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Introduction

These sixty extracts and three complete Edgar Cayce psychic discourses suggest the existence of a dimension of consciousness where beings other than the souls of men exist, and exercise, at times, influence over the lives of men. Some of these beings, mostly identified by questions, are named, and to some extent their activities are commented on briefly. Included are: Michael, Lord of the Way; Gabriel; Halaliel; Ariel; Satan, Lord of Rebellion; and the Master of Masters, Lord of Light.

The Type of Information to be Found In This File

The place of the angelic being in relation to man is indicated: "...man was made a little lower than the angels, yet with that power to become one with God, while the angel remains the angel." 900-16

In several of the selections there are comments on the entanglement of souls in matter. "Remember, as given, the earth is that speck, that part in creation where souls projected themselves into matter..." 5755-2

And,...Consciousness - see - man seeks this for his own diversion. In the sleep it seeks the real diversion, or the real activity of self." 5754-3

A number of individuals ask about experiences which seemed to have involved angelic beings. Some are confirmed.

There are several references in these selections to the White Brotherhood, a highly evolved group of souls who apparently come into the earth and exercise influence from other planes to help men in their spiritual evolution.

Helpful Data to be Found in This File

One person asked about a vision of gold and oil in a particular part of the country. The answer indicated that "angels of light" used material things as emblems, while the "angels of death" used them as "lures" for diverting men from a spiritual path. A quote from Jesus is used to focus this concept: "There is a way that seemeth right to the hearts of men, but the end thereof is death and confusion." Here, it seems is a very practical help in interpreting dream symbols.

Some very helpful and important reasons for men to hold fast to the "fruits of the spirit" in their lives are stated in this question and answer, "In what form does the anti-Christ come, spoken of in Revelation?" "In the spirit of that opposed to the spirit of truth. The fruits of the spirit of the Christ are love, joy, obedience, long-suffering, brotherly love, kindness. Against such there is no law. The spirit of hate, the anti-Christ, is contention, strife, faultfinding, lovers of self, lovers of praise. Those are the anti-

Christ, and take possession of groups, masses, and show themselves even in the lives of men.” 281-16

Perhaps the most important concept in this file relates to the constant and direct connection which exists for each soul with the ‘face of the Father.” As one selection puts it, “... for indeed the guardian angel is ever before the throne of grace for each and every soul...” 1662-2 The attunement with this force is through holding to the ideal for a spiritual life. When Edgar Cayce was asked, “Is it through the guardian angel that God speaks to the individual?” He answered, “...the guardian influence or angel is ever before the face of the Father, through same may that influence ever speak – but only by the command of or attunement to that which is thy ideal.” 1646-1

Do these quotations suggest another entity in tune with the best in our individual development which aids by constant intercession for us, is it an angelic being or is it part of self, a part of our soul which is still connected to God-consciousness? It seems that all of these are indicated. Read carefully selection 5754-3 on page eighteen (p. 18) of this file. It includes this:

“...That self that has been builded, that that is as the companion, that must be presented – that is presented – is before the Throne itself!”

Hugh Lynn Cayce

TEXT OF READING 5749-3

This psychic reading given by Edgar Cayce his home on Arctic Crescent, Virginia Beach, Va., before the Second Annual Congress of the Association for Research & Enlightenment, Inc., this 17th day of June, 1933, in accordance with request made by those present.

P R E S E N T

Edgar Cayce; Gertrude Cayce, Conductor; Gladys Davis, Steno. Approximately thirty other people attending the Congress.

R E A D I N G

Time of Reading 5:15 to 5:45 P. M. Eastern Standard Time.

1. GC: You will give at this time a discourse on the subject, “Angels and Archangels, and How They Help Humanity.” You will also answer the questions which will be asked.

2. EC: Yes. With the bringing into creation the manifested forms, there came that which has been, is, and ever will be, the spirit realm and its attributes - designated as angels and archangels. They are the spiritual manifestations in the spirit world of those attributes that the developing forces accredit to the One Source, that may be seen in material planes through the influences that may aid in development of the mental and spiritual forces through an experience - or in the acquiring of knowledge that may aid in the intercourse one with another.

3. Then, how do they aid? Under what law do they operate?

4. The divine, in its intercourse, influence and manifestation with that which partakes of the same forces as they manifest.

5. Ready for questions.

6. (Q) Please explain the virgin birth of Jesus, the Christ.

(A) In that there had been the manifestation in the earth of that which completed the cycle for the necessary manifestation in the earth of the holy influence necessary for the sustaining of a backsliding world, there was then that choosing of the influence through which there became manifest (in and through those channels that comply with the laws of spiritual forces) that which brought into being the conception, that made for the living influence of the Spirit through the body that became the child Jesus; and through the manifesting of the spirit of the oneness of the Father became a manifestation of the Christ Spirit in material surroundings.

7. (Q) Explain the law of the line of demarcation between soul and spirit.

(A) This is one, yet distinct - even as the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit is one, yet is the manifestation of a force that is capable of manifestation in the varied planes of development.

The soul is an individual, individuality, that may grow to be one with, or separate from, the whole.

The spirit is the impelling influence of infinity, or the one creative source, force, that is manifest.

Hence we find that in the physical plane we seek soul manifestation as the spirit moves same in activity.

8. (Q) Discuss the various phases of spiritual development before and after reincarnation in the earth.

(A) This may be illustrated best in that which has been sought through example in the earth.

When there was in the beginning a man's advent into the plane known as earth, and it became a living soul, amenable to the laws that govern the plane itself as presented, the Son of man entered earth as the first man. Hence the Son of man, the Son of God, the Son of the first Cause, making manifest in a material body.

This was not the first spiritual influence, spiritual body, spiritual manifestation in the earth, but the first man - flesh and blood; the first carnal house, the first amenable body to the laws of the plane in its position in the universe.

FOR, THE EARTH IS ONLY AN ATOM IN THE UNIVERSE OF WORLDS!

And man's development began through the laws of the generations in the earth; thus the development, retardment, or the alterations in those positions in a material plane.

And with error entered that as called DEATH, which is only a transition - or through God's other door - into that realm where the entity has builded, in its manifestations as related to the knowledge and activity respecting the law of the universal influence.

Hence the development is through the planes of experience that an entity may become one WITH the first cause; even as the angels that wait before the Throne bring the access of the influence in the experience through the desires and activities of an entity, or being, in whatever state, place or plane of development the entity is passing.

For, in the comprehension of no time, no space, no beginning, no end, there may be the glimpse of what simple transition or birth into the material is; as passing through the other door into another consciousness.

Death in the material plane is passing through the outer door into a consciousness in the material activities that partakes of what the entity, or soul, has done with its spiritual truth in its manifestations in the other sphere.

Hence, as there came the development of that first entity of flesh and blood through the earth plane, he became INDEED the Son - through the things which He experienced in the varied planes, as the development came to the oneness with the position in that which man terms the Triune.

9. (Q) Are angels and archangels synonymous with that which we call the laws of the universe? If so, explain and give an example.

(A) They are as the laws of the universe; as is Michael the lord of the Way, NOT the Way but the lord of the Way, hence disputed with the influence of evil as to the way of the spirit of the teacher or director in his entrance through the outer door. [See Jude 1:9 in re Michael the archangel “when contending with the devil about the body of Moses” when Moses died.]

10. (Q) Describe some of the planes into which entities pass on experiencing the change called death.

(A) Passing from the material consciousness to a spiritual or cosmic, or outer consciousness, oft does an entity or being not become conscious of that about it; much in the same manner as an entity born into the material plane only becomes conscious gradually of that designated as time and space for the material or third dimensional plane. In the passage the entity becomes conscious, or the recognition of being in a fourth or higher dimensional plane takes place, much in the same way as the consciousness is gained in the material.

For, as we have given, that we see manifested in the material plane is but a shadow of that in the spiritual plane.

In materiality we find some advance faster, some grow stronger, some become weaklings. Until there is redemption through the acceptance of the law (or love of God, as manifested through the Channel or the Way), there can be little or no development in a material or spiritual plane. But all must pass under the rod, even as He - who entered into materiality.

11. We are through.

Readings grouped by category

254: Work Readings

262: Study Group Series

3976: World Affairs Series

5749: Series on Jesus

5752: Series on Psychic Sources

Angels & Archangels: General

Ye say, then, such an entity was a god! No. No, - ye only say that because there is the misunderstanding of what were the characters or types of spiritual evolution as related to PHYSICAL evolution in the earth at that period....

Thus we find that the experiences of individuals of the period, seeking for the understanding as to the evolution of the souls of men, might be compared to the minds of individuals in the present who are seeking an understanding as to man's use of physical or atomical structure in his own relationships.

Then, the individual of that experience or period was not necessarily one other than a soul or entity seeking the knowledge as to the relationship of that which would sustain and gain FOR man the abilities not only to continue the physical evolution but the spiritual or soul evolution as well. [Refers to Ra-Ta in Egypt.]

Prayer Group Series [281-42, 11-1-39]

Hence, SEEK to know HIS ways with thee. Not alone by denying that sin or error exists. TRUE, sin and error is not of GOD - save through His sons that BROUGHT error, through selfishness, into the experience of the souls of men, the body by which angels and archangels are separate from the fullness of the Father.... For, those that have turned their face FROM the light of God can only see shadow or darkness and that light is only for those far away. Yet, if the soul will but turn to the Father of love as manifested in the earth through the Christ, in this life also may there be seen the light and the glory of a NEW birth.

[479-1, Male 21, 1/6/34]

Before that we find the entity was in the Atlantean land, during those periods when there began to be the rebellious forces that disputed those acts and laws pertaining to the communications with what is termed in the present as the unseen forces - or to those hierarchies that are given rule over activities in the various forms in the earth.

[820-1, Male 25,

2/8/35]

As has been given, man was made a little lower than the angels, yet with that power to become one with God, while the angel remains the angel...

[900-16, Male 29, 12/31/24]

(Q) Please explain the visions I have had regarding being shown a vein of gold and an oil deposit near Woodward's Chimney Corner, in Lamb's Springs, Texas.

(A) Be these rather not those that are as in the influences that arise as emblems in thine own experience, that are as gold precious to the very souls of men, rather than material things? While the material things exist, yet to thee and to thine own life they be emblematical experience. For the angels of light only use material things for emblems, while the angels of death use these as to lures that may carry men's souls away. For the Master gave, "There is a way that seemeth right to the hearts of men, but the end thereof is death and confusion."

Not that these do not exist, but rather choose thou to make as the angels showed thee that gold in the hearts of men and women that THEIR lives may overflow with the real JOY of living.... [1159-1, Female 80, 5/5/36]

..For, as ye may have readily interpreted from those again who are witnesses of the truth, - we are all hedged about by the influences of good and bad according to that we have assisted in creating, that becomes our spiritual environment in a material world.

Yet the individual remembrance of the Creative Force, or God, is represented in "He hath given his angels charge concerning thee," and His angel ever stands before the throne of grace. These entities comprehended, and yet knew not - for not understood.

[2072-8, Female 32, 6/23/42]

(Q) Explain my inner contacts, and the name of my master.

(A) As has been indicated, - He that ye looked to, look to, as ye arise to that within self. But rather always know this, - as the promise has been, - it is THYSELF that must be the master of thyself. Doth He, thy Lord, thy God, choose to send messengers, alright; for He does to each soul. Has it not been so stated, and is it not an awareness within thee that "Behold thy angel stands ALWAYS before the face of the THRONE of the Maker!"

Seek not so much the name as rather the message; and that He doth not deny that He hath come in the flesh - as oft He hath - to propound, to meet the needs of the hour!

[2402-2, Female 56, 11/16/40]

(Q) Explain enlisting the aid of the angels and its spiritual and material significance to these particular entities.

(A) Every experience is an assurance. And as He has given. Behold the face of the angels ever stands before the throne of God; the awareness in self that thou may be one with, equal with, the Father-God, as His child, as the brother of the Christ, thy Savior, thy Brother. And as the awareness comes, it is as the angel of hope, the angel of

announcing, the angel of declaiming, the angel that would warn, the angel that would protect. (continued on next page)

For, these are ever as awarenesses, as consciousnesses of the abiding presence of that "He hath given his angels charge concerning thee," by that very desire that "LORD, THY WILL BE DONE IN ME TODAY." [2533-7, Male 38, 5/29/43]

[Second Annual Congress Reading]

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[Reading on Jesus]

(Q) [585]: Was the vision I saw early one morning several months ago a vision of the Master?

