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GREAT SPIRIT, SPEAK TO ME.

When the moon hangs low o'er the rustling trees,
And the stars in the mist their faces hide,
When over the hilltops the murmuring breeze
Like some kind presence around us sighed.
I whisper a prayer in the silent night,
From the unseen longing of my soul,
And out thro' the reaches of heavenly light,
The Spirit of God breathes over the whole.

My soul aspires with a strange fierce love
To reveal the Truth which the world rejects,
To become a mirror where heaven above
Its glorious vision through me reflects.
My spirit its restless challenge flings,
To the Nameless Being I cannot see,
And my soul is uplifted on angels' wings
As I whisper "Great Spirit, speak to me."

—*Jessie Wilder.*

CHEERFUL PEOPLE.

God bless the cheerful people—man, woman or child, old or young, illiterate or educated, handsome or homely. Over and above every other social trait stands cheerfulness. What the sun is to nature, what God is to the stricken heart which knows how to lean upon Him, are cheerful persons in the house and by the wayside. They go unobtrusively, unconsciously about their silent mission, brightening up society around them, with happiness beaming from their faces. We love to sit near them. We love the nature of their eye, the tone of their voice. Little children find them out, oh! so quickly, amid the densest crowd, and passing by the knited brow and compressed lip, glide near, and laying a confiding little hand on their knee, lift their clear young eyes to those loving faces.

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DEMONSTRABLE PSYCHOLOGY.

(Arranged from MSS. of H. H. B.)

Lesson 5.**Thought As Force.**

You have now an understanding of the Universe as Force. All that we know of Force is that it causes in us Sensation. We name that Cause Vibration. You understand yourself as SOUL, as a manifestation of this One force, as merely a center, like a drop of water in Ocean, or like a whirlpool or a whirlwind; or, as previously said, "a ring of motion in motion, a ring of God in God."

This conception will open up to you an understanding of all the manifestations of individual life. For what is true of the Absolute is true of the individual manifestation of the one life.

Beginning where we left off, try to realize that, as the ONE is Vibration, so you must be. Affirm: As the One is, I am. Each center radiates motion. From a center, sun, radiate those vibrations we call light, heat, chemical rays, etc. But they are all one in Sun. The difference lies in the rate in which they travel through space and in their effect upon us.

Think in this line:—All Life is Motion. I must be Motion and I must continually be in motion. I cannot be still. All the motion of the ONE is moving in me and through me. All the One Motion is mine. This will give you a clearer conception of the Everpresent God, of the fact that He is in you and you in Him, than you ever had before. God and I are one, for all Motion is One and the Infinite Substance only manifests as Motion. Hereafter you will ever say:—My supply is Infinite of Life. My Supply is Infinite of whatever I wish for Everything I wish is a form of Motion and all Motion is mine when I will to use it.

When you realize this and understand how men use the various forms of motion, you will know how to use yourself as a motion. Learn how slow man has been

to use the modes of motion: fire, steam, heat, sunlight, water, wind, magnetism, electricity and the chemical forces, and you are ready to believe that, great as are the results from these harnessed by conscious thought, those from the recognition of Thought and Love as Force and the conscious use of them are to result in still greater blessing. You are, I trust, ready to accept this statement as fact: Of all the discoveries man has ever made of his power to control natural forces, there is none that equals this: **THOUGHT IS FORCE.**

There is not in any single invention from the first smelting of ore to wireless telegraphy one equal in promise to this: Man can use consciously Thought to control the manifestations of Life. You had better stop here until you fully comprehend the significance of this thought: Thought is Force.

Imagination is Reality. Imagination is the only Creative Power. Now imagine what the earth would be to man did he lose his power over the forces he has harnessed. Then go forward and imagine what a crude civilization the present will be to man when he has had a few thousand years of practice in the use of Thought Force. The prophecies of all the past are to a millennium. You have that prophecy now as a scientific necessity. Man IS the creator of his environment. He creates now unconsciously. Then he will be consciously Creator. To imagine will then be to manifest. God thought the universe into Being. So will man think things into Being consciously. His body he now thinks into health or disease, into beauty or ugliness. He thinks statues and poems, religions and civilizations into being. yet he is still ignorant of his power. What can he one day be? What are you then but a pioneer in this most wonderful of all realms of creation. Magnify your place and recognize yourself as a prophet of the coming Man in your study. For, were it not for its benefit upon the race, it would not be worth our while to study. We would eat and drink, for tomorrow we die. But now we know ourselves manifestations of Infinity and are to manifest forever as Thought and Love.

