

# Great Figures of Spiritism

## Francisco Cândido Xavier



United States  
Spiritist Council



**Francisco de Paula Cândido Xavier was born on April 2nd, 1910 into a poor family, including nine brothers and sisters, in the suburbs of Belo Horizonte.**



**From early childhood, he was so different from other boys that his father thought that they brought home the wrong child from the hospital!**



House where Chico was born.

**Although he needed to work from a very early age, “Chico” considered this to be “an indescribable blessing.”**





# Beaten up three times a day

The boy was raised Catholic and always prayed with extreme devotion. At the age of four, he told his father about a spirit that was disturbing him.

His family feared the boy was possessed by the Devil so a priest asked Chico to pray 1,000 Hail Marys and to follow the church processions, carrying a 40-pound stone on his head!

But neither this penitence nor the fact that he was beaten three times a day by his godmother, prevented Chico from having contact with the spiritual realm for the rest of his life.



When he was five, his mother, Maria Joao de Deus died but Chico could see and talk to her spirit.



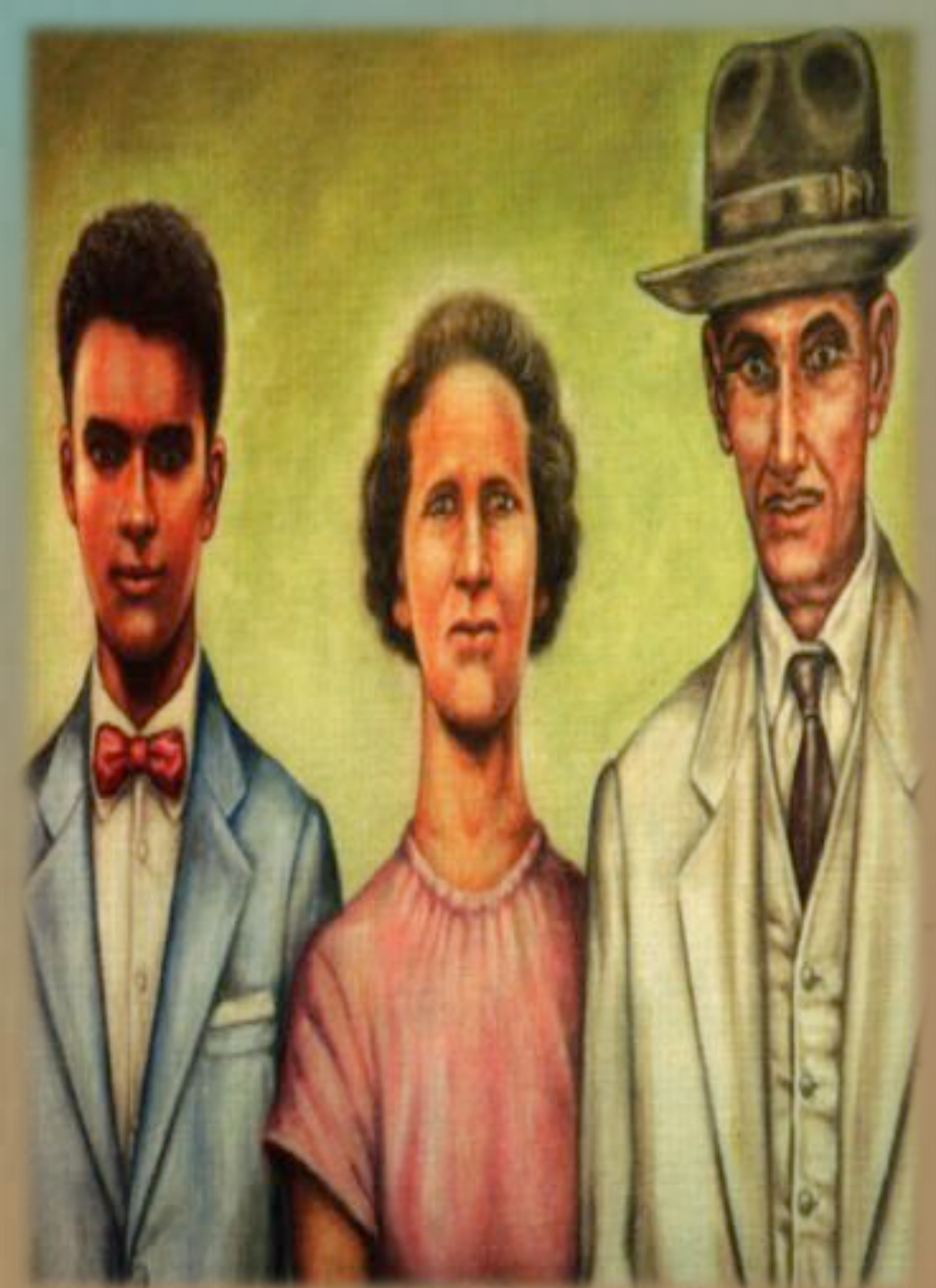
He received through automatic writing the book *Letters of a Dead Woman*, dictated by his mother.



