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CONSIDERATIONS ON MEDIUMSHIP

LESSON 11



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MEDIUMSHIP ↗



All mediumistic activities that incline towards the superficial, attending only to innocuous curiosity or levity, at the expense of goodness and the sense of dedicated service to God, deviate from the eternal values which form the basic purpose of mediumship.

It is crucial to realize that, just as in the physical realm there are imposters, opportunists, and mischievous spirits, there are also those in the nonphysical realms who are poised to deceive the unwary.

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The responsibility of Spiritist Practitioners, both incarnates and discarnates, is very great. What is done with mediumship, and how mediums are prepared for this task, will either help or hinder the future progress of Humanity.

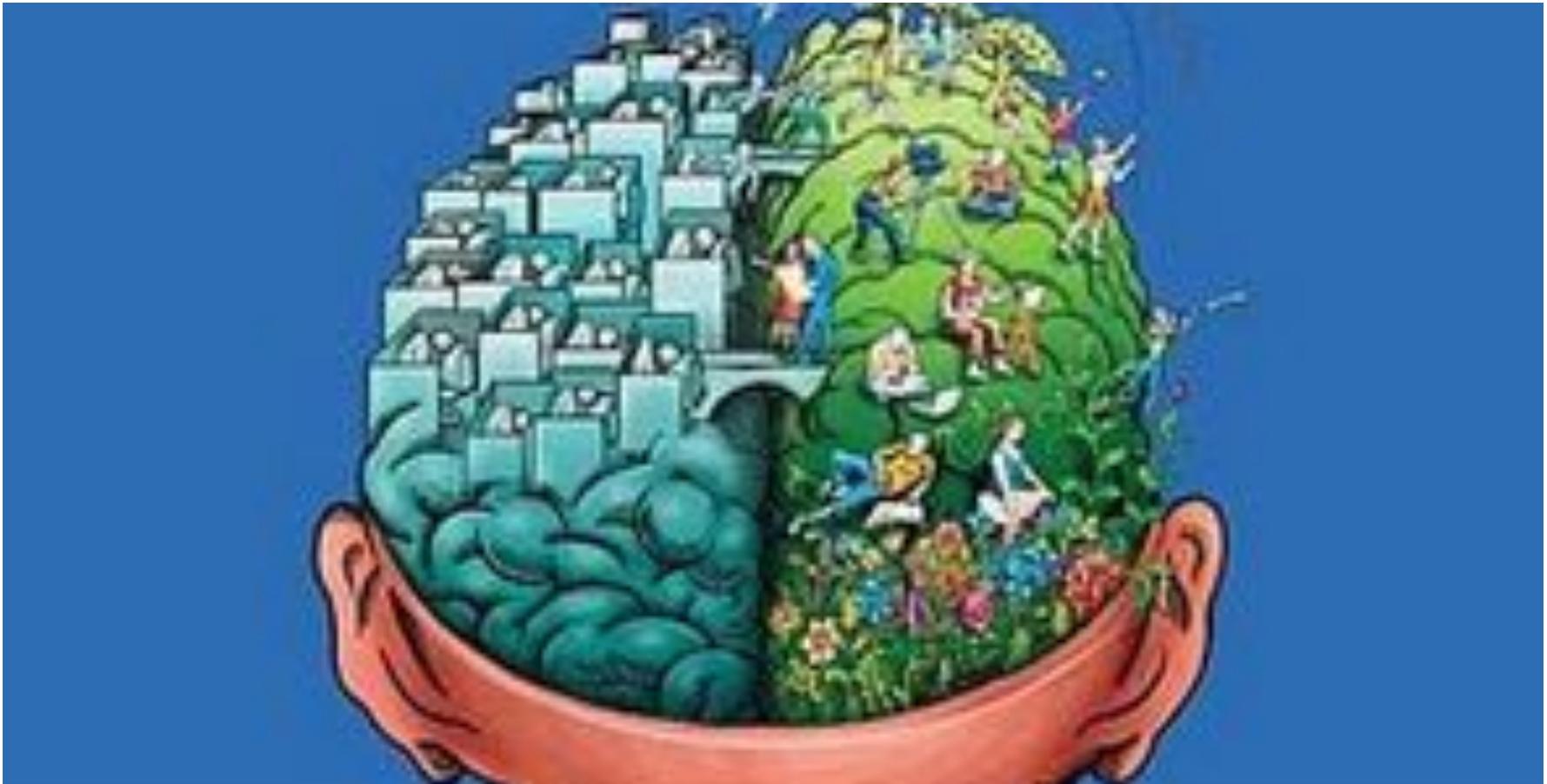
In the new epoch, now dawning, mediumship will develop alongside the progress of terrestrial humanity, so that many phenomena thought at this time to be extraordinary, will become commonplace.

