

SPIRITISM

"Spiritism is the Science that deals with the nature, the origin and the destiny of Spirits, as well as their relationship with the corporeal world."

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- Born on October 3rd 1804 in Lyon, France.

- Pen name of Hypolite Leon Denizard Rivail.

- Educated at the Institute of Pestalozzi at Yverdon, Switzerland.

- Married Amelie Boudet in 1832.



1804 - 1869

- Published many books on the methodology of French grammar.

- Pedagogue and doctor in medicine.

- French linguist (English, German, Italian and Spanish).

KARDEC'S RESEARCH METHOD¹

1. Table turning → forerunner of facts
2. There was an intelligent power expressed through the turning table movements
3. Yes/No answers to questions
4. The 'leg' of tables in motion started striking on a succession of blows that corresponded to the number of each letter of the alphabet
5. Pencil fitted to a basket → paper → write
6. The presence of certain gifted persons would potentiate the movements (Mediums)
 - ✓ Caroline e Julie Boudin
 - ✓ Ruth Japhet
 - ✓ Aline Carlotti
 - ✓ Ermance Dufaux
7. Mediums started to write
8. Other psychic means of communication:
 - Speaking, Hearing, Seeing, Touching, Writing



UNIVERSAL CONTROL OF THE SPIRITIST TEACHINGS²



- They are spread from pole to pole.
- They are brought through many different mediums.
- It does not depend on only one person.
- There is no nationality.
- It does not stem from any known religion.
- No social class.
- They are being given gradually by the enlightened Spirits.

THE FOUNDATION

1857



"To live a balanced life, we need answers."
 > 1019 Questions & Answers
 • First Part: First Causes
 • Second Part: The Spirit World
 • Third Part: Moral Laws
 • Fourth Part: Hopes and Solaces

1861



The First and Most Complete Scientific Treatise on Mediumship
 > 36 chapters
 • First Part: Preliminary Observations
 • Second Part: Spirit-Manifestations

1864



Explanations on the ethico-moral maxims of Christ and their application in various circumstances in life.
 > 28 chapters

1865



Divine Justice According to Spiritism
 • First Part: Doctrine
 • Second Part: Examples

1868



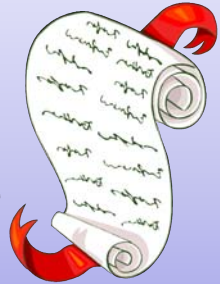
Miracles and Predictions According to Spiritism
 • Character of the Spiritist Revelation
 • Genesis
 • Miracles and Predictions

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2. The Gospel According to Spiritism, Allan Kardec, Introduction.
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MAIN PRINCIPLES

1. Existence of God
2. Immortality of the Soul
3. Reincarnation
4. Multitude of the Inhabited Worlds
5. Communicability of the Spirits



PRACTICE

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GUIDELINES

- ✓ Prayer
- ✓ God at Home
- ✓ Inner Transformation
- ✓ Intelligent Sleep
- ✓ Charity
- ✓ Disobsession
- ✓ Passes Therapy
- ✓ Fraternal Counseling
- ✓ Spiritually Magnetized Water
- ✓ Spiritism for Youth and Children

- The Spiritist practice is free of charge.
- There are no external forms of worship, such as rituals or images.
- There is neither hierarchy nor clergy.
- Spiritism does not impose its principles on anyone.
- Spiritist mediumship is practiced in groups under the guidelines of its foundation.
- Its main motto is "Without charity there is no salvation."

INFLUENCE OF SPIRITISM ON PROGRESS³

"Spiritism can contribute to progress by destroying materialism and thus make human beings understand where their true interest lies.

It can eliminate doubts so that people will understand more clearly that they can insure the happiness of their future by their action in the present.

By destroying the prejudices of religions, social classes and races, it teaches humanity the great lesson of solidarity that will, one day, unite them as brothers."



"Spiritism is at the same time a Science of observation and a Philosophical doctrine. It is also a Religion as of its moral consequences."