



The Spiritualist Christian Order Vale do Amanhecer

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Vale do Amanhecer



- Founded in 1959
- 10.000 inhabitants
- More than 700 temples

Vale do Amanhecer



Tia Neiva
(1925 – 1985)



Apará and Doutrinador

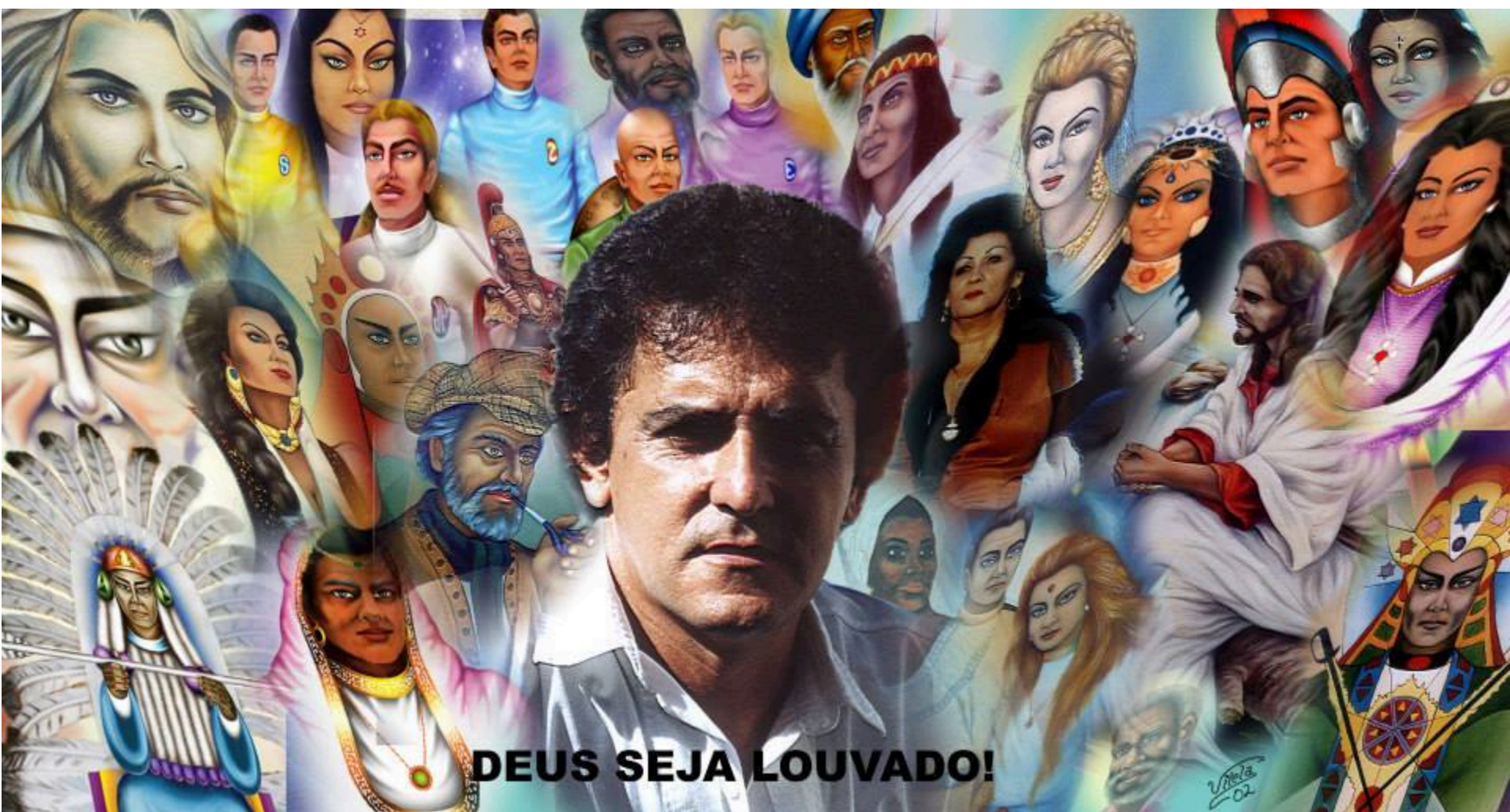


Categories of Spirits

➤ **Spirit mentors or spirits of light:** *pretos velhos* (African slaves), *caboclos* (Amerindians), *médicos de cura* (doctors), *ciganos* (gypsies), *cavaleiros* (knights), *ministros* (spiritual ministries), *guias missionarias* (missionary guides), *povo das águas* (people of the waters), *sereias* (mermaids), *princesas* (Amerindian princesses), etc.



➤ help humans bring healing forces, confort and protection



Spirit Guides



Pai Seta Branca



Mãe Yara

Forging the Spirit's Body



Tiãozinho



Stuart and Justininha

Causal Agents of Obsession

Spirits without light

- *Sofredores* (sufferers): not realized or accepted their death
 - *Obsessores* (obsessors): relationship of energy exchange
 - *Cobradores* (debt collectors): karmic relationship
- *Elítrio*: causal agent of schizophrenia and cancer ➡



Illness

- Undeveloped mediumship
- *cobrança*: karmic debt from a past life
- *obsessão*: spiritual obsession

Therapeutic Process

- *cura desobsessiva*: disobsessive healing
- patient-spirit communication
- development of mediumship
- biomedical intervention if the physical body is affected

