

## 3<sup>rd</sup> U.S. Spiritist Symposium

### Special Meeting for Spiritist Directors CREATING BRIDGES FOR SPIRITISM IN AMERICA

#### Vanessa Anseloni

- Opening prayer
- Review of how things have been growing and re-introduced the movement.

#### Nahur Fonseca

- Recap of previous year
  - See attached material
- Insights
  - Build peace by disseminating Spiritism in the USA
  - Start Spiritist meetings and centers
    - New centers got launched after last Symposium
  - Spiritist Materials available and needed
    - Vanessa to provide references
  - Understand our American audience
    - Quiz to follow (from Vanessa)
  - Persist with English-speaking meetings
  - Foster English speaking meetings in charity
  - Look beyond language – love, understanding and commitment
  - Investment and support for the English-Speaking movement
    - More to follow
  - Spiritist immigrants in the US were prepared to contribute in this transition
    - The Plan (from Divaldo) Brazilians will disseminate

#### Vanessa Anseloni

- Opened to overall introductions – each shared brief experience and how long they have been participating with the Symposium
  - Patricia Eastwood – Toronto
    - 3<sup>rd</sup> Symposium
  - Marcelo Neto – Florida
  - Andrea Marsha
  - Charlice / MacKenzie Mello – Peabody
  - Gabi Ferreira
  - Judiith / Steve Horton
  - Cesar Perri – Brasilia
  - Manuel Gamas -
  - Maria Bachellor
  - Eduardo Guimaraes - MA
  - etc...
  - Others: Connecticut, NY, USSC, Florida, MA, San Diego – CA, San Francisco - CA, Austin – TX, Baltimore -MD, Los Angeles - CA

- How can we bridge into the American cultural/spiritualist?
  - Perspectives from different groups and their experience
- Adjust vocabulary to reflect ideas correctly
- Pay close attention to things that are puzzling (for Brazilians) and not uncommon in the Spiritist center
  - Example: I need to get rid of my “ego”?
- Do not close the door due to not understanding
  - Figure out (ask questions) about what is being said
- In pairs: work 10 expressions for creating Bridges on Spiritism in the U.S.
  - Not everybody comes from a Christian background
  - Word to be concerned when talking to Americans: PRIDE
  - Be concerned with the word “doctrine” – being indoctrinated
  - “Passion” – passion for what you do – indicate the meaning
  - Spiritual Mission = Mission of the U.S. (Obama)
  - Think out of the box
  - Know the culture
- Seek creative solutions
  - 5 case studies: true scenarios
    - Consider challenges and build solutions
      - Comments relative to Mediumship
        - Education, discipline, initial treatments
      - Comments relative to meetings in English
        - English should not block Portuguese
      - Comments relative to workers from English origin
        - Everybody’s problem
        - Person is new as a volunteer => recognition
        - Make them be part of it!
        - Language pods – communication
        - Demonstrate by example
      - Comments relative to accepting Spiritism as a Christian Religion and should accepted as such
- Are there any questions we can do this?
  - Obvious answer: yes, we can.
  - Evidence – we are here!
- Presentation of further resources to assist in generating structured classes in English
  - Videos

### **Cesar Perri de Carvalho**

- Presentation: What can effectively do for this country in war?
  - Overview of the various facets of the movement in the U.S.
  - Perspectives of how our actions reach its public target
  - Considerations on the organization of centers
    - Centers need autonomy
    - Each location has its own influences and dynamics
    - Federative Organization!



- Click here for the presentation:

## USSC

- Presentation of new directors
- Symposium 2010
  - Florida
  - USSC will coordinate

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 Reincarnation: Life, Liberty  
 and the Pursuit of Happiness

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 1 Faneuil Hall Market Pl  
 Boston, MA

**Free admission**  
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*"To be born, to die, to be reborn yet again, and constantly progress. This is the law." - Allan Kardec's eptlogh*

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### Integral Elements of the Spiritist movement

Those who continuously perform services in the Spiritist Center

Spiritist Practitioners

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**ENTRE IRMÃOS DE OUTRAS TERRAS**

