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Some of the most provocative insights in the Edgar Cayce readings are indexed under the heading: "Quotes and Similes." The readings are filled with reiterated expressions and sayings. Some of expressions are widely known such as: "Why worry when you can pray" and "Actions speak louder than words." Other sayings are unexpected and less widely known, such as: "the extremes meet in the Christ" and "we are co-creators with God." In the use of these in the readings we find not the ordinary and the trite but rather deep and delightful insights. Some of these may even be called universal laws.

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The phrase "Nothing happens by chance" is often used in response to a seeming coincidence, the meaning of which we do not fully understand. This cliché, in fact, has its origin in the basic laws of the universe.

Closely related to this truth is the concept that "Nothing good is ever lost." These extracts set forth the principle that apparent disappointments or setbacks have within them the ultimate fulfillment of good.

In applying these truths for greater understanding, we are shown how to "Keep our faces to the light, so the shadows will fall behind." "Standing aside and seeing ourselves pass" is suggested as a way of measuring our growth.

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3486-1, Female 45, Newspaper Reporter, 11/22/43

Know that no entity enters a material experience by chance. Souls are purposeful in their seeking, and it is ever for self or for the glory of the ideal. If the ideal is self, though many channels may be used, it is still self-exaltation being sought. For the will is the that gift of the Creator, enabling a soul to be one with God - or in its own wisdom or own foolishness - to destroy its own self....

2753-2, Female 20, 7/14/42 (Entire Reading begins on page 26)

No association or experience is by chance, but is the outgrowth of a law, - spiritual, mental or material.

These will be found to be bound with this entity here, in each phase of their experiences. Thus this should be an interpretation that may enable those who would analyze or study same to see how, why and where the various phases touch materiality at any given point.

3582-2, Female 51, 1/19/44

For as the entity realizes, there is little or nothing that happens by chance, but ever after a pattern, a law. And that the entity may build in the mind from the spiritual, that it accepts as its director alters results that may be had in the experience of the individual - in the same measure as was asked “Master, who sinned - this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”

These then, as the consciousness arises in the entity through the application of those urges that may make for or against the greater explanations of the entity's experience, produce that which may cause grace and glory to be magnified in the entity's life.

1859-1, Male 26, Writer/Actor, 4/7/39

For, know: The experiences in the material sojourn is not by change, - but God having willed that man should not perish, - not a soul, - has provided a way through which each soul may come to know its true relationship to the Creative Forces by the manner of manifestation in materiality to the fellow man.

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2927-1, Male 50, 3/1/43

These records, these interpretations we choose from same with the desire that this information may be a helpful experience for the entity; enabling the entity to better fulfil those purposes for which it entered this present sojourn.

For, it is never by chance but, as with all things in this material world, there are causes, there are effects. To be sure, at times there may be what might be called accidents. But these, too, in a causation world, have their cause and effect.

1968-1, Female 28, Insurance Clerk, 7/27/39

Hence in choosing the interpretations here of the records as we find them, these are given with the desire and purpose that this may be a helpful, hopeful experience for the entity; thus enabling the entity to realize and to be conscious of that purpose for which it is given material expression or manifestation in the present.

For, nothing comes by chance, - and God hath not willed that any soul should perish, but has with each temptation prepared a way, a manner of escape.

2074-1, Female 73, 1/8/40

Each individual constantly meets self. There are no coincidences, or accidents, that arise in the meeting of people or individuals.

It is true that antagonistic influences arise at time, but the reaction to these depends upon the ideals each individual has respecting proper relationships with others.

There are those forces as may be had from the study, the analyzing of those truths presented in the light of HIS ministry, - that One who is the way, the truth and the light. The analyzing of these, and the application of same in the lives of individuals is an individual experience. But the closer, the nearer one applies those tenets, those truths, those principles in one's daily experience, the greater is the ability of the mental and spiritual self, to revivify the physical activities of any given body.

3684-1, Male 56, 2/21/44

As we find, there are disturbances with this body - physical, mental, spiritual. For while a very material-minded individual might say that "bad luck" had come to the body, we find that nothing happens by chance. For each soul is as precious in the sight of the Creative Forces or God as another....

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2788-1, Male 44, Farmer, 7/27/42

The associations and activities are never by chance, though oft individuals apparently boast of same as being circumstance. Yet these are definite patterns, when analyzed in the light of what an entity has done or may do with the abilities arising from latent and manifested urges in the characteristics and personalities of an entity.

2072-15, Female 34, 6/20/44

Did you ever try to analyze why that ye enter some places, some homes which are indeed homes and others, from the very feel, if ye are sensitive at all, there is confusion; there is anger, there is abuse, of all those natures present in that house, not a home? Try this by entering a church and go from there to a jail and then go from the jail into the church - you will find it. So it is with individuals as they have entered earthly experience in various spheres or periods. These were not by chance. Think not that God doeth things haphazardly. For He hath not willed that any soul should perish, but has prepared a way.

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

Thus we find from its activities and its study with the medicine men of that particular area and period, places look familiar, faces appear familiar to the entity. Not that those who are not familiar are to be forgotten. For nothing happens by chance. There may be opportunities for thee, not only to help others, but to be helped by others. "For all that ye may ever keep is just what you give away, and that you give away is advice, counsel, manner of life you live yourself." The manner in which you treat your fellow man, your patience, your brotherly love, your kindness, your gentleness. That you give away, that is all that ye may possess in those other realms of consciousness.

2783-1, Female 58, Homemaker/Widow, 7/13/42

For, it is not by chance that an entity comes into an environ; it is by the choice of an entity, in that it may build in any material experience, or as influenced from those sojourns in other planes of consciousness during the interims. And the choices depend upon that the entity chooses as its ideal.

3351-1, Female 34, Dictaphone Operator, 11/2/43

For, remember, no circumstance, no happening, no flower, no metal, nothing occurs save by the grace of God.

