



Response to John Van Auken Questions

Q. 1. In reading 341-9, Araaraart is described as “one of the pharaohs” who ruled from the time he was 16 until he was 98 years old. How can he be equated with the god Osiris who was killed by his brother Set, then left this world, never to return, to judge the dead as they passed from this world to the Underworld and, hopefully, on to the Heavens?

A. 1. The legends of Osiris were based on the life of an early king of Egypt, who was later deified after his death.¹ The Cayce readings explain that the entrance of Araaraart into Egypt coincided with the development of civilization there. Since there was no Egyptian civilization before, it is evident the religion of Osiris developed after the lifetime of Araaraart. When he died, his remains were placed in the top of the pyramid.²

Some uncertainty has surrounded the Osirian religion throughout Egyptian history.³ There is little hope of ascertaining exact facts from traditional sources concerning the birth of the Osirian religion, because “the beginning of the cult of Osiris is hopelessly lost in obscurity.”⁴

The meaning of the name of Osiris is unknown⁵ and various ideas have been suggested. However, there is no doubt about the hieroglyphs used for his name, which are  “a throne” and  “an eye.” A throne is the seat where a king sat. The eye means to see. The most simple and direct meaning of these two hieroglyphs used together is “See the throne.” This being so, the name Osiris may have been adopted as a descriptive phrase, rather than a personal name, to refer to the location where the king was placed within his tomb at the top of the pyramid, which could have been easily seen from anywhere in the surrounding countryside from many miles away.

In honor of Osiris, his priests cleverly succeeded in incorporating in his worship all that was best in the local cults. This included ideals of morality, justice, and righteousness, causing it to appeal quickly to the people all over Egypt.⁶ But “all tradition makes Osiris a king, and it is certain that he must have lived in an early period.”⁷ Late Greek writers also “asserted that he was a king, and they are probably correct.”⁸

¹ Budge, Ernest A. T. W. *Osiris and the Egyptian Resurrection: 1*. New York: Dover, 1985; p. xviii: “At first sight it seems as if he was merely a deified king.”

² 341-8, #17. The entity, then, in the upper chamber of the north east corner of the first pyramid builded, there placed by the grandson, the king who afterward ascended to the throne in Egypt.

³ Budge. *Osiris and the Egyptian Resurrection: 1*; p. viii-ix: “The confusion and contradictions which appear in the religious texts written under the XXth and following dynasties prove beyond all doubt that the knowledge of the early dynastic Religion of Egypt possessed by the priests in general after 1200 BC was extremely vague and uncertain.”

⁴ *ibid*, p. xviii

⁵ *Ibid*, p. xviii

⁶ *Ibid*, p. xviii-xix .

⁷ *ibid*, p. 37

⁸ *ibid*, p. 67

The readings suggest that Araaraart was worshipped:

*In the first of the pyramids built in the Valley of the Shadow, there still may be found portions of data as was preserved **with the ruler, who afterwards was worshipped as the representative of God made manifest in the earth.** (5748-4, #2)*

And from another reading:

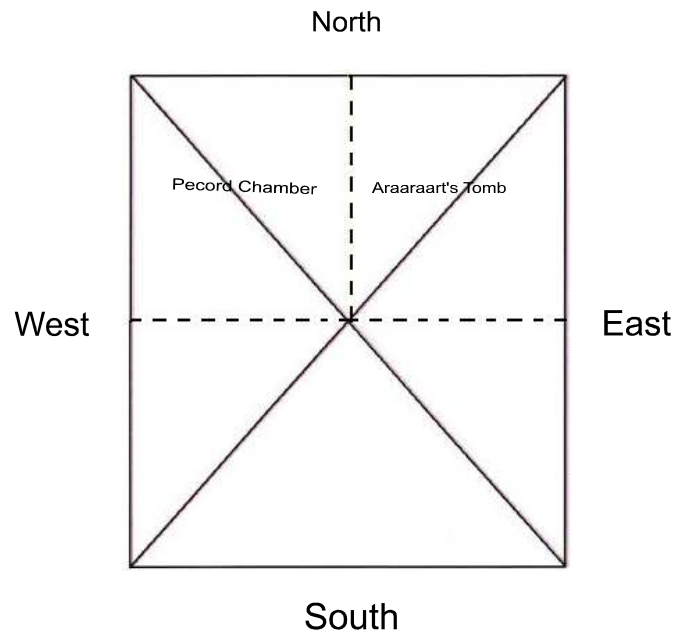
*In the accomplishments then, we have as these in Araaraat. This: Much of the sealing of the peoples' abilities in being drawn together for benefits of the masses rather than classes, for we find, though **this ruler worshiped by many**, yet remaining much in that same spirit as is found in the better classes of the ones serving Higher Forces than self, which is service to fellowman. The monuments as were unearthed and added to from time to time, we find are some still existent, though many buried beneath shifting sands. Others underneath sands that became the bed of the seas that overflowed this country. (341-9, #5)*

