'spirit-lamp. Also spirit lamp. [SPIRIT *sb.*] A lamp fed by methylated or other spirits, and used esp. for heating, boiling, or cooking.

1767 J. PRIESTLEY *Hist. & Present State of Electricity* VIII. xii. 700 The bar was heated by a spirit lamp placed underneath it. **1802** *Phil. Trans.* XCIII. 14 The . . solution, gently exhaled to dryness, and kept over a spirit-lamp. **1838** T. THOMSON *Chem. Org. Bodies* 372 Having put on the cover, the flame of a spirit-lamp was applied beneath the indigo. **1893** LADY I. BURTON *Life R. F. Burton* II. 8 Our hosts are astir, and already . . drinking tea made over a spirit-lamp.

attrib. **1827** FARADAY *Chem. Manip.* vi. (1842) 186 In operations of this kind, heat is applied . . by a small spirit lamp flame.

'spiritless, *a.* [f. SPIRIT *sb.* + -LESS.]

1. Deprived of the spirit or animating principle; having or possessing no spirit; lifeless.

1570 T. NORTON tr. *Notzel's Catech.* (1853) 160 His dead and spiritless body was laid in the grave. *c* **1611** CHAPMAN *Iliad* XII. 163 The man . . Fell now quite-spiritlesse to earth. *a* **1616** BEAUM. & FL. *Bonduca* v. i, 'Tis the Body Of the great Captain Penyus, by himself Made cold and spiritless. **1705** GREENHILL *Embalming* 5 Nature admonishes us that the spiritless Body should be restored to the Earth. **1852** BAILEY *Festus* (ed. 5) 346 A work or thought . . may Be . . like the air, . . Sweeping miles broad o'er far western woods, . . Or may be, nothing—bodiless, spiritless.

2. Devoid of lively or cheerful spirits; depressed, dejected, downcast, dull or melancholy.

1597 SHAKS. *2 Hen. IV*, I. i. 70 Euen such a man, so faint, so spiritlesse, So dull. *c* **1620** FLETCHER & MASS. *Double Marriage* II. i, Why are you still so sad? . . You make us dull, and spiritless. **1643** MILTON *Divorce* IV. Wks. 1851 IV. 29 Whereof who misses by chancing on a mute and spiritlesse mate, remaines more alone then before. **1726** LEONI *Alberti's Architecture* III. 18/1 Those that grieve . . seem fatigued and spiritless. **1778** MISS BURNEY *Evelina* LXXVI, I was totally spiritless and dejected. **1816** C. HUTTON *Concl. Life W. Hutton* 92, I . . found my father thinner, weaker, and more spiritless than I left him. **1826** *Literary Souvenir* 326 He sank spiritless, and almost lifeless, upon the gunwale of the vessel. **1876** *Trans. Clinical Soc.* IX. 189 The child, ceasing to play about, became spiritless.

transf. **1778** [W. H. MARSHALL] *Minutes Agric., Observ.* 67 The countenance of the Soil . . is pallid and spiritless.

3. Destitute or devoid of spirit, animation, or courage; lacking ardour or boldness.

1628 FELTHAM *Resolves* II. 5, I wish no man so spiritlesse, as to let all abuses presse the dulnesse of a willing shoulder. **1651** BIGGS *New Disp.* ¶100 We are uselesse and spiritlesse to our selves and the Common-Wealth. **1702** DENNIS *Monument* xiii, Their Soldiers and Commanders all grown faint, Dejected, spiritless with frequent Routs. **1776** GIBBON *Decl. & F.* viii. I. 214 The infantry was a half-armed spiritless crowd of peasants. **1839** DICKENS *Nickleby* XXXI, You are a base and spiritless scoundrel! **1850** MERIVALE *Rom. Emp.* XI. (1865) II. 21 Spiritless himself, he was incapable of infusing spirit. **1884** SWINBURNE *Midsummer Holiday*, etc. 169 As a swordless and spiritless nation.

b. Destitute of energy or enterprise.

1799 J. ROBERTSON *Agric. Perth* 71 About half a century ago, . . the fields [were] uncultivated and the farmers spiritless and poor. *c* **1825** LD. COCKBURN *Mem.* (1856) 168 The publishers we had were too spiritless even for their position. **1861** SMILES *Engineers* II. 49 The country was too poor or too spiritless to undertake their improvement on any comprehensive scale.

4. Marked or characterized by lack of animation, vivacity, or energy.

1651 N. BACON *Disc. Govt. Eng.* II. (1739) p. ix, Both the Election of a King, and the Solemnization of such Election, . . are spiritless motions without the presence of the people. **1712** STEELE *Spect.* No. 484 ¶5 Men have indulged themselves in a spiritless Sheepishness. **1753** RICHARDSON *Grandison* (1766) V. 269 What a spiritless figure does he make! **1796** MME. D'ARBLAY *Camilla* II. 38 The evening was passed in spiritless conversation. **1841** W. SPALDING *Italy & It. Isl.* II. 133 That spiritless apathy with which the subjects of the Italian principalities submitted to the rule of their despotic masters. **1878** T. HARDY *Ret. Native* IV. iv, The spiritless stir of the summer wind.

b. Of literary or artistic productions.

1737 *Gentl. Mag.* VII. 12/2 A literal Translation of the Hebrew Code . . must necessarily be, . . at best, but flat, insipid, and spiritless. **1797** T. HOLCROFT tr. *Stolberg's Trav.* II. xlvi, These colours, when singly laid on, are entirely spiritless. **1802** MAR. EDGEWORTH *Moral T.* (1816) I. 198 It was her business to sketch designs, . . but . . the figures were awkward and spiritless.

†5. Lacking spiritual zeal; cold. *Obs.* −1

1680 H. MORE *Apocal. Apoc.* 37 And buy of Me white rayment, O Spiritless Laodicea, and desire to be cloathed with thy Spiritual Tabernacle from Heaven.

Hence **'spiritlessly** *adv.*

1669 H. MORE *Exp. 7 Epist.* IX. 142 The same [formal profession] will this Church of Laodicea hold on spiritlessly and lazily, with little life or zeal. **1873** MISS BROUGHTON *Nancy* III. 30 We part without a word, and I, spiritlessly, mount the staircase alone. **1879** W. COLLINS *Rogue's Life* I, Her son . . spiritlessly availed himself of the oleaginous refuse of the soap and candle trade.

'spiritlessness. [f. prec. + -NESS.] The quality or fact of being spiritless.

1669 H. MORE *Exp. 7 Epist.* IX. 150 This is one reason of the Spiritlesnesse and Inactivity of the Laodicean Church. *a* **1684** LEIGHTON *Comm. 1 Pet.* Wks. 1805 I. 442 This is not a loving agreement, arising from oneness of spirit, but a dead stupidity, arguing a total spiritlessness. **1840** *New Monthly Mag.* LIX. 386 The fair liquid amber . . subsided into spiritlessness. **1870** *Echo* 23 Sept., In view of the spiritlessness of the mass of the people.

spirit-level. Also spirit level. [f. SPIRIT *sb.* + LEVEL *sb.* 1.] A kind of levelling instrument for determining a horizontal line or surface, usually consisting of a hermetically-sealed glass tube filled with spirit and an air-bubble, which, when the tube lies exactly horizontal, occupies a position midway in its length.

