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Edgar Cayce, the twentieth century's most astoundingly accurate prophet, had the psychic gift of being able to put himself into a state of self-induced trance. In this state, Cayce, a man of little formal education and not scholarly by temperament, predicted such future events as the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls and the development of the laser beam. He was also capable of diagnosing illnesses that were beyond the knowledge of contemporary physicians—often for people thousands of miles away.

But outstanding among all his accomplishments as a clairvoyant, mystic and prophet was his ability—through psychic readings as well as in his life teachings—to make the Bible live!

Here are Edgar Cayce's profoundly magnificent revelations about God's love, reincarnation, humankind's spiritual role, and the true meaning of the Bible.



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Foreword

Out of the thousands of individuals who received readings from Edgar Cayce, several hundred people were told that they had incarnations in biblical times.

From early childhood, Edgar Cayce was a devout Bible student and began teaching Sunday school, using the standard orthodox literature, while still in his teens. He continued this practice throughout his life. Many are still living who remember his outstanding ability as a Bible teacher, most of whom never knew him as a psychic or in any other capacity than as a teacher.

A few years before Edgar Cayce died he was persuaded by members of several local A.R.E. Study Groups, to teach a weekly interdenominational Bible Class starting with the Book of Genesis and going straight through the Bible.

As a child, Edgar Cayce had determined to read the Bible through in a year, by reading three chapters each weekday and five on Sunday. After doing this he decided to read more chapters each day until he could catch up to his years of age. After reaching that point he continued to read the Bible through each year, until—when he died at the age of sixty-seven—he had read the Bible through sixty-seven times!

The Tuesday Night Bible Class, as it was called, wanted Edgar Cayce to incorporate in his teaching not only his own knowledge of the Bible but his understanding of the concepts presented through his psychic readings. The members had already been exposed to some of these concepts through their study of the lessons "in soul development" contained in Books I and II of *A Search for God*.

Having been Edgar Cayce's secretary since 1923, I was asked to take down in shorthand and transcribe the Bible minutes from these weekly discussions.

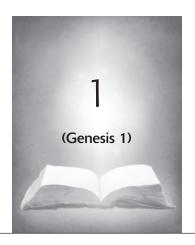
Robert Krajenke has shown extraordinary insight in paralleling Edgar Cayce's comments on the Bible, and blending them with the quotes from the Life readings having to do with Old Testament characters.

It has long been my belief that Edgar Cayce's greatest contribution to this age was his making the Bible come alive for so many people. I saw this happen during his lifetime. Since his death I have seen it even more.

Edgar Cayce loved the Old Testament. He used to say often that without the Old we would not have had the New; without Abraham, Moses, David, we would not have had Jesus.

Now Robert Krajenke, through his discernment and compilation of Edgar Cayce's statements both in the conscious and psychic state, is perhaps again making the Bible live for the many who will read these pages.

Gladys Davis Turner (1905-1986)



In God's Mind a Spiritual Creation

Hence we find the evolution of the soul, as has been given, and as is manifest in the material world, took place before man's appearance, the evolution of the soul in the mind of the Creator, not in the material world.

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Genesis 1, according to Edgar Cayce, is the description of a *spiritual* creation, occurring within the Mind of God. All things first originate in Spirit, the readings proclaim. Material existence is a shadow, or reflection, of spiritual patterns. Material evolution is a reflection of a process of God's consciousness as He directed the manifestation of His spirit in materiality.

The earth and the universe, as related to man, came into being through the Mind–Mind–of the Maker . . . 900-227

Mind is ever the builder. For in the beginning, God moved and mind, knowledge, came into being—and the earth and the fullness thereof became the result . . . 5000-1

"God's Mind" is a creative energy—a conscious and intelligent force composed of Love, Harmony and Beauty, and is omnipotent and omnipresent.

According to the interpretation in the Gospel of St. John, the Light which was in Jesus was the same Light out of which the world was created.

... Would that all would learn that He, the Christ-consciousness, is the Giver, the Maker, the Creator of the world and all that be therein.

696-3

The following indicates how early in the process of Creation souls became fascinated and tempted by the possibilities for their own expressions and experiences.

When the earth became a dwelling place for matter, when gases formed into those things that man sees in nature and in activity about him, then matter began its ascent in the various forms of physical evolution—in the mind of God!