# Chico Xavier







# Cidália, the second mother

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Her spirit appeared to him, promising that she would give him a “new mother”.

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And so it happened. The young Cidália Batista agreed to marry the widower João Cândido, on one condition; that he brings together his children, who had been looked after by neighbors, so that she could take care of them as her own.

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For the rest of his life, Chico always referred to Cidália as his second mother because he received so much love from her.

**Chico's first Spiritist meeting took place on May 7, 1927.**

**Two months later, on July 8, 1927, he started to exercise his mediumship publicly, at the age of 17.**





**In 1931, Chico saw his mentor, the spirit Emmanuel, for the first time.**



**In those early days, Emmanuel asked Chico if he was really willing to use his mediumship for Jesus.**



**Emmanuel, revealed to him:**

**“We have something to accomplish. For starter, 30 books!”**

Chico responded, “To publish a book is very expensive and I am poor. Am I going to win the lottery?”

**“No,” replied Emmanuel. “The books will come through unexpected ways.”**

So indeed, the first book, Poetry From Beyond the Grave, was published in 1932 by the Brazilian Spiritist Federation.



**By 1947, Chico had published 30 books;**

Chico said to Emmanuel:

“Well, we have finished our task.”

**“Not quite, replied Emmanuel. “Now we will start a new series of 30 books!”**

**So, by 1958, he had published 60 books.**

Chico asked Emmanuel:

“Have we finished our task now?”

**Emmanuel answered, “The mentors of the Higher Plane told me that we have to publish 100 books.”**





When they had accomplished that number, Chico asked Emmanuel again about their commitment.

“Chico, you shouldn’t be worried about acting and working in such a hurry. Your present reincarnation was transferred to benefit the Christian-Spiritist principles.”

Very disappointed Chico complained,

“Then, do I have to work on the reception of messages and books for my entire life?”

“Yes, there is no other way.”

What if I don’t want to? What about my free-will?

“If you refuse, the Mentors responsible for this work will have sufficient authority to remove you from your current physical existence!”





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From then on, Chico dedicated his life to the work that he referred to as “Designs from Above”.

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Even though he had only completed lower school, the spirits of discarnates dictated the texts to him through his mediumship and he published more than 400 books.







# Phases of Psychography

**1st Phase** There were three phases to the writing of Chico Xavier's mediumistic books.

**THE CALL** – Composed of poets and renowned literary names



## **2nd Phase**

**ENLIGHTNEMENT** – This began with the release of the books that complement the Spiritist Codification. The work of Emmanuel then intensified with the dictation of André Luiz's works.



## **3rd Phase**

**CONSOLATION** – Chico Xavier dedicated his life to utilizing his aptitude as a medium to bring this comfort to as many people as possible. He started with the relaying of messages from family members who had crossed the frontiers of death, after the famous TV show “Pinga Fogo”.

## 1st Phase – THE CALL



Chico Xavier

*Poetry From Beyond the Grave* was published on July 9, 1932 and contained 259 poems (400 pages) revealed to Xavier by 56 deceased Brazilian poets.



### SOME OF THE RENOWNED LITERARY NAMES WERE:

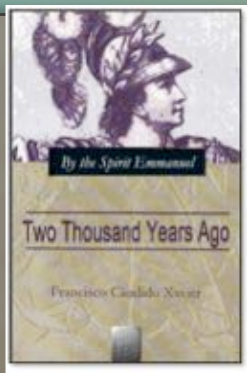
Alphonsus de Guimarães, Amaral Ornellas, Antero de Quental, Augusto dos Anjos, Auta de Souza, Casimiro Cunha, Castro Alves, Cruz e Souza, Fagundas Varela, Guerra Junqueiro, João de Deus (Maria João de Deus), José do Patrocínio, Olavo Bilac, Carmem Cinira, Bittencourt Sampaio.