1768 *Phil. Trans.* LVIII. 286 The spirit level shewing the axis of the telescope to be horizontal. **1793** SMEATON *Edystone L.* §97 It could be brought justly horizontal by means of a pocket Spirit-Level being placed upon it. **1805** R. W. DICKSON *Pract. Agric.* I. 292 This is to be done by means of levelling, in which the instrument called the spirit-level may be thus employed. **1834** *Brit. Husb.* I. 534 The instrument called a spirit or water level is the most proper for ascertaining the inclination of the ground with certainty. **1881** YOUNG *Ev. Man his own Mechanic* §282. 111 In bringing horizontal bars, shelves, etc., to a true level the spirit level must be used.

attrib. **1868** in *Rep. to Govt. U.S. Munitions War* 135 Two degrees of elevation taken with a spirit-level quadrant.

Hence **spirit-levelling** *vbl. sb.*

1861 SIR H. JAMES (*title*), Abstract of the Principal Lines of Spirit Levelling in England and Wales.

spirit-like, *a.* [f. SPIRIT *sb.* + -LIKE.] Like a spirit; resembling that of a spirit.

1644 DIGBY *Nat. Bodies* XXVII. 244 Those masters . . teach vs that the impressions vpon sense are made by spirituall or spiritelike things or qualities. **1839** LOWELL *Lett.* (1894) I. 41 Eyes the largest . . and most spirit-like I ever dreamed of. **1843** RUSKIN *Mod. Paint.* I. II. III. iii. §5 There is added to this [cloud-range] a spirit-like feeling. **1852** BAILEY *Festus* (ed. 5) 494 The souls of all things . . ripening fast To spirit-like perfection.

†**'spiritly,** *a. obs.*−1 [f. SPIRIT *sb.* + -LY¹.] Of horses: Spirited, mettlesome.

1629 T. ADAMS *Love's Copy* Wks. 815 Pride . . comes out like a Spanyard . . mounted on a spiritley lennet named Insolence.

'spiritous, *a.* ? *Obs.* Also 8 *poet.* spir'tous. [f. SPIRIT *sb.* + -OUS. Cf. It. *spiritoso*, Sp. *espiritoso*.]

1. Of the nature of spirit; having the qualities of an essence or distilled product; highly refined or dematerialized.

1605 TIMME *Quersit.* III. 149 The two volatile salts . . wil be best mingled by reason of their subtilty and spiritous substance. **1653** H. MORE *Antid. Ath.* III. IX. §12 The blood was found so pure and spiritous, that it spurted into his face as he cut him. **1667** MILTON *P.L.* VI. 479 Materials dark and crude, Of spiritous and fierie spume. **1733** TULL *Horse-hoeing Husb.* XIV. 83 When it [hay] stands 'till full Blown, the most spiritous, volatile, and nourishing Parts of its Juices is spent on the next Generation. **1766** *Phil. Trans.* LVI. 96 The heat used in making the spiritous extract.

fig. **1641** MILTON *Ch. Govt.* II. iii, Such the most covert and spiritous vices as would slip easily between the wider and more material grasp of Law. **1651** H. MORE *Enthus. Tri.* (1712) 14 That Melancholy partakes much of the nature of Wine, he evinces from that it is so spiritous. *Ibid.*, And that Melancholy is flatuous or spiritous [etc.].

b. Of liquors: Alcoholic; = SPIRITUOUS *a.* 3 b.

1799 DUNDAS in Owen *Wellesley's Desp.* (1877) 642 The encreasing produce of the revenue on salt, opium and spiritous liquors. **1801** CHARLOTTE SMITH *Lett. Solit. Wand.* I. 322 Not allowing me to take any thing spiritous. **1836** MACGILLIVRAY *Trav. Humboldt* XXV. 381 From the fermented juice a spiritous liquor . . is procured.

2. Exhilarating, enlivening. *rare*−1.

1624 WOTTON *Archit.* 68 The second point is Vsefulnesse, which will consist in a sufficient Number of Roomes, of all sorts, and in their apt Coherence, . . without confusion; . . that it may appear airie and spiritous, and fit for the welcome of cheerefull Guests.

†3. Of persons: Lively, vivacious, high-spirited.

1629 WALTON in Wotton *Reliq.* (1672) 445, I writ by him to the Queen . . about your Spiritous nephew. **1737** *Gentl. Mag.* VII. 373/1 A gay companion, . . Fond without folly, spir'tous without rage. **1746** W. HORSLEY *Fool* (1748) I. 49 The spiritous Mrs. Frolic.

transf. **1763** *Brit. Mag.* IV. 468 Her eyes darted the most spiritous rays.

†4. *Gram.* Of consonants: Pronounced with breathing or aspiration. *Obs.*

1668 WILKINS *Real Char.* 367 The Spiritous Consonants to be breathed through the Mouth. *Ibid.* 375 The Spiritous Consonants that are Mutes.

Hence **'spiritousness.** *rare*−1.

a **1691** BOYLE (J.), Not withstanding the great thinness and spiritousness of the liquor.

†**spirit-plate.** *Obs.* The blast-wall or mouth-screen of a smelting-furnace.

1686 PLOT *Staffordsh.* 162 That next the bellows, [is] the tuarn or tuiron wall; that against it, the wind-wall or spirit-plate.

spirit-rapper. [Back-formation from next.] One who professes that he can induce spirits to communicate with him by means of rapping.

1853 H. PAUL *Rappings & Table Movings* 9 A rival spirit rapper! A genuine Medium. **1854** O. A. BROWNSON (*title*), The Spirit-Rapper; an autobiography. **1860** JEAFFRESON *Bk. Doct.* II. 38 To electro-biologists, spirit-rappers, and table-turners the same arguments must be used. **1881** FROUDE *Short Stud.* IV. II. 165 Their pretensions deserve essentially no more respect than those of spirit-rappers.

spirit-rapping. [f. SPIRIT *sb.* + RAPPING *vbl. sb.*¹]

1. *pl.* Rappings alleged to be made by spirits in answer to questions addressed to them.

1852 *Harper's Mag.* Dec. 129/1 The spirit-rappings are again engrossing a lion's share of the talk. **1853** H. SPICER *Sights & Sounds* 88 This lady was a medium, and as the subject of 'spirit rappings' was already [etc.]. **1859** in BARTLETT *Dict. Amer.* (ed. 2) 434.

2. Professed communication from or with spirits by means of raps or knockings made by these.

1853 H. MATTISON (*title*) Spirit rapping unveiled! **1854** N. S. GODFREY (*title*), The Theology of Table-Turning, Spirit-Rapping, and Clairvoyance, in connection with the Antichrist. **1862** G. H. TOWNSEND *Man. Dates* s.v. The modern spirit-rapping originated in America, in the family of John D. Fox, in March, 1848. **1867** AUGUSTA WILSON *Vashti* x, I don't believe in spirit-rapping, and such stuff as dancing tables, and spinning chairs.

spiritrump. *Ent.* [ad. F. *spiritrompe*.] = ANTLIA.

a **1843** *Encycl. Metrop.* (1845) VII. 280/1 The Antlia of Kirby and Spence, or Spiritrump of Latreille, is a most remarkable character of the Lepidopterous Order.

'spiritsome, *a.* [f. SPIRIT *sb.* + -SOME¹.] Of the nature of spirit; spirit-like.

1876 MRS. WHITNEY *Sights & Ins.* VI. 81 Faint points and shapes, looming larger, bluer, surer,—but always so soft, so spiritsome!

spirit-stirring, *a.* [SPIRIT *sb.*] That stirs or animates the spirits; spirit-rousing.