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2687-1, Male 34, 4/19/27

In the influence in Uranus and Neptune there are seen many conditions that arise in the entity's affairs that are as of some chance or of uncertain origin, yet well would the entity study these phases, for there is no such condition as chance; for the contacts and the conditions that have to do with the varying elements in individual application of the experience of life is as that merited or sown.

1823-1, Female 51, Artist Representative, 2/18/39

Know, as has been given, it is not by chance that any soul, any individual, any group, any organization, comes under the influence of thy personality and individuality.

270-15, Male 43, Accountant, 3/26/28

Hence, we find one, without respect of will, that finds many irregular, many absorbing conditions, that apparently are contrary-wise; whether in friendships, whether in business, whether in social relations or in home, that keep - apparently - the whole of self AT TIMES in turmoil. There IS a reason for such - for nothing comes by chance, and that of cause and effect is unalterable. Seek the cause. Make the correction. Prepare the builder - which is IN the mental, and the application of will as respecting same, and the spirit of that which is impelling throughout life, as it projects itself through the various phases of experience, will bring in the BODILY - whether mental, physical or material - the results that are in keeping with the expenditure of that given.

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

The activities of an entity are not by chance; though it has been the experience of the entity that apparently through the activities of others the surroundings may be changed, so that one oft wonders what has been the prompting influence that has caused individuals to choose this or that course of activity in the material plane.

As is experienced by the entity, as to whether there is the choice of this or that in the experience depends upon the ideal and purpose of an entity - and the choice that is made.

2881-1, Female 50, 1/13/43

As is a part of the experience, little happens by chance. True, there may be errors - which is indicated oft in the experience of the mental, the spiritual and material activities of an entity. These may be called accidents at times.

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136-12, Female 21, Newlywed, 8/27/25

Nothing happens by chance, nothing is as good luck, as commonly called, for the cause must be present to produce that which is real, see?

1754-1, Female 20, 11/25/38

Yet the very BRIGHT, the brilliant nature of the entity makes or produces those influences when such may be cast aside, apparently. But deep within the self is a submerging of that which may be the more beautiful.

Hence, this counsel might be given in respect to same:

Turn rather within. Know that whatever experience ye have in the material sojourns for a purpose. Know that it is not by chance that ye are in a material or earthly consciousness in the present. For know that all activities of the mind, of the body, must be based upon SPIRITUAL things. This does not mean goody-goody, but the PURPOSE, the ideal, - unless it is founded in that which is constructive, which is CREATIVE, this experience may become - under these extremes - a torment throughout.

Yet if thy ideals, if thy purposes, if thy desires are set in that which IS creative, we may make a glorious experience of this sojourn in this material plane....

It is not then by chance, or that as merely happened, that ye are in this environ in the present. For here before ye found both the good and the bad...

1302-2, Female 63, Homemaker, 12/22/36

As to the abilities of the entity in the present, then, and that to which it may attain, and how:

Study to show self approved unto the Creative Forces - God; rightly divining the words of truth, keeping self unspotted from the world; knowing that whatever position, whatever place ye occupy is not perchance, nor by chance, but as that merited in thine own self!

But as to what ye do with thine opportunities in making known the more oft to those that ye meet and know day by day the fruits of the spirit of truth and justice and mercy and honor and grace, makes for how much harmony and peace and understanding may come into thine own consciousness.

Not as for self-aggrandizement but that the glory of the Father may be made known to the sons of men!

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2620-2, Female 41, 11/24/41

It is true for the entity, and for most individual souls manifesting in the earth, that nothing, no meeting comes by chance. These are a design or pattern. These patterns, however, are laid out by the individual entity. For, there are laws. For law is love, love is law. And He hath not willed that any soul should perish, but hath with each temptation, each trial, prepared a way of escape.

5106-1, Female 44, Power Machine Operator, 5/12/44

Know there is little or naught which happens by chance save accidents. These appear even in creation, but using the opportunities as are the experiences of each soul-entity, this entity should apply self, with the virtues which are parts of the experience in the present, so as to bring the greater help to the greater number of individual souls or entities.

Questions and Answers

2946-2, Female 48, Writer, 5/16/43

(Q) Have I ever been associated in previous incarnations with any of the friends who came to Virginia Beach with me?

(A) We haven't the friends as yet. These may be paralleled in their own experience. These as we find have been associated, though, somewhere along the way. For, this is a law - even as was indicated by the Master in His choice of those close to Him. There is nothing by chance. Friendships are only the RENEWING of former purposes, ideals. For, as the preacher gave, "There is nothing new under the sun." For, in the beginning all was made that was made, and as it unfolds from what man terms time to time, period to period, there is only the renewing of the First Cause. Isn't the last apple also that portion of the first one created? Isn't the first friend the same purpose and principle that has been held, or that has grown to be a part of the consciousness?...

1432-1, Male 35, Accountant, 8/28/37

(Q) Do I owe the members of my family anything and what?

(A) This is a very uncertain question. There is a duty, an obligation that ye owe SELF in the relationship to EVERY member of the family; as EVERY member owes same to thee; to make the associations constructive and each better for having been thrown or drawn together.

For nothing happens as by accident, but that the glory of the Father may be manifested in the doings and the relationships of each individual as one to another.

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255-6, Female 48, 2/23/31

(Q) What picture or table in music room shall body sell to help hospital?

(A) That had BEST be determined in self, when those conditions arise that the body desires to aid at THAT PARTICULAR TIME! for with desire (we get all phases of desire) there arises a channel through which that desire MAY operate. See? Little happens JUST by chance - though there are accidents, even in creation.

1648-2, Female 57, 9/23/38

(Q) What true relation does my husband [from whom I'm separated] bear to me, and why did he come into my life? Can I help him other than by good thoughts?

(A) This question - in relationship to husband and others for this entity or any one soul - is well.

As has been indicated through these channels, there is never a chance meeting, or any association, that hasn't its meaning or purpose in the development of an individual entity or soul.

