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FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to the Easter issue of the Rainbow Journal. Because Easter is a special occasion in the Christian calendar we have started with the first article being a transcript from A Course in Miracles dealing with the crucifixion and

resurrection. This is followed by three articles on oneness, which is a central theme in the Edgar Cayce readings.

I wish to thank those of you who have sent comments which are always appreciated. BDA. ΩΩΩ

A MESSAGE FROM JESUS FOR EASTER

The follow was transcribed and edited from A course in Miracles Text purportedly dictated by Jesus.

I am your resurrection and your life. You live in me because you live in God. And everyone lives in you, as you live in everyone. Can you, then, perceive unworthiness in a brother and not perceive it in yourself? And can you perceive it in yourself and not perceive it in God? Believe in the resurrection because it has been accomplished, and it has been accomplished in you. This is as true now as it will ever be, for the resurrection is the Will of God, which knows no time and no exceptions.

But make no exceptions yourself, or you will not perceive what has been accomplished for you. For we ascend unto the Father together, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, for such is the nature of God's Son as his Father created him.

Do not underestimate the power of the devotion of God's Son, nor the power the god he worships has over him. For he places himself at the altar of his god, whether it be the god he made or the God Who created him. That is why his slavery is as complete as his freedom, for he will obey only the god he accepts. The god of crucifixion demands that he crucify, and his worshippers obey. In his name they crucify themselves, believing that the power of the Son of God is born of sacrifice and pain. The God of resurrection demands nothing, for he does not will to take away. He does not require obedience, for obedience implies

submission. He would only have you learn your will and follow it, not in the spirit of sacrifice and submission, but in the gladness of freedom.

Resurrection must compel your allegiance gladly, because it is the symbol of joy. Its whole compelling power lies in the fact that it represents what you want to be. The freedom to leave behind everything that hurts you and humbles you and frightens you cannot be thrust upon you, but it can be offered you through the grace of God. And you can accept it by his grace, for God is gracious to his Son, accepting him without question as his own.

Who, then, is your own? The Father has given you all that is his, and he himself is yours with them. Guard them in their resurrection, for otherwise you will not awake in God, safely surrounded by what is yours forever.

You will not find peace until you have removed the nails from the hands of God's Son, and taken the last thorn from his forehead. The Love of God surrounds his Son whom the god of crucifixion condemns. Teach not that I died in vain. Teach rather that I did not die by demonstrating that I live in you. For the undoing of the crucifixion of God's Son is the work of the redemption, in which everyone has a part of equal value. God does not judge his guiltless Son. Having given himself to him, how could it be otherwise?

You have nailed yourself to a cross, and placed a crown of thorns upon your own head. Yet you cannot crucify God's

Son, for the will of God cannot die.

His Son has been redeemed from his own crucifixion, and you cannot assign to death whom God has given eternal life. The dream of crucifixion still lies heavy on your eyes, but what you see in dreams is not reality. While you perceive the Son of God as crucified, you are asleep. And as long as you believe that you can crucify him, you are only having nightmares. You who are beginning to wake are still aware of dreams, and have not yet forgotten them. The forgetting of dreams and the awareness of Christ come with the awakening of others to share your redemption.

You will awaken to your own call, for the Call to awake is within you. If I live in you, you are awake. Yet you must see the works I do through you, or you will not perceive that I have done them unto you. Do not set limits on what you believe I can do through you, or you will

not accept what I can do for you. Yet it is done already, and unless you give all that you have received you will not know that your redeemer lives, and that you have awakened with him. Redemption is recognised only by sharing it.

God's Son is saved. Bring only this awareness to the Sonship, and you will have a part in the redemption as valuable as mine. For your part must be like mine if you learn it of me. If you believe that yours is limited, you are limiting mine. There is no order of difficulty in miracles because all of God's Sons are of equal value, and their equality is their oneness. The whole power of God is in every part of him, and nothing contradictory to his will is either great or small. What does not exist has no size and no measure. To God all things are possible. And to Christ it is given to be like the Father. - *A Course In Miracles, Chapter 11:IV - Waking to redemption.* ΩΩΩ

ATONEMENT

According to Christian doctrine, based on the book of Genesis in the Bible, the 'fall of man' was caused by man's disobedience to God by eating the forbidden fruit from the tree of knowledge of good and evil. The result of this act was that man experienced guilt and shame and was expelled from the Garden of Eden. This doctrine which goes on to claim that we all suffer from this 'original sin' and are therefore all guilty through inheritance.

