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*... come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live;
and I will make an everlasting covenant with you ...* Isaiah 55:3



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Lesson XXI: Time, Space, and Patience

by Herbert Bruce Puryear

In the Edgar Cayce readings we are told that the first premise is the Oneness of all force. This is the essential concept for us to understand. There is only One Force in all the universe and in all the dimensions of the universe. That Force is not neutral; it is the Spirit; it is the Life Force. It is Love. It is Law. It is God. We and all that we experience about us are manifestations of that One Force.

The Edgar Cayce readings tell us that we as spiritual beings were with God and of God from the beginning before there was an earth and even before there was a creation as we understand it in physical manifestation. As spiritual beings, as children of God, we were with Him and perfect in the beginning. He created us out of His desire for companionship, He being Love itself, and He sought that we would be co-creators with Him. The experiencing available to us was the limitless expanse of eternity and of universes.

Only One Law was written by the One Force: “ ‘Love the Lord, thy God, with all thine heart, and thine mind, and thine body, and thy neighbor as thyself.’ *Older* than man himself, for this thought in its inception brought the world and man into being.” (262-61) However, there arose within some of us, in some inexplicable way – perfect though we were – a spirit of rebellion, an urge to break that Law. This rebellion became the expression of selfishness in opposition to a continuing awareness and consideration of the greater good of the Whole. There was no *need* of our going astray, but we fell!

The question is always asked, “How could a perfect being fall?” Since it is *we* who fell, *we* can answer that within ourselves because to this day we carry that very spirit of rebellion within us. We need look no further for an answer than to this very day, as we are confronted with a choice between what we know within our own standards we *should* do and what we *want* to do *no matter what*. The fall was a spiritual fall. It was in the spirit realm. It had nothing to do with our appearance in the earth plane nor with the attractions of the flesh (these came later, much later).

It is still widely thought that our experience in the earth plane is an undesirable consequence of or punishment for the fall. The readings indicate, however, that we should view these incarnations as opportunities for *constructive* sequences of events.

As we examine the readings more carefully we learn that the development of materiality and experiencing in this plane of consciousness was *necessary*. Those of us who had fallen and become so enmeshed in our own thought forms needed *awareness* of our separation from the One. We did not even know we had become separated, so caught up were we in our own creations. In meeting ourselves in the earth plane manifestations of what we had built, we had the opportunity to sense our separation and to perceive God's invitation to return to a full and harmonious awareness of our oneness with the Whole.

Nothing truer has ever been written than that God is not willing that any soul should perish. He is the father of the prodigal son awaiting eagerly our return that He may restore to us our full inheritance as His children. He not only seeks our return and eagerly awaits it, but He has also made special and extraordinary preparations so that such a return may be possible.

. . . there are conditions that may meet every idiosyncrasy of the INDIVIDUAL soul! Then consider the millions, and how much is required of thee!

There are centers through which those of one solar system may pass to another, as we have indicated in information for individuals. There are also those experiences in which individual souls may seek a change. As He gave, as the tree falls so does it lie.* This is not only material, it is also mental and spiritual. Is God's hand short, that there would not be all that each soul would require? For it is not by the will of God that any soul perishes, but with every temptation, with every trial there is prepared the way of escape.

GOD, the Father, then, is the Creator - the beginning and the end. In HIM is the understanding, BY and through those influences that have taken form - in universes - to meet the needs of each soul - that we might find our way to Him. 5755-2

The readings indicate that God has prepared an almost infinite array of opportunities and dimensions as needed for the requirements of each individual soul to find its way of return.

And so, although we may permit ourselves to become enmeshed and lost in our experience in the earth plane, its *purpose* is rather as a school of awakening and purification, an opportunity presented by the Father Himself for our preparation for return to Him.

Only as we are obedient to the laws of the physical, mental, and spiritual dimensions do we become free from them.

Now we have come to understand that the nature of our present consciousness is three-dimensional, and that the characteristics of our present plane of awareness are such that we are in a three-dimensional experience. We describe our experiences in three-dimensional or triune concepts. We speak of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, yet we know there is only One God; thus we speak of Oneness in triune terms simply as a way to better comprehend with our finite minds.

What are these three dimensions of our experience? Two of them we can name with some agreement, even certainty. It is clear that *Time* is a dimension of the experience of us all. It is almost as though time is a way of measuring or characterizing

our experience, our awareness, our learning and our growth. Second, it is also clear that *Space* is a dimension of our experience. It is that which is manifest. It is the beingness of the physical universe about us and all of its manifestations. Here is the arena in which we conduct our experiences in time.

Beyond time and space we all sense that there is a greater and more important dimension to our experience than these two. The Edgar Cayce readings define this third dimension as *Patience*.

All who are familiar with the Bible have heard extolled the patience of Job. It was the Master Himself who taught, "In your patience possess ye your souls." (Luke 21:19) We know that patience is one of the fruits of the Spirit. Yet we wonder how can patience be a dimension? Let us consider for a moment that a dimension is a mode of measurement. We measure our lives in terms of *Time*, we measure them in terms of *Space* and, with respect to the soul's growth, we measure them in terms of *Patience*.

Now we are challenged even one step further: If there is only One Force, God, and if reality is presenting itself to us at the present in terms of the dimensions of time, space and patience, then would it not follow that our mode of experiencing the triune God (as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) is through our *own* trinity of body, mind, and soul. As we come to see God *manifested* on these levels, we understand that our experiencing of Him occurs over time, in space, and through patience.

Then what is the Spirit of God? PATIENCE, TIME AND SPACE in the material understanding.

This then is our first premise; that God IS - in the material experience of man - TIME, SPACE, PATIENCE! 262-114

Let us examine this more closely. In *Space*, as in the manifestations in nature, we see the hand of God at work in a beautiful flower, in a sunset, in all of creation. In *Time*, as in growth and change, we see the hand of God at work in the seasons, in night and day, in the cycle of a seed as it falls into the ground, dies, comes to new life and bears fruit in its season. In the acts of man we know that an essential quality of the fruit of the Spirit is patience. Of all the spiritual virtues that one may manifest, without *patience* we sense a lack of the true spirit. Patience, then, becomes a measure of our full and abiding attunement with the Spirit.

These insights may awaken within us a new and extraordinary response to the nature and purpose of the experiences in which we find ourselves. These insights should revolutionize our attitudes toward our opportunities in the earth plane. Before, we may have felt that the earth experience was evil or that we were trapped in a lesser reality; now we may come to see that these presentations of time, space, and patience are indeed of God Himself. We experience true reality, and thus God, in these dimensions in order that we may have the opportunity to awaken, to attune, and to return.

In man's consciousness there appears so much mercy, so much love, that these have been called time and space. 3660-1

. . . love unbounded is patience. Love manifested is patience. 3161-1

In every experience we should see Him. He in His love and lawfulness is presenting Himself to us for our growth. In application, these considerations may lead us to the following affirmations: First, the Master said, "It is I; be not afraid." (John 6:20) Were we to sense that it is the Divine presenting His love to us in every experience, then with every confrontation of whatever kind, we would hear Him saying, "It is I; be not afraid." In every experience we would sense that it was a steppingstone rather than a stumbling block if we could see that it was indeed He presenting Himself for our soul growth in that experience.

Next, we are told, "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me." (John 14:1) If we were to believe that life and its experiences are God presenting Himself to us, then we would sense a deeper meaning in knowing that there is only One Force. And that Force is in and behind everything working ultimately for our good. Then with every confrontation we could reaffirm, "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me."

Third, we are told, "He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward." (Matthew 10:41) Rather than thinking of the *prophet* as an *individual*, let us consider that every experience we have is like a prophet's. If we receive each experience in a prophet's name, that is, if we recognize it as the opportunity for soul growth that it is, then we receive a commensurate reward.