(A) A passing shadow, yes. Pray rather to the Son, the Father through the Son, that He walks with thee - and He WILL walk and talk with thee. Be NOT satisfied with ANY other. He may oft give His angels charge concerning thee, yet know the Master's touch, the Master's voice; for He may walk and talk with thee. HE is the Way; there is no other. He in body suffered; for himself, yea - for thee also. Wilt thou turn, then, to any other? [5749-4, 8/6/33]

[Reading on Easter]

Yet as He, the Father, hath given to each of you, "I have given my angels charge concerning thee, and they shall bear thee up, and thou shalt not know corruption...."

Hence when those of His loved ones and those of His brethren came on that glad morning when the tidings had come to them, those that stood guard heard a fearful noise

and saw a light, and - “the stone has been rolled away!” Then they entered into the garden, and there Mary first saw her RISEN Lord. Then came they (continued) of His brethren with the faithful women, those that loved His mother, those that were her companions in sorrow, those that were making preparations that the law might be kept that even there might be no desecration of the ground about His tomb. They, too, of His friends, His loved ones, His brethren, saw the angels.

How, why, took they on form? That there might be implanted into their hearts and souls that FULFILMENT of those promises. [5749-6, 4/5/36]

[Tenth Annual Congress]

(Q) May we assume that the term “entangle” means a soul's participation and immersion in a form or system of creative expression, which was not necessarily intended for such participation and immersion, as the earth?

(A) To be sure, there are those consciousnesses or awarenesses that have not participated in nor been a part of earth's PHYSICAL consciousness; as the angels, the archangels, the masters to whom there has been attainment, and to those influences that have prepared the way.

Remember, as given, the earth is that speck, that part of creation where souls projected themselves into matter, and thus brought that conscious awareness of themselves entertaining the ability of creating without those forces of the spirit of truth.

Hence that which has been indicated - that serpent, that satan, that power manifested by entities that, created as the cooperative influence, through will separated themselves.

As this came about, it was necessary for their own awareness in the SPHERES of activity. Thus realms of systems came into being; as vast as the power of thought in attempting to understand infinity, or to comprehend that there is no space or time.

Yet time AND space, in patience, you may comprehend. [5755-2, 6/19/41]

Angels & Archangels: Guardian Angels

(Q) Do I have a guide, or guides, in the spirit world or plane?

(A) There are ever, for every soul, those that may be termed the guides or guardian angels that stand before the throne of grace and mercy. The guardian angel for this entity (as may be termed) is that one, Aruel, who stood with Marcellus at the Cross.

(Q) Will I be able to have protection and guidance from the spirit plane to help me carry out my ideals for my best development in this life?

(A) If there is the finding of self in its relationships to the spiritual life, and the guiding of self therein; as given. Then do the angels and the guards in the spiritual life protect those in their activities. [405-1, Female 11, 9/11/33]

(Q) Have I, [423], any spirit guides [E.C. stopped repeating in the middle of this question and seemed to receive, for 2 or 3 minutes a healing treatment. When he awoke, said he felt prickly all over as if he had been charged with electricity.] to whom I may look for help on material matters?

(A) Each and every soul has its guides that may be designated by the desires of the inmost self. In the realm of spirit many may seek to give that which may be of interest, and at times of aid, to individuals seeking from such realms; yet - as the promise has been unto the sons of men - He, the Lord, IS sufficient unto thee. Then, that which may be the greater, the better guide to each and every soul, is that of self through its associations - its own associations - in the spirit realm.

Hence, to the body [423], there may be given from time to time that - through channels or from sources - which may verify or correlate that which may be gained through self's own seeking in the quietness of self; yet that which may be the greater aid is in the mental developments, the mental expansions in self from such meditations, such intuitive forces that may be aroused in and from the activity of the soul in its passage through the various experiences of development in the spheres of reality.

Hence seek in self the more and that which is answered first in self on any subject. Where material or mental aid is sought, ANSWER the problem in the consciousness of self. THEN seek a verification in the period of meditation. And THIS aid will be the greater. [423-2, Male 46, 11/2/33]

As we find, and as we have given, always the face of the guide or guard to each soul in its walks in the earth has its angel, its gnome, its face before the Throne of that which is the First Cause, the Creative Influence, God. And these are always ready to guide, to guard, if the soul will but put itself in the position in material things to be guided by spiritual truths. O that all men would know that the soul-body lives on, and is that which may be the factor to make a growth in materiality even! (continued)

Not that it becomes separated in materiality, but if allowed by the will of the body to BE the guide it may oft guide aright....

For, every soul has its companionate force in readiness before the Throne. And as this soul and its body is in that position of being a “sensitive” to such activities within self, it would do well to harken to those voices from within. [531-2, Male 40, 4/25/34]

(Q) What has caused the feeling of having had an experience at some time in Palestine?

(A) The influences or forces that overshadowed the activities through those experiences; because of the union of purpose in these two individuals just named [[538] and [288]], in their activity or vision over, or influencing of those activities of individuals, see?

For they became then what might be termed as guardian angels. See, these are the conditions - study this that you may perfectly understand:

The sojourn of a soul-entity other than in materiality often influences or bears weight with individuals within the material plane, - as an odor, a scent, an emotion, a wave, a wind upon the activities.

Such are termed or called by some guardian angels, or influences that would promote activities for weal or for woe.

THUS does the association of individuals at times become as an influence in the activities of individuals through particular periods or experiences...

[538-59, Female 59,
10/19/39]

(Q) What help from the other side did my nephew, [...] have in his transition January 29th, and was he in my apartment the night of Feb. 2nd?

(A) In the apartment, through those vibrations as created by those activities of the entity's influence upon those sources of activity that make for that as called, to each, the guardian angel. [1472-4, Female 57, 2/12/38]

For, as some would have it, the hierarchies are not unmindful of the developing of souls through the experiences in the earth. Hence such is not OUT of the ordinary, but the natural spiritual development in and through the very association and the prayer and care of those to whom such a soul is entrusted.

For, as has been indicated, there is - to be sure - something of a choice of the entity seeking expression. In the material world and materiality, it is more often trained or convinced AWAY from its natural spiritual import. For, is it not for spiritual development that each soul enters? and not merely for mental OR material or physical?

[1521-2, Female 18mos., 7/7/39]

Answer these questions within thine own conscience. And do not take them lightly. For they are the basis of thy philosophy, they are the questions ye must answer before thine own guardian angel that stands ever before the face of Him as is thyself!

[1620-2, Female 44,

8/11/38]

(Q) Is the guardian angel a healing force for physical betterment?

(A) The guardian angel - that is the companion of each soul as it enters into a material experience - is ever an influence for the keeping of that attunement between the creative energies or forces of the soul-entity AND health, life, light and immortality. Thus, to be sure, it is a portion of that influence for HEALING forces.

And as may be experienced in the activities of individuals, it may become so accentuated as to be the greater influence in their experience. Thus it is as has been given of old; that to some there is the gift of healing, to some the gift of speech, interpreting of tongues, to ministering. Yet all are of the same Spirit....

For ALL must coordinate. Just as in the Godhead - Father, Son, Holy Spirit - so within self, Body, Mind, Soul. Mind is the Builder; Mind is the Way - as the Christ-Consciousness. As it is directed then through the influences of the bodily functions it becomes aware of its oneness, and thus is the guardian force made to be at-one with the whole of the purposes and desires, and the will of the individual....

(Q) Is it through the guardian angel that God speaks to the individual?

(A) Ever through that influence or force as He has given, "Ye abide in me and I in thee, as the Father abideth in me, so may we make our abode with thee."

Then as the guardian influence or angel is ever before the face of the Father, through same may that influence ever speak - but only by the command of or attunement to that which is thy ideal.

What then is thy ideal? In WHOM have ye believed, as well as in what have ye believed? Is that in which thou hast believed able to keep ever before thee that thou committest unto Him?

Yes - through thy angel, through thy SELF that IS the angel - does the self speak with thy Ideal!

[1646-1, Male 58, 7/23/38]

The experiences of the entity in the environ of the astrological aspects (so-called) find expression in the longings and in the visions of the entity; for indeed the guardian angel is ever before the throne of grace for each and every soul, - not by name, lest it be limited, but by purpose of the individual self AS it has applied and does apply that concept, that ideal which is chosen through each activity of the entity.

3/28/41]

It is true that there is a guide or guard for each and every entity or soul, or a developing influence that may be from the entity's own activities as a new star in the universe. But it is rather that there may be in the experience of each soul the truth of that which has been given of old, that He hath not willed that any soul should perish but hath provided with every temptation a way, a means of escape. [1695-1, Female 32, 9/29/38]

(Q) What is meant in my life reading “when the guardian angel stooped down to quell those fears that arose in the entity's self, as also when - in the garden - the entity followed in the ways that gave for an insight, etc.”?

(A) Just the SPIRITUAL representation of that as has been given as to the entity's purpose IN the present experience. Those of the material become activities in the entity as a physical being. In the angel stopping on the field, in the walking through the garden with the shadow about same - the entity was being guided, or guarded, or protected, that that as had been promised from the foundations of the world would be to each individual, “If ye will be my people I will be thy God.” He that walketh is the light, and purposes in his heart to DO, BE, that which THE Creative Forces would HAVE one be, shall NOT be LEFT alone! for though he walk through the valley of the shadow of death, His arm, His hand, will direct thy ways. His rod, His staff, will comfort thee! Though they walk through green pastures, or in the ways that lead down to the sea, yet His Spirit, His arm, His face, will COMFORT thee in the WAY thou goest! When one, then, is so guarded, so guided, INDEED for a PURPOSE is one kept in the way! Be not unmindful of the necessity, then, that He that guideth shall SHOW the way! DO NOT attempt with thine short hands, thine poor vision, thine hardened heart, thine encasement in THIS sphere, to not give the credit where CREDIT due, nor censure where censure is due. Rather let thy yeas be yea, and thy nays be nay; for the way ye know, the MANNER ye know! DO NOT tempt the Lord, thy God! [1909-3, Male 34, 6/3/31]

Thus the records of each entity are a part of the universal consciousness, and “Inasmuch as ye did it unto the least of my little ones, ye did it unto me.” These are the channels, these are the records then that ever stand as that angel before the throne, that there may be intercession. For, as the spirit of the Christ is one, and the individual entity in its manifestations of thought, purpose and desire makes its awareness one with that consciousness, so may that soul awareness come. For, ye find thyself body, mind, soul. These three bear witness in the earth. And the Christ-Consciousness, the Holy Spirit AND thy guardian angel bear witness in the spirit. [2246-1, Male 70, 6/11/41]

About the entity's whole experience there are cherubs, that are more in keeping with the thoughts - or that are an influence for good; rather than the heavier or higher forces, as considered by some. All are equal - with Him....

Hold fast to those experiences and expressions that may bring to thee that activity of thy guardian forces unfolding before thee, and in and through thee oft.

[2520-1, Female 38,

6/23/41]

(Q) What precautions should be taken to counteract danger periods mentioned?

(A) In the way and manner - Will the LOVE counsel be rather the ruling factor, these will protect; for EVERY individual has what may be TERMED (from the material plane) its own guardian angel, or influence. LOVE and ITS effects guards THIS entity. Depend upon the motive force in love's influence. [2670-3, Female 40, 2/23/31]

(Q) Why does constant awareness of aloneness and incompleteness predominate?

(A) The purpose being in the right direction, the loneliness is felt because of the feeling of insecurity. Let that light be in and through thee that encompassed Him, even in the garden when He asked those to watch with Him while He prayed. Surround thyself with that consciousness which comes in merely calling the name - Jesus, the Christ, the same yesterday, today and forever! This will bring the conviction within self as it did to Him when He withstood the temptations of the body, the temptations of the mind, the temptation of purpose in the earth - and angels ministered unto Him. For, to each entity, each soul, there is ever the ministering angel before the throne of grace, the throne of God. The ministering angel is the purposefulness, the spirit with which ye would do anything in relationship to others. [3357-2, Female 50, 11/17/43]

[From Series of Readings on Sleep]

(Q) How may one be constantly guided by the accompanying entity on guard at the Throne?