However according to A Course in Miracles we have been misled and are wrong in our understanding of the events in the symbolic Garden of Eden. From the ACIM text: *"The fruit of only one tree was 'forbidden' in the symbolic garden. But God could not have forbidden it, or it could not have been eaten. If God knows His children, and I assure you that He does, would He have put them in a position where their own destruction*

was possible? The 'forbidden tree' was named the 'tree of knowledge.' Yet God created knowledge and gave it freely to His creations. The symbolism here has been given many interpretations, but you may be sure that any interpretation that sees either God or His creations as capable of destroying Their Own purpose is in error."

ACIM explains that while God created us 'in His image' and made us co-creators, this came with one limitation. While God created us we cannot create ourselves but we have 'fallen' into the misconception that we can. *"Eating of the fruit of the tree of knowledge is a symbolic expression for usurping the ability for self-creating. This is the only sense in which God and His creations are not co-creators. The belief that they are is implicit in the 'self-concept,' or the tendency of the self to make an image of itself. Images are perceived, not known.*

Knowledge cannot deceive, but perception can. You can perceive yourself as self-creating, but you cannot do more than believe it. You cannot make it true. And, as I said before, when you finally perceive correctly you can only be glad that you cannot.

We have created images of ourselves (our egos) and believe that these egos exist. The worst part, the real fall, is through these self-created images we perceive ourselves as separate from God. This is the real tragedy, the cutting ourselves off from the Garden of Eden. Ever since this event we have been lost. We are 'the lost sheep', we are the 'prodigal Son' of God and our Father is eagerly awaiting our return to his magnificent estate.

Throughout the ages it has been the task of prophets and messengers from God to make us aware of our condition and to show us the way back to our ancestral home. The atonement is the recognition of our past errors and the reconciliation of our relationship with our brothers and sisters and with God – the realizations that we are all one. Atonement, as Edgar Cayce put it is the at-one-ment – becoming one again with God.

In ACIM Jesus stated that he was in charge of this atonement. *“My part in the Atonement is the canceling out of all errors that you could not otherwise correct. When you have been restored to the recognition of your original state, you naturally become part of the Atonement yourself. As you share my unwillingness to accept error in yourself and others, you must join the great crusade to correct it; listen to my voice, learn to undo error and act to correct it. The power to work miracles belongs to you. I will provide the opportunities to do them, but you must be ready and willing. Doing them will bring conviction in the ability, because conviction comes through*

accomplishment. The ability is the potential, the achievement is its expression, and the Atonement, which is the natural profession of the children of God, is the purpose.”

Further: *“The purpose of my part in the Atonement is the canceling out of all lacks of love which men could not otherwise correct. The word “sin” should be changed to “lack of love,” because “sin” is a man-made word with threat connotations which he made up himself. No real threat is involved anywhere. Nothing is gained by frightening yourselves, and it is very destructive to do so.*

“Miracles represent freedom from fear. 'Atoning' really means 'undoing.' The undoing of fear is an essential part of the Atonement value of miracles. The purpose of the Atonement is to restore everything to you; or rather, to restore it to your awareness. You were given everything when you were created, just as everyone was.

“When you have been restored to the recognition of your original state, you naturally become part of the Atonement yourself. As you share my inability to tolerate lack of love in yourself and others, you must join the Great Crusade to correct it. The slogan for the Crusade is “Listen, learn, and do;” – Listen to my voice, learn to undo error, and do something to correct it.

“Atonement is the natural profession of the Children of God, because they have professed me. 'Heaven and earth shall pass away' simply means that they will not continue to exist as separate states. My word, which is the Resurrection and the Light, shall not pass away because Light is eternal. You are the work of God, and His work is wholly lovable and wholly loving. This is how a man must think of himself in his heart, because this is what he is.

“The Atonement actually began

long before the crucifixion. Many Souls offered their efforts on behalf of the separated ones, but they could not withstand the strength of the attack and had to be brought back.

“The Atonement can only be accepted within you. The Atonement is the only gift that is worthy of being offered to the altar of God. This is because of the inestimable value of the altar itself. It was created perfect, and is entirely worthy of receiving perfection. God is lonely without His Souls and they are lonely without Him. Men must learn to perceive the world as a means of healing the separation. The Atonement is the guarantee that they will ultimately succeed.”

Fear is our great enemy: “Only your mind can produce fear. It does so whenever it is conflicted in what it wants, producing inevitable strain because wanting and doing are discordant. This can be corrected only by accepting a unified goal.

“The first corrective step in undoing the error is to know first that the conflict is an expression of fear. Say to yourself that you must somehow have chosen not to love, or the fear could not have arisen. Then the whole process of correction becomes nothing more than a series of pragmatic steps in the larger process of accepting the Atonement as the remedy. These steps may be summarized in this way:

- Know first that this is fear.
- Fear arises from lack of love.
- The only remedy for lack of love is

perfect love.

