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## FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to the 85<sup>th</sup> issue of the Rainbow Journal. The first article "The Great Gathering" reflects on this era when there are more souls gathered together on Earth than there ever has been in the known history of our world. It is also a time when we are confronted with issues and of suffering on a

monumental scale. So we are being forced to face ourselves and ask "what can I do to help?"

A reminder that any contributions from readers to the Journal by way of comments, criticism or your own thoughts put down in writing are always appreciated. *Brian Alderson* ΩΩΩ

## THE GREAT GATHERING

It was over 90 years ago when Edgar Cayce, using his unique physic gift, first began describing to his client's their previous lives on earth. This was something new and alien as most of these clients who were followers of mainstream Christianity and believed what a Bible passage stated: "*And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgement*" (Hebrews 9:27).

According to Cayce, reincarnation is the maxim that each of us goes through a series of lifetimes for the purpose of spiritual growth and soul development. Our past lives provide a framework of potentials and probabilities and an individual's choices, actions, and free will in the present determines the actual experience lived this time around. Within this framework of lessons that need to be learned as the soul strives to meet itself is the central idea that the soul is constantly experiencing the consequences of its previous choices.

Cayce further stated that people would reincarnate in groups, "soul groups", so that many people we now live with, are related to, or have experiences together, good or bad, are those we have encountered on earth in the past.

In recent years historians and researchers have attempted to calculate how many people have ever been on the earth. Results of these researches vary to a great extent, mainly because we do not know how much impact catastrophic

events in the past, such as major floods, ice ages, earthquakes or large meteors colliding into earth, had on the population of the earth. According to Cayce one great calamity resulted in the demise of a very large and advanced civilization with the disappearance of the continent of Atlantis that sunk following a number of violent movements over the earth's surface.

As to how many people have ever lived on earth, one organisation, the Population Reference Bureau<sup>1</sup>, has come up with the figure of 108 billion. This figure could be wildly inaccurate but if we believe and take into consideration that all of us living today have had a number previous lives it is very likely that the population of the earth today represents most of the souls that ever came to earth - this is simple mathematics. Even if the average number of our past lives on earth's was only twelve (although Cayce's readings suggest the number is much higher) then, taking the 108 billion lives and dividing by twelve lives, we come up with nine billion soul in total. In other words we can deduce that we are now experiencing the greatest gathering of human souls in the history of the earth.

It is no coincidence that not only is this time the greatest ever gathering of souls but it is a time when we are facing a number of crises unprecedented in the history of humanity. If not addressed

<sup>1</sup>[www.prb.org](http://www.prb.org)

and overcome, these crises threaten our very survival as a species on earth.

One crisis which has been looming for decades is the heating up of the earth's atmosphere as a result of human activity. Climate change is already beginning to transform life on Earth. Around the globe, seasons are shifting, temperatures are climbing and sea levels are rising. And meanwhile, our planet must still supply us – and all living things – with air, water, food and safe places to live. If we don't act now, climate change will rapidly alter the lands and waters we all depend upon for survival, leaving our children and grandchildren with a very different world.

The second crisis is the rise of the ISIS state. The Islamic State of Iraq and Syria or 'ISIS' is an Islamic fundamental sect that came in the world scene two decades ago under the leader of an Islamic extremist named Abu Musab al-Zarqawi. Though, before the emergence of this deadly group, there had been other Islamic groups that had unleash terror in our time. No matter the nomenclature they assume, all we know is that they seem to have one aim. And that is to carry out a jihadist movement that is hell-bent in converting everyone around them to Islam if it is at all possible. One of the mission statements of ISIS is that anyone who dares to resist any Islamic system of worship in the world would be ruthlessly dealt with.

Sounds terrifying and shocking. Yet is this not history repeating itself? For almost 200 years during the Middle Ages, Christian Crusaders attempted to wrest control of the Palestine region of the Middle East from the Muslim Turks through a series of military invasions made up of mostly Western European Christian armies. What were the Crusaders? Glorious and righteous Christian warriors in the form of gallant knights and their followers leading their

armies into war, anointed by God to save the Holy Land from the Muslim infidels. What makes up ISIS? Militant fundamentalist Muslims who believe that Allah is on their side in a Holy war.

When we look at these two events, the ISIS movement and the Christian crusades from the standpoint of reincarnation we find that humanity is just repeating its past activities through misguided beliefs with only the flags used and the labels given to the players involved having changed. In is quite possible that the leaders of ISIS may be the very same people who were the knights and Christian Crusaders in their previous lives some 900 odd years ago.

