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INTRODUCTION

Scientific Study of the Cayce Readings

This scientific investigation of Earth change predictions in the Cayce readings began more than 40 years ago. W. Hutton encountered the Cayce readings during graduate studies in Earth science. The most shocking prediction was for a pole shift, moving the North and South rotational poles from their present positions. Other predictions detailed the changes of the Earth's surface that would precede and accompany this pole shift.

Hutton found the predictions of Earth changes to be sufficiently detailed to permit the pursuit of true science in their analysis. It would not be accurate, however, to say that anyone else agreed with this perspective at the time. First, predictions of major Earth changes in geology are notoriously unfruitful, and few scientists make them. It is far easier to study the past and observe the present from a descriptive and even theoretical basis than it is to peer, with reliability, into the future. Earthquake geologists do buck the trend by stating that this or that fault will probably break within the next half-century or so, but besides this exception, Earth scientists are mostly content at being historians rather than seers.

At the time, in addition, few Earth scientists even knew about, much less paid attention to, the Cayce readings. The people interested in the readings were primarily non-scientists. Thus, the pursuit in those formative years was a solitary enterprise by the lead author here, W. Hutton. But it did result in a series of short publications, and these were distributed into the community of Cayce devotees.

Over the years as time permitted, Hutton's studies became more and more detailed. Most recently, his investigations resulted in his 1996 book, *Coming Earth Changes: Causes and Consequences of the Approaching Pole Shift*.¹ It was revised and updated in 1997.

Jonathan Eagle joined the research effort in 1999, and brought technical expertise involving engineering, computer modeling and website development. As a team, we have developed a computer model for examining effects of the pole shift predicted in the readings, published a series of email bulletins to a subscriber list, and published a long list of articles on the Earth science analysis of the readings on a website called *The Hutton Commentaries*.² In our team effort, we are now able efficiently to process and analyze data from various sources, as a basis for continued study of the readings in the light of ongoing geophysical research from all over the world.

The results of investigations presented here constitute a test of whether or not the Cayce readings' Earth change predictions are proving true.

¹ William Hutton, *Coming Earth Changes: Causes and Consequences of the Approaching Pole Shift*, Virginia Beach, VA: A.R.E. Press, 1996.

² <http://www.thehuttoncommentaries.com>.

The Nature and General Content of the Readings

The Cayce readings as a whole constitute a remarkable record, from any viewpoint. Edgar Cayce developed a talent in his early twenties for going into a self-imposed hypnotic trance or sleep state, and in that state audibly expressed answers to various questions posed to him. Because he remembered nothing upon awaking from the trance, the stenographic records of his hypnotic sessions are properly characterized as psychic readings. Different spirit entities and information records were identified in some of the readings as the sources of the information.

The sessions began in 1901 as a means for dealing with medical problems facing Cayce himself, and then others. Based on the readings' therapeutic value in treating medical conditions, Cayce's fame grew rapidly among those willing to approach and utilize psychically-derived information. Eventually, the content of the readings began to include information about the general life conditions of the inquirers. A remarkable turn was the introduction of alleged information about past lives of the inquirers. Opening this reincarnation-gate eventually yielded a flood of claims about the history of the human race on this planet, and about spiritual entities including even the exalted angels who were claimed to superintend developments on Earth.

While the readings often quote the Bible, the above attributes render them decidedly non-orthodox with respect to traditional Christianity. Discussion of this issue is found in the Foreword. Here the critical point is that the Earth change contents of the readings invite scientific analysis.

The size of the readings repository is impressive. There were 14,306 readings from 1901 until 1944. As Edgar Cayce lived from 1890 until 1945, we see that producing readings was a major activity during most of his life. These readings are preserved in written form in the archives of the Edgar Cayce Foundation in Virginia Beach, Virginia. Recently they became available on CD-ROM.

Included in the psychically derived historical record is information claimed to be about the lost continents of Atlantis and Lemuria and about their inhabitants. Atlanteans and Lemurians were claimed to predate all those historical civilizations commonly recognized and accepted by the world community. Adding to the surprise was a body of material, spread over many readings, that contained predictions about future Earth changes, hence the title of Hutton's *Coming Earth Changes* mentioned earlier. These Earth changes were predicted to begin occurring about 1936 and to continue their development in a more intense way from 1958 to 1998, after which, in about 2000-2001, the Earth would begin to experience a shift of its rotational poles. Calamitous if not cataclysmic consequences were predicted for large regions of the planet's surface.

It was these predictions that caught the attention of Hutton as a graduate student back in the 1960s. But, you may ask, why pay attention to them? Many other psychics, story-tellers and spinners of fantasy have alleged momentous Earth cataclysms both past and future. Even the Holy Bible in the Christian faith has elements in both Old and New Testaments concerning violent Earth upheavals, rendered as judgments from a Holy God upon a sinful society. At the end of the age, truly great Earth-shaking events are predicted, in the Bible book called Revelation.