- Perfect love is the Atonement.”

FROM THE EDGAR CAYCE READINGS

“... attunement, atonement and at-onement are ONE; just as the inner self is that portion of the infinite, while the self-will or personality is ever at war with the infinite within - for the lack of what may be called stamina, faith, patience or what not. Yet each entity, each soul, knows within when it is in an at-onement.” 2174-3

“At-onement may be given even as atonement. At-onement, then, is making self's will one with the Creative Forces that may become the impelling influence in thought, in mind, that is the builder to every act of a physical, mental or material body. Then, in making at-onement, the will of an entity, an individual, is made one with the Creative influences in the experience.” 262-45

“The atonement and at-onement is one in the faith that He, the Christ, presented to man that manner of life, that manner of activity in a material world that leaves easy the spiritual self in atonement for that which has been met in the experience of the entity, or self - and hence becomes the ONENESS, through atonement, with the Creative Forces - which is God! Hence the ONENESS of Christ life, Christ manifestations in the material world, brings those that trust in Him - and act that way - to the consciousness of that at-onement in Him.” 452-3 BDA ΩΩΩ

ONENESS

“ONE is the beginning, to be sure. Before one is nothing. After one is nothing, if all be in one - as one God, one Son, one Spirit. This, then is the essence of all force, all manners of energies. All activities emanate from the one.” 5751-1

When Edgar Cayce was asked to put the great fundamental principles of

metaphysics in simple scientific rather than ethical terms he said that the first lesson for six months should be ONE:

“None is convinced in that science or religious convictions are one. The first lesson for six months should be ONE - One - One - ONE; Oneness of God, oneness of man's relation, oneness

of force, oneness of time, oneness of purpose, oneness in every effort - Oneness - Oneness!" 900-429

Why would it be so hard for us to understand this principle of oneness that it may require six months of teaching to get it through to us? We say we believe in 'one God' but do we truly understand the import of the singleness of God? Part of the problem may stem from our language and mental processes. When we apply names to things we circumscribe the objects we name, in a way confining or limiting it as being an object as against not being the object. By applying the name 'God' our mind can then conceive two states – God and not-God. But if God is all-in-all how can there be a state of not-God? We may assert that God is everything but then we can envisage the state of nothing – so is nothing a state where God is not? To be all-inclusive we would need to affirm that God is in everything *and* in nothing. Because of this very quirk in our reasoning ancient philosophers preferred to call God 'the nameless one' so that our minds do not attempt to circumscribe Him – to make finite the infinite.

This concept of seeing two sides to everything is referred to as the principle of *dualism*. This principle is the notion that there are always two fundamental concepts of existence, such as light and darkness, positive and negative, white and black, right-wing and left-wing, friend and foe etc. Some have even gone as far as to state that there is an anti-god in the form of the devil.

In the book "In Search of the Miraculous" by P.D. Ouspensky, the mystic Gurdjieff describes this duality: "Man, in the normal state natural to him, is taken as a *duality*. He consists of dualities or 'pairs of opposites.' All man's sensation, impressions, feelings, thoughts are divided into positive and negative, useful and harmful, necessary and unnecessary, good and bad, pleasant

and unpleasant. The work of centers proceeds under the sign of this division. Thoughts oppose feelings. Moving impulses oppose instinctive craving for quiet. This is the duality in which proceeds all the perceptions, all the reactions, the whole life of man. Any man who observes himself, however little, can see this duality in himself."

Cayce however claims that in reality there is only oneness, therefore this sense of dualism is an illusion. He makes it clear that *all* energy, *all* power, comes from a *single* source, which is the creative energy of the universe, or whatever we wish to call it.

So where does this notion of duality come from? Possibly it goes back to our very beginnings in the Garden of Eden. Man was alone in the garden where God put him to 'dress up and keep it.' It was only *after* God commanded man not to eat of the tree of good and evil that God decided man needed a helper so God divided man into male and female. Possibly this act had a symbolic meaning, for man who had the power of free will to do as he chose, now that he had two sides to himself, had two choices. Man found that he had a choice to continue to serve God or he could rebel and eat of the tree after which his "eyes shall be opened, and you shall be as gods, knowing good *and* evil." Man chose to eat of the fruit and ever since we have faced a conflict – we have lived in this state of duality.