Then, as we have indicated, if any entity, any individual, takes a meeting, any association, with the purpose or the desire to use same for self-indulgence, self-aggrandizement, and no thought of the purposes of any activity through the development of the soul for its purpose as it enters, then it becomes that as may be or is called KARMA - or the individual becomes subject to LAW!...

900-2, Male 29, 9/2/24

(Q) Has Edgar Cayce anything to do with his thoughts of some charity to be interested in?

(A) We find there are no coincidents, or chance coincidents. Each and every individual follows out that line of development of the entity in the present earth plane as it has received from the preceding conditions, and each grain of thought or condition is a consequence of other conditions created by self, and in this particular condition we find this is a condition wherein the body, [900], may choose that which will give development for self, for this body, [900], should remember this injunction, as was given: It is not that one should ascend into the heavens to bring the force to man, or that one should ascend into the elements, or go into the depths, to bring up the forces, for there has been set before you, this day, good and evil. Choose that which will bring the better development if self, and in lending to the Lord is the service that man renders to his Maker. For the silver and the gold are mine saith the Lord of hosts, and service to him who can serve his fellowman is the highest service to the Creator.

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“Nothing Good is Ever Lost”

262-28, Study Group Series, 9/18/32

(Q) [404]: Can lost opportunities be redeemed?

(A) Nothing is lost. Nothing is lost; we have used or abused our opportunities and there abide by them. In Him, through Him may they be blotted out, for “Though your sins be as scarlet, in Him they shall be as wool. He that heareth my voice and abideth in me shall KNOW no lost opportunity!”

288-48, Female 36, Secretary, 2/28/41

That period, [Persia] as indicated, may be well paralleled with the entity's experiences and activities in the present. For, when analyzed, it comes to this:

Know that good lives on. It is creative, and thus eventually finds its ban or its period of activity in which the opportunity is given for the completing again in the material associations and activities.

Problems, disappointments or setbacks may be periods in which there may be the arousing of the latent urges to accept the opportunity presented, or periods in which the failing to keep the ideal might lead to a subjugation or a turning aside from the ideal.

416-17, Male 36, Freight Agent, 11/5/42

(Q) When I ask for a Check Life Reading, which would be more helpful, a check on a period already given or to leave it to the discretion of the Forces?

(A) Check on a period that appeals to the entity. For, know - and as may be given greater expression as there is the unfoldment in the minds of others - in a period in the earth of ANY individual soul-entity, there are activities that leave their stamp, their impression, their body; not of a physical nature, not even of a mental nature, save as of the soul.

And thus that attained is never lost. That as lost is never regained; but that which is the builder is of the spirit and the soul.

Thus an interpretation of those experiences of an entity in the earth gives the BASIC mind and soul of an individual.

Hence choose that experience that has, to self, a meaning, yet may not be wholly understood. For it is ever here a little and there a little, line upon line, precept upon precept, that builds the soul of an entity towards its desire of expression in the Infinite - God.

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“Stand Aside and See Self Pass”

3544-1, Male 53, 1/5/44

Begin in the beginning. Learn thy relationships with God. Stand oft and look thyself in the mirror and see if you see an image of the God you worship. If you don't, change it. Change your disposition, smile more. Don't hate anyone. Don't begrudge anyone. And you will find life different.

1575-1, Male 32, Estate Manager, 4/21/38

. . . For know, there is the constant meeting of self. And as has been given, if the entity will oft take counsel with self, stand aside as it were and watch self pass by, and see what have been the motivative influences that have caused the entity to choose this, that or the other, it will know as to whether or not these have been efforts on the part of self with a constructive influence or dependent upon other forces. . . .

First, as has been indicated, analyze thyself. Watch thyself pass by. Know what are thy motivative forces.

2809-1, Male 55, 9/9/42

In thy meditation and in thy consideration, oft take counsel with that which is thy ideal. And stand aside, or measure up, as to see what ye must appear to others. Others are to be dealt with, and they - too - will measure to thee with that same spirit ye measure to them.

1722-1, Female 20, 11/1/38

Look then into thine own heart, thine own mind. See thyself, as it were, pass by. What is thy desire? What is thy purpose? What - and WHO - is thy ideal?

2464-1, Female 24, Art Student, 3/15/41

As we find, then, - the entity is one VERY intuitive; easily separating self from itself - which so few may do; or, as it were, the ability to stand aside and watch self pass by. This is an experience that may be made to be most helpful, if there is first the determining within self as to what IS thy ideal - spiritually, mentally, morally, socially or materially.

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3357-1, Female 50, Dietician, 11/13/43

Oh that every individual as the self could ever be able to look self in the mirror and behold what manner of man stands behind thee; in the shadows of thy past!

531-1, Male 40, Salesman, 4/11/34

So does it behoove every soul to so live and so act, in its contacts with its fellow man in its business and commercial life, that it will not be afraid to stand on the corner and watch self pass by - in relationship to its activities with its fellow man.

3292-1, Female 47, 10/15/43

Thus as we find in the experiences in the earth, one only meets self. Learn, then, to stand off aside and watch self pass by - even in those influences that at times are torments to thy mind. Remember, MIND is the builder. Just as Father, Son, Holy Spirit; body, mind, soul.

1771-2, Female 21, 11/29/38

For the self is constantly meeting self. And as ye may learn to stand aside and watch self pass, there may come more and more the knowledge and the comprehension that it is earnest, it is real; and that the real is rather the unseen than that which is so material as to cause disappointments, fears, and those things that make the mind of man afraid.

1432-1, Male 35, Accountant, 8/28/37

Well if the entity would stand aside for the moment and watch itself pass by, as to what have been and are the motives of the expression in this experience - whether for self's own glory or to the glory of the Creative Forces or energies from which hope and faith and longsuffering and brotherly love and patience and kindness emanate.