And fourth, we are told in a saying from the East, "When the student is ready, the teacher will appear." The teacher need not be thought of necessarily as a person, but rather as an opportunity for growth. At any time when we are facing any circumstance, if we are ready to grow, then that circumstance or experience becomes the teacher. Simply by bringing to life a willingness to grow and to learn, then in all of life we will meet God in our experiences.

If we can bring that consciousness that it is the Divine that is presenting Himself to us in and through every experience of life, and if we respond to life *with* life, then we may truly see Him in all and everything. (For example, if I eat a green apple, I may respond with a stomachache. Rather than cursing the apple, I may learn something more universal about fruit in due season or "when the time is ripe." I may also learn that should the Master appear unexpectedly, I must *always* be prepared to show forth good fruit.)

The additional ingredient needed to make sense of this perspective of life is of course *ourselves*. We are meeting *self*. Because we have minds with which to build and wills with which to choose, then with these we place ourselves in a certain relationship to God and to the Law. The circumstances we meet in life are witnesses to what we have done or to the position in which we have placed ourselves with respect to the Law.

Since there is only One Force, since God is that Oneness, and since the Divine is Infinite, then from the cosmic mind or cosmic consciousness there is only one time, there is only one space. For the Infinite there is no time or space *as we understand them* from finite consciousness. Yet by the grace of God we are permitted to live and grow in this three-dimensional awareness; therefore, it is important for us to understand the nature of these dimensions and to work within them. Only as we are obedient to the laws of the physical, mental, and spiritual dimensions do we become free from them.

There is much to be unlearned. There is much to learn. These truths we would give from here that must be learned first of all:

God is not mocked, and whatsoever a soul soweth, that must it somewhere, sometime reap. For in the consciousness of eternity, time is not, neither is space. In man's consciousness there appears so much mercy, so much love, that these have been called time and space. 3660-1

In arriving at that called time and space, for an entity's, a soul's sojourn in the realms of the earth in which this entity is sojourning in the present, man - in what he terms as his own wisdom - has set metes and bounds in the realm of the dimension in which he finds himself....

Hence there has been the division, as was given from the beginning that metes and bounds were set; NOT for man's undoing, but that man might use them as the indication in his awareness of what, how, when, where, in what manner the change is wrought in his awareness or consciousness. 315-4

If these dimensions are made for man's growth in awareness how do they function in this respect? It is through the records man himself makes that he encounters himself in terms of the purposes, choices and applications made with respect to the Law. Thus it is said that "upon the skein of time and space" these records of man's experience are written. Only in *patience* may we read and become aware of them. Through the spirit and application of patience we not only become aware of these records, but in this awareness no time and no space exist in the unity of the at-onement.

It is time, space and patience that bridges that distance. These are man's concept of the spirit of God manifesting to the three-dimensional consciousness.

Hence the records of each entity are recorded upon time and space, and in patience may be interpreted to the entity; to be used constructively, not as something of which to boast or to make short cuts. For, there are no short cuts in patience. There are no short cuts in time or space, when conceived in the mental and spiritual aspect. 2771-1

With the growth of awareness in application there become no time and no space in the unity of the at-onement. The requirements for attaining this awareness are very demanding:

For time and space cease to be when one has DETERMINED in every atom of one's being to use every ability within one's POWER in that direction, which has been given is the ideal to which the entity must hold. 849-17

Another was told that in patience there would be brought "the full union of time and space" and was given the following information:

For to the entity - as to the world - patience is the lesson that each soul must learn in its sojourn through materiality. And this is a thought for the entity: Time, space and patience are in the mental realm the same as implied by the expression "Father-God, Son and Holy Spirit," or as Spirit, Body, Soul. They are expressions of the three-dimensional thought.

And in Patience then does man become more and more aware OF the continuity of life, of his soul being a portion of the Whole; Patience being the portion of man's sphere of activity in the finite being, as Time and Space manifest the creative and motivative force. 1554-3

Notice that time and space are dimensions through which we come to understand the creative and motivative forces. Patience reveals man's response to God and what we have done in relationship to Him.

The readings reiterate that patience is not a passive, but rather an active force! If patience is an active force, then, for us to be patient, some force must be raised within us that becomes the efficacious enabler for the application of patience. In deep meditation we may raise the spiritual forces within the body and these may flow through the seven spiritual centers of the body. The first of these, the generative organ of the body, the motor, is said (in the Revelation letter to the first church) to have the virtue of patience. If patience is an active force to be applied, and if the life force is raised in and through us in deep meditation, then it follows that in order to be patient we must become meditators!

In seeking to apply patience there may be many misunderstandings. Let us examine more precisely the wording of the readings regarding this principle:

That primarily needed is patience, persistence and consistence.

Then we would define for the entity what we mean by the entity having patience - in an active, positive manner and not merely as a passive thing.

Taking or enduring hardships, or censure, or idiosyncrasies of others, is not necessarily patience at all. It may become merely that of being a drudge not only to self but an outlet of expression from others that may never be quite satisfying because there is no resistance.

Passive patience, to be sure, has its place; but consider patience rather from the precepts of God's relationship to man: love unbounded is patience. Love manifested is patience. Endurance at times is patience, consistence ever is patience. 3161-1

Many people think that patience will make of them something of a doormat or will lessen their strength of character. Many times the readings corrected this misconception, as in the following:

To be sure, patience, longsuffering and endurance are in their respective manners urges that would lead to virtues, but they cease to be a virtue when the individual entity allows self merely to be imposed upon, and to take second place merely because someone else, of a more aggressive nature, imposes. 3029-1

We have been given the marvelous and unfathomable gift of life; and through the grace and love of God, the continuity of life. We have been given the promise of life more abundant in the spirit of Christ, and that spirit has invited us to come and drink of the water of life freely.

What is this water of life? What is this that the Spirit and the Bride, or the Spirit and the Lamb, say to come and take of freely?

PATIENCE, TIME, SPACE! That we may know ourselves to be His; that our spirits, our souls, bear witness in the things that we do in which we bear witness of Him.

For that which has a beginning must have an ending. Hence rebellion and hate and selfishness must be wiped away, and WITH IT will go sorrow and tears and sadness. For ONLY good shall rule. For it is the Spirit of God that will move over the face of the earth, and Lo, His Son - even Jesus, the Christ - has borne in himself all these things, and has committed unto us the keeping of His sheep, His lambs, till He come to make an accounting with each of us.

WHERE - WHERE - WHERE will we be? 262-114

TIME AND SPACE

Time/Space Definition

707-2, Male 58, 2/1/35

“I will bring to thy remembrance ALL that thou needest from the foundations of the world.” Who, what, how, but HIM! Who is the Maker? Who IS the author? Who is light? Who is time? Who is space? The SON! that through His love for His brethren - for thou, thine self - gave all that ye might have the greater, the closer communion with Him.

1597-1, Male 31 (Advertising Writer for Brother-in-law, Mr. [1564]), 5/27/38

Time and space are occupied or are peopled with the elements, or spheres, that become activities for souls or entities in their journey through time and space; seeking that home not built with hands but with the thoughts and with the deeds and with the manners in which we have dealt with our fellow souls, our fellow beings.

281-33, Glad Helpers Prayer Group, 3/31/37

Remember, as has been given to him that was given a measure, as a mete, as a rod to measure heaven - as to how large his heaven would be. Alright! Then we have as to how much time - What is time? Is it a record merely of the events of self or of the glory of God? What is the extent of the glory of thy heaven or of thy God? This is as a reckoning. Yet as is shown by the indication of so many days, so many weeks, it is the INCLINATION of the individual mind in materiality to set (as was said of John) metes and bounds; and we judge from - How many days or years have ye set? Nineteen thirty-seven (1937) is what? And thy Lord has been continuous! yet ye say only 1937!

1747-5, Female 37 (Factory Worker), 6/20/42

In the Godhead there is found still the three-dimensional concept, - God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

Hence, - if this is acceptable to the entity in its conception of that which has been, which is, which may be, - these are still founded in that summed up in “The Lord thy God is One.”

