

Where's the Smoke?

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According to Wesley Ketchum, M.D., who worked with Edgar Cayce early on, one of the ingredients in a recommended preparation was specified by the entranced Cayce as “Oil of Smoke.” Dr. Ketchum had never heard of Oil of Smoke and the local druggists could find no such item in their catalogs. Ketchum had no alternative but to have another reading in hopes of determining where this arcane substance could be found.

Cayce directed them to a drugstore in Louisville, KY (about 150 miles away), but the manager of that drugstore responded to their telegram by saying that he had never heard of Oil of Smoke. Again, a reading was held, and this time very detailed directions were given. A bottle of the substance would be found on a specified shelf in the back of the store, behind a bottle of another preparation (which was named).

This time, the Louisville store manager wired back: “Found it.” As Ketchum reported: “The bottle arrived in a few days. It was old. The label was faded. The company which put it up had gone out of business. But it was just what he said it was, ‘Oil of Smoke.’”

Discussion

Whoever placed the other bottle in front most likely did not know that a bottle of Oil of Smoke was behind it. Nor would they have any way of knowing if either bottle had been moved. Therefore, we can assume that the location of the bottle was never part of anyone’s mind and we can rule out telepathy and a cosmic database, leaving only super clairvoyance as an alternative to Survival. More commentary on Cayce and the significance of locating such an obscure item may be found on pages 89-92 of *The Survival Files*.

For Further Information See: *There Is a River: The Story of Edgar Cayce* by Thomas Sugrue, 1942.

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