

GOSPEL AT HOME

The Study of Spiritist Postulates

Introduction to Spiritism - Lesson 11



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The Gospel at Home is a venue for spiritual growth. It helps us to be tolerant, respectful, compassionate towards others, and ourselves. At the same time it expands our spirituality. It is of vital importance for a family's spiritual balance and the harmony of the domestic atmosphere.

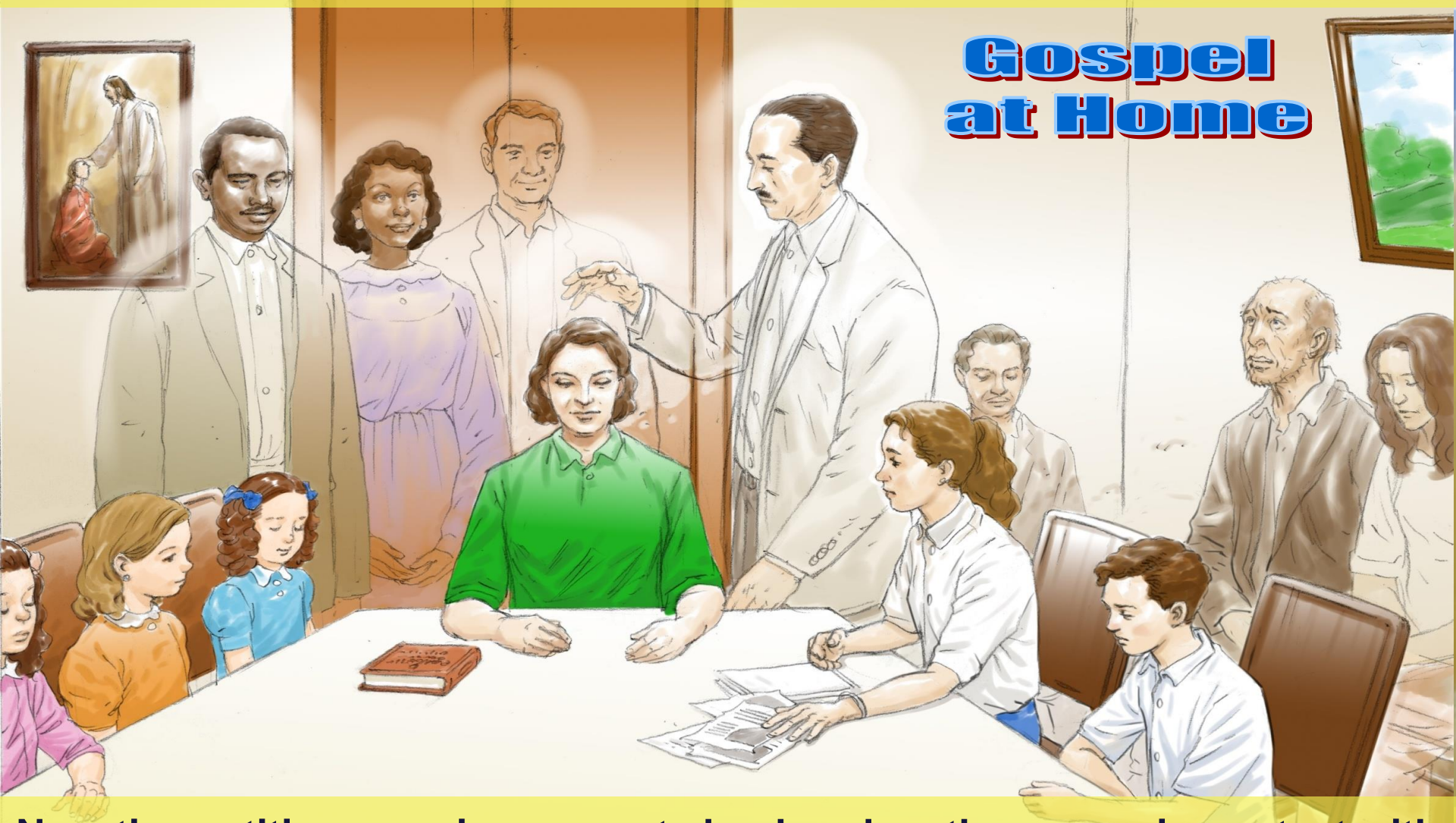
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Every time one prays at home, the domestic atmosphere improves. Each heartfelt prayer creates electromagnetic emissions of relative power.

