



Spiritist Glossary of terms

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Based on The Mediums' book (CHAPTER XXXII), Parapsychology Today and Tomorrow from Herculano Pires and expanded by Spiritism4All Group.

AGENERATE - (from the Greek primitive a, and géine, géinomai, to engender; that which has not been engendered). - This term expresses a variety of tangible apparitions; the state of certain spirits who can momentarily assume the form of a living person, so as to produce a complete illusion.

ASTRAL PROJECTION - **Astral projection** (or **astral travel**), is a term used in [esotericism](#) to describe an intentional [out-of-body experience](#) that assumes the existence of a [soul](#) called an "[astral body](#)" that is separate from the [physical body](#) and capable of travelling outside it throughout the universe. The idea of astral travel is ancient and occurs in multiple cultures. The modern terminology of "astral projection" was coined and promoted by 19th-century [Theosophists](#). It is sometimes reported in association with dreams and forms of meditation.

See https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Astral_projection

COUNSELING MEDIUNS - The Counseling mediums are the class of mediums that provide Christian orientations to unbalanced, sick or evil spirits in disobsession meetings.

ECTOPLASM - A whitish, gelatinous substance that comes out of the body of the medium, by the natural orifices or by the pores, and which, according to Richet, who created the word, has irresistible tendency to form human limbs or bodies; the element-organic aspect of the phenomenon of materialization, which is externally also in the form of a visible or invisible fluid, at times sensitive to touch.

ECTOPLASMIC – Composed by ectoplasm.

ERRATICITY - The state of errant or wandering spirits; that is to say, of such as are not incarnate; the state of a spirit during the intervals between two successive corporeal existences.

EVOCATION - The act of evoking or calling the spirit or spirits with whom we desire to enter into communication, as distinguished from invocation, which is the act of addressing ourselves to a spirit or spirits for help or assistance.

FLUIDICALLY MAGNETIZED WATER - The so called "fluidically or spiritually" magnetized water is a special water that enables the patient to retain energies and increases the absorption potential of restoring fluids received during the pass. This will allow the patient to continue to receive spiritual benefits between the pass sessions. It is also very helpful for the digestive organs to receive a direct influx of spiritual fluids. Ordinary water has the possibility of conserving spiritual fluids for indefinite periods of time without having their properties suffer any deterioration. Being of an inorganic nature this substance also plays an important part in the revitalization of the physical body and is, in

fact, the primal vehicle of vitality and thought to act as a possible link between organic and inorganic principles.

See *Practical Guide for Magnetic and Spiritual Healing* by Jussara Korngold.

GLOSSOLALIA - [ecstatic](#) or [apparently](#) ecstatic [utterance](#) of usually [unintelligible](#) speech like sounds, as in a religious [assembly](#), viewed by some as a [manifestation](#) of deep religious experience.

See <https://www.collinsdictionary.com/pt/dictionary/english/glossolalia>

HEALING MEDIUNS - The Healing mediums are the class of mediums that apply their own energies as healing blesses to other people (other mediums or needy people). In Brazil they are “passistas” and their healing blesses are called “passes”.

IDEOPLASTY - Objective mental formations; formed images with modeling of ectoplasm through thought; second Richet, Imoda and others, spiritual ghosts artificially created by thought; mental models, which can be photographed.

LYCANTHROPY – The supposed act of turning one's self or another person into a wolf. The power possessed by some evil spirits of changing hypnotized spirits into wolves.

MEDIANIMIC - (from the Latin words medium (see below), and anima, soul). - Appertaining to the special faculty or action of intermediacy between souls in flesh and souls in the spirit-world. We say "A medianimic communication;" "Possession of the medianimic faculty constitutes a medium."

MEDIANIMITY - (from the Latin medium, and anima; middle-man, intermediary). - A person who serves as a go-between, or intermediary, between the souls of spirits and of men.

MEDIUMISTIC - Synonymous with Medianimic.

MEDIUMSHIP - The exercise of the medianimic faculty. The calling, work, mission, or action, of a medium.

METAPHONISM (parapsychology) - Hearing of voices and music that arise spontaneously from sound sources, not locatable in the mediumistic and poltergeist sessions.

METAPSYCHIC - Relating to [metapsychics](#).

METAPSYCHICS - the study of [psychic phenomena](#) beyond the limits of ordinary or [orthodox psychology](#).

See <https://www.collinsdictionary.com/pt/dictionary/english/metapsychics>

METERGY (parapsychology) - Production of objective phenomena (from the Greek: ergon, work) by action at a distance: movement of objects, ideoplasties, knocks or noises, ectoplasmic formations, direct voice.

MONOIDEISM - Mental state where one idea dominates the whole psychic organism.

PASS - Passes are psychic transfusions of energy to alleviate the suffering of sick people.

“Jesus imposed His hands over the sick and transmitted health to them. His loving power knew the slightest imbalances of Nature and the resources to restore the indispensable harmony to it. Not one of the Divine Master’s actions lacked significance. Recognizing this fact, His disciples began to lay their fraternal hands in the name of the Master and became instruments of His Divine Mercy. Now, in revived Christianity, we once again benefit from a rescue effort from the invisible plane through passes. The administration of passes as psychic transfusions of energy represents a continuation of the Master’s work to alleviate suffering in the world. This is how precious spiritual energies flow from Christ's Messengers to donors and beneficiaries. It would be audacity on the part of the new disciples, to expect results as sublime as the ones obtained by Jesus when He healed the disabled, the disturbed or dying persons. The Master knows, while we are merely learning. It is necessary, however, not to neglect His lesson, and continue the Masters' work through use of fraternal hands. Jesus' providential service can be extended wherever there may be a sincere mental disposition for the good; the external method is not important. It is up to us to recognize that good can and should be done in His name”.

