This School Called Planet Earth

Dr. James Martin Peebles as channeled by Trance Medium

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If our sires (the noble hearted Pioneers of things to come), Had like some been weak and timid, Traitors to themselves, and dumb, Where would be our present knowledge? Where the hoped Millennium?

---James Martin Peebles, MD, MA, FAS, PhD

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The Three Principles and Trance Channeling

od bless you! Dr. Peebles here! It is a joy and a blessing when man and spirit join together in search of the greater truths and awarenesses. My dear friends, as you strive to understand your right to receive and to give abundance in this, your chosen lifetime, we would like to offer you the following principles to be used as tools in tandem:

- Number one, have loving allowance for all things to be in their own time and place, starting with yourself.
- Number two, increase communication with all of life, and with respect.
- Number three, take self-responsibility for your life as a creative adventure, for through your choices and perceptions, you do indeed create your reality.

My dear friends, you have come to the school called planet Earth to discover and dissolve the illusions of separation within self and between life. Certainly it is your labor of love to diminish these very same illusions, wherein you will discover that never in your eternal soul have you been the victim but always the creator.

Trance Channeling Is at the Center of Every Religion

Trance channeling is a total marriage between Eastern and Western religion. Even the process of channeling comes from trance, and trance is a large part of Eastern culture. In various forms, whether it be through chanting, healing work or manifestation of physicality from one place to the next (known as translating from spirit into human form—back and forth you go, taking your body with you), all kinds of Eastern mysticism is involved in the trance process. It was part of my studies when I walked the Earth as Dr. Peebles, in the country of China, for example. There were tremendous trance mediumships occurring there, although it would not have been called this.

This is anything but New Age; this is very old age. Trance is at the crux of every religion, even within Christian culture. Think of communication with angels, with the heavens—it is part of the way in which the Bible was written and part of the way in which the Lord Jesus Christ communicated with the many rather than the few, with the masses. Not only did He minister to human beings in the physical body, but at the very same time, He was found within the heads, if you will, clairaudially speaking to the masses upon the planet Earth. That is how He touched so very many lives—as a result of trance.

So trance in and of itself runs through the core of the existence of humanity. Even within Western culture, trance has been extraordinarily important. When you think about it, it is a part of what chains you to your cars, to your televisions. It is the crux of all entertainment upon the Earth. When you are watching a football game or what have you, you go into a state of trance—that's why it feels so good. That is why trance is eternally fascinating. That is why the masses are beginning to become very much attracted to trance—especially to Summer, in the way she is presenting it to the world as a very normal-appearing individual who does something that is very extraordinary. In fact, it's no more extraordinary than any single, solitary person for whom she channels. That is part of the teaching here: to understand that trance is about the contemplation of God. Prayer is trance.

So it is the perfect marriage of all Western and Eastern traditions; really, trance is at the core of human existence. And trance is absolutely what is occurring for unborn children. What do you think they are doing in the womb there? It is a part of sleep. Reaching out and touching the world is why you are here.

— Dr. James Martin Peebles

My Life on Earth

Dr. James Martin Peebles through Summer Bacon
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Dr. Peebles died in 1922 at the age of ninety-nine. He was a writer, a naturopath, a medical doctor, a spiritualist minister and a mystic. He traveled the world over five times and healed, counseled and ministered to the masses. Dr. Peebles became enlightened during his transition (death) and was then counseled by his guides to continue his work with planet Earth through trance mediums worldwide.

During his remarkable life on Earth, Dr. Peebles performed surgeries during the Civil War era and rode on a mule through gold country in Northern California, where he ministered to gold miners. Dr. Peebles was also fascinated by mediumship and researched both the psychological and mystical mechanics of the process. He authored several books, one entitled Seers of the Ages. In a short pamphlet entitled "The General Principles and Standard Teachings of Spiritualism" and published by Peebles Publishing Company with no date of publication, Dr. Peebles referred to Jesus Christ as "the great medium." He goes on to say that "our inspired and regal-souled mediums today are mediators, mediating between the world's visible and invisible."

Dr. Peebles is now the wise, witty and compassionate spokesperson for a band of angels. Through trance medium Summer Bacon, this master wordsmith and doctor of hearts has guided thousands of people in profound physical and emotional healings. He offers very practical and specific guidance about everything from daily-life issues to universal truths. His kindness and down-to-earth sensibility make him a tangible and accessible spirit guide and have endeared him to people from all walks of life.