Comparing the story of ancient Egypt as revealed in the Cayce readings with traditional Egyptian legend of Osiris, it seems there was a fusion of the lives of Araaraart and Ra-Ta, the first Egyptian High Priest, which together became known as the god Osiris.

Q. 2. How can we connect the Khafre pyramid as the key pyramid in Cayce's readings for the record storehouse when there is only one reading on "the second pyramid" (341-1) and it is in honor of pharaoh Araaraart, while two other readings (2329-3 and 2390-7) clearly say the records are in a hall "which has not yet been uncovered" in "the pyramid of records"?

A. 2. Within the readings, the Khafre pyramid is sometimes referred to as the first pyramid and other times as the second pyramid. This is because the base, the lower $\frac{3}{4}$ section, was constructed in remote antiquity. It was the first pyramid constructed at Giza, so it makes sense that it is referred to as the first pyramid. However, in the accepted academic sense, the Khafre pyramid is commonly referred to as the second pyramid. This explains why it is sometimes referred to as the second pyramid in the readings.

The “Second” Pyramid



Above is an illustration of the pyramid of Khafre, known today as the second pyramid. The readings explain the location of the chambers within the top pyramid.

In the days before this when the first pharaoh builded in the plains, then we find there this entity is [was] one that will be found in the north corner of the second Pyramid, for he was one of these rulers [Ra-Ta period]. (341-1, #17)

The tomb of Araaraart (Osiris) is in the **upper northeast corner**:

The entity then in the name as called Araaraart. In this entity we find that the first temples of sacrifice were builded, and the offerings of blood were first made, and the monuments of the things afterward becoming a stumbling block, yet in the entity's day the means of representing to the peoples the approach to the indwelling of that not made with hands. The entity, then, in the upper chamber of the northeast corner of the first pyramid builded, there placed by the grandson, the king who afterward ascended to the throne in Egypt – Azorut. (341-8, #17)

The record chamber is in the **northwest corner**:

So in this manner were the first laws as related to the indwelling of the Higher Forces given to man. With the absence of communications as is given, this was written on tablets of stone and slate, with the characters of same. In the first of the pyramids built in the Valley of the Shadow, there still may be found unto this day portions of data as was preserved with the

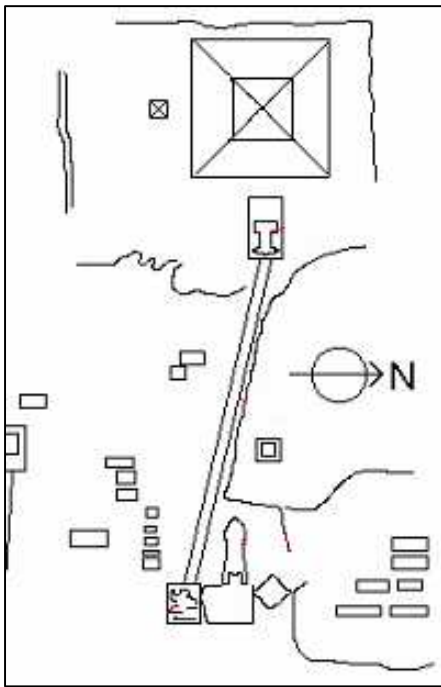
The Pyramid of Unknown Origin

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ruler, who afterward was worshiped as the representative of God made manifest in earth. These will be found in the northwest corner or chamber of this mound. (5748-4, #2)

This upper pyramid has never been opened:

Hence the entity aided the priest in activity, but the populace the more. And, as we have given, aided much in the records; not only of the period but as to how the varied activities were to be in the land pertaining to the records of that which was to be, as well as that which had been, and the records in that monument or tomb or pyramid yet to be opened. Records also of those that were transferred from the destruction of the Atlantean land. For, the entity was still in charge of these records when the last of the peoples of Atlantis journeyed to the various quarters of the globe. (378-13, #18)



The top of the second pyramid is still covered with the original casing, *not yet uncovered.* It lies along the causeway from the Sphinx to the temple. It is a separate construction from the base, and may be considered a *pyramid of its own:*

(Q) Where are those records or tablets made of that Egyptian experience, which I might study?

