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## CRY NOT "PEACE, PEACE...."

Based on the Edgar Cayce Readings on the Achievement of the New Order of Peace in the World, and the Individual responsibility to the task. - By Albert E. Turner

Although some were given over 25 years ago, (*now over 70 years – Editor*) the Edgar Cayce readings on world affairs are, upon re-examination, timely for this nuclear age. As we take a fresh look at what the readings had to say, we realize that much of what was predicted, as to changes in social and economic conditions, have come about.

In spite of this, world peace is far from sight. We are in the midst of the greatest war preparations ever known to mankind, and thoughtful people - even those least easily shaken - are expressing concern for the future of civilization, itself.

Yet, is it not we, ourselves, who need to remember that as we bring about peace within ourselves, then we can expect peace in the world? Our representatives really do represent us - and they reflect us, though their personal responsibility is great, also.

Leaders in political, scientific and sociological fields have evidenced strong protests against the nuclear preparations, for various reasons. Said Dwight Eisenhower recently, "Every gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket fired, signifies, in the final sense a theft from those who hunger and are not fed, those who are cold and not

clothed. Is there no other way the world can live?"

On June 10th, Senator Mansfield at Michigan State University called upon the American people to look again at the U.S. policy of "saturated" political and military involvement in Southeast Asia ".... yet our present course is, as it has been for a long time, ...at best, a mark time course, at its worst, a collision course,"

Albert Schweitzer recently stated "Only those who have never be present at the birth of a deformed baby, never witnessed the whimpering shock of its mother, dare to maintain that the risk in going on with nuclear tests is one which must be take under existing circumstances."

Perhaps Senator Mansfield might reconsider the worst from the standpoint of Dr. H. Bentley Glass, who wrote this year about nuclear tests killing birds. Says Dr. Glass: "Without birds to feed on them, insects would multiply catastrophically. The insect not man, are really the ones best fitted for survival in the nuclear age, are enormously radiation resistant. The cockroach, a venerable and hardy species, will take over the habitations of the foolish human beings, and compete

only with other insects and bacteria."

There is evidence that millions protest the present situation of arms race. Is there no way out? If we were to have an Edgar Cayce reading today on the situation of the world, what would the reading be? Would it repeat the message given in the dark days of World War II - that if men *live* as they pray, they can indeed avert war?

Is not the truth constant, and the same now, as it ever was?

We have an Apocalyptic message in the readings of those days, that predicted change, and that warned of failure in the human scheme or things unless the dealings of men are in keeping with the Biblical tenets. In 1938, the readings gave some very specific predictions concerning world conditions. 3976-18 Says in part: *As has been and is understood by many, there are changes being wrought in the nation, as well as in the inter-relationships with other nations....*

*It is also understood, comprehended by some, that a new order of conditions is to arise; that there must be many a purging in high places as well as low; that there must be the greater consideration of each individual, each soul being his brother's keeper.*

*There will then come about those circumstances in the political, the economic, and the whole relationships where there will be a leveling - or greater comprehension of this need.*

*For as the time of the period draws near for these changes that come with the new order, it behooves all of those who have an ideal - as individuals, as well as groups or societies or organizations, to be practicing, applying same in their experiences - and there relationships one to another...*

*For His ways will carry through. For as He gave, "though the heavens and the earth may pass away, my WORD will not pass away."*

*All too often has this message been forgotten in the pulpits and in the organizations, not only in the national relationships but in the international relationships.*

*And as the dealings are as one to another, unless these are in keeping with those tenets, they must fail; for all power in heaven and in earth hath been given into His hands...*

*And there cannot be one measuring stick for the laborer in the field and the man behind the counter and another for the man behind the money changers. ALL are equal - not only under the material law but also under the spiritual.*

*And His Laws, HIS will, will not come to naught!*

*Though there may come those period when there will be great stress, as brother rises against brother, as group or sect or race rises against race - yet the leveling must come.*

*And only those who have set their ideal in Him and practiced it in their dealings with their fellow man may expect to survive the wrath of the Lord.*

*In your dealings, then - whether at home, in your dealings with state or the national situation, or the international affairs - there must come ALL under that purpose, that desire.*

*And then there should be, there WILL be, those rising to power that are able to meet the needs. For none are in power but that have been given the opportunity by the will of the Father, from which all power emanates.*

*Hence those will be leveled with the purpose, "My Word shall NOT fail."*

**CONCERNING INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

What Should we, as a people is the United States, do? This was asked in 1938: 3976-10, Q-6: *What warning and advice may be given to the people of this country the U.S. in preparing themselves to meet and make the most of those conditions?*

A-11: *That which has been presented, through the turning more and more to that pointed out, as the spirit of that which was in the directing of those influences in the peace at Versailles, that has been so damned by those of other thought, who would make capital of same.*

*But that "I am my brother's keeper, and the blood of my brother will cry out from the ground if we do not heed the warnings that were given to those of old." For the Lord is the same yesterday, today, and forever.*

Then came the question, which we still may ask, "is America fulfilling her destiny?"