Perhaps then for us to re-adopt the principle of oneness we must go back to the condition before we ate of the fruit and serve only the one source. We would need to get rid of ambivalence in our thinking. This appears to be what Edgar Cayce referred to many times as atonement:

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Forces that may become the impelling influence in thought, in mind, that is the builder to every act of a physical, mental or material body. Then, in making at-onement, the will of an entity, an individual, is made one with the Creative influences in the experience.
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ONENESS of Christ life, Christ manifestations in the material world, brings those that trust in Him - and act that way - to the consciousness of that at-onement in Him. 452-3

For the mind is the Builder; and as it is lifted up so does it awaken your fellow man, so does your service and your activities become more and more of that at-oneness, that atonement, that consciousness of being one with Him. 827-1

For whether they be Greek, Parthenian, Jew or Gentile - whether they be of Mohammed, Confucius, or even Shinto or On or Mu - the Lord, the God, in ONE! 1494-1 BDA ΩΩΩ

THE ONE MIND

One of the often repeated statements of Edgar Cayce was that spirit is the life, mind is the builder and the physical is the result. While the spirit is the part of us that is of God and therefore is eternal, perfect and sinless, just as God is, mind is the connection between the spirit and our physical world. Thoughts are more than just fleeting impulses in the brain they are *things*: *“For thoughts are things, and as the currents run they become miracles or crimes in the experiences of individual life.”* (1035-1).

Our bodies have no independence and because of this they are incapable of any malicious acts. They can only carry out the directions given to them by our minds. In this respect the capacity for our bodies to cause harm is limited. Through the power of thoughts they can only directly physically attack one person at a time although they can be used as an instrument to kill and destroy many people by directing weapons created through our minds that can cause massive destruction and kill large numbers of people. In 1945, after one man in an aeroplane pressed a button which launched an atomic bomb over

Hiroshima, an estimated 66,000 people died as a result. It was not the simple act of pressing a button that killed these people but the result of the collective minds of a group of people that created a weapon so destructive and collectively conspired to launch it. The mind was the creator and the physical deaths of thousands was the result.

Perhaps the most hated man in modern history is Adolph Hitler who is held ultimately responsible for the deaths of an estimated 6 million Jews during the holocaust as well as the instigator of WW2 where at least a further 50 million people were killed. Yet Hitler may never have *personally* killed a single person, although he possibly could have as a soldier in WW1 and there have been rumours that he killed his niece, Gail Raubal, who he was supposedly in love with. All these people who died during the war were the result of Hitler using his mind. As reported in the Orlando Sentinel in 1993 *“The rise of Hitler can be attributed to reasons as varied and complex as his personality. He was not simply an opportunist who took advantage of the terrible economic and*

social conditions that had prevailed in Germany since the end of the Great War. Hitler truly believed that he had been sent by Providence to save the German folk, and **forced himself upon the consciousness of a nation.** He stirred anew the German susceptibility to mysticism and the occult, and exploited the time-honoured German values of obedience, loyalty and patriotism.” He influenced the minds of the German masses and through the group consciousness of these people the great, destructive war machines were created and inflicted on the world.

As a contrast to Hitler, Mahatma Gandhi was a man of peace who never raised a hand in violence and persuaded others to act likewise. He once stated “There a number of causes that I would be prepared to die for, but there is not a single one I am prepared to kill for.” After qualifying as a lawyer in London he went to South Africa to open a legal practice there. He was soon shocked at the poor treatment the white minority rulers imposed on non-whites. For 20 years he fought for their cause using great courage and determination.

Returning to India he joined the struggle for the cause of the weak and the oppressed. India was under the British rule which resulted in the native people and the country's resources being exploited. It seems as though his humility was his strength as, armed with only the truth and a walking stick, he took on the might of the British Empire - and won! - gaining independence for India through a comparatively, peaceful transition.

It was not through great physical might that Gandhi changed the face of India but through the power of his mind to influence his countrymen - just as Hitler did - but for a very different motive, with the one leading a nation into the world's most costliest war in death and destruction while the other

leading a nation into peaceful independence.

Another giant personality in modern history is Nelson Mandela who in 1994 became the first democratically elected president of South Africa. It appears he was greatly influenced by Gandhi and for a time followed his policy of non-violent 'passive resistance' against oppressive laws. However in frustration he took up a more aggressive approach travelling around Africa and visiting England to gain support for the armed struggle as well as receiving military training in Morocco and Ethiopia. In 1964 he was convicted of sabotage and sentenced to life imprisonment where he staid until his release in 1990. At his sentencing when he faced the possible death penalty his words to the court at the end of his famous 'Speech from the Dock' on 20 April 1964 became immortalised:

“I have fought against white domination, and I have fought against black domination. I have cherished the ideal of a democratic and free society in which all persons live together in harmony and with equal opportunities. It is an ideal which I hope to live for and to achieve. But if needs be, it is an ideal for which I am prepared to die.”

