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It was the Autumn of 2003.

In the small city of Saint Etienne, in the interior of France, school was starting again. The Head Master of Saint Etienne Lyceum was a bit concerned because many parents were trying to enrol their children in his school but he had no more vacancies. That year the demand was beyond his best expectations. His Lyceum was know all over France because of an extraordinary and wonderful thing - [A little ghost was living there!](#)

Yes, that's right, a little ghost named Alain had been living in the Lyceum for many years.

On a lovely sunny morning, the school bell rang to announce the beginning of the new school year. Happy children were going to their classrooms. Soon, the teacher would arrive to welcome the new students.

Above the normal noise of the children playing together, different sounds could be heard but not recognized or understood. After all, it was the first day of school and everyone was excited.

The teacher arrived and all the students ran into the room. It was very crowded as they all stood there with anticipation. Some were here for the very first time, others had been there since kindergarten. One thing was common to them all: they all were talking about Alain, the smiling little ghost.

Ms. Beatrice entered room 13 where the students ranged from 9 to 11 years old. She welcomed her new students and asked them to introduce themselves, saying their names, the city they came from and to tell the others a little about themselves.

A boy named Konrad who was 11, introduced himself. This was his first time at the Lyceum, his family had just moved from Alsace in the North of France. Other students introduced themselves.

When it was Marjorie's turn, instead of following the same order, she asked a question about the friendly ghost named Alain. The whole class laughed, even Ms. Beatrice. Everyone wanted to ask the same question.

Ms. Beatrice asked Marjorie to finish introducing herself and when all the other students finished, she would tell us all about Alain- the ghost from beyond.

As soon as the last students finished their introductions, Marjorie was about to open her mouth when Ms. Beatrice put her fingers on her lips, asking for silence and to be patient.

My dear students! Today we start another school year. Your duties are to attend class, behave properly and to do your homework. My duties are to teach you, to answer your questions and be available to help when you need me.

Many of you either know or have heard about Alain. He is a friendly little ghost and friend to all children. Some of you can see or hear him, others can not. For those who can, you are normal. You just have additional abilities and sensitivities the others don't. Marjorie interrupted and asked who is he???

Alain was a student of this Lyceum over 70 years ago who had a terrible accident and died. His life was based on love and attention for all the students, teachers, parents and staff of this school. When he departed to the spiritual plain of life, everyone was very sad and couldn't accept his death. Because of this, his spirit remains here, in spite of not having his physical body anymore.

He realized that some students and even some workers were able to see him, which made him very happy! Alain first spoke to the children, teachers and workers through a man that worked in the school. The man became the intermediary or "medium" between Alain and the others: medium is a person who serves as a go-between or intermediary between the souls of spirits and men.

Time and the years passed...

Frequently, when children became ill or in some kind of need, they would tell their parents that Alain was with them. With his presence they would get better and go back to school more rapidly.

The same thing would happen to some teachers when they got sick or had other kinds of problems. They would say they had dreams and Alain was there to help solve their problems.

The little ghost loved to play with the children and to feel how they reacted to his communication and actions. He was playful and would move their pens and pencils and make them fall on the floor or he would play with the water fountain and make it splash in their face during the summer when they were drinking. Everyone knew it was Alain just being playful. We were all familiar with his jokes, some of us could even see him getting ready to play tricks on the others.

Alain was always there, generation after generation and up to the present time. He is still with us today. This Lyceum has its own “protector” and little ghost will become your friend and playmate too.

Ms. Beatrice finished her explanations about Alain and Marjorie who had remained silent for so long, burst out with another question (this girl was just a chatter box of questions). “How do we know his name is Alain?”

Ms. Beatrice responded by saying people who can see him recognize his face from the pictures of the little boy that had studied here and died in the accident. That’s why.

Marjorie interrupted again, “Don’t ghosts make scary sounds and do things to scare us?” Does Alain do the same?