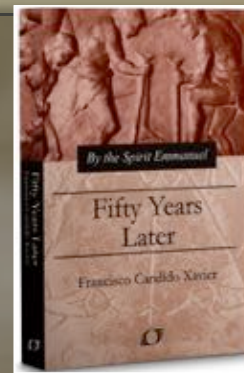
## 2nd Phase ENLIGHTENMENT



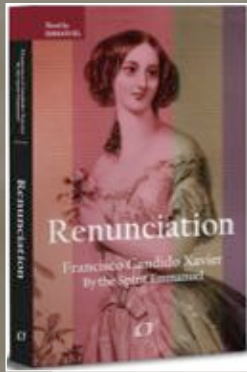
It includes  
**132 DICTATED  
WORKS**  
a third of Chico's  
psychographic  
output.



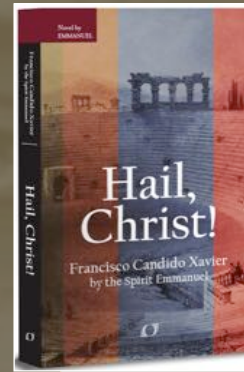
“Two Thousand Years Ago” is a narrative by Emmanuel recounting one of his incarnations as a Roman senator, Publius Lentulus.



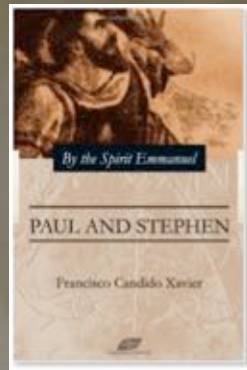
He then appears in a subsequent incarnation as a slave, Nestorius, who must embrace a more humble position. This book’s main character is Celia, whose sublime heroism was a beacon on the path of many disheartened and suffering spirits.



The sweet Alcyone asks to return to the Earth to accompany the great love of her past, Charles, in a new lifetime of trials, sacrifices and reparations. In an example of profound devotion to her.



This book describes the drama lived by the Christians during the early centuries after Christ.



This book reports the testimonials and struggles of Paul of Tarsus during the time he was disseminating Christianity

# The History of Christianity



# 2nd Phase ENLIGHTENMENT



## Collection Life in the Spirit World

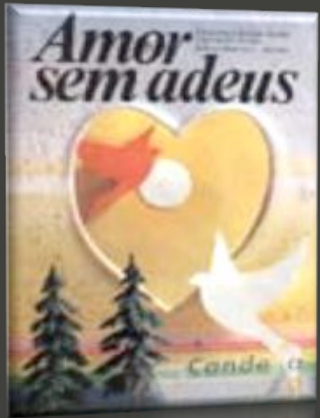


1943 – André Luiz appears  
37 DICTATED WORKS  
9% OF CHICO'S  
PSYCHOGRAPHIC WORK

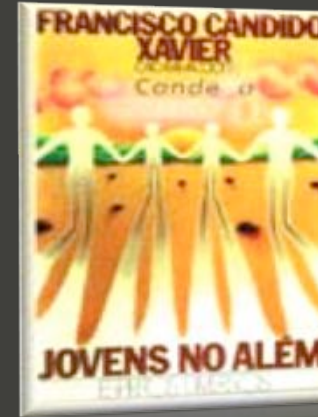
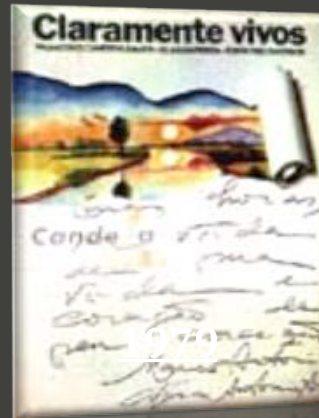
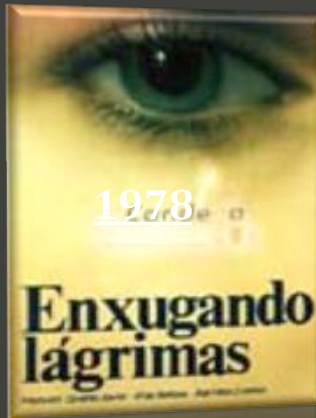
# 3rd Phase - CONSOLATION

Letters of young people who had died, reporting their impressions of existence in the beyond, comforted their parents and alerted other young people to their responsibilities as incarnates.