At the same time as these threats are before us from very different directions we are witnessing a heart-wrenching humanitarian situation. As one report stated the situation very simply: "Today, 39 million people have been forced to flee their homes due to conflict or natural disaster. Ten million are refugees and 29 million are internally displaced persons (meaning they have not crossed an international border). People displaced inside their countries face the same hardships as refugees but lack protection under international law."

The situation has been worsening for years but has only recently been brought to our consciousness through media coverage with images of dead children in particular losing their lives in desperate efforts to find a safe haven.

We in wealthy countries, in the comfort of our homes, are being made increasingly aware of what is going and just leave it to our governments to solve these problems. In new Zealand our politicians are 'considering' increasing out annual quota of refugees from 750 to perhaps 100 more while we individuals know that we could do much more to help.

The above are just three of the

pressing situations that all of us are facing in this great gathering of souls on earth. We are here this time around to decide for ourselves: are we our brothers' keeper? Can we, as individuals, help those suffering around us in any way? Are we not facing the consequences of our past and is not this time around a chance to show our true colours as caring humans created in the likeness of God?

*“Condemn not, therefore, those aspects of life with which you disagree. Seek instead to change them, and the conditions that made them possible. Behold the darkness, yet curse it not. Rather, be a light unto the darkness, and so transform it.*

*“Let your light so shine before men, that those who stand in the darkness will be illumined by the light of your being, and all of you will see, at last, Who You Really Are.*

*“Be a Bringer of the Light. For your light can do more than illuminate your own path. Your light can be the light which truly lights the world.*

*“Shine on, then, O Illuminati! Shine on! That the moment of your greatest darkness may yet become your grandest gift. And even as you are gifted, so, too, will you gift others, giving to them the unspeakable treasure: themselves.*

*“Let this be your task, let this be your greatest joy: to give people back to themselves. Even in their darkest hour. Especially in that hour.*

*“The world waits for you. Heal it. Now. In the place where you are. There is much you can do.*

*“For My sheep are lost and must now be found. Be ye, therefore, as good shepherds, and lead them back to Me.” - Conversations With God, Neale Donald Walsch. BDA ΩΩΩ*

## MUSIC – THE LANGUAGE OF GOD

*I have never considered that God has spoken to me directly, but then I think if God did speak to me what would his voice sound like? The answers that came to me were that when God speaks it would have to be in a universal language, after all if he spoke in English the hearers would be confined to those who understand English. The other thought I had was that God would not speak in a finite language that is limited by our understanding of the words used but a language that would go straight to our hearts and souls, and the language that fits that bill is music. Here's what Sri Chinmoy says about music:*

Music is the language of God. God's language, music, is not like mathematics or geometry. It is a language of love. If we love music, that is enough. A child loves his father. His father may be a Supreme Court judge. What does the child know

about his father's greatness? He only knows, “My father is a judge.” Because of his love for his father, he receives everything from his father. Similarly, music is something that we can love. If we love music, we do not need to know the proper techniques and so on. If we love music, then the Source of music will come and play in and through us.

If we do not love something most sincerely, most intensely, then no matter how many years we spend practising it, we will just learn the techniques. But once we love God the Supreme Musician, we get everything. We do not have to scrutinise music. We do not have to do anything. Everything is there inside our love. Love means oneness.

The one who creates the music at every moment is God. The universe itself is music. Unfortunately, most of the time we do not hear the music of the universe. We hear only the air conditioner or some

outer noises. But if we can enter into the inner existence of the air conditioner, we will hear music. When we talk, even inside the talking, there is music. In everything, if we can become aware of it, there is music. Everything in God's creation embodies music. We can hear it only when we dive deep within.

When somebody is singing or playing music, it is very easy for us to identify with it because we are on the same level. But music can be found everywhere. Music is oneness with God's Infinity, Eternity and Immortality. Music is a universal language. We do not need any other language. I do not have to learn Portuguese. You do not have to learn Bengali. God has created a universal language, and that is music. Because it is universal, it has to be inside any material object.

Music and God cannot be separated, although some music we may not understand or appreciate. I never understand jazz or rock and roll. That is not within my capacity. Again, there will be millions who will understand and appreciate that particular type of music. It depends on one's capacity. Some can enter into the jazz world. For some, like me, it is torture, but for millions it is sheer ecstasy.