Just then, Marjorie jumped out of her chair and pointed to something next to Ms. Beatrice.... It was Alain, moving and making just those kinds of scary sounds to tease Marjorie.

Teacher!! It is Alain and he is asking if he is allowed to speak! Marjorie was so excited. Please let him speak, let him!

Ms. Beatrice said “Marjorie, only you can see and hear him, can anyone else see or hear Alain?” The students looked at each other and then Konrad said “I can see him too.” She asked Konrad, “What does Alain want to say?”

Marjorie interrupted and said “He just wanted to welcome the students and say hello.” Marjorie was acting as an intermediary for Alain’s message to the other students.

Konrad added, “He is happy we are here and looks forward to the new school year with us. He says he gets sad and lonely, when the school is empty during the three month break and now that we are back, he is very happy again.”

Ms. Beatrice said, “Let’s thank Alain and welcome him by clapping our hands, so he can feel how happy we are to have him here too.”

Thank you Alain, Marjorie and Konrad for that, now let’s get back to talking about the school year, your studies and what we are going to do.

The first school day continued without any more interruptions. At the end of the day the children returned to their homes...

Konrad and Marjorie live in the same neighbourhood and were friends before the first day at school. They were playing and discussing what had happened at school and about Alain.

Marjorie’s house was closer to the school. Her street had lots of trees and flowers on the side of the pavement. There was a soft breeze blowing through the branches.

Suddenly, there was a sound that they heard before, Uugh...Uugh.... Uugh...Uugh!

Marjorie smiled to Konrad and said “Do you think it could be Alain?” Could he have followed us from school? I can’t see him, can you Konrad?

No, I can not see him. It must be the wind moving the trees and leaves just singing at the end of the day.

Marjorie gave Konrad a hug and said good bye to her friend as they arrived at her house.

Konrad continued alone to his house and thought about how he would tell his parents about his first day at school and that he had heard and seen Alain, the little ghost.

He was thinking that spirits belong in the spiritual world, and about poor Alain!

When he arrived home, he put his rucksack away, washed his hands and then went to find his Mum. He found her cooking in the kitchen and gave her a hello kiss and hug.

His Mum asked how his first day at school was. She was very curious about his day and asked him lots of questions. He was glad to tell her about the day.

He said he was going to be happy at the Lyceum and how fortunate that it was close to home. His family had a very large house with lots of land and gardens. It also had horses, sheep, cattle and a pond with fish.

He wanted to study animals and plants when he grew up and this house and farm were perfect!

After all his Mother's questions, she had not asked about the little ghost and Konrad really wanted to tell her about Alain.

His family was already studying the Spiritist Doctrine and although he was very young, he was aware of life continuity after death.

Every week, Konrad's parents studied the Spirit's Book and with their knowledge of the of spirits, visions and manifestations they were not scared because they knew souls continue to live on in another plane of life.

Konrad was born in a house of love and prayer. He meditated about Alain and spoke of him to his parents.

He felt bad that Alain's spirit remained in the Lyceum and knew that it needed to ascend to the spiritual plane in order for it to learn and evolve.

"Isn't this true and don't you think I am right?" he asked his mum.

Having listened to Konrad as he spoke, his mum answered: "Alain decided to remain at the Lyceum because of all the feelings people had when he disincarnated. These strong and continued thoughts of the living ones have influenced Alain and keep him from rising to the ethereal plane.

Let's wait until your Father arrives home and we can continue this together.

After his father arrived home they had dinner and then settled in the living room to discuss Alain and to see if they could help the spirit of Alain.

His father had already heard the stories about Alain and the Lyceum's little ghost and they should continue their discussion tomorrow during their gospel at home studies. They would ask the benefactors to help them vibrate for the spirit Alain and to address the spirit helpers to take Alain to the spiritual school where he could learn about the continuity of life and the new opportunities of reincarnation.

Konrad's parents had been Spiritists for a long time and had the habit of exercising their love and fraternity through their prayers and gospel at home.