Therefore, family practice of the Gospel is not only a way to inner illumination; it is also an advanced process of external defense due to the spiritual brightness it spreads around.

The individual who prays is vested with a powerful protective armor. The home that cultivates prayer becomes a fortress.



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Negative entities experience great shocks when they come in contact with the brilliant vibrations of a domestic sanctuary, and so they maintain their distance and look for other places.

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A prayer in the recesses of a home “is always an evangelic seeded field which is extended to entities from the invisible plane, they help it along, thus, allowing for later germination and fructification.”

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Those who suffer from spirit attachment/obsession, must be oriented to study the Gospel regularly at home with their families. Prayers must precede and follow it.

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This is a powerful moment:

- ◆ For strengthening the participant's moral character
- ◆ For strengthening ties, both among individuals and the good Spirits that look after them.

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It offers the possibility of spiritually cleansing the home, by generating superior thoughts and sentiments among family members, thus it gives easy access to influences from God's messengers throughout the week.



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*The Gospel
in the
Home*



It needs to be held on the same day, at the same time, each week (as chosen by a consensus of family members), in cooperation with the good Spirits who plan to be present to assist as well as other discarnate Spirits who come to learn with the family. Water must be set aside on the table to be magnetized by the good Spirits during the meeting.

***For where two or three come together in my name,
there I am with them.***

Jesus (Matthew 18:20)



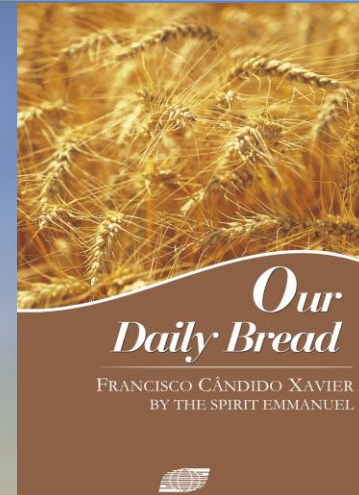
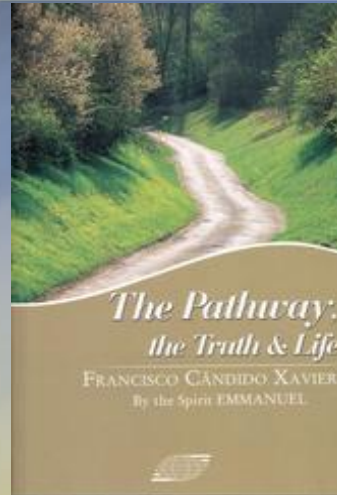
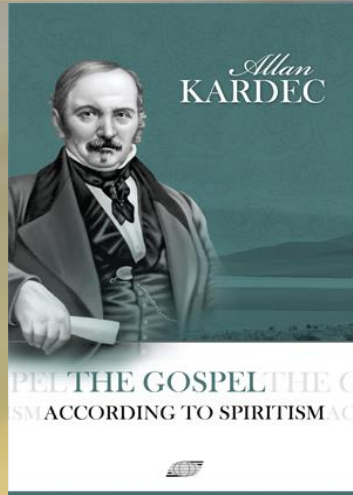
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- ❖ **Begin with a short spontaneous prayer. Remember that sentiment and sincerity are essentials.**
- ❖ **Ask for protection for your study, for the presence of Spiritual Benefactors and for help in assimilating the lessons.**



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- ❖ Read a passage from *The Gospel According to Spiritism* and/or a page from another evangelical work. The recommended books are: *Vineyard of Light*, *Source of Life*, *Path, Truth and Life*, and *Our Daily Bread* by Emmanuel, channeled by the medium Francisco Cândido Xavier.
- ❖ Discuss the passage; explore different points of view and try to understand the teachings by applying them specifically to your own lives.



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❖ Our prayers should include thoughts for our **planet**, for the **varying countries**, for **hospitals**, for **particular areas of need** that week, **any person in need** of special help at the moment, **world peace, fraternity** among all individuals, etc.