1604 SHAKS. *Oth.* III. iii. 352 The Spirit-stirring Drum, th' Eare-piercing Fife. **1740** DYER *Ruins Rome* 102 The spirit-stirring form Of Caesar, raptur'd with the charm of rule. **1741-2** GRAY *Agrippina* 124 There will not want . . ears to own Her spirit-stirring voice. **1794** GODWIN *Caleb Williams* 158 The haziness of the morning was followed by a spirit-stirring and beautiful day. **1807** *Edin. Rev.* X. 385 All spirit-stirring topics will surely fail. **1861** G. F. BERKELEY *Eng. Sportsman* XIV. 241 Conveying to me a spirit-stirring information. **1886** T. MICHELL *Scot. Exped. to Norway* I. i. 12 The spirit-stirring poem by Edvard Storm.

spiritual ('spiritjuəl), *a.* and *sb.* Forms: 4-5 **spirituel**(l, 4-6 **-elle**, 4 **spyrytuele**, 5 **spyryt-, spyrit-, spirytuel**(l; 4- **spiritual**, 4-5 **-ale**, 6-7 **-all**, 5 **spirytuall, spyrytual**(e, 5-6 **-all**, **sperituall** (5 **-ale**), 6 **spyritualle**. [a. OF. *spirituel* (12th c., = It. *spirituale*, Sp. and Pg. *espiritual*), or ad. L. *spiritūāl-is*, f. *spiritus* SPIRIT *sb.* Cf. ESPIRITUAL, SPRITUAL, and SPIRITAL.]

A. *adj.*

I. 1. a. Of or pertaining to, affecting or concerning, the spirit or higher moral qualities, esp. as regarded in a religious aspect. (Freq. in express or implied distinction to *bodily, corporal*, or *temporal*.)

1377 LANGL. *P. Pl. B.* XIV. 284 So pouerte propreliche, penaunce, and ioye, Is to þe body pure spiritual helthe. *c* **1400** *Anturs of Arth.* XX, Of thies sperituale thynges spyre me na mare. *c* **1430** LYDG. *Min. Poems* (Percy Soc.) 97 Spiritual gladnesse most for to habounde, This day mynistred til oure refecciounе. **1474** CAXTON *Chesse* (1883) 42 For they doo spirytuell and also corporall werkis. **1529** MORE *Dyaloge* I. Wks. 157/1 It then bycame to be the spirituall busynesse and occupacion of man. **1563** FOXE *A. & M.* 1111 In the sacrament . . there is not the very substaunce . . but a spirituall partaking of the bodye and blood of Christ. **1592** in J. Morris *Troubles Cath. Foref.* (1877) 38 A man . . much given to meditation, and receiving thereby many spiritual consolations. **1630** B. JONSON *New Inn* III. ii, Love is a spiritual coupling of two souls. **1663** BP. PATRICK *Parab. Pilgr.* XXVII, Since they are most proper to Beginners, and . . those who enter upon the Spiritual Race. **1753** CHALLONER *Cath. Chr. Instr.* 20 The spiritual Kindred which is contracted between the Gossips and the Child. **1784** P. WRIGHT *New Bk. Martyrs* 798/1 To administer those spiritual helps that were suitable to men in their circumstances. **1835** I. TAYLOR *Spirit Despot.* VII. 289 The spiritual essence of popery has outlived the over-throw of the papal domination. **1883** J. PARKER *Apost. Life* II. 327 The thing I aim at is spiritual restoration, spiritual completeness, spiritual immortality.

Comb. **1872** HOWELLS *Wedding Journ.* (1892) 269 A spiritual-worldliness which was the clarified likeness of this-worldliness. **1916** JOYCE *Portrait of Artist* (1969) V. 252 Turned off that valve at once and opened the spiritual-heroic refrigerating apparatus, invented and patented in all countries by Dante Alighieri. **1929** D. H. LAWRENCE *Paintings of D. H. Lawrence* A4ᵛ This no doubt is all in the course of the growth of the 'spiritual-mental' consciousness.

b. Applied to material things, substances, etc., in a figurative or symbolical sense.

1387-8 T. USK *Test. Love* III. ix. (Skeat) I. 98 How was it, that sightful manna in deserte to children of Israel was spirituel mete? **1550** COVERDALE (*title*), A Spyrytuall and most Precyouse Pearle teaching all men to love and imbrace the Crosse. **1576** G. TYRRELL in J. Morris *Troubles Cath. Foref.* Ser. II. (1875) 30 Abundance of spiritual riches far passingly supplieth the lack of the other [i.e. corporal]. **1611** BIBLE *Transl. Pref.* ¶1 The Spirituall and sincere milke of the word. **1667** MILTON *P.L.* XII. 491 His Spirit . . shall write To guide them in all truth, and also arme With spiritual Armour. *a* **1729** J. ROGERS *Nineteen Serm.* VI. (1735) 117 All eat of the same spiritual Bread, and drank of the same spiritual Cup. **1820** SOUTHEY *Wesley* II. 331 With regard to the bodily effects that ensued, whenever the spiritual influenza began. **1871** MORLEY *Carlyle* in *Crit. Misc.* Ser. I. (1878) 173 A cloud of sedulous ephemera still suck a little

spiritual moisture. **1882** Stevenson *Edinburgh* 168 Every kind of spiritual disinfectant.

c. Of songs, etc.: Devotional, sacred; *spec.* in sense 5 of the sb.

1382 Wyclif *Eph.* v. 19 Spekinge to you silf in psalmes, and ymnes, and spiritual songis. **1567** *Gude & Godlie B.* (S.T.S.) 1 Singing of the Psalmes, and spirituall sangis. **1611** Bible *Eph.* v. 19; *Colos.* iii. 16. **1680** F. Brooke tr. *Le Blanc's Trav.* 364 Dancings in stately rooms, or gardens, with spirituall songs, rather a sort of adoration than a dance. **1905** [see *gospel song* s.v. GOSPEL sb. 9]. **1964** *Amer. Folk Music* (*Time*) 1. 15 Q. What kind of music did you like best at Christmas? A. Spiritual music or blues or what? R. I always liked this time, spiritual music the best.

†d. Of transcendent beauty or charm. *Obs.*—1

1480 Caxton *Myrr.* II. iv. 69 Ther ben yet plente of other places so delectable, so swete, and so spyrytuel that yf a man were therin, he sholde saye, that it were a very paradys.

e. *spiritual home* (with no religious connotation), a place or milieu, other than one's home, which seems especially congenial or in harmony with one's nature, or to which one feels a sense of belonging or indebtedness.

1932 *Week-End Rev.* 7 May 586/1 If they write about it at all they make it clear that Europe is their spiritual home. **1941** A. Christie *Evil under Sun* iii. 52 A man like you would be at Deauville or Le Touquet. . . That's your—what's the phrase?—spiritual home. **1962** Wodehouse *Service with Smile* xi. 164 He disliked Lord Ickenham, considering him a potty sort of feller whose spiritual home was a padded cell in some not too choosy lunatic asylum. **1967** [see PAPER *sb.* 8b]. **1977** [see Rastafarian *a.* and *sb.*].

2. a. Of, belonging or relating to, concerned with, sacred or ecclesiastical things or matters, as distinguished from secular affairs; pertaining to the church or the clergy; ecclesiastical.