Each center radiates. These rays are vibrations. These rays are continuous. From each center they penetrate all space. Remember this. It is a fact that has an important bearing upon each manifestation of life and upon our study. I wish you to think of yourself as a center radiating in all directions rays of Power. Some say we are suns. We are not suns, but centers. As one perceives rays of swifter velocity, these centers grow brighter. To me most people in the earth-form are dark centers; the highly developed personalities in the purely spiritual form are brighter than the sun. Do not confound motion with form and say, "All are suns." The sun is a center, but all centers are not suns. You will find this confusion in many writers. Electricity is Motion, but all motion is not electricity. But all centers radiate. All centers are some condition of Force. Another thing remember: increase in velocity is only the raising of the pitch. The difference between two notes in music is the difference in the time and the number of motion waves passing through an inch of space. So the difference between sound and light, between light and electricity, is only a difference in pitch. Then it follows that as each individual raises the pitch of his radiations, he will become to those that can sense his vibrations, lighter. Thus the spiritually unfolded are like suns to the lesser unfolded ones. Since the scale of Vibrations is infinite, we are again brought to the necessity of immortality.

But what do I radiate? All possible radiations. Spirit is infinite in the scale and I am spirit. I sense now but a mere fraction of the many, but progress consists in a constantly increasing proportion of those Vibrations I do sense.

Among the many radiations are those of Thought. Remember, language is not necessary to Thought. I think, then I express. Language is the expression of Thought. I constantly radiate Thought as force. As I am acted upon by Force from without, so do I act upon the without. Whatever and whoever is sensitive

enough feels the thought-radiations. They are felt as force and not as conscious thought. For illustration:— I had a young man in my room a few nights ago. He sat on one side of the room; I stood with my back to him and, without letting him know that I was trying the experiment, I told him in my thought to go and take a clock from the shelf and bring it to me. In a few moments he rose from his chair and took the clock and brought it to me. I asked him why he did it. "Oh, I felt to," was his reply. He did not think; he acted under the pressure of the force I sent. This was mind-acting, too often called mind-reading. There was no reading. To feel and to act, was all there was to do. Had he stopped to let the force be transformed in the brain to Thought, it would have clothed itself in language and he would have thought what I wished and would have spoken to me before he acted.

Pause here and consider how each person is immersed in a sea of vibrations acting upon him not only from every person but from every thing and then seek to fathom the cause of human conduct. It is a marvellous discovery, this—one awful in its responsibility. Sensitives are those who sense more of these vibrations than ordinary people. How many ignorantly act in obedience to thought-waves as did that boy! This explains the spread of fads, fashions, tells why political meetings and revivals spread, how epidemics are carried and how thoughts are found so far and widely spread without any seen communication. Premonitions, dreams, sense of danger or presences are thus accounted for. We often say when a friend comes unexpectedly when we are talking about him, "The devil is always near when you are talking about him." Friends coming to see us think of coming and their thoughts reach us long before the body, just as the flash from the cannon comes before the sound of the explosion. Thought is force and is felt, most often unconsciously, but occasionally consciously. It is the line of present evolution to develop this conscious recognition. And this brings us to Telepathy, our next Lesson.

Application.

Begin to think of yourself as Power. It is well to imagine yourself a funnel for an infinite reservoir to flow through. If not as strong as you think you should be, think of an infinite dynamo with which you are connected and let that Power flow through you. If it is health, think of an ocean of Life pressing into your life as into a bay filling you. Let it fill you. If it is wisdom, imagine that all the radiations from all the wise minds of earth are shining upon you. Respond to them as plant does to sun. In some such way make Power concrete and yourself an expression of it. You ARE Power. Affirm: I AM POWER. Then LET. Mind this word LET. You are not to try, not to make effort, but to LET the POWER YOU ARE manifest. Think of it AS manifesting while you enjoy the Letting.

WHAT ABOUT MIND?

How to Get Results Through Thinking.

By J. A. EICHWALDT,

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It is surprising to note that, in this day and age and in the light of the scientific discoveries made during the past quarter century, there are still some alleged exponents of what they term "physical culture" who fail to comprehend the fundamentals of that mental law which underlays all physical manifestation, including the muscular development of the athlete. Even the great evolutionist, Darwin, whose doctrine itself is based entirely upon the material, realized the incompleteness of his elaborately worked-out theories. His follower, Huxley, while forced by reason to accept that which his intuition would not agree with, denounced the physical Nature—the cart which Darwin had placed before the

horse—as a monster and declared life an unsolvable problem. In the light of present day science, it is not surprising that Huxley should say: "I wash my hands of Nature." Yet, it was a wonder at his time that he should allow his pure reason to be swayed by intuition even to an extent of voicing such an unorthodox sentiment.