*Music keeps us alive. The sweetness and the haunting quality of music teaches us how to behave properly. Our inner music does not allow us to create disharmony. Music gives us the feeling of sweetness, tenderness and softness. The inner music always inspires us to do something good for humanity. Our inner music is a form of prayer and meditation. ΩΩΩ*

## MUSIC AND SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE

Consider the character of spiritual experience and what it has in common with the experience of music.

Spiritual experiences often include a sense of immersion in the divine. Because we are likewise immersed in sound, music is the best art for evoking the divine.

Spiritual experience is deeply emotional. The experience of emotions is also one of immersion and duration. They color our perceptions of everything and everyone around us. Music, with its ebb and flow, its rhythms and evocative harmonies, is emotive because it emulates and expresses the immersion and the ebb and flow of emotion. Music, an expression of our humanity, is rooted in emotions.

Another feature of spiritual experience is that words cannot adequately express it (is ineffable.) The words that do come can only provide an opening for the same divine spark to awaken in the listener. Music, being an

evocative non-verbal language can also provide an opening for the divine spark to awaken. Music is an excellent vehicle for expressing and evoking what words alone cannot.

Probably the most universal religious experience is that of awe when faced with natural beauty. ("awe precedes faith..." Abraham Heschel) Beautiful music, just like the beauty of nature, can open us to the divine. So one way to answer the question of how music opens our hearts to God might be to look at the connection from natural beauty to awe to faith and ask what it is about music that helps us make that same connection.

Those who have spiritual experiences seek to make sense of those experiences. Religions provide a stories – a narrative context that helps us story (make sense of) our experiences. Music is also narrative. It takes us from A to B and leaves us transformed by the journey. It gives expression to our shared story – our common humanity. Religions provide a

social context – a validating context of like-minded seekers who share and seek to live out fully a common story. Music is also communal. Musical ensembles are united in common purpose, immersed in the moment together for the sake of their art. Performers and audiences share a bond that goes beyond words and is rooted in our shared humanity. Music, in its narrative structure and communal nature, is a apt vehicle for creating and strengthening religious communities by expressing and evoking the very realities that bind them. - *Bob Sanford*

*The following are two reports of spiritual experiences while listening to music:*

1. “I was sitting one evening, listening to a Brahms symphony. My eyes were closed and I must have been completely relaxed for I became aware of a feeling of ‘expansion’, I seemed to be beyond the boundary of my physical self. Then an intense feeling of ‘light’ and ‘love’ uplifted and enfolded me. It was so wonderful and gave me such an emotional release that tears streamed down my cheeks. For several days I seemed to bathe in its glow and when it subsided I was free from my fears.

“I didn’t feel happy about the world

situation but seemed to see it from a different angle. So with my personal sorrow. I can truly say that it changed my life and the subsequent years have brought no dimming of the experience.”

2. “I was listening to music....and from the first few bars found myself in unusually complete unity with it i.e. there seemed to be a conscious, or rather, self conscious stage between me and it. This resulted in my, for the first time, getting the so-called message of the music. Being flattened by it would be more accurate as the experience was in no way nebulous, to the extent that one could literally write down the ‘message’, though it sounds pretty silly. ‘Things were like this once but don’t worry, they still are in this music’. To enlarge, one was being given the most pure, open, radiant, unbounded love, expressed with perfect beauty (the beauty was love somehow) with no qualifying clauses and without a shadow of asking anything in return; generating a consequent feeling of gratitude and that one could never ever deserve it. The effect was of a humbling re-discovery of the ‘first principle’ of existence which one just cannot live up to in everyday life.....”

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## MEDITATION AND RELATIVITY

By D. R. Sharma

*I recently came across the following article with the above title which touches on the narrowing gap between spirituality or religion, and science. This reminds me of the article I wrote concerning our current astrological Age of Aquarius. In the Rainbow Journal issue 14, Match 2008 there is an article on this current age in which it is written: “The Age we are now entering – the Age of Aquarius, however,*

*comes under an eminently revolutionary sign, and its occult significance is knowledge. The constellation of Aquarius is governed by the planet Uranus, which is a completely revolutionary planet. The sign of Aquarius shows a man with two pitchers of water who is wisely combining these waters. The doctrine of the Age of Aquarius is thus termed the "Doctrine of the Synthesis", the synthesis of all authentic religions and systems of self-realization. In the Aquarian*