792-1, Norfolk Study Group #7, 1/1/35

(Q) [2184]:

(A) Let not those things that DISTURB thee at times cause thee to fear. For thou KNOWEST in thine own heart that He, thy Savior, is nigh unto thee. Not in self-glory, then, but rather in praise for the joy that comes to thee in thine inner understanding. Then, be patient; be kind, be gentle with others. Not as feeling sorry, not as of pity, but rather as of loving sympathy that ye may ever FIND thine own inner conscience at-one

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with thy ideal. For every idle word, every harsh answer, must be met by thyself. Stand ye, then, in thine own meditation and watch yourself pass by. For ye are called unto a service that will bring harmony and peace in thine own experience, if ye will but partake WITH Him.

2533-8, Male 39, 5/3/44

(Q) How may I recognize sincere seekers of the Light, incarnate, and attune to those disincarnate?

(A) This, too, has just been explained in how and where and in what manner there may be the projection; or even as the body may interpret it when the body in itself may levitate itself from matter. Begin with self, then; attuning self in mind to spirit, until there is the ability in self to see self levitated from its own body. See it pass by. See it stand aside. See it act in all of the activities. This, then, will give the entity that ability within self to discern incarnate and disincarnate entities in their own activity.

Begin with self, not outside of self, if you would keep your own rational self.

816-3, Male 51, Lawyer, 2/17/35

(Q) In the vacation season, should I seek rest and recreation in some quiet place, or would travel from place to place be preferable?

(A) The seeking of rest in one place for study, meditation, and - most of all - as thou hast naturally studied and do naturally study others - study self; not only as to what others are due thee, but what thou art due to thy fellow man. Remember ever, as He has given, the questions that must be thine own self. Remember, each soul must oft stand and watch itself pass by. It oft must meet its own self and that it has meted to its fellow man....

254-101, "Work" Readings for the A.R.E. organization, 6/28/38

(Q) [1561]:

(A) In the days of thy youth ye gloried in thy strength. In the days now, glory in the strength of the LORD in THEE! and thy purposes and thy desires, if they are kept in the Lord's way, will bring to thee joy of heart, magnitude of beauty - the love of the Father as shown in the Son! Meditate oft in thy temple, that ye may know what manner of man thou art, and the way ye would go. Stand aside and watch thyself pass by - SEE what direction ye take!

262-10, Norfolk Study Group #1 Series, 1/24/32

Few there are, to be sure, that often desire to see themselves as others see them! But he, or she, that would be a channel of blessing, an avenue of expression of the Son, of the Teacher, of the Father, will keep THAT temple, that self, clean!

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1158-4, Female 46, Homemaker, 11/19/36

For ever is there constantly the meeting of self, in the experience of each soul. How few can so separate themselves as to watch themselves go by!

So analyze thine associations then, so analyze thine associations in the present, that ye may ask in faith of Him the wisdom, the manner, the way to present that thou hast found helpful or hopeful in thine experience to thy friend. For these are the manners and means that are in accord with all He hath given - face answers to face! and that seeds sown must be reaped in thine own experience!

1497-1, Male 46, Executive, 12/10/37

Do not judge, though, other than ye would be judged. While these temperaments and tendencies become acute, oft stand aside and - in prayer and in meditation, in thy choosing of activities that would meet the needs of the material circumstances - watch thy own self pass by.

1468-1, Female 47, Social Secretary, 11/2/37

Hence it behooves each entity in the analyzing of self and its desires and its purposes and its hopes, to oft stand aside as it were and watch itself pass by.

876-1, Male 39, Italian Photographer or Artist? Catholic background, 4/3/35

For again and again one must meet self, and be able more and more to stand aside and watch self and its relations and its dealings with its fellow man pass by. For we meet ourselves. And in these activities may the entity make for the greater material and mental and spiritual development, that of meting to its fellow man in such relationships that as it would have done unto it.

Questions and Answers

262-9, Norfolk Study Group #1 Series, 1/10/32

(Q) [303]: How may I learn to know self as I am known?

(A) Being able to, as it were, LITERALLY, stand aside and watch self pass by! Take the time to occasionally be sufficiently introspective of that, that may happen in self's relation to others, to SEE the reactions of others as to that as was done by self; for true - as it has been said - no man lives to himself, no man dies to himself; for as the currents run to bring about the forces that are so necessary to man's own in these material things, so are those forces in self active upon those whom we act upon. Being able, then,

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to see self as others see you; for, as has been given, “NOW we know in part, then shall we know even as we are known.” Then, in Him so let thy life be in Him, in thought, in deed, that “Ye that have known me have known the Father also” may be truly said of self. Stand aside and watch self pass by!

3411-1, Male 45, Minister, 12/15/43

(Q) How can I improve my relationship with my wife?

(A) As ye would that others do to you, do ye even so to them. Have ye considered what sort of man you would like to have if ye were in your wife's shoes? Stand aside and look at yourself. This you can easily do. Watch yourself pass by often. You'll change your relationships.

257-94, Male 39, Sales Manager, 11/5/32

(Q) What must [257] be careful of to make this association ‘profitable’?

(A) As has been given, so act the association with all of these associates that would be with self, that when one meets one's self that recognize their own work and each individual must be oft able to stand aside as it were and see themselves pass. Be so in association for commercial or social relationship. Let the activities and associations be such that they will ever answer in that way and manner. Do that.

2390-9, Female 33, Project Auditor, 11/20/43

(Q) Is there any other advice?

(A) Do these, as given. Stand aside oft and watch yourself go by, and you will not be surprised when you are able to control those little angers that arise at times. Not merely with [2533]! There are others, you know, but these you admit the more often.