As president he continued to preach the gospel of reconciliation, not least to the Afrikaners. He went to see ex-President Botha, who took advantage of the occasion to warn him against Communists. He even found time for a lunch with Percy Yutar, the vindictive prosecutor who had tried to have him executed at his trial. A mellow and humbled Yutar declared that he was struck by “the great humility of this saintly man”.

So, as with Hitler and Gandhi it was not his physical prowess that counted but the power of his mind that saw South Africa transfer from a state ruled by a minority government

enforcing a cruel policy of apartheid into a democracy which, while plagued with many problems, is one of the most politically stable countries in the African continent.

Such is the power of collective consciousness, which may be defined as the set of shared beliefs, ideas and moral attitudes which operate as a unifying force within society. This force, like energy, can be used for good or evil and can result in miracles or death and destruction. It was the power of collective consciousness that brought about the Hellenistic Age that transformed the ancient Greek society from the localized and introverted city-states to an open, cosmopolitan, and at times exuberant culture that permeated the entire eastern Mediterranean, and Southwest Asia. The same collective consciousness brought about what is known as the Renaissance which was a period of great changes and development in politics, art and science, beginning in the 14th century. What is seen as the foundation of modern western civilisation was all brought about by the a numbers of people of similar beliefs in that period collectively focussing their thoughts on shared ideas.

What is surprising is that it only requires the collective thoughts of a few people to bring about change in a whole society. Jesus knew this when he said *“I say to you, that if two of you agree on earth about anything that they may ask, it shall be done for them by My Father who is in heaven. For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst.”*

One may question how just the collective thoughts of a few people can have such a powerful influence on the world around us. The answer is based on the principle of *oneness*. While we may see ourselves as being unique individuals our minds are part of the Universal Mind. Wikipedia defines the Universal mind as the non-local and atemporal

hive mind of all aggregates, components, knowledges, constituents, relationships, personalities, entities, technologies, processes and cycles of the Universe. The nature of the Universal mind is seen as omniscient, omnipotent and omnipresent. It is believed that one has access to all knowledge, known and unknown. Through the Universal Mind, people have access to an infinite power; one then is able to tap into the limitless creativity of the One. All these attributes are present within all of us at all times in their potential form.

Earthwidevillage.com offers the following description of collective consciousness:

“A very short and simple way of explaining the collective consciousness is to compare it to a giant, spiritual 'mind' That giant, spiritual mind is supported by a giant, physical brain. This giant, physical brain is made up of billions of cells. And each cell of the giant brain is one human being. It just so happens that the cells (people) of the giant brain, are not physically connected. However, they are connected through their ability to communicate and interact with each other. And as technology advances, the connections between those cells (people) is growing ever more extensive. The giant brain functions very much like any animal's brain, and the more extensively connected its cells (people) become, the more effectively it functions as a whole. Each cell (person) is concerned with its own particular health and welfare. But each cell (person) also contributes to and supports the larger organism of which it is a part. It is this spiritual mind that is the collective consciousness. And although it arises out of and is supported by individual people, it has reached a stage of development where it is beginning to 'think' on a level that transcends the capacity of any individual.

“It is important to keep in mind, that the Hermetic law (as above, so

below) is clearly evidenced in the collective consciousness. Like humans, it has a physical aspect and a spiritual aspect. The physical methods of communication between people such as speech and the internet, represent the physical aspect of the collective consciousness. The non-physical methods of communication between people such as intuition, represent the spiritual aspect of the collective consciousness. The distinction is much like the physical matter of a person's brain, and the ethereal mind that is supported by that brain."

http://www.earthwidevillage.com/TheCollectiveConsciousness/explanation_of_cc.htm

John van Auken, in an article on the A.R.E website has this to say:

"Is it possible that everyone and

everything is a part of some unseen Collective, some indivisible whole within which all the multiplicity exists, and each affects the composition of this Collective? Cayce says yes: 'Not only God is God, but self is a part of that oneness.' In several readings Cayce pressed us to simply believe this and live as if it were true! In this way we would come to know that it is indeed true. 'Let this, my children, be the lesson for you: The intent in relating to each and every individual should be to bring forth that best element in each, in ONENESS of purpose, in oneness of spirit, in oneness of mind, towards each and every one that you contact -- for the individuals, in the final analysis, are one.' In some manner that we don't readily perceive, all the individuals we meet and interact with each day, including ourselves, are one." *BDA ΩΩΩ*

THE SABBATH DAY

We ask for rest today, and quietness unshaken by the world's appearances.