1338 R. Brunne *Chron.* (1810) 283 He sent to þe kyng tuo bisshops of renoun, & schewed þat spiritualle þing porgh pouert þede alle doun. *c* **1380** Wyclif *Sel. Wks.* III. 305 þei meyntenen þis cursed þefte boþe bi seculer power and spiritual swerd. *a* **1440** *Found. St. Bartholomew's* (E.E.T.S.) 5 Thou shalte founde a Chirche. . . This spirituall howse, almyghty God shalle ynhabite and halowe yt. **1467** in *Eng. Gilds* (1870) 390 In eny cymitory or londe spirituelle. **1500–20** Dunbar *Poems* lxxi. 25 Couatyce ringis into the spirituall state, 3armand banifice the quhilk ar now vacand. *a* **1548** Hall *Chron., Hen. V*, 37 We have in our spirituall conuocacion graunted to your highnes . . a some of money. **1570–6** Lambarde *Peramb. Kent* (1826) 249 If any Clerke gaue to a layman . . any spirituall goodes he should stand excommunicate. **1654** Whitlock *Zootomia* 362 The Scabberd of Power (if not of Justice,) seemeth to have Locks on them, that only the spirituall Keyes can open. *a* **1700** Evelyn *Diary* 26 Apr. 1689, The penalty is to be the losse of their dignitie and spiritual preferment. **1727** De Foe *Eng. Tradesm.* v. (1841) I. 33 The duties of life, which are either spiritual or secular. **1844** Lingard *Anglo-Sax. Ch.* (1858) I. ii. 78 The prelate watched over the spiritual interests. **1863** Mrs. Oliphant *Salem Chapel* i. 6 The young man knew very little of the community which he had assumed the spiritual charge of.

†b. Of law: Canon, canonical. *Obs.*

1474 Caxton *Chesse* III. iii. (1883) 95 As well in the spirituell lawe as in the temporall. **1642** tr. *Perkins Prof. Bk.* i. §49. 22 If a bastard eigne (who is *mulier* in the spiritual law,) continueth possession in lands [etc.].

†c. Of a day: Devoted to or set apart for special religious or sacred observances; holy. *Obs.*

1490 Caxton *Rule St. Benet* 134 The soureryn may breke his mele for a stranger, wythout it be a spirituell fastynge daye. **1526** *Pilgr. Perf.* (W. de W. 1531) 1 b, Whiche . . in maner declareth the hole mater of these vij spirituall dayes.

d. *spiritual court*, a court having jurisdiction in matters of religion or ecclesiastical affairs.

1498–9 *Plumpton Corr.* (Camden) 133 A spoliacion in the spirituall court. **1538** Starkey *England* 139 In theyr spirituall courtys, they haue no punnyschement . . conuenyent to such fautys. **1681** H. Nevile *Plato Redivr.* 131 Neither the Chancery, . . nor the Spiritual Courts, nor the Cheats in trade. **1758** in Blackstone *Comm.* (1765) I. 20 This appears in a particular manner from the spiritual courts of all denominations. **1809–10** Coleridge *Friend* (1865) 55 A . . period during which the powers and the aims of law were usurped . . by the clergy and the courts spiritual. **1845** Mrs. S. Austin *Ranke's Hist. Ref.* I. 111 The confusion arising from the jurisdiction of the spiritual and temporal courts.

3. Of persons: a. Standing to another, or to others, in a spiritual relationship.

c **1386** Chaucer *Pars. T.* ¶516 Alle we haue o fader fleshly & o moder, that is to seyn Adam and Eue & eek o fader spirituel, that is god of heuene. *c* **1440** *Alph. Tales* 189, I had iij spirituall maisters, and þe furste was drede, & the secunde was shame, and þe iij was luff. **1483** Caxton *Cato* Avij, For herto ben bounden of ryght not onely the carnal faders but also the spyrituel. **1555** Eden *Decades* To Rdr. (Arb.) 51 Thincrease of this spirituall Israell vnto whome . . he was the father of fayth. **1562** Winet *Wks.* (S.T.S.) II. 23 Be thame he wald . . quikin his spirituall peple afoir slane. **1567** Allen *Def. Priesthood* 226 We call them Confessours, & of olde in Greece, they were named Spirituall maisters or Fathers. **1697** Burghope *Disc. Relig. Assemb.* 122 He preferrs his own parish priest . . as being his spiritual father. **1769** H. Venn in *Life* (1835) 152 A lady said to me, 'You, sir, are my spiritual father'. **1820** Milner *Suppl. Mem. Eng. Cath.* 66 *note*, The distinguished Professor of Divinity and Spiritual Director of the Pontifical Seminary of Douay. **1843** *Quincy* (Illinois) *Herald* 15 Dec. 3/1 Hyram Smith has had a revelation confirming the spiritual wife system. **1859** Bartlett *Dict. Amer.* (ed. 2) 434 *Spiritual wife*, . . a Mormon extra wife or concubine. **1901** Kipling *Kim* v. 111 The comfort . . of being properly . . respected as her spiritual adviser by a well-born woman. **1925** *Ladies' Home Jrnl.* Apr. 38/1 It is considered by the elderly women of Utah a great and sacred privilege to be the spiritual wife of Brigham Young or the Prophet Joseph Smith in the world to come. **1951** J. T. McNeill *History of Cure of Souls* iii. 42 Among ancient civilizations, that of India seems to have given the greatest prominence to the spiritual director. **1980** *Tablet* 26 Jan. 8/2 He . . cited . . divorced Catholics in second marriages who, after prayer and consultation with a spiritual director, have returned to the sacraments. *Ibid.* 95/3 A letter I wrote in reply to my spiritual children was produced.

b. Ecclesiastical, religious. Freq. in *spiritual lords* and *spiritual man* (or *person*).

(*a*) **1399** *Rolls of Parlt.* III. 451 The Kyng comond with his Spirituel Lordes. *c* **1460** Fortescue *Abs. & Lim. Mon.* xv. (1885) 145 The gretteste lordes off þe lande, both spirituelles and temporellis. **1516** *Sc. Acts, Jas. V* (1875) XII. 36/1 We prelatis spirituall, Barouns Temporall, and Commouns of . . Scottlaund. **1625** in Ellis *Orig. Lett.* Ser. 1. III. 203 When he had consulted with the Lords spirituall and Temporall. **1661** *Reflex. upon the Oaths Suprem. & Alleg.* 50 Ecclesiastical Courts, which we call the Spiritual Courts, and Spiritual Judges, and Spiritual Authority. **1727** Swift *Poison. E. Curll* Wks. 1755 III. 1. 150 I do also heartily beg pardon of all persons of honour, lords spiritual and temporal, gentry, burgesses, and commonalty. **1824** in *Nairne Peerage Evid.* (1874) 73 With the advice and consent of the lords spiritual and temporal and commons in this present Parliament assembled. **1863** H. Cox *Institt.* 1. vii. 62 The Lords Spiritual and Temporal form one legislative assembly.

(*b*) *c* **1460** Fortescue *Abs. & Lim. Mon.* xv. (1885) 146 Ther were chosen xij spirituell men, and xij temporell men. **1480** in *10th Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm.* App. V. 316 What ever condicion or degree he be of, spirituell or temporell. **1530** *Act 22 Hen. VIII*, c. 15, Spyrituall persones of the prouynce of the archebyshoprycbe of Canturburye. **1582** in *Cath. Rec. Soc. Publ.* V. 32 Being examined whether he be a spirituall or a temporall man, answereth that he is a Spirituall man and a Priest. **1642** Bird *Mag. Honour* 146 The brethren and sonnes . . of every Knight, being spirituall men, may . . purchase lycense and dispensation. **1726** Ayliffe *Parergon* 129 All Bishops and Abbots sat in State-Councils by Reason of their Office, as they were spiritual Persons. **1848** Stephen *Laws Eng.* (ed. 2) II. 39 *note*, Any sale or assignment by any spiritual person of any patronage belonging to him in virtue of his office.

c. Devout, holy, pious; morally good; having spiritual tendencies or instincts.