Also, in the interpretation of the universe, we find that time and space are concepts of the mental mind, as to an interpretation of or a study into the relationships with man and to the universal or God-consciousness.

315-4, Male 27 (Photographer), 6/18/34

So, ye that are students of psychic forces, psychic influences in the experience of others, bear with that which may be given to this entity for a little while.

In arriving at that called time and space, for an entity's, a soul's sojourn in the realms of the earth in which this entity is sojourning in the present, man - in what he terms as his own wisdom - has set metes and bounds in the realm of the dimension in which he finds himself.

Hence, as is said, BORN into the earth on October 30, 1906. 1906 what? From what? To what? October 30th - what of October? Names - that have been given by man to designate a given period measured from an event or activity or experience in the influence of man that is judged as a starting point, or a period when the consciousness of man has attained or gained that something has taken place in the experience of man in the material world that prompts him to set this event, this time - as he calls same - as a starting point.

Rarely does an individual realize or become conscious or aware of WHAT is happening to the earth or to the individuals at the period of such an event. Only in the experience of the many does there become the awareness that such has taken place, that it is to be adjudged or accredited with the abilities, power or influence such as to be termed a period of such and such experience.

Hence there has been the division, as was given from the beginning that metes and bounds were set; NOT for man's undoing, but that man might use them as the indication in his awareness of what, how, when, where, in what manner the change is wrought in his awareness or consciousness.

Finite Mind – Barrier to the Infinite

281-55, 6/7/41

(Q) In giving that as may be understandable in the study of man, it is necessary to understand that purpose for which an entity decided to enter the earth plane from the first creation of that entity.

(A) This is too far-reaching to be answered Yes or No. For, each experience of a soul-entity in materiality is part of the whole experience of the entity. Each inception, each conception upon which the soul depends for its period of manifestation is as but a moment, a day, a year in the activity of the ENTITY itself. Thus it could not be said that an individual conception is a beginning. It is a part of a whole, - from those activities first conceived in mind - and there is no time in spirit, see?

2000-3 M 54 (Jeweler for 35 years, Baker last year), 10/13/39

For, while time and space are literal only to the consciousness of the finite mind, they are a part of the experience in materiality; and the presentations of same then should be of creative forces, - as time, space, patience.

For with the creating of these came the consciousness of being separated from Creative Forces, or God.

262-57, 1/7/34

(Q) Please explain the statement given in Genesis, "In six days God made the heaven and the earth and RESTED THE SEVENTH DAY."

(A) That each may interpret this to his own comprehension is rather that each becomes aware of the power of the Father in His manifestations in the earth.

When it is considered (as was later given, or WRITTEN even before this was written) that "a thousand years is as but a day and a day as but a thousand years in the sight of the Lord," then it may be comprehended that this was colored by the writer in his desire to express to the people the power of the living God - rather than a statement of six days as man comprehends days in the present. Not that it was an impossibility - but rather that men under the environ should be impressed by the omnipotence of that they were called on to worship as God....

When one considers the birth of a soul into the earth, the more often is the body and the body-mind considered than the soul - that is full-grown in a breath. For, did the Father (or Infinity) bring the earth, the worlds into existence, how much greater is a day in the house of the Lord - or a moment in His presence - than a thousand years in carnal forces?

826-8, Male 35 (Lawyer), 8/11/36

God IS, Spirit IS; the Soul IS an individualized portion that may materialize, that may become conscious as a companion for that which is, that I AM THAT I AM in ALL its spheres! And all spheres of activity in the earth, in the realms of WHATEVER environ, are for that preparation. That man may control in the earth a few of its influences is so infinitesimal to what eternity is, or to what space or time or any of the universal forces are, that the finite mind does not conceive.

262-115, 10/24/37

As has been given, error or separation began before there appeared what we know as the Earth, the Heavens; or before Space was manifested. (continued on the next page)

This becomes hard to conceive in the finite mind; as does the finite mind fail to grasp the lack of or NO time. Yet out of Time, Space, Patience, is it possible for the consciousness of the finite to KNOW the infinite....

Then through Mu, Oz, Atlantis - with the breaking up of these - why, WHY no records of these if there were the civilizations that are ordinarily accredited to them by the interpreting of the records made by entities or souls upon the skein of what? Time and Space?

But he only that has recognized Patience within self may indeed make the record as an experience in the consciousness of any....

“Let there be light,” then, was that consciousness that Time began to be a factor in the experience of those creatures that had entangled themselves in matter; and became what we know as the Influences in a material plane. And the moving force and the life in each, and the activities in each are from the Spirit....

Let us each study same. We will catch a new vision of what Time and Space begin to mean. Then we know that with Patience you mothers have waited and known from this or that experience those awakenings, those awarenesses of the activity; and we see the creation of the world, as the awareness of these influences that have become enmeshed, entangled into matter; that are seeking they know not what.

262-123, 3/10/40

(Q) Are time and space concepts that exist outside of physical consciousness?

(A) No. For the physical consciousness is an activity that uses such, as the divisions of space and time. And in patience only may ye become aware of the concept of either.

2144-1, Female 41 (Officer Clerk), 3/11/40

The records are upon time and space, which are manifestations of that influence or force we call God. They are both old and ever new. But only in patience does the finite mind become aware of the VALUE of same upon the infinite, or the spiritual self.

Thus the records are taken from this skein of time and space. Hence, as an entity enters and leaves consciousness in materiality, there is left upon time and space that which has been the activity, - thus there may be the interpreting of same.

Oneness of Time and Space

900-345, Male 32 (Stockbroker), 10/9/27

Time is as one time, Space as one space, to the cosmic consciousness. Hard for the physical consciousness to separate from that with which it contacts itself from the very first, and is continually given that in such and such time, in such and such period - yet we see by growth, each and every development is brought about. When did such a thing happen? To the cosmic mind this is ever present. To the sensuous minds this is as of a time or space. Study these in this light, and - as there is seen by thine own understanding - growth in thine own self is kept apace by the consciousness of the abilities to apply that obtained in the consciousness of the pure mind or mental forces of self.

900-362, Male 32 (Stockbroker), 1/4/28

. . . all force is one force, all time one time, all energy one energy, radiating in its different sphere, phases, or the modifications of the different conditions, see?

4341-1, Male ADULT, 10/4/28

First, the continuity of life. There is no time: it is one time; there is no space; it is one space; there is no force; other than all force in its various phases and applications of force are the emanations of men's endeavors in a material world to exemplify an ideal of its concept of the creative energy, or God, of which the individual is such a part that the thoughts even of the individual may become crimes or miracles, for thoughts are deeds and applied in the sense that these are in accord with those principles as given. That that one metes must be met again. That one applies will be applied again and again until that one-ness, time, space, force, or the own individual is one with the whole, not the whole with such a portion of the whole as to be equal with the whole.

5756-4, 3/16/27

(Q) Where is the dwelling place of such spirit entities?

(A) That that such entity has builded, and as it (the entity) draws about it, or desires same shall be. In the earth's plane many are attracted by those conditions and are held by many loved ones, when their desires to be on the way, as it were. Building in that way and manner as is in its heart of hearts, soul of soul, to be about. See? Now, the dwelling place is as builded by that entity, and in that place about the earth and the earth's sphere, time is no time, space no space, to such entities.

1158-9, Female 47 (Housewife), 3/20/37

Oft, to be sure, it has come in thine own consciousness, how could, how COULD He be in heaven, in earth, in this place or that place, and be aware of an individual and at the same moment or same time be aware of that same presence in places miles, yea leagues and leagues apart?

There is no time, there is no space in the UNITY of the at-onement. THIS ye know, this ye oft have a consciousness of, yet not a full awareness of. But how hath He given it? "All things that were made, by Him were made. Without Him there was not anything made that was made."

Then in all, through all, is the permeating influence of Christ-Consciousness.

Ye crystallize, ye demonstrate, ye make an at-onement by thine own attunement to His conscious presence that becomes a reality in material expressions as Creative Forces can, do, and ARE in those who are of one mind, one purpose, one intent, one desire.