(A) It is there! It's as to whether they desire or not! It doesn't leave but is the active force? As to its ability to SENSE the variations in the experiences that are seen, is as has been given in the illustration - "As to whether in the body or out of the body, I cannot tell." Hence this sense is that ability of the entity to associate its physical, mental or spiritual self to that realm that it, the entity, or the mind of the soul, seeks for its association during such periods - see? This might confuse some, for - as has been given - the subconscious and the abnormal, or the unconscious conscious, is the mind of the soul; that is, the sense that this is used, as being that subconscious or subliminal self that is on guard ever with the Throne itself; for has it not been said, "He has given his angels charge concerning thee, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone?" Have you heeded? Then He is near. Have you disregarded? He has withdrawn to thine own self, see? That self that has been builded, that that is as the companion, that must be presented - that IS presented - IS before the Throne itself! CONSCIOUSNESS - [physical] consciousness - see - man seeks this for his OWN diversion. In the sleep [the soul] seeks the REAL diversion, or the REAL activity of self. [5754-3, 7/15/32]

[From Work Readings Series]

But as has been given as respecting individuals, “He hath given His angels charge concerning thee, lest at any time ye dash your foot against a stone.” It's just as applicable in any group organization as it is in an individual entity. Yet there becomes in the practical application more of a confusion unless the IDEALS and the purposes that are of a spiritual nature are held to. (continued)

This is not intended to indicate there are individual souls or entities that have been set aside or appointed by a hierarchy of another realm to look after the affairs, as some would have others believe. Not that they do not, or cannot, but is that thy ideal? Is that THY purpose, that it shall become a personal thing? Or is it rather that it shall be a channel through which only the fatherhood of God, the brotherhood of man, the universal Christ-Consciousness may be applied in the lives and the affairs of individuals in every way and manner? [254-92, 12/16/36]

Angels & Archangels: Described

[Search for God #2, Lesson on “Night & Day”]

(Q) Who is Halaliel, the one who gave us a message on Oct. 15th?

(A) One in and with whose courts Ariel fought when there was the rebellion in heaven. Now, where is heaven? Where is Ariel, and who was he? A companion of Lucifer or Satan and one that made for the disputing of the influences in the experiences of Adam in the Garden. [262-57, 1/7/34]

(Q) Give me further light on the meaning of the mysterious message I received several years ago: “I am Gabriel, the Great Head of Eden. God has heard your prayer to deliver Eden from sin - few women have ever been blessed as you are blessed.”

(A) This would confuse the entity. Make application of the warning, yes, but live that which has been given, as to thy temptations, thy abilities, thy weaknesses, thy fears. No condemnation would we give for the use thou hast put, but don't be misled. Gabriel is, to be sure, the announcer, but did ye earn, have ye earned that as to be thy day? For that has passed. [5277-1, Female 65, 7/1/44]

[From Work Readings]

(Q) Is Saint Germain among them? Who is Halaliel?

(A) These are all but messengers of the Most High. Halaliel is the one who from the beginning has been a leader of the heavenly host, who has defied Ariel, who has made the ways that have been heavy - but as the means for the UNDERSTANDING.

[254-83, 2/14/35]

(Q) How high is this source that this information is being given from?

(A) From the universal forces, and as emanated through the teacher that gives same - as one that has been given - Halaliel. [443-3, Female 45, 1/8/34]

As to the astrological sojourns, we find Venus with [long pause...] Haniel is rather the guide for the entity, for he is the overlord lord - making for experiences in the entity as of one delicate in its choices, making for a disposition tending towards that of finesse, making the most of all the associations; making friendships easily and drawing upon the force and power from those associations in a manner and way that even the entity itself will not - until it has passed through the experiences of making itself at-one with the greater developing force - understand as to how this is done.

[665-1, Female 8, 9/20/34]

[From Search for God #2]

It has been understood by most of those who have attained to a consciousness of the various presentations of good and evil in manifested forms, as we have indicated, that the prince of this world, Satan, Lucifer, the Devil - as a soul - made those necessities, as it were, of the consciousness in materiality; that man might - or that the soul might - become aware of its separation from the God-force.¹ [262-89, 9/29/35]

[From Search for God #2]

(Q) Comment on "The devil and satan, which deceiveth the whole world, he was SENT out into the earth."

(A) Did He not - the Christ, the Maker - say this over and over again? that so long as spite, selfishness, evil desires, evil communications were manifested, they would give the channels through which THAT spirit called satan, devil, Lucifer, Evil One, might work?

Also He has said over and over again that even the devil believes, but trembles - and that is as far as he has gone except to try to deceive others.... [262-119, 5/22/38]

[From Search for God #1]

(Q) What is the relationship between Michael the lord of the way, and Christ the way?

(A) Michael is an archangel that stands before the throne of the Father. The Christ is the Son, the way TO the Father, and one that came into the earth as man, the Son of man, that man might have the access to the Father; hence the way. Michael is the lord or the guard of the change that comes in every soul that seeks the way, even as in those periods when His manifestations came in the earth. [262-28, 9/18/32]

(Q) Was it a true message from Michael that I received Monday morning?

(A) A contact.

(Q) Did I remember the message correctly, and what was meant by it?

(A) A warning of those conditions, that there be not a departing from the way in which self has brought self to an understanding, in its present concept of true mental and spiritual relationships; for, as has been given, Michael is the lord of the Way - and in the WAYS of understanding, of conception, of bringing about those things that make for the changes in the attitudes in physical, mental or material relationships, is the GUIDE through such spiritual relations; for the spiritual is the life, the light, the mental is the builder, the material and physical are the results of those activities as applied in the material, carnal or physical plane. [585-1, Female 36, 9/14/32]

(Q) Can you contact Azul for me?

¹ See the section on Satan, pages 25 – 27.

(A) Demetrius - Michael; Azul - no.

(Q) You cannot?

(A) Cannot.

(Q) Why?

(A) There are barriers between this body and Azul, as produced by that between Demetrius and between Michael.

(Q) Can you contact Azul for anyone else?

(A) Not under these conditions; for I, Michael, speak as the Lord of the Way. Bow thine heads, O ye peoples, that would seek to know the mysteries of that life as makes for those FALTERING steps in men's lives when not applied in the manner as has been laid down. O ye stiff-necked and adulterous generation! Who WILL approach the Throne that ye may know that there is NONE that surpasses the Son of Man in His approach to HUMAN experience in the material world! [2897-4, Male 35, 8/14/31]

[From Work Reading Series]

For, the lord of the Way is as but a growing in understanding and comprehension of those things, conditions and elements that would make for finding contentment in the service of Truth.

Then, the message that would be given by him, the lord of the Way:

BOW THINE HEADS, O YE CHILDREN OF MEN! FOR THE DAY OF THE LORD IS NIGH AT HAND! MAKE THINE OWN PATHS STRAIGHT, IN THAT YE WALK CIRCUMSPECTLY BEFORE THINE BROTHER, THAT YE PLACE NOT STUMBLING-BLOCKS IN HIS WAY NOR CAUSE HIM TO ERR IN THAT HE IS SEEKING TO FIND HIS WAY! LET THE LIGHT THOU HAST SHINE IN A MORE PERFECT WAY; FOR AS THE DAY DRAWS NEAR WHEN ALL MUST BE TRIED SO AS BY FIRE, FIND SELF ON THAT SIDE WHEREIN THINE BROTHER HAS BEEN AIDED! [254-66, 6/18/33]

[Notation by MGS: Edgar Cayce's voice and speech remained unchanged during the time he gave a reading. This applied to the messages identified as coming from Michael, other archangels or entities. One difference of note: the voice of Edgar Cayce increased greatly in volume when a message from the archangel Michael was given.]

Angels & Archangels: White Brotherhood

[Work Readings Series]

(Q) Were the Essenes called at various times and places Nazarites, School of the Prophets, Hasidees, Therapeutae, Nazarenes, and were they a branch of the Great White Brotherhood, starting in Egypt and taking as members Gentiles and Jews alike?

(A) In general, yes. Specifically, not altogether. They were known at times as some of these; or the Nazarites were a branch or a THOUGHT of same, see? Just as in the present one would say that any denomination by name is a branch of the Christian-Protestant faith, see? So were those of the various groups, though their purpose was of the first foundations of the prophets as established, or as understood from the school of prophets, by Elijah; and propagated and studied through the things begun by Samuel. The movement was NOT an Egyptian one, though ADOPTED by those in another period - or an earlier period - and made a part of the whole movement.

They took Jews and Gentiles alike as members, - yes. [254-109, 5/20/41]

Gladys Davis Turner's Note: at the beginning of the previous reading for Mrs. [587], reading 587-5, before going to sleep, Edgar Cayce said he saw Mrs. [587]'s mentor - one of the White Brotherhood, very white-robed, white turban; felt as if he were saying his lessons before one of authority, etc. [See next extract for explanation.]

(Q) What relation did the experience had by Edgar Cayce, of seeing a mentor at the period of my last reading, have with my development. Give name if possible.

(A) Here we have a most holy experience. Keep inviolate, my child, those things that must shortly come to thee, if ye will but harken to the voices within. This AGAIN is indeed him that PROCLAIMED that the day of the Lord IS at hand - John.

It is indicated in the very manner of his garb; as of one clothed and his raiment shall be white as snow, and they whose sins have been as crimson shall be washed and as wool.

His feet are not of clay; his feet are not as brass, but as of gold - that bespeaks of the endearing messages that may be brought to thee and thine, that thou may indeed NOW, FULFIL that for which THEN thou didst dedicate thy life; that ye through thine efforts in flesh may proclaim the wondrous year of the Lord for men!

(Q) What relation of John to the White Brotherhood?

(A) As then, the leader; now among the head of the Brotherhood.

[587-6, Female 45, 10/18/35]

For, as in those sojourns the entity gained the greater, so may those influences come in the present to make for the opening of self for the higher influences; and the sons of light as from the holy mount guide thee in thy walks and thy meditations, for thou ART of that Brotherhood!

[812-1, Female 48, 2/4/35]

(Q) Have I at any time contacted one of the Masters (members of the Great White Brotherhood)?

(A) Thou wert of the Great White Brotherhood thine self, in Ohum and Og.
[845-1, Female 36,
3/5/35]

(Q) Will I establish contact with the Great White Brotherhood of my Atlantean experience?

(A) With the deeper seeking, or the deeper meditations, we find that these may be brought about as ASSURANCES and are well. As to that which might be USED as experiences, NOT so well.
[845-6, Female 41, 7/17/40]

Only those who have been called may truly understand. Who then has been called? Whosoever will make himself a channel may be raised to that of a blessing that is all that entity-body is able to comprehend. Who, having his whole measure full, would desire more does so to his own undoing.
[5748-6, 7/1/32]

(Q) Is Virginia Beach to be safe? [Question refers to Earth Changes.]

(A) It is the center - and the only seaport and center - of the White Brotherhood.
[1152-11, Female 65,
8/13/41]

Satan

[From Search for God #2, Lesson on "One-ness of All Force"]

(Q) In relation to the Oneness of all force, explain the popular concept of the Devil, seemingly substantiated in the Bible by many passages of scripture.

(A) In the beginning, celestial beings. We have first the Son, then the other sons or celestial beings that are given their force and power.

Hence that force which rebelled in the unseen forces (or in spirit) that came into activity, was that influence which has been called Satan, the Devil, the Serpent; they are One. That of REBELLION!

Hence, when man in any activity rebels against the influences of good he harkens to the influence of evil rather than the influence of good.

Hence, will is given to man as he comes into this manifested form that we see in material forces, for the choice. As given, "There is set before thee (man) good and evil."

Evil is rebellion. Good is the Son of Life, of Light, of Truth; and the Son of Light, of Life, of Truth, came into physical being to demonstrate and show and lead the way for man's ascent to the power of good over evil in a material world.

As there is, then, a personal savior, there is the personal devil. [262-52, 8/25/33]

[From Search for God, #2, Lesson on "Night and Day"]

(Q) Are we to understand that evil existed before the creation of the world, and that it (the devil) was sent into the world?

(A) How readest thou? As given from the beginning, by becoming aware in a material world IS - or was - the only manner or way through which spiritual forces might become aware of their separation from the spiritual atmosphere, the spiritual surroundings, of the Maker.

What has been given as the truest of all that has ever been written in Scripture? "God does not will that any soul should perish!" But man, in his headstrongness, harkens oft to that which would separate him from his maker!

[262-56, 10/15/33]

[From Search for God #2, lesson on Night & Day]

It has been understood by most of those who have attained to a consciousness of the various presentations of good and evil in manifested forms, as we have indicated, that the prince of this world, Satan, Lucifer, the Devil - as a soul - made those necessities, as it were, of the consciousness in materiality; that man might - or that the soul might - become aware of its separation from the God-force. (continued on next page)

Hence the continued warring that is ever present in materiality or in the flesh, or the warring - as is termed - between the flesh and the devil, or the warring between those influences of good and evil.

