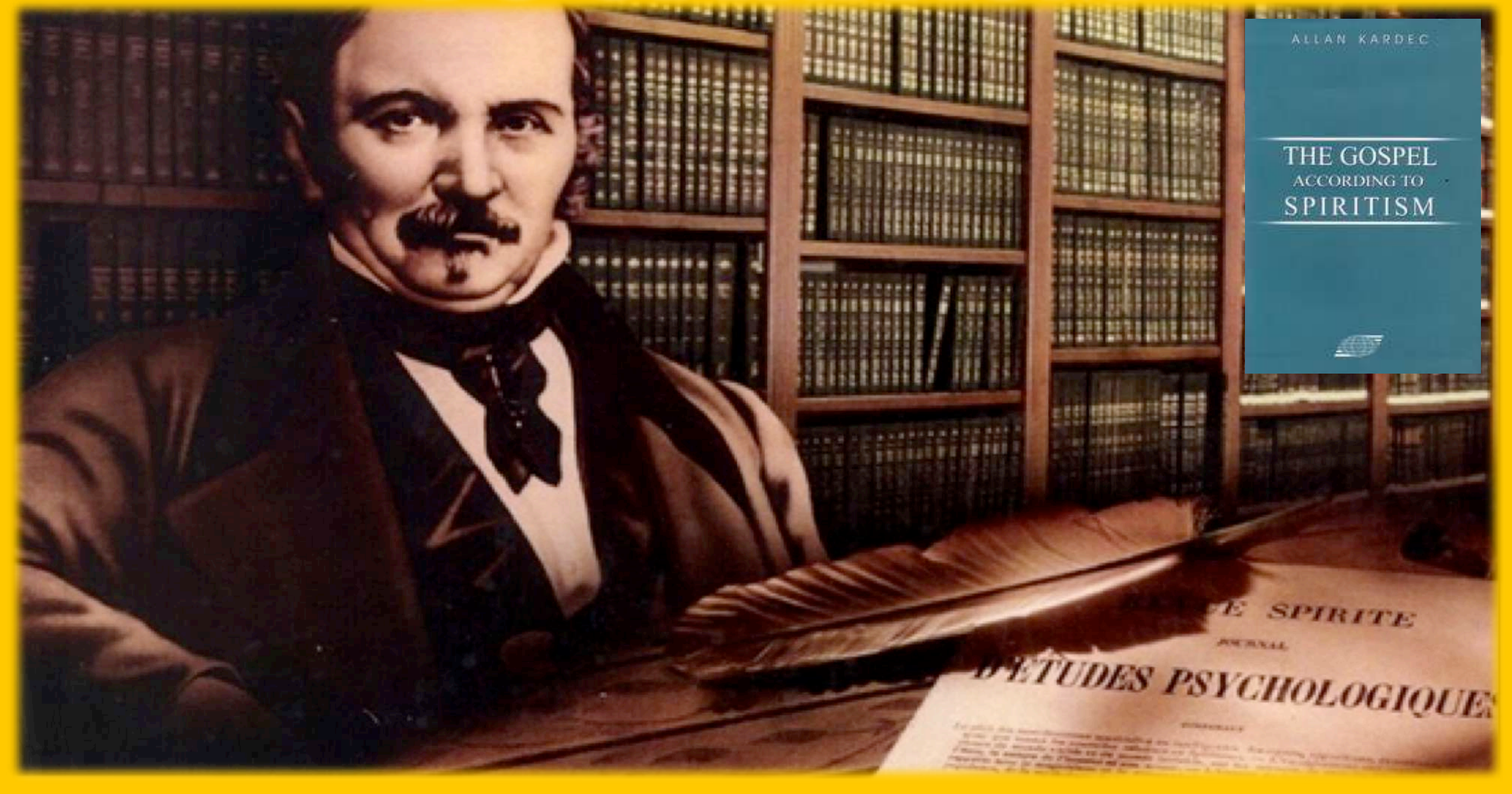


THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SPIRITISM



OBJECTIVE

Compiled by Allan Kardec and structured in 28 chapters, this book contains explanations of the moral maxims of Christ in accordance with Spiritism and their application in various circumstances in life.

