

ALLAN KARDEC

October 3rd 1804-March 31st 1869

CHILDHOOD

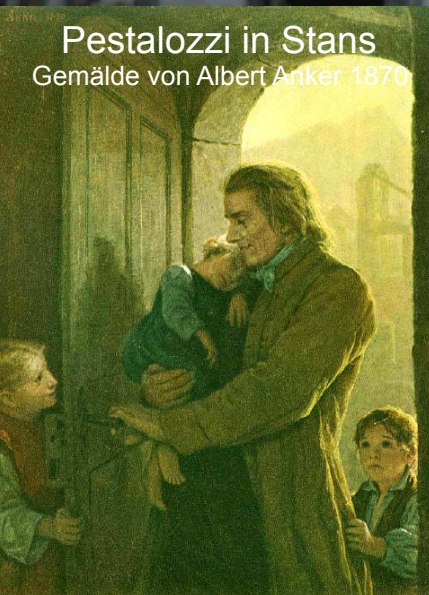
Birth Certificate



Baptism June 15, 1805



In 1815, Hipolyte Leon Denizard Rivail was sent to study in Yverdon, Switzerland at the Institute created by Henri Pestalozzi.



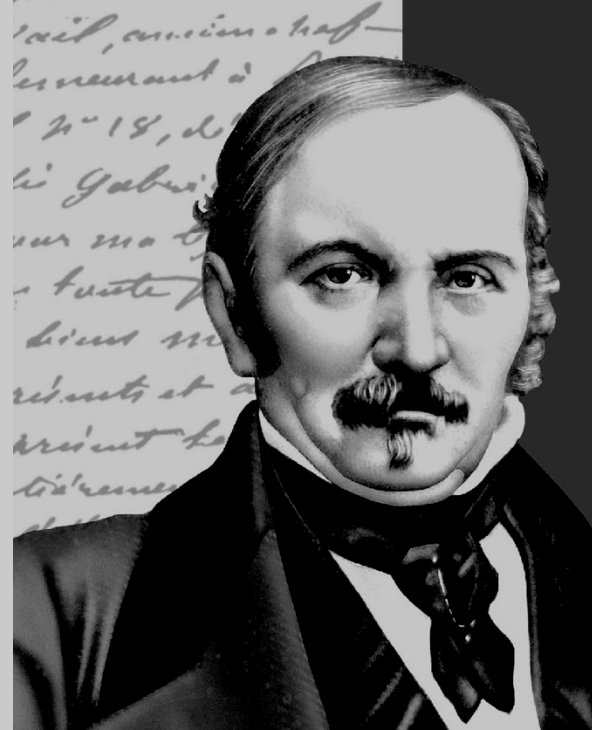
Yverdon

YOUTH

• Denizard was taken by an unstoppable desire to learn.

• He woke up at 4:30 a.m. every morning to study.

• At the age of fourteen, he started teaching his schoolmates.



Yverdon

MARRIED LIFE

Kardec and Amélie Boudet got married on February 1832.

Amélie spiritual strength and moral purity were precious allies to Kardec's mission, of codifying and disseminating Spiritism.



TEACHER RIVAIL



- Spoke German, English, Italian, and Spanish.
- Translated a variety of works on education
- Student from 1815 to 1824
- Pedagogue from 1824 to 1848

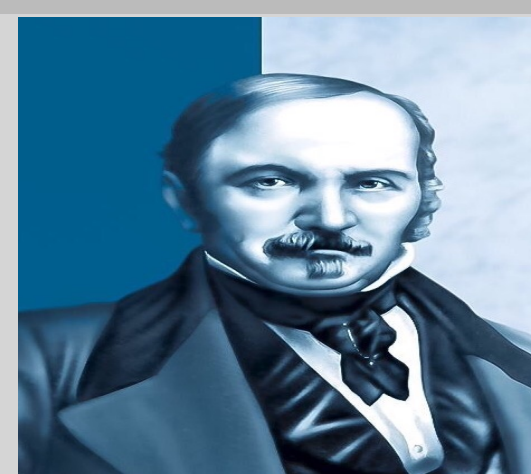
• Founded in Paris an establishment similar to the one of Yverdon - Institute Technique

• wrote books: grammar, arithmetic, higher pedagogical studies.