Pilate, nearly two thousand years ago, threw up his hands in despair, exclaiming, "What is Truth?" Now there is a "Home of Truth" in nearly every city of over twenty thousand population. While the "Truth," as proclaimed in these diverse and various homes is not presented in a way as to satisfy all logical deductions, any impartial investigator will soon find that these jeered-at exponents of mental supremacy over the so-called physical are really getting results because they are complying with certain laws under which Mind functions, operates and performs. For, after all, there is nothing hap-hazard in Nature, or in the Universe, for that matter. There can not be; law and order must prevail, else chaotic conditions would be the rule instead of being exceptions, as they now are.

Instead of dealing with the subject from a broad, or universal standpoint, we will gain a better understanding of it, the laws governing it and how we may comply with these laws to our advantage if we narrow the matter down to a personal basis. After all, of what avail would it be to us if we learn all about the magnificent scheme of the creation and know how all the laws in the universe operate—on the planet Mars, for instance, but fail to see how we may be benefited by our knowledge here and now?

Physical education and culture are making headway in such rapid strides and are doing so much good because they deal with practical and self-evident personal problems. They make the weak strong; they heal the sick; they stand for right living and produce results in the way of vigorous manhood, superb womanhood, well-born children, intelligently reared under conditions that

are accepted as right and proper. But there is that undefined something behind physical culture, that which pervades every cell of the physical culturist. It does not make any difference what one may call that "something;" it is Mind, Intelligence, Spirit.

Call it what you may. Give it any name you choose. Call it something fancy, or outlandish, if you like, or use for it the collective name of all Pullman porters, "George," or all Chinamen, "John." If you mean that universal intelligence, or life-principle, it will respond just as readily as if you called it Allah, or just plain Sweetheart. It is with you, always, ready to serve you in every conceivable way. For—mark ye well—it's office is to serve, as it is the Serving Principle of the Universal Mind.

There; I have made a flat-footed statement. Naturally you will want evidence or proof of some sort. I may be stringing you. If I tell little Billy, who is just making a start in his struggle with the multiplication table, that seven times seven is forty-nine, Billy may be skeptically inclined and tell me to go on and prove it; he may like it better to be fifty. But all the evidence and authorities I might be able to quote to Billy may not convince him until he is able to demonstrate to his own satisfaction that seven times seven is always forty-nine, and can never be fifty, or any other number. You may be like Billy in that respect. You may have read authorities galore; you may have attended lectures and classes until lost in conflicting theories of the more or less inspired exponents, you are constrained to exclaim with that cultured Roman, "What is Truth?" You need self-demonstration, or it is all off. Very well; let us see what can be done to give you such a demonstration.

We have gathered the theory of the all-pervading intelligence, or the serving mind, which is the identical mind that the shining lights in the firmament of psychology are wont to separate from the objective, or reasoning mind, and call it the subjective, or subconscious mind. In fact, the greatest majority of the func-

tions of that mind are entirely unconscious. You are not conscious of the circulation of your blood, nor of the many other purely physical and physiological functions and operations in your body. You could neither govern nor control them consciously, one by one any more than the captain of an ocean liner could personally operate the many and complicated departments of his ship. He doesn't try to do it in that way. If he is a sensible captain, he will devote more time to some fair and unattached passenger and less to the bossing of the heads of his various departments—provided these department heads are well trained. It appears then that his first and most profitable duty would be to make sure that all the departments are functioning properly—and then let them alone, to their own respective and more or less cruel fate.

You are the master of your body; likewise, as the poet says, "the master of your fate, the captain of your soul." If all is well with your body, your fate and your soul, your job as a master or captain will be a cinch. In other words, you are a king—one of the monarchs that are no more. Then you may calmly wait and gently, pleasantly and harmoniously hustle while you wait, for—lo—your own will come to you. Such a condition is possible, yet not probable, unless you indeed know the law and have applied your knowledge. You may find your kingdom all wrong in every way. Then what will you do?