1382 Wyclif *Gal.* VI. 1 3e that ben spiritual, teche siche a maner man in spirit of softenesse. *c* **1400** *St. Alexius* (Laud MS. 622) 842 þere is a Man of dedes gode, Spirituel, & mylde of mode. *c* **1450** Holland *Howlat* 166 Thir ar fowlis of effect, . . Spirituale in all thing, Leile in thar leving. **1674** Marvell *Corr.* Wks. (Grosart) II. 423 The good acquaintance you have among those spirituall people. *c* **1791** *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 3) VII. 447/1 These milder alterations were zealously opposed by a branch of the Franciscans called the *spiritual*. **1836** *Going to Service* xii. 140, I have a spiritual lady to serve. **1883** [see SPIRITUALITY 3].

4. a. Of or pertaining to, consisting of, spirit, regarded in either a religious or intellectual aspect; of the nature of a spirit or incorporeal supernatural essence; immaterial.

In early use not always distinct from sense 1.

1303 R. Brunne *Handl. Synne* 12170 He myȝt se weyl þyng þat was spyrytuele. **1382** Wyclif *1 Cor.* xv. 44 It is sowun a beestly body, it schal ryse a spiritual body. *c* **1400** Maundev. (Roxb.) xvi. 74, I am noȝt erthely, bot spirituall. *c* **1475** *Partenay* 5291 When to ende nyhed he, That the soule moste yelde being spirituall. **1557** N.T. (Genev.) *Eph.* vi. 12 For we wrestle not against fleshe and bloud: but . . against spirituall wickednesses. **1662** Stillingfl. *Orig. Sacræ* III. i. §17 If there be then such things in the World which matter and motion cannot be the causes of then there are certainly spiritual and immaterial Beings. **1667** Milton *P.L.* IV. 677 Millions of spiritual Creatures walk the Earth Unseen. **1696** Phillips (ed. 5), *Spiritual*, said of a Being that has no Body, that falls not under the Senses. **1825** Coleridge *Aids Refl.* 67 The Will is pre-eminently the spiritual Constituent of our Being. **1846** Ruskin *Mod. Paint* II. III. ii. §17 It is degrading to the spiritual creature to suppose it operative through impulse of bone and sinew. **1875** J. P. Hopps *Princ. Relig.* ii. 9 The real man is the spiritual being who controls and uses all the faculties and organs of the body.

b. Appropriate or natural to a spirit.

1667 Milton *P.L.* VIII. 110 His Omnipotence, That to corporeal substances could adde Speed almost Spiritual.

c. *spiritual healing*, cure or healing attributed to the agency of (a) spirit; faith-healing.

1899 H. W. Dresser *Spiritual Healing* vi. 54 How can I live according to the principles of spiritual healing among people who have no sympathy with the new principles. **1926** W. T. Walsh *Sci. Spiritual Healing* iii. 30, I announced a service of spiritual healing to be held in the church every Thursday morning after the celebration of the Holy Communion. **1980** *Spiritual Healer* XXVIII. 131 We have known many instances of migraine . . being overcome through spiritual healing.

5. Consisting of pure essence or spirit; volatile; spirituous, alcoholic. Now *rare* or *Obs.*

1477 Norton *Ord. Alch.* vi. in Ashm. (1652) 95 All other Vessells be made of Glasse, That spirituall matters should not out-passe. **1626** Bacon *Sylva* §387 All Sweet Smells have joyned with them, some Earthy or crude Odours; And at some distance the Sweet, which is the more Spiritual, is perceived. *a* **1648** Digby *Closet Opened* (1677) 125 Thus you have only the spiritual parts of the Tea. **1826** *Art of Brewing* (ed. 2) 69 Stout ales . . labour under one material want—that of spiritual vigour.

6. Of or pertaining to, emanating from, the intellect or higher faculties of the mind; intellectual.

1725 Watts *Logic* I. iii. §1 Spiritual or intellectual Ideas are those which we gain by reflecting on the Nature and Actions of our own Souls. **1749** Fielding *Tom Jones* XVI. v, That refined degree of Platonic affection which is . . entirely and purely spiritual. **1813** Shelley *Q. Mab* v. 162 Blunting the keenness of his spiritual sense With narrow schemings and unworthy cares. **1853** Lytton *My Novel* VIII. xi, Whatever she gained in the graver kinds of information, became transmuted, through her heart and her fancy, into spiritual golden stores. **1873** Hamerton *Intell. Life* xi. iv. 417 The great spiritual function of the intellectual class.

7. Characterized by or exhibiting a high degree of refinement of thought or feeling. (Cf. SPIRITUEL *a.*)

1784 J. Barry *Lect. Paint.* vi. (1848) 227 The harmony resulting from all those variegating masses of colour, together with the light, easy, graceful, spiritual manner in which the whole [picture] is conducted. **1820** Keats *St. Agnes* xxxv, Those sad eyes were spiritual and clear. **1840** Dickens *Old C. Shop* xliii, The delicate face, . . the too bright eye, the spiritual head, . . told their silent tale.

8. Clever, smart, witty. (Cf. SPIRITUEL *a.*)

1791–1823 D'Israeli *Cur. Lit.* (1834) I. 228 It may not here be improper to take notice of a wise and spiritual saying of this young prince. **1837** Carlyle *Fr. Rev.* II. I. x, Of all this the spiritual biographies of that period say nothing. **1872** *Routledge's Ev. Boy's Ann.* July 493/1 We French are extremely spiritual, and . . are never at a loss for an answer.

9. a. Concerned with spirits or supernatural beings.

1841 Lane *Arab. Nts.* I. 69 Who acquired a very great and extensive celebrity for his attainments in spiritual and natural magic. **1855–7** (*title*), Yorkshire Spiritual Telegraph, containing a number of extraordinary communications from the Spiritual World. **1860–1877** (*title*), The Spiritual Magazine.

b. = SPIRITUALISTIC *a.* 2.

spiritual funeral, one conducted after the fashion of the believers in Spiritualism (Bartlett).

1858 in Bartlett *Dict. Amer.* (1859) 434 A spiritual funeral was held at Lowell lately.

II. †10. Of or pertaining to breathing; respiratory. *Obs.*

1398 Trevisa *Barth. De P.R.* v. xxvi. (Bodl. MS.), þe schuldres ben nedeful to defende þe spiritualle membres. *c* **1460** J. Metham *Wks.* (E.E.T.S.) 89 It signifieth good dysposicion of the hert and of the spiritual membris in a man. **1576** G. Baker tr. *Gesner's Jewell of Health* 169 Briefly, all matters found in the Lungs, and spirituall members, this singularly purgeth.

B. *sb.* I. †1. a. *collect.* The spirituality; the clergy. *Obs.*

? *a* **1400** *Morte Arth.* 2414 It es a foly to offende oure fadyr vndire Gode. . . 3if we spare the spirituelle, we spede bot the bettire.

†b. An ecclesiastic or cleric. *Obs.*—1

c **1450** Holland *Howlat* 733 Haile speciose, most specifyit with the spiritualis! **1682** Wheler *Journ. Greece* v. 356 There are but few among them [Greeks], who have wherewithal to live, but will learn, while they are young, to write and read, whether Spirituals, or Seculars.

2. a. A spiritual or spiritually-minded person.