In the “Christian Spiritist Communion” published the first collection of these messages to bring comfort to the loved ones who remained on Earth and, soon after, the “Spiritist Group Emmanuel” of São José dos Campos continued this phase that lasted until the death of Chico Xavier.



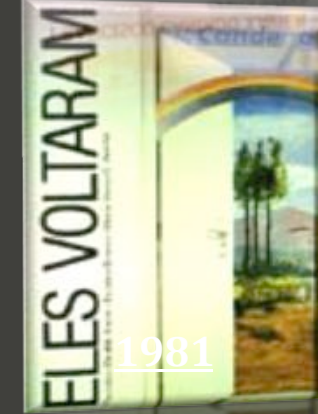
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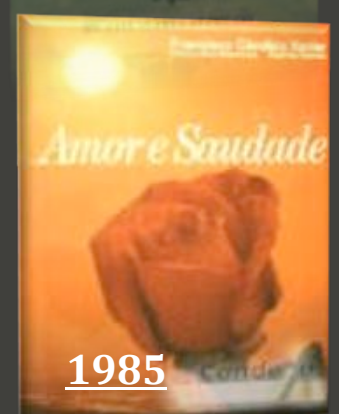
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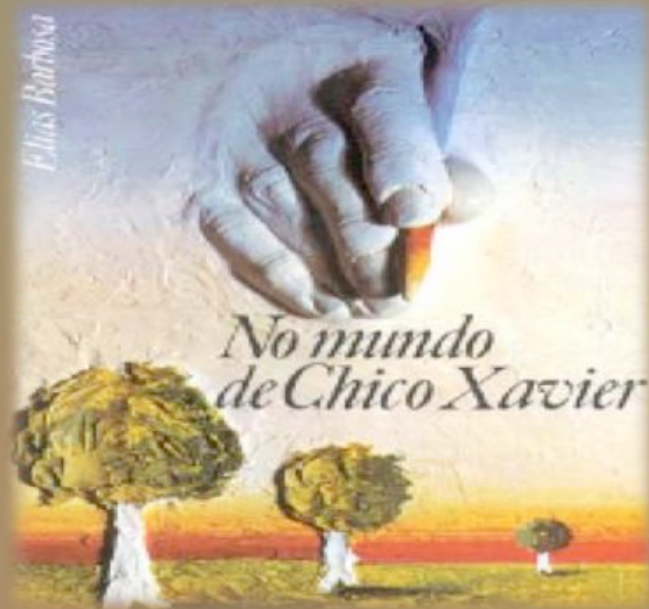
1985

This is an answer from the Spiritual Realm to the many questions about the process of death.

Those who are missed in the Physical Realm, return to bring news about their spiritual survival.



The reports and testimonies of parents, husbands, wives and children who received messages from deceased relatives attest to the authenticity of information transmitted from the world beyond, comforting the reader as to the certainty of the spirit's continuity after death.





# MEDIUMSHIP



## **Physical phenomena:**

Materialization - Healing

## **Intelligent phenomena:**

Clairvoyance

Clairaudience

Psychography - Automatic Writing

# Message in English backwards

My dear and generous friends of the fraternity's doctrine. Good health and peace in God, our Father!

Let us learn the life in the love's law, from the instructions of Jesus Christ; Except this work almost always in the earthly world represent the struggle and studies of the vanity and from the darkness of the little men's science.