We ask for peace and stillness, in the midst of all the turmoil born of clashing dreams. We ask for safety and for happiness, although we seem to look on danger and on sorrow. And we have the thought that will answer our asking with what we request.

"I rest in God." This thought will bring to me the rest and quiet, peace and stillness, and the safety and the happiness I seek. "I rest in God." This thought has power to wake the sleeping truth in me, whose vision sees beyond appearances to that same truth in everyone and everything there is. Here is the end of suffering for all the world, and everyone who ever came and yet will come to linger for a while. Here is the thought in which the Son of God is born again, to recognize himself.

"I rest in God." Completely undismayed, this thought will carry me through storms and strife, past misery

and pain, past loss and death, and onward to the certainty of God. There is no suffering it cannot heal. There is no problem that it cannot solve. And no appearance but will turn to truth before the eyes of us who rest in God.

This is the day of peace. I rest in God, and while the world is torn by winds of hate my rest remains completely undisturbed. Mine is the rest of truth. Appearances cannot intrude on me. I call to all to join me in my rest, and all will hear and come to me because I rest in God.

In Him I have no cares and no concerns, no burdens, no anxiety, no pain, no fear of future and no past regrets. In timelessness I rest, while time goes by without its touch upon me, for my rest can never change in any way at all. I rest today. And as I close my eyes, I sink into stillness. Let these periods of rest and respite reassure my mind that all its frantic fantasies were but the dreams of fever that has passed away. Let it be still and thankfully accept its

healing. No more fearful dreams will come, now that I rest in God. I will take time today to slip away from dreams and into peace.

Each hour that I take my rest today, a tired mind is suddenly made glad, a bird with broken wings begins to sing, a stream long dry begins to flow again. The world is born again each time I rest, and hourly remembering that I came to bring the peace of God into the world, that it might take its rest along with me.

I rest within the peace of God today, and call upon my brothers from my rest to draw them to their rest, along with me. I will be faithful to my trust today, forgetting no one, bringing everyone into the boundless circle of my peace, the holy sanctuary where I rest. I

open the temple doors and let them come from far across the world, and near as well; my distant brothers and my closest friends; I bid them all enter here and rest with me.

I rest within the peace of God today, quiet and unafraid. Each brother comes to take his rest, and offer it to me. We rest together here, for thus our rest is made complete, and what we give today we have received already. Time is not the guardian of what we give today. We give to those unborn and those passed by, to every Thought of God, and to the Mind in which these Thoughts were born and where they rest. And we remind them of their resting place each time we tell ourselves, "I rest in God." - *Transcribed and edited from 'A Course in Miracles' Workbook - Lesson 109. ΩΩΩ*

HEALING ON THE STREETS

Two main instructions Jesus gave his disciples shortly before his death and resurrection were that they were to go out to spread the gospel and heal the sick. Today there are many followers of Jesus, such as the Jehovah's Witnesses and Mormon missionaries, that obey the second directive, but very few seem to follow the first instruction to heal the sick.

There may be a number of reasons for this. One would be that over the last few decades medical science has advanced so much that sick people rely almost entirely on medical professionals for healing. Another is that there is generally great scepticism over claims by some of the ability to heal by faith, particularly following the exposure as frauds 'faith healers' like Rev Peter Popoff of California who was unmasked by a team of investigators. Also while many of us would like to heal others we just do not have the faith and belief in ourselves to attempt such an act.

There are however still people who seem to have the power of healing and

are exercising this power with no thought of personal financial gain. An example of such a person is the Reverend Tom Fischer who has got out of the confines of church walls to enter the streets of New Jersey and practice healing evangelism. Not only does he approach those he is led to and speak words of healing over their lives, he also takes time to interact with them on a personal level. This type of ministry is rarely seen in mainstream Christianity. Big ministries may take the time to pray for a person but it detracts from those who believe in certain spiritual gifts and anointing.

All around us there are people who are sick physically, mentally and/or spiritually. Far too often, Christians, the body of Christ, turn a blind eye to this suffering of others, too busy with the our mundane affairs. Tom Fischer, and other healing evangelists who are following in his footsteps are using the power of the Holy Spirit to search out those in need of help heal through the laying on of hands, are request healing in the name of Jesus. Tom Fischer speaks the word of God in

faith and offers simple prayers of healing and deliverance that provide results.