*Age dogmatic types of Christianity will cease to be taught, and all dogmatic forms will disappear. In this age science will become religious, and religion will become scientific. Disagreements between science and religion will come to an end, and people will begin to comprehend that both spirit and matter are derived from the same source, and are only modifications of the One Universal Energy. In the Age of Aquarius humanity will have marvelous breakthroughs in many scientific disciplines, including physics, chemistry, astronomy, medicine, aviation, etc. There is ample evidence that this is now taking place with the rapid advancement of technology and science.”*

### **Introduction**

Science and meditation both resulted from man's inquisitiveness - a desire to know the very basis of existence. Science dealt with the external world consisting of all matter embedded in space-time, while meditation attempted to understand the intangible reality behind all these manifestations. Although there is some tendency to regard meditation as a science the domains of the two disciplines are separate. Science in its present form has a relatively short history, but meditation has been around since the dawn of civilization. It is not something that was discovered and invented in time. It is an ageless human experience where only the techniques for getting the experience have been explored and refined. Meditation has nothing to do with any particular religion. However, since the experience in meditation involves the Ultimate Reality (identified with God in most religions), people often think of it as a spiritual or religious activity.

In science physics has always been at the vanguard of discovery and in the past hundred years it has brought revolutionary changes in our understanding of nature. The main contributors have been the quantum

theory and the theory of relativity. These theories have taken physics almost into the realm of metaphysics and in recent years there has been much discussion about the convergence of science and religion (or science and philosophy). We do not wish to get into that discussion here. Our intent is to just point out the similarity of the concepts in modern physics (especially in relativity theory) and meditation.

### **Special Theory of Relativity**

The development of the theory of relativity involved two phases. Einstein first presented it for the special case of uniform motion and abolished the concept of absolute space and time. Length (a measure of space) and time were dependent (relative to) on the frame of reference, i.e. depended on the observer. For an observer moving with a uniform velocity the length became shorter (contracted) and the time became longer (dilated). These results follow from the two main postulates of theory: 1) the speed of light in vacuum is the same for all observers; 2) the laws of nature are the same for all observers. This is called the special theory of relativity as it applies to the special case of uniform motion.

Since space and time are dependent on velocity that combines space and time (speed is distance divided by time) it is no longer possible to treat them separately. This means that an object is not completely described by its position alone, the time also has to be specified. Thus in relativistic terms there are no objects but only events in four-dimensional space-time.

Another conclusion that followed from this theory was the equivalence of mass and energy given by the famous equation  $E = mc^2$  derived by Einstein shortly after presenting the theory. At the time this result seemed absurd to Einstein himself. Years later came its

experimental verification that had enormous consequences for Mankind.

### **General Theory of Relativity**

Even though the results of the special theory were spectacular, Einstein was not satisfied. He wanted it to be generalized for 'motion' in general including accelerated motion. The simplest example of such motion in nature is the motion in a gravitational field, which had been investigated since the time of Galileo. Based on the knowledge of the earth's gravitational field Einstein concluded that the effects of an accelerated (non-uniform) motion must be the same as that of the gravitational field. He called it the equivalence principle. From here he reached the conclusion that, since bodies in the universe move along the space-time surface, space-time itself must be curved and the curvature of space-time represents the gravitational field. It is not possible to cover the intricacies of the space-time curvature here; we shall simply mention the consequence of this fact as described by Stephen Hawkins. "Space and time are now dynamic quantities. Space and time not only affect but are also affected by whatever happens in the universe."

This leads to another important fact pertinent to our discussion: if there is no matter in the universe (i.e. the universe itself disappears) space and time also disappear. If space and time disappear, what remains? In Einstein's words nothing remains. Yet this state of nothingness must contain the potentials for matter, space, and time to reappear when conditions are favourable. In philosophy there is a term to describe it; it is called "shunyata" in Sanskrit and is usually translated as emptiness or void, although neither conveys the real meaning. We will discuss it in the next section.

### **Relevance to Meditation**

At times there may be a wrong impression that according to the relativity theory everything is relative. To use the famous quip of Bertrand Russell: if everything were relative, there would be nothing to be relative to. The theory says that space and time (and everything embedded in it) are relative to the observer. The only absolute things are the velocity of light and the laws of nature. However, when all matter vanishes from the universe there is no light and there is no nature (in the conventional sense), only total nothingness or shunyata. This is the only thing left with nothing else for it to be relative to and so it must be absolute. What is the relationship of this shunyata to the observer? If it is absolute, it must exist also when everything in the universe is intact. The relativity theory leads us to it but it cannot tell us what it is. This is where meditation comes in.

