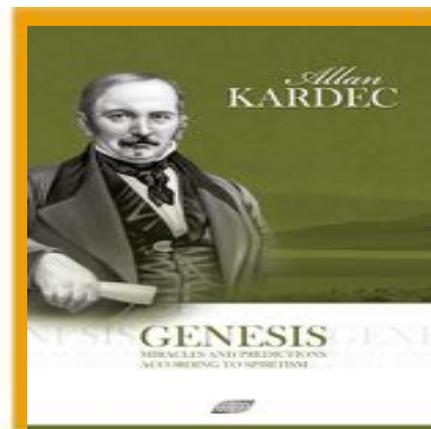
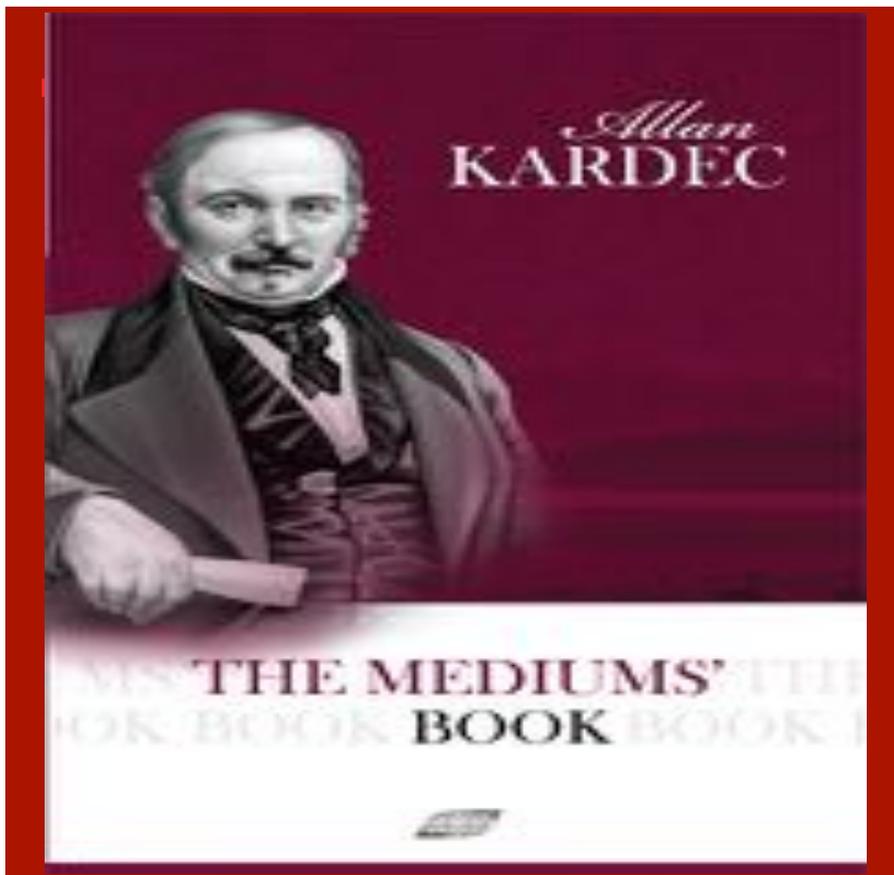


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# Understanding Mediumship



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**A m o n g t h e h i g h e r categories of Nature's Finer Forces is included that which is popularly known as "mediumship."**

# 1. Mediumship



## 2. Medianimic



## 3. Medium



It is the interpreter of the Spirits. Although almost all people feel the influence of spirits, to either greater or lesser degree, this classification is only practically applicable to those people whose faculty shows itself clearly and with some intensity, producing well-marked results.

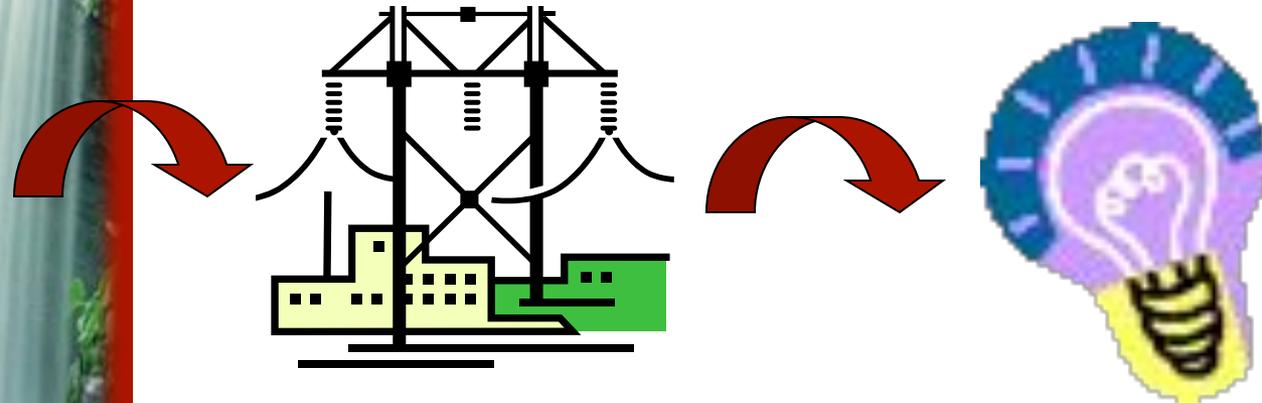
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# Mediumship is present throughout humankind history...