• taught courses: chemistry, physics, astronomy, and comparative anatomy. (1835- 1840)

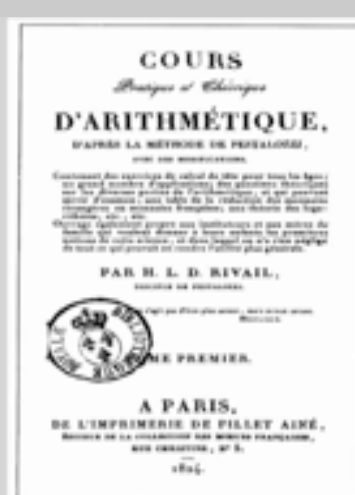
• member of various scholarly and scientific societies.

Teacher Rivail

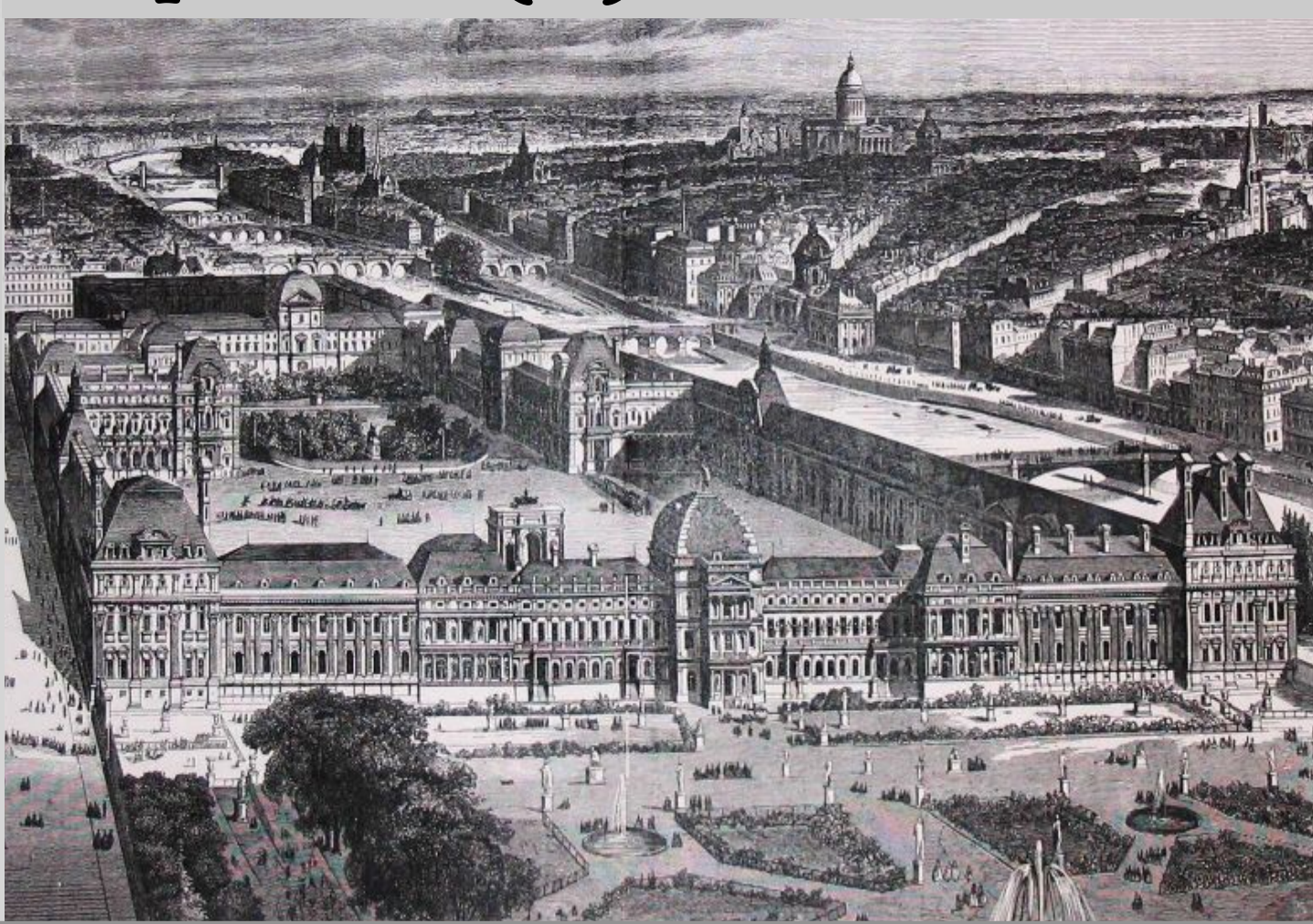


Rivail dedicated his life to education, convinced that only through it is possible to improve the human being.

