



REFLECTIONS

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These Interesting Times We Live In

THERE'S AN ANCIENT EXPRESSION: "May you live in interesting times!" We are certainly living through some very interesting times. And what help might we glean from the Cayce work about such a time of collective challenge? I want to share some of the guidance I have found, which encourages me daily.

Cayce described the years 1958 to 1998 as a forty-year period of intense testing on the Earth plane. When we look at those decades, we can see what was meant. The 1960s started with ideals and a desire to break out of gender stereotypes and other limitations, but by the end of the '60s, icons of hope had been assassinated, which led to a downward slope in the '70s, '80s, and '90s. The 2000s have been the hangover from those years of collective excess—and we are still trying to find our way. Cayce described 1998 as the dawn of the Aquarian Age, the transition from Piscean ideals to Aquarian ideals. In Cayce's interpretation of the Book of Revelation, he spoke of the "1,000 years of Peace" as a potential that could be actualized in the Aquarian Age. In Luke 22:10, even Jesus esoterically advises "following the water bearer," the astrological symbol for Aquarius.

Cayce referred to the Great Pyramid of Giza as, among other things, a calendar. The "pyramid inch" measures time from the entrance all the way to above the relieving chambers of the Chamber of the Second Birth, also known as the King's Chamber. John Van Auken measured that distance and took the calendar's end date to be 2038; others have pointed to 2025. Both are significant time periods. If we look at the forty years from 1958 to 1998 as periods of testing, it's interesting to note the possible balancing period of the following forty years, from 1998 to 2038.

Things at A.R.E. have their own synchronistic life. Beware all ye who enter as you will be getting what you need and not what you think you came for! My experience at A.R.E. has been full of spiritual hijackings of my egoic intentions. For example, from 2010 through 2012, there just couldn't be enough written or too many conferences about the Mayan prophecy of 2012. A.R.E. was certainly part of the engagement, inviting don Carlos Barrios, a Mayan Ajq'íl (elder) and author of the bestselling *The Book of Destiny: Unlocking the Secrets of the Ancient Mayans and the Prophecy of 2012*. He spoke only Ch'orti' and Spanish, and as I speak fluent Spanish, I was

asked to be his assistant during his visit. It was an incredible experience to share a week with don Carlos.

In one of our conversations, he said that though the West was so focused on 2012, nothing big would happen on December 22, 2012. The changes are always subtle. He said the real date the Mayans were looking at was 2038: "If we as a collective humanity can make it to 2038, we should be okay." I was surprised to hear this date, and he was also surprised to hear of Cayce's pyramid prophecy and the 2038 date. He said, "We measure time in so many ways, but at the beginning of an age, the 13-year cycles are very important—as with a child. From 0 to 13, a young person cannot get into too much trouble, but from 13 to 26 is another story. If a person makes it to 26, they are usually past the worst of it." The 13-year cycles go from 2012 to 2025, and then to 2038. He said, "The period of 2025 to 2038 is crucial."

We have all chosen to be the bridge from 1958 to 2038. Cayce said that the New Age would be an age of purity, a time of global interconnectedness in consciousness, and a time of direct communion with God. We have been here before, in Lemuria and in Atlantis. This is our third attempt to spiritualize the human consciousness on Earth. One of Cayce's most frequent Bible references was Deuteronomy 30:19, from which he emphasized, "Choose thou!" We are all living in these interesting times of great division between spirituality and materialism, generosity and selfishness, and others versus self. Just as the Christ is the spirit of oneness, so is the Antichrist the consciousness of selfishness and greed. In the Cayce work, we find refuge remembering that we are all part of a collective effort to spiritualize human consciousness. We are closer than ever, and the forces that want to block that evolution are more desperate than ever. If we can keep the faith and be true to what we know best to do, the truth will set us free. The year 2038 isn't so far away, and we have a manual in the Cayce work to light that candle in the darkness. 



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