922-1, Female 56 (Housewife), 5/10/35

(Q) Why do I have a decided feeling against digging into the past?

(A) Thou hast remembered well that as was given, "Remember Lot's wife." But rather know that what is necessary for thee will be given thee - of thy past, of thy present, of thy future. Are they not one in Him? He IS from the foundations of the world. He is! And as He has given, "Come and know ye me, and I will give thee that knowledge that thou hadst with me since the foundations of the world." Lo, He is nigh unto thee!

707-6, Male 60, 5/22/37

Do not confuse present and past - they are one, if the entity, the soul, will make itself attuned to the whole purpose of Creative Energies and forces that manifest themselves in the activities of the individual.

136-54, Female 22 (Housewife), 1/14/27

For to the subconscious there is no past or future - all present. This would be well to remember in much of the information as may be given through such forces as these.

4035-1, Male 27, 3/29/44

So man's concept of the Godhead is three-dimensional - Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The communication or the activity or the motivating force we find is three-dimensional - time, space and patience. Neither of these exists in fact, except in the concept of the individual as it may apply to time or space or patience.

696-3, Female 38 (Writer), 1/28/35

“God hath not willed that any soul should perish, or that any should be cut off from His face, but hath with the temptation prepared a way of escape.” Hence the NECESSITY of patience, of living in the soul, seeing all time as ONE time, that ye may know whereunto thou hast been called.

The Law of Relativity

3744-4, 2/14/24

(Q) What are the laws governing relativity of all force?

(A) In giving the manifestation of such an law, which does exist, we first must consider that, that is called force, and that force then in its relation, or the relativity of that force to all force.

There are, as were set in the beginning, as far as the concern is of this physical earth plane, those rules or laws in the relative force of those that govern the earth, and the beings of the earth plane, and also that same law governs the planets, stars, constellations, groups, that that constitutes the sphere, the space, in which the planet moves. These are of the one force, and we see the manifestation of the relation of one force with another in the many various phases as is shown, for in fact that which to the human mind exists, in fact does not exist, for it has been in past before it is to the human mind in existence.

In this, we see the law of the relations of conditions, space or time and its relation to human mind, as is capable of obtaining information upon the earth plane from a normal force or conditions. Hence, we bring the same word, relativity of force, to prove its own self, and condition, for we have as in this:

The earth in its motion, held in space by that force of attraction, or detraction, or gravitation, or lack of gravitation in its force, so those things that do appear to have reality, and their reality to the human mind, have in reality passed into past conditions before they have reached the mind, for with the earth's laws, and its relations to other spheres, has to man become a past condition. So it is reached only in the further forces as will show, and as is given, for man to understand in this developing, or this evolution from sphere to sphere, or from plane to plane, in this condition.

Hence, we find to the normal mind, there is no law as to relativity of force, save as the individual may apply same in the individual's needs of them. That is sufficient.

900-24, Male 29, 1/18/25

(Q) Explain in detail the law of relativity.

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(A) This law of relativity we find, as has been given, relates to the law as was set in motion in the beginning, when the Universe as a whole came into existence.

As related to the mind, and to the earth conditions, we find first beginning with that of the earth in its position, with the other elements about same. These became the law of the relative position regarding the spheres, and as there begun the lowest form of the animal and mineral, and vegetable, forces in the earth, we begun with all relative condition regarding those conditions from other spheres, and their relations to same.

In the mind, then, and the soul forces as was given in man, in his creation, bears its relation then to all other forces in the Universe, and as man's mind developed in the earth's forces, the seeking to find those relations still remaining that relative force as exercised in an earth plane; each bearing its relation to the other, just as the planetary system is to earth and its relation to each and every kingdom as presented itself in its relation to the earth condition, and to those of the Creator and the Created, and as we find, then, in the soul's development to reach that plane wherein the whole entity may become one with that creative forces, that creative energy, that Oneness with the God, this we find needs then that development through all the planes in the Universal Forces, or throughout the Universe. Hence the necessity of developing in that plane. All bearing, then, the relative condition, position, action, state of being, to that creative force, and that created.

As we would have, as is shown in the earth's plane from the elements about the earth, all combination in chemical form begins a form of condition with force, less the creative plasm of the entity, the being, to give reproduction in itself, that energy, that first force, that spirit agent; in such being the relative force to all life giving forces. Hence, in its development, each bearing its relation, and its relative relation, to those conditions upon which the existence of such force depends....

(Q) Explain, "So those things that do appear to have reality, and their reality to the human mind, have in reality passed into past conditions before they have reached the mind, for with the earth's laws and its relation to other spheres has man become a past condition."

(A) This relates to that of the spiritual law in its relative forces in the earth planes, or that of a finite mind attempting to comprehend the laws of the infinite mind, for before ANY condition exists in the finite mind, it has become a past condition, relatively spoken, from the infinite mind. As we have in the earth's sphere, when the light from the planets, or any of the elements in solar system, cast their shadow, or light, upon the earth's element, for such conditions have passed into space before it can be a conscious condition to the human consciousness. Again the relative conditions in the earth's plane, or sphere, as related to the spiritual conditions, or laws, for as would again be sought, one who would understand the infinite mind must approach that with the finite in such condition as to receive that spiritual insight into such relations, must less conditions.

900-70, Male 30 (Stockbroker), 5/12/25

(Q) Explain how the law of Relativity applies to Man's development to his evolution?

(A) As each and every atom in the Universe has its relative relation with every other atom, then man's development lies in the relativity of all forces, whether applied in the physical world as existent to-day, or that existence in man's earthly existence before, for the relativity of one force applies to another. Hence all relative forces apply to man's development, whether mental, physical or spiritual.

3412-2, Female 66 (Housewife), 11/24/43

As the individual entity finds itself body, mind, soul, so are the manifestations in a three-dimensional plane. Hence the concept of the finite, is in the realm of cause, effect and purpose, as in the infinite there is the Father, Son, Holy Spirit. The attaining from the mind to the infinite is through time, space and patience. All of these phases of human experience in mind and in materiality should be considered by the entity.

The injunction then would be: Know that all that materializes must first happen in spirit, and the law of cause and effect ever remains. Hence in spirit it is purpose and ideal.

Then find the ideal in spirit, in mind, and the results will be quite different in the experience of this entity, as any other entity. For ye live, ye move, ye have thy being from the spirit of truth. Yet the will of an entity is either the co-creator with the Creative Forces (or God) or in opposition to such in a material world.

1248-1, Female 17, 8/10/36

Time to the entity appears so oft to be such an important factor, and "This must be accomplished now." Hence those tendencies for impatience must be turned rather to understanding that the seed sown in act or word today brings in due season the flower, the stem and the fruits thereof. For an immutable law in materiality, in mentality, in spirituality, is that what ye sow ye reap. And WAIT on those influences for the KNOWING what the fruit of that act, that deed, that word may be that is given day by day.

1490-4, Female 6, 7/19/39

(Q) Can you specify the length of time it will take before the spots disappear entirely?

(A) How long before tomorrow? How long before or since yesterday? These are a matter of the mental concept. If it is the desire, then work towards it! But is the desire for the outlook or for the actual conditions? Is it of a spiritual or purely material nature? Study this that you are asking, and know that the sources consider no time!

1007-3, Female 67 (Widow), 7/26/38

For if time and space become nil when the spiritual purpose of an entity is considered, then we are what we are because of what we have been.

1613-1, Male 68 (Ph.T, German Refugee), 6/10/38

Hold fast to that hope thou hast found in thy Lord. Know WHO is thy Lord, and that He is able to keep those things ye commit unto Him against any experience; here, now, and in the hereafter! or know that He is past, present and future all in one!