Egyptian, Greek and Roman Mythology

# Spiritist Concept of Mediumship



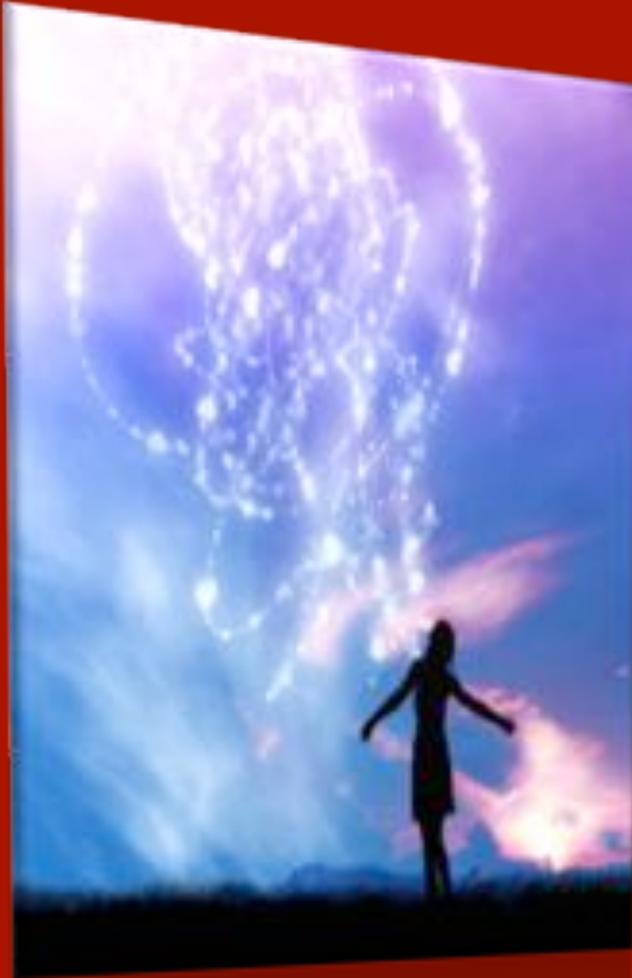
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**Spiritism has come as the framework to guide mediumship by disciplining and conducting it for the general good.**

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Spirit Emmanuel compares mediumship to a waterfall(Book: *In the Domain of Mediumship*)

# Spiritist Concept of Mediumship



**Each person, with the sentiments that characterize their interior life, emits specific rays and lives in the spiritual wavelength with which they identify themselves.**

**We are all mediums operating within the mental field that is appropriate to us.**

Even if not consciously registered by the incarnates mental communication between "dead" and "living" is constantly being the source of suggestions and inspirations that reach us quite often, without us knowing from whom and from where they come to us.



**The influence of Spirits upon you in this regard is greater than you suppose, for very frequently it is they who guide you.**

# **We are all mediums!**

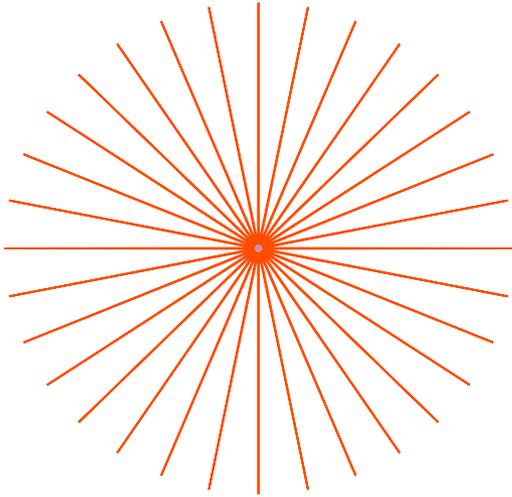
**Everyone who is in any degree  
influenced by spirits is a medium.**



**“This faculty is inherent to humankind. It therefore does not constitute an exclusive privilege, and there are very few individuals who do not possess it at least in a rudimentary state.”**