As the soul is then a portion of the Divine, it must eventually return to that source from which, of which, it is a part. Will THY name be written there? [262-89, 9/29/35]

[From Series of Readings on the Revelation]

(Q) In what form does the anti-Christ come, spoken of in Revelation?

(A) In the spirit of that opposed to the spirit of truth. The fruits of the spirit of the Christ are love, joy, obedience, long-suffering, brotherly love, kindness. Against such there is no law. The spirit of hate, the anti-Christ, is contention strife, fault-finding, lovers of self, lovers of praise. Those are the anti-Christ, and take possession of groups, masses, and show themselves even in the lives of men. [281-16, 3/13/33]

[From Series of Readings on the Revelation]

(Q) What is the meaning of one thousand years that Satan is bound?

(A) Is banished. That, as there are the activities of the forty and four thousand - in the same manner that the prayer of ten just should save a city, the deeds, the prayers of the faithful will allow that period when the incarnation of those only that are in the Lord shall rule the earth, and the period is as a thousand years.

Thus is Satan bound, thus is Satan banished from the earth. The desire to do evil is only of him. And when there are - as the symbols - those only whose desire and purpose of their heart is to glorify the Father, these will be those periods when this shall come to pass.

Be YE ALL DETERMINED within thy minds, thy hearts, thy purposes, to be of that number! [281-37, 9/8/36]

[From Series of Readings on Atlantis]

...The apple, then, that desire for that which made for the associations that bring carnal-minded influences of that brought as sex influence, known in a material world, and the partaking of same is that which brought the influence in the lives of that in the symbol of the serpent, that made for that which creates the desire that may be only satisfied in gratification of carnal forces, as partake of the world and its influences about same - rather than of the spiritual emanations from which it has its source. Will control - inability of will control, if we may put it in common parlance. [364-5, 2/17/32]

(Q) Is it the destiny of every spiritual entity to eventually become one with God?

(A) Unless that entity wills its banishment. As is given with man, in the giving of the soul, the will, wherewith to manifest in the entity, whether spiritual, whether material. With that, the entity, either spiritual or physical, may banish itself. (continued)

Again a compliance with law; as has been given, Hell was prepared for Satan and his angels, yet God has not WILLED that ANY soul should perish. Giving of will to His creation, Man, that man might be one with Him, giving man the privilege of exercising his (man's) will, or exercising His (God's) will to be one with Him. As in destiny, meaning a law, compliance with a law, destined to be subject, or BEING the law. The destruction of some destined to the contribution to the destruction of such law.

[900-20, Male 29, 1/15/25]

...The Truth is the bread of life, even as is found in Him that made life MANIFEST in the material world, and in that SPIRIT, in HIS spirit, as He made manifest the love of God toward man, so may those who would teach - whether the teaching be that of shoveling dirt, raising cabbage, extracting square root, or making drinks, be done with that purpose "That I MAY MAKE MANIFEST My Love, MY Concept, of the God that I trust with my soul" [See the original motto wording in reading 254-42]. THEN, the Association will blossom as the rose, and the good WILL not be evil spoken of. Ill will comes from selfishness, and IS OF Him that would hinder - the devil.

[2087-1, 12/13/29]

For the law is, "in the day ye eat thereof, ye partake thereof, ye shall surely die." Only Satan, as he did, would banter the question. For ye may not say, as he did, "Ye will not surely die."

But by one man, sin came into God's creation. By one man death came. By that same man, death was overcome.

Thus He is the way, the truth and the light; and through no other way may the individual entity attain to its greatest ability in the mental or the material world, save by having that spiritual ideal as set in Him.

[2784-1, Male 42, 7/18/42]

For the law of the Lord is perfect and ye as a child of the divine may apply it to the works of thy Lord and Savior, or to His wayward son, Satan.

[3541-1, Male 53, 1/10/44]

[From World Affairs Series]

...Viewed by the reiterating of the story of Eden in its beauty, for the comfort of MAN'S indwelling; man's rebellion and consorting with others for aggrandizing of SELFISH motives FIRST brought Satan, or the serpent, into the Eden. [3976-9, 2/2/32]

...As a tree grows you may bear it and use it and grind it in the shape desired. So may an individual entity, as it is trained, grow. It has those complexes but it also has its own individuality, and apple trees don't produce peaches, neither does a son of Satan

produce saints. But ye are the son of the Almighty, the Creative Forces, even as Satan.
Whose side are you on? Ye alone can determine! Will ye? [4083-1, Male 55, 4/12/44]

Angels & Archangels: Michael

(Q) Please give a meditation for the lesson on THE OPEN DOOR.

(A) AS THE FATHER KNOWETH ME, SO MAY I KNOW THE FATHER,
THROUGH THE CHRIST SPIRIT, THE DOOR TO THE KINGDOM OF THE
FATHER. SHOW THOU ME THE WAY. [262-27, 9/4/32]

In the preparations, then, for the lessons that may be gained by each that have dedicated themselves and their efforts in the preparation of the way, the door is through the life, the spirit of the life - not the man, but the spirit as manifest in the Christ Consciousness in the material world. So, as each do manifest in their daily walks in and before men with that consciousness as the standard, so may the door be opened for that entity, that soul, to so grow and magnify that spirit to the glorifying of the Father, losing self in the service to others, that in the earth His name may be established forever.

BE STILL, MY CHILDREN! BOW THINE HEADS, THAT THE LORD OF THE WAY MAY MAKE KNOWN UNTO YOU THAT HAVE BEEN CHOSEN FOR A SERVICE IN THIS PERIOD WHEN THERE IS THE NEED OF THAT SPIRIT BEING MADE MANIFEST IN THE EARTH, THAT THE WAY MAY BE KNOWN TO THOSE THAT SEEK THE LIGHT! FOR THE GLORY OF THE FATHER WILL BE MADE MANIFEST THROUGH YOU THAT ARE FAITHFUL UNTO THE CALLING WHEREIN THOU HAST BEEN CALLED! YE THAT HAVE NAMED THE NAME MAKE KNOWN IN THY DAILY WALKS OF LIFE, IN THE LITTLE ACTS OF THE LESSONS THAT HAVE BEEN BUILDED IN THINE OWN EXPERIENCE, THROUGH THOSE ASSOCIATIONS OF SELF IN MEDITATION AND PRAYER, THAT HIS WAY MAY BE KNOWN AMONG MEN: FOR HE CALLS ON ALL - WHOSOEVER WILL MAY COME - AND HE STANDS AT THE DOOR OF THINE OWN CONSCIENCE, THAT YE MAY BE AWARE THAT THE SCEPTER HAS NOT DEPARTED FROM ISRAEL, NOR HAVE HIS WAYS BEEN IN VAIN: FOR TODAY, WILL YE HARKEN, THE WAY IS OPEN - I, MICHAEL, CALL ON THEE! [262-28, 9/18/32]

(Q) What is the relationship between Michael the lord of the way, and Christ the way?

(A) Michael is an archangel that stands before the throne of the Father. The Christ is the Son, the way TO the Father, and one that came into the earth as man, the Son of man, that man might have the access to the Father; hence the way. Michael is the lord or the guard of the change that comes in every soul that seeks the way, even as in those periods when His manifestations came in the earth.

BOW THINE HEADS, O YE SONS OF MEN, WOULD YE KNOW THE WAY: FOR I, MICHAEL, THE LORD OF THE WAY, WOULD WARN THEE THAT THOU STANDEST NOT IN THE WAY OF THY BROTHER (continued)

NOR SITTEST IN THE SEATS OF THE SCORNFUL, BUT RATHER MAKE
KNOWN THAT LOVE, THAT GLORY, THAT POWER IN HIS NAME, THAT NONE
BE AFRAID; FOR I, MICHAEL, HAVE SPOKEN! [262-28, 9/18/32]

HARK! O YE CHILDREN OF MEN! BOW THINE HEADS, YE SONS OF
MEN: FOR THE GLORY OF THE LORD IS THINE, WILL YE BE FAITHFUL TO
THE TRUST THAT IS PUT IN EACH OF YOU! KNOW IN WHOM YE HAVE
BELIEVED! KNOW THAT HE IS LORD OF ALL, AND HIS WORD FAILETH
NOT TO THEM THAT ARE FAITHFUL DAY BY DAY: FOR I, MICHAEL,
WOULD PROTECT THOSE THAT SEEK TO KNOW HIS FACE!

[262-29, 10/2/32]

(Q) Is there a message for the group at this time as a whole?

(A) BOW THINE HEADS, O YE MEN THAT WOULD SEEK HIS
PRESENCE! Be STRONG in His might! Falter not at thine own weak self! Know that
thy redeemer liveth and may THIS DAY MAKE KNOWN IN THINE OWN HEART
HIS PRESENCE ABIDING WITH THEE! Root from thine body, thine consciousness,
aught that would hinder His entering in; for HE would sup with thee! Wilt thou, then, O
MAN, make known thine own decisions? Will ye be one with Him? The way which I
guard leads to that of glory in the might of the Lord. I, Michael, would guide thee. Do
not disobey. Do not falter. Thou knowest the way. [262-33, 12/14/32]

COME YE, MY CHILDREN, IN THAT YE HAVE ALL BEEN CALLED
UNTO THAT WAY WHICH WOULD SHOW FORTH TO THY NEIGHBOR, THY
BRETHREN, THAT THE FATHER LOVETH HIS CHILDREN. WHO ARE HIS
CHILDREN? THEY THAT KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS DAY BY DAY. FOR,
UNTO HIM THAT IS FAITHFUL AND TRUE IS GIVEN THE CROWN OF LIFE.
THE HARVEST IS RIPE, THE LABORERS ARE FEW. BE NOT WEARY BECAUSE
THERE HAS BEEN THAT WHICH HAS SEEMED TO TROUBLE THEE, FOR THE
WAYS ARE BEING OPENED TO THOSE THAT SHOW THEMSELVES FAITHFUL
AND TRUE. FAINT NOT, FOR THE DAY OF THE LORD IS NEAR AT HAND.

[262-47, 6/11/33]

COME, YE CHILDREN THAT SEEK THE LIGHT! BOW THINE HEADS IN
PRAISE TO THE SON. FOR, THE WAY FOR EACH OF YOU THAT WOULD SEEK
HIS FACE IS BEING OPENED BEFORE THEE. THE SON OF MAN, THE CHRIST,
THY LORD, IS AMONG THEE, EVEN IN THINE HEART - IF YE WILL BUT OPEN
THE DOOR TO HIM! [262-63, 5/2034]

COME, MY CHILDREN, YE THAT SEEK THE LORD. HE IS NIGH UNTO THEE. THOU HAST PURPOSED WELL IN THINE STUDIES, IN THINE PREPARATION FOR THOSE THAT WOULD SEEK THROUGH THESE CHANNELS TO KNOW MORE OF WHAT THY LORD, THY GOD, WOULD HAVE THEM DO. BE NOT SATISFIED, BUT RATHER CONTENT IN THAT YE ARE BEING A CHANNEL OF BLESSING TO THY FELLOW MAN. THOU ART AS THE LEAVEN THAT WILL LEAVEN THE WHOLE, FOR SOME THERE BE AMONG YOU THAT WILL HEAR HIS VOICE - AND HE WILL WALK AND TALK WITH THOSE THAT ARE WILLING, JOYOUSLY, THAT HE, THY BROTHER, THY CHRIST, THY SAVIOR, WOULD DIRECT THY WAYS. KEEP THE FAITH.

[262-67,

7/15/34]

(Q) Was it a true message from Michael that I received Monday morning?

(A) A contact.

(Q) Did I remember the message correctly, and what was meant by it?

(A) A warning of those conditions, that there be not a departing from the way in which self has brought self to an understanding, in its present concept of true mental and spiritual relationships; for, as has been given, Michael is the lord of the Way - and in the WAYS of understanding, of conception, of bringing about those things that make for the changes in the attitudes in physical, mental or material relationships, is the GUIDE through such spiritual relations; for the spiritual is the life, the light, the mental is the builder, the material and physical are the results of those activities as applied in the material, carnal or physical plane....

(Q) Is there any other advice that would help me to meet my problems at this time?

(A) Keep the faith that has been pointed out to thee by the lord of the Way, in the activities day by day in relationships to individuals about the body, in relationships to those in the home, in relationship to the activities of self in understanding the relationship of God to man!

[585-1, Female 36, 9/14/32]

While there may be in the experience of the entity much of earthly fame, much of earthly fortune, these abused will turn again and demand flesh for flesh; and these become - as it were with Gabriel [Michael] - disputing with Satan over the body of Moses.