3976-16, A-3. *Rather should the question be sought, my children, are individuals fulfilling those channels to which they have been brought, through their own application of the knowledge within themselves to fulfill their position?*

*For each and every one, each and every nation, is led - even as in heaven. For that you see in earth is a pattern of that in the mind, as you well know, and as a shadow of spiritual truth, life and light. If there is not the acceptance in America of the closer brotherhood of man, the love of the neighbor as self, civilization must wend its way westward - and again must Mongolia, must a hated people, be raised.*

The above was given in 1934!

Can we, the U.S., talk peace, where the picture in our own country is not all one of peace? (Segregation, intolerance, riots, greed, and evidence of

dishonesty in high places.)

5101-1., Q 3: *What can be done specifically by the American people to bring about a speedy, lasting peace?*

A- 3 *We haven't the American people. The thing is to start with yourself. Unless you can bring about within yourself that which you would have in the nation or in any particular land, don't offer it to others!*

Concern about Russia was shown in a question from this reading. 3976-10, Q-6: *What should be to attitude of so-called capitalist nations towards Russia?*

A-6: *On Russia's religious development will come the greatest hope of the world. When that one, or group, that is the closer in its relationships may fare the better in the gradual changes and final settlement of conditions as to the rule of the world.*

In 1934, the problem of Russia was answered this way: 3976-19, A-5, *As we have indicated, here a new understanding has and will come to troubled people. Here, because of the yoke of oppression, because of the self-indulgence, has arisen another extreme. Only when there is freedom of speech, the right to worship according to the dictates of the conscience, until these come about, still turmoils will be within.*

### **ON THE UNITED NATIONS**

In 1932, early In this series of questions in the 30's, this was given: 3976-10: *That that has been presented in the World Court in the present is the better or greater basis for the final relief, of that that will make for the working out of the financial and political powers that be. These may not be invested in to few, though they must be the standard of many - and will follow in that course that is exercised by those that present the working basis*

*for those conditions in the affairs of the earth.*

From the same series of readings later came this 3976-15: *I have declared this, that has been delivered to me to give to you, you that sit here and that hear and that see a light breaking in the east, and have heard, have seen your weaknesses and your fault-findings, and know that He will make your paths straight if you will, but live what you know this day - then may the next step, the next word, be declared to you.*

3976-16 *There has arisen, and there is arising in the affairs and the experiences of Man everywhere the necessity of there being not so much the consideration of a land as of all lands as a unit. For mankind is his brother, and you are your brother's keeper.*

*The closest there has come the laying of an ideal was when those nations, those representatives of many nations sat as in council. (League of Nations.) And yet man's greed, man's fear of his own self, so entered that it became as a stumbling-block for the world.*

*And there has arisen from same those influences, those force, that have become crystallized in the minds of individuals that have gathered about themselves and have crystallized into activity such an influence that soon there most be a reckoning. For again has the Prince of Peace been crucified upon the altar, the cross of greed!*

The readings indicate clearly the failure of the League of Nations, and the "reckoning" spoken of was undoubtedly the Second World War.

#### THE NEW ORDER OF PEACE

The readings draw a very clear picture of the kind of world peace that will eventually be established. Reassuring is the terminology of the readings here, for they say this will

come about, and that it will come about by the Spirit of God moving the hearts of men. Furthermore, the readings state that the principles in Americanism and the Masonic Order, will be the principles ruling the world!

1152-11: *For, with the changes that will happen, Americanism - the ism - with the universal thought that is expressed and manifested in the brotherhood of man into group thought as expressed by the Masonic Order, will be the eventual, rule in the settlement of affairs the world.*

Not that the world is to become a Masonic Order, but the principles that are embraced in same will be the basis upon which the new order of peace is to be established.

Almost 20 years before the United Nations Charter was written, the Edgar Cayce readings answered a question on the possibility of building an organization throughout the world to build hospitals, roads, and other things helpful to all the world community. 3976-4: *Only in HIM in whom there was found no guile, and though HE were buffeted by man — though HE was ridiculed by those in power, though HE suffered among those convicted of crime in the flesh, and railings against their fellow-man - yet those tenets as were proclaimed by that as the man, making self as the son of man, and through those conditions became the Son of God, in these tenets, in these ways and manners may such conditions be brought to the realization of those that would build an invisible empire within the hearts of men. Seeking then the way for each one as would head each organization as would be necessary, there would be seen that in a short while there may be brought into realization that that would be able to rule - NOT as an iron rule of the*

*oppressor; not as one seeking to subjugate others to the will - but making the will one with that universal force as is necessary to bring everyone to that throne of grace, of faith, of hope, of love, of all those conditions necessary to build hospitals, churches, roads, loans, and help others to help themselves.*

### **THE NEW APPROACHES TO PEACE**

Parallel to the organized, national approach to peace, are the various expressions of the desire for peace by the people, themselves. The peace movement, as it is called, is spontaneous, insistent cry in the dark by the millions who are awakening to the "spirit of God" as it moves among the hearts of men, everywhere. Non-violence methods have taken form, in many countries in recent times — one outstanding example being the gentle work of Mahatma Gandhi, who organized and directed such successful peace movements that the whole of India was freed from British domination.