The First Book



"There exist no poetical instincts in me; (...) what I appreciate the most in others is the clarity, the limpidity, the precision (...)."



MAGNETIZER



Franz Anton Mesmer (1733-1815)

In 1823, Rivail became interested in the studies of mesmerism. He started to participate in the works of the Magnetism Society of Paris, becoming a magnetizer.



Paris

"Unshakable faith is only that which can meet reason face to face in every Human epoch."

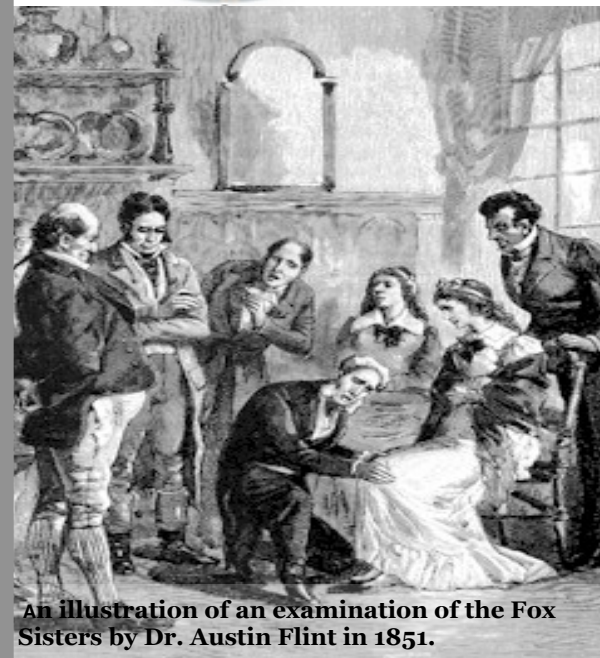
Allan Kardec - The Gospel According to Spiritism

SPIRITIST LIFE



1848: Fox sisters Hydesville (NY)

Spiritism started from an American movement called Modern Spiritualism



1853: The ship Washington, departs from New York to the port of Brema, taking mediums, books, brochures and gazettes.

The press announces for the first time the arrival of the movement in Europe on April 1853.

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1854: Rivail was told for the first time about the turning tables.

"...but it can also be made to speak. Ask it a question, and it replies." (Fortier)

"It was there that I first saw the phenomenon of turning tables."

"One night, his protector spirit, Zephro, sent him a very personal message, saying that he had met in a previous life, as a Druid in Galia. He was then named Allan Kardec."

Henry Sausse



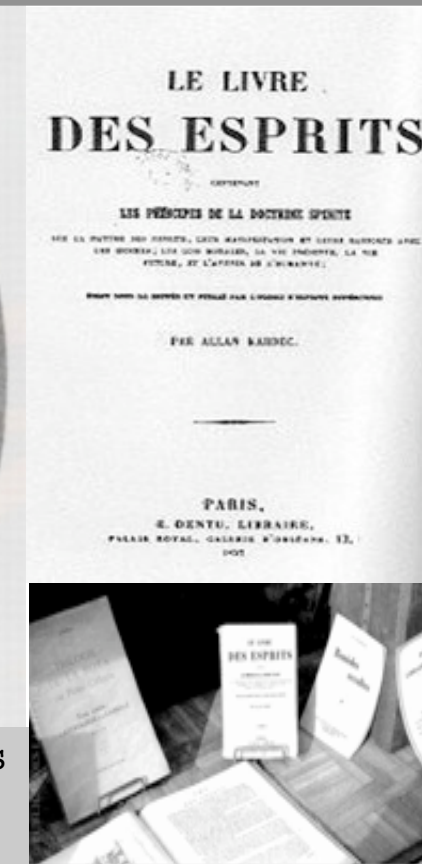
"I will only believe it when it is proven to me that a table has a brain with which to think, nerves with which to feel, and the ability to reach a state of somnambulism." (PW)

SPIRITISM



One of the rare photographs of Allan Kardec presenting The Spirits' Book

Kardec realizes that to prepare a complete body of knowledge it was necessary to methodically prepare questions that would be addressed to the spirits every week.