Let us see, what a sensible captain would do. Supposing the firemen were drunk and making a rough-house and the dishwasher, not knowing his duties, tried to throw the deck overboard; would a real, sure-enough skipper go and take it up as a personal matter? Not so you can notice it! He would remain on the bridge as calm as a cucumber. He would issue certain curt orders, probably through the third or fourth officer. The matter would be attended to. The unruly members of the fire room crew would be taken care of and the dishwasher would be instructed in his duties. In a similar manner, should you find that one or more of your

functions are not operating properly, as a sensible master of your fate, all you would need to do would be to instruct that Serving Principle of the Mind to take care of it and put it right. I would call the process by which such things are brought about a process, or way of re-educating the subconscious activity of the mind. This may seem too easy to work out satisfactorily in practice. But, let me tell you, as a physical culturist, you are employing this very principle every time you exercise; only you are using it indirectly. Please note that you only get results if you exercise for results. Besides the purely physical feature of your exercise, you expect to accomplish certain definite results, and you know that you will accomplish them. That is one of the chief reasons why ordinary manual labor fails as a physical culture measure. The mental activity—the expectant attitude of the conscious mind—is lacking. But if introduced, nearly every kind and class of manual labor may be made a means of body and health building.

But what about illness, sadness, inharmony, etc.?

We frequently hear that “imaginary” complaints only yield to mental methods, and there is a limit to the possibilities of mind. Let me ask you, or anyone, how did you ever learn to swim, to skate or to dance? Did you not succeed by imagining, believing and affirming that it could not be done? Oh, no, indeed! *You knew it could be done.* Your imagination acted. And what is imagination but a mental process? You can apply it at any time for purpose of getting well, happy and prosperous. Try it; make the demonstration and have the evidence. What is Homeopathic medicine but an indirect method of re-educating the serving principle of the mind for health? What are the sugar pills of the other schools of medicine? Why do otherwise rational folks carry the left hind foot of a rabbit—killed in a cemetery by a cross-eyed, bow-legged, hunch-backed negro during the dark of the moon?

Can you not realize that this very same principle of mind can be made to do anything you choose to have it

do—provided that you educate it, train it, through persistently repeated conscious commands? Try it out—thoroughly—before condemning or dismissing the matter; thus only can you get the evidence.

Probably you will say that you have tried it, you have even bought a mail course or two in "sikology." If you haven't derived results, it is because you have not made your application properly. The serving principle herein described is all-inclusive. Through that as yet mysterious, universal ether it connects you with the universe itself. But let us not get so far away; it might be best to stick to our captain-of-the-ship comparison.

Let us assume that, during an emergency, our ocean liner is taken over by the government and transformed into a warship. The captain and crew are left in charge. About the first thing to be done would be to re-inforce, re-organize, re-educate and re-train the crew. Naval discipline, handling of the armament, etc., would not work smoothly unless, and until, such a re-education of the crew has been accomplished. Now; can you not see a similarity of the problems involved? You probably have been the captain of a weak body and commander of peanut-stand circumstances. But you have heard the call to become the master of a strong body and also to command something better than the little two-by-four business or job, or whatever you may have and for which this ever present serving principle has been trained. Instead of continuing in the old mental groove, the first thing you will need to do is to change your mind—your conscious mind—and the aforementioned serving principle, working as it does, unconsciously and subconsciously, will gradually but surely follow suit. Your conscious mind, of course, will have to be persistent as well as consistent like our captain. Should he start naval training of his crew today and then forget about it until next week, his progress would be nil; so would be yours unless you kept everlastingly at it.

But we hear of quick results, of instant cures and what not. What about them? Such may be brought

about only through intense emotional activity and we may discuss the ways and means later on. Will only point out here the great power which exists in emotional activity; also in the difference in the quality of your conscious thinking processes.

You may not believe that the kind or quality of your thinking has any bearing upon your physical or material welfare. Many people don't believe. Many do not believe that the world is a globe and that the moon is not a piece of cheese. Belief and knowledge, alas, are frequently at variance.

You may have heard and read a lot about the harmfulness of anger and the benign influence of love, goodwill, kindness. You may be a "brainstormer" and, for your own convenience, find it expedient to believe that the expression of a righteous indignation is just the proper emotion to indulge in when circumstances demand. You may feel that your husband, or wife—God bless her—has one of such storms coming once so often.

Be that as it may. But, let me ask you, or rather—in the style of our former President—may I not ask you to make a little experiment to show, demonstrate and prove that the indulgence in one of these brainstorms is generating through subconscious reaction, a poison in your system, a poison as physical as strychnine, and just as deadly.

Wait until the weather is cold. Then take a glass tumbler and let it get thoroughly chilled. Now, get angry—furiously angry—about something or someone, and, while angry, breathe into that chilled glass tumbler. When you take it to a warm room, you will find a few drops of liquid will form in the tumbler. Take that liquid, put it on the tongue of your cat and wait for results.

The cat will have a fit.