The movement for peace has taken on world-wide proportions, now for the new cause of averting nuclear testing and nuclear war. There are groups, both secular and religious, taking a public stand against nuclear testing, against the arms race. Old and young participate in peace walks, in demonstrations before public buildings and in public events. They have risked their lives in sailing into the Pacific nuclear testing zones in order to protest the testing. They are sometimes arrested and sent to jail for "disturbing the peace." Their cases are equal in spirit to that of Gandhi when summoned to court and tried: they have a conflict between what they feel is right and what is the law.

The Edgar Cayce readings did not advocate this type of thing. They laid the responsibility for peace squarely upon the common man, upon the application of the ideal, "your neighbor as yourself." Evidently, it will be the living of the Christ's teachings which will save the world, rather than the attack, even on a basis of non-violence, upon the things which make for war. For the stopping of nuclear testing will not stop the cause of war, which is fear and hatred within the human heart.

### **MAN'S MISUSE OF POWER**

According to the readings, man's misuse of power - of money, of position, using his power to subdue others as well as the earth, has been responsible for his separation from God. In this reading the background for man's present dilemma is given:

*3976-8: In the beginning when chaos existed in the Creation of the earth, the Spirit of God moved over the face of same and out of chaos came the world —with its beauty in natural form, or in nature.*

*With man's advent into the world, then personalities, individualities, began to find expression in subduing the earth, and man, with his natural bent, not only attempted to subdue the earth, but to subdue one another; and the result was the differences of opinion, the various sects, sets, classes and races....*

*As the world has advanced, all the various phases of man's development have entered to make a different phase, either in the political, economic, or religious aspect of man's experience. In the various portions then, of the world there has been built those necessary developments for that particular or group or portion of those peoples, or those developments of those peoples in their particular line.*

*With the advent of the closeness of the worlds coming into being, so that the man upon the other side of the world is as much the neighbor as the man next door, more and more have been the turmoils that have arisen in the attempt of individual leaders or groups to induce, force or compel, one portion of the world to think as the other, or the other group to dwell together as brethren with one bond of sympathy, or one standard for all.*

*With the present conditions, then, that exist - these have all come to that place in the development of the human family where there must be a reckoning, a one point upon which all may agree, that out of all of this turmoil that has arisen from the social life, racial differences, the outlook upon the relationship of man to the Creative Forces or his God, and his relationships one with another, must come to some common basis upon which all may agree. You say at once, such a thing is impractical, impossible! What has caused the present conditions, not only at home but abroad? It is that realization that was asked some thousands of years ago, "Where is your brother? His blood cries to me from the ground!" and the other portion of the world has answered, is answering, "Am I my brother's keeper?" The world, as a world - that makes for the disruption, for the discontent - has lost its ideal. Man may not have the same IDEA. Man - ALL men - may have the same IDEAL!*

*As the Spirit of God once moved to bring peace and harmony out of chaos, so must the Spirit move over the earth and magnify itself in the hearts, minds and souls of men to bring peace, harmony and understanding, that they may dwell together in a way that will bring that peace, that harmony,*

*that can only come with all having the one Ideal; not the one idea, but "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, your neighbor as yourself!" This is the whole law, this is the whole answer to the world, to each and every soul. That is the answer to the world conditions as they exist today.*

*How shall this be brought about? As they each in their own respective sphere put into action that they know to be the fulfilling of that as has been from the beginning, so does the little leaven leaven the whole lump.*

*Man's answer to everything has been POWER - Power of money, Power of position, Power of wealth, Power of this, that or the other. This has NEVER been God's way, will never be God's way.*

*Then, the hope of Europe depends upon YOU! in your own home TODAY! In not the same way, but the same manner as did the life of Lot, or of the other peoples in Sodom and Gomorrah.*

### **MAN'S INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY**

One of the hardest things to do is to realize that what one does in every situation, matters in the whole scheme of things. There are so many people, so many practicing wrong beliefs, that the importance of "What I do" is reduced to little, in our own eyes. But we recall that God does save a city, or a world, because of the righteousness of a few! The individual effort then becomes of great value, with this understandings and "the little leaven" becomes a thrilling opportunity to the lone crusader.

