

BRAZILIAN SPIRITIST FEDERATION  
Mediumship: Study and Practice  
Program 1

Module II – The Basis of Mediumistic Communication

# Serious Mediumistic Meetings: Nature and Characteristics

Topic 5

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# 1. Nature and characteristics of mediumship meetings



“Frivolous meetings are composed of individuals who are only interested in the entertainment aspect of manifestations. These persons are amused by the joking remarks made by the frivolous spirits who attend such gatherings because they can enjoy free rein.

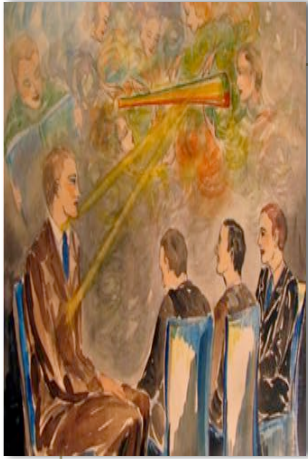


It is during these meetings that the most banal things are normally asked of the spirits (...).” KARDEC, Allan. *The Mediums' Book* . Pt. 2, chap. XXIX, it. 325.

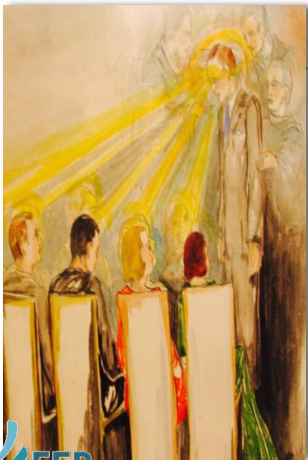


This is not a mediumistic spiritist meeting per se, and the superior spirits do not attend these meetings.

# 1. Nature and characteristics of mediumship meetings



Experimental meetings, at the time of Kardec, were most concerned with the production of physical manifestations, and they were conducted by eminent scholars and the scientific world authorities.



Curiosity is one of the factors that motivate participation in these meetings and even when remarkable mediumistic phenomena occur, these are not always enough to convince those present and lead them to become spiritists.

# 1. Nature and characteristics of mediumship meetings



Instructive meetings are entirely different in character, as the name implies, they provide clarification and are assisted by spirits of high order.



All present must be convinced that the spirits whom they want to address belong to a very special order, that the sublime cannot be mixed with the banal, nor good mixed with evil, and that if they wish to obtain good results, they must address good spirits.



However, it is not enough to merely evoke good spirits; the participants must be surrounded by a favorable atmosphere, so that good spirits want to come; in other words, high order spirits do not participate in meetings of frivolous and superficial persons – just as they would not if they were incarnate.



A gathering is not truly serious if it is not concerned with worthwhile subjects to the exclusion of all others

## 2. The nature of communications from Spirits



**Crude communications** are those containing expressions that shock decorum.



They can only come from spirits of the lowest orders, who are still soiled by all the impurities of matter, and there is nothing different about them than the expressions used by depraved and crude human beings.

## 2. The nature of communications from Spirits



**Frivolous communications** are those from frivolous, mocking or mischievous spirits, who are more cunning than downright evil and who give no importance to anything they say.



These communications have nothing improper about them, and they please certain individuals who find satisfaction in useless conversations.

## 2. The nature of communications from Spirits



**Serious communications** are serious both as to subject and form. Every communication which does not display any frivolousness or crudeness, and which has a useful purpose, even though perhaps of private interest only, is naturally serious.



However, that does not mean that such communications are always without error since serious spirits are not all equally enlightened. That is why truly high order spirits constantly recommend that we submit all communications to the control of reason and the strictest logic.



## 2. The nature of communications from Spirits



**Instructive communications** are serious communications whose main purpose is to provide teaching given by spirits about the sciences, morality, philosophy, etc. Their greater or lesser profoundness depends on the particular spirit's degree of advancement and dematerialization.



Serious spirits connect themselves to those who desire to be taught and they assist them, whereas they leave frivolous spirits the job of entertaining those who only see communications as being a type of temporary distraction.