The spirit chose to enter (celestial, not an earth spirit—he hadn't come into earth yet!), chose to put on, to become a part of that which was as a command not to be done!

262-99

It was this spirit in rebellion that later was represented by the serpent.

Remember, as given, the earth is that speck, that part in creation where souls projected themselves into matter, and thus brought 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 . . . through Will separated themselves.

5755-2

"And Darkness was upon the Face of the Deep"

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

262-52

Hence, "darkness was upon the face of the Deep." This represents the spirit of ignorance, selfishness, the loss of the Divine Awareness which resulted when the Sons of God separated themselves from the Creator.

As the above readings affirm, this occurred in spirit, before the earth was made. The earth, as written, was "without form and void."

As has been given, error or separation began before there appeared what we know as the Earth, the Heavens, or before Space was manifested.

262-115

"And the spirit of God Moved upon the Face of the Waters"

In the beginning, when chaos existed in the creating of the earth, the Spirit of God moved over the face of same and out of chaos came the world—with its beauty in natural form, or in nature.

3976-8

The following reading reaffirms the concept which has already been advanced. The creation of matter was first only an expression of God. But it became a source of self-indulgence and selfish expression as His Sons and Daughters began to project their individual and personal influences into it.

For the spirit of God moved and that which is in matter came into being for the opportunities of . . . His Sons, His Daughters. These are ever spoken of as One.

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

Then those that had made selfish movements moved into that which was and is Opportunity, and there came life into same. 262-114

Thus, in the reading's view, the earth was not created out of a Void or from Nothingness. Rather, His spirit moved over the chaos and rebellion, and from these diverse elements He created Balance and Harmony, and established the foundations of the World.

The World became a place of "Opportunity" through which souls could begin to realize their separation from their spiritual surroundings.

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 head-strongness, harkens oft to that which would separate him from His Maker!

262-56

Apparently, "The Spirit of God moved upon the Face of the Waters" is correct as a description of the first phase of the material evolution of the earth. As it moved through the Mind of God, its first appearance was as "mist" or vapors.

... those portions as man looks up to in space, the mists that are gathering—what's the beginning of this? In this same beginning, so began the earth's sphere.

900-340

The following is Cayce's description of the entire evolutionary progress:

First that of a mass, about which there arose the mist, and then the rising of same with light breaking over that as it settled itself as a companion of those in the universe, as it began its natural (or now natural) rotations, with the varied effects upon the various portions of same, as it slowly—and is slowly—receding or gathering closer to the sun, from which it receives its impetus for the awakening of the elements that give life itself, by [the] radiation of like elements from that which it receives from the sun.

How long did this evolution take? How long were the Days of Creation? Seven days? Seven years? Or seven million years or a trillion years? Vast epochs of Time are involved in which spiritual awareness became a material consciousness.

Time is a relative concept devised by man as a means to measure and understand his own experiences. Yet, as Cayce states in one reading, one minute experiencing the consciousness of God is more real and enduring than a thousand years of experience among the carnal–minded

With the creation of the earth and souls willfully projecting into it, we find two important statements made by Edgar Cayce.

The first is his affirmation that the earth was a separate creation from souls, and not intended as a habitation for them.

The earth and its manifestations were only the expression of God and not necessarily as a place of tenancy for the souls of men, until man was created—to meet the needs of existing conditions.

5749-14

Cayce's other statement defines the real dwelling place—the universe!

For the universe was brought into being for the purpose of being the dwelling place of the souls of God's children—of which birthright this entity is a part.

2396-2

"And Dry Land Appeared"

As the earth evolved, continents appeared and oceans formed. The Sons of God experienced each phase of development.

Two states of consciousnesses were being expressed: those who were "Sons of Darkness," who were becoming more and more selfish and material-minded, and those who were still "Children of the Light," who were experiencing the cycles of evolution through the Light and in harmony with God's Patterns.

It is necessary here to follow out the activities of the Sons of Darkness, in order to establish our premise.

As these souls took on form and shape, great civilizations evolved over the continents. These beings possessed great mental and spiritual powers, and warfare—a reflection of the spiritual pattern—began between the two groups.

The readings admonish us not to confuse our flesh bodies of today with the bodies of Man in the very early history. They were soul-bodies then, Cayce states, "light" bodies which "were not so closely knit in matter." (281–42)