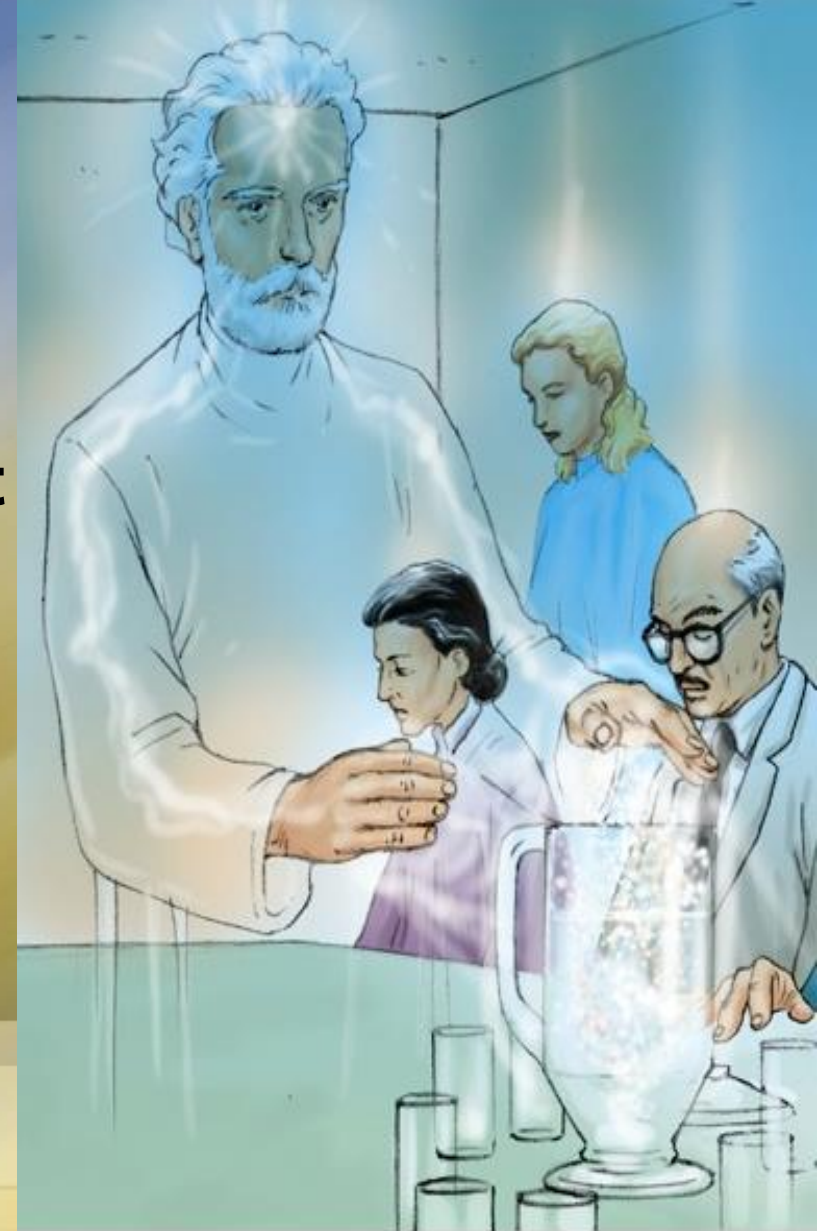


❖ Close the meeting with a prayer, during which thanks should be offered for the teachings received.



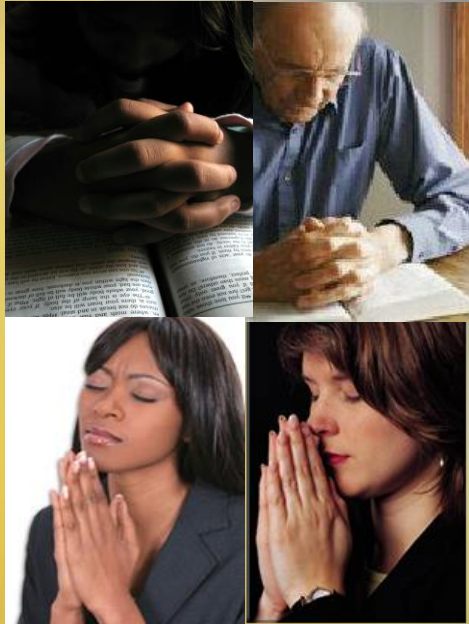
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- ❖ **Distribute the magnetized water among participants.**
- ❖ **Occasionally, the meeting may be held at a different time when needed due to special circumstances; however, this should happen as little as possible.**

