

GROWING THE PATH OF LIBERATION
A Discussion of Edgar Cayce Reading 1246
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Edgar Cayce:

Today's A.R.E.* reading is a bit difficult to grasp if you don't have a little background in what is being referred to here. So I thought I would offer my perspective as a *Circle of Divine Light* minister and see if I can help make some in-roads to the significance of this reading. To begin with, this is an excellent reading; it has a lot in it and it suggests a lot too. That isn't unusual for Cayce's readings, but this one has a few features that may be a bit harder to grasp unless you look at it from the mystical point of view. First read the reading below then I will comment.

“Yet the choice of that form which any of these shall take is ever dependent upon the will, that heritage from the Father that makes for every soul's development--whether as a companion for those environs of the celestial form or whether the terrestrial or the earth that must find its way. For the will of self is as of the Father; He hath not willed that any soul should perish but hath with each temptation, with each trial prepared a way of escape; making as the bridge the Cross, over which each soul may find the glory of its Lord and of that to which it has sought to attain.”

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From Rev. AliceAnn:

Cayce begins with “Yet the choice of that form which any of these shall take is ever dependent upon the will, that heritage from the Father that makes for every soul's development”. If you've been following his readings, you know we have seen this before. Simply put it means that the Father has given each soul the freedom of individual choice; we can Choose to be of the Father or Choose not to be a companion of the heavenly hosts, the light bearers, the sons and daughters of the One. This is a choice of the will inherent in the soul.

What is slightly different here is Cayce's use of the word "form". Often he refers to human existence as either 'the entity' or 'of that one's experience' or 'in the present experience of same'—something like that. But here when he uses the term 'form' he is saying much more. He is telling us that souls are not bound to the human experience, that it is our 'choice' to accept the experience of being incarnate, that is being in the physical flesh. This is clear in the second half of that first sentence when he says, "whether as a companion for those environs of the celestial form or whether the terrestrial or the earth that must find its way". From the mystical or Gnostic point of view, this is a direct reference to the "spiritualization of matter that we are all heir to". Spiritualization of matter is the 'choice' we make when we choose to be born into a physical body, but it is also the embodiment of the total journey of human existence on the earthplane.

Esoteric View:

AT this time, in the Age of Aquarius, we are learning that the earth is rare among the celestial beings in that it alone has chosen to manifest the lowest vibration of consciousness by incarnating into duality; thus fulfilling the Word of God when he said "In the Beginning was God and the Word was God" (John 1:1). Once, according to esoteric teaching God had declared "I Am" there was two, and with that two was inherent the journey back to One. – Now these are all very esoteric and philosophical concepts, but Cayce is making them quite tangible when he says, "For the will of self is as of the Father; He hath not willed that any soul should perish but hath with each temptation, with each trial prepared a way of escape". Note that he says 'the will of Self is as the will of the Father'. We are not separate from Him. But we are not the totality of Him either, rather we are an integral part of God, we cannot be otherwise, for he created all things that are.

So who is God?

He's Not a man in the clouds who made his children to look like him. "In His Image" means far more than physical appearance; it means absolute beingness and nothing less. We are the Father and He is us, just another manifestation of the Universe. The great escape is the recognition of our infinite connectedness with the All-Being, again the exercise of free will in combination with our own Divine awareness. Thus

Cayce says, “making as the bridge the Cross, over which each soul may find the glory of its Lord and of that to which it has sought to attain”.

Mystical View of the Cross:

The last point here being the analogy of ‘the cross’ and ‘crossing over it’. And what is that cross?—It is nothing less than the physical embodiment that we are; the flesh made manifest. Traditional Orthodox religion perceives the cross as only representing the death and resurrection of Christ the Jesus. But actually, its meaning is far older. From time immemorial, the symbol of the cross stood for Heavenly or Divine reality (or spiritual energy) intersected by physical existence or nature. You might say the spiritual intersected by the psychophysical. From this standpoint we each bear the cross of our soul’s development/existence; we each climb Calvary, each face our own moment of transcendence; each make the ‘choice’ to ascend to the spiritual or remain occluded within mundane material existence.

But the promise is nonetheless given to each and every soul that there is a way to transcend our human condition. Just as it is for the Buddha who said, “Life is suffering, and there is a Way to end all suffering, and that way is to follow the eight fold path”. Buddha nicely laid out what the Master Jesus taught and is transparent in the hidden wisdom of the Holy Bible, namely, the entry into the ancient narrow path. That way is the same in both traditions, 1) know yourself, 2) take time to go deeply within, (i.e. meditation) 3) unlock the door that keeps you parted from your own inmost knowledge and 4) liberate yourself through your own efforts. How beautiful and simple is that!

Path to Ascension:

But make no mistake; we have the choice to ascend to the Father at any time. Some choose to do this through the reincarnation and school-room process; thus they die and are reborn on the endless wheel of what the Buddhists/Hindus call the Great Wheel. But, one can ascend directly to the Father now in this Age of Aquarius; thus truly following the inner path of the Christ Jesus.

For time out of mind, there has been great teachers, such as Buddha or Krishna or Joshua, or Saint Germaine who have extended their time on the earthplane or chosen to come again and again as teacher/priest just as Master Jesus did, and who are now recognized as ‘ascended masters. And, it is these Ascended Masters who are now actively teaching the inward path to those who are ready to receive this ancient teaching.

Earth’s Ascension:

Finally, the planet herself is making her transition. Gaia has consciousness, just as all things that are of the Father do, but different from soul awareness; and she has decided that the pain and suffering of mankind has become too much, that the beings that inhabit her, now must choose to be in accord with transcendence or perish. Thus again, we have a choice. And, this too is part of Cayce’s message. Cayce knew even before his own physical death in 1945 that the earth would change and change greatly and that it was ordained by God to do so that all could ascend to the next level of consciousness, coming out of the cause-and-effect duality of third dimensional thinking/awareness and moving to unitive, fourth dimensional, and even fifth dimensional consciousness, a prophecy that has always been part of God’s promise to us. “And know I am with you, even unto the end of the earth.” This is not a doomsday prophecy of a revengeful, angry God; it is the promise of liberation from the constraints of physicality, pain and suffering, and most of all, from separation.

So now we all must choose, for the time is rapidly approaching when the world we have come to expect day by day will vanish and the new world of great peace will come. But it will come to those who have prepared their consciousness; who have done the inner work of self-transformation and who have chosen not to experience the school-room life/death/life cycle of the next Age.. And know, you don’t have to be a guru or great mystic to do it, you don’t even have to be learned in this path, you only need be willing and the Father will bring you directly into the fold and place you at the high table. So, there it is again, the word so small but so powerful: “will”. It is our individual will, our willingness that is needed, nothing more.

A nice and flowery way of saying, “it’s never too late to sign on”.

With love and blessings to all who read this
and especially to those who struggle with these truths!
Love and light to you,
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Written 9 February 2008 / Your Comments are warmly invited.

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