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## HARVEST OF HARMONY

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In searching the experiences of man throughout the centuries, we can see, running through patterns of life and work, a divine strain of *fruitfulness* as a vital element to man's well-being, and a dynamic factor in the pursuit of Eternal Life. According to the Bible, the first commandment given by God to the human race was a positive one "Be ye fruitful...". The most important commandment given by Jesus was also a positive one - "Thou shalt love...". The Genesis one suggests action; the second, a foremost loyalty to the Creative Forces in which all action should be rooted. In the long-range view we have in the readings of Edgar Cayce, we have some interesting and unusual insights into the nature of fruitfulness, and its value in man's development.

Effective action does not necessarily have to be founded upon such large-scale undertakings as "conquering a city." In this age in which man's horizons are constantly expanding to the ever-bigger, the ever-higher; where a universe is beheld within the confines of an atom, modern-day individuals tend to be overwhelmed by the increasing scope of *size* and *number*. All of this is likely to discourage one who wishes his life to be of significance in relation to his fellow-man. In the Cayce files lies this pungent observation: *...for the spiritual life should direct - and the social, the*

*moral, the material things should be rather the outgrowth for every soul. Be willing to be used rather the footstool than the throne...475-1.*

Furthermore, the readings reveal a discrimination between fruitfulness and mere action - an awareness of how important it is for one's entire being to be totally immersed in love and creativity. Persons who were told that they had engaged in selfless service to others through past lifetimes found that they were in the present reaping a harvest of harmony and a sound evaluation of life. Here is an example of how fruitfulness in the past has a wholesome effect on us today: An entity was told that at the breaking up of Atlantis, he journeyed to Yucatan and served in establishing material communications among the peoples, bringing strength to many. The entity gained. *Hence in the present, we find those things of material values have their proper evaluation in the experience of the entry, while in that experience the entity rose to might and power. And when the entity said "Go", all moved; "Come", they all came! Yet not as of self, but rather that ... more might have not only the necessities, but the pleasures in material experience. 832-1.*

### **The Spiritual And Mental Forces**

One of the most important facets

of fruitfulness is the mental and spiritual attitude in which we go forth ... Fruitfulness, in order to be fully effective in an individual, must not stop at action, but must pervade the entire man, in thought and in speech. Many of us take a frivolous delight in rooting out and pawing over the shortcomings of others. However, to mentally harp upon imperfection without a corresponding recognition of its opposite – perfection – is to impose limitations upon our own minds. Besides, there is a good chance that by giving tongue to our negative observations of others, we are forming a target for similar future conversation directed toward ourselves. By fostering a positive and optimistic attitude, we are being fruitful in thought, whether or not we utter words.

A woman wanted to know how she could aid her son. She was told not to be over-anxious about him for that would create anxiety in the environment about him. *As you bless those in word, in deed, that you have found, you have met, so does it increase about them those associations of the Creative Forces and influences of the Great God - Love. And thus - for thoughts are deeds - as their currents run, they become miracles in the experiences of those in whom the love or the blessing is held.* 833 1.

One of the greatest opportunities to express fruitfulness in a mental and spiritual way is by teaching. A young Rabbi (991) came for a life reading and also advice on his life's work. He found he had had several incarnations in which fruitfulness had manifested in a mental way. In a lifetime before this, he had been a fur trader in northern New York and Pennsylvania and had known much turmoil and strife just prior to the French and Indian period. He was of French descent and a Catholic.

*You succeeded in your dealings as a trader. Though among men, Don Juhan was charged as one that drove many a mighty bargain, he kept the faith, he made for those experiences where men in knowing him sought to know his God also. It was pointed out that he now had innate feelings harkening back to that time bringing to self a satisfying of something that has not found its answer in theology, or in reason but in the innate feelings ... of a faith and hope creating that which makes for harmony in the experience - even of those under fire, or in strife. For these are the fruits of the spirit that are the motivating forces in the experience of man.* 991-1.

Before that, he was among those returning from captivity to rebuild the Temple. He was a tax-gatherer, rather over-zealous, and was rebuked by those under Nehemia. *Hence, those things as recorded as of Nehemia's and Esra's writings have in the entity a feeling of insecurity, insincerity; for the rebuke was deep to the entity. For had not the entity felt that those who were able to pay, should pay for those that were unable to pay? ... Yet, the entity aided mightily with its bodily strength in building up the city, in building up the walls round-about.* 991-1.

A carry-over from this life was manifested as an aversion to too much emphasis placed upon temples when actually as *the lowly Nazarene gave, "Not in this mountain nor in this city; rather in the hearts of men should the God of Israel be worshiped ..."* And it was because of such a rebellious force of this entity that they ceased to labor on the walls until Nehemia came. *Yet with a mighty labor did the entity give of the strength in that experience.* 991-1.