Learn indeed what that meant, and what it means in thine own experience. For ye have so oft warned others. Then be warned by that which may now be given thee.

[1406-1, Female 14,

7/13/37]

(Q) (Re. Oil Well): Can information be given at this time regarding the seeming inaccuracies in previous information regarding the production in the present hole? Please explain as fully as possible.

(A) As has been indicated, there is production here, even in the hole drilled; and there needs be only the waiting for those developments to prove same.

COME! HARKEN YE CHILDREN OF MEN! BOW THINE HEADS, YE SONS OF MEN! FOR I, MICHAEL, WOULD SPEAK WITH THEE CONCERNING THOSE THINGS YE QUESTION HERE!

HAVE YE NOT SEEN AND HEARD - UPON THE COURSE THAT IS PURSUED IN THE SEARCH THROUGH THIS MAN FOR KNOWLEDGE - IN SUCH YE DEVIATE AT THAT DEVELOPMENT OF MATERIALITY IN MAN'S SEARCH FOR GOD? [1561-19, 11/25/40]

Then, - let all who would sponsor, who would aid this entity in ANY manner, put away from themselves all hate, all malice, all that would cause any to err, and bring THEMSELVES - in THEIR conversation - in keeping with the messages that will come.

Thus may that entity as proclaimed to Elizabeth speak to those who are honored with the care of this prophetess!...

(Q) Anything else that may be given at this time?

(A) Anything else?! WORLDS! Worlds might be filled with that as might be given!

But let each of you here so live the Christ-Consciousness, as manifested in the Master, that you may be counted worthy to be even as those who would gather the crumbs of wisdom that will be manifested through this entity!

HARK! YE FRIENDS! I, MICHAEL, LORD OF THE WAY, WOULD GIVE THEE WARNING!

BOW THINE HEADS, YE VILE ONES OF THE EARTH! KNOW WHAT HAS BEEN ENTRUSTED TO THEE!

LIVE THE LIFE, LEST YE BE COUNTED ACCURSED FOR BEING UNWORTHY OF THE TRUST GIVEN THEE! [2156-2, Female 4 1/2, 4/16/40]

(Q) Give meaning and pronunciation of the word J-A-H-H-E-V-A-H-E.

(A) Java; meaning the ability within itself to know itself to be itself and yet one with, or one apart from, the infinite; to be a part of that realm of helpers; to know self as a part of and in that realm where the angels are, or in that realm of the individuals who

have been, who are, with the Announcer, the Lord of the Way, and who have attained the consciousness of the Christ-within.... (continued on next page)

(Q) The Rolls of Graphael?

(A) The records of an individual, as an archangel. The records of those activities with the Announcer, the Way, in association with the CHRIST-CONSCIOUSNESS.

[2533-8, Male 39,

5/3/44]

(Q) Any other advice and guidance for these three?

(A) Thou hast had set before thee that thou art able, wilt thou but SACRIFICE self, wilt thou CRUCIFY the flesh that the LIGHT may shine forth.

HARK! Ye children of men bow thine head, for Michael the Lord of the Way would show THEE thine way - Who is able to stand in the day of the Lord? He that has purified his heart in the ways that make for the sons of men to know the Lord of Hosts WOULD approach to thine own throne; for WHO is this Lord? He that is HOLY is His name! Amen.

[3976-7, 4/12/31]

(Q) Are angels and archangels synonymous with that which we call the laws of the universe? If so, explain and give an example.

(A) They are as the laws of the universe; as is Michael the lord of the Way, NOT the Way but the lord of the Way, hence disputed with the influence of evil as to the way of the spirit of the teacher or director in his entrance through the outer door. [See Jude 1:9 in re Michael the archangel "when contending with the devil about the body of Moses" when Moses died.]

[5749-3, 6/17/33]

(Q) Was there any appearance of the angel Gabriel in the home?

(A) In the temple when she was chosen, in the home of Elizabeth when she was made aware of the presence by being again in the presence of the messenger or forerunner.

Again to Joseph at the time of their union. Again (by Michael) at the time when the edict was given.

[5749-7, 6/27/37]

Come, my children. Bow thine heads. Call ye on the LORD while He may be found; for in HIS day there shall be peace and glory and harmony and brotherly love. Seek to know Him, and that thou receivest in thine experiences - as ye approach through all those channels that may attune themselves to the throne of grace - will be the knowledge and understanding that, "As ye do it unto the least of these, my little ones, ye do it unto me."

[5752-6, 7/1/34]

I AM MICHAEL, LORD OF THE WAY! BEND THY HEAD, OH YE CHILDREN OF MEN! GIVE HEED UNTO THE WAY AS IS SET BEFORE YOU IN

THAT SERMON ON THE MOUNT, IN THAT ON YON HILL THIS
ENLIGHTENMENT MAY COME AMONG MEN; FOR EVEN AS THE VOICE OF
THE ONE WHO STOOD BESIDE THE SEA AND CALLED (continued)
ALL MEN UNTO THE WAY, THAT THOSE THAT WOULD HARKEN MIGHT
KNOW THERE WAS AGAIN A STAFF IN DAVID, AND THE ROD OF JESSE HAS
NOT FAILED: FOR IN ZION THY NAMES ARE WRITTEN, AND IN SERVICE
WILL COME TRUTH! [254-42, 7/15/28]

For, the lord of the Way is as but a growing in understanding and comprehension
of those things, conditions and elements that would make for finding contentment in the
service of Truth.

Then, the message that would be given by him, the lord of the Way:

BOW THINE HEADS, O YE CHILDREN OF MEN! FOR THE DAY OF THE
LORD IS NIGH AT HAND! MAKE THINE OWN PATHS STRAIGHT, IN THAT YE
WALK CIRCUMSPECTLY BEFORE THINE BROTHER, THAT YE PLACE NOT
STUMBLING-BLOCKS IN HIS WAY NOR CAUSE HIM TO ERR IN THAT HE IS
SEEKING TO FIND HIS WAY! LET THE LIGHT THOU HAST SHINE IN A MORE
PERFECT WAY; FOR AS THE DAY DRAWS NEAR WHEN ALL MUST BE TRIED
SO AS BY FIRE, FIND SELF ON THAT SIDE WHEREIN THINE BROTHER HAS
BEEN AIDED! [254-66, 6/18/33]

BOW THINE HEADS, YE CHILDREN OF MEN! FOR I, MICHAEL, LORD
OF THE WAY, WOULD SPEAK WITH THEE! YE GENERATION OF VIPERS, YE
ADULTEROUS GENERATION, BE WARNED!

THERE IS TODAY BEFORE THEE GOOD AND EVIL! CHOOSE THOU
WHOM YE WILL SERVE!

WALK IN THE WAY OF THE LORD! OR ELSE THERE WILL COME THAT
SUDDEN RECKONING, AS YE HAVE SEEN!

BOW THINE HEADS, YE WHO ARE UNGRACIOUS, UNREPENTANT!
FOR THE GLORY OF THE LORD IS AT HAND!

THE OPPORTUNITY IS BEFORE THEE! ACCEPT OR REJECT!

But don't be PIGS!

[294-208, Male 67, 3/14/44]

(Q) Is this entity, Father Joseph, who has given me this counsel?

(A) Yes. And listen, and hark back to those periods when from these higher
realms there was given by self, this ego, this I AM; this "my son David", even in that
period when the self sought entrance into the present experience - there has been felt that
I and thou gathered at the side of him through whom word now comes, and said: "Be
faithful, and the desire of thine heart will be accomplished when I come."

Hark! There would come Him the Lord of the Way, and he would speak with thee: (continued on next page)

“Bow thine head, for unto THEE is committed NOW the keeping of that way in the earth that [man] may know that the rod has not departed from Judah, neither has the lion been allayed that rose up in Midian, and unto Him that thou would counsel in teaching my people the ways. Lord of Hosts, be thou near as this, thy servant, bows and calls on those forces as were manifest in the flesh in the way as goeth down by Bethsaida, and as were gathered in the house of Joseph - as in Capernaum many came and kneeled and called thy servant blessed. HE now is given that charge of he that goes as the light to his people.” [900-422, Male 33, 1/13/29]

To thee the lord of the ways, even Michael, will direct - even Hezekiah and Ezekiel will bring to thine aid those builders even as builded with thee in the Holy City, and in the race plant that knowledge that he that seeks first the knowledge of the directing spirit from within will have added glory, honor, and all those earthly endowments that are endearing to the hearts of men. Be not led then astray in any manner, not allowing self to be drawn from these ways as may be pointed out, and even as has been given there will come the ability - in the application of the knowledge gained - the understanding as is being sought. Be not dictatorial, nor lording in thine own activity. Rather humble in spirit, that the Micah of old may say oft in thine hearing, this day THIS is fulfilled in thine hearing, that “I will establish my name in the place appointed, and I will feed mine peoples and they shall not be scattered abroad; for even as the knowledge comes let IT be disseminated among those who seek to know the lamb that taketh away the sins of mine people, and their transgressions shall be remembered no more, and sickness and sorrow and tears shall be wiped away - ” for He who came in the flesh will establish His name there. Through thine efforts then, my son, be faithful. I have spoken. I, Jeremiah, the servant of the King.

(Q) In that experience that correlates with that just given, in which I was kneeling at prayer and raised up and it was spoken to me as I was thinking of the prophets of old, even as thou Jeremiah, saying to me “And there shall be none equal unto thee.”

(A) Hosea giving his blessings, my son, even through the tribulations in which he excelled - even as the humble messenger to a doubting peoples led astray by the divers conditions in the earth. In THINE day there is that as is more in keeping with the periods of rest and peace, and all cry peace - when there is no peace save in the more perfect knowledge of the divine seeking expression through those of the spiritual and material worlds; and as thou prayest keep not only those in mind who foretold of the days to come but be thou the prophet and the teacher, and He that showed the way and who sitteth at the right hand of the Father will bear thee up and thou will not dash thy foot against a stone, neither will these become stumbling blocks wilt thou but keep thy hand in His - for He has given thee, “Lo I am with thee from the PRESENT unto the end of the world! What thou asketh in my name BELIEVING that will the Father give thee,” and thou shalt have the desire of thine heart will thine heart be kept in accord with His gospel - which alone is, “Thou shalt have no other God before me, saith the Lord of hosts,” and “Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thine self.” Put not then the cup of misunderstanding nor a

stumbling block in the way of the weakest brother, but rather be the burden bearer for those who cry “Abba Father give, give, of thy strength through me. (continued)

Let mine eyes behold the glory of him who suffered that I might know there was the way established again to the Father of all in all, and in Him we live and move and have our being.” Even as Michael in the way defended from the wicked one the body of the lawgiver of thine people, mine people, even as this mighty lord of the way defended him may he defend THEE in the ways thou goest, if thou will only keep thy hand in the Master's hand. [900-428, Male 33, 3/8/29]

Background of Reading 2897-4

See 2897-1 through 2897-3.

5/15/31 Mr. [279]'s letter: "[2897] spoke very highly of you and I must say that he is a greatly changed man."

TEXT OF READING 2897-4, Male 35 years, (Musical Conductor)

This psychic reading given by Edgar Cayce at his room in the Hotel Victoria, New York City, this 14th day of August, 1931, in accordance with request made by self - Mr. [2897].

P R E S E N T

Edgar Cayce; Gladys Davis, Conductor & Steno. A. C. Preston and wife, Mr. [279], Mrs. [5502], and [2897].

R E A D I N G

Time of Reading 8:20 P. M. Eastern Daylight Savings Time. New York City.

1. GD: You will have before you the body and the enquiring mind of [2897] present in this room, who is here to help you, and is asking the Forces for this information in order to be sincerely convinced that we are contacting the highest forces.

2. EC: Yes, we have the body, the enquiring mind, [2897]; this we have had before.

3. In seeking for those elements as make for sincerity in purpose, in desire, in aiding any channel through which there may come information as may be of the nature as comes at this time, be sure of the sincerity of self, as well as the sincerity of all as may be associated with, or connected with, such undertakings, that, that which may be given to others may make for those elements in the lives of individuals, that which produces or is CREATIVE and evolutionary in its action upon the individuals that are attempted to be aided. Ready for questions.

4. (Q) Can you contact Azul [Azool? Azrael? Azazel?] for me? [See 2897-4, Par. R6.]
(A) Demetrius - Michael; Azul - no. [See 311-6, Par. 5-A, 11-A.]

5. (Q) You cannot?
(A) Cannot.

6. (Q) Why?
(A) There are barriers between this body and Azul, as produced by that between Demetrius and between Michael.