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

Entire Reading

The entity seeks a Mental and Spiritual Reading with information, advice and guidance dealing with the development of psychic faculties and the meeting of problems arising in the mental and emotional life of the entity. You will answer the questions, as I ask them:

EC: Yes. In analyzing the mental and spiritual entity:

First the entity should study well the ideals and purposes of self as related to the entity as a whole; that is, analyzing each period of the entity's manifestation in the earth and what the entity did as respecting the ideals which were and are a part of the entity's activities in that period and in the present. (continued on the next page)

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For, mental and spiritual guidance should be related to what an individual entity chooses as its ideal, and what it will or should do about that ideal, not ideas but ideals.

In choosing and in analyzing self and the ideal, do not merely carry these in mind but put them, as it were, upon the paper in a manifested form. Write PHYSICAL. Draw a line, write MENTAL. Draw a line, write SPIRITUAL.

Put under each, beginning with the spiritual, (for all that is in mind must first come from a spiritual concept) what is thy spiritual concept of the ideal, whether it be Jesus, Buddha, mind, material, God or whatever is the word which indicates to self the ideals spiritual.

Then under the MENTAL heading write the ideal mental attitude, as may arise from concepts of the spiritual, in relationship to self, to home, to friends, to neighbors, to thy enemies, to things, to conditions.

Then write what is thy ideal spiritual, mental, material. What is the ideal material, then? Not of conditions but what has brought, what does bring into manifestation the spiritual and mental ideals. What relationships does such bring to things, to individual, to situations?

Thus an individual entity analyzes itself.

Then set about to apply the knowledge ye have attained, for ye will get ideas and that ideal. Ye may change them from period to period, as ye study them over. For as ye apply them they become thy ideals. To be just as theories they do not belong to thee, they are still theories so far as thy personal being is concerned. It's the application of same that counts. What do they bring into thine experience? These are well if ye will apply them.

Ready for questions.

(Q) For years I had the feeling of not being wanted. However, I had a strong belief that there was a definite job for me to do, but recently, even though I am supposed to be in definite Light guidance, I find an indifferent and doubting attitude cropping up (not in God, but in myself). What is wrong?

(A) These, as we find, in analyzing thyself as to thy feeling, are a reflection of how or what ye have felt as to conditions, or as to individuals, or as to places. But as ye have applied them in constructive, creative thinking, or creative activity, these feelings disappear. For the ideal in its last analysis will find God alone, or Christ manifesting God should be the answer to each. But don't begin with those. Let them be, in thy own experience, the answer in that, as ye apply self for Creative Forces, ye will grow in grace, in knowledge, in patience. For it is in patience, as the Master of masters gave, "ye possess your souls."

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

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

(Q) How can I best learn impersonal love (in the broad sense?)

(A) Stand aside and watch yourself pass by. Analyze thine own self and ye will find the whole of the commandments are bound up in one. "Love ye one another, even as I have loved you."

(Q) What must I do to gain spiritual insight and vision?

(A) We have been telling you that for the last twenty-three minutes. Just do that.

We are through with this reading.

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“Keep Your Face to the Light and the Shadows Fall Behind”

39-4, Male 41, Stylist, 9/9/27

Keep the heart SINGING! Keep the mind clear! Keep the face toward the LIGHT! the shadows then are BEHIND!

1188-3, Male 6, 12/19/36

Keep the face then toward the light and the shadows fall behind.

Train the entity and the child in the way it shall go and when it is old it will not depart from the SPIRITUAL imports as may be given.

835-1, Study Group #11 Series, 2/19/35

(Q) [809]:

(A) Keep the way before thee. To Him open, ever. Turn not to look upon those things that would cause thee to stumble. Keep the face to the light that is in the Christ and the shadows will fall behind. And ye will know the truth and the truth shall set you free in Him. For He IS the light unto those that would seek Him now.

279-12, Male 31, 12/12/31

Keep, then, not as one that would exalt self; rather he that would be the greatest, he would be the servant of all! Keep the heart singing. Keep the light BEFORE thee. FACE EVERY emergency, and the shadows and the doubts will fall farther and farther behind....

1977-1, Male 33, Restaurant Manager, 8/18/39

Turn thy face to the light of God, the light of a clear conscience, and the shadows of the past will fall far behind.

Purpose in thy heart - Look to Him and trust in Him, and work with thy hands and thy mind in those manners and ways to feed the bodies of men, offering a channel through which these things may be made manifest. And thus as ye feed their bodies, also feed thy mind, that thy SOUL may grow in grace, in knowledge, in understanding of WHY ye enter into the experiences of the material life, - to give expression of faith, hope, justice, mercy - as has been shown thee.

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Then give the credit to thy Maker, thy God. So live each day that ye may look EVERY man in the face and know, as ye said of old, "If I have done wrong by any man I give back fourfold."

303-14, Female 50, Bookkeeper, 10/29/36

Hence as it hath been given the entity, KNOW that the light is ahead. Look not back upon those influences or forces that have caused this or that in thy mental thought or material experiences. For with thy face set toward the light (and He, thy Brother, thy Lord, thy Savior, IS the light), the shadows fall far behind. Look NOT back. Look NOT upon the shadows but the brightness of the promises that are His. If or when thy friend, thy brother, smites thee, turn thou the other cheek. Know that in so doing thou art not only heaping upon such their OWN condemnation but that thou art fulfilling the promises in Him for "PEACE - !" Not as the world gives peace but as He, thy Lord, thy Brother gives peace. And thou may hear oft, "Be thou faithful over the few things and thou shalt be lord over the many."

Keep the ways thou hast chosen, for thou hast overcome much in Him. Be not weary in well-doing, for the strength is in Him and not in thine own self nor even the acts thou may attempt or do. For it is a gift to those that are faithful and it will bind up the bruises that come from slights or slurs. It will make strong thy ability to overcome temptations with love. For love casteth out fear, and in Him is love that passeth understandings. Keep the faith.

1537-1, Male 38, District Manager, Chemical Products Firm, 2/18/38

As to the associations with others - if ye would have friends, show thyself friendly. This does not mean becoming the butt of others' fun, nor of thy using others in the same manner. But if ye would have love, love others; do good to them, even that despitefully use you, even to those that misrepresent you. Not because it is ennobling, but because it is RIGHT in THY sight.