1532 More *Confut. Tindale* Wks. 365/2 He sayth himselfe that ye spirituals do searche the bottome of gods commaundementes and fulfyll them gladly. *Ibid.* 715/1 The very Isaackes, the very Iacobs, and the very spiritualles, & the verye apostles.

b. *Eccl. Hist.* (With initial capital.) A member of the Congregation of Narbonne, a branch of Franciscans which advocated a stricter observance of the rule of poverty and simplicity of dress.

The branch was pronounced schismatic by Pope John XXII in 1318.

c **1791** *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 3) VII. 447/2 The one [party], embracing the severe discipline and absolute poverty of St. Francis, were called spirituals. **1855** Milman *Lat. Chr.* XII. vi. V. 419 The Spirituals, the Fraticelli, . . openly avowed their belief. *Ibid.* 420 The sudden election to the Popedom of Cœlestine V, . . a new St. Francis, to the Spiritualists a true Spiritual. **1862** G. H. Townsend *Man. Dates*, *Spiritualists*, called also the Zealous, or the Spirituals.

c. An inhabitant of the 'spiritual kindgom'.

1807 Southey *Lett. fr. Eng.* (1814) III. 158 The celestials chiefly using the vowels U and O, the spirituals preferring E and I.

d. *U.S.* A spiritual wife (see prec. 3 a).

1855 *Putnam's Monthly Mag.* VI. 147/1 These extra wives [of the Mormons] are known by sundry designations—some call them 'spirituals', others, 'sealed ones'.

3. a. *pl.* Spiritual matters, affairs, or ideas.

1582 N.T. (Rhem.) *Eph.* vi. 12 Our wrestling is not against flesh and bloud: but . . against the spirituals of wickednes in the celestials. **1607** [see CARNAL *a.* 4b]. **1625** Burges *Tithes* 14 Why he should pay so much of his Carnals for Spirituals. **1649** F. Roberts *Clavis Bibl.* Introd. ii. 32 He condemns the contrary unskilfulnesse in the Scriptures, as the . . root of all errour in spirituals. **1665** Boyle *Occas. Refl.* I. v. (1848) 86 Translate now (O my Soul) all this unto Spirituals. **1716** M. Davies *Athen. Brit.* I. 170 Twas no great piece of News to hear of Laymen's ministring in Spirituals to Church-People. **1774** Mme. D'Arblay *Early Diary* (1889) I. 303 I have found much pleasure in Madame de Maintenon's Letters (except in Theologicals and Spirituals). **1840** Mill *Diss. & Disc.* (1875) I. 433 Such was the prevailing tone of English belief in temporals; what was it in spirituals? **1893** *Pall Mall G.* 9 Jan. 3/2 Spirits and spirituals taken in excess . . work the same effect with weak and over-excited brains.

b. Matters which specially or primarily concern the church or religion.

1647 N. Bacon *Disc. Govt. Eng.* I. vii. 25 There was but one Metropolitan . . , so as his power was in spirituals over many Kingdoms. **1689** Popple tr. *Locke's 1st Let. Toleration* L.'s Wks. 1727 II. 246 If . . such a Power be granted unto the Civil Magistrate in Spirituals. **1794** tr. *Barruel's Clergy during Fr. Rev.* 98 That it did not belong to the secular power to meddle in spirituals. **1853** M. Kelly tr. *Gosselin's Power Pope Mid. Ages* II. 360 That the Church and the pope have received . . full power to govern the world, both in spirituals and temporals. **1873** Morley *Rousseau* xii. II. 178 The civil power does best absolutely and unreservedly to ignore spirituals.

c. Spiritual or ecclesiastical goods or possessions; spiritualities.

1827 *Gentl. Mag.* XCVII. II. 536 Forming part of their spirituals (because such their spirituals always include an absolute right over other people's temporals). 1863 Blyth *Hist. Notices & Rec. Fincham* 39 The spirituals were such revenue as was connected with spiritual duties and the cure of souls, and consisted almost entirely of tithes, glebe lands, and house.

4. a. A spiritual counterpart or analogue.

1650 T. Vaughan *Anima Magica* 52 Learn to refer all Naturals to their Spirituals, per viam Secretioris Analogiæ.

b. A spiritual (as opposed to a material) thing.

1661 Glanvill *Van. Dogm.* 97 In our notion of spirituals, we, as much as we can, denudate them of all material Phantasmes. 1708 H. Dodwell *Nat. Mort. Hum. Souls* 127 It does now affect us to think of Spirituals, whilst we have no sensible Impression made upon us by Things purely Spiritual, but by those only which are only Corporeal.

c. Spiritual quality or power; *pl.* spiritual faculties.

1649 F. Roberts *Clavis Bibl.* 239 The Succession of Elisha as Prophet in stead of Elijah; a double portion of his spirituall resting upon him. 1652 Benlowes *Theoph.* IV. xix, Spiritual light spirituals clears.

5. = *Negro spiritual* s.v. Negro 7.

1866 *Harper's Mag.* May 775/1 Maum Rina flavored all her dishes with these 'spirituals', as they are called among the negroes. 1870 T. W. Higginson *Army Life* 197, I had for many years heard of this class of songs under the name of 'Negro Spirituals'. *Ibid.* 199 This seemed the simplest primitive type of 'spiritual'. 1926 A. Niles in W. C. Handy *Blues* 9 These songs [*sc.* the blues] were woven of the same stuff as the other overlapping items in the long list,—the work-songs, love-songs..; yes, and decidedly the spirituals. 1947 S. Bellow *Victim* iv. 39 Harkavy and a girl he had brought to the party were singing spirituals and old ballads. 1981 M. Doody in Martin & Mullen *No Alternative* iv. 53 'Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble' as the spiritual goes.

II. †6. *pl.* The respiratory organs. *Obs.*

c1400 *Lanfranc's Cirurg.* 161 Þis diafragma departiþ þe spirituals from þe guttis, & in þe holownes þat is aboue liggiþ þe herte & þe lungis. 1610 Healey *St. Aug. Citie of God* XXII. xxiv. (1620) 848 The courses of the veines, sinewes and arteries, and the secrets of the spirituals.

spiritualism (ˈspɪrɪtjuːəlɪz(ə)m). [f. spiritual *a.* + -ism. Cf. F. *spiritualisme*, It. *spiritualismo*.]

1. The exercise of the mental or intellectual faculties, or their predominance over body. *rare.*

1831 Carlyle *Sart. Res.* II. viii, Savage Animalism is nothing, inventive Spiritualism is all.

2. a. Tendency towards, or advocacy of, a spiritual view or estimate of things, esp. as a leading principle in philosophy or religion.

1796 [see ideal *sb.* 1]. 1836 Lytton *Athens* (1837) II. 408 The serene and lofty spiritualism of Anaxagoras. 1857 Robertson *Serm.* Ser. III. i. (1857) 6 We find the Unitarian of the old school denouncing the spiritualism of the new and rising school. 1869 Seeley *Ess. & Lect.* v. 133 Religion re-assumed its ancient Judaic form of austere and ardent spiritualism. 1884 *Contemp. Rev.* Feb. 264 The very source of [Dante's] inspiration is the austere spiritualism of the Catholic creed.

b. A spiritual view or aspiration.

1850 Carlyle *Latter-d. Pamph.* vii. (1872) 224 Like a set of grisly undertakers come to bury the dead spiritualisms of mankind.

c. Spiritual nature or quality.

1855 Milman *Lat. Chr.* XIV. ii. (1864) IX. 96 Dante [could] represent such things with the most objective truth, yet without disturbing their fine spiritualism.