FRANCISCO CÂNDIDO XAVIER - WALDO VIEIRA

**Visita de Chico Xavier e Waldo Vieira aos Estados Unidos e Europa (1965)**

**Fundação do Christian Spiritist Center, com Salim J.Haddad (N.C.)**

*("Entre Irmãos de Outras Terras", FEB, 1966)*

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**N.Y.  
 Julho  
 de  
 1965**



Em entrevista espiritual  
com André Luiz (Cap. 5)  
William James (N.Y., 27/6/1965)  
faz oportunas considerações:

*"Temos aprendido que não surgem  
construções estáveis ao impulso do improviso.  
A seara espírita pede plantação de princípios  
espíritos.*

*E não existe plantação eficiente sem  
cultivadores dedicados. Ampliemos a área de  
nosso concurso individual e elevemos o nível de  
compreensão das nossas responsabilidades para  
com a obra do Espiritismo".*



Cap. 18 – Compromisso pessoal- Emmanuel:

*"Nada de personalismo dissolvente na lavoura  
do espírito"*

[...] Pensando, porém, no impositivo da  
descentralização, no serviço espiritual, muitos  
companheiros fogem à iniciativa nas construções de ordem  
moral que nos competem.

[...] A necessidade do devotamento individual à causa  
da verdade transparece, clara..."

## GESTÃO FEDERATIVA:

### FUNDAMENTOS:

A gestão federativa tem como objeto de trabalho  
o C.E. no atendimento às suas finalidades.

A gestão federativa à luz do Espiritismo deve ter  
como princípios BÁSICOS:

- Relação clara entre organização e liberdade;
- A autonomia das instituições espíritas;
- Ações progressivas e continuadas.

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Spiritist  
Practitioners

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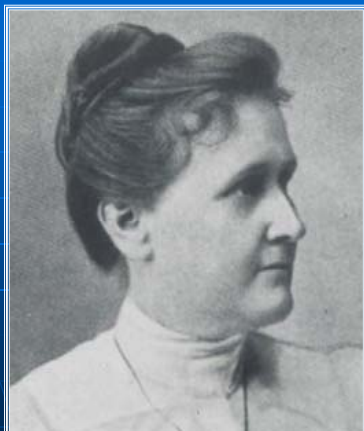
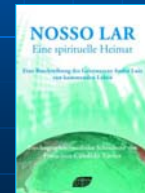
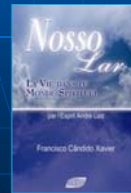
Those who  
attend services  
and meetings in  
the spiritist  
center



Cap.5:

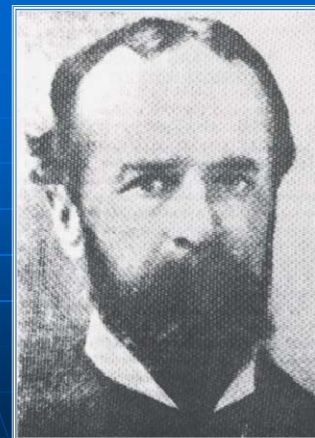
[...] “É necessário compreender que, no atual estágio da Humanidade, a barreira das línguas é limitação inevitável, de vez que por enquanto os desencarnados, em maioria esmagadora, comumente prosseguem arraigados ao ambiente doméstico em que viveram”