Eternity Is Now

1293-1, Female 39 (Astrologer), 11/17/36

As to those appearances in the earth, then, that manifest through the experiences of the entity in the present, not all are given - but those that INFLUENCE the entity now. For life in its real sense is ever the NOW! For TODAY is set before thee, TODAY if ye will hear His voice! Today, the eternal now, is ever before each entity, each soul; whether in that commonly called materiality or in spirit. For to be absent from the body is to be present with that thou hast builded in thine INNER self! And ye all must one day stand before the judge that is a LIVING force!

The entity's experiences have made for those activities in the present both good and bad. For we meet ourselves constantly. For the law of love, the law of mercy, the law of grace is that no soul should perish but that ALL should KNOW the face of their Maker!

1493-1, Female 64 (Widow, Dental Hygienist), 12/4/37

THESE are given, as we find, that they may be a helpful force if they are applied in the daily experiences of the entity in the present.

For it is ever the NOW - as in relationship of the soul to the universal consciousness, to the universal love - that makes for the awareness of the unfoldments of the inner self with Creative Forces or God in the experience.

2067-6, Female 53 (Teacher), 4/7/41

(Q) Is it God's will that I combine teaching in some school with writing all the rest of my life, or for approximately how many years?

(A) Again - there is no SET time. For, when ye have completed thy purpose and there are greater, better fields in which ye may serve, it will be pointed out to thee.

Do not look upon thy service or thy activity in the light of having so many days or so many months, or so many years of active service. Rather do with all thy might and power and will what thy hands find to do, and thy mind, to glorify the love of the Father as manifested in the Christ, in thy relationships to thy fellow man.

Whether there be one day or a thousand years, one month or ten that there is the service in teaching or in writing, DO TODAY that thy hands find to do! And let that be EACH day!

1947-3, Female 31 (Piano Teacher), 9/4/39

As the Mind indicated, "I and the Father are one; he that abideth in me as I abide in the Father HATH eternal life." Not WILL have, not MAY have, but HATH - now - is in eternal consciousness of being at a onement with eternal influence and force!

5755-1, 6/27/38

Hence the entity passes along those stages that some have seen as planes, some have seen as steps, some have seen as cycles, and some have experienced as places.

How far? How far is tomorrow to any soul? How far is yesterday from thy consciousness?

You are IN same (that is, all time as one time), yet become gradually aware of it; passing through, then, as it were, God's record or book of consciousness or of remembrance; for meeting, being measured out as it were to that to which thou hast attained.

3954-1, Female 71, 11/5/43

(Q) How can I best help my six children to become part and parcel of the Kingdom of God on earth?

(A) By just living and being that ye would ask each of them to be. Better by precept or example. Not by what you say but what you are. These are the things that will grow most in the experience of those to whom ye have given and do give spiritual and mental help. For as the entity has found, there has been only the need to express the desire and it has come to pass in thy experience. This is the very nature, the very practice of that He has given; that what ye ask in His name, believing, is done already. Because it doesn't happen today doesn't indicate that it won't happen tomorrow. Because tomorrow never comes, unless today is filled with grace and love.

262-2, 9/20/31

Be a real emissary, as the body HAS been in that called the past - MAKE it NOW! for all time is ONE time.

The Skein of Time and Space

1681-1, Male 33 (Banker), 9/7/38

As to the sources, then - as to the records, then:

Each soul, each entity makes upon time and space - through patience recording same - that as may be indeed the record of the intent and purposes, as well as the material manifestations of the entity through its sojourn in materiality.

2787-1, Female 49 (Widow), 7/25/42

These records are written upon time and space. Just as light goes out from a candle influencing the universe, the light that goes out from a life influences all with whom it comes in contact - and grows, dependent upon the spirit with which it is tempered.

Then in patience these records may be interpreted.

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

The records are upon time and space, but these - ye say - are concepts of man. There is no time, there is no space; they are concepts. Then, - where?

2073-2, Female 39 (Housewife), 4/12/40

For, these are given by Time as the keeper of those forces through which such records are made, upon the skein of Time and Space, and are a part of the whole experience of the entity.

And the entity oft becomes aware of a vision within the environs or surroundings that is not of an earthly making, but is of the celestial spheres; and also of the beauty in color, and the figures that are indicated in those colors, as also music that blends with same, more than of individuals or personalities or individualities that appear in same.

Cultivate these, for they - as the activities in the imaginative realms (should some choose to call them such) - become close akin to the real soul self; just as the wearing of the coral - not as a worshipfulness, but as the omen or as the charm (if one would choose to call it such) - would keep the body in better attunement.

2771-1, Female 32 (Homemaker), 6/27/42

Thus, it would be well for the entity to get a vision of, or something of the basis of the tenets from which choices are made of that as may be indicated here for the entity:

Each soul, - as it manifests in the earth, - is body, mind and spirit; just as there is in the Godhead the God the father, God the mind, God the holy spirit. These, - as Father, Son and Holy Ghost, - are one. These terms of expression are used in this three-dimensional world. For, the earth-consciousness rarely conceives of that which may not be of a three-dimensional nature. The fourth and fifth dimensions may be spoken of, but as to their proofs - to most, and even to this entity at times - these are hazy.

Yet, as one finds self as a shadow, or as a representative of that indicated in the eternal, - one may ask, what is the source of this association or connection?

It is time, space and patience that bridges that distance. These are man's concept of the spirit of God manifesting to the three-dimensional consciousness.

Hence the records of each entity are recorded upon time and space, and in patience may be interpreted to the entity; to be used constructively, not as something of which to boast or to make short cuts. For, there are no short cuts in patience. There are no short cuts in time or space, when conceived in the mental and spiritual aspect.

Hence the reading of the records from time and space may not always be interpreted by such a reader in the same phraseology, yet that as may be helpful would we choose from the records here of this entity, [2271].

262-66, 7/11/34

EC: This might be interesting to those who are compiling things.

Each state, country or town makes its own vibrations by or through the activities of those that comprise same; hence creates for itself a realm in which the activities of each city, town, state - or city, state and town - may be in the realm of those forces where the activities bring the associations through relativity of influence in the material plane. Hence why astrological influences, and why in the various activities or centers may there be born or brought into the earth the various influences, even though their realm or place of activity may be very foreign to that place wherein they entered.

Those activities make for such an impression upon the realm of data, or between time and space, as to make for what men have called Destiny (which will be your next lesson) in the material affairs of individuals.

Utilizing Time and Space

257-92, Male 39 (Sales Mgr.), 9/6/32

There is a division each and every individual should make, as given. Each should budget their time, and don't infringe one on another! When it is time to pray, pray - let business go to thunder! It will make more business! Invite your associate to pray with you when the time comes! Be wonderful the changes that may come! When it is time to walk, invite your associates. If they laugh at you, laugh with them! In ALL the activities these will be the more helpful. Think of the many wonders surrounding the body, in its associations, that people come for miles - yea, thousands of miles - to see, that the body has never seen!

1901-1, Male 38 (Executive), 5/30/39

But the entity should know there is more to life than to live, and a success must be one in which the entity may grow in understanding and in knowledge. It must be one in which grace and mercy and truth HAVE been and ARE the directing activities; else regrets, in the home, in the associations, may be the part of the entity's experience.

Keep self, then, well balanced. Budget thy time more.

It is true that one rarely succeeds who has many diversified interests, yet thy activities and the dividing of thy time should be diversified according to a definite undertaking in a specific direction, - that the choice of thy dealings with thy fellow man may be the more thoroughly understood from EVERY direction; and not merely diversified in the attempt to be a piddler in many undertakings.

440-2, Male 23, 12/13/33

(Q) How can I develop the ability to work long hours? And what are the best hours for work?

(A) What are the best hours for work? When the lesser number of people are THINKING about work; for ANY individual! Hence, by raising the resistances in the body, the body will be able to control the hours of labor physically and the hours of labor mentally. Remember that which has been given, that all work and no play will make just as dull boy as all play and no work - and will make one eventually JUST as worthless, to self and to that it would desire to accomplish!

