



EDUCATION

"Upon the subject of education, not presuming to dictate any plan or system respecting it, I can only say that I view it as the most important subject which we as a people may be engaged in."

Abraham Lincoln

"Genius without education is like silver in the mine."

Benjamin Franklin

"There are two educations. One should teach us how to make a living and the other how to live."

John Adams

"There is one important aspect to consider: **education**. Not merely the education of intelligence, but that which consists in the **formation of character and habits**, because **education is the sum of the habits acquired.**"

Allan Kardec - The Spirits' Book - Q.685a

"When the art of education is properly understood and practiced, all human beings will have the **habits of stability and prudence** for themselves and for those dependent upon them, and **respect for what is worthy of being respected.**"

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SPIRITIST EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

“ It is remarkable that the children educated in the spiritist principles acquire a precocious reasoning capacity that makes them infinitely easier to be guided... ”

Allan Kardec, Spiritist Voyage 1862

Why must a spirit go through infancy?

"The purpose of incarnation is to improve the spirit. A spirit is more impressionable during childhood, when the impressions it receives more easily mold its personality, and therefore promote its progress. To that end, everyone entrusted with the education of a child should contribute."

The Spirits' Book - Q. 383



Spiritist Education for Children and Youth?

"It is through Education, even more than by Instruction that the Humanity will be transformed."

Allan Kardec – The Spirits' Book

"The Spiritist Education for Children and Youth helps in the process of transforming children and teenagers into good human beings, thus serving as basis to the moral building of a New World."

"A Spiritually Educated Child - will be an adult that will raise oneself toward future happiness."

Dr. Bezerra de Menezes



1. What is Spiritist Education for Children and Youth?

What is accomplished in the area of children and youth under the name of Spiritist Education is the dissemination of the Spiritist knowledge and the moral teachings given by Jesus, who was appointed by the Superiors Spirits that worked on the codification, as a model of perfection for the whole Humanity.

2. Objectives

- a) Promoting the integration of the student: with oneself, with God and with others;
- b) Providing to the student the study of: the natural law that governs the universe; the nature, origin and destination of the spirits, as well as its relationship with the corporeal world.
- c) Offer to the students the opportunity to understand themselves as: an integral being, critical, participative, heir of oneself, citizen of the universe, agent of the transformation of one's environment, towards the whole perfection one can achieve.

3. Spiritism and Education

Spiritism is an eminently rational set of knowledge, and possesses strong resources to enlighten the education

with a philosophy that transcends all the immediate material needs, that transcends all boundaries, that reveals broader horizons, which meets the most noble interests, and that has an ideal capable of boosting real progress.

4. Importance of the Spiritist Education

a) The main purpose of a Spirit to return to a body of a child is to be educated again. The positive impressions the Spirit receives during childhood may be crucial to its current existence and even to future lives. It is because of the semi-conscious state of the incarnate spirit in a child's body that its mental barriers of defense are neutralized, thus it is softer and more receptive, as well as more flexible and open to all influences ...

b) Hence, the importance of the Spiritist Education, because to spiritually educate the children is to prepare them to face all times and all adversities of life according to the postulates of the Gospel. It is the only way to cultivate in the spirit of the child the understanding of practicing good deeds, the acquisition of morality and knowledge, so that it may reach the twilight of its physical existence conscious of its spiritual achievements, knowing itself and placing itself in the universe as a collaborator of the Supreme Divinity.