7. (Q) Can you contact Azul for anyone else? (continued)

(A) Not under these conditions; for I, Michael, speak as the Lord of the Way. Bow thine heads, O ye peoples, that would seek to know the mysteries of that life as makes for those FALTERING steps in men's lives when not applied in the manner as has been laid down. O ye stiff-necked and adulterous generation! Who WILL approach the Throne that ye may know that there is NONE that surpasses the Son of Man in His approach to HUMAN experience in the material world!

8. (Q) What is my father's name?

(A) No.

9. (Q) Can't you answer that question?

(A) To be sure, it may be answered. It will not here.

10. (Q) Why will you not answer these questions, when I want to make sure in order to help?

(A) He that seeketh a sign when he standeth in the presence of the Highest authority in the Way may NOT be given a sign, unless he has done in the body that which entitles him to same.

11. (Q) Why is Edgar Cayce surrounded by such wrong vibrations and entities in this great work?

(A) For there has been the continued battle with those forces as Michael fought WITH over the body of Moses. He that leads, or WOULD direct, is continually beset by the forces that WOULD undermine. He that endureth to the end shall wear the Crown. He that aideth in upbuilding shall be entitled to that that he BUILDS in his experience. He that faltereth, or would hinder, shall be received in the manner as he hinders.

12. (Q) Why don't the Forces prevent continual financial annoyance to him?

(A) That there has been set a monetary STANDARD by many as to that which is of worth or is success, indicates the vibrations as well as the purpose of such. Not by might nor by power, but by 'My Word'. Not that man lives by bread alone, but by EVERY WORD that is a promise to that man by or from the Creative Forces, or God. That that a man worships, THAT that man becomes.

13. (Q) What are the revelations as to why he is in difficulty?

(A) No difficulty exists in the man's soul. There exists difficulty in the minds of individuals who, with monetary MEASURES, see all forces hindered as to their concept of success.

14. (Q) Since Virginia Beach was given as the proper place for the foundation of this work in the material world, why has not success come?

(A) He that looketh upon the monetary conditions as success looketh in vain! It HAS succeeded beyond measure in the spiritual forces, IS succeeding in monetary or the pecuniary manner.

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15. (Q) Am I, [2897], capable of helping Edgar Cayce in the manner best suitable to the Forces?

(A) He that will present himself as one that has consecrated himself to the work of the lowly Nazarene, may aid. As the work, the way is made strength [straight?], so may the understanding to those come that make their desire, their wants, known.

16. (Q) Is there anything the Forces would recommend for me to do?

(A) Present thine self to those Forces that make for a more perfect relationship with the LIVING God, NOT that of any individual's dead past! that would seek to climb up by THINE OWN hard way; for, as was given, he that climbs up any other way than by the way of the Cross is a thief and a robber! So, make thine approach to that Force as manifests itself IN the MATERIAL world as the Son TO THAT Throne, and be satisfied with none beneath THAT approach! So may the consciousness of the Christ life come into THINE possession.

17. That is all of the questions.

18. Come, my children, and know in whom thou hast believed, for HE is able to keep thy needs, thine wants, thy desires, in the palm of His hand. Walk in HIS ways, that thine going in and coming out through THIS plane may come nearer and nearer the way of the Cross; for though the cross may be heavy, in HIM IS that that makes it light. Just those little words here and there. GROW in grace, in knowledge, IN understanding, that thy ways may be one with the CREATIVE ways, and ye shall know the Truth, and the TRUTH shall MAKE you free!

19. We are through.

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BACKGROUND OF READING 254-83

GD's background note: Mr. [699] wanted to become Manager of Edgar Cayce's work. He wrote the Suggestion for GC to read.

See his Life Reading: 699-1 given 10/18/34, also D.C. Group #9 reading: 705-1, Par 7-A, & Par. 14-A of 10/21/34, and correspondence.

TEXT OF READING 254-83

This psychic reading given by Edgar Cayce at the Washington, D.C. temporary office, 1867 Kalorama Road, this 14th day of February, 1935, in accordance with request made in person by Mr. [699], Member of the Association for Research and Enlightenment, Inc., as a result of Edgar Cayce's lecture at Willard Hotel on October 5, 1934.

P R E S E N T

Edgar Cayce; Gertrude Cayce, Conductor; Gladys Davis, Steno. Mrs. [678] and Mr. [699].

R E A D I N G

Time of Reading..., D.C. 11:30 to 12:05 A. M. EST. Va. Beach, Va.

1. GC: The members of the Executive Committee of Group 9 of the A.R.E., some of whom are present in this room, Salute Thee with Greetings of Deepest Love and thank Thee for again bringing to us the Ministry of our Kind and Helping Leader, Edgar Cayce. Realizing that when science investigates the works of God on the higher planes as it has done on the material plane, spirituality will truly come into its own proper place in the consciousness of Humanity, we hereby petition your indulgence and cooperation in bringing to us the following information, as the questions are asked, for the more perfect functioning of the work of Edgar Cayce and the Association from this time on, if same meets with your pleasure to do so.

2. EC: Yes, we - from the source of all knowledge that is promised in Him - salute thee, and give that which will be helpful to those who seek to be in the ministry of those influences and forces that make for more and more awareness of the divine in each and every soul, that - applied in the experience of each entity, each soul - will bring that day of the Lord that is at hand to those who will hear His voice.

3. Then, from the heights of those experiences, those hierarchies in the earth and in the air, we come as messengers of truth to those who will hear, and question.

4. (Q) For the better and more rational presentation of the work of Edgar Cayce to the world, will you, if you consider same in order, kindly inform us of Thine Identity and the source or sources from which you bring us the information given in answer to our questions in the readings other than the Physical? Is it from the Astral -

(A) (interrupting) From the universal forces that are acceptable and accessible to those that in earnestness OPEN their minds, their souls, to the wonderful words of truth and light.

5. (Q) To what extent are the Masters of the Great White Brotherhood directing the activities of Edgar Cayce? Who are the Masters directly in charge?

(A) MESSENGERS from the higher forces that may manifest from the Throne of grace itself.

6. (Q) Who are the Masters directly in charge? Is Saint Germain - [Comte de (c. 1710 c. 1780)?] –

(A) (Interrupting) Those that are directed by the Lord of lords, the King of kings, Him that came that ye might be one with the Father.

7. (Q) Is Saint Germain among them? Who is Halaliel?

(A) These are all but messengers of the Most High. Halaliel is the one who from the beginning has been a leader of the heavenly host, who has defied Ariel, who has made the ways that have been heavy - but as the means for the UNDERSTANDING. [Isaiah 29th chapter?]

8. (Q) Is Saint-Germain among them? [GD's note: I understand the Ballard I AM movement was based on Saint-Germain.]

(A) When needed.

9. (Q) Please give us Thine Identity?

(A) He that seeks that has not gained control seeks damnation to his own soul! Control thine inner self that YE may KNOW the true life and light! for he that would name the Name must have become perfect in himself!

10. (Q) If Mr. Cayce is a member and a messenger of the Great White Brotherhood, how do the Masters wish him to proceed and should not his activities henceforth be presented as Their Work?

(A) As the work of the MASTER of masters, that may be presented when in those lines, those accords necessary through the White Brotherhood. This - this - THIS, my friends, even but LIMITS; while in Him is the Whole. Would thou make of thyself, of thyself, a limited means of activity? Would thou seek to be hindered by those things that have made of many contending forces that continue to war one with another even in the air, even in the elemental forces? For He, thy Lord, thy God, hath called thee by name, even as He has given, "Whosoever will drink the cup, even as of my blood, he may indeed be free." While ye labor, let HIM that is the author, that is the finisher, that IS the Life, that is the bread of life, that is the blood of life, let HIM alone be thy guide! Dost He call any soul into service, THEN by name will He - does He - designate, and to whom it becomes a charge to keep - even as he has walked with Him, this body that ye use as a channel of approach to the Throne; ye make of same oft as a laughingstock to thy very soul through thine own selfishness! Let the light of Him, thy Christ, thy God, IN, that it may cleanse thy body, that it may lighten thy soul, that it may purge thy mind, that ye

will only be just gentle, just kind; not find fault with any, for with faults ye build BARRIERS to thine own soul's enlightenment. "I, thy God, thy Christ, beseech thee!"

11. (Q) Would Their Plans be best served at this time by the initiation of steps by Mr. Cayce and those assisting him, for the establishment of a Foundation for the work of the Masters - or Thy Work?

(A) When the day of the earth, as earthy, is fulfilled in Him, this body, - Edgar Cayce - SHALL BE rejuvenated, shall be purged, shall be made free! THEN they that in their earthly manners work, labor, here, there, will be - and ARE - directed, guided, as to the means, the manners, the ways that they may as individuals, as souls, be as a helpmeet, as an aid to THEIR portion of the service towards the great brotherhood of man that is in Him. As to foundations, as to locations, as to sites, how gave He? "Neither in this mountain nor yet in Jerusalem, but rather in the hearts," the lives, the souls, of those who have named the Name and have put ON Him that is the Way! These that would seek as to ways, as to the rejection of this, as to the acceptance of that as a manner, under a head or name, are - yea - likened unto that He gave again, "They that gathereth not with us scattereth abroad," that the works of the Father through the sons of men may be made manifest in the earth. Would ye know Him? Then put ON Him in thy life, in thy speech, day by day! Not he that taketh a city, not he that defieth his brother, but rather he that in humbleness of heart saith "Lord, lord, be merciful to me, a sinner" is JUSTIFIED before His face! Not in glory that this or that angel hath spoken, or that there hath come a vision to thee, but rather that the love of thy Christ, thy Lord, that constrained thee to speak gently to him that is bowed in sorrow from ANY cause, that hath lifted up the hands of the weak, that hath counseled with those that seek to glorify the CHRIST in the hearts and minds of men; HE is the acceptable one, no matter by what name, what color or what position, HE - INDEED - is the Lord's!

12. (Q) Would it be properly named THE CAYCE FOUNDATION?

(A) If it is any name, it is through these sources, these channels as a name, that much may come. For the day will arise in thine experience, of those, of this group who seek, of those present, when they will see, will hear, it SOUNDED about the earth. DO NOT - ANY OF YOU - make it as other than a welcome of the glory of a crucified self, a crucified Lord!

13. (Q) Are the principles for the Foundation already drawn up satisfactorily?

(A) They must be enlarged upon, my children, as the necessity of the environments makes need of.

14. (Q) What additional principles and purposes should be signified?

(A) In accordance with the ideals and purposes that have been set forth for those who would seek at ANY time, at any place, through these channels!

15. (Q) Should the establishment of such a Foundation be dependent alone for its financial support on the contribution system in effect at present in the Association?

(A) Be rather more inclusive and that those who have been aided in any channel or manner throughout their own experience must of not only their surplus but of

THEMSELVES GIVE, that the GLORY OF GOD may be manifested in the earth. Not the glory of a man, nor of a son of man, but the glory of the Father, thy Father, "My Father - as I rest in Him, as I labor with thee," BE ye patient, be ye long-suffering, if ye would find the Way. For, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Light; by ME ye may approach the Throne," and he that climbeth up some other way but deludes himself and is lost in the maze of those material activities of others in the SPHERES of confusion! SIMPLE the way, Truth the light! These are but words to many. Make them as frontlets upon thy brow, that those who meet thee - even in the way - may be DIRECTED ARIGHT!

16. (Q) Will it be well for this purpose to contact by letter and personally as soon as practical, the individuals, both within and without the Association –

(A) (Interrupting) This, as has been indicated, must be a portion of the motivative way to those who are called into service in their respective or varied channels of activity. ALL who would "let himsoever [whosoever?] will come" and aid here, there, in making known the Way.

17. (Q) Who are the most important individuals who should be approached at this time?

(A) They whom the Lord hath called and who ARE GIVEN the opportunity by those that would from the material angle see a plan, a way, a means of the spiritual activities that may come to these into material manifestations; whether in charities that there may be more and more recognition from those that sit in the seat of the mighty in the scientific points of attack or of contact, or that there may be the more and more giving of authority from the sources of the earth, or whether in those channels as of hospitalization where the weak, the needy, the lame, the halt, the blind, those that have lost themselves - or lost hold upon themselves - may find the way. In any, in all of these channels should there be activity by those that first give themselves in service, then set about to put same into activity.

18. (Q) Please name them.