Published on April 15, 1864, this book can be understood as the moral component of the Spiritism.

The Spirits give important advice about our daily conduct as we face life's difficulties and doubts.

SOCRATES AND PLATO

Forerunners of Christian and Spiritist Ideas



"The occupation of the philosopher is to care for the soul less in regard to the present than to life in eternity. Since the soul is immortal, it would be wise to live our lives with this fact in mind."

Source: Plato's Phaedo

CAUSES OF SUFFERING

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted." - Matthew, 5:4

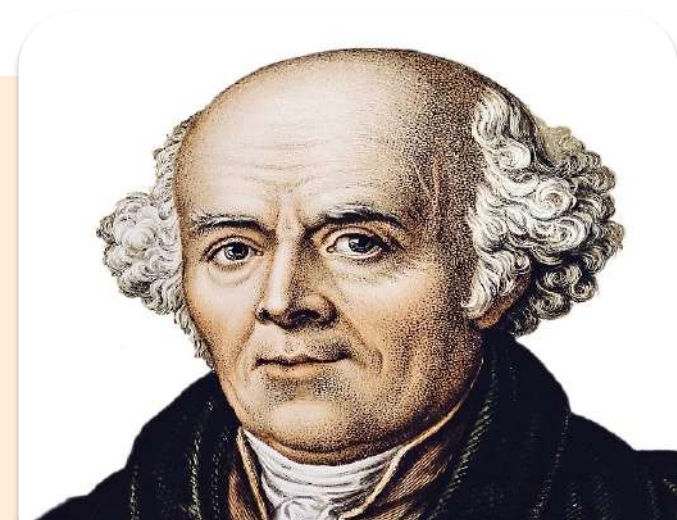
PRESENT AND PAST CAUSES

"Whether the cause is in the present or a previous life, our misfortune can be traced back to a wrong done in the past." - Ch. 5, item 7

Some of the 48+ spirits who authored the book:



Delphine de Girardin (1804-55) French writer



Samuel Hahnemann (1755-1843) - German physician who founded homeopathic medicine.



Saint Augustine (354-430) One of the most important figures in the development of Western Christianity.



Paul of Tarsus (born c. 10, d. c. 67), the Apostle of the Gentiles was one of the most notable of Early Christian missionaries.



Joanna de Angelis A Spiritual Friend



François Fénelon (1651-1715) was a French Roman Catholic theologian, poet and writer.



Blaise Pascal (1623-1662) was a French mathematician, physicist, and religious philosopher.



Saint Louis (1214 - 1270) King of France



John, the Evangelist One of Jesus' disciples



Emmanuel - Roman Senator at Jesus' time.



Saint Vincent de Paul (1581-1660) French Priest



The Spirit of Truth

Jesus Christ in the Spiritist View

What is the most perfect type that God has offered to humankind as its guide and model?

JESUS.



Master - "He was not God himself, but an ambassador of God ... a divine Messiah."

Genesis by Allan Kardec, Ch. XIV, item 9



Human Being - "His superiority over men was only of his spiritual nature, which absolutely controlled matter, and his perispirit (...)."

Genesis, Allan Kardec, Ch. XIV, item 9



Psychotherapist - "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick."

Matthew 9:12



Medium - "He was a medium of God."

Genesis, Allan Kardec, Ch. XIV, item 9

FAMILY TIES



"Who is my mother, and who are my brothers? (...) For whoever does the will of my Father in Heaven is my brother, sister and mother."

Mark 3:31-35

"Real family ties are based on empathy and the affinity of ideas developed before, during and after incarnations."

Ch. 14, item 8



REINCARNATION



"I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh. The spirit gives birth to spirit."

John 3:1-12

"Water represents the essence of matter, just as Spirit represents the essence of intelligence."

Ch. 4, item 8



GOOD PERSON

"Truly good people comply with the laws of justice, love, and charity in their purest form." - Ch. 17

"Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly father is perfect."