William James



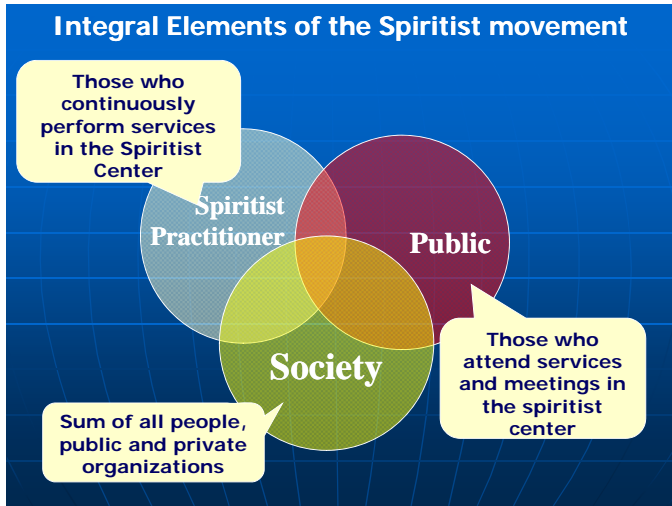

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Leonore Piper - 1884




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William James - 1884

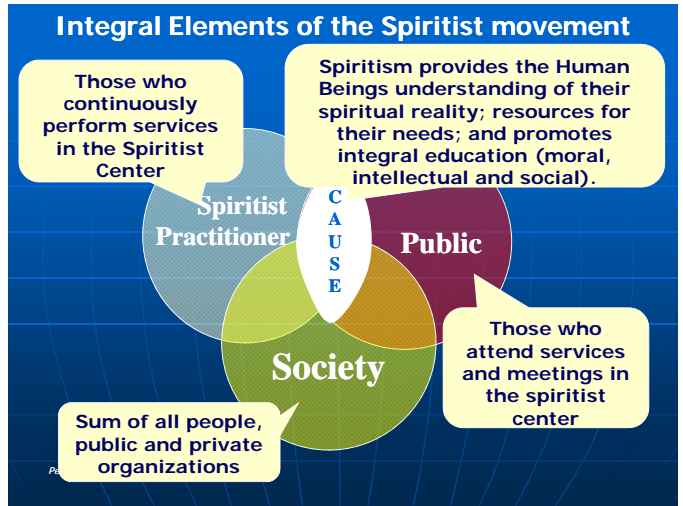
Cap.16 – Entrevista em Nova Iorque:  
Horace Greeley – Fundador do *Herald Tribune*

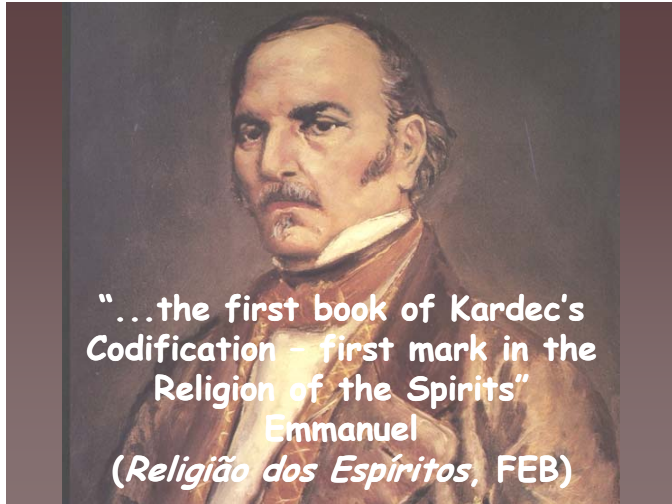
- "... O Espiritualismo, na América do Norte, está alimentado pela seiva do Cristianismo...?"
- Sem dúvida. É necessário frisar, porém, que temos dado ênfase excessiva ao Cristianismo estático na crença que aprecia Jesus por salvador externo, sem admiti-lo na condição de mestre da alma com instruções e disciplinas para o mundo íntimo. Faltam-nos os esclarecimentos incisivos de Allan Kardec, capazes de induzir-nos à fé raciocinada e à aceitação do Evangelho de Jesus por sistema de renovação e aperfeiçoamento do campo individual" (10 - Jesus is our Savior (Fundamentalist churches).



Cap. 5:  
*"Cada companheiro, cada agrupamento e cada país terão do Espiritismo o que dele fizerem. Creemos seja possível sintetizar diretrizes para nós todos no seguinte programa: sentir em bases de equilíbrio, pensar com elevação, falar construtivamente, estudar sempre e servir mais"*

*William James*





"...the first book of Kardec's  
Codification – first mark in the  
Religion of the Spirits"  
Emmanuel  
(*Religião dos Espíritos*, FEB)



**Creating Bridges for Spiritism in the USA**



[...] We are building the future.

[...] Unite yourselves! Love and help one another!

These enlightened days initiate the Era of eternal light for the entire world.

Message received by the medium Divaldo Pereira Franco in trance mediumship during the 12th Meeting of the International Spiritist Council in Cartagena, Colombia on October 14 2007, after the closing of the 5th World Spiritist Meeting.