**(The Mediums' Book by Allan Kardec - p.159)**

# WHAT ARE WE?



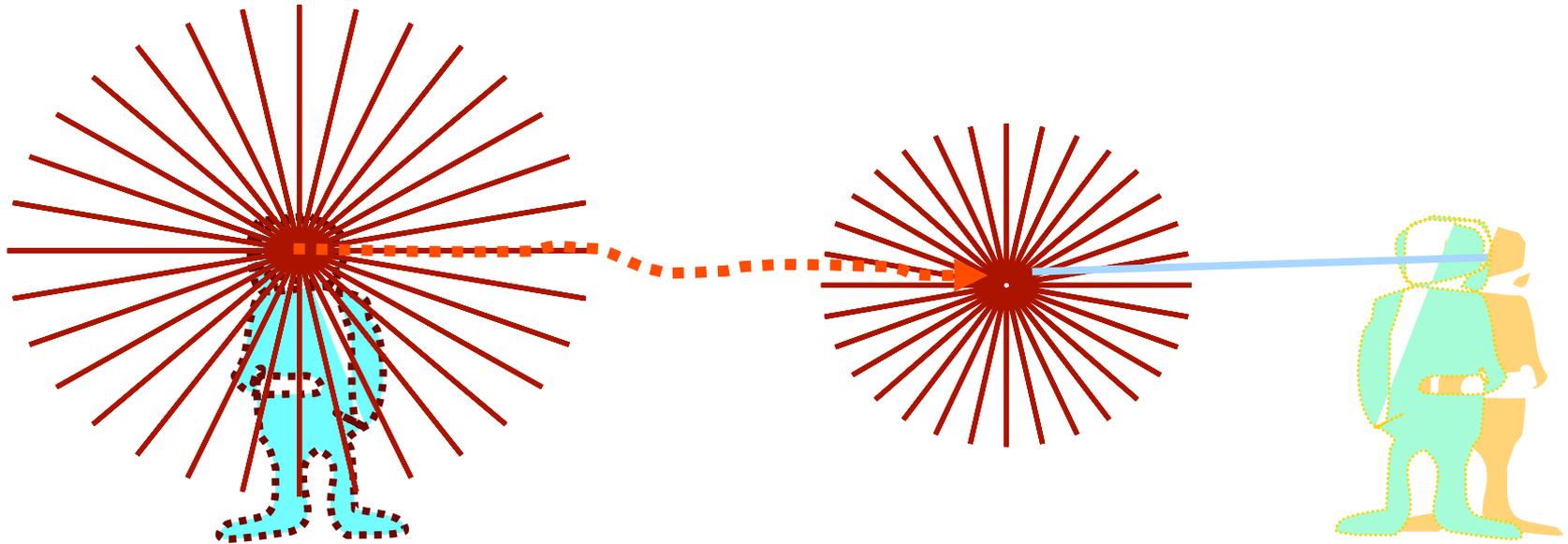
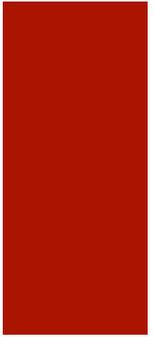
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**Can you describe this link?**

"It is semi-material. In other words, it is, by nature, midway between soul and body. Without it, soul and body could not communicate with each other. This is, in fact, the purpose of the link; it enables the spirit to act on matter and matter to act on the spirit." (SB - Question 135-a)



Mediumship is one of the incarnate human being's attribute which is used to communicate with the discarnates.





## Where is mediumship located?



Mediumship is based in the physical body, which will ease the partial emancipation of the perispirit, so the spirit of the medium recovers perceptions and spiritual faculties that are usually blunted by the material body.

**The occurrence of mediumship may be due to both merit and spiritual needs.**

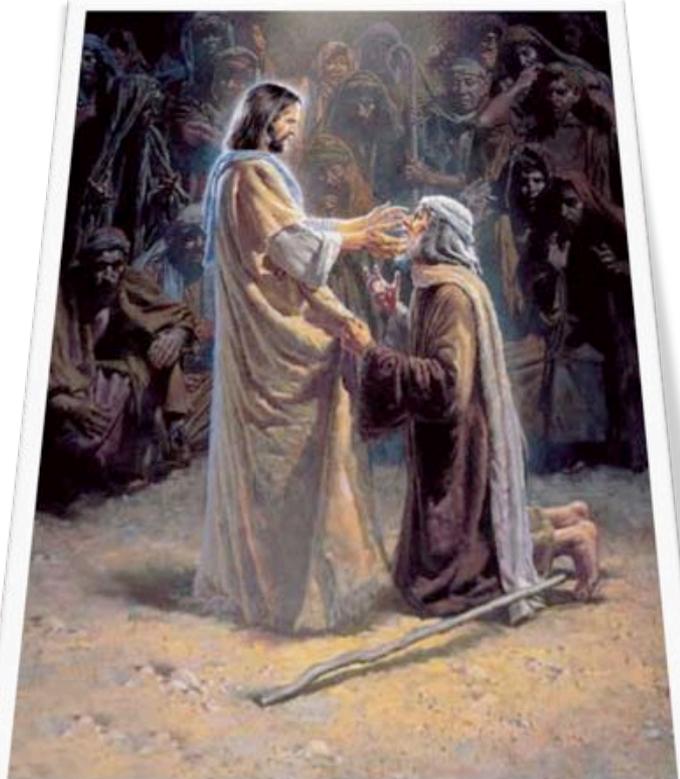
## How can we identify mediumship?



