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May the tempering peace of evening abide with you all the day.

Everyone of us recognizes the fact that the greatest stumbling blocks in the way of the student are: The pursuit of knowledge for the sake of knowledge whereby the knowledge gained is not used, and pride in the mere possession of knowledge. On the other hand, as we read that sentence naming the obstacles to progress along the path, each and every one of us is individually sure that it does not apply to him.

"Oh, wad some power the giftie gie us,
To see oursel's as ithers see us."

Be honest with yourself; you will demonstrate the truth so much more quickly. How little concerned was Jesus Christ with what he knew and what he did not know. He lived the truth, simply and with humility, and went daily about his father's business.

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The American Occultist is dedicated body and soul to living the life that it proclaims. It is itself a demonstration of the power of the Diamond Self. Its mission is not to make converts - when the student is ready, the way will be found -- but to inspire the student of occult law to use every iota of knowledge that he possesses rather than to bury himself with his own accumulations.

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In the Literary Digest issue of June 28, 1930, Dr. Shailer Mathews, Dean of the Divinity School of the University of Chicago, says:

"The man who prays can get about anything he wants. Physicists are trying to find a final force behind matter. We are trying to find the force behind personality."

To the thorough occultist such statements are evidence that circles once regarded as orthodox are beginning to recognize the divinity of the individual ego. After studying Plato since 347 B.C. and quoting him as proof of great knowledge, men are beginning to understand a little of what he taught.

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Not what can I tell my brother; but what can I do for him? You and I and the milkman are each one of us a world unto ourselves and at the same time a part of all there is. Imagine yourself to be a magnet that draws all of humanity to you. You will have friends. Love is the greatest force in the world; but our love must be one of equality and brotherhood, never of condescension. Though I may command the boy who washes the windows, another may command me regarding my appointed tasks.

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"All higher motives, ideals, conceptions, sentiments in a man are of no account if they do not come forward to strengthen him for the better discharge of the duties which devolve upon him in the ordinary affairs of life." Henry Ward Beecher.

"Go not abroad; retire into thyself, for truth dwells in the inner man." Saint Augustine.

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CONDEMN NOT

A Study by Veritas

Not lightly did the last GREAT INCARNATION OF LIGHT say: "Condemn not."

All the way down the centuries, since the dawn of time, have the GREAT LIGHTS in the world of men given us this same command. Think you then, that it was idle day-dreaming or accident that the human side of each individual should be reminded again and again, in every age to - "condemn not - judge not - criticize not!"

The GREAT ASCENDED HOST OF SUPER-HUMAN BEINGS and ANGELS, the GREAT ONES who have guided humanity on its path to perfection from its infancy, have throughout aeons of time, re-iterated those commands and they are still this very moment just as much Cosmic laws to all humanity here and elsewhere as they were the very first time they were spoken forth. They apply to every human being on this planet and there is no such thing as an exception.

If we will exercise our mental muscles a little it will not be difficult for us to grasp the reason back of this Cosmic command. First, from the standpoint of each of us, for that is the nearest thing to us, - we do not want to create thought - forms with which we fill our own aura, - of anything except what is going to bring us harmony, happiness and blessings. Everyone's primary impulse in life is to be happy. That is our birthright and our Divine prerogative. Harmony is the fundamental law of our being. Therefore, if we think, see, feel or speak an inharmony about any other part of creation, we are that moment building thought-forms of mental substance and energizing them with our feeling and thought.

This is not conjecture. Thought does build form. That law, we cannot possibly escape. Just because the average person's eyes do not see the form immediately, is no proof that it does not exist. There are some, whose faculty of sight has been attuned highly enough to be able to see thought-forms in the aura of others and sometimes their own have been shown them.