Within the work of mediumship, there are two areas of activity:



The Material Aspect - professionally or domestically, there are certain duties to be fulfilled. Material Work is an important factor for the medium, so as to be preserved from the temptations of commercialization of mediumship, etc.

The Spiritual Aspect - in the sense of creating and maintaining an air of fraternity within our professional and domestic lives; of equal importance is the creation of human solidarity through attention to those in need, both incarnates and discarnates.



Material and spiritual activities complement each other, so forming the sanctification of all duties which brings with it elements of defense and protection, of sustenance and good equilibrium.

PREPARATION OF THE MEDIUMISTIC GROUP



For many “mediumship” suggests the stereotypical séance, but the channeling of discarnate spirits by a medium can and does occur in very ordinary settings, as long as they follow the simple guidance presented in this lesson.

Excerpts taken from the book *Dialogo com a Sombras*,
written by Herminio Miranda.



Someone intending to organize a mediumistic group should, first and foremost, select the people who will comprise it.

The incarnate people represent only part of the group – the part that is visible to us.

The task assigned to them is certainly important, but nothing they do compares to the complex work that is carried by the discarnate spirits.

Once the group has decided that its components are indeed prepared for it, since they have studied the theory for a while, it should thus be prepared to withstand all the sacrifices and renunciations imposed by the work.

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The task should be carried out with uninterrupted continuity and absolute regularity.

The day reserved for the meeting requires several mostly insignificant sacrifices. Since the work is usually held at night, we cannot devote that time to our families, to rest, to going on walks, or to visiting with friends.

We are going to face all kinds of perturbed spirits, and they will turn against us, often for no other reason than our attempt to awaken them to their painful reality – a torment from which they so adamantly try to escape.

All the planning is made in the spirit world; we, the incarnate, will be in charge of executing these plans, within our limitations.

Minutes before the session begins everyone should quietly enter the room and sit, and all conversation should cease, all minds made tranquil, all hearts appeased, and all muscles relaxed. The members should disconnect themselves from any daily worries, and be ready and willing to work.

It is imperative to stipulate that the meetings should have a set time to start and to end. The suffering spirits should be assisted within the time rigorously allotted to them.