Best that EVERY individual (and this individual, particularly) budget its time. Set so much time for study, so much time for relaxation, so much time for labor mentally, so

much time for activity of the physical body, so much time for reading, so much time for social activities. And while this does not mean to become merely a body of rote, it does mean that each of these changes and each of these activities make for the creating of a better balance - that not only facilitates the individual's activities but gives the ability to CONCENTRATE when desiring on WHATEVER the activity may be!

1113-2, Male 39, 5/8/36

Do not burn the candle at both ends; that is, do not DRIVE self too strenuously. Rather is it more advisable that the body budget its time for recuperation, for activities in these directions that make for keeping the bodily forces, the mental forces - yea, and the spiritual forces, in an ACTIVE force or active manner without making too great a strain upon ANY of them.

Take time for rest but take time ALSO for play, as well as for work physical and work mental AND work spiritual; that the body may keep physically fit, may keep mentally acute, may keep spiritually balanced. These not as rote but rather as making a life, and experience worth while and well balanced. And these will produce in the body a GREATER ability for making the experience more worth while for self in EVERY manner.

480-20, Female 23, 7/22/35

10. Let each budget the time. Let each give so much to the recreation for the body, for the mind, for the social activities, for the necessary activities for the supplying of the needs in their varied relationships. And be COOPERATIVE one with another in such things.

PATIENCE

Patience Begins with Self

705-2, 1/27/35

(Q) [696]: What do I need most to further my spiritual development?

(A) Faith, hope and - MOST of all - PATIENCE! "In patience possess ye your souls." Be patient even in those periods of exaltation, joy, sorrow, woe. For in this do all become aware of the CONTINUITY of life itself; the more and more that this is made aware in the experience of the soul, more and more may the hope and the faith grow. Be patient.

281-19, 1/12/34

(Q) Please give me such counsel as I NEED at this time.

(A) Be not impatient with thyself nor with thy neighbors. Be not unmindful that He, the Pattern, suffered long - and STILL was kind; that He endured unto the end and is seeking ever to aid thee in EVERY condition that confronts thee in thine daily experience. And be not weary, then, IN well-doing, but keep the heart singing - and the expectancy for great things to be accomplished in His name. And there will come those influences, those experiences, that make the living experience in the present more and more worth while. And the ONLY thing that endureth is patience.

911-3, Female 24, 9/9/32

(Q) How can I be less sensitive and more adaptable?

(A) Just be that way! that is, as this: Do not worry self over the fact, or conditions that have so long existed where the body-physical and mental has depended upon outside influences for the abilities of activity. Then, as the conditions are physically and mentally adjusting themselves, just be patient with self and with others. The more patience that is shown in self toward others, the more patience will be shown by others to self - and it becomes then a circle, as it were, and before one knows it the conditions have adjusted themselves so that the self is able to adapt self to all the circumstances and conditions, and the environs that come about in the various activities. Being patient, then, with self first, being patient then with others. As the patience is manifest, so will the results be seen. This doesn't mean patience in the sense of just submissiveness, or just being quiet - but an ACTIVE patience, CONSCIOUS of being patient with self and with others. Force self to do some unpleasant things that it hasn't wanted to do once in a while, and like it!

633-12, Male 30, 3/1/41

Be patient with self, and with others as ye would have them be patient with you.

473-1, Norfolk Study Group #3, 12/19/33

In the getting of understanding, temper all with patience and with love, and the joy of the service becomes less irksome in thine daily life. For, while petty conditions arise in thine experience, patience and perseverance will make the understanding and the ways of the Lord plain in thine daily life.

5091-3, Female 43, 5/15/44

(Q) I have been given a keen sense of perception of people's abilities and failures - how can I overcome being impatient with persons who are slow on the "pick-up?"

(A) First learn to be patient with self. For as ye analyze these ideals ye will come first to this as a concept: What would have been thy end had God grown impatient with thee? It is the manner in which ye treat thy fellow man, whom ye would teach, whom ye would direct, with whom ye would work. This is the manner ye would have thy God treat thee. For thy prayer should ever be: "Lord forgive me, as I forgive my fellow man." And then how forgiving will ye be? Just as forgiving as ye desire the lord to be who can forgive as the image of the God in thee can forgive: When ye grow impatient ye know ye are minus just that much of Godliness. Thy self-righteousness has come between thee, and thy selfishness has overcome thee.

443-4, Female 45, 1/8/34

(Q) Is the flatulency part of this condition, or fundamental? [Condition: Arthritis]

(A) It's not fundamental, for - as given, and as we would rather insist - fundamentally this body has within itself not only the abilities, the powers to create or bring about within itself a perfect, normal body, health-giving, health-flowing, but capable of giving off health, life and influence to others. Then, it must be powerful, it must be basically right! What prevents same? Being pulled here, there, or accepting this or not capable or willing to be patient enough even with self. And yet self is considered, or may be said to be more patient with others than with self. This is rather a thing to be desired, yet be patient with self also. Often has been the injunction to those that may do the most: "Stand still and see the glory of the Lord," even in thine own self.

3135-1, Female 46 (Social Worker), 7/24/43

In giving the interpretations here, these we choose: minimizing the faults, magnifying the virtues - as the entity should in its experience and in its relationships with others; being patient in all things and yet this is the greater lesson to be attained or gained in the present. For, the tendencies are for the entity to act at once, and then think about whether it has been the right thing or not afterwards.

It is best to be patient and quiet than to be sorry. For, remorse and regret causes a great deal of self-condemnation, and this no entity should do. While no entity should think more highly of itself than it ought to think, if there is the choosing first of the ideals of the life mentally and spiritually, the material will manifest in a much more satisfactory way and manner.

5089-2, Female 50, 5/15/44

In the experience the entity learned patience. That keep. Don't lose patience with thy children, thy friends who become impatient. For He did not lose patience with His Disciples when they said, "Should we go away to buy bread to feed this mob?" "What have we here?" "What have you here?" Did you ever hear this used to individuals? Try it! It is one of the most disturbing, yet one of the most quieting words which may be used, even to a mob. "What have we here?" And only a few loaves, a few fishes, yet in the hands of those who could realize as ye may, "Of myself, I can do nothing, but through His power", it may be multiplied into blessings. And remember, it can be multiplied in curses also, if ye use not thy abilities aright.

518-2, Female 25, 8/13/35

Be ye patient; be ye quiet and SEE the glory of the Lord in that thou may do in thine efforts day by day.

Impatience

3051-7, Female 46, 6/20/44

(Q) How can I best overcome impatience and what causes such impatience?

(A) Neglecting to keep the law. Study to show thyself approved. This is the first principle set, isn't it? Then apply it in first being patient with self.

3051-3, Female 45, 9/25/43

There are doubts and fears (that have been submerged in physical expression) finding manifestation in the physical being in self, and these must be met as they are indicated in the body. But do not become impatient with self nor the lack of those materializations at once of those hopes in the body. For ye grow in grace, in knowledge and in understanding. Where it has taken years to produce a fear, a doubt, an activity that begins to find manifestation in the twitching of a muscle, in the expansion of a vein, in the frustrations in the body forces, - be patient, be quiet within; and we will find those administrations that have been made - and that may be made - will aid thee in growing in the right directions. [Physical Reading]

5125-1, Female 30 (Secretary), 5/19/44

The entity is democratic in its ideals, and thus the entity is good for what ails most of the world - lack of tolerance and patience, the looking after your own and not judging the other fellow. She will never attempt to steal another man, nor will she make a promise and break it.

955-1, Male 51 (Cartoonist), 7/20/35

In the application of self as respecting these, arising from mental urges there is required that not only those about the entity but the entity APPLY self in a Patience that is more of the active nature.

Persistence is WONDERFUL, as is attained by the entity, but IMPATIENCE may destroy all the persistency; for the attributes of PATIENCE arise from the spiritual, while a great deal of persistency may be trained.

2995-1, Female 35 (Secretary), 5/10/43

As ye have often experienced, ye are impatient - and after you have slept on any proposition, or a suggestion oft, you don't think the same as you did the evening before. And this has at times caused some disturbance. Ye are too impatient, with others and with thyself.