(A) In the Tomb of Records, as indicated. For the entity's tomb then was a part of the Hall of Records, which has not yet been uncovered. It lies between - or along that entrance from the Sphinx to the temple - or the pyramid; in a pyramid, of course, of its own. (2329-3, #36)

Piecing Together the Past from the Readings

Reading 5748-6, #17 references an egress of people from Atlantis who built a city. Eventually this land sank beneath the sea, where it remained for nearly a quarter of a million years. Information contained in the following pages indicates that what we refer to as the second pyramid of Giza was actually the first pyramid, constructed more than 250,000 years ago. The readings reveal that this pyramid contains the Hall of Records.

Reading 993-1 states that a woman (Miss 993) experienced an incarnation in Egypt during the time of Ra-Ta (circa 10,500 B.C.) when the Great Pyramid was constructed

(see #19 below). Prior to that, they state she lived a lifetime in the ancient land of Og (see #20). However, long before that, some 250,000 years earlier, the readings say she lived in the land we call Egypt, when the *first pyramid* was constructed there (see #21).

Time of Araaraart and Ra-Ta:

19. In the one before this we find in that land where divisions arose, the land now known as Egypt. The entity then among those of the household of the king, and an attendant with the priest in the temple that was called beautiful; coming under the influence of that priest, losing through the losing of self in that influence, gaining in gaining the knowledge of that being taught when the priest was returned to a partial power in the period. Then in the name Iskxe. In this experience the entity gained much in earth's forces, gained much in mental application, and this again brings much in the present experience of the entity. (993-1)

Intermediate Lifetime between Egyptian Experiences:

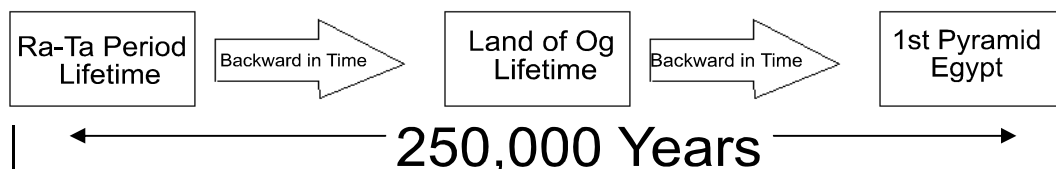
20. In the one before this we find in that land known as the land of Og, now known as that of the American plateaus, or in north portion of now New Mexico, and such. The entity then among the peoples who first gave to those peoples the home and home's influence, making for that about which peoples came as those that would gain by the consolidation of strength; not in physical but in mental abilities. Then in the name Uzld. (993-1)

Time of the First Pyramid in Egypt:

*21. In the one before this we find again in that land now known as Egypt. The entity then among those that set up **the first of the pyramids** that became more and more the monuments of endeavors and accomplishments of man. The entity then in the name Oual. (993-1)*

By reviewing the incarnations of Miss (993), we can see that together, the readings indicate the first pyramid in Egypt was built two lifetimes before the Great Pyramid was constructed.

993's Incarnations



The readings do not say how long each lifetime was nor how much time passed between lifetimes. However, that information is alluded to in reading 5748-6, #17, which indicates that these three incarnations occurred over a period of 250,000 years.

Further information for Miss (993) indicates that the first of the pyramids was located at Giza, near the head of the Nile.

14. (Q) Was I a man at the time when among those that put up the first of the pyramids?

(A) Then there was rather that as a woman, the entity was the ruler OVER those of man - and had many men as husbands, then.

15. (Q) Which of the pyramids were these, and where are they now located?

(A) As has been given⁹, during this upheaval sojourn, as was in the beginning here, much were those sought after. These, as we find, are not as NOW in the Valley of the Kings; rather in that portion FARTHER toward the head of what is now head of the Nile, though in the HILL region – see? ... these the ENTITY THEN began building were CLOSER - as it were - to the source of supply of materials ... (993-3)

The Valley of the Kings is near Thebes, Egypt, which is to the south of Giza. The head of the Nile is in the north; and the Khafre pyramid is constructed on a hillside that was leveled by ancient builders. The source of material used for the construction of the Khafre pyramid was from the immediate area on which it was constructed.



**Quarried area surrounding
Khafre pyramid**



⁹ Correlates with time period of the egress of people or things from Atlantis in reading 5748-6, #17.