See Caminho, Verdade e Vida (Path, Truth and Life) by the spirit of Emmanuel, psychography by Francisco Candido Xavier or the Practical Guide for Magnetic and Spiritual Healing by Jussara Korngold.

PERISPIRIT - (from the Greek peri roundabout, and the Latin spiritus, breath, spirit). - The semi-material envelope of the soul. During incarnation, it serves as the link or intermediary between the incarnate spirit and the matter of his fleshly body; during errativity, it constitutes the spirit's fluidic body, inseparable from the personality of the spirit.

PHYSIOPSYCHIC - Pertaining to both mind and body.

PNEUMATOGRAPHY - (from the Greek pneuma, air, breath, wind, spirit, and grapho, I write). - This word denotes the direct writing of spirits, without the use of the medium's hand.

PSI PHENOMENON – Parapsychological phenomenon, also called **PSI phenomenon**, any of several types of events that cannot be accounted for by [natural law](#) or knowledge apparently acquired by other than usual sensory abilities. The [discipline](#) concerned with investigating such phenomena is called [parapsychology](#).

Parapsychological phenomena of two types have been described. They may be [cognitive](#), as in the case of [clairvoyance](#), [telepathy](#), or [precognition](#). Here one person is believed to have acquired knowledge of facts, of other people’s thoughts, or of future events without the use of the ordinary sensory channels—hence the term [extrasensory perception](#) (ESP), often used to designate these phenomena. Alternatively, parapsychological phenomena may be physical in character: the fall of dice or the dealing of cards is [thought](#) to be

influenced by a person's "willing" them to fall in a certain way; or objects are moved, often in a violent fashion, by poltergeists (see [poltergeist](#)). The term [psychokinesis](#) is often used in this connection. The general term psi has become established to denote all kinds of parapsychological phenomena.

See <https://www.britannica.com/topic/parapsychological-phenomenon>

PSYCHOVIBROMETER – Equipment that has the ability to register the vibratory waves of all the spirits that pass by it, thus denouncing any intrusions by the Superior Spirits, who have higher frequency perispirits due to their spiritual evolution, in comparison with the spiritual bodies of the common spirits.

PSYCHOGRAPHER - (from the Greek psuké butterfly, soul, and grapho, I write). - A person who writes by psychography; a writing medium.

PSYCHOGRAPHY - The writing of spirits by a medium's hand.

PSYCHOPHONY - The communication of spirits by the voice of a speaking medium.

PSYCHOSPHERE - The sphere or realm of human consciousness; (originally, now rare) the part of the biosphere inhabited by humans.

REINCARNATION - The return of a spirit to corporeal life; plurality of existences, in this planet and in other material worlds.

SEMATOLOGY - (from the Greek sema, a sign, and logos, a discourse). - The language of signs. The communications of spirits by the movements of inert bodies.

SOMNAMBULIST PSYCHOPHONIC MEDIUM - The somnambulist psychophonic medium is a kind of psychophonic medium that has no conscience of the spiritual messages he produces. During the psychophonic trance he detaches from his physical body leaving to the communicating spirit a better control of the process, allowing changes in voice, face and gestures that belong to the communicating spirit. Despite this, good mediums of this category manage to keep control of communication, not allowing the manifestation of inappropriate gestures and foul words. Because of these characteristics, they are also called "unconscious mediums" in the spirit community, but the name is not the most appropriate.

SPIRIT - According to the spiritist theory, spirits are the intelligent beings of the creation; they people the universe beyond the limits of the visible world, and constitute the population of the invisible world; they are the souls of men who have lived upon the earth, or in other globes, and who have quitted their corporeal envelope.

SPIRIT-RAPPERS - A class of spirits who reveal their presence and their quality by raps and noises of different kinds.

SPIRITIST - That which has to do with spiritism ; a partisan of spiritism; one who believes in the fact of spirit-manifestations.

SPIRITUALISM - The opposite of materialism; a belief in the existence of the spiritual and immaterial soul. We say, Spiritualism is the basis of all religions.

SPIRITUALIST - One who occupies himself with spiritualism; a partisan of spiritualism. Whoever believes that there is in the universe something which is not matter is a spiritualist, but spiritualism does not necessarily imply a belief in the manifestations of spirits. Every spiritist is necessarily a spiritualist, but every spiritualist is not necessarily a spiritist; the materialist is neither the one nor the other. We say, "the spiritualist philosophy," as the antithesis of "theoretic materialism;" "A work embodying spiritualist ideas," as the opposite of "a work embodying materialistic ideas." We say, "Spiritist manifestations are produced by the action of spirits on matter;" "spiritist morality is the result of teachings given by spirits." "There are spiritualists who ridicule the spiritist belief." In these examples, the employment of the word spiritualist for spiritist would produce confusion.

SPIRITUALLY MAGNETIZED WATER – See **FLUIDICALLY MAGNETIZED WATER**

TELEKINESIS: The supposed inducement of movement of an object by mental or spiritual power.

TELEPLASM (parapsychology) - a [hypothetical emanation](#) from the body of a [medium](#) that serves as the means for telekinesis.

See <https://www.collinsdictionary.com/pt/dictionary/english/teleplasm>

TYPTER - (from the Greek tupto, I strike). - One who has the power of producing typtology; a rapping or tipping medium.

TYPTOLOGY - Language of raps or tilts; a mode of spirit-communication. Alphabetical typtology; the designation of letters (or cyphers) by raps or tilts.

XENOGLLOSSIA - an ability [claimed](#) by some [mediums](#), [clairvoyants](#), etc, to speak a language with which they are [unfamiliar](#).

See <https://www.collinsdictionary.com/pt/dictionary/english/xenoglossia>