Before that he was associated with Uhjlted as general coordinator of the

teachings of the day, bringing about more harmony to the people of the applications of truths. Before that, in ancient Egypt after the Priest's return he carried to many lands the correlating influence of the various great teachers: Ra-Ta; Ajax of Atlantis; Saneid from India; Yak from Carpathia; Tao from Mongolia. *The teaching of these were combined and the entity was the leader in carrying the forces that ministered - as it were - in making the bodily coordinating influences in the teachings; so that there were the united efforts in the buildings in what became Bethel... Correlate not the differences, but where all religions meet - there is one God.* 991-1

At the end of this reading, the Rabbi asked if he should go to Palestine and was told "NO!" - that he could serve better where he was, *as a teacher, as a gatherer of those teachings from many folds under the one standard: "Know, O Israel, the Lord thy God is One."* He was advised to remain in spiritual work, *not as a Rabbi; rather as - yes - as a Rabbi in its truest sense: that is, a teacher, a minister. Not as bound by creeds! Not as bound by modes! Not as bound by any law!* He asked if he should write books. *Well! Write that which has been your experience - what you have learnt as the son of Zerubbabal that you have learnt as Don Juhan. These be those that man cries out for! For they are the forsaking of that set as rote and the turning rather to that which is in the hearts and minds, and that build souls in the sight of the living God.* 991-1.

### **Opposite Of Fruitfulness**

The opposite of fruitfulness is self-indulgence and self-aggrandizement, and no two characteristics are more heartily condemned in the readings than these. They are ultimately harmful

because of a tendency to build into the mind susceptibilities to hurts and slights from others. *Inabilities to wholly forgive a slight, to wholly forgive or forget harmful experiences.* 820-1. Whenever we allow our feelings to be hurt or when we are receptive to the negative aspects of the attitudes or actions of others toward us, our attention is focused upon self or we would not know we were being hurt. Some individuals discovered that where, their actions in the past had been geared to obtain power and self-advantage there was a certain amount of confusion in their present attitudes. One young woman was told that although she had been mainly engaged in fruitful service to others in many incarnations, she had at one time been a priestess in ancient Abyssinia who misused spiritual influences *in developing rites through the rhythm of the body through the rhythm of incantations, through the movements that were brought by those influences, and thus lost. This resulted in an inner confusion in the present.* 500-1.

Self-centerdness is expounded in a rather interesting way in the parable of the wheat and the tares. The wheat is of a fruit-bearing nature and is therefore valuable in relation to the coming Kingdom.. The tares live only to themselves and although they will flourish for a while the time will come, according to the parable, when there will be no place for them in the Creative scheme of things.

### **A Responsibility and an Obligation**

There are several aspects of fruitfulness in relation to action. One is a certain element of responsibility.... *there is more required of those that are aware. Some then, dare say that ignorance is bliss; yet to stumble in the*

*darkness is to become as the groper and the dependent one upon another influence. Yet the crying has ever been from the Father that each soul should stand upon its own feet and dare to call its God its Father, its God, and claim the right to be one with Him, and not a groveler in the dust of the earth - or a groper.* 500-1. One is reminded of the Master's words: "For the man who has will be given more until he has enough and to spare, and the man who has not will forfeit even what he has." Math: 13:12. This constitutes a challenge. Fruitfulness is not the mere carrying-out of a rigid formula. Uncertainty must be dealt with. Constant creativity must replace stagnation. Success in a project brings with it fresh beginnings for even more expanded undertakings, and when one pinnacle has been scaled, another appears on the horizon.

Not only is fruitfulness a responsibility but also an obligation. In the New Testament we hear a lot about the fate of the tree that does not bear fruit; also of the useless tares that are collected and burnt at the end of the age. John the Baptist accused the Pharisees of smugness and racial pride. Then he added: "Already the axe is laid at the roots of the trees, and every tree that fails to produce fruit is cut down and thrown on the fire. Math: 3:10. The Master repeated this assertion, and in Luke he cited the parable of the fig tree which bore no fruit and which needed fertilizing. It is pointed out that if the tree does not respond to good care and continues to prove fruitless, it will be cut down.

In the parable of the talents, fruitfulness through developing one's resource to the best of one's capacity is emphasized. The fate of the man who hid his talent in the ground reminds us of what happened to the luckless tares.