On April 18, 1857 - The Spirits' Book and Allan Kardec were introduced to the public at Dentu's bookstore Gallery of Orleans - Palais Royal, Paris

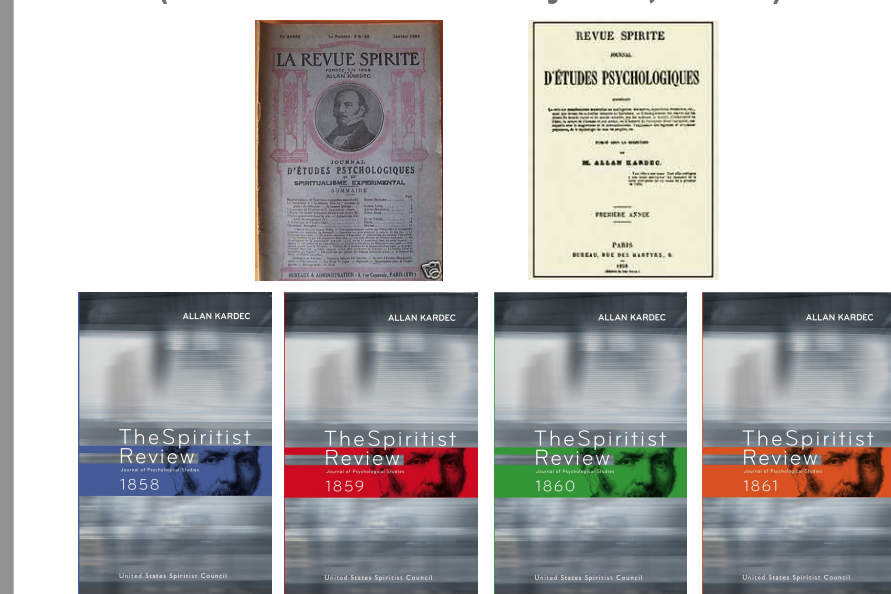
"By comparing and matching all the answers, which were coordinated, classified and many times revised in the silence of meditation, it was then that I compiled the first edition of The Spirits' Book."



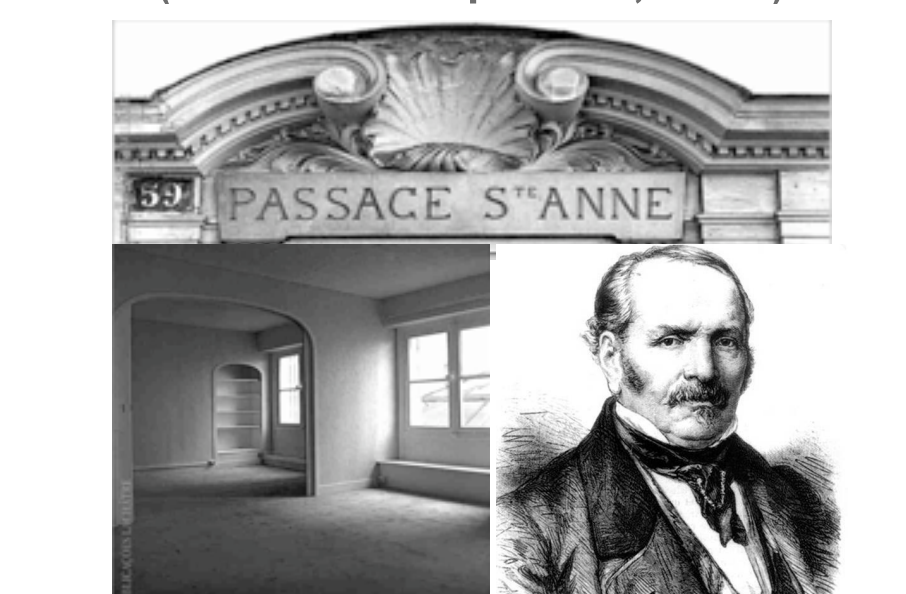
THE FIVE BOOKS OF THE SPIRITIST CODIFICATION



REVUE SPIRITE - The Spiritist Magazine (founded on January 1st, 1858)



The Parisian Spiritist Society (founded on April 1st, 1858)



During the period of Napoleon III, in France, Allan Kardec has gathered in about a decade, around 500,000 people under the banner of Spiritism.

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DEATH



Allan Kardec died as he lived: WORKING.



He was handing an issue of The Spiritist Review to a book store clerk who had just bought it. He bent over and without pronouncing a single word, he died.

"Spiritism should never be identified to a particular religion, excluding the others. Spiritism is a neutral terrain under which every religious opinion may gather and walk together."

Allan Kardec - Voyage Spirite de 1862, page 97