Know that in patience ye become aware of thy soul. And thy body and thy mind, and thy soul, are one. They live together.

Patience – Key to the Soul

3508-1, Female 45 (Housewife), 12/13/43

In analyzing self, the entity finds itself body, mind and soul, that answers in the three-dimensional plane to the Godhead - Father, Son, Holy Spirit. God moved, the spirit came into activity. In the moving it brought light, and then chaos. In this light came creation of that which in the earth came to be matter; in the spheres about the earth, space and time; and in patience it has evolved through those activities until there are the heavens and all the constellations, the stars, the universe as it is known - or sought to be known by individual soul-entities in the material plane.

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Then came into the earth materiality, through the spirit pushing itself into matter. Spirit was individualized, and then became what we recognize in one another as individual entities. Spirit that uses matter, that uses every influence in the earth's environ for the glory of the Creative Forces, partakes of and is a part of the universal consciousness.

As the entity, an individual, then applies, it becomes aware - through patience, through time, through space - of its relationship to the Godhead - Father, Son, Holy Spirit. In self it finds body, mind, soul. As the Son is the builder, so is the mind the builder in the individual.

3184-1, Female 30 (Pilot), 8/28/43

Individual personality demands that time be considered; yet know, too, in self that time and space are also manifestations of that universal consciousness ye know as God. In patience ye may find that relationship.

Learn patience, which at times is far from thee. In those periods especially of loneliness or of turmoil.

3051-2, Female 45 (Housewife), 6/17/43

(Q) What is the object of my present incarnation?

(A) PATIENCE, my dear! Patience! with self, first, and then with those problems that arise constantly; knowing, He abideth with thee, ever.

2444-1, Female 16 (Student), 2/4/41

. . . that of patience, - which is the virtue that brings into individuals' experiences that of consistency in all things.

1554-3, Female 47 (Housewife), 3/25/38

For to the entity - as to the world - patience is the lesson that each soul must learn in its sojourn through materiality. And this is a thought for the entity: Time, space and patience are in the mental realm the same as implied by the expression "Father-God, Son and Holy Spirit," or as Spirit, Body, Soul. They are expressions of the three-dimensional thought.

And in Patience then does man become more and more aware OF the continuity of life, of his soul being a portion of the Whole; Patience being the portion of man's sphere of activity in the finite being, as Time and Space manifest the creative and motivative force....

(Q) How may I help him most? [adopted nephew]

(A) In that great thought as given, that patience will bring the full union of time and space that encompasses that honor, that knowledge which the entity has had and which is so innate, and that may be expressed in “KNOW, O PEOPLES, THE LORD THY GOD IS ONE!” and that though the material things, conditions or experiences may bear upon a soul, they do not even scar the soul, the spirit of truth, of patience.

262-71, 9/9/34

TO ALL WE WOULD GIVE: Be patient. That part thou hast chosen in such a work is born of truth. Let it come in and be a part of thy daily life. Look in upon the experiences, for, as will be seen, my children, there has been appointed one that may aid thee in thy future lessons, and he will be thy teacher, thy guide, [Halaliel?] one sent through the power of thine own desires. Thine own selves, then, may present his being, meeting, living, dwelling, with thee. Not the Christ, but His messenger, with the Christ from the beginning, and is to other worlds what the Christ is to this earth.

Patience Is Active!

683-1, Female 43 (Chiropractor), 10/8/34

Patience is not as a passive thing, but patience is necessary in the experience of each soul rather as a POSITIVE, ACTIVE thing WITHIN the application of same. Thus an entity becomes aware of its own soul and that soul's vision of the glories that may be its experience in its associations with those promises in the creative force of the soul along that IS eternal and in the image of the Maker.

3029-1, Female 31 (Secretary), 6/5/43

To be sure, patience, longsuffering and endurance are in their respective manners urges that would lead to virtues, but they cease to be a virtue when the individual entity allows self merely to be imposed upon, and to take second place merely because someone else, of a more aggressive nature, imposes....

Yet the patience, and the tendency to allow self to be imposed upon, comes from that sojourn. While one should not be dictatorial, nor self-demanding, yet PURPOSE and ideal is not as of self. And in the expression of self, and in the willingness to expend self, may indeed come a great deal of happiness for this entity. But let it be purposeful and not someone else's purpose! But of thine own choosing. [America: Mohawk Valley]

2994-1, Male 35, 5/12/43

Resignation to the conditions does not necessarily mean patience on the part of the body. Know, deep within self, that God is not mocked. And while to self in the present these conditions may not appear to be results of thine own self, - whose body is afflicted? Thy body is indeed the temple of the living God. What manner of worship hast gone on, then, in the REAL body? Not the physical being, that at present is hindered by pathological conditions, illnesses, lack of the ability of locomotion, lack of the activity of the organs that function to bring the physical conditions for carrying on, and the ability to reproduce themselves in themselves. [Condition: Multiple Sclerosis]

315-9, Male 36 (Photographer, U.S. Army), 9/6/43

(Q) What may I do to make my thoughts and actions conducive to receive better vibrations and help for others?

(A) Not merely being passive, but rather being ACTIVELY patient. And as ye use self in those directions, ye will not only contact but raise self to the higher vibrations. Let thy whole tenet be as in a service to Him first and foremost.

3416-1, Female 39 (Housewife), 11/23/43

In analyzing the composite urges arising from an analysis of the sojourn during the interims between material experiences, we find here a body, a mind, a soul grown in grace; yet apparently circumstances have at times so subdued the body that in righteous wrath it has risen to meet situations. This is well. Do not put anything before the divine purpose within self. For all that each soul may know of the Creator is that which will answer to the spirit of truth as the entity deals with the problems of the day. For it is here a little, there a little. God's purpose is ever growth. For ye grow in grace, in knowledge, in understanding. And this ye may accomplish here and now. Ye have a will of thine own, one at times adamant as to what others say or do. And yet it is in patience that ye are to learn in this experience. Not a passive thing. Patience is not a passive thing, it is an active principle in the ideals and purposes of each soul. This is indicated when one analyzes the material sojourns and the astrological or universal consciousness. For to be absent from the body is to be present with the God ye have chosen. What will be thy choice now?

5259-1, Female 46 (Linotype Operator), 6/8/44

The manner in which you treat your fellow man, your patience, your brotherly love, your kindness, your gentleness. That you give away, that is all that ye may possess in those other realms of consciousness.

1968-5, Female 30 (Insurance Rate Clerk), 7/25/41

(Q) Please give any advice which will be helpful to me at this time.

(A) Learn again patience, yet persistent patience, active patience - not merely passive. Patience does not mean merely waiting, but as it does for those that would induce nature to comply with nature's laws. So with patience, comply with patience's laws, working together with love, purpose, faith, hope, charity; giving expression to these in thy daily associations with those ye meet; making thy daily problems as real as real life-experiences, purposeful in every way.

3161-1, Female 66, 8/17/32

That primarily needed is patience, persistence and consistence.

Then we would define for the entity what we mean by the entity having patience - in an active, positive manner and not merely as a passive thing.

Taking or enduring hardships, or censure, or idiosyncrasies of others, is not necessarily patience at all. It may become merely that of being a drudge not only to self but an outlet of expression from others that may never be quite satisfying because there is no resistance.

Passive patience, to be sure, has its place; but consider patience rather from the precepts of God's relationship to man: love unbounded is patience. Love manifested is patience. Endurance at times is patience, consistence ever is patience.

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BACKGROUND OF READING 262-114

B1. Subject of Reading 262-114 - "Norfolk Study Group #1".

TEXT OF READING 262-114

This psychic reading given by Edgar Cayce at the Edmonds' home on Pennsylvania Ave., Norfolk, Va., this 10th day of Oct., 1937, in accordance with the request by those present.