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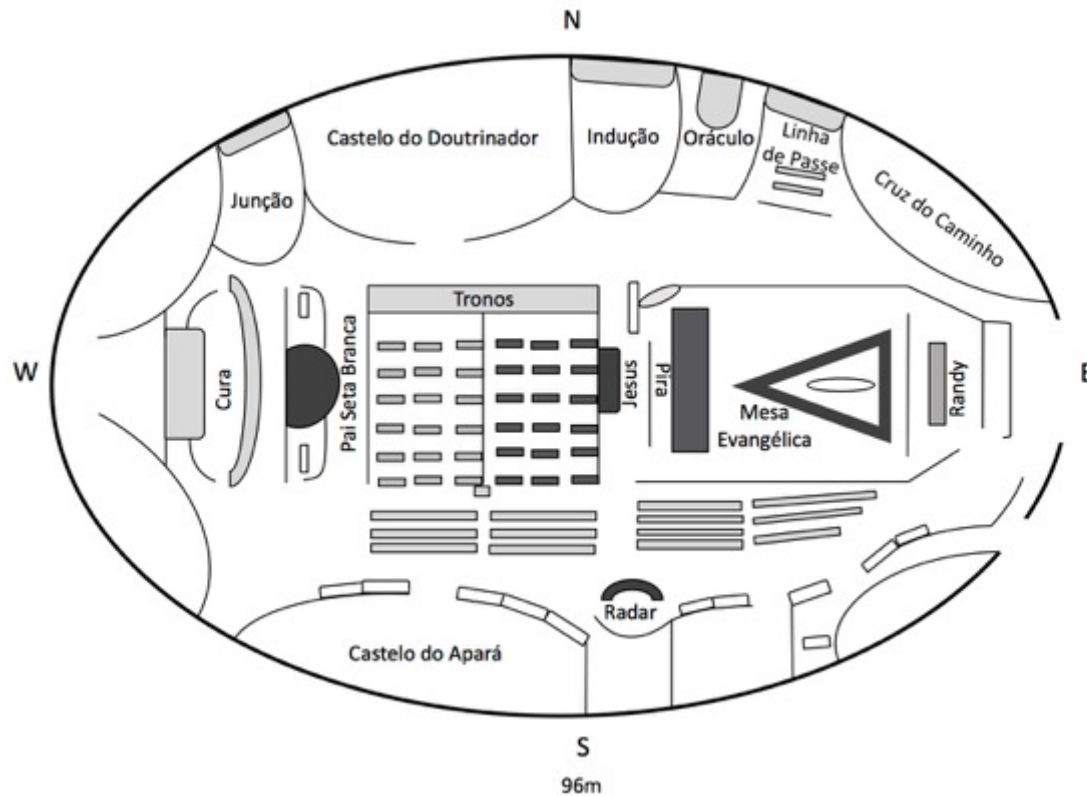
Complementary epistemology of healing

“The science that denies faith in God is as useless as the faith that denies science”

“Medicine is perfectly equipped for its mission of healing, and Mediumism's only aim is to act as spiritual nursing. Mediumistic work should refer to doctors, the patients free from *elítrios* and ectoplasmatic pressures. ... Medical science and spiritual science complement each other perfectly”

(Sassi 1974)

Therapeutic Ritual Itinerary



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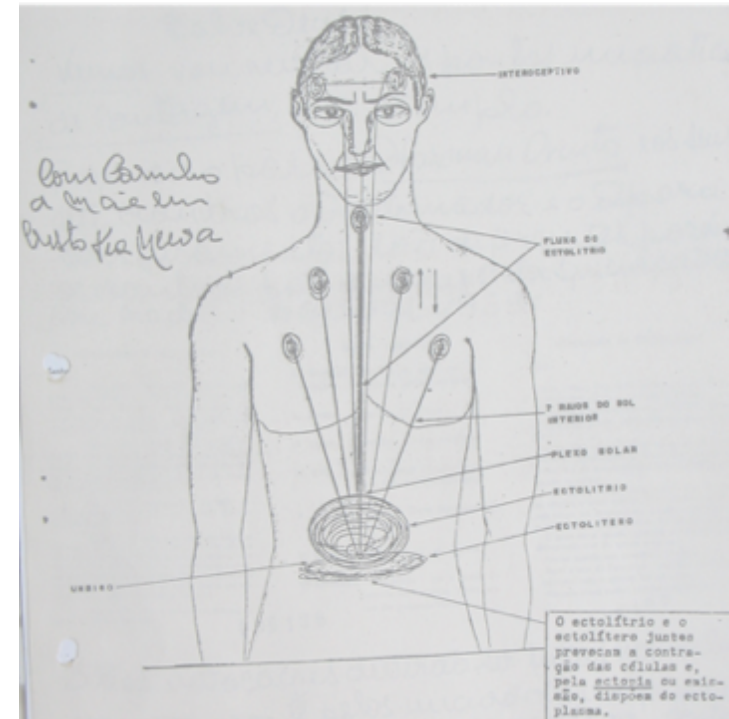


What is Mediumship?

In the Vale the concept is grounded in the body

“biological factor resulting from blood circulation in all human beings”. It indicates an active molecular production of blood in the body, which is transformed in energy, namely “ectoplasm” or “magnetic animal fluid”

When this energy is produced in excess it may cause imbalance, but if developed and distributed to others through mediumistic practice it can heal



The Body in Mediumistic Development

- Discernment and control: skills to be learned through emotion and sensation
- Learn gestural, verbal and emotional codes
- Mediumistic development in the Vale as a process of *enskillment* (Ingold 2000), as an ongoing education of perception situating the practice locally

Learning a Way of Knowing

What mattered to mediums was talking about their *experiences* of spirits rather than describing their *belief* in spirits

They are not passed a belief, they learn how to *feel* and discern spirits that is a specific mode of knowing which urges us to shift our analytical stance from 'belief' to 'experience' (Pierini 2016)



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