(A) All that are called. This must be from within the individual, rather than from here. For how readest thou? "That thou shalt sit upon my right hand or my left, as my kingdom is established in the hearts of men, is not mine to give," but for those that have offered and do in the humbleness of self offer - and LIVE - and ARE in themselves; for these are the laws established from the beginning, "When ye call on the Lord He will answer thee right quickly." Hast thou purged thyself; thy purposes; thy desires? Are they one with the Lord?

19. We are through for the present.

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by J.M.M.

Male 68 years

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BACKGROUND OF READING 3011-3

Male 68 years

Previously he obtained reading 3011-1 and 3011-2 for Parkinson's disease.

9/23/43 He submitted questions for a Mental-Spiritual Reading, including: "Will someone be brought to us to be trained to become our successor or to take over the home work while we are out in the field lecturing? [GD's note: The "we" no doubt refers to himself and his wife, Mrs. [3248]. Will financial provision be made for lecture tours and other expansion of our work so that we do not have to depend upon voluntary contributions which are so limited and uncertain?"

TEXT OF READING 3011-3 (M.D., Metaphysician)

This Psychic Reading given by Edgar Cayce at the office of the Association, Arctic Crescent, Virginia Beach, Va., this 29th day of September, 1943, in accordance with request made by the self - Dr. [3011], Associate Member of the Ass'n for Research & Enlightenment, Inc.

P R E S E N T

Edgar Cayce; Gertrude Cayce, Conductor; Gladys Davis, Steno. (Notes read to and transcribed by Jeanette Fitch.)

R E A D I N G

Time of Reading 4:40 to 4:50 P. M. Eastern War Time. Washington, D.C.

1. GC: You will have before you the entity, [3011], who seeks a Mental & Spiritual Reading, with information, advice and guidance as to his life and work. You will answer the questions he submits, as I ask them:

2. EC: Yes, we have the entity here.

3. They look for signs. Know rather, as has been given, signs are only given to those that seek only in Jesus' name. Through messengers, yes. As ye have seen, as ye experience in the present, the great white light in the center of the table here is a force or power ye give to those influences about thee.

4. But let this be sent rather by the Master, than calling for same from and through other channels.

5. Ready for questions.

6. (Q) Will I be able CONSCIOUSLY to communicate with Masters of the Brotherhood in this incarnation? If so, is there anything I can do to develop that ability?

(A) If the self is purified of every selfish motive, and if the seeking is that such be given that it may be administered to warn His people. But if it is only for the gratifying of self, no.

Possible then, and probable, if the self will sanctify thyself in purpose, in body, in mind.

7. (Q) Is it likely that I will meet any of the brothers in the flesh, as Mr. Cayce has done, in this incarnation? If so, where and when?

(A) Ye may meet many. For, oft doth man entertain angels unawares.

8. (Q) What can I do further to become more serviceable to the Brotherhood and my fellow men?

(A) Purifying, dedicating, consecrating self and purpose in the Master - the one Master - Him.

9. (Q) We have been told that the Second Coming of the Master in the flesh would not take place until 1985. Is this approximately correct? Can't we expect to see Him sooner?

(A) How doth He interpret, as to the day or the hour? No man knoweth save the Father.

Live ye then, each soul, as though ye expected him today. Then ye shall see Him as He is, when ye live such a life.

10. (Q) Can you give us any suggestions as to our lecture work when my body is sufficiently regenerated for that phase of our work?

(A) As ye receive, so give out. And in giving, remember the Lord is the way and the truth and the light. They that climb up some other deceive themselves.

11. We are through.

[See subsequent notations under his Ck. Physical Reading 3011-2.]

REPORTS

2/14/46 Dr. [3011] died. We read a beautiful memorial to him in a metaphysical magazine.

4/23/55 His wife, Mrs. [3248], wrote Hugh Lynn Cayce from California: "Last night it was my pleasure to attend your session at the Roosevelt Hotel, and since I am a natural investigator, the trends indicated interested me very much. [GD's note: The A.R.E. speaker that night was Peter Ballbusch on the subject, MANKIND WITHOUT DISEASE.]

I wondered if you had come across the marvels of Radionics in diagnosis and tr. For a number of yrs. I have watched and experienced this great gift from God bring health to people who were given up by the medical profession to die. The saddest part of it is that the A.M.A. will not even investigate it for it cures people too fast, and they lose much of the money they can make thru operations and shots. (I am being very frank about this, for I have seen too many unnecessary deaths due to their stubborn narrow mindedness.)

"Another very effective and little known method is thru Craniopathy, which is tr. thru the pituitary gland. Dr. N. Cottam who lives and practices at 1017 Arlington, L. A. 10, is most sincere, generous and enthusiastic over his work. It came to him thru real inspiration.

"My husband [3011] was with me when we had the joy of meeting your dear parents. We loved the simplicity and humility they showed.

"I am enclosing our little catalog and folder so you may know of our world-wide and all-inclusive work. God bless you as you proceed to give service." Sincerely, in His service, [3248]

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by J.M.M. 11/29/61

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BACKGROUND OF READING 5748-5

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TEXT OF READING 5748-5

This psychic reading given by Edgar Cayce at his home on Arctic Crescent, Virginia Beach, Va., this 30th day of June, 1932, in accordance with request made those present of the Norfolk Study Group #1 and friends, of the Ass'n for Research & Enlightenment, Inc., during the Annual Congress of the Association.

P R E S E N T

Edgar Cayce; Gertrude Cayce, Conductor; Gladys Davis, Steno. Norfolk Study Group #1 and friends.

R E A D I N G

Time of Reading 3:00 P. M.

1. GC: You will please give at this time detailed information regarding the origin, purpose and prophecies of the Great Pyramid of Gizeh near Cairo, Egypt. Please answer the questions asked.

2. EC: Yes. In the information as respecting the pyramids, their purpose in the experience of the peoples, in the period when there was the rebuilding of the priest during the return in the land, some 10,500 before the coming of the Christ into the land, there was first that attempt to restore and to add to that which had been begun on what is called the Sphinx, and the treasure or storehouse facing same, between this and the Nile, in which those records were kept by Arart and Araaraart in the period.

3. Then, with Hermes and Ra (those that assumed or took up the work of Araaraart) there began the building of that now called Gizeh, with which those prophecies that had been in the Temple of Records and the Temple Beautiful were builded, in the building of this that was to be the hall of the initiates of that sometimes referred to as the White Brotherhood.

4. This, then, receives all the records from the beginnings of that given by the priest, Arart, Araaraart and Ra, to that period when there is to be the change in the earth's position and the return of the Great Initiate to that and other lands for the folding up of those prophecies that are depicted there. All changes that came in the religious thought in the world are shown there, in the variations in which the passage through same is reached, from the base to the top - or to the open tomb AND the top. These are signified by both the layer and the color in what direction the turn is made.

5. This, then, is the purpose for the record and the meaning to be interpreted by those that have come and do come as the teachers of the various periods, in the experience of this present position, of the activity of the spheres, of the earth.

6. In the period that is to come, this ends - as to that point which is between what is termed in chronological time in present - between 1950 and '58, but there have been portions that have been removed by those that desecrated many of those other records in the same land. This was rejected by that Pharaoh who hindered in the peoples leaving the land.

7. (Q) Are the deductions and conclusions arrived at by D. Davidson and H. Aldersmith in their book on The Great Pyramid correct?

(A) Many of these that have been taken as deductions are correct. Many are far overdrawn. Only an initiate may understand.

8. (Q) What corrections for the period of the 20th century?

(A) Only those that there will be an upheaval in '36.

9. (Q) Do you mean there will be an upheaval in '36 as recorded in the pyramid?

(A) As recorded in the pyramid, though this is set for a correction, which, as has been given, is between '32 AND '38 - the correction would be, for this - as seen - is '36 - for it is in many - these run from specific days; for, as has been seen, there are periods when even the hour, day, year, place, country, nation, town, and individuals are pointed out. That's how correct are many of those prophecies as made.

Oft may there be changes that bring periods, as seen in that period when there was an alteration in that initiate in the land of Zu and Ra that BROUGHT a change, but at a different point because of being driven by those that were set as the guides or guards of same.

In this same pyramid did the Great Initiate, the Master, take those last of the Brotherhood degrees with John, the forerunner of Him, at that place. As is indicated in that period where entrance is shown to be in that land that was set apart, as that promised to that peculiar peoples, as were rejected - as is shown in that portion when there is the turning back from the raising up of Xerxes as the deliverer from an unknown tongue or land, and again is there seen that this occurs in the entrance of the Messiah in this period - 1998.

[7/1/32 See continuation under 5748-6]

ARCHAEOLOGY: Ancient Skulls Found

PREHISTORIC SKULLS from ancestors of the ancient Pharaohs have been discovered by Yale University archaeologists in the Kom Ombo area of southern Egypt.

Charles A. Reed, curator of mammals and reptiles, announced that completed radio-carbon dating of clamshells and charcoal found together with two skulls has established them as the oldest known human remains ever discovered in Egypt. He said the pair lived about 8,000 years before the first Egyptian dynasty or about 13,000 years ago.

According to the Yale University's Peabody Museum of Natural History scientists, the original owners of the skulls were people of the Upper Paleolithic (Upper Stone) Age.

Hundreds of blades, points and scrapers were found with them, but it is possible that some of the smaller points could have been set in rows on the end of a shaft to make a lance or javelin.

Also uncovered were grinding and hand stones that indicated that the prehistoric Egyptians may have prepared grains for eating.

They "definitely" used the stones for grinding pigments, since "many small balls of ochre were found, as if paint was important to them, and it (ochre) also appears on some of the grinding stones."

Mr. Reed, who led the expedition, speculated from the skull fragments and other data that these early people had medium-brown skin "and their cranial bones did not resemble those of either today's African Negro or modern Mediterranean people"

He said they had bigger and coarser faces than do modern Egyptians.

"They had thick eyebrow ridges, just as you would find in some people today, thick skull bones, somewhat sloping foreheads and probably a broad nose"

In comparing his expedition's finds with those of Dr. Louis S.B. Leakey in Tanzania's Olduvai Gorge in southeast Africa, Mr. Reed said the Egyptian skulls were "Johnny-come-latelies." He also raised the possibility that two-million-year-old creatures such as those found by Dr. Leakey could also have roamed through Egypt.

The Kom Ombo area is about 40 miles north of Aswan, site of the hydroelectric dam, and about a half-mile from the Nile River.

WORK READINGS REPORT
EDGAR CAYCE AND THE MASTERS:
A Work Readings Report
by W.H. Church²

It was at a Tuesday morning session of the Work Readings Study Group that the subject came up.

We were seated around the old oak table in Hugh Lynn Cayce's conference room. The focal point of our discussion that particular morning was a sequence of highly unusual paragraphs from work reading 254-83, which dealt with questions regarding the extent to which various adepts—"the Masters of the Great White Brotherhood," as one of the questions labeled them—might be directing the activities of Edgar Cayce from "the other side."

The questions, as Hugh Lynn explained to us, had been proposed by a Mr. [699], whose special area of interest was occultism and, more specifically, the "great masters" of esoteric lore. It was his sincere belief, apparently, that various well-known masters were controlling the information coming through Mr. Cayce, and he was eager to learn their identity.

The answers he received were quite as unusual as the questions! Not only were they very enlightening as to the true nature and source of the readings, but they appeared to rebuke the questioner in several instances. It became obvious that Mr. Cayce was not being "controlled," in the manner of mediumistic psychics, but that his work—rather than being limited to this or that esoteric source for its expression—had its roots in his own soul development over the span of many lives, apparently, and drew its inspiration from the *unlimiting* Christ Presence within. There, at the center of his being, he could commune freely (as indeed any of us can, if we will but make ourselves acceptable channels) with the *Master* of masters. And although *He* may indeed direct this or that adept to assist from time to time in presenting the truths being sought, the Christ-oriented seeker operates at the psychic level wholly within the scope of his own free will. He is *not* surrendering himself to a "control" or guide, as is the case in a mediumistic trance condition. Rather it is a form of direct encounter at the psychic level.

This significant difference has always accounted for the uniqueness of the Edgar Cayce readings, a quality which many psychic researchers have found hard to comprehend. After all, it is commonly supposed that anyone in a trance state (which is a condition of receptive passivity) must be under the control of external forces, whereas he may merely be in attunement with his Higher Self! At any rate, it is precisely this quality of inner attunement that gives to the readings their great breadth and spiritual dimensions, thus explaining their extraordinary appeal today to rapidly growing numbers of spiritual

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seekers in all walks of life, as a new Age of Enlightenment begins to dawn on mankind. (For are we not participants in a great spiritual revolution?)