In order to know whether a person is a medium or not, Kardec says: "Unfortunately, until today, no diagnosis can be inferred, even approximately, that someone has that faculty. The physical signs, in which some people think they see evidence, are not infallible."



## Does Jesus talk about it?



Yes, he makes many references to mediumship, as exemplified in his dialogues with the spirits, and in his instructions to his disciples on the use of their psychic faculties, which he encouraged them to exercise when he said, "**Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, and raise the dead.**"

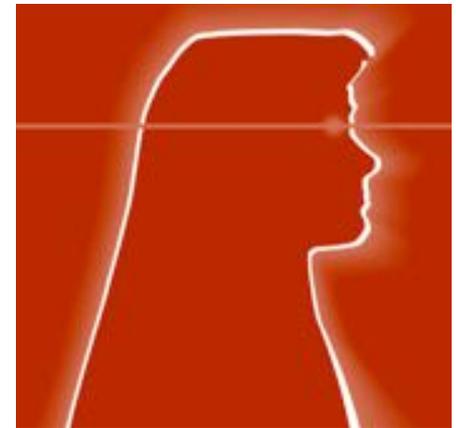
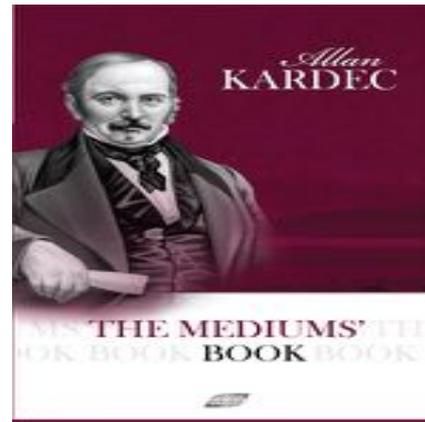
It is important to notice that throughout the New Testament there is not a single passage forbidden the communication with the beyond.

Jesus also recommended

**"Freely you have received, freely you give."**

# + Mediumship

Since mediumship is a natural faculty it appears at the appropriate time, which was previously determined in the individual's reincarnation plan.



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Anyone is entitled to be considered a "medium" if he or she is psychically sensitive and capable of receiving and responding to spirit control or influence.

# What are the levels of Spirit Communication?

## Subliminal

**Exists or functions without an apparent manifestation.**



## Ostensible

**Evident to the medium who can either be conscious, semi-conscious or unconscious during the manifestation.**



# Mediumship in our everyday lives



## Helping others

**Gossip, systematic criticism, excessive eating, smoking, alcoholic drinking, etc.**

*In the Domain of Mediumship by Andre Luiz/Francisco Xavier*

# Emergence of Mediumship

## SPONTANEOUS



**Spontaneous** – it will not generate great discomforts, whether physical or emotional, to the beginning medium;

## TRIAL



**Trial** – the mediums will experience emotional unbalances that will reflect in their physical bodies. Spiritual disturbances could occur.

Mediumship is without a doubt a powerful instrument, but it can also be transformed into a lamentable source of disturbance, according to the spiritual and moral level of those possessing such resource.

# + The Signs or Symptoms of Mediumship

The appearance of mediumship does not depend on place, age, social condition or gender. It can appear during childhood, adolescence, youth, at a mature age or in the elderly. It can manifest itself in the Spiritist Center, at home, at any religious temple, or even in a person with strongly materialistic inclinations.

**The signs vary to the infinite:**

Unexpected emotional reactions

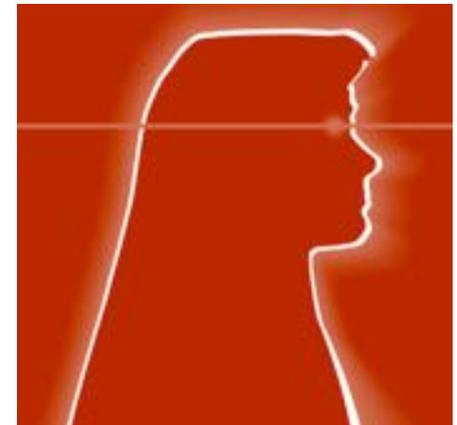
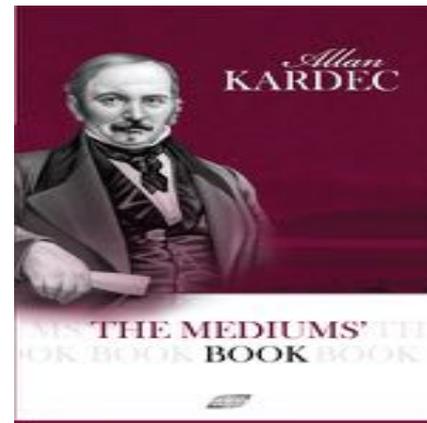
Apparent sickness