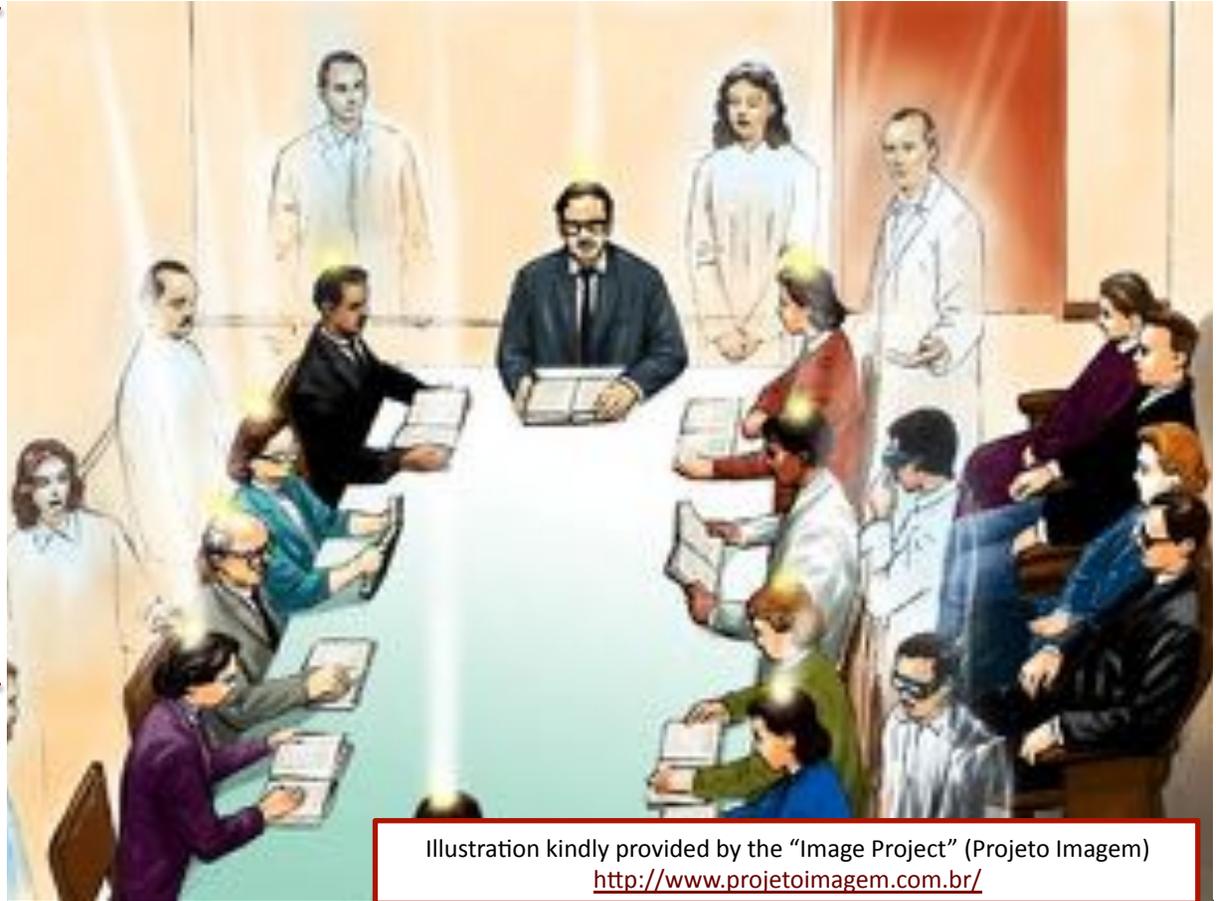


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The mediumistic work is protected and assisted by a security team which is comprised of workers from the other side, and it must be understood that once the regular allotted time has finished, they have to leave; accordingly, they have other tasks to attend to elsewhere, which cannot be delayed.

Still, we need to understand that the work of the participants in a mediumship group does not end with the closing of the meeting. Everyone is somehow involved in its tasks, even during the interval between meetings. Spirits undergoing treatment often state that they have followed us in our normal activities.

If, during the week, we open up gaps, through our impulses of hatred, intolerance and lack of vigilance, we will allow negative emanations to take root within us, which the unhappy spirits will be glad to use against us. Their objective is always to neutralize us.