Our view is that the Cayce readings predicting great Earth changes deserve attention for several reasons. One is the high accuracy in the medical readings and life readings, as high as 85% in one study.³ It is reasonable to hypothesize that the Earth change material might have similar truth value.

Second, the detail of the predictions makes them amenable to scientific testing, *i.e.*, comparison with the reality of the past nearly three-quarters of a century (since 1936, the first predicted date), and with the reality of ongoing geophysical developments.

³ Edgar Evans Cayce and Hugh Lynn Cayce, *The Outer Limits of Edgar Cayce's Power*, Virginia Beach, VA: A.R.E. Press, 1971.

Third, the set of predictions has turned out, in our minds, to meet one of the cardinal tests of scientific ideas, that they should be capable of generating new research avenues and new theoretical possibilities. In short, the predictions are scientifically fruitful. This would be true even if, in the long run, the predictions come to be proven false, and the predicted changes never materialize to any significant degree. Science will still have been advanced a notch (who can ever claim credit for more than that?).

We should add that, in addition, we are disposed to take seriously the sobering idea that Earth changes may function as judgments on society. Spiritually, we are persuaded that wrong human behavior brings awful consequences that include reactions of Nature.

In this regard, the predicted Earth changes prompt us to endorse the warnings found in the readings. Individuals need to apprehend the message in the readings, which is to seek peace of mind and heart, move toward spiritual enlightenment in humility before God, and look for ways to mutually bless and benefit one another, at both local and global levels. Society must change its ways. As the readings themselves suggest, the worrisome outcomes predicted in the readings may yet be forestalled by a responsive human race. But if, despite all the efforts of those who do take heed, the more cataclysmic events do occur, at least there will be some people who benefit from our studies. We will thus be amply rewarded for our efforts.

Earth Changes in the Readings

For the reader who is totally new to the Cayce readings, the following example provides a rich introduction both to the readings in general and to readings that deal specifically with Earth changes. In 1941, a Mrs. Whitsell (name changed) had several readings for physical problems. Along the way she often asked the sleeping Cayce for guidance as to what she should be doing in life. This was a recurrent theme for many inquirers. In Mrs. Whitsell's case, her question was answered by Cayce's source in the words below, which cover only a portion of the reading. Note that the first paragraph of the answer deals with the principles to be embraced in the new order of peace that was to be established at the end of WWII. And note also that the second paragraph correctly predicts the time of that establishment as 1944 and 1945. After another half dozen or so paragraphs, the reading goes on to predictions for coming Earth changes:

For, with those changes that will be wrought, 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 in 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 in '44 and '45.

When these things are considered, then, it is self-evident that individuals should be up and doing. Especially the entity, with its abilities, has definite work to do in the present.

The entity has the ability to work with or through individual groups, – not as a propagandist, but – as has been so oft indicated – do not magnify the differences of various groups, but rather UNIFY the sameness as expressed in many of them that hold to the principles as given in Him.

For, the time is at hand when individuals who have – as this entity – seen and given so much, and experienced so much as to the meaning of the advent of the Son of man, the Prince of Peace, the Lord of Lords, the King of Kings, must now more than ever magnify and glorify Him in the relationships of individuals one to another.

There are so many groups that have such as a background, yet their working hypothesis, their working labels are under influences that belie that principle in its APPLICATION to individuals.

All of these should be taken into consideration by this entity; and its abilities as a speaker, its abilities as a writer should be directed in those conditions and affairs that will more and more unite seekers in every phase of life, in every position, in every portion of the country, to that standard set by Him. Not as in a church, not as in an ism or cult, but in that every soul does the best he can where he is – and all with one ideal: “I am my brother’s keeper – Christ the Lord is my brother!”

As to conditions in the geography of the world, of the country, – changes here are gradually coming about.

No wonder, then, that the entity feels the need, the necessity for change of central location. For, many portions of the east coast will be disturbed, as well as many portions of the west coast, as well as the central portion of the U.S.

In the next few years lands will appear in the Atlantic as well as in the Pacific. And what is the coast line now of many a land will be the bed of the ocean. Even many of the battle fields of the present will be ocean, will be the seas, the bays, the lands over which the NEW order will carry on their trade as one with another.

Portions of the now east coast of New York, or New York City itself, will in the main disappear. This will be another generation, though, here; while the southern portions of Carolina, Georgia – these will disappear. This will be much sooner.

The waters of the lakes will empty into the Gulf, rather than the waterway over which such discussions have been recently made. It would be well if the waterway were prepared, but not for that purpose for which it is at present being considered.

Then the area where the entity is now located [Virginia Beach] will be among the safety lands, as will be portions of what is now Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, and much of the southern portion of Canada and the eastern portion of Canada; while the western land – much of that is to be disturbed – in this land – as, of course, much in other lands.

Then, with the knowledge of these, – first the principles, then the material changes.

The choice should be made by the entity itself as to location, and especially as to the active work.