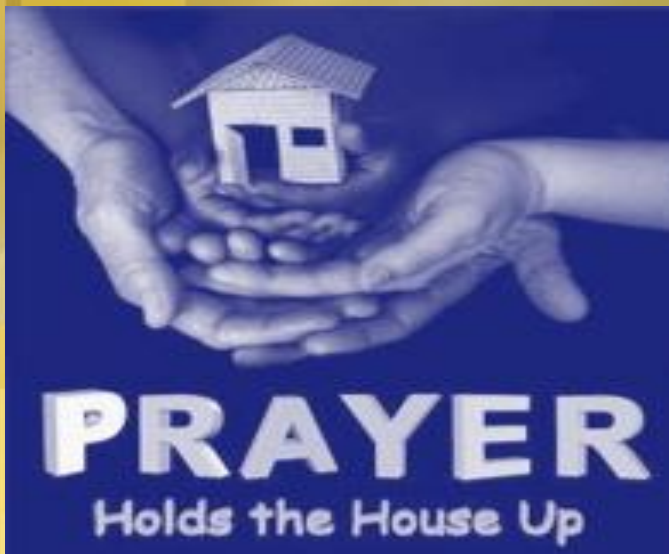




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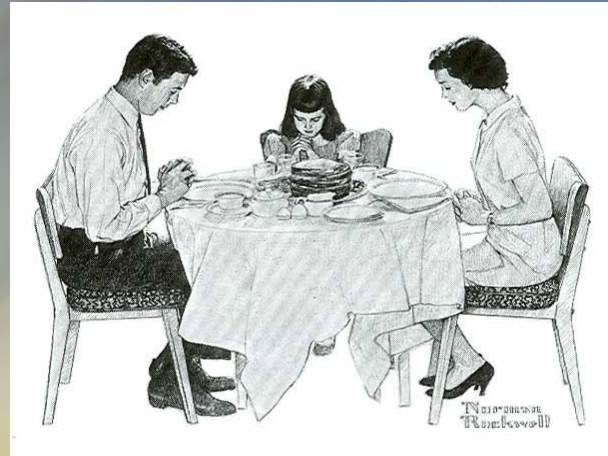
If you live alone, you are also encouraged to practice the Gospel at Home, and it is advised that you should read aloud so that the Spirits who come to learn with you can listen to your reading.



(Explanation: Sometimes, because they are unenlightened Spirits, they are unaware that they do not need to physically "hear" you, as opposed to reading your thoughts -- they may not even realize that they are in the discarnate state).



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- ❖ At no time should this meeting be allowed to turn into a mediumship session.
- ❖ It is important to notice that if this study is allowed to become a mediumship group then all purposes would be defeated, both for incarnates and discarnates alike.
- ❖ All forms of mediumship must be educated, guided and finally developed under adequate conditions, through competent methods, directed by experienced and responsible people.

**“When the Gospel penetrates a home,
the heart opens the door for the Divine
Master more easily.”**

Emmanuel (Jesus no Lar – Psychography, Francisco Cândido Xavier)



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ORIENTATION FOR THE REALIZATION OF THE GOD AT HOME

◆The practice of the Gospel at home creates the beneficial habit of evangelical study within the home itself. the ultimate purpose of these gatherings being to awaken and strengthen sentiments of fellowship in the family and among our friends.

◆Through these moments of peace, which unite us more closely, we are offered a more tranquil existence.

◆By generating superior thoughts and sentiments among the family members, it offers the possibility of spiritually cleansing the home, thus permitting easy access for the influence of God's messengers throughout the week.

◆After careful thoughts choose a day and time during the week when as many members of the family as possible can be present. This day and time is then kept RIGOROUSLY every week, so assuring constant spiritual assistance.

◆Begin with a short spontaneous prayer. Remember that sentiment and sincerity are essentials. Ask for protection for your study, for the presence of the Spiritual Benefactors and help to assimilate the study.

◆It is useful to place a jug water on the table during the study and then distributed this water amongst the participants after the closing prayer

◆Follow the opening prayer with a sequential or random reading from *The Gospel According To Spiritism*, by Allan Kardec. Participants should make brief commentaries about the reading, always seeking the essence of the teachings and applying them to daily life.