What causes the observer to observe? It is the consciousness that makes him function as an observer. Without consciousness there will be no observer and no observation. Can we know consciousness? Knowing is a function of the mind and it operates only because of consciousness. In effect consciousness is the knower. How can one know the knower? We cannot. At the physical level our eyes see everything but we cannot see our own eyes; we can see only their image in a mirror and realize that we have them. In the same way we cannot know consciousness, we can only realize it or experience its presence. And that is the goal of meditation.

Each individual is conscious in his own way; in other words the consciousness in each individual is unique. But that is only a partial aspect, which is subjective consciousness. The consciousness that is experienced in meditation is universal and in this experience the subjective merges with the universal. A simple analogy is the ocean

and a drop from it. As long as the drop is separated from the ocean it has its own identity. But when it goes back into the ocean it is no longer distinguishable from it, even though in the interim it may have gone through different phases of transition (water vapour, cloud particle, rain drop, etc.). The Absolute consciousness is the ground for everything in the universe. It is the ultimate source and sink for the universe.

Let us get back to relativity and shunyata. As we have seen, this total nothingness cannot be confused with emptiness because it contains all the potential for existence and change (space, time, and matter). In order to realize its true and all-pervasive nature we digress here a little and consider the nature of existence of fundamental particles (electrons and quarks for example) in quantum theory. The mathematical equations used there do not describe the existence of these particles but only the potential for existence in terms of wave functions. One of the potentials becomes real due to wave function collapse. What causes the potential to become real is the observer's consciousness. Thus matter and energy remain as potentials and become real only when they interact with consciousness. Consciousness is the Absolute Reality and shunyata is the experience of this Reality. It includes all and transcends all at the same time. This experience can be gained only through meditation.

How can nothingness be the backdrop for everything? For observing a picture we need some background such as paper, screen, canvas, etc. This refers,

though, only to physical visualization. In meditation we are using the mind in its highest state and consciousness is the background for all visualizations. We can also use an analogy from everyday experience. We see different things in the sky and take the sky as the background. But the sky is not a material object; it is just empty space, in fact a sort of nothingness.

### **Conclusion**

Science and meditation both attempt to clarify the reality of existence although their domains are different. One seeks the reality behind the phenomenal world, while the other tries to find the reality behind all existence. Spirituality has always dealt with abstract phenomena. Now science has also gone into the world of intangibles. Physics, in particular, has gone into the realm of the unknown through quantum and relativity theories. The theory of relativity has done away with the old concepts of space, time, and matter. Quantum theory has shown results (quantum void, non-locality and phase entanglement, breakdown of causation, etc.) that resonate with the ideas of ancient philosophies. The concept of nothingness that relativity leads to is in some respects similar to that of shunyata in Vedanta and Buddhism. Although these similarities may not imply a convergence of science and religion (spirituality) they do suggest that the quest of reality is taking parallel paths and the reality in spirituality is simply an extension of that in science. - *Dharmbir Rai Sharma is a retired professor with an electrical engineering and physics background. ΩΩΩ*



## STORIES OF PAST LIVES

While we do not very often hear or read stories of peoples' past lives there are multitudes of them if one is prepared to do a little research. Perhaps a reason why there is little publicity concerning reincarnation and the evidence available to support the concept is because the concept is not in line with mainstream Christian doctrine. Also the vast majority of us have no recollection of our past lives.

The following are just four of the many narratives describing the experiences of those who had lingering memories of a previous experience on earth.

### THE SEARCH FOR BRIDEY MURPHY

One of the best-known reincarnation stories is that of Ruth Simmons. In 1952, she underwent a series of hypnosis sessions during which her therapist, Morey Bernstein, regressed her back to her birth. She suddenly started to speak with a heavy Irish accent and remembered many specific details from her life as Bridey Murphy, who had lived in Belfast, Ireland in the 19th century. Not many of the things she mentioned could be verified. However, she recalled two people from whom she used to buy her food—a Mr. John Carrigan and a Mr. Farr. The town directory for 1865–66 lists the two individuals as grocers. The story is shown in a film from 1956 called *The Search for Bridey Murphy*.