Hugh Lynn now recalled a related reading (though not in the Work Readings series), which had been given about a year earlier for the well-known mediumistic psychic, Eileen Garrett, whose “control” was identified as an Arab, named Uvani, dwelling on the “fifth plane.” Following the reading, Uvani “spoke” through Mrs. Garrett; he sought to persuade Edgar Cayce to permit him, or other “controls” on his plane of development, to use Cayce as a channel for expression, claiming that this would greatly simplify the psychic process for Mr. Cayce. It was also intimated that the language of the readings would come through more clearly, with the aid of a helper on “the other side.” Uvani contended that Edgar Cayce's unique method of approaching the Akashic records directly, rather than going through a “control” (though he abjured the use of that term, which he found offensive!), was a tremendous physical strain on Mr. Cayce—apparently an actual sacrifice of his own life energy.

It is best, at this point, to quote briefly from Uvani's message, as given through Eileen Garrett:

What, therefore, happens when he [Edgar Cayce] goes into—or how shall we say, returns [to the spiritual realm], is this: That he passes into the etheric state. He, therefore, as it were, is outside of his body. In this state he is aware of the bodily contacts that can come to him, and also is his vision exhilarated by all that may be happening in your area. But he can do more than this. He can see within the reflection of his own life that that is fundamental, not only to himself but also to the people he may work with, *if* he is in strong sympathy with them. It makes a great drain, however, that he does not admit of help in this. Did he admit of help at all, as some one who would interpret for him, it would give him so much more ability to accomplish more. By that I mean he would not himself feel the inner exhaustion, not only is he coming out of the body mechanical drawing away from it but he is using his full etheric leverage and is also drawing upon his own spiritual light for your assistance. While it maybe said, therefore, that ever did he use this without help, he is giving you something of his own life. That is what happens.

Q-3. Does his psychic power depend upon previous incarnations?

A-3. In his case very definitely so, yes. Unless he had indeed understood in the past the laws of passivity, the laws of withdrawal, and *the inner law of knowing*, he would not be able to get this reflection through himself. There is no doubt at all that I feel, as I come more and more into contact with the emanations, that he is capable of so much more from within himself than he actually even now responds to. That may be due, as I have said, to the fact that *he uses his own spirit reflection to see, to hear and to understand*, but definitely in his case he has had previous understanding ... [Author's italics]

507-1 Supplement

In a check reading on Uvani's counsel, however, not only was there a warning against seeking help from those on this or that plane, but it was obvious that Cayce's established method of “turning within” for psychic guidance was to remain unchanged:

In seeking then, my son, study that given by Samuel as he expressed to the students in Shiloh, that when seeking let no plane enter into thine development save the plane opened by the Father for thine knowledge. For, He has given His coworkers the activities that are necessary for those who will open their inner selves that the light of God Himself may shine into the hearts and souls of men. For, they that seek rather for *planes* may not rise higher than those planes, unless quickened.

And what has been thine knowledge? What has been thine understanding? What has been thy direction? Thou mayest not be called lest God *quickens* the soul, lest He opens that thou mayest become one with Him. Show thy activities, then, by the love He has given. Not that such in the planes of experience are damned, but rather did *He* not Himself enter hell that *all* might hear His *voice*? They, then, that climb up some other way would make their homes, their heavens, their planes, where they choose to dwell. What, my son, is the light thereof?

... pass ye rather into the light; *know* the blessings of the face of the Christ as He would come into thine experience and cast away all doubt and fear; for He is nigh unto this house. 507-2

Finally, on the same date as check reading 507-2 (given Feb. 6, 1934), the whole matter was rather succinctly laid to rest in work reading 254-71. On this occasion, Edgar Cayce was specifically asked whether it would be advisable for him to seek the sort of spirit-world assistance which “Uvani claims will increase the coherence and power of the readings.” The answer that came through the sleeping Cayce was in the form of a pointed question: “Does Uvani claim to know better than the Master who made him?”

It required no further comment.

In conclusion, then, to those whose curiosity has been aroused concerning the contents of reading 254-83, mentioned at the outset of this report, we would refer them specifically to Q&A 2-8 of that same reading.³ Therein they will find the work of Edgar Cayce defined as “the work of the *Master* of masters,” and they will be admonished to approach and to participate in this work with humbleness of heart: “Not in glory that this or that angel hath spoken, or that there hath come a vision to thee, but rather that the love of thy Christ, thy Lord,” is directing each in his activities.

Editor's Note: Anyone visiting A.R.E. Headquarters is invited to sit in on the Work Readings group. Meetings take place each Tuesday, 8-9 a.m., in Hugh Lynn Cayce's conference room in the Headquarters building. The door is always open!

³ See *Psychic Development*, Vol. 8 of the Edgar Cayce Library Series, pp. 116-118. The readings are also available to the visiting public at the A.R.E. Library, Virginia Beach, VA.

ANGELS IN OUR LIVES

by Harvey G. Humann⁴

A world without angels would be a dreary and lonely place. Without angels, we would lose an important divine connection and cut off a vital force for good in our lives. Yet, most of us rarely give angels a second thought. To believe in angels these days is not very fashionable and to talk about angels as a real and serious part of life could be an embarrassing and risky business. Nevertheless, angels have a long and notable history as divine protectors, messengers and carriers of God's light. All great Western religions have strong angel traditions.

Both the Old and New Testaments tell us that angels ministered, protected, announced, heralded, comforted, and escorted, helping all manner of people time and time again. It was an angel who stayed the hand of Abraham, and an angel who appeared to Moses in the burning bush. It was an angel who appeared at Herod's prison and caused the chains to fall from Peter's hands. The book of Acts describes many experiences of celestial messengers who appeared to and aided the apostles and other followers of Jesus.

Angels played a significant role in the life of Jesus from the time Mary was selected by the angel Gabriel until His final ascension. In a dream, an angel came to Joseph directing him to take Jesus to Egypt and again to bring Him back. When the high priest's men came to Gethsemane to take Jesus, Jesus promptly refused the help of His followers and said, "Do you think I cannot appeal to my Father and He will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels?" (Matthew 26:53)

Matthew describes the angel at the tomb of Jesus by saying, "His appearance was like lightning and his raiment as white as snow." (Matthew 28:3) Some mystics describe angels as luminous beings, while Origen speaks of them as "pure intelligences." Meister Eckhart, in one of his sermons, called them "an idea of God." Carl Jung said they personify the coming into consciousness of something new arising from the deep unconscious.

Possibly the greatest flowering of angel expectation and angel belief came during the early Celtic period when angels were as much a part of everyday life as daily chores. To these lay-mystics, angels were an accepted way of life. These heavenly presences provided them with light and joy that enriched their otherwise difficult lives. They *expected* these angel-shepherds of God to provide solace, guidance and protection. This rare faith and openness very likely encouraged angels to play a beneficent role in their lives. Father Noel D. O'Donough, Carmelite priest and scholar, believes that Celtic culture was the most spiritually dynamic civilization the world has ever known. It was this culture, he contends, that led Europe out of the Dark Ages.

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There are many views and levels of understanding about angels and the part they play in our lives. The more traditional view suggests that angels are specific beings who literally watch over us, protect us and serve as messengers and helpers of God. The metaphysical view interprets angels as signs and symbols that have an inner esoteric meaning. Certainly this is a valid and significant view. Others believe angels are a spiritual force that reflect our highest and noblest ideals. None of these can be lightly dismissed because God's infinite system of celestial beings is quite beyond our knowing.

Extracts from the Edgar Cayce readings about angels can shed light on these different views. One reading says that angels are “as the laws of the universe...” (5749-3) and that one invites their help “only by the command of or attunement to that which is thy ideal.” (1646-1) Another reading points out that “Each and every soul has its guides that may be designated by the desires of the inmost self. . .” (423-2) These readings seem to indicate that, consciously or unconsciously, we invoke angel assistance when we honestly strive to attune ourselves to divine laws.

Hugh Lynn Cayce suggested in the commentary to the “Angels and Archangels” file that angels may be part of self, a part of our soul which is still connected to God consciousness. Perhaps our “inner angels” serve as facilitators of this divine connection by constantly trying, in innumerable and subtle ways, in mysterious and holy ways, to bring back to our consciousnesses the awareness that we are truly a part of God. We can be sure that God is capable of manifesting on many levels to influence our lives. To think otherwise would set limits to His unlimited powers and greatness.

Angels are divine emanations of God that can touch us. Whether they are specific entities or only spiritual thoughts and awarenesses is not entirely clear. I do not gather from the readings that angels are only awarenesses and universal laws. In his commentary Hugh Lynn wrote that they may, indeed, be both.

There seems to be evidence that these beings provide physical protection as well as mental clarification and inspiration. In other words, angels seem to be quite capable of directing us from without as well as from within. We cannot comprehend the complex and intricate system that God has created to make us more mindful of His presence and to guide us to truth and light. These celestial emanations undoubtedly can touch and influence us physically, mentally and spiritually.

One of the most beautiful and colorful events marked by the appearance of an angel came when Mary, the mother of Jesus, was, according to the readings, chosen by the angel Gabriel on the temple steps. This dramatic moment is recaptured from the akashic records:

The temple steps-or those that led to the altar, these were called the temple steps. These were those upon which the sun shone as it arose of a morning when there were the first periods of the chosen maidens going to the altar for prayer; as well as for the burning of the incense. On this day, as they mounted the steps all were bathed in the morning sun; which not only made a beautiful picture but clothed all as in purple and gold. As Mary reached the top step, then, then there was thunder and lightning, and the angel led the way, taking the child by the hand before the altar. This was the manner of choice, this was the showing of the way; for she led the others on this particular day.

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This seems to remove any doubt that angels make “physical” appearances even to the point of “taking the child by the hand before the altar.” It is difficult not to believe

that angels can serve as physical protectors and guides as well as assist in the unfolding of the God consciousness within us.

We should recognize that the angelic hosts are a part of God and are not separate from Him. They are aspects of God that lend greatness and magnificence to the Divine Being. Cayce said that God is both personal and impersonal. Angels, in their unique way, may reflect the more personal aspects of God. They are His purveyors of mercy, grace and light. They add warmth and intimacy to the Godhead.

If we ignore angels, we are not only depriving ourselves of a great spiritual resource but are also ignoring one of the enduring and vital elements of our religious faith. We cannot fully envision the greatness of Divine Love if we exclude from our reality this benevolent host of holy beings who are all part of an infinitely mysterious Being called God.

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Angels and Archangels

This was an unusually good file...very clear language and also good strong xeroxing – much appreciated! Cayce speaks a lot in this one about individual intuition and self-reliance in finding truth, rather than trying to rely on a guide other than Jesus Christ. I guess the feeling is that other guides are more accessible or easy to understand. It is also scary to start relying on intuition ...because so many feelings and ideas come up that are really socially unacceptable, according to our cultural training. Yet, in my own case, experience always bears out the “unacceptable” intuition vs. the more sugary view of things that society insists on.

Cayce mentions fault-finding, how bad this is for the individual. But a certain Kind of discrimination develops, you might call it an ability to analyze evil in its various forms and expressions through people. Without this discrimination, becoming “wise as serpents”, all the great ideals and spiritual aspirations are trampled into the mud. There are always negative forces---working through people, that will drag down any person trying to act in constructive ways. I would love to see some confirmation somewhere of how vital it is to become more aware of these things. So far, all I have is my own intuition---and the brief mention of becoming as wise as a serpent in the Bible. It is a dreadful feeling to realize that you are definitely not a “good child”, that you do see evil around you, and that you acknowledge its power...when society tells you it is all your fault for perceiving these things.

I would also like to see a clarification somewhere of what Cayce means by crucifying the Self. I think this has a positive and also a negative side. There must be some self-esteem or a person can't function, can even go into mental illness and suicidal tendencies. On the other hand, the unbridled human ego shuts out everything and deforms the real individuality of a person.

On fault-finding, loving people no matter what, etc., I've had experiences where I really saw only the better side of a person, thought a lot of him, etc., and it feels great to do this. You feel wonderful about yourself because your emotions are so approved: also it allows you to act in an expansive, generous way that is fun. But time reveals that the person does not fulfill the rosy image you had; in fact your idealized view and expectations were putting him under a lot of pressure and maybe making his case worse. So trying to see truth, without rose-colored glasses, is really kinder to the other party too. You can try to perceive this without getting into a petty, fault-finding relationship or style of thought. When I call the vet for a sick animal, I expect him to “fault-find” in the sense of ‘analyze the case’ and tell me what's wrong with the animal. It wouldn't help if he “saw only the good” and didn't diagnose the problem.