3. The belief that the spirits of the dead can hold communication with the living, or make their presence known to them in some way, esp. through a 'medium'; the system of doctrines or practices founded on this belief. Cf. spiritism.

Also specifically called *modern spiritualism* by way of distinction from sense 2.

1853 J. Dix *Transatlantic Tracings* xiv. 244 Every two or three years the Americans have a paroxysm of humbug—.. at the present time it is Spiritual-ism. 1855 E. W. Capron (*title*), Modern Spiritualism, its Facts and Fanaticisms, its Consistencies and Contradictions. 1860 *All Year Round* No. 66. 370 Witchcraft, demonology, possession, and the like, revived in the modest phrase of Spiritualism. 1878 T. H. Sinclair *Mount* 37 Spiritualism, or, as its advocates name it now on both sides of the Atlantic, Spiritism. 1886 Myers *Phant. Living* I. Introd. p. lix, On this basis the creed of 'Modern Spiritualism' has been upbuilt.

4. Belief in the existence and influence of spiritual beings.

1850 J. R. Logan in *Jrnl. Indian Archipelago* IV. 552, I would proceed at once to facts illustrative of the different forms of spiritualism which prevail in Eastern Asia and Asianesia. 1867 E. B. Tylor in *Proc. R. Inst.* V. 90 A slight acquaintance with the spiritualism of the savage has sometimes led to its being considered as the result of a degeneration from the opinions of more cultured races. 1871 Tylor *Prim. Cult.* I. 385 The sense of Spiritualism in its wider acceptation, the general doctrine of spiritual beings, is here given to Animism.

spiritualist (ˈspɪrɪtjuːəlɪst). [f. as prec. + -ist. Cf. F. *spiritualiste*, Sp. and Pg. *espiritualista*.]

1. a. One who regards things from a spiritual point of view or interprets them in a spiritual sense; one whose ideas or doctrines have a purely spiritual basis or tendency.

In early use sometimes with depreciatory force.

1649 H. Lawrence *Some Consid. Vind. Scriptures* 37 Certaine demands, which these pretended spiritualists will be sure to make to me. 1673 H. Hallywell *Acc. Familism* 19 Those high-flown Spiritualists the Quakers are of the same mind. 1716 M. Davies *Athen. Brit.* II. 42 This is the great Rule the reform'd Order of Protestant Spiritualists, call'd Quakers and others, seem to walk by. 1800 C. Butler *Life A. Butler* xii, Approved of by St. Francis of Sales and other spiritualists. 1845 G. Oliver *Coll. Biogr. Soc. Jes.* 50 As a Spiritualist also, he must have been pre-eminent, judging from many of his letters now before me. 1865 Mill *Exam. Hamilton* 492 Proofs that the most sincere Spiritualists may consistently hold the doctrine of so-called necessity.

b. *spec.* (See quots. and cf. spiritual *sb.* 2 b.)

1716 M. Davies *Athen. Brit.* II. 225 Those Montanists were call'd also Cataphrygians, Spiritualists, Apostolicks, [etc.]. 1862 G. H. Townsend *Man. Dates* s.v., Spiritualists, called also the Zealous, .. formed a portion of the great order of Franciscans, who, about 1245, under the name of Spiritualists, advocated the strict observance of the rule and vow of poverty, which had been one of their fundamental laws. 1882–3 Schaff *Encycl. Relig. Knowl.* 832 The Spiritualists, as the severer party [of Franciscans] was called, were cruelly persecuted.

†2. One who supports the spiritual or ecclesiastical authority as against the secular or temporal.

1651 Hobbes *Leviath.* III. xxxix. 248* That Governor must be one; or else there must needs follow Faction, and Civil war in the Common-wealth, between the Church and State; between Spiritualists, and Temporalists.

3. A believer in, or adherent of, spiritualism as a philosophical doctrine.

1796 F. A. Nitsch *Kant's Princ. concerning Man* 153 The Spiritualists having discovered immaterial objects convert the mind into a spirit, and so on. 1836 I. Taylor *Phys. The. Anoth. Life* i. 15 The spiritualist will retain the advantage he has gained over his opponent [the materialist]. 1876 P. G. Tait *Rec. Adv. Phys. Sci.* i. (ed. 2) 25 Whether it show itself in the comparatively harmless folly of the spiritualist or in the pernicious nonsense of the materialist.

4. A believer in modern spiritualism or spiritism; a spiritist.

1852 E. B. Browning *Let.* 13–14 May in *Lett. Brownings to George Barrett* (1958) 181 Lady Elgin is a great spiritualist with a leaning to Irvingism & a belief in every sort of incredible thing. 1859 Bartlett *Dict. Amer.* (ed. 2) 435 *Spiritualist*, a believer in the doctrine of spiritualism. 1860 O. W. Holmes *Prof. Breakf.-t.* i. 13 The Spiritualists have some pretty strong instincts to pry over. 1881 Froude *Short Stud.* IV. II. 227 A spiritualist assured me that I could work a miracle myself if I had but faith.

5. *attrib.* or as *adj.* Spiritualistic.

1837 J. S. Mill in *Westm. Rev.* XXVII. 17 Many sterling thoughts are .. disguised in phraseology borrowed from the spiritualist school of German poets and metaphysicians. 1860 Farrar *Orig. Lang.* i. 20 The spiritualist school of the nineteenth century. 1898 Watts-Dunton *Aylwin* x. i, The studio of the famous spiritualist-painter.

spiritualistic (ˌspɪrɪtjuːəˈlɪstɪk), *a.* (and *sb.*) [f. prec. + -ic.]

1. Of or pertaining to, characterized by, philosophical or theological spiritualism; of the nature of spiritualism.

1852 A. P. Forbes *Explan. Nicene Creed* 47 Spiritualistic Pantheism, introduced by Hegel, has still many followers. 1871 Alabaster *Wheel of Law* p. lvi, The Malays, being Mahometans, ought..to have shown the superior civilisation due to spiritualistic belief. 1881 Huxley in *Nature* XXIV. 344 The subtle thinker, to whom we owe both the spiritualistic and the materialistic philosophies of modern times.

2. Of or pertaining to, associated or connected with, modern spiritualism; spiritistic.

1865 *Athenæum* 18 Nov. 684/3 In his restlessness and perplexity he has recourse to a spiritualistic medium. 1875 E. White *Life in Christ* III. xxi. (1878) 300 If this was true under the Mosaic Law how much more emphatically must spiritualistic 'seeking to the dead' be an abomination now! 1882 Hinsdale *Garfield & Educ.* I. 79 An itinerant spiritualistic and scientific lecturer and debater.

b. *sb. pl.* Matters pertaining to spiritualism.

1886 Tupper *My Life as Author* 387 If we dare to do this, higher interests are endangered than spiritualistics.

Hence **spiritua'listically** *adv.*, by a spiritualist or by means of spiritualism; towards spiritualism.

1880 *Times* 27 Sept. 12/2 Professing the same [pills] to be spiritualistically prescribed for the cure of..neuralgia. 1891 *Sat. Rev.* 28 Feb. 272/1 The cupidity and credulity of a spiritualistically minded valet.

spirituality (ˌspɪrɪtjuːˈælɪtɪ). Also 5 **spiritualite(e**, 5–7 **-alitie**, 6 **-allitie**, **-elity**; 6 **spyrytualite**, 7 **spirittuality**. [a. OF. *(e)spiritualité*, *-alleté* (mod.F. *spiritualité*, = It. *spiritualità*, Sp. *espiritualidad*, Pg. *-idade*), or ad. late L. *spīrituālitās*, f. *spīrituālis* spiritual *a.*: see -ity, and cf. spiritualty.]