### WW2 FIGHTER PILOT

At a very young age, James Leininger started to remember his life as a navy fighter pilot. Airplanes were the only toys he would play with, and after a time his plane obsession turned into a nightmare. He lost a lot of sleep and kept talking about flying planes, about the weapons, and the scary accident with his plane. James, who only watched kids'

programs on TV, showed his mother what a fighter plane drop tank was, and was able to check a plane over as a pilot would during a pre-flight check when he was just three years old.

The child was able to tell his father that he used to take off from a boat called the *Natoma* and knew the name of a copilot, Jack Larson. The *Natoma* was indeed a Pacific ship and Larson was still alive. After James told his father that he had been killed in his plane at Iwo Jima, his father discovered a pilot called James M. Huston Jr. who had died there. This was especially strange, as James had started to sign his drawings "James 3." James' family contacted Huston's sister, and she sent James a bust and a model airplane that had been returned to her by the navy after her brother's death.

### THE REINCARNATION OF MARTY MARTYN

For more than a decade, Dr. Jim Tucker, associate professor of psychiatry and neurobehavioral sciences at the University of Virginia, has studied the cases of children, usually between the ages of 2 and 6 years old, who say they remember a past life. In his book, "Return to Life," Tucker details some of the more than 2,500 cases he has studied over the years, including Ryan—a boy from the Midwest who claims he is the reincarnation of a man who died more than 50 years ago. That man, Marty Martyn, was a former movie extra who later became a powerful Hollywood agent.

The following is an excerpt from Tucker's book:

We were able to piece together a picture of Marty Martyn's life, and we could compare it to Ryan's statements. In most of our cases, people have tried to see if a deceased person could be identified whose life matched the statements the child had made. Here,

there was only one guy that Ryan could have been talking about, because he had pointed to him in a picture. We weren't trying to see if there was anyone whose life matched Ryan's statements; we were looking to see if Marty Martyn's did.

What we found was that though Ryan was off on some of the details, a lot of what he said was correct for Marty Martin. It had seemed unlikely that an extra with no lines would have danced on Broadway, had a big house with a swimming pool, and traveled the world on big boats. But Marty Martyn did.

Marty was born in Philadelphia in 1903. Ryan had talked a lot about a sister and also mentioned another one, and Marty had two sisters. His mother had curly brown hair, as Ryan as said. Ryan was right about dancing in New York, as Marty and one of his sisters went to New York to be dancers. He danced in various reviews on Broadway, and his sister became a well-known dancer there.

Marty then moved to Los Angeles, having a life in Hollywood as Ryan had described. He began as an extra as well as a dance director. He then became a Hollywood agent, not the secret agent kind but a talent agent. He set up the Marty Martyn Agency, where he had notable clients such as Glenn Ford. Ryan had talked about people changing their names with the agency, which would certainly be true for a talent agency. Marty had several connections to Rita Hayworth, and his daughter confirmed he probably did know her. He may well have interacted with Marilyn Monroe as well, as his wife's family knew her.

Marty was married four times. He became quite wealthy, and he and his last wife enjoyed an upscale lifestyle. Ryan said he had driven around Hollywood in a green car and that his wife drove a nice black car. Well, Marty's wife didn't actually do the driving, but they had a custom-made Rolls-Royce that was

presumably a nice car. Ryan said his address had Rock or Mount in it. And Marty Martyn's last house, that fine home with the big swimming pool? It was located at 825 N. Roxbury.

### **A REINCARNATION IN VIETNAM**

She is Ha Thi Khuyen, was born in 1988 in a Buoc village in a central province of Vietnam. At 8 months, she could walk and run. When she was little more than one year old, she could speak.

Khuyen often told her parents that she was not their daughter. She would not call them 'mum' and 'dad' but she called them 'brother' and 'sister-in-law'. She told them that she had been a daughter of a family in Van village and that she died in an accident.

Van Village and Buoc Village are divided by ridge of mountain. They are 10 kilometres apart by air but it is 110 kilometers by road to go from one village to the other. People of these two villages rarely visit each other because the roads are in such bad condition over the mountain.

Early in the Summer of 2000, when a woman from Van village came by chance to Buoc village, Khuyen recognized her. She asked whether the woman remembered her or not. The woman did not remember.

"Who are you?" the woman asked.

"I am Chuan, my father is Liem living in Van village. I died 10 years ago," said Khuyen

"Why are you here?" the woman asked.

"I am re-born coming and living here," replied Khuyen.

