

It's About Time

“Time is an illusion.” We’ve all heard this ancient/New Age wisdom, but what does it mean? And consider—since time and space are bound together in what science calls the “space/time continuum” and Cayce calls the “skein of time and space”—if time is an illusion, space must be also. Hard as it is to conceive of time being unreal, I find it harder to think of space being illusory....

Yet, that’s what Cayce and the ancient texts tell us. Of course, **on this physical plane**, time and space are real. We obviously have to deal with both of them, to care for our physical bodies and meet our responsibilities. But if Cayce and the ancients are right, this whole physical plane is an illusion: “*Maya*,” in the Advaita Vedanta school of Hindu philosophy.

What is the purpose of all this illusion? Cayce suggests this “*Maya*” is a kind of stage, offering us the opportunity to grow and develop through the application of patience.

According to Cayce, we “fell” even before the creation of the Earth and the material Universe.

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

“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.”

— Reading 262-115

Created in God’s image, as beings of Light, we were destined to be co-creators with God, according to Cayce. But we had ideas of our own—

and we strayed, in consciousness. To return, in consciousness, to the Source, we were given the stage of this material world on which to play out our dramas and relearn who we really are—and what our relationship to the Most High really is.

Through “time, space and patience”—a trinity that Cayce mentions often— we rediscover our true identities, our Oneness with the Divine—the reality behind the illusion.

As we grow through this process, we exist both in time and in eternity. For the most part, we experience our lives within time. Meditation experiences, dreams, and visions may sometimes give us a glimpse of eternity....