Your brother, Emmanuel





**Emmanuel**



**Andre Luiz**



**Meimei**



**Dr. Bezerra de Menezes**



**Euripedes Barsanulfo**



**Auta de Souza**



**Maria Dolores**



**Caibar Schutel**



**Antonio Goncalves da Silva  
(Batuira)**



**Leon Denis**



**Corina Novelino**



**Aura Celeste**

Some of the spirits that communicated  
through the mediumship of Chico Xavier





## **EVIDENCY OF MEDIUMSHIP WITH JESUS**

**Evangelical Principles guided by Spiritism and Faithfulness to Jesus and Kardec**



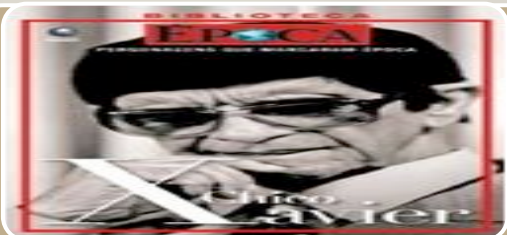
**lessons of love and humility demonstrated through his way of living:**



**detachment from material goods and the practice of true charity**



**moral, spiritual and physical perseverance and discipline**



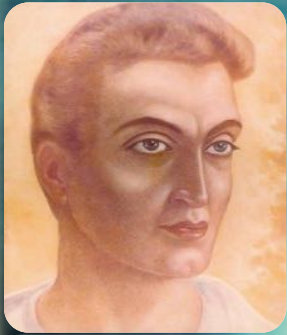
**ability to love and bring peace to all he encountered**

# **CHICO XAVIER'S LEGACY**

# About Chico's work



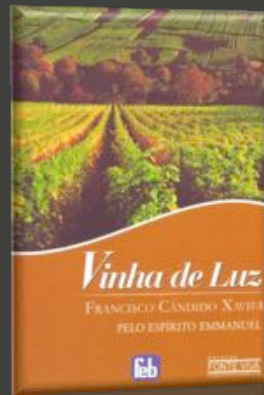
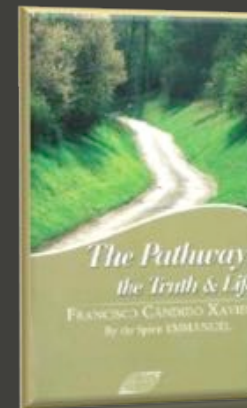
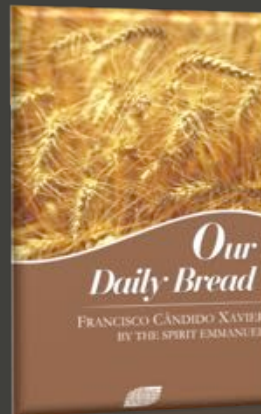
**Francisco de Paula Cândido Xavier, also known as Chico Xavier, lived on meager wages as a fingerprint expert with the Brazilian agriculture ministry before finally receiving his state pension. He lived his life as a true missionary, however, fulfilling his mediumship according to the most pure and elevated Christian precepts: Love your neighbors as well as your enemies and give, for free, what has been received freely.**



Through Chico, Emmanuel told us, “Materialism is a phenomenon that may dazzle some people and even assist them to achieve physical healing. Books, however, are our priority.

Books represent the rain that fertilizes the immense soil, reaching millions of souls. My friends, I would like to ask that, from now on, we dedicate our meetings to this purpose.”

His books sold an estimated 45 million copies, the profits of which were all channeled into charitable organizations.