To be SURE there is work to be done by the entity, DEFINITE work.

Join with all of those who declare that the Lord has come and that His day is again at hand.

Ready for questions.

Q) I have for many months felt that I should move away from New York City.

A) This is well, as indicated. There is too much unrest; there will continue to be the character of vibrations that to the body will be disturbing, and eventually those destructive forces there – though these will be in the next generation.

Q) Will Los Angeles be safe?

A) Los Angeles, San Francisco, most all of these will be among those that will be destroyed before New York even.

Q) Should California or Virginia Beach be considered at all, or where is the right place that God has already provided for me to live?

A) As indicated, these choices should be made rather in self. Virginia Beach or the area is much safer as a definite place. But the work of the entity should embrace

most all of the areas from the east to the west coast, in its persuading – not as a preacher, nor as one bringing a message of doom, but as a loving warning to all groups, clubs, woman's clubs, writer's clubs, art groups, those of every form of club, that there needs be – in their activities – definite work towards the knowledge of the power of the Son of God's activity in the affairs of men.

1152-11; August 13, 1941

How true are the Earth change predictions in reading 1152-11? We find the ring of truth in Mrs. Whitsell's reading. For if Atlantis actually existed, and if in a previous incarnation she was there as one of the faithful of the "Law of One," and if she was so very involved with sending the faithful to safety lands before the final destruction of Atlantis, is it not believable that in her recent life 65 years ago she would have been provided with information concerning coming Earth changes in her readings? And as for her experience in another incarnation as the Inn Keeper's daughter in Palestine, would not her soul's exemplary record on Atlantis have prepared her to be present at the birth of Jesus?

Consider also the accuracy of the pre-WWII prediction that a new order of peace was to be established in 1944 and 1945. This prediction actually came true. One of us was ten years old in August of 1941, and can tell you that no one in his family had any idea our nation would be thrust into WWII in a few short months. And as a teenager in 1943, his entire neighborhood in Chicago thought that WWII was going to last at least another five to ten years. Thus, the improbable prediction from Cayce's source came true when WWII ended in 1945.

But what of the Earth-change predictions that follow just after the successful prediction of war's end in 1944 and 1945? Since these historically unprecedented Earth change predictions have not yet occurred, are they wrong in some way? Are they too improbable to come true? Has humanity's need for Earth changes been altered? Or will the changes start any day now?

The penultimate geophysical event predicted in the Cayce readings is a shift of the Earth's rotational poles. Reading 826-8 says:

Q) What great change or the beginning of what change, if any, is to take place in the Earth in the year 2000 to 2001 A.D.?

A) When there is a shifting of the poles. Or a new cycle begins.

826-8; August 11, 1936

Is the Earth showing any signs that such a shift is on the way, or that it is in fact underway already? Has a pole shift been delayed?

These are among the questions we have been pondering for many years.

Outline of the Book

The Foreword is a perspective on the work contributed by our editor and redactor. After the present Part 1 containing the Introduction come five more parts based primarily on our website articles, as modified and updated from the scientific literature.

The first major section of the book, Part 2, focuses on various Earth changes both past and occurring at present. We study whether any changes occurring over the past half-century were predicted as pole-shift precursors. Recent geophysical discoveries indicating changes in the Earth's interior are examined for their potential to bring about major changes at the surface.

Part 3 explores the predicted rotational pole shift. We provide a pole shift model that, via computer output, shows how a one-degree pole shift can bring about the bulk of the Cayce readings' Earth change predictions.

Part 4 delves into the history of continents and peoples presented in readings about Atlantis and Lemuria, alleged as lost continents in the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. Surprisingly, some recent

geophysical research supports the possibility. Some geoscientists are claiming substantial defects in plate tectonics theory, and their alternatives are being published in the scientific literature.

Part 5 examines the human response to warnings about the Earth's future. Visions of the future, from readings and other sources, depict calamities as Nature's reaction against wrong human behavior. The hope is that people will heed the warnings and mend their ways. This will require a turning away from our age's materialism and an awakening to spiritual development according to the path of the masters, especially Christ.

Part 6 confronts head-on whether the Cayce readings are reliable, particularly those with Earth change predictions. We find that the readings themselves acknowledge that they entailed different spirit sources of possibly varying reliability, and the fact that conditions at the time of a reading, including the state of souls involved (the inquirer, others present, and even Cayce himself), influenced the stability of the communication channel, and hence the error rate of the message received.

We also include an addendum where we discuss selected works on the Earth change predictions of the Cayce readings, and an index of subjects and authors. The extensive figures here are in black and white, but color copies are planned for a companion CD.

Follow now as we scientifically analyze the Earth changes, past, present, and future, predicted in the Cayce readings. Be prepared for considerable detail from Earth science investigations carried out by the world's geophysical scientists. We believe that you will discover that there is a provocative amount of scientific information confirming the picture of Earth changes presented in the Cayce readings.