When I was asked to prepare a biography about Dr. Peebles' life for this book, I was uncertain of how to proceed. The remarkable thing about Dr. Peebles is that he did, once upon a time, inhabit the human form. He has an ability to understand our lives in a very sensitive, practical and down-to-earth way. He knows our pain because he has lived on the Earth. He's extraordinarily sensitive and

compassionate. He addresses each us as if we are the most precious of God's gifts upon the Earth, and you can feel Dr. Peebles's sincerity.

Although there are existing biographies about Dr. Peebles's life on Earth, I know very little about him, as I choose not to read books about him or about metaphysics in order to keep myself as clear a channel as I can possibly be. I do know that Dr. Peebles was a writer, a mystic, a naturopath and a medical doctor. He was a Unitarian minister and a spiritualist. He performed surgeries on victims of the Civil War.

As Bev Scott (my personal assistant) and I discussed how to proceed with presenting the biographical background on Dr. Peebles's life, Bev had a sudden revelation. "Why not ask Dr. Peebles to tell us about his life?" It was pure brilliance! What could be better than getting the scoop straight from the horse's mouth? On June 11, 2005, I taught a seven-hour workshop in Sedona, Arizona, called "The Power of Surrender." I knew I would be channeling Dr. Peebles during the final hour, and I decided to do something I had never done before. I made a special request of Dr. Peebles and publicly announced my desire:

"I have asked Dr. Peebles if he would be willing to talk to you today about his life on Earth. I don't know if he will do it, since I know he doesn't like to focus on his past life existence. But I am hoping he will help me out with biographical information for the book This School Called Planet Earth," I said. True to form, Dr. Peebles did honor my request, but not without using it as an opportunity to educate and guide us into greater love. Here is the transcript in its entirety.

e understand that our little channel has a special request here for Dr. James Martin Peebles. Well, all right then. We love you so very much that I am certainly willing to come forth and share about my life of discovery—discovery, my dear friends, that I wasn't as "hot" as I thought I was, because I had quite a time a stressin' and a strainin' with what I believed to be ego. But I realized during my journey to the heart that ego is simply a part of self that really believes it is God, and ego can be of assistance in teaching about passion and wonder, helping you to fall into serenity and peace and the discovery that you really are an incredible being.

Once I understood that there was a purpose within the ego, I no longer stressed and strained against it. My ego, if you will, discovered that what it thought was truth was truth—that it [the ego] is God, and it was then when my ego dissolved! The sad part of the story (and you can boo hoo now) is that I did not learn this until I was transitioning from my body. I began to worry that I had made a mistake because I had not lived my life with the kind of passion and understanding that I came to appreciate in my transition. But my guides and my friends—the Lord Jesus Christ and others—counseled me

in understanding that I had done nothing wrong, that I had come into my enlightenment and that it was there I would stay forevermore. They counseled me, my dear friends, to begin my work with planet Earth, through this little channel here as well as others upon the Earth, and it was a joy for me to behold the possibilities. Possibilities and opportunities are not foreign to the other side. Possibilities and opportunities are what we seek in every single, solitary moment—opportunities for the expression of love! And certainly it is through this channel here today that I have a chance to express myself from the other side about my life upon the planet Earth.

I was born in the state of Vermont, a beautiful state, and I had a lovely family—it was a rather boring family, as well. My family was not necessarily the most compassionate in terms of caring about what I did with my life; they rather simply, in an almost insensitive way, pushed me out the door at a very young age. I began to wander the streets; I did not have a penny in my pockets, I was hungry, I was tired, I was cold, I was miserable and I wanted very much to die. But then a very beautiful angel, who I discovered was really my guardian angel, incarnated at that moment as I sat upon a curbside eating a turnip, with just a few pennies in my pocket. This very beautiful spirit in human form came up to me and said "Hello, how are you today?" I took one look at him and I thought, "Goodness gracious! He's a bigger mess than I am!" So I decided to hand him everything I had and decided, "I don't need this anymore; he needs this more than I do." And suddenly I saw the light, and I began to realize that there is abundance free for all!—if only, my dear friends, you are willing to be the stewards of abundance upon the Earth.

Stewards of abundance—and I mean here financial abundance—are those who practice the saying "give unto others as you would like for them to give unto you." This was my very first learning, my first education, and so I decided at that point that I was going to turn life into a ministry. And well, I stumbled a little bit here and there; I got on my soapbox and I thought I knew everything. I talked too much, I talked too little, I began to find though that through my willingness to speak my truth, the many rather than the few began to come to me and thank me for my work. It was a very wonderful journey.