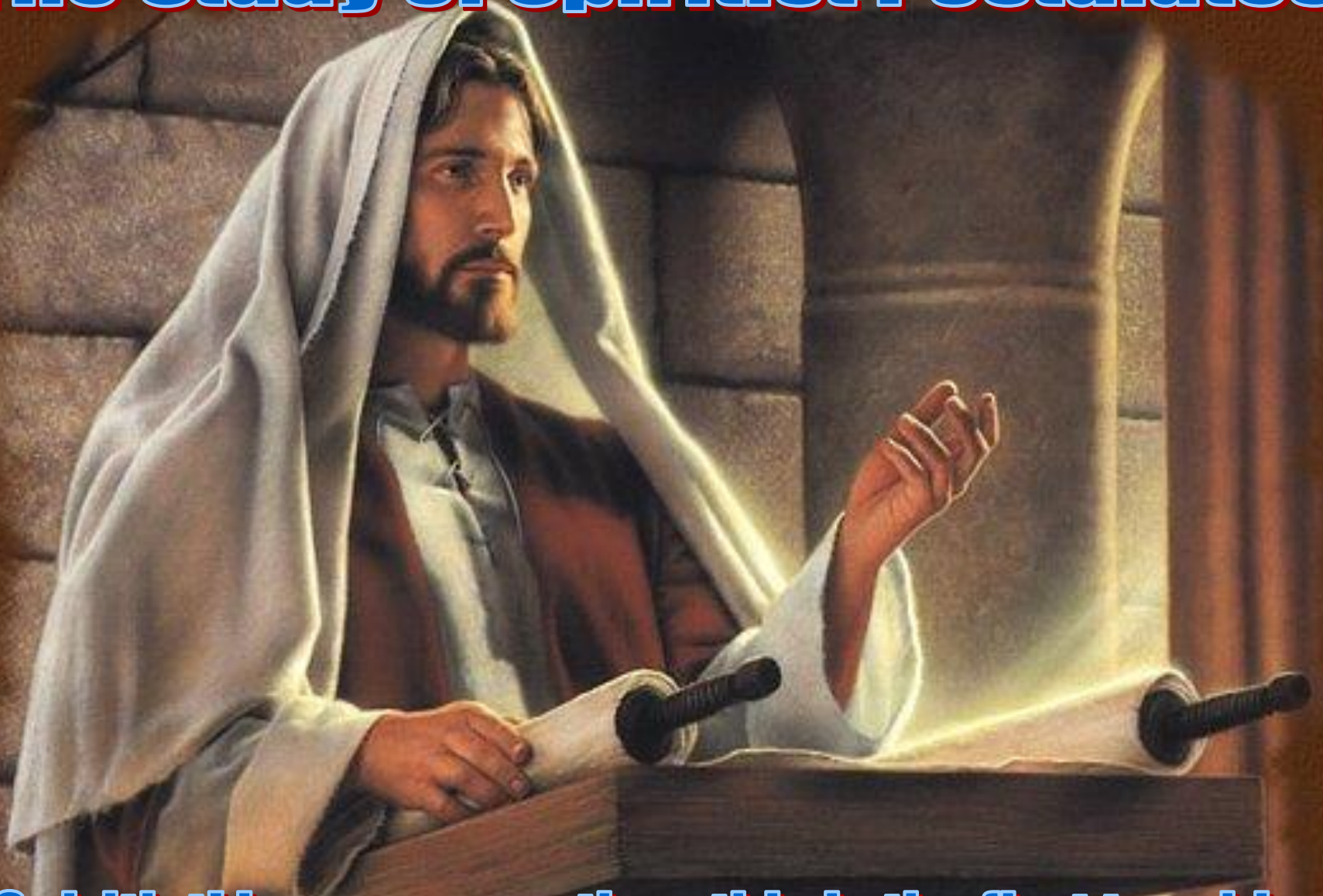
- ◆The meeting will close with a prayer, during which thanks should be offered for the teachings received. Our prayers should include thoughts for our planet, for the varying countries, for hospitals, for particular areas of need that week, any person in need of special help at the moment, world peace, fraternity amongst all men, etc.
- ◆The meeting should not be suspended because of unexpected visitors, for invitations which may be put off till some other time, or for any futile reason.
- ◆The meeting should not be less than fifteen minutes and not more than one hour.



"For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them."

Matthew 18:20

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**0 Spiritist! Love one another: this is the first teaching.
Educate yourselves: this is the second.**

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The study of Spiritism provides the knowledge we need to illuminate our reason and intelligence.