P R E S E N T

Edgar Cayce; Gertrude Cayce, Conductor; Gladys Davis, Steno. Esther Wynne, Hannah Miller, Florence & Edith Edmonds, Frances Y. Morrow, Hugh Lynn Cayce, Helen Storey, Helen Ellington and Ruth LeNoir.

R E A D I N G

Time of Reading 4: 15 to 5: 00 P. M.

1. GC: You will have before you Group #1, members of which are present here, and its work on the lesson SPIRIT. You will continue the discourse on this lesson and answer the questions.
2. EC: Yes, we have the group as gathered here - and their work on the lesson SPIRIT.
3. As has been indicated, this is the beginning, the end of self-development - IF it is applied in the experience of the individuals.
4. Then it behooves us that we give an interpretation, an explanation, of what is in reality meant when many of the accepted terms are indicated in the individual expression.
5. This to be sure is a question then within the realm of the metaphysical as well as in the material.
6. Then we should be able to answer ever for the cause, the purpose that we have within us, for every question that may arise respecting such.
7. The spirit of the times! What do we mean?
8. The spirit of the age! We here speak of the spirit of America, the spirit of '76, the spirit of the pioneer! What do we mean?
9. We hear again of the spirit of Fascism, the spirit of the Japanese. What do we mean?
10. The Spirit of God, the Spirit of Christ, the Spirit of the Church, the Spirit of Truth - what do we mean?
11. It has been given, has it not, that there is ONE Spirit?
12. Then what is the meaning of this confusion of words?

13. When we speak of the spirit of the departed, what do we mean? From whence arose such terms?

14. Again it has been given that we know nothing that we have not experienced in this material world. What is meant?

15. When the Master spoke to Peter and said - "...flesh and blood hath not revealed IT unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven" - was that an indication that the Spirit is divided? Is the same meant when He said a few minutes later "Get thee behind me, Satan - thou savourest not the things that be of God (the Spirit), but those that be of men (the earth)"?

16. What is the spirit of the earth? What has He given?

17. These then must be questions; not only questions but answers. For as they have been asked of us here, they must in truth be answered in such a manner that we - each of us - may make them practical, applicable, practical in our experiences day by day.

18. Then we must begin, my beloved, at the beginning of how, where, when such things came to be a terminology; or expressed in such manners that there appeared to be, or APPEARS to be, or MAY appear to be, a diffusion, a separation; that only those who HAVE the desire for the seeking and knowing the truth MAY correctly interpret.

19. For remember, as has been given by Him, flesh and blood may NOT reveal it unto us - it is the gift of the Father; that we may be lights unto the children of men, to those that sit in darkness, to those that are confused, to those that have made their opportunities stumbling stones rather than stepping- stones.

20. But these must then answer, ever, in all good conscience, to all that seek to know.

21. Then the basic or first causes, as Spirit came to materiality, must be sought out. And to be understandable to man, to be comprehended by all, they - the first causes, the answers - must conform to that which has been ever given, in ANY condition, in ANY experience of man in his seeking in this material world. They must answer for that which was, that which is, and that which will be.

22. Then we must know from whence we came; how, why; and whence we go - and why.

23. In God's own purpose, Spirit is His presence then. For the Spirit of God moved and that which is in matter came into being, for the opportunities of His associates, His companions, His sons, His daughters. These are ever spoken of as One.

24. Then there came that as sought for self-indulgence, self-glorification; and there was the beginning of warring among themselves for activity - STILL in Spirit.

25. Then those that had made selfish movements moved into that which was and is OPPORTUNITY, and there came life into same.

26. Then what was the Spirit that moved that made rebellion? The Spirit of God or the Spirit of Self?
27. This becomes self-evident even when we look about us in our own experience day by day. They that have the Spirit of God have the Spirit of Truth, have the Spirit of Christ, have the Spirit of Construction.
28. They that have the Spirit of Rebellion have the Spirit of Hate, the Spirit of Confusion; and seek self-glory rather than peace, harmony and understanding.
29. Thus as has been indicated, the Spirit pushed into matter - and became what we see in our three-dimensional world as the kingdoms of the earth; the mineral, the vegetable, the animal - a three-dimensional world.
30. And that which beareth witness is the Spirit of Truth, the Spirit of Light. For He said, "Let there be light; and there was light."
31. Then indeed there is no power that emanates that is not from God.
32. Then what is this Spirit of Rebellion, what is this Spirit of Hate? What is this Spirit of Self-Indulgence? What is this Spirit that makes men afraid?
33. SELFISHNESS! Allowed, yes, of the Father. For, as given, He has not willed that the souls should perish but that we each should know the truth - and the truth would make us free. Of what? Selfishness!
34. Then we should each know that the sin which lies at our door is ever the sin of selfishness, self-glory, self-honor.
35. Hence as the Master has said, unless we become even as He, we may not in ANY wise enter in.
36. Enter to what? To the consciousness that our Father would that we be even as that Spirit of Truth manifested by the Son of Righteousness, that - even as those souls took on flesh in this three-dimensional world; becoming a part, a parcel of what? Those kingdoms of which the earth is a part; or that by their very presence is in existence.
37. Hence we find He had come, is come, ever has come into the experience that He might through love - not force, not hate, not by command but by edification and justification - bring that soul that is dominated by the Spirit to understanding.
38. Thus we find His intervention in man's attempt throughout the eons of time and space. For these (time and space) become portions of this three-dimensional plane. And what is the other? Time, Space, Patience!

39. For God has shown and does show us day by day, even as His Son gave, that in patience we become aware of our souls, of our identity, of our being each a corpuscle, as it were, in the great body, in the heart of, our God. And He has not willed otherwise.
40. Then what is the Spirit of God? PATIENCE, TIME AND SPACE in the material understanding.
41. This then is our first premise; that God IS - in the material experience of man - TIME, SPACE, PATIENCE!
42. For have not even our own wise ones conceived that those elements between that which is and that which will be are of the same? What? God, the Spirit!
43. We in our seeking then have seen the movements in the earth, by the very activities of those influences, by what? "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Either to do good or to do evil, according to our individual application of the Spirit of Truth or of Creative Force in our material experience.
44. Who then is the aggressor? He that seeks to glorify self, to make the selfish motives guide the progress.
45. And as has so oft been given in times past, God has winked at and God has allowed such things to pass; yet ever is calling - calling - to the sons of God; that we make straight the paths! For He will not ALWAYS hold to those things that rend the heart of God.
46. For when we are raised in power we know, as we have seen, that our spirit beareth witness with HIS SPIRIT that we are His children.
47. What then is the Spirit of Patriotism, the Spirit of Christ - yes, the Spirit of Knowledge, but that - as they are individualized by the activity of those that seek to know and make the paths straight - they take on that power, that might, yes that glory, that is the magnifying of that Spirit of Truth that is God in any individual group, nation or experience of man?
48. These then become those basic beginnings.
49. Now we, in our individual selves, seek - for what? Self- glory, self-understanding; or that we may be in His place as an emissary, a missionary, a CHANNEL through which OTHERS, too, may know that the consciousness of Christ is but that we have effaced self and are again one with Him - to be a purpose in the scheme of redemption for those souls whose spirits are a portion of the God as ourselves?
50. Let us indeed know then that God is not mocked, and that what we sow we must meet in our own selves. For He calls always unto all men to Come - COME - and take of the water of life.

51. What is this water of life? What is this that the Spirit and the Bride, or the Spirit and the Lamb, say to come and take of freely?

52. PATIENCE, TIME, SPACE! That we may know ourselves to be His; that our spirits, our souls, bear witness in the things that we do in which we bear witness of Him.

53. For that which has a beginning must have an ending. Hence rebellion and hate and selfishness must be wiped away, and WITH IT will go sorrow and tears and sadness. For ONLY good shall rule. For it is the Spirit of God that will move over the face of the earth, and Lo, His Son - even Jesus, the Christ - has borne in himself all these things, and has committed unto us the keeping of His sheep, His lambs, till He come to make an accounting with each of us.

54. WHERE - WHERE - WHERE will we be?