Matthew, 5:48

GOOD SPIRITIST

"True spiritists can be recognized by their moral transformation and by the efforts they make to overcome their bad tendencies." - Ch. 17

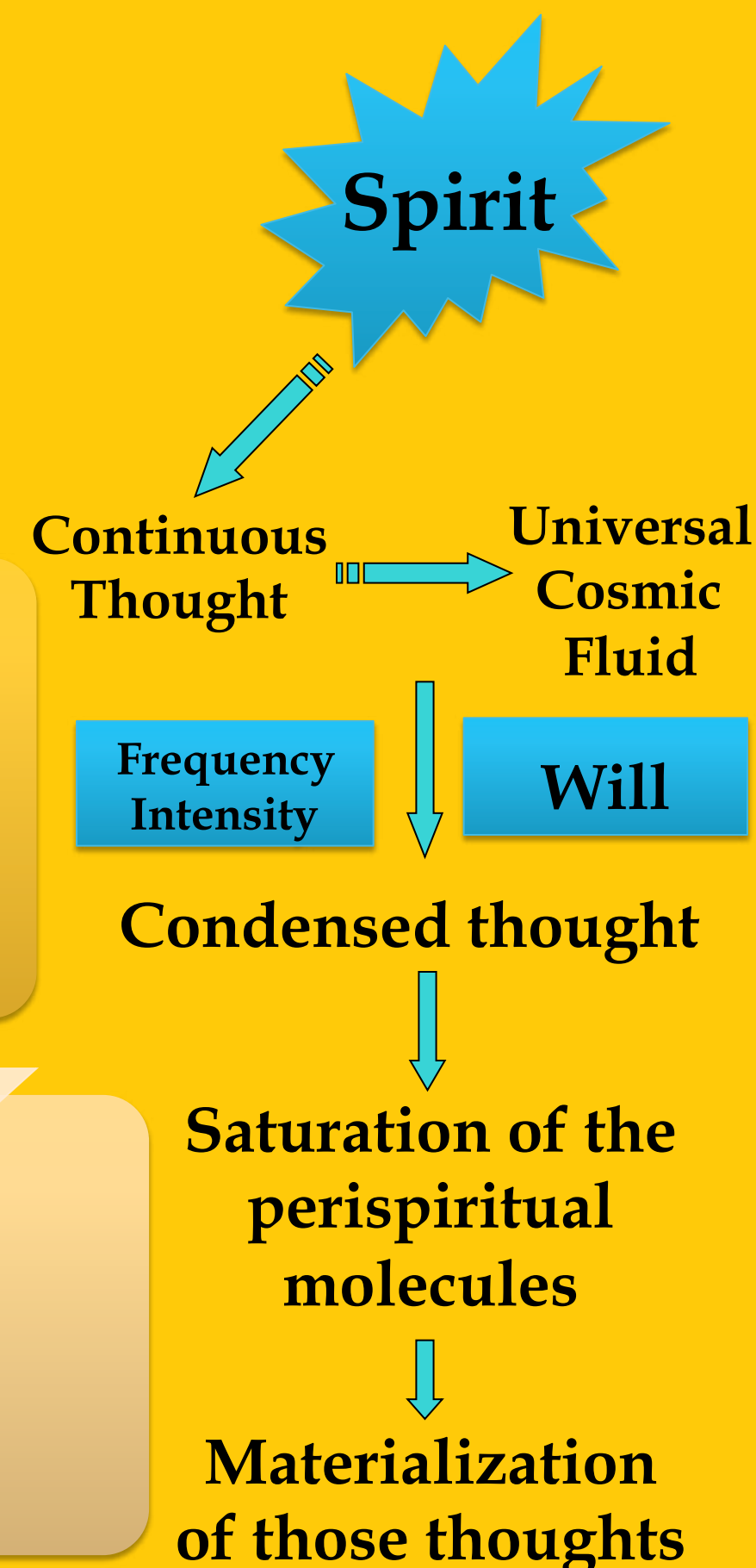
PRAYER IS THOUGHT TRANSFER

"Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours." - Mark, 11:24

Prayer is an invocation. Through prayer we establish a mental relationship with the being we address. A prayer may have three purposes:

- Ask
- Give thanks
- Praise

Ch. 27, item 9



"Unshakable faith is that which can stand face to face with reason in all epochs of humanity."

Allan Kardec