# Chico Xavier

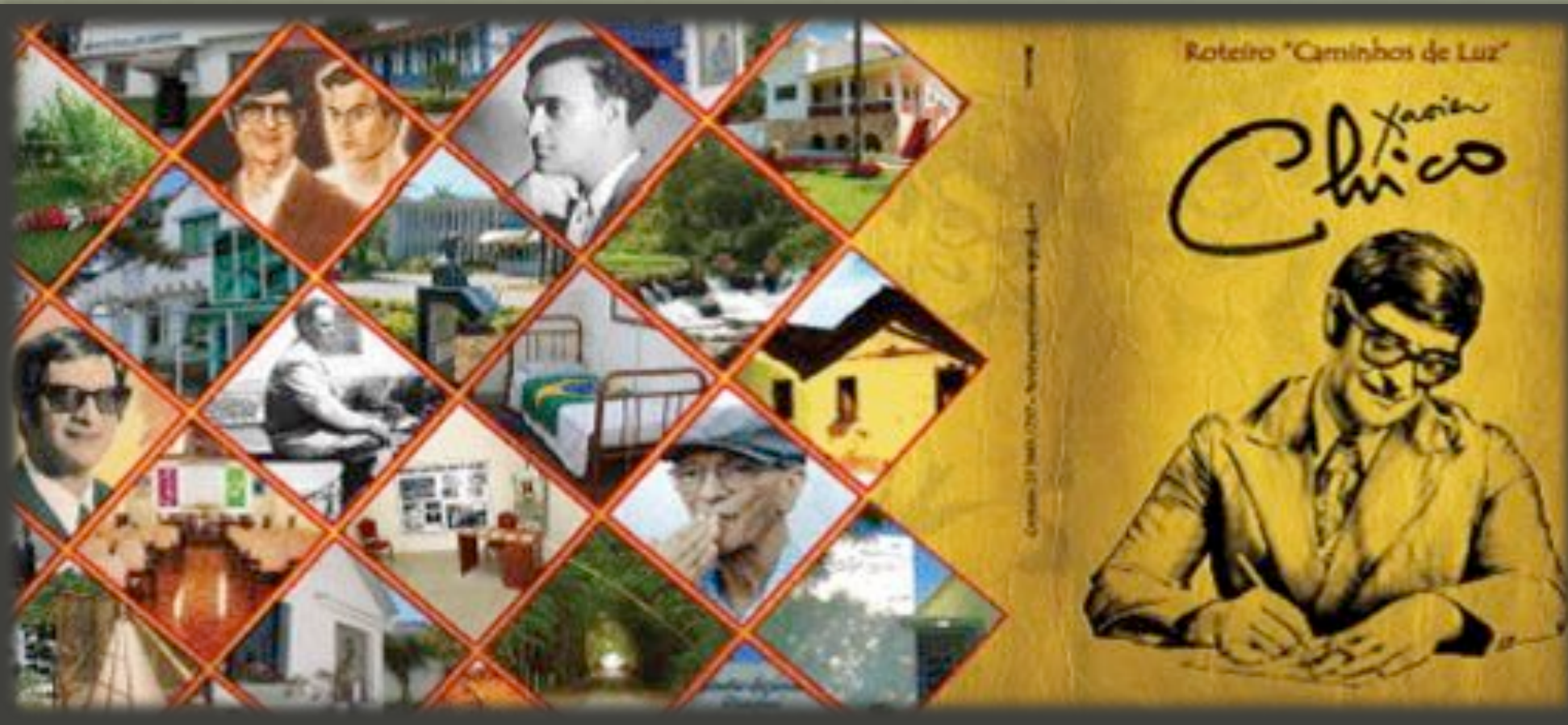
Although he is probably the world's most important and prolific psychic writer, Chico has largely escaped attention in Europe and America, perhaps because he was a Brazilian writing in Portuguese, a highly erudite and technical language. He nevertheless published 458 books, including the best-seller "Nosso Lar" which sold over 2.5 million copies.

Chico Xavier was one of Brazil's most popular figures, devoting his life to helping the poor and producing edifying, entertaining and highly profitable bestsellers. Yet, despite his enormous popularity and record-breaking sales, he was a poor man.

He never sought nor received a single payment, nor did he accept any credit for the books, for he said he did not write them - discarnate Brazilian authors did. "The books are not mine, they are the property of those who wrote them through me."



**Francisco "Chico" de Paula Cândido Xavier, medium,  
April 2nd, 1910 - June 30th, 2002**



**Francisco Cândido  
Xavier Brazil's  
most respected  
medium, died on  
June 30th, 2002.  
He had achieved a  
position of great  
moral authority in  
a country where an  
estimated 32  
million people  
believe in  
Spiritism.**





# Death

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“...thus, on his passing into the spiritual world gently and sweetly, allowing his body to be calmed, he ascended towards the Infinity, being received by Jesus, Who sheltered him with His goodness and assured him:

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**‘Rest for a while, my son, so as to forget the sadness of Earth and enjoy the enchanting happiness of the celestial Kingdom.’”**

JOANNA DE ÂNGELIS

Message received by the medium Divaldo P. Franco on 02/07/2002,  
at the Spiritist Center ‘Pathway to Redemption’, Salvador, State of  
Bahia, BR



# About Chico's work

4 movies produced

1 Comic Books – Chico Xavier by Rodolfo Zalla and Franco Rosa (Published by Ediouro)

~458 book published - “The books are not mine, they are the property of those who wrote them through me.”