Shivers

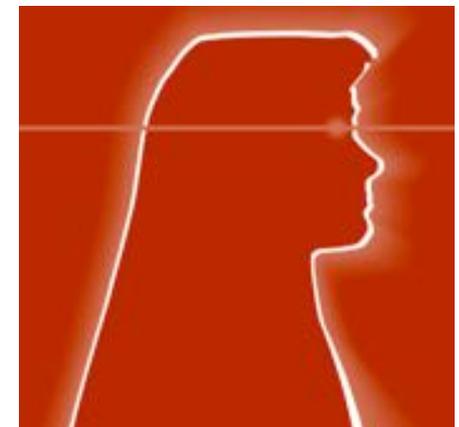
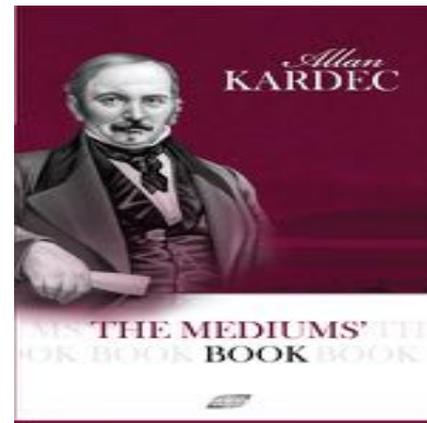
Moral and/or physical indispositions

Excessive irritability





It is not mediumship that is responsible for these bodily disturbances, but the fluidic action from the Spirits that provokes or not favor the occurrence of these symptoms.



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When the spiritual action is of an elevated level, an aura of peace and well-being envelopes the mediators, assisting them in preserving the energy that nourishes and supports them during their physical existence.

**There is no one type of mediumship more important than another, nor mediums who are stronger than others.**



**According to the apostle Paul of Tarsus, the mediumistic gift comes from one original source, and from the same Lord.**



**What will make the medium spiritually greater is what is accomplished with the gifts one may have.**



**There are those who are more dedicated than others, more fervent, who are renouncing matter and making a great effort towards their self-improvement.**



Guidelines for Safety by Divaldo Pereira Franco & Raul Teixeira

# **+ Truths about Mediums & Mediumship**

**Not everyone possesses the same level of evolvment. The achieved experience acquired throughout many incarnations varies with each individual.**

**It is also a question of attunement between the medium and the communicating Spirit.**

**People who possess more ostensive mediumistic faculties are not the chosen of the divinity.**

**Mediumship is neither an indication of sanctification, nor does it represent a divinatory characteristic.**

**It simply constitutes a manner of entering into communication with souls who have previously lived on Earth.**

**The level of respect and the intensity of devotion that mediums dedicate to the task is what will be used to appraise them.**

**Neither magic formulas nor special rituals to lead to the blossoming of a mediumship.**





Mediumship education can span an entire lifetime, because as the mediums improve their skill, additional resources will be provided to them for the fulfillment of the assumed ministry.



Mediumship should not be the result of precipitation because in such a matter spontaneity is essential, considering that the spiritual mentors are responsible for the psychic tasks.



Leon Denis teaches that the individual has to undergo a complex preparation and observe certain rules of conduct in order to develop the precious gift of mediumship.



While proper guidance, as provided by Spiritism, is important to the development of the medium's faculty, personal effort and intense dedication are also indispensable factors.



Oftentimes the individual is not always conveniently assisted as soon as his or her mediumship appears; either due to ignorance regarding the subject, which is in fact, most common, or due to the disinterest or indifference of relatives and friends.



The truth is that at the beginning of its evolvment, the medium faces many conflicts and illnesses. Oftentimes, they have no knowledge about Spiritism and mediumship, and have never approached a Spiritist Center.



It is only after much suffering that they finally approach Spiritism. These newcomers arrive at the Spiritist Center completely disoriented, still under the religious preconceptions that they had been taught for so long.