A specific marching order given by the readings was given for all of us who would like to know just what attitude is best in winning the peace. It is perhaps the most inspiring of all the readings on this subject:

3976-27: *What can you do, then, as individuals, that this plague of war, this injustice to man be taken away - this plague of death and destruction? You may stand - even as He - between the living and the dead! Let those that live, LIVE unto God, magnifying, spreading the fruits of brotherly love, kindness, patience; that this plague of war may be stayed. You can not pray "Peace, Peace," when there is no peace in your own heart and soul!*

3976-22: *Hence we find at the present tinge, now, the conditions or the circumstances throughout the nations of the world, or in the earth, are a challenge to every thinking person; that you are not alone to pray for peace but are to pursue peace - by living the second phase of the divine injunction, "your neighbor as yourself."*

3976-23: *"What then," you ask, "is to be the outcome? What is there that I can do about it?" Let your daily life be free from criticism, from condemnation, from hate, from jealousy. And, as you give power to the Spirit of Peace so may the Prince of Peace, the love of God, manifest.*

*So long as you turn your thoughts to the manners and means for meeting and overcoming those destructive forces, you show forth that which may bring to the world that day of the Lord. For the promise is that in the latter days there shall be the purpose in the hearts of men, everywhere! To each of you, then: Give God a chance!*

3976-24, Q-11: *How can it be met for the protection of our democracy?*

A-11: *Raise not democracy or any other name above the brotherhood of man, the Fatherhood of God!*

3876-25: *All will be broken up, yes, all will seem as naught; yet as they who pray live like they pray, there may*

*come healing as this people, this company, yes this land, gives that hope, increases that faith by their living, not hating; by their loving, not despising, that which is good.*

### **SOME WAYS OF ACHIEVING PEACE**

Among the many excellent paragraphs in the Edgar Cayce readings were those given both to study groups and to individuals as to what made for peace in the individual life, and hence, in the world. There might be labeled, for convenience, under the various headings of "Spiritualizing Desire"; "Consecration of Self to Service"; "Just Being"; "More Awareness of His Presences"; and "Showing peace." These labels are merely a means for making this study a bit more readable.

#### **Spiritualizing Desire**

262-25: *In giving that which will aid those studying, contemplating or meditating upon the meanings of desire and the spiritualizing of same, there may be an illustration of same as drawn from that the Master gave in the sermon on the mount. "He that would smite you on the one cheek, turn the other also." To another it has been said, "Vengeance is mine, saith the Lord." To those whose desire has ever been in that of being and doing the will of the Master, this would be sufficient. To him who has felt antagonistic to those that have spoken unkindly, or have made accusations that would hurt the inner self, then that as He gave, "He that would smite you, turn the other cheek," is spiritualizing the desire for vengeance. "He that would sue you and take away your coat, give him your cloak also." Because others would use you, or take advantage of you, if your desire is in the Lord, in the Creative Forces, should not cause you to speak harshly nor to desire that calamitous*

*things or conditions come upon others for their unkindness. For they, as He gave, who would even destroy your body are nothing.*

*Think rather on him that may destroy your soul also. Who may separate you from the love of the Father? Only yourself. For, an injury that may be done you - or done your body - is as being done unto the Maker, and the LORD is the avenger of those that love Him. THUS may you spiritualize desire.*

### **Consecration of Self to Service**

*5563-1 Put self rather, then, in the hands, in the mind, of the Divine from within, and not attempting, not trying to be good, to be kind, to be thoughtful, - but just BE, and consecrate self to the service of others. This peace, this quietness that will come within self from such, will find a ready answer in the mind, in the heart, in the life, in the expression of those - every one - whom the body contacts.*

*HIS is LIVING consecration, and not attempting to be moral for moral's sake; not attempting to be good that good may come, but be good that there may be that peace, that understanding, that only comes from putting self in the hands of the divine. Study, then, portions - ANY portion - of the words*

*of Him that gave that, "What you ask in my name, believing, that shall you have within yourself". Do not, then, in asking, make conditions, but surrender self unconditionally into the hands of the divine from within, and that from within shall answer - even as was said, "My spirit bears witness with your spirit that you are called the sons, the daughters, of the LIVING God", for in Him only is that peace, and the blessings of those whom the body contacts will bring the greater joy, the greater happiness. Happiness, then, is not a thing set apart from self, but the conditions with which one approaches that in hand to be done! For when one considers that the position of self is hard to bear, is not as is desired, the desire of the heart often makes one afraid - unless that desire is ever in that attitude of "Use me, O God, as I am", for the I AM is ready, willing, to make my will one with your will - "Though He slay me, though He bruise me in my own selfish or unseen ways; yet will I trust Him day by day", and He will NOT forsake you; neither will He allow you to be afraid; for He will raise you up, and He understands all the hardships, the LITTLE things, the separations, the variations in the surroundings - but TRUST Him!*

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