Best Seller Nosso Lar with over 2.5 million copies sold

Countless messages from discarnate spirits

Continuous work to the less privileged on earth

Modest life style, government employee



# Chico Xavier in the U.S.A.



Chico Xavier and Waldo Vieira's Visit to the U.S.A (1965 and 1966)  
"Anuário Espírita" (IDE)



Waldo Vieira, Haddad, Chico Xavier, Phyllis Haddad e Maria Aparecida Gonçalves,  
os fundadores do "Christian Spirit Center".  
"Anuário Espírita" (IDE)



Luis Guerrero Ovalle and his family with Chico  
Xavier and Waldo Vieira (1965)

Foundation of the Christian Spiritist Center by S.J.Haddad (N.C.)  
(Publication of the book "Entre Irmãos de Outras Terras" by Brazilian Spiritist Federation)









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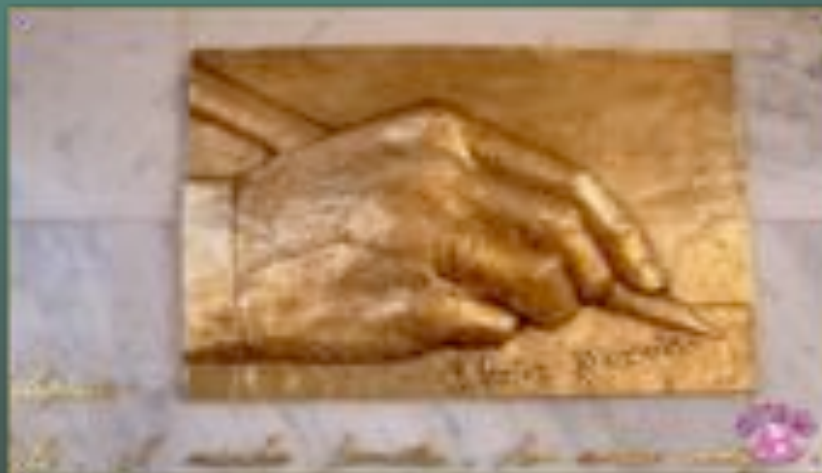






Chico Xavier's House.





Chico Xavier's Burial Place.





I WILL BE RIGHT BACK.  
CHICO XAVIER



# Beautiful Anecdotes of Chico Xavier's Life



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# Francisco Xavier in the Courtroom



Globo TV, a major network in Brazil, broadcast a special program about Chico's work, helping with some murder trials.



In one instance, he channeled a letter from a supposed murder victim, Mauricio Henriques, in October, 1979 that cleared the accused, Jose Divino Nunes, of any harmful intent.



The psychographed letters were admitted as evidence in court by the judge Orimar de Bastor and were accepted to establish the innocence of the presumed murderer.



# Beaten up with a Bible

Chico and Jose spent several months treating a severe case of obsession. They invited Manuel to help with one treatment session because Jose needed to travel.

The spirit benefactor suggested to Manuel, “My friend, when the unfortunate persecutor communicates through the medium, apply the Gospel vehemently.”

“Sure,” said Manuel, very calm, “your guidance will be followed.”

Sure enough, when the first of the disturbed entities started to communicate, Manuel grabbed a huge Bible and started hitting Chico’s head several times, saying: “Take the Gospel! Take the Gospel!”

The obsessor, under the influence of the spiritual benefactors, pulled away instantly and the session ended.



# The Beetle

Once, after a mediumship meeting, Chico Xavier and Waldo Vieira were typing up messages. Chico's was a message from Emmanuel, Waldo's one from André Luiz.

A beetle was flying around the room and fell into Waldo's typewriter; he picked it up and threw it against the wall.

The beetle started flying again and, once more, fell into Waldo's typewriter.

This time, Waldo threw the beetle violently to the floor. The beetle started flying errantly and, this time, very dizzy, fell into Chico's typewriter.

Chico took it very gently, opened the window and released the beetle outside, saying "Beetle, if you have managed, somehow, to remain alive after what Waldo did to you, it is because you are like me ... you have a mission to fulfill in this world. Go with God!"