Fortunately through the power of modern communications we can witness Tom Fischer going about his street

ministry. One can check out his YouTube video below to see a see Tom Fischer in action: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E62EgXvqfrc> BDA ΩΩΩ

THE SHARED GIFT OF EDGAR CAYCE (2)

Paul Solomon (1939-1994)

Paul Solomon was only six years old when Edgar Cayce died and it appears that Cayce had no direct influence on his life. Like Cayce he was a professed psychic and seer who channelled answers to questions asked of him from a metaphysical "Source", in a similar manner to both Andrew Jackson Davis and Cayce. He was born William Dove in Rogers, Arkansas in July 1939. His father, Paul, was a Baptist minister, and the family often moved as a result of his father's career. As a child, Paul displayed paranormal behaviour. He claimed to see auras, describing them as 'good or bad lights' which surrounded a person, as well as being able to "read" books by placing them against his stomach to "absorb" their contents. At school, Solomon's classmates tested him by writing messages in their books to see if he could recall them.

After being informed about these events, Solomon's parents viewed these as evil. Feeling profound guilt about his actions, Solomon attempted suicide by lacerating his chest. After recovering, Solomon experienced a religious vision, which would later lead to his decision to become 'the youngest ordained minister in the Southern Baptist Church' at the age of fifteen.

After finishing High School, Solomon joined the Army. He married in 1959, and, after leaving the army, enrolled at a Baptist Seminary as a minister. He worked as a preacher throughout Texas as well as opening a Prison ministry. In 1963, Solomon's wife left him for another man and took their daughter with her. Unable to work as a

Baptist minister due to his divorce, Paul worked sporadically, taking on several different jobs. In 1971, Paul became depressed and turned to hypnotism to alleviate his depression. Harry Snipes, an acquaintance and amateur hypnotist, hypnotized Paul. He suggested that the responses to his questions during the hypnosis were not Solomon's, but were from another source, or something more powerful than Solomon's own mind. In an attempt to verify Snipes' claim, Solomon travelled to ask his father whether he believed the results of his readings were heretical. His father said that he believed the responses were 'of God' and that Solomon's 'life work' was to investigate his supposed contact with the Holy Spirit.

His "Source" told him that hypnosis was not necessary, but that he should instead close his eyes, at which point he would be 'guided'. He then began using his pseudonym Paul Solomon to protect his private life, which the "Source" described as meaning "Expositor of Wisdom".

Although raised as a devout Baptist, his readings include non-Christian teachings. Similar to Edgar Cayce, Solomon discusses Akashic records and reincarnation, as well as the nature of space, time, and matter. Solomon created The Fellowship of the Inner Light in 1972, an interfaith Church with a focus on spirituality. Solomon worked as a humanitarian, and also lectured on many spiritual subjects. After working with Mother Teresa, he founded Dignity International, a human rights organization. In 1993, he was nominated

for the Nobel Peace Prize for his work with the enslaved children of Thailand. He was awarded an honorary Doctorate from New Seminary for his continued interest and study of the Bible.

The theory of 'Inner Light Consciousness' was developed by Solomon during this period and was comprised from various things he learned from his readings. He attempted to teach this to other people, but stopped giving readings between 1977 and 1979. Solomon felt that those who received information during his readings were not using the information they received in the correct manner. He also maintained that his readings were not essential, as everyone has the same ability to contact "The Source". Teaching this philosophy gained Solomon interest from the CIA who were interested in his abilities and wished to use them to garner information on the KGB. The CIA withdrew their request after Solomon suggested that feeling love towards members of the KGB was an essential component of the endeavour.

He tried to set up a vast spiritual retreat Centre in Virginia Beach but the basic spiritual preparation was not done. He and his supporters tried to impose the venture fully formed on the site, and so the money needed was not forthcoming. The project was later abandoned.

Solomon fell seriously ill with pancreatic problems in 1984. He went into cardiac arrest three times while staying in hospital and reported an 'out of body experience' on each occasion. During these experiences he reported seeing angels and having further contact with "The Source". His health continued to falter until 1990 when he returned to hospital. Solomon attributes his rapid recovery to his affirmation that he wanted to live. He recovered from his malady in one day. He spent the last four years of his life working on humanitarian projects as well as teaching. He was

seriously injured while attempting to free an 11 year old slave in Thailand and died at his home in Virginia Beach after returning there on 4th March, 1994.

In one of his readings he was asked why some of the prophecies given by Cayce did not come to fruition and gave a surprising answer:

Question: "Certain earth changes predicted by Cayce have not yet occurred. Why? And what is the significance to the U.S.?"