The day is not far distant when a mechanical device will be built which will as surely show people their own thought and the form it takes, as the mirror now shows them their bodies. This takes no stretch of the imagination to prove it. Is not the airplane of today but the physical form of the thought of the airplane of yesterday? Is not the present Panama Canal but the form of the thought of the Panama Canal of a few years back? Is not the present city of New York but the form of the thought of the city of New York in the minds of the people of New York of

a few years ago? If enough human minds think revolution, will not the form of revolution appear in the political life of any community? Just as surely as this law manifested in the past, just as surely will it continue in the future in the body, aura and affairs of either the individual or group of individuals. As the individual fills his own aura and world with his thought-forms, so does the group build the group thought-form which is but an aggregate of the thought-forms of the minds composing it. Do you not see what a serious thing happens when we think? Therefore, let us stand guard at the portal of our thought as the Angel of old with flaming sword to consume every thought-form which does not contain the pattern and manifest peace, harmony and blessings to all mankind.

If we would be protected, must we not also protect? If we refuse to think a thought of imperfection about another we are directly recognizing the DIAMOND SELF of him and it will that moment, act forth to us through his humanity. Learn to bless your own Diamond Self in every other human being and as surely as you do it only that Self can possibly act back to you. It works. Try it.

Can the Diamond Self of us cast its perfect pattern upon the mind if that mind is filled with thoughts of criticism, condemnation, hate and judgment of itself and others?

Through a soiled window His Light does not shine. Your mind is the window through which your Diamond Self looks at the world around you. Clear as crystal should it be if it is to pour forth His glory to the world. We cannot receive thoughts of perfection from our Diamond Self if we keep the mind and aura filled with thought-forms of imperfection any more than the north pole and equator can exist at the same point on our globe.

There is nothing in this universe which compels us to think what we do not want unless we either refuse to use our will or give it into the charge of some directing agency outside ourselves. Therefore, we do have absolute and complete control over the creation of the thought-forms with which we fill our own world. It should be our fundamental business in life to definitely determine that we will only build thought-forms that shall go forth to heal, to bless and to prosper.

Determined effort to listen only to our Diamond Self, for from it comes only thought-forms of perfection, and think only upon its Divine Design will bring all and more of peace and health and happiness than we can very well imagine in our present state of existence. Every thought which does not contain perfection emanates from something less than your Diamond Self, and is not your friend.

Our thoughts are our children, our progeny, and since we have given them birth, we alone must redeem them and carry them up to the perfect standard of our Diamond Self. Thoughts of Perfection have the power to bring balance and transmute all unlike them into themselves just as light does the darkness. When we turn on the light, the darkness does not go somewhere, it simply takes on the nature of and becomes light. So do thought-forms of perfection change thought-forms of imperfection into themselves by absorbing the energy and substance contained therein.

Perfection is more powerful than imperfection, also, the human race could never have evolved into anything higher than that from which it started on the human side of its evolution.

Let us, therefore, obey the eternal command of all Masters of Light and Wisdom and in the words of the last of those Masters, Jesus Christ, we close and with him say: "What I say unto you I say unto all. Watch!"

SUGGESTED READING

Thought-Forms
by
C. W. Leadbeater
Price \$4.50

The author of this book has gone to tremendous effort to obtain the material from which the colored plates are made. It is profusely illustrated with examples of thought-forms seen in the auras of actual cases under observation.

It is a book which every human being should study as surely as they study their A, B, C's. Every child and grown person can benefit from it continually for it contains the examples of different kinds of thought-forms which we are all generating to some degree from time to time.

With the actual pictures of what forms certain kinds of thoughts take, it makes us remember longer, and therefore, has the objective teaching value of the impression made on the eye as well as the ear and mind. The examples given are very concrete and will make us think and remember as we never have before about this most important of our activities. Besides recording the various kinds of human thought, it also shows us what kind of forms are built by great musical compositions and the tremendous influence they have on the harmonizing of whole communities of people.

There is no finer book on the market to make one think along these channels and its material is not obtainable through any other book on the market at the present time. There will, however, before a great while, be corroborations of these facts by prominent men of science for they are absolutely indisputable.

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Seek you the Silence and meditate upon these truths that they may manifest in your life now and always.

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