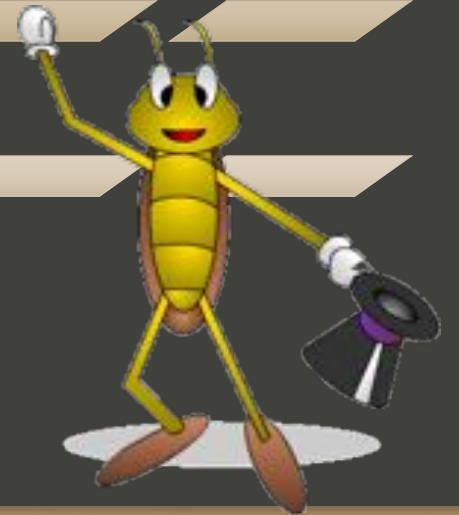
# The Flea



A lady once said to Chico, “I have already figured out who I was during apostolic times”

and before he could reply, she added, “I was a martyr. I died in an arena, devoured by a lion. And what about you, Chico, do you know who you were in those times?”

Ah! My sister, he replied, “I was a flea on the lion.”



# The Rainbow



He was on his way to work one day when a woman called to him from the other side of the road. He was running late so he pretended not to hear her and continued but Emmanuel stopped him and asked “What do you think you are doing?”

Chico replied: “I am late for work.”

“If you are already late, stop and see what the woman wants” said Emmanuel.



# The Rainbow

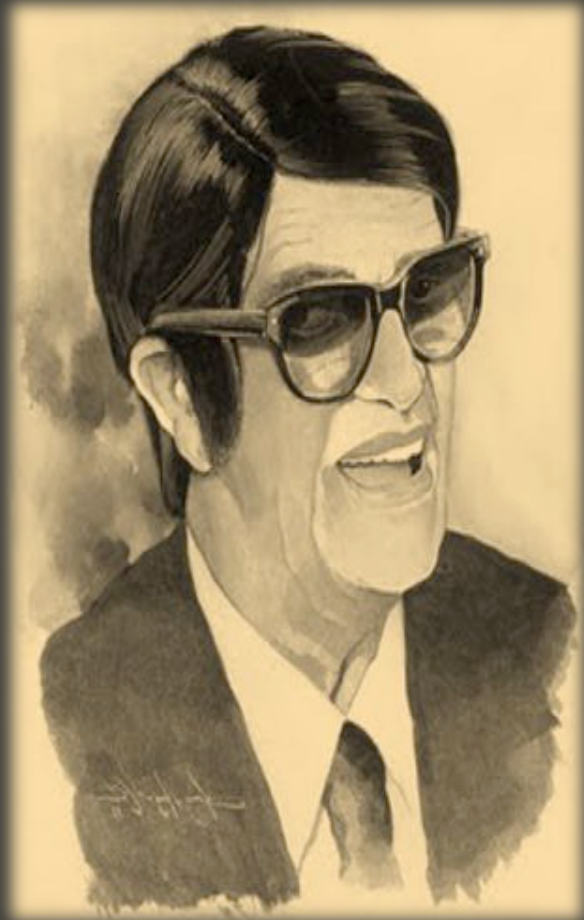
“Chico, I have no money to buy the medicine prescribed by the doctor,” cried the old woman.

Chico replied, “Emmanuel is telling me that you should cut the prescription paper into tiny pieces and take one twice daily with a glass of water.”

Emmanuel then asked Chico to look back and he saw rays of luminous colors reaching him from the woman’s gratitude.



# A Senior Citizen



A lady who was a “pass-giver” for many years in the Spiritist Center approached Chico and asked him whether she was not too old - and too tired - to continue her task.

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She then said, “Look, I would like Emmanuel’s opinion, O.K.?”

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The great apostle answered, “Chico, tell our sister that the oldest among us all is God and that He is still not tired.”

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Excerpted from the book *Endearing Gems from Francisco*  
Cândido Xavier



# Our Best Offering



A certain lady, who was supposed to replace the president of a large charitable institution, asked Chico whether he was prepared to assume such a formidable task.

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The answer came back: “None of us is prepared to carry out the work of Christ but this should not be an excuse to remain still or to avoid fulfilling the task. Accept the work, offering Jesus the best that you can give.”

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**“Although no one can return to the past and start anew, anyone can begin now to effect a new future.”**

*Chico Xavier*