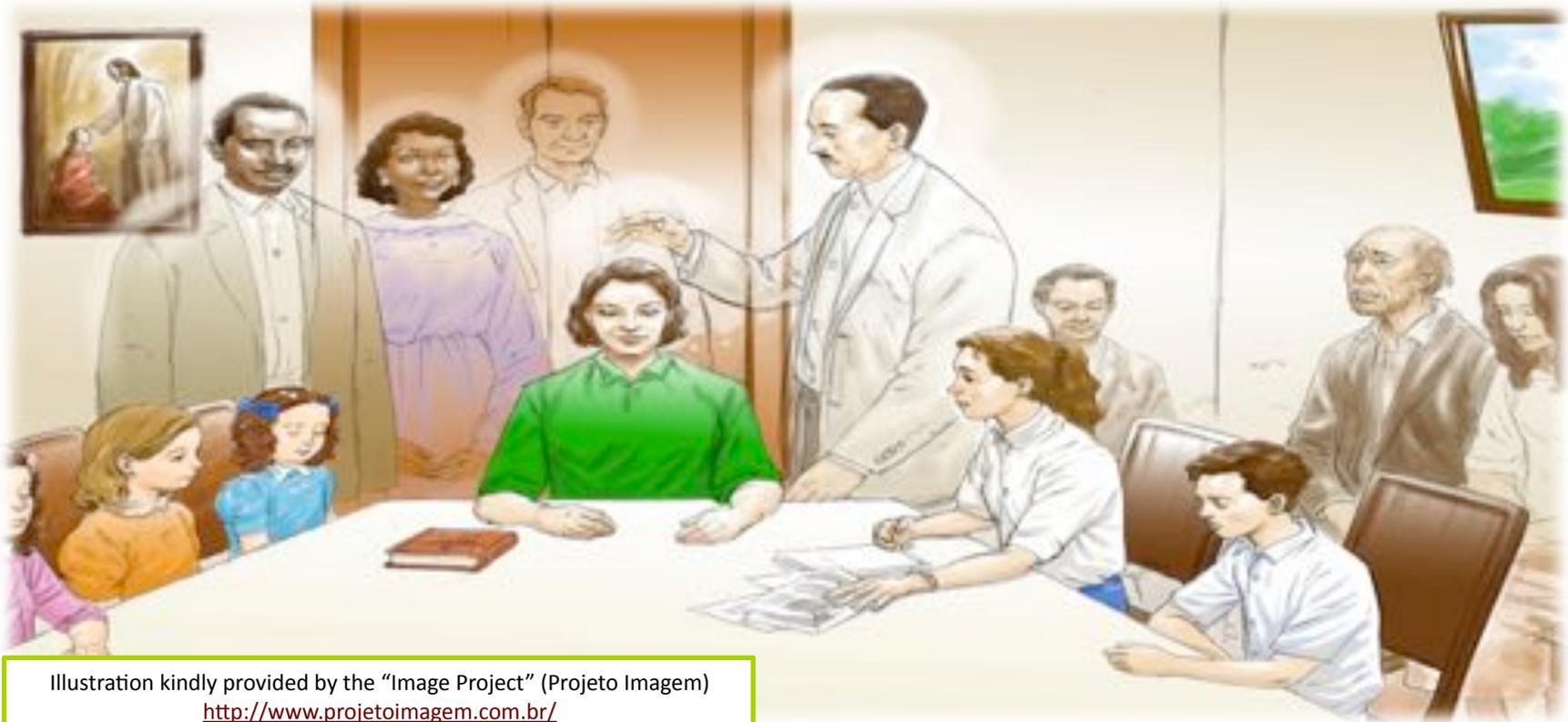


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The spiritual mentors choose for each manifestation the medium best suited to the manifesting spirit. When making this choice the spiritual mentors take into consideration the nature of the work to be accomplished and the mediumistic characteristics of the mediums.

If the medium misses a session, the work with that suffering spirit is placed on hold, in hopes for a renewed opportunity. Therefore, unless it is due to highly justifiable reasons, the assiduity of the mediums and the continuity of the work are critical to its progress.



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The Nature of Communications



There is an infinite variety of spirits as to their intelligence and morality, thus we can comprehend the differences in their communications. Their communications must necessarily reflect the nobility or baseness of their ideas, their wisdom or ignorance, and their vices or virtues.