In likening mankind to the salt of the earth, Jesus proclaimed that this is a necessary factor to the palatability of life. "And if salt becomes tasteless how is its saltiness to be restored It is now good for nothing but to be thrown away and trodden under foot." Math. 5.13. More than one hint is dropped concerning the coming great division of mankind - the sheep and the goats - the fruitful and the unfruitful. "Not those who call me 'Lord, Lord' will enter the Kingdom of Heaven, but those who do the will of my Heavenly Father." Math. 7.21.

### **In Terms of Service**

It is mainly through service that fruitfulness can be fully expressed. In his eschatological discourses, Jesus defines the difference between the "sheep" and the "goats." "The King will say to those on his right hand, You have my Father's blessing; come, enter and possess the Kingdom that has been made ready for you since the world was made.

"For when I was hungry you gave me food; when thirsty you gave me drink; when I was a stranger you took me into your home, when naked you clothed me; when I was ill you came to my help; when in prison you visited me." Matt.25:34. Apparently it is of service of this nature that is significant. Several individuals in their readings requested advice that was strongly slanted along lines of purely personal benefit. The answers they received suggested that they channel their resources outward to others.

*Q. What profitable work should the entity enter, if any?*

*A. Only, as we find, in ministering to others as the entity finds so dear to self. This may be turned into profitable work if so desired. Best that the profit be in that builded. 404-1.*

*In the mental application of self*

*towards individuals and conditions in the life, let that be the ruling factor of service in every direction for others - for there may be found that all conditions in the earth are as high priced as the service rendered, and only God and Good to free. That hinders no one, while position, power, self often blinds one to the good that may be accomplished in the efforts of the body mental, the body physical, the body spiritual. 5661-1.*

A housewife asked for suggestions as to how she could insure herself and children a home and livelihood. *Best to ensure them a life of worthwhileness, rather than livelihood - for that comes of itself when the life is expended in the direction to make same not only as of pleasant - but of being worth while ... not as all for self, but rather self for all ... 5666-1. As to the appearances ... these these must be constructive. Build not upon the shells of forever activities, but use rather those experiences for the life becoming more and more worth while. 815-2*

Quite a few individuals were told that in past lives they had engaged in unusual occupations which had proved fruitful in relation to their fellow men. Here is a man (490) who calls himself a naturopath. His work in the present concerned a Psychonograph, an instrument or machine that could diagnose and treat patients. This man procured a reading on his machine for the purpose of improving it. A certain kind of condenser was suggested which would increase the power of "broadcasting." It worked and he had interesting experiences treating patients at a distance. There was newspaper publicity lectures ~ demonstrations of the human aura. Finally a reaction set in. Man can take only no much of the truth. People became disconcerted at

"this Doc who can see right through you." Clients fell off and he returned to regular, physical practice. What sort of background had resulted in such an extraordinary occupation in the presents?

*Before this the entity was among those peoples to whom the inventor of the steam's application to the motor, or in France, to whom Fulton went - in the name Eben Claire, and the entity was among those that were of this household to to whom the entity or body Fulton come; and the entity aided in the material surroundings, but in the sojourn in that experience applied self in attempting to determine ways and means and manners to carry out the ideas that were gathered by the entity Eben in its association with that body Fulton during its sojourn in that experience. Little has been heard, little has been gathered of the entity's activities in that sojourn along the Seine, yet much in the soul development, much in the abilities of the entity in the present in determination arises from the experiences in that particular period.*

*Before that we find the entity was in quite a different, yet quite a close, character of development, for he was during those periods when the great artist, the great musician, the great scientist was attempting to make the first experiments with lighter-than-air machines, or painting the pictures that have become as the mystery of that smile of that particular one. The entity then in the name Guiraleldio, was that one who aided Da Vinci in the experimentations made may rather have been accredited to this entity ... 490-1 He lost only when wasting time in riotous living.*

Going back to the incarnation before that one, in ancient Egypt the

entity applied himself in *disturbing forces* to this entity and *while to the world the entity meant much - to self the development toad not beyond reproach.* 490-1. It was hinted that in other environs this soul had been tried as by fire, and this would continue until *the entity is able to conquer in self that of keeping the purposes, the aims, the desires of the body of the mind, of the soul, naught in self save as to the service it may give to its fellow man.* 490-1.

### **By Their Fruits ...**

The nourishing qualities of fruitfulness have been touched upon and we shall now see how these qualities enhance the elements of service. When the fruit of a tree ripens and falls to the ground, it becomes food for other forms of life. In terms of deeds it is the love element which imbues the fruit with its nourishing quality, and this must be turned outward to others, not inward to oneself. Here is a salesman (531) who was lacking in these elements. His intense interest in his own material and mental well-being excluded a wholesome concern for his fellow men. He was sure he was not properly appreciated and he was very unhappy about all the crooks in the world who manage to accumulate wealth dishonestly and "get away with it." His reading began by pointing out to him that spiritual insecurity and uneasiness invariably accompanies misbegotten wealth.