Do not belittle, do not hate. For hate CREATES, as does love - and brings turmoils and strifes.

Show thyself to be a son of the living Father, holy and acceptable unto Him; not ashamed, but keeping thy face towards the light and the shadows fall far behind.

2135-1, Female 48, Widow, 10/8/31

As has been seen through the experiences, by first finding self, self's relations to the Creative Forces in life, that is as being a blessing to others; for we ARE as ambassadors here for Him. Be FAITHFUL, be true, to thine self - and it CANNOT be thou wilt be false to any. No matter what others may say, keep the face to the light - and the shadows will fall behind.

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2559-1, Female 40, Art Teacher, 5/7/41

While problems arise, they have made thee strong. Be not weary, then, in well-doing. For, thou hast set thy foot on the path. Keep thy face to the light of truth in the Christ, and the shadows will fall farther and farther behind, - as ye approach that throne of mercy, as ye show mercy; of love, as ye show love; of grace, as ye show and manifest grace in thy dealings with thy fellow man.

1695-1, Female 32, Stenographer, 9/29/38

But leave off rather those inclinations to hold grudges. Let such experiences be rather as not having been. SEE the light! For know, as ye may learn from the study of the motivative forces of mind, matter and spirit, if one but sets the face toward the light the shadows fall far behind.

1616-1, Female 44, 6/14/38

All the beauty, all the love is of the Father. All the selfishness, all the hate, all the spite are of those things that make us aware of our facing the shadows rather than the light.

Then right about face and keep thy face TOWARD the sunlight of truth, as is shown in Him; and the shadows will fall far behind.

3347-1, Male 53, British Government Services, 11/1/43

Just keep thy face to the light, my son, and the shadows will fall far behind. Let that which has prompted thee guide thee in thy daily life. For as He sent thee into the earth among thy fellow men in the days of yore, so may ye in the present in thine own gentle manner direct others, by precept and by example, into the way of the Cross that leads home.

1479-1, Female 54, Homemaker, 11/17/37

Holding fast to the vision thou hast seen, leaving aside more and more those things that would so easily beset, turning thy face to the light - as has been indicated - the shadows will fall behind.

KNOW in WHOM thou hast believed, as well as in what thou hast put thy trust. For He is indeed the light among men. Love His ways.

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622-6, Male 35, Clerk/Bookkeeper, 2/6/41

Then it may be said, study thou - in thy mental, in thy spiritual self - to show thyself approved unto Him. For thou knowest the way, - thou hast heard, thou hast seen, yea thou hast tasted of the Lord and hast FOUND Him good!

Study then to show thyself approved unto thy Ideal, that is in Christ Jesus, the Lord; dividing the words of truth in their proper relationships; finding not fault - as this means - but rather minimizing the faults in all, glorifying the good thou seest in everyone.

And when ye succeed in seeing the good or the beautiful in a living man, a living object that ye even hate, THEN ye may know that ye are taking hold on the Lord!

Keep self unspotted from the world; condemning not thyself, then, but rather leaving behind those things that would so easily beset. Turn thy face to the light in Him always and the shadows of doubt and fear will fall far behind.

Press ON to the mark of the higher calling as set in HIM, AND in THEE - if ye walk, if ye talk often with Him. Invite Him by name, by purpose, by desire, to be thy companion in all that ye do, all that ye say. He rejecteth not those who willingly, honestly, sincerely, invite Him to be with them. As He never rejected an invitation by any as He walked in the earth as an individual, neither does He reject the invitation of a soul that SEEKS - in sincerity - His companionship.

1759-1, Male 41, 12/14/38

For this experience is for thy own holiness, if ye will but look to Him. For God hath not willed that any soul should be in shame, in discouragement, bound with the fetters of circumstance or of obligation, but would have thee FREE - as He hath given thee thine OWN will, - yea, thine own soul, and said "If ye will be my son, I will be thy God."

Hast thou drawn away? Hast thou neglected thy sonship, thy kinship with thy Maker?

Have ye looked upon the circumstances of others and envied them, or coveted their position or their place? Then, know ye have brought condemnation to thine own self!

Face the light of truth, as is set in Him, and the shadows of doubt and fear, of disappointments and sorrow, will fall far, far behind! For ye will enter into that peace as He hath promised, "If ye will ask, if ye will live in me, I will come and abide with thee."

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Questions and Answers

987-4, Female 49, Homemaker, 11/2/37

(Q) What is holding back my spiritual development?

(A) Nothing holding back - as has just been given - but SELF. For know, as has been given of old, "Though I take the wings of the morning in thought and fly unto the uttermost parts of the earth, Thou art there! Though I fly into the heavenly hosts, Thou art there! Though I make my bed in hell, Thou art there!"

And as He has promised, "When ye cry unto me, I WILL HEAR - and answer speedily."

Nothing prevents - only self. Keep self and the shadow away. Turn thy face to the light and the shadows fall behind.

288-30, Female 27, Secretary, 5/10/32

(Q) How can I rise above my last period of depression and feel that I am going forward again?

(A) Set thine thoughts and thine mind on things that pertain to His love, His will, and those things that would hinder become as the shadows in the background, and look not upon that in the rear - rather pressing on to the mark of high calling as set in Him that has been put in thine OWN ideal, in the Christ life, the Christ consciousness; for in Him IS hope, life, peace, harmony, understanding. [Phil. 3:14]

1561-18, Male 60, Mining Engineer, 10/22/40

(Q) Please tell me as much as possible about this "experience" - from the material, mental and spiritual standpoints, and of cause and effects.

(A) That which has passed is past. That continually "dug up" will continue to be a sore spot. That which is gone, let it be gone. Turn the face to the light in Him.

2554-1, Female 50, Homemaker, 5/2/41

(Q) Is it indicated through this approach as to the condition of my health, or any advice or warnings as to my health?