The different types of communications can be classified into four main categories. According to their predominant characteristics they may be *crude, frivolous, serious or instructive*.

Crude communications



They are re those containing expressions that shock decorum. They can only come from spirits of the lowest orders.

Any person with a minimum amount of sensitivity is repulsed by them, for they are trivial, ignoble, obscene, insolent, arrogant, malevolent and even impious, depending on the character of the spirits who make them.

Frivolous communications



They 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. Some spirits are not concerned about the truth, and they feel a malicious pleasure in deceiving those who are predisposed enough to believe them.

Serious communications



They are serious both as to subject and form. Every communication which has a useful purpose is naturally serious. However, that does not mean that such communications are always without error, since serious spirits are not all equally enlightened.

They don't know many things and they may be mistaken about them, though in good faith. That is why it is recommend that we submit all communications to the control of reason and the strictest logic.

There are certain presumptuous or pseudo-scholarly spirits may attempt to impose upon us the most wrong-headed ideas and the most absurd theories.

Instructive communications



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Those which are not only serious but whose main purpose is to provide teachings given by superior spirits. Serious spirits connect themselves to those who desire to be taught, and assist them.

It is only through the regularity of these communications that we can appraise the moral and intellectual value of the spirits who are communicating with us, as well as the degree of trust they deserve.

If we deem such communications to be instructive, we therefore suppose them to be true, for something that is not true cannot be instructive even if transmitted in the most striking language.

What kinds of preparations do a medium need to make to keep away ignorant spirits and to use this gift for good?



Seriousness regarding the purpose and use of mediumship

- Serious mediums understand that their faculty has been given to them as a gift by which they can progress spiritually, through their assistance to those in need (both incarnate and discarnate) and through their cooperation in the dissemination of instructive and inspiring messages. Therefore, they only use their faculties for good and useful ends.

Modesty / Humility:

- Mediums should be aware of pride and its negative signs and consequences. In avoiding the downfalls caused by pride, the good medium remembers that he/she is only a simple instrument of others employed under God's will and, does not assume any merit for the communications that one receives or for the healing energies that one helps bring to another.

Continuous Vigilance:

- The Spiritist medium can be recognized by one's efforts toward inner transformation. The good medium takes care to be vigilant of one's thoughts and actions. This medium seeks to develop the qualities that attract good spirits, such as kindness, good-will, love of one's neighbor, and detachment from earthly things

Perseverance:

- A perseverant medium, understanding that the development and exercise of his faculty requires time and patience, will not become discouraged by the obstacles that arise or the time that it takes him to develop his mediumship in a proper way.

Devotion:

- A devoted medium is willing to sacrifice one's time, energy, habits, pleasures, etc. for the benefit of others who suffer. She/he also recognizes that, as a worker of God, and without discrediting any opportunity to serve and fulfill one's responsibilities, the medium's ideal is to serve, aid, and heal.

Discipline:

- Disciplined mediums will take their responsibilities seriously and can be counted on for their punctuality and preparation for meetings, their vigilance and concentration in cooperation with the maintenance of harmonious vibrations during a session, and their devotion to prayer and study.

Good Will and Benevolence:

- A medium with good will attends a meeting with happiness and satisfaction in the opportunity to work and puts forth full effort during the moments devoted to his/her development.

Discretion:

- A medium who practices with discretion will use one's faculty to help those in need without making them feel humiliated or shamed, and by keeping to oneself those person's situations, no matter how dramatic or interesting a story they'd make for conversation elsewhere.