*There come periods in your experience when doubts arise as to that which brings material success in your experience, and you see about you those that disregard law, order or even the right of their fellow men - yet from the material angle they appear to succeed in gaining more of this world's goods ...*

*Then you in your ignorance proclaim, "What is the use of trying to be good? What is the use of setting a high moral or mental spiritual standard when such succeed in entering into the joys of the earth?" They, indeed, my son, have their reward in that particular experience. But have you looked into their hearts and seen the trouble and doubt there? Have you looked into their lives, in their associations with themselves, and seen the fear, the doubt, the shame that often crouches there? .., Know that they that sow must reap what they have sown. For in their own selves must come the fruit of that they have watered and planted, whether in material, a spiritual, or mental things. For, true is it indeed that as a man thinks in his heart, so do the fruits of his dealings with his fellow men show forth what have been the thoughts of the soul of that man ...Unless your conscience does not smite you, this world's goods will only bring turmoil and strife.*

*Build slowly. Leave the increase, as it must ever be to those unseen forces in your experience. But to do so one must live and act and be the fact that bring such to pass in the experience... For every soul had the stamp of its Creator. But if that soul does the fruits of evil, the stamp must become smeared, blurry - and the end is fearful! 531-3.*

This man's main concern was increasing his income and getting a big job. His previous incarnation revealed how these same desires for self-advantage had become built into his mind. At the time of the American Revolution ... *the entity was among those then associated with Howe, that made for some associations with the Tories that would have turned much of that land into channels for self's own*

*interests. The entity gained and lost, for there was the influencing of many ...*  
531-1

By the time this man had received five readings, the first glimmer of the real meaning or fruitfulness in its nourishing aspect began to enter his mind. He shifted from emphasis on materialistic desires, of *getting ahead and acquiring more*, to "What should be my life work for the greatest possible service to mankind?" He was told that his talents lay in the field of successful relationships with people, and that he was properly placed in life as a salesman dealing in *the fruits of the soil that feed physical man that cheer the mental attributes, that awaken the spiritual awareness.* 631-5.

### **Continuity**

Fruitfulness is of a lifelong nature. An individual should beware of "resting on his laurels," so to speak. Let us consider the case of a man (5294) who had reached the age of retirement. He had had all unsatisfactory life. His work with the Navy had been full of problems and he now considered his life's work over. He had always been fascinated with gem stones and now he was ready to have some fun with them. His reading traced his interest in gems back through several lifetimes, but there was the gentle admonition that although he had led useful, busy lives, there had not always been that special, fruitful element.

The first incarnation mentioned was in the *Holy Land when there was the entering in of the children of Promise to the Holy Land.* The entity then was of the sons of Aaran as they prepared the garments of the Priest and the entity supplied the various stones, especially the carbuncle and the agate of that particular land. In the

*experience the entity was helpful and yet never learned... the value of same in the experiences of individuals; not as omens, not as a sign, but knowing the vibration of the elements that composed such stones and what might be lacking in a body that might bring those changed vibrations.* 5894-1.

His next lifetime was in Persia among those who carried the goods from one portion of the land to another, or a caravan maker, dealing in the linens of Egypt, the pearls of Persia, in the opal, the firestone, the lapis-lazuli in Indo-China, yes, the diamonds and rubies of some of the cities of gold. These find an attraction for the entity in the experience in the present. Be not rather as a hoarder, but use such then of the knowledge of such, in the study as to the helpful forces in the experience of thy fellow man His next incarnation occurred just after the American Revolution. The entity was among those who were settlers from the eastern portion of Ohio, where the mound dwellers had. builded. Then the entity was a trader in trinkets, In firewater, with the peoples of the land, to attain, then, sufficient for retirement; but when John Foster retired, he lasted a very short period. Have a higher purpose as has been indicated; something creative, something helpful, something which manifests the glory of the Creative Forces.

If the purpose is that the individual should glorify God, having an ideal, merely having a life that does not bring an incentive to someone else to glorify God is sin and just as vile in His eyes as one who, in lack of thought or of judgment, would err. For this is purposefulness of self-indulgence. This is not an abuse to the individual, but rather as a warning to make the

*appearance of the life not only good, but good for something, and we will find it will make the rest of the years of the entity's experience in the earth much more worth-while.*

*That there has come the periods*

*when the entity may take its ease – have you not read what happened to the man who said in his heart he would do such? May it not indeed be the same with you? Take warning, then. 5294-1.*

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