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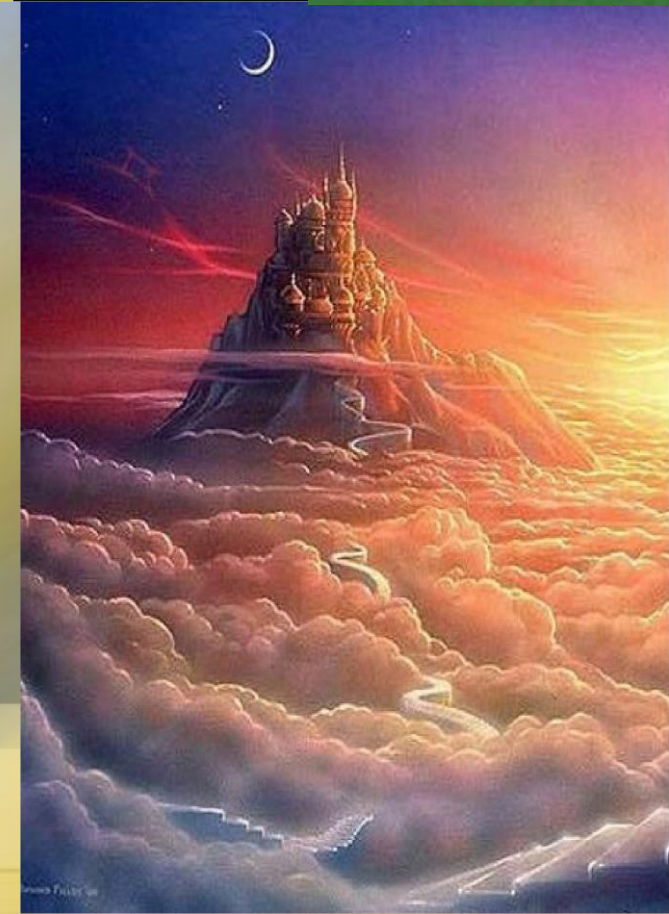
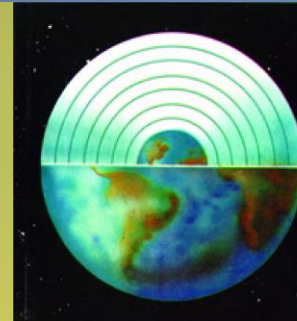
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The Spiritist literature is rich with citations of innumerable schools from the Beyond, with the objective of making an individual more lucid.

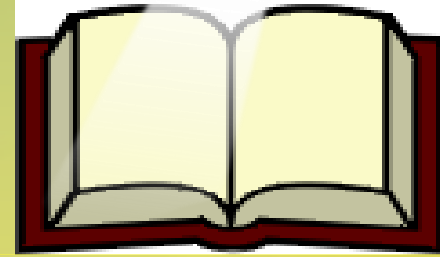
The Spirit Humberto de Campos (Brother X) tells us: “in areas closer to Earth, our efforts to gather sentiments, as exemplified by Christ, are intense and scrupulous. Numerous schools for discarnate Spirits proliferate.”

XAVIER, Francisco Cândido. Na Escola do Evangelho. Boa Nova. Pelo Espírito Humberto de Campos. 23. ed. Rio de Janeiro: FEB, 1998, p. 11.



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There are people who grapple with problems that could be easily solved if they were willing to illuminate them by the light of knowledge provided by dedicated Spiritist study.



Many of them are well meaning, dedicated workers in Spiritist institutions, but they do not demonstrate the least inclination for studying the superior knowledge, which the Greater Spirituality constantly sends us. They fail when they are gripped in the claws of obsession, because they cannot identify the signs of inferior spiritual involvement.

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The manifestation of spirits who knew Spiritism is becoming relatively common in mediumistic groups. Nonetheless, what preoccupies us is that these spirits do not reveal knowledge, which they should have acquired.

In spite of their special access to Spiritist teachings, they suffer from ignorance and from a lack of elucidation, which any humble Spiritist Center could have given them.



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We know that evolution
has two wings:

Love and Knowledge.

Through love, which above all is
a service to fellow beings, people
are inwardly illuminated and
beautified, eliciting from others the
reflection of their own virtues .

Through wisdom, which begins with the
acquisition of knowledge, a person is influenced by
those in the forefront of progress, eliciting from
others the reflection of their own greatness,
propelling them to Heaven.

Instruction. Thought and Life. By the Spirit Emmanuel. 10. ed. Rio de Janeiro: FEB, 1998. Chap. 4, p. 23.



**Through love we enhance our value for life.
Through knowledge we are valued by life.**

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