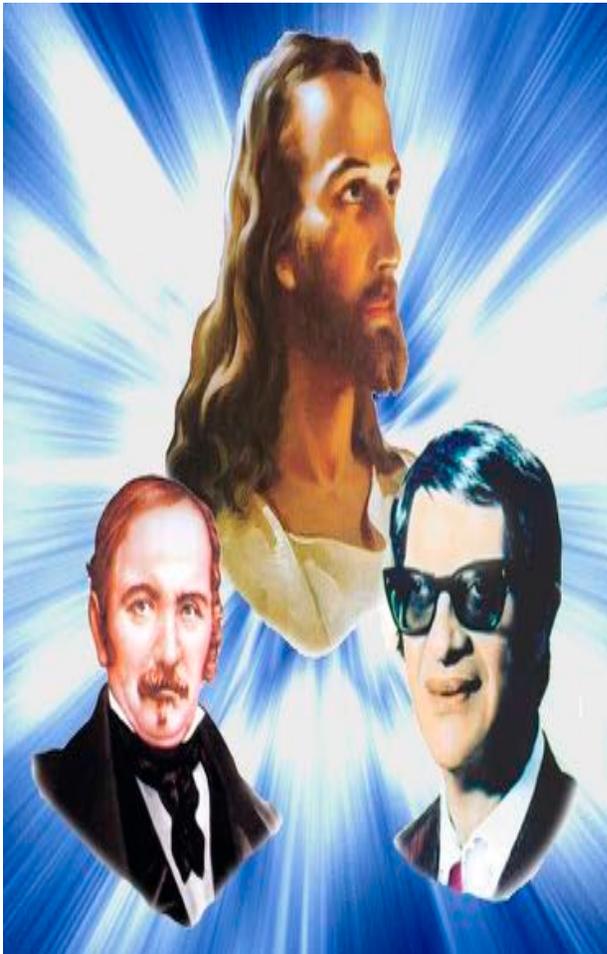
Discernment:

- Discernment, acquired through study and attention to good Spirits' advice, will help the medium to examine various situations and offer wise advice for a sound solution, and it will help in the critical analysis of Spirit communications that should be a regular practice of all mediums and participants in a mediumistic session.

Disinterestedness:

- Disinterestedness refers to a lack of material interest and is the virtue by which mediums give for free what they receive for free. The disinterested mediums exercise their faculty voluntarily for the sole purpose of helping others and seek no material reward for her work.

Our spiritual friends and benefactors inform us that:



- Mediumship without study and the application of the teachings of Jesus is a phenomenon without love.
- Mediumship without the clarifications and education offered by Spiritism is an unenlightened phenomenon.
- Mediumship with Spiritism, but without the teachings of Jesus is an incomplete realization.
- Mediumship with both the teachings of Jesus and Spiritism is a guarantee of spiritual victory and the valorization of spiritual talents.
- Therefore, the forming of the trilogy comprised of the Gospel, Spiritism, and Mediumship is essential.

“In the field of mediumship, do not forget that a duty correctly fulfilled is the compass that will propel you the right direction.”



Emmanuel

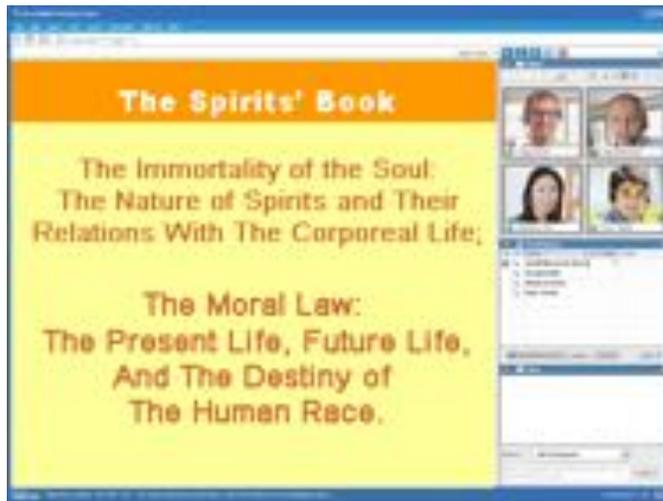


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