The woman came back to Van village and told everyone this story. She learned that 10 years before, there was a girl named Chuan who had died. Some months later, Chuan's aunt came to Buoc vilage to probe into the matter. When she came, Khuyen happily ran out to her: "Aunt Thuan? Why are you here?"

"Who are you?" said the woman named Thuan.

"I am Chuan, daughter of Dad Liem," said Khuyen. "I died after swallowing a peach seed. I died in your arms when you were rushing me to hospital."

"Why you are here?" Chuan's aunt asked.

"I am re-born here," said Khuyen. Then Khuyen told her aunt about all the family members.

On August, 18, 2000, Khuyen and the woman who gave birth to her came to Van village. They were so poor that they had not managed to visit Van village before. Khuyen then recognized her family members, friends and neighbours, and recognized her house when her uncle

pretended to pass by it. Her family members then realized that she looked like other members of the family. Khuyen told another story: "My funeral was going on when I saw a woman sitting on the side of the road saying that she loved me so much. In a hurry, I jumped into her belly bag (look like kangaroo's) and my second life started."

Khuyen is one of many cases of re-birth in the Lam Phu commune. Local people tell other stories about re-born children and call for interested scientists to investigate. Most of the children died in accidents when they were so young and were reborn in another family. Local people see it as normal phenomenon

- As told by Hong Van. ΩΩΩ

## IS FREE WILL REALLY FREE?

When Edgar Cayce was asked the question "Explanation of prophecy in the light of free will" he did not offer an explanation but instead said *"This is a very good subject, but a very debatable question in which you would only form a great many antagonistic views and conditions that might not be for the best."* (254-106).

It will be noted that this question was put by the committee of the A.R.E. when preparing for a national conference and deciding on what subjects should be on the agenda. It would appear that Cayce considered that these matters would be better left out of the agenda as incomplete information or misinterpretations could lead to wrong conclusions.

Most of our living is in our minds. It is what we think of things – not what they intrinsically are – that determines our state of mind, our happiness or sadness, our feelings of success or failure. That is what is meant by free will: our response to events rather than the events themselves.

*"Mind is, as has been given, both spiritual and physical. In the material world, where we find expressions of the physical and of the spiritual, we find Mind. Yet what is known as the Group Mind - or that of the plant kingdom, the mineral kingdom and the animal kingdom or group - returns (as its Destiny) to the Creative Force which is its author, its maker. Man - the free will agent; man made to become a companion to the Creator through the purification, by manifestation of the love of God as may be manifested in the earth - makes his destiny as to whether his Mind (that accompanies his soul) is one with or in opposition to the Creative Forces. For he, for weal or woe, gives expression of same in his activity. And his destiny - his mind's destiny - is in Him if he, man, will but make the mind one with that which is creative in its essence, in its activity, in its flow. For Mind is the dividing line between that which is human, that which is man, and that which is animal - or of that division of a group soul or consciousness."*

*"Hence the variation in what He taught as He gave to Nicodemus, "Do you not know you you must be born again?" Born of water and of blood; that is, of the spirit - yet the spirit making manifest in the flesh the last command, the whole command as He gave, "A new commandment I give, that you love one another" - that you be of one mind, of one purpose, of one aim, of one desire. That each must approach from his or her own vision, his or her own status of development, does not alter that as has been spoken, "As the man thinks in his heart, so is he." So does the Mind bring health, wealth, happiness; in that it is made one with Constructive Force, one with the Creator; and thus fulfil its Destiny - to become One in Him, One with the Father. Not by other than that "abiding in me, as I in the Father, you in me." And what you ask, what you seek, what you live, what you ARE will be one with that force. Thus is the Destiny of Mind. Thus is the variation that lies between East and West; that of the old tenet yet ever new, presented in mind is the builder. Yes, mind is that which makes for the Destiny in the experience of all; not by denial alone but rather by an active, positive assurance of the Mind's activity being One in Him. As He abides in the Father, you may abide in the Father also. For as He is the Way, He is the Light, He is the bread of Life, He is the water of Life, He is the Vine, we abide in that Mind, that Flow of Life as of Him, and we then are One with Him"*

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## FROM HERE AND THERE

### WHO IS A CRIMINAL?

Before we condemn someone as a criminal because he or she has been found guilty of a crime in a court of law we should be clear in what we mean by a 'criminal.' If we go to a dictionary for answers to this question we will find that when it comes to a person such as in the statement 'he is a criminal' there are two definitions. One is 'a person who has committed a crime' and another is 'a person who is convicted of a crime.'