**They display  
incredulity,  
and insist that  
their problems  
be resolved  
overnight!**



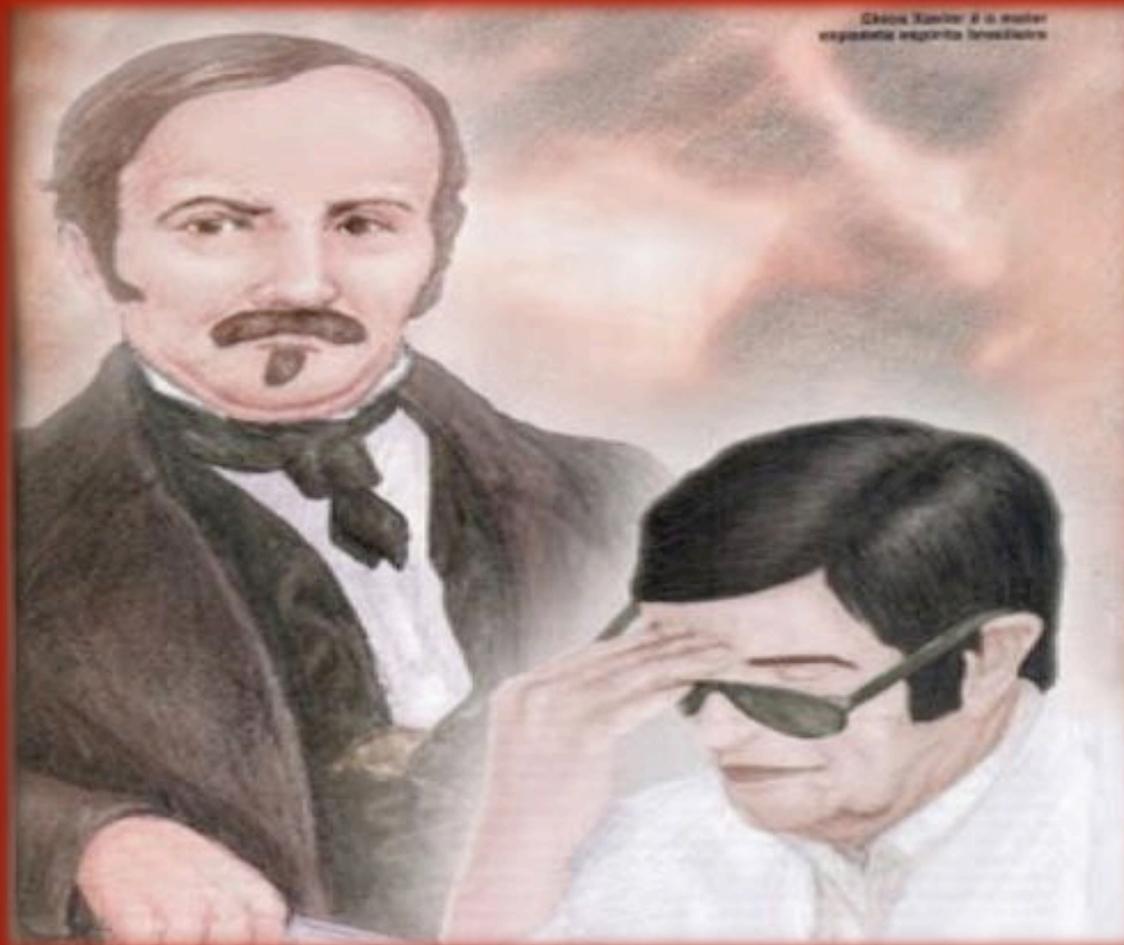
**They declare that they do not  
believe in the influence or effects  
caused by Spirits, affirming they  
do not wish to be mediums.**



**Some display extraordinary enthusiasm, due to the impact received from the spiritual revelations that have suddenly been disclosed to them**



**They require further understanding and assistance from the more experienced mediums, so that they do not become lost or confused by the communications of mischievous entities.**



Mediumship, in essence, must be always accompanied by inner improvement, because only the medium's improvement will enable the Spirit to manifest in a better way.



## **The Importance of a Spiritist Center for the Development and Practice of Mediumship**

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It offers the greatest opportunities for study and enlightenment regarding mediumship for all those who desire to use it in the benefit of others

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It is possible for the medium to slowly develop his or her faculties, in a safe way, if placed in a harmonious and well-assisted group, wherein well-disciplined mediums are already fully active.



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Under no circumstance should mediumistic development be attempted through the aid of organizations that promise fast and amazing results in just a few lessons, or if based on suspicious books. .

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it is imprudent to push for development if the person does not have any inclination to study the subject in the books that comprise the Codification of Kardec, or the complimentary works of his followers.

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The individual who is determined to put mediumship ability into practice, once it has appeared, must bear in mind the significance of this faculty.



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In the past this responsibility was based on initiative, that is, the instructor imparted his or her teachings in accordance with the disciple's receptivity and strength.

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Today we don't need a guru to guide a disciple through the successive stages that lead to the ideal level.

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Spiritism has demystified the old occultism, and has rendered its basic knowledge accessible to the ordinary person.

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We should not forget that fostering mediumistic development still requires the supervision, the attention and the personal guidance of someone who has high moral values and the doctrinaire conditions to promote it.

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Oneself should not attempt mediumship development, nor should it be attempted without the support of books that are essential for the understanding of its basic concepts.

