



IN OUR DREAMS

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Dreams of Treasures

Dreams of treasures are almost always emblematic, as in these two parables from Jesus: “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field” (Matthew 13:44); and “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it” (Matthew 13:45-46). The seeker’s cherished discovery of the Christ ideal (spiritual laws) is what leads to the kingdom of heaven (Christ consciousness). Because the ideal is “the most powerful influence” in our earthly sojourns, as in the merchant’s parable, Cayce encourages us to “spend it all” for the ideal. (440-14; 1957-1)

In a dream, I saw Jesus perform a miracle. I watched with wonderment and awe, as the sea parted, and something like a treasure was revealed. Jesus parting the sea to reveal a treasure represented an invitation to a deeper spiritual engagement of the ideal. The dream directed me to where I would find treasure: within.

Gladys Davis, Edgar Cayce’s secretary, dreamed about a treasure on October 15, 1931:


All connected with the work or associated in any way with it were gathered in an upper room, on the top floor of a building. The room was without furniture, and it seemed that a big sheet covered the floor and underneath was straw. We all sat and stood around waiting for an explosion which we knew must come; as everything had been set for it. The explosion was to come from above; we all understood that the building would crash, but none even thought of running away or getting outside of the explosion. We had faith in some higher power that would save us from the wreck. It seemed, too, that the explosion would open up a treasure buried beneath the building which we had heretofore not been able to locate, and those who survived the shock and remained faithful would receive the treasure. (254-60 report)

Let’s put this dream in context. On November 7, 1931, Edgar Cayce; his wife, Gertrude; and Gladys Davis were all arrested and jailed in New York on charges of fortune-telling. They were ordered to appear in court on November 16. On November 11, a reading was taken on this situation, and the accused were told to weigh in their own hearts “their standard of the ideal” and to pray and “Let Him direct.” After the court proceedings,

they were acquitted of all charges. (254-59; 254-59 report)

Guidance on Gladys’s dream was sought in a reading on November 22, 1931, eleven days after the acquittal. When asked, “Was the dream had by Gladys Davis on October 15th a prophecy of the trouble in N.Y.?” Cayce answered, “Very much in keeping with same.” And when asked, “What treasure will be unearthed?” the answer was, “The knowledge of friendships and the abilities to draw upon the sources of power, help and aid, in a spiritual and material world.” (254-60) The reading indicated that the New York incident was entrapment that was premeditated and executed with “jealousy” as the motivation to “discredit” Cayce’s work.

Gladys’s dream was spot on: the explosion was the New York incident. Faith in God and living the ideal delivered Edgar, Gertrude, and Gladys from any conviction in court, which the dream also indicated as faith in a higher power to save them from the explosion’s wreckage. They were not to run away from this spiritual and material trial, but to go through it. Their close friend Dave Kahn bailed them out, their New York supporters helped pay for their extended stays in New York, and a Norfolk attorney and his New York associate represented them without a fee.

In one reading, a woman asked Cayce, “Please explain the visions I have had regarding being shown a vein of gold and an oil deposit near Woodward’s Chimney Corner, in Lamb’s Springs, Texas.” Cayce confirmed that a vein of gold that still existed in that land but that the visions were emblematic for her—that the gold represented her applying spiritual truth in the lives of others. Cayce added: “While the material things exist, yet to thee and to thine own life they be emblematic experience. For the angels of light only use material things for emblems, while the angels of death use these as to lures that may carry men’s souls away.” When the woman asked if she should try to locate this gold and oil or buy the land, Cayce affirmed that the dream was emblematic. (1159-1) 



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