For the children, it is constructive support.
 For the elderly, it is a brotherly shoulder.
 For the antagonist, it is silence.
 For a friend, it is encouragement.
 For one who is misguided, it is understanding.
 For one who is proud, it is humility.
 For one who is hotheaded, it is calm.

For one who is lazy, it is work without imposition.
 For the impulsive, it is serenity.
 For the thoughtless, it is tolerance.
 For the slanderer, it is a kind remark.
 For the disinherited of Earth, it is a tender expression.
 Charity is love, in a never-ending and ever-growing manifestation.
 It is the sun of a thousand faces, shining upon all; it is the genie with a thousand hands, aiding, without ostentation, in the work of goodness.
 Wherever you may be, among the just or the unjust, the good or the evil, happiness or unhappiness... wherever the spirit of the Lord is present, perpetual clarity will be scattered for the benefit of the entire human race.

Emmanuel/ Francisco C. Xavier



4th Texas Spiritist Symposium in Dallas

By Tania Schwartz

On October 11th 2014, Dallas hosted the 4th Texas Spiritist Symposium. "Healing Through Forgiveness and Gratitude" was the main theme presented by guest speakers Adalberto Baquit from Brazil and Manoel Gamas, Heather Bollech-Fonseca and Daniel Assisi from different states in the US.

This annual event is organized by the Spiritist groups in the 4 cities in Texas: Austin, Dallas, Houston and San Antonio. The different talks, Q&A sessions and time shared with friends offered a full day of learning. The topics covering our well being, spiritual growth and healing, using the tools of forgiveness and gratitude touched our hearts and motivated us to work in our inner transformation.

These opportunities are unique and it is always a pleasure to be part of such events that elevate our souls. Our next symposium will happen in Austin around this same time of year. Save the date, and come join us!

COMING SOON

MOVIE NIGHT

The Others

November 7th, Friday - 7pm

Social/educational/entertaining fundraising event

MEET and MAKE FRIENDS!

Location:
 Kardec Spiritist Group of Austin
 9065 Jollyville Ste 102 - Austin, TX 78759



Our Christmas Celebration is coming!

SAVE THE DATE

December, 6th

More information soon



Save the Date

9th U.S. Spiritist Symposium in Stamford, Connecticut May 2nd 2015

at Stamford Marriott Hotel & SPA

Registrations soon to be opened at www.spiritistsymposium.org