# Good advices to mediums



**Love. Grow. Serve.**

**Educate yourselves,**

**Fight your addictions,**

**Including the mental ones,**

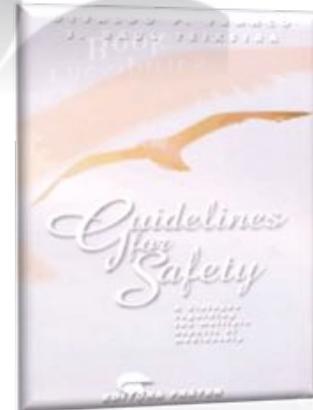
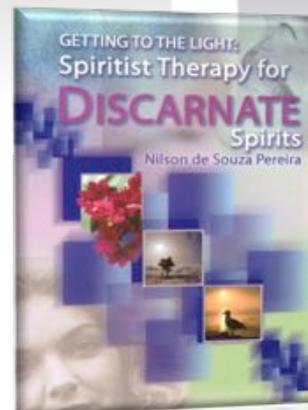
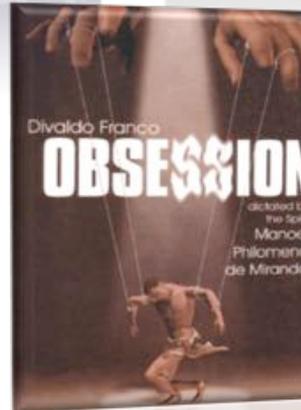
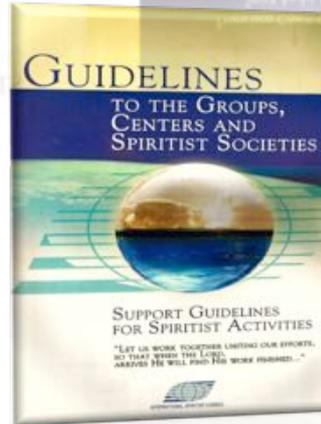
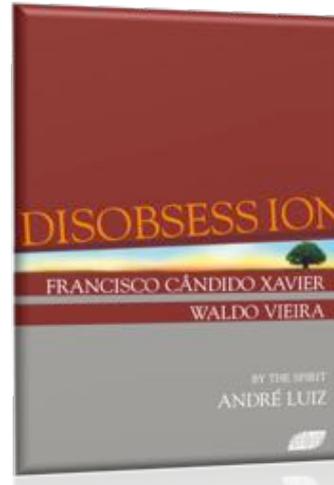
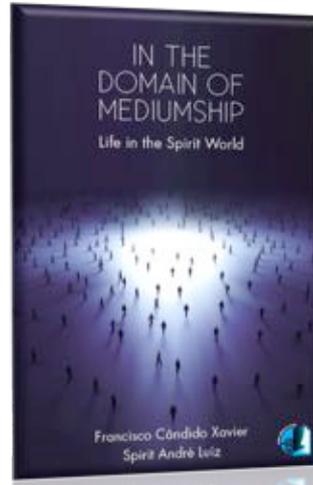
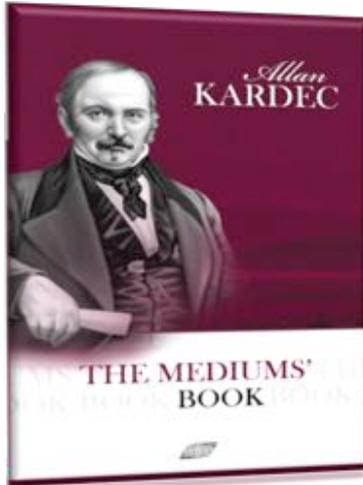
**Learn to be good,**

**Read uplifting books every day,**

**Seek God through prayer**

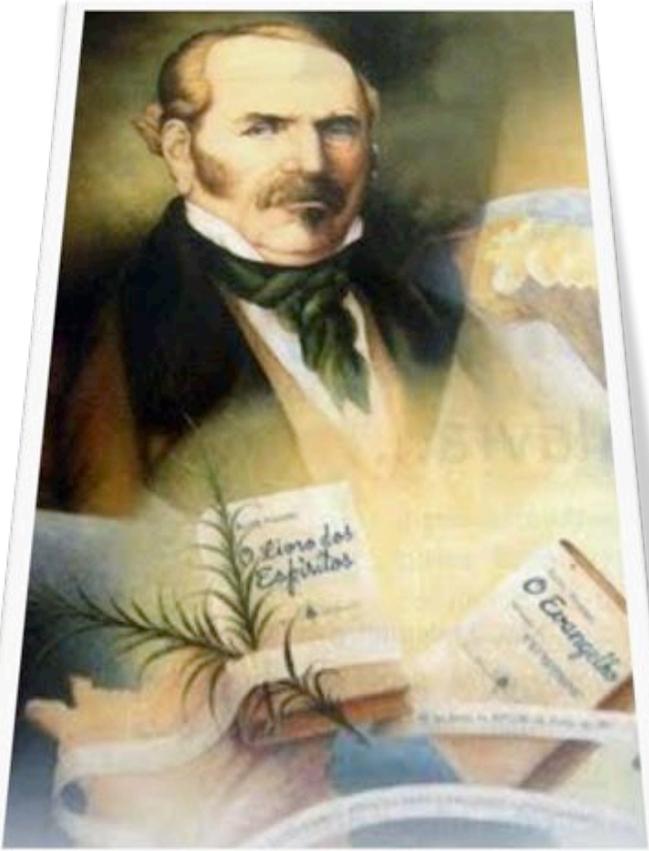


# BOOKS ON MEDIUMSHIP



The education or unfoldment of mediumship is the work of a lifetime and, in fact, starts prior to reincarnation, continuing throughout incarnated life, and beyond.