1. The body of spiritual or ecclesiastical persons; = spiritualty 3. Now *Hist.*

c1441 *Pol. Poems* (Rolls) II. 207, I come before the spiritualite; Two cardynals, and byshoppis fyve [etc.]. 1513 *Life Henry V* (1911) 23 Intendinge to oppresse the church, the spirituallitie, the Kinge and the realme. 1583 Stubbes *Anat. Abus.* II. (1882) 67 The corruptions and abuses of the spiritualitie, or (as some call it) of the ecclesiasticall hierarchie. 1625 Purchas *Pilgrims* II. 1753 This exchange commeth most commonly from the Spiritualitie, who doe secretly use it. 1709 Strype *Ann. Ref.* I. xxvi. 255 He blamed both spirituality and laity. 1825 Scott *Betrothed* xviii, You of the spirituality make us laymen the pack-horses of your own concerns. 1900 Gasquet *Eve Ref.* iii. (1905) 58 According to the lawyer, it should be the owner of the soil who should apportion the payment, and failing him, the Parliament, and not the spirituality.

b. A spiritual society.

1854 T. C. Upham *Life Mme. Guyon* xxxiv. 293 She was considered the head of the new spirituality.

2. That which has a spiritual character; ecclesiastical property or revenue held or received in return for spiritual services. Now *arch.*

1456 Sir G. Haye *Law Arms* (S.T.S.) 105 All the grettest thingis that ar belangand the governance of bathe temporalitee and spiritualitee ar to be knawin and kend be the pape. 1468–9 *Inchaffray Charters* (S.H.S.) 159 Quhat tym we the saide georg Abbat beis admittit be our Juge ordinare to the spiritualite ande be our souerane lord the king to the temporalite of the said Abbisse. 1651 [see temporalty 1]. 1709 Strype *Ann. Ref.* I. xxvi. 270 In the First Year of the Queen, the Supreme Government over her Spirituality and Temporality, was given to her. 1818 Scott *Hrt. Midl.* xliii, The said incumbent might lawfully enjoy the spirituality and temporality of the cure of souls at Knocktarlitie.

b. *pl.* Spiritual or ecclesiastical things; ecclesiastical possessions, rights, etc., of a purely spiritual character; = spiritualty 2 b. Now *Hist.*

1417 in Ellis *Orig. Lett.* Ser. II. I. 61 The Gardeins of the spirituallities of Ardmaghe. 1570 *Act 13 Eliz.* c. 12 §1 Parlyament..shall bryng from such Bysshop or Gardyan of Spyritualities [*v.r.* Spyrytualtyes]..a testimoniall of such Assent. 1635 Pagitt *Christianogr.* I. iii. (1636) 187 Who doe extoll the Pope..not onely..in spiritualities, but also in Temporalities. 1664 H. More *Myst. Iniq.* 433 So these pretended Successours of Peter..have notoriously imitated that example of Simon in buying and selling Spiritualities. 1726 Ayliffe *Parergon* 200 They are Guardians of the Spiritualities during the Vacancy of the Bishoprick. 1727 Willis *Surv. Cathedr., Durham* 232 The Temporalities of Durham are valued at 1233*l.* 4*s.* 2*d.* and the Spiritualities at 494*l.* 19*s.* 3*d.* 1809 Bawdwen *Domesday Bk.* 7 The King [has no right] in the manors of the Earl, excepting what relates to Spiritualities which belong to the Archbishop, in all the land of St. Peter of York. 1874 Stubbs *Const. Hist.* I. xiv. 140 Their spiritualities, the tithes and oblations, were not to be taxed.

3. The quality or condition of being spiritual; attachment to or regard for things of the spirit as opposed to material or worldly interests.

1500–20 Dunbar *Poems* lxxxiv. 45 Sum spark of licht and spiritualitie Walkins my witt, and ressoun bidis me rys. 1641 R. Brooke *Eng. Episc.* 7 If you then consider the quantity, the variety, the spirituality, of the Ministeriall worke under the Gospell. 1675 Owen *Indwelling Sin* iv. (1732) 35 The more of Spirituality and Holiness is in any Thing, the greater is its Enmity. 1753 Challoner *Cath. Chr. Instr.* 177 His Life is written by the great St. Athanasius, and is full of excellent Lessons of Spirituality. 1787 Cowper *Lett.* Wks. 1837 XV. 194 That spirituality which once enlivened all our intercourse. 1808 Jebb *Corr. w. Knox* (1834) I. 403 Prayer is, undoubtedly, the life and soul of spirituality. 1852 Miss Yonge *Cameos* (1877) III. xxxiii. 340 Painting, which had hitherto aimed chiefly at spirituality,..now made nature and beauty its primary object. 1883 H. Drummond *Nat. Law in Spir. W.* ii. (1884) 89 No spiritual man ever claims that his spirituality is his own.

b. Spiritual character or function.

1661 R. Burney Κέρδιστον Δῶρον 15 A King for his spirituality is properly and Hieroglyphically to be pourtrayed half in Heaven..and part on the Earth.

c. With *a* and pl. A spiritual thing or quality as distinct from a material or worldly one; †a pious remark or saying.

1676 *Life Father Sarpi* in *Brent's Counc. Trent* 73 He was never known to use any hypocritical actions,..not to speak with affected Spiritualities. 1840 Carlyle *Heroes* iii. (1904) 114 Apart from spiritualities; and considering him [Shakspere] merely as a real, marketable..possession. 1855 W. H. Mill *Applic. Panth. Princ.* (1861) 46 If..the so-called spiritualities which he alleges be the main inducement offered to the Christian.

†4. An immaterial or incorporeal thing or substance; a spirit. Also *fig.* *Obs.*

1628 T. Spencer *Logick* 207 That includeth a corporall substance, and a spiritualitie, called life. 1664 Power *Exp. Philos.* III. 155 Might not such Microscopes hazard the discovery of the Aerial Genii, and present even Spiritualities to our view? 1825 J. Neal *Bro. Jonathan* III. 428 The very dogs were lying about..as if they were..a species of new, four-footed spirituality.

†5. The fact or state of being spirituous or of consisting of pure spirit; volatile state or quality.

1644 Digby *Nat. Bodies* xxvi. 240 The heate and spirituality of the bloud. 1660 tr. *Paracelsus' Archidoxis* I. I. 8 Medicine doth mundifie bodies, in whom is a spirituality. 1678 R. R[ussell] tr. *Geber* I. x. 17 Luna or Silver is subtiliated and attenuated and reduced to Spirituality as above said.

6. The fact or condition of being spirit or of consisting of an incorporeal essence.

1681–6 J. Scott *Chr. Life* II. vii. (1718) 543 They who are to be judged being, by reason of their spirituality, in a Condition to attend to every one's Trial while they are undergoing their own. a1708 Beveridge *Thes. Theol.* (1711) II. 336 We must celebrate..God's spirituality..by serving Him in spirit. 1871 Tylor *Prim. Cult.* II. 372 Such morbid disturbances are explained as symptoms of divine visitation, or at least of superhuman spirituality. 1884 J. Tait *Mind in Matter* Introd. 5 That He is invisible is accounted for by His spirituality.

†spiritualizate, *pa. pple. Obs.*—¹ [Cf. next.] Changed into or impregnated with spirit.

1471 Ripley *Comp. Alch.* Ep., in Ashm. (1652) 116 Which oftentimes must againe be Spiritualizate.