(A) This information we are giving is approached more from the spiritual than from the material or body standpoint. Yet, as is recognized by the entity, the self, the body, the mind, the soul or spirit MUST coordinate. DO NOT tax one at the expense of the other. For, this would only bring greater distresses....

Keep in those activities in which there is the mindfulness of keeping thy face to the light, and the shadows will fall behind.

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2056-2, Male 38, Department Store Credit Manager/Executive, 10/20/27

(Q) Give the body any other advice that would be in keeping for the best development for this body.

(A) Keep thine face toward the light, and the shadows will not bring fright - for fear is the beginning of all undoing. Keep the heart singing, and the Lord will raise thee up to MAGNIFY His promises to men through service to thine fellow man, for he that lends to the Lord lays up a store in that realm where thieves do not break through nor steal. Keep thine ways open, above censure, and NEVER censure self.

5245-1, Female 66, 6/3/44

(Q) In what manner may I best help my children and grandchildren?

(A) By assisting them in keeping the way of the Lord. For as has been given, do the first things first. Remember the Lord in the days of thy youth, and when thou art old, thou wilt not depart from Him. Children and grandchildren follow in the footsteps of those in whom they find an answer for themselves.

What is your shadow? Is it as well as it might be? To everyone the shadow ye cast indicates what manner of man or woman ye are.

310-3, Female Adult, Minister's Widow, 1/22/31

(Q) Any other advice that will be of help for this entity at this time?

(A) Keep the face toward the light and the shadows will fall behind.

333-1, Male 49, Engraving Salesman, 6/22/32

(Q) Am I among those who shall be blessed by being found so doing when the Lord cometh?

(A) Keep thy face to the light, and the shadows of doubt fall FAR behind. So thou wilt find thy name written among those who loved his fellowman, even as He walked among men - called them His brother - gave of that bounty supplied by the closer communion day by day. "Give us THIS day our DAILY bread. FORGIVE, O Lord, as I forgive my brother." In walking in this light does the strength to do the physical deeds come in the body, even as the strength to bear His own cross, even as the strength to give, "Father, FORGIVE them - they know not what they do!" This brought ministering from the Father of light, the Father of power, the Father of love to man, that we are HIS brothers and heirs to the KINGDOM of light through ministering in word, in deed, to our fellowman in His Name; for there be no name named under heaven that brings hope, joy, life, as the NAME of the CHRIST among men!

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369-9, Female 26, Kindergarten Teacher, 4/30/32

(Q) Any other advice or counsel for the body?

(A) Build on as thou hast started. Keep thine face towards the light, and the shadows will be in the background. Turn not upon those things that would become an undoing, but press onward - upward - ever!

2753-2, Female 20, 7/14/42 Entire Reading

Born July 14, 1922, in Chesterfield County, Virginia.

GC: You will give the relation of this entity and the universe, and the universal forces; giving the conditions which are as personalities, latent and exhibited in the present life; also the former appearances in the earth plane, giving time, place and the name, and that in each life which built or retarded the development for the entity; giving the abilities of the present entity and to that which it may attain, and how. You will answer the questions, as I ask them:

EC: (In going back over years from the present - “ - '39 - yes - changes - '37 - “ etc., on back to birth date.)

Yes, we are given the records here of that entity now known as or called [2753].

In giving the interpretations of the records for this entity, - these have in so many ways been associated with the entity through whom this information comes, that these may be shaded; though these will be given with the desire and purpose that this be a helpful experience for the entity; enabling the entity to better fulfill those purposes for which it entered this present sojourn. [This is paragraph #4]

No association or experience is by chance, but is the outgrowth of a law, - spiritual, mental or material.

These will be found to be bound with this entity here, in each phase of their experiences. Thus this should be an interpretation that may enable those who would analyze or study same to see how, why and where the various phases touch materiality at any given point.

In analyzing the urges latent and manifested, these are given as expressions through those various phases of sojourn in the earth or in the realms of consciousness during the interims.

While the spheres of this particular solar system are given names, do not interpret same as the entity living in the same physical consciousness on Venus, Jupiter, Mercury or Uranus, as experienced in a three-dimensional plane.

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For, while the earth would be termed three-dimensional, Jupiter and Mercury would be the fourth and fifth, while Uranus would come in the second or sixth. For, these are the extremes.

In giving, then, the characteristics or urges, -

The expressions of Mercury in the entity's experience give the high mentality; but especially has it been or is it manifested in this entity in the ability to be a good listener. And though oft there may be said things that hurt, the entity gives self the manifestation - unless they touch at certain periods, and then she can get mad good! But it is tolerant, it is forbearing. And this, as an expression in Mercury, is indeed wisdom as well as knowledge.

In Venus we find the expression in beauty, in the orderly manner in which the entity gives expression to its associations or activities. These bring about the ability of the entity to make or to retain friends. This is well. Of course, this may be used at times to where others may feel that the entity is being used by someone. This should not be considered, - that is, the listening to others. For, he that would be the greatest among his fellow man will be the servant of all, will be the helpful influence. And these are natural expressions of the entity. And the ability in the home building, the abilities as a companion, as a mother, as a home builder - as the entity has done so oft in the experiences through the earth - are seen and indicated.

We find in Jupiter the universal consciousness, but with Mercury and Venus and Jupiter these bring an accentuation in that expression in relationships to a universal consciousness. While these oft stand in that stead, as may be said, of the purely orthodox or a religious tendency, these are the concepts of the greater religious force as experienced with the entity's present companion through a sojourn that may be indicated.

In Uranus we find the moods, and often to others the tenseness also of the entity. For, the entity may become very tense - and this combined with the experiences of the entity as an Atlantean, may make for a very, very wonderful manifestation or it may make the entity morose, through the beginning to feel at any time sorry for itself. Banish that from thy thought. Know in Whom thou hast believed, and know He will not allow thee to be tempted beyond that ye are able to bear, and that He will be with thee so long as ye keep His commandments. And these are not grievous, for they are "Love ye one another, even as I have loved you."