# Spiritism



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The objective of mediumistic practice, according to Spiritism, is to receive advice from enlightened Spirits;

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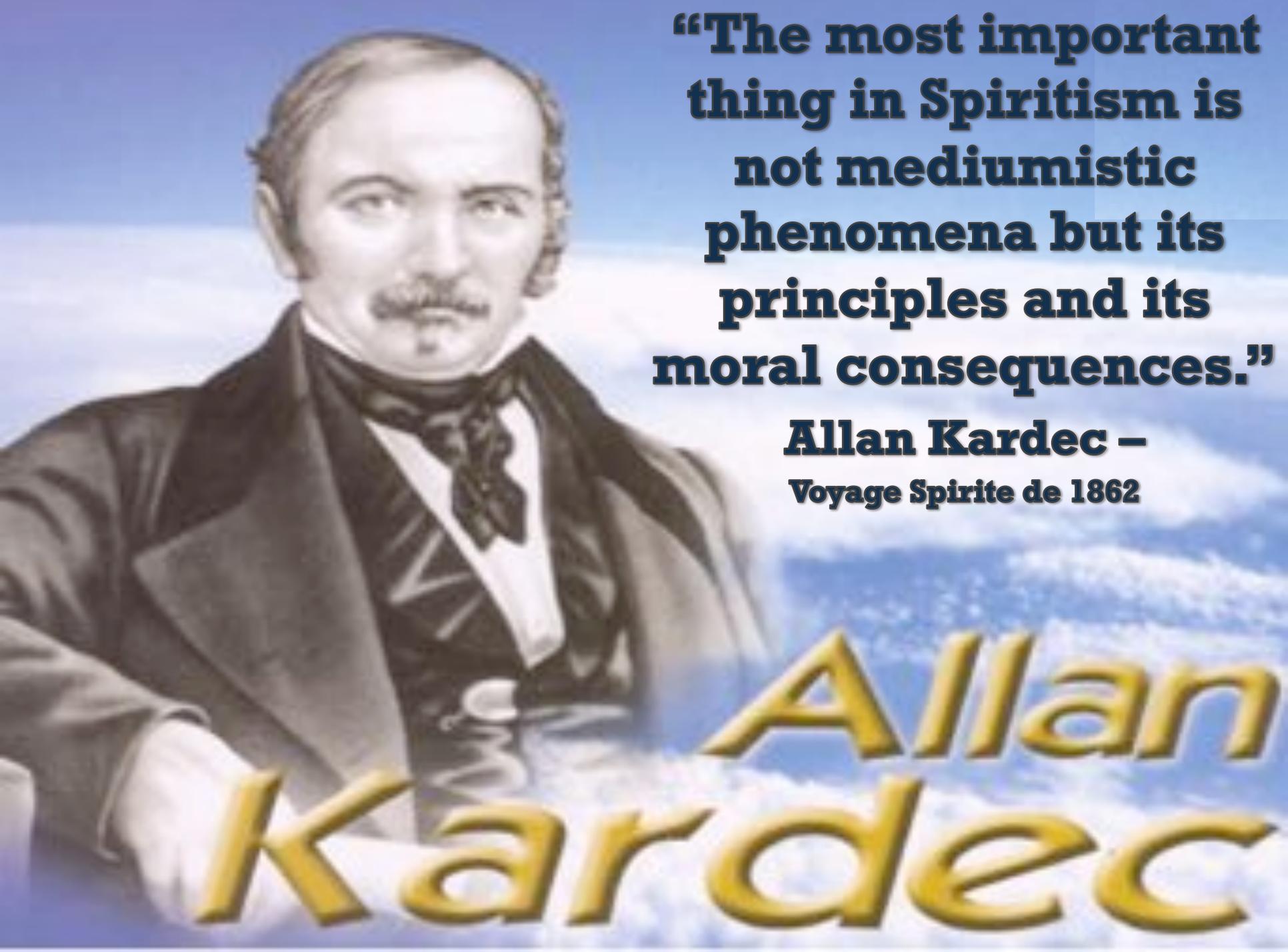
To teach higher moral awareness to those imprisoned in the web of vice and passion;

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To increase knowledge and clarity regarding our essential nature, spiritual origin and ultimate destination.

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It is a catalyst for human progress, due to the benefits it brings.



**“The most important thing in Spiritism is not mediumistic phenomena but its principles and its moral consequences.”**

**Allan Kardec –  
Voyage Spirite de 1862**

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Kardec**