Some encouraged me to put my words down on the page in the form of a book. Well, I thought that was a terrible idea. I didn't like to write, and I admit it! But I wrote many books in the course of my lifetime, and I suffered through every single sentence, God bless you indeed, but it was worth the effort, because it did provide financial income for me to make my journeys around the world. And then my journeys around the world became my books. I lived a fantastic life, meeting the many rather than the few,

coming into contact with the Aborigines—goodness gracious, my dear friends; you have never experienced your life fully and completely until you've seen someone lose a foot and grow one back in a nanosecond! These [the Aborigines] are beautiful spirits, very beautiful spirits; we never truly spoke out loud but communicated telepathically, and this was extraordinary for me because it was the first time I'd had this encounter in terms of telepathic communication. It didn't even take an effort on my part, and that was the beginning of my understanding that I was a true mystic upon the Earth, one who could create a new reality, a new consciousness. Admittedly, here from the other side, I went into the community of the Aborigines with the intent of turning them all into staunch Christians, but I realized that they had more to teach me. Did I discard my knowledge of Christ? No, I did not. Rather, I allowed them to teach me and add to the knowledge that I already had. I didn't have to give up any part of myself; rather, I built upon the very same—hence my understanding of a life of expansion and surrender to other possibilities and other perspectives.

Incorporating this into my ministry, I began to turn a deaf ear upon my own orations. The many rather than the few did not like this—it stirred the pot, so to speak. They walked away—they charged me, if you will, with being a fraud and all the rest, and eventually I was imprisoned for it. This all occurred because there was a lot of fear of the truth—and make no mistake about it, there still is a lot of fear of the truth upon your planet Earth.

But, my dear friends, we encourage you not to fear the truth, the light within yourself. Express yourself freely and with compassion first, compassion being a higher virtue than honesty. We want for you to live a life of integrity—but first and foremost, my dear friends, you don't have to tell someone that you don't like their shirt. That's honest, but not compassionate. Rather, my dear friends, buy them something you would like to see them wear and see if they wear it, you understand?

I did indeed have a very beautiful experience upon the Earth—I had many opportunities to travel to the south of France, which was a wonderful place for me because frankly I just liked to look at the girls there, God bless you indeed. I enjoyed the nature and the ocean. I enjoyed very colorful philosophical discussions of all kinds, about what was superficial reality at the time, not really things that I felt I needed to adhere to. Then I discovered Ireland and there I put down roots for periods of time. Extraordinary spirits live in the realm of Ireland, not only spirits incarnate in the physical form, but also those who are living in spirit. In Ireland there are the many rather than the few such spirits—the leprechauns do exist! Ireland is a wonderful land, a fairytale land of fairies and sprites who certainly do live within the nature there because it's highly undisturbed—and this was even more so during my lifetime.

As well, there was an unselfish exploration of technology that I truly loved and embraced. Realizing that I did not want to hold any of life at arm's length, I explored everything: technology, spirituality, books of all kinds, people of all colors and languages galore. It is rather remarkable to study your world. Your world—not mine, but yours, my dear friends. This is your planet Earth, and it is for you to discover, down to every nook and cranny if you so desire. And we certainly encourage this always, because Earth is a very beautiful place of many perspectives. You see only the tip of the iceberg in any given moment.

So you really have to work hard, then, to reach out, to experience all realms of understanding—through your books, sciences, religions, discussions, philosophies, expectations and all the rest, and through the releasing of the very same. My dear friends, we encourage you to embrace the many rather than the few.

That was my lifetime upon the planet Earth, a journey to the heart without end, God bless you indeed. It was through the power of surrender that here today you have learned from Summer about all kinds of extraordinary ways in which you can transform your life through very simple spiritual processes. My dear friends, understand that you don't have to do grand things on the Earth to create grand reactions. In other words, "If I could but lift one robin unto its nest again, I shall not have lived in vain"—and this is truth, my dear friends. There is a purpose, and you will find it before you leave [the Earth], without question. There's no way you can escape yourselves. Some have come here to finish karmic relationships. Some have come here to discover that there is beauty in ugliness and vice versa. There are those who are here in an exploration of abundance and what this means through finances, riches, wealth and what it means to be burdened by the very same. Abundance—physical, financial abundance—can be a creation of the most poverty-stricken individual, spiritually speaking.

And on and on the lessons go. What a wonderful, wonderful life you live, God bless you indeed! Opportunities for growth are everywhere. Opportunities for expansion are everywhere—expansion into the greater realms of understanding that God loves you so very much, has no expectations of you whatsoever and only asks, my dear friends, that you honor the gifts that you carry inside yourself and that you allow for them to be fully expressed upon the planet Earth. The planet Earth is a canvas, you are the paintbrush and your heart is the paint with which you color the world—with your words, your hands, your heart, your hugs and your kisses. God bless you, indeed!