If we take the first definition we will find that practically all of us are criminals by the fact that it is most likely, at some time in our lives, we all have done something that is illegal, something that, under law, is a crime, and therefore by application of logic we are criminals. However if we have not been convicted for any crime then by the second definition we are not criminals. In our society it is only the ones who have been charged and found guilty we label as criminals while the rest of us are 'innocent.' - BDA

### ON ONENESS

If we believe Jesus, Martin Luther King, Nelson Mandela, Ghandi and those like them why do we not follow their examples?

You and I are One—both now and even forever-more. Go now, and make of your life a statement of this truth. Cause your days and nights to be reflections of the highest idea within you. Allow your moments of Now to be filled with the spectacular ecstasy of God made manifest through you. Do it through the expression of your Love, eternal and unconditional, for all those whose lives you touch. Be a light unto the darkness, and curse it not. Be a bringer of the light. - [www.goodreads.co](http://www.goodreads.co)

### TWO VIEWS ON THE BIBLE

There appears to be two distinct attitudes with respect to the way people view the contents of the Bible.

The first is to see the Bible as revelations given directly by God using His messengers as the medium to record

His words. Recording would have been automatic with no input from the recorder or the writings influenced in any way by the beliefs, feelings and cultural background of the person doing the recording. That being the case, with the revelations being the 'word of God', they could not possibly contain and scientific or historic errors. The statements in the Bible would be infallible, incapable of error and therefore there would be no room for questioning any of the statements therein.

The second approach is to allow for the fact that the writings were *inspired*. An attempt to record in writing inner experiences and inner revelations by

spiritually minded people. This being the case their experiences and the recording of them may have been influenced by their beliefs, culture and background and therefore there is a strong possibility that the sacred writing may contain errors as regard to physical facts when the writers attempted to communicate their experiences and revelations in the language of the day. -

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ASSISTED SUICIDE

If a doctor assists you with suicide, it is called manslaughter, while if a tobacco company does, it is called commerce. - *CWG ΩΩΩ*

## CHRIST IN YOU

### PART II

#### MIND AND SOUL - THEIR RELATION TO THE BODY

##### FIRST LESSON

##### **"Let Your Light So Shine"**

We have a glorious message for your plane, and our words are winged. They come with power and influence to all in need. You must have singleness of heart, and the consecrated life, to be the pure channel which God desires. Is it not worth while to voice the highest and to bear the light? Our message is for the world of pain and suffering, and for you too; wholeness and perfection and God's intention. Our message will teach you how to attain. Every spiritual value must be desired, must be lived. Our thought for you must be embodied, lived, manifested, and expressed to all men. The two conditions that we ask, that we may teach you, that you become willing and obedient. Your life shall help all you meet, cannot fail to do so, because you cannot grow without drawing others with you. This is God's plan for the redemption of the whole.

The seed dies in order to live, and

becomes hidden, that it may manifest from within. Out of darkness – light. Out of weakness - strength.

There is a wave of disturbance, a spiritual volcano, about to discharge itself upon the earth. Be not dismayed; unrest and energy only prove that inherent life is at work. God's wheels must not clog. By all the wars and signs of the times, know that the Day of the Lord is at hand, your own Lord and Christ, the indwelling and potent Christ of God. Marvel not, ye must be born of the water and of the spirit. This I may explain to you later. The keys of the kingdom are in your hands. Out of chaos and confusion there will come peace and order to your earth. The wars of the nations are the birth pangs of a new era, and the consciousness of the race will be lifted by the pain and agony of the refiner's fire. In the hearts of those who have attained the Christ consciousness there will be rest and

glorious hope, for they shall see the new shall reign. His kingdom cometh for ever  
dawn arising when Christ who is our light and ever. ΩΩΩ

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### **OUR CLOSING THOUGHT**

“What is it all about then? ‘You shall associations day by day, preferring as did love the Lord your God with all your the Christ who died on the cross rather heart, your soul, your mind, your body, than preferring the world be His without and your neighbour as yourself.’ The rest a struggle. Know, then, that as He had of all the theories that may be concocted His cross, so have you. May you take it by man are nothing, if these are just lived. with a smile. You can, if you will let Him Love your neighbour as yourself in the bear it with you. Do it!” 3976-29 ΩΩΩ

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