With that planned, Konrad went to school the next day. Guess who was waiting for him by the big iron gate?

Exactly, it was Alain!

As soon as he saw him, Konrad sent him a loving thought, but Alain was not very happy. He was concerned about how Konrad thought about him acting solely alone among the incarnated people the way he was doing.

Konrad knew that without his physical body, Alain should be in the Spiritual world where he belonged. Alain knew that he should have gone to the schools on the spiritual plane in order to get prepared for his next incarnation, but he was reluctant and the time was coming, and he could sense it.

As Konrad approached Alain, he started to pray and ask Jesus for help! The little ghost disappeared in seconds from Konrad's sight. Meanwhile, Marjorie entered with a big smile on her face. They had walked together to their classroom and took their seats.

Before the teacher's arrival, Konrad told Marjorie about the meeting his family had every week about the Gospel at home and what was going to happen later in the evening before dinner.

Marjorie had the special abilities of a medium and the faculty of clairvoyance, just like Konrad. She asked if she could take part in the family meeting and pray with them because she wanted to help the little ghost. Konrad happily agreed to her request.

The second school day came to its end. Marjorie and Konrad walked home together playing along the way. When they arrived at Konrad's house, his Mother had begun to prepare for the family's meeting and started to play some light music to set the mood for the spiritual meeting. On the table she had put a jar of water, some glasses and a copy of the Gospel According to Spiritism. The afternoon passed and the time had come to start the meeting.

Marjorie was very excited and wondered what was going to happen. Konrad's father called them all to the meeting room and they sat around the table. He asked them to close their eyes and think only good things. He welcomed Marjorie to the meeting and asked her to be quiet and think of Alain.

Konrad's father then started reading and then made comments about the chapter of the Gospel he had just finished reading.

The room was illuminated as they were blessed by the purity of the light present during the moments of devout prayer.

When they were doing the final prayer, Mr. John asked for help for Alain. Suddenly, Alain arrived assisted by two helpers. Konrad noticed that Alain was calm but had tears coming down his face. They were tears of happiness.

Alain was happy to be receiving the positive vibrations from the four people sitting around the table and from his two new helpers that had brought him to the meeting. The power of reading the Gospel was great and filled everyone's heart, because they knew that they were not alone in this task of love and fraternity through prayer.

Both Konrad and Marjorie could see when the two helping spirits took Alain by his arms and took him to the Spiritual world, a good place where he would be able to rest and go to school to learn. After seventy years, he deserved to be in peace for he had been a good person when he was incarnated.

The meeting ended and everyone was happy that Alain was going to be in a better place and with his friends and family who had been waiting for so long to be with him again.

Konrad's Mother cleared the table and prepared to serve dinner. They enjoyed the dinner and talked about Spiritism. Marjorie was glad to be invited to come to their house each week to listen and learn the Gospel According to Spiritism.

Konrad walked Marjorie home and they talked about the good thing that just happened to Alain.

Time went by, the months passed and the school year was coming to an end.

Alain became a dear memory. Sometimes he came to visit his friends Konrad and Marjorie who had helped him through their dreams.

The years passed. The students, teachers and workers could no longer see Alain, but they kept his story in their memories.

Whenever someone from that town mentions where they studied when they were children, the answer is always the same:

"At the little ghost's Lyceum" and they would have a big smile on their face.

The End...

Vocabulary

- Clairvoyance: paranormal sight. The apparent ability to see in the mind's eye, people, objects, words etc.

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

- Spiritism: Set of laws and principles, as revealed by the Superior Spirits (1857-Paris), contained in the works of Allan Kardec, which constitute the Spiritist Codification: The Spirits' Book, The Mediums' Book, The Gospel According to Spiritism, Heaven and Hell and The Genesis. It reveals new and more profound concepts with respect to God, the Universe, the Human Being, the Spirits and the Laws which govern life itself.

- Spiritist: A partisan of Spiritism. One who believes in the fact of spirit manifestations.

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