Source: "Understand that which is set in motion by the prophecy itself, even as occurred in the olden time as Jonah made the prediction concerning Nineveh and her fall. For there was not great expectation in his heart that men would change, nor that people would turn to God, nor the prophecy be averted, nor even in your time has there been that expectation. Yet, even in the mentioning of these things, there is set in motion the creative power within man, and determination. Sheer determination can avert much of that has been predicted, has been quoted. The concerns of those in those areas, refusing to accept, refusing to resign themselves to these things, will allow that they continue a little while longer.

"Then understand this, as well. That group, that Cloud of Witnesses--- you know as the Great White Brotherhood is a potent force, a force having great influence and great ability, both in the affairs of man and the reactions of nature and of the universe for their attunement with the laws of the Divine.

"Now it was not meant that man should turn to the Father, or to the words of a prophet, or to a sect or a cult, because of the potency of a revelation or a prophecy. Had those predictions been fulfilled exactly as spoken, Edgar Cayce would have become even greater than has been a cult, and in doing so would have become in itself a diversion from

God, rather than a leading to Him.

“Think it never a tragedy when such has not occurred exactly as described, for it is not meant that he should be elevated to such a position that he would become worshipped among you. These were not mistakes, not errors on the part of the prophet, but rather given that they might have impact upon the minds of men, that men might consider these things. For the prophecies, in themselves, are accurate, the times dependent upon the will and the actions, the reactions, the thoughts, the purposes, of man. The prophecy itself, then, caused a reaction in the creativity of man who then, by his own will, has to this point averted the change. The timetable, then, depends as well, upon response. For these will not occur until the leader comes, until the Initiate opens the Hall of Records. For he himself will not, in greatest way, realize his own identity until he discovers it in that Hall of Records.

“Then, as there is set a Light among you, has He not Himself said, “The Way is not known even to Him who would come. The time is not set, but by the believer.”

The actions, the reaction, of those upon this plane will set the time for His coming and the conditions of it. The changes are upon you, have begun, oft-times not recognized.

“Know this, as well, that the time of prophecy is based upon the patterns, not upon the result. That which will cause the earth to change happens exactly as prophesied.”

There is a Paul Solomon foundation with internet access where one will may purchases CDs and books on Paul Solomon and his readings. Some of these readings, which cover many topics, can be found on the website

<http://www.paulsolomon.com/>

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CHRIST IN YOU

Part 1 **Thirteenth Lesson** **Christ in You**

Do you ask for practical lessons on healing because you want immediate results? I will answer your question, in order that you may attain to the highest. You can appeal on the material plane, and seem to get help quickly; this is because you have been so long under the dominion of the senses. At first, when seeking health from the spiritual plane, you will seem to become worse; always regard this as a hopeful sign. It means the last fight with falsity and shadow. With each attack of the enemy remember that Christ is your life; until finally you die to live, putting off the old man and his dominion, to live anew and for ever, for you have conquered the last enemy through the Lord Christ. God’s work is never uncertain or hurried. It is sure, and

is steadily working out good. “Therefore mine own arm brought salvation.” “Therefore be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding,” and although you seem to make but little headway, you are really growing, even in the darkness of night.

The great master, Jesus, unfolded this aspect in His parables dealing with the kingdom of heaven. The little brown seed sown in the earth is unaware of the sun, until it comes through the darkness of matter, by its own inherent activity, unfolding to receive consciously that which has always been influencing its growth in the darkness; and yet I say that even the sun would have no power, were it not for the central attraction within the seed. Now we understand something of

the meaning of evil and its friendly uses, that the dark earth is the medium for growth; and I can best liken it to the creation of God, which is called evil, always pressing into activity the hidden force within the seed covering.

Without this friendly aid and left to itself, the seed, though perfect, would be non-productive. The so-called evil has caused the seed to quicken, to bring forth by its very opposition. Look into nature, for therein is the symbol of every creative process on the spiritual plain.

All that exists is first and for ever in the real world of spirit, of which yours is but the shadow and semblance. When the fullness of time comes, your world will be no longer shadow, but substance, for it will be the kingdom of the Christ, the new heavens and the new earth, one united home. There shall be no parting, for there shall be neither separation nor death, since the former things have passed away, and man and God are one.

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OUR CLOSING THOUGHT

“What is it all about then? ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, your soul, your mind, your body, and your neighbour as yourself.’ The rest of all the theories that may be concocted by man are nothing, if these are just lived. Love your neighbour as yourself in the associations day by day, preferring as

did the Christ who died on the cross rather than preferring the world be His without a struggle. Know, then, that as He had His cross, so have you. May you take it with a smile. You can, if you will let Him bear it with you. Do it!” 3976-29 ΩΩΩ

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