As to the experiences in the earth, - these we find are bound up in the manifestations that are a part of the astrological tendencies for the entity.

Before this the entity was in the land of the present nativity, when the entity as Polly Moran, a cousin of Archibald Cayce (and the maternal activities through that experience), brought those abilities in the present for the greater relationships as to home building.

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For the entity then, as related to this entity as indicated [see page 26, 2753-2, paragraph #4], was the mother of William Cayce, the paternal father of Thomas Cayce, paternal father of Leslie Cayce, paternal father of Edgar Cayce!

Thus the close relationship. For again, as in that experience in Chesterfield County, Virginia, in 1692, the entity was a relative, and again in '26 (1826?) the entity entered and was a relative - the paternal mother of its own children in some of its activities.

Through that experience the entity brought hope to many. While there were periods of unrest, periods of activity, periods of doubts and fears, much of those abilities as the home maker and home builder arise from that experience as Polly Cayce.

Before that the entity was in the Roman experience when there were those activities so closely following the period of the Master.

Then in the name Erbert, the entity as the wife of Ersebus [?] a companion of Lucius in the activities in Laodicea and in Rome, was closely associated in those activities there and brought about in a strange land much that was of a practical nature in the application of the tenets of "Love thy neighbor as thyself."

There the entity Ersebus, as the entity's present companion or husband, was in that same relationship in that experience - and he was healed by Lucius as there were those periods when there was that necessity for the entity Ersebus to fight with the beasts in the arena.

These bring at times in the experience of the entity the fear especially of wild animals, as well as the fear of open spaces alone, - but companionships, and the ability to give encouragement to others in groups is a part of the entity's experience in the present.

Before that the entity was among the children that were blessed by the Master. And while the entity was among who suffered in that of physical persecution, and died in the early years in that experience, the awareness makes for the practical application of those tenets of His blessings in the present sojourn. And these may be counted as blessings to the entity.

Before that the entity was in the "city in the hills and the plains." There the entity was an offspring of Uhltd and his companion who helped to establish and to build up the "city in the hills and the plains."

And the entity became the companion of one who attempted to override the activities of Uhltd, causing some of those persecutions that brought about the division in the household later.

This brings those experiences of fear of clans, fear of groups; yet a particular experience as to blood relationships in the material world.

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Abilities as a good nurse, abilities as one who may make for good companionships, are a part of the experience that may be manifested in the entity's present sojourn.

The name then was Isabel.

Before that the entity was in the Egyptian land, when there were those activities that established the periods of the regeneration of individuals.

There the entity was made as a priestess to the Priest, Ra-Ta, in that experience. While these were considered as the companions, yet in those experiences they were as the spiritual rather than the material relationships - as were the active forces through many of those that through that experience were purified or consecrated, by their activities either in the Temple of Sacrifice or in the Temple Beautiful.

From that experience there are the present abilities arising for straight thinking, the being oftentimes - according to others - too easily persuaded by others, or the allowing of others to put burdens upon the entity. These are understandings to the entity, rather than as a fault.

These, of course, may be used as the developing force towards the learning not only of faith but patience. For in patience, as the entity learned then, ye become aware of your soul.

The close association with the Priest may bring the closer associations and activities through these material experiences; at least the acquaintanceships from other experiences have brought and do bring the closer activities and relationships.

The name then was It-Eb-El.

Before that the entity was in the Atlantean land, when there were those activities where there were the divisions of sexes.

This entity was in close relationships with those who were among the first offspring of such divisions; thus being among the first of the princesses of that particular period of activity.

The entity was raised to power, for the entity was blessed with that ability to hold to those things that had been the practice of the father in that period or sojourn.

Thus the spiritual, mental and material relationships to the entity are those channels through which growth comes.

The name then was Is-Es-So.

As to the abilities of the entity in the present, that to which it may attain, and how:
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The greater abilities are in home building, and the keeping of the community, groups or activities where united effort of a community or of a household or home is necessary.

For, the entity will always be one to whom many will go with their troubles. These ye may use to the glory of Him by whom ye were blessed! And count thyself as blessed for thy name is written in Him.

Ready for questions.

(Q) When, where and how have I been formerly associated with the following: First, my husband, [533].

(A) He was Ersebus. Ye were the wife of Ersebus.

(Q) My son, [2148]?

(A) These will be found better by paralleling the two Life Readings. These came in an experience before this, as well as in the Palestine period - when ye were his sister; but this was not of long duration in the material plane. And then in the Egyptian period, he was thy son then. [11/19/42 See son's reading 2148-7, Par. 41-A in re their associations in past incarnations.]

(Q) My stepmother, [...].

(A) In the Roman land, the association then was as the daughter of the entity now known as [...].

(Q) My father, [...].

(A) In the Egyptian as well as in the Atlantean.

(Q) Edgar Cayce?

(A) As has been indicated. These are as close relationships in both the material and the mental, and in the spiritual activities of a material world.

(Q) For what particular purpose did I enter the earth plane at this time?

(A) The home builder, the community builder, as of a tie between many as they labor in the material, mental and spiritual fields of service for one cause.

(Q) What are my colors?

(A) Those that are of soft tints, - blue, green and shades that are delicate. These bring the harmonious things. Or those of great contrast. For the entity to look - if it wants to be overglamorous, black and gold! If it wants to succeed in intriguing others, blue or green! If it wants to appear as it really is within itself, the delicate tints or shades.

Let that which has prompted thee throughout thy experiences in the earth be the chief expression or motivative force of expression in the earth at present. KNOW that the law of the Lord is perfect, it converteth the soul, it bringeth peace, it bringeth joy. For they are His promises, and He hath blessed thee. Let this not be counted as something to boast of, but to live up to.

We are through for the present.