Proceed in the same way with your tumbler when you are in a pleasant, joyous frame of mind; when your consciousness is filled with thoughts of love and goodwill. Administer the precipitate to your pussycat and—instead of having a fit—you will find tabby purring

around and making love to you.

Do not take my word for it; just make this experiment. Although I have no moustache to hide behind and am perfectly honest, straight-forward and trustworthy, this is too important a matter to take anyone's word for, particularly when you can so easily get the actual, tangible evidence which will convince you more completely than six volumes of "sikology," applied, fried, boiled or stewed.

P. S. If you haven't a cat, try it on your mother-in-law.

THE HUMAN MAGNET.

BY EUGENE DEL MAR.

- I. The Magnet of Steel.
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III. THE SIGNIFICANCE OF REPULSION.

The misconception of a duality in principle is founded on the supposition that contrast in the physical is a counterpart of contrast in principle. It assumes that the manifestations of so-called good and evil and the appearances of attraction and repulsion are the correspondences of antagonistic principles. It is the natural conclusion of primitive mind.

That there is both good and evil and attraction and repulsion, and that these terms represent existing and contrasting conditions are self-evident facts. However, good and evil are not opposites, nor are attraction and repulsion antagonists; rather are they contrasts and allies.

There is no Principle of Repulsion, by inherent virtue of which any thing pushes another thing away from it. There is no opposing counterpart of the Principle of Attraction. On all planes, action and reaction are equal and in opposite directions, and a movement in one di-

reaction assumes its compensation in an opposite one. The Principle of Attraction manifests through an inseparable duality of conditions of action and reaction.

While a Universe requires a single fundamental principle, manifestations are always dual and compensatory. The Universe contains no vacuum, no empty space, no nothing. The slightest movement of any one part disturbs all other parts. The displacement of a single form demands the displacement of other forms. Moving toward one thing is moving away from others, and attraction to one thing involves repulsion from another.

While all principles are affirmative, conditions are both affirmative and negative. There are no negative principles corresponding to negative conditions, although the latter are necessary incidents of affirmative manifestations. All principles are made manifest in duality. The dual movements are not separate and distinct, but are indivisible. Neither can take place without the other. They are the two halves of the one unit.

The two poles of anything are not two entities, but they are the separated parts of the one entity. They represent the positive and negative, or the giving and receiving properties of the unit. The two poles are always inseparably connected and related, and merge each into the other.

Attraction is inherent in all particles of matter, and their mutual tendency to come together is manifested with mathematical precision. The mutual attraction of material bodies is in proportion to the mass and inversely as the square of the distance. No particle of matter ever starts moving except as the result of attractions superior to those that influenced it previously.

Each atom is attracted by all others, with which it has an infinitude of relations of varying degrees and intensities. When two atoms respond actively to their mutual attractions, in order to come together they must move away from other atoms. This one impulse and single action is looked upon at attraction by the atoms that unite, and as repulsion by the ones deserted.

Each and every atom—and the atom may be regarded as a symbol of universal application—goes where it is attracted, or according to where the algebraic sum of its attractions directs. It is always impelled in many directions, and it follows the line of least resistance in responding to the greatest attraction. It never does anything else.

There is no inherent repulsion. All repulsion is the reaction of attraction. The magnet has no inherent power of repulsion. As its power of attraction increases, its power of reaction is increased proportionately. One may directly increase or decrease the power of attraction of a magnet, but not its power of repulsion. The latter depends entirely upon the former and is a reaction of it.

A Principle of Repulsion has never been formulated. As an established truth and without the slightest reserve, the scientific world accepts unanimously the conclusion that attraction is inherent, universal and eternal. There is no necessary occasion or excuse for a principle of repulsion: which is a material, mental and spiritual impossibility.

THE BIBLE.

BENJAMIN F. BONNELL.

The First Chapter of Genesis contains the most beautiful poem that the ideal concept of man has ever produced; and taken by itself, without forcing it to do duty in sectarian channels, it suggests the entire course of Evolution, so far as the material, or objective, Universe is concerned. It is as follows:— "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth; and the earth was without form, and void, and darkness was upon the face of the great deep, and the Spirit of God brooded o'er the face of the waters."

I say it suggests Evolution; not as history, but as poetry. Viewing the first chapter of Genesis as invincible history, not only destroys its profound poetic grandeur, but it presents an unthinkable problem to the

present generation, who think instead of believe.

Evolution is a process of development, and Biology as the history of life, on this planet, are here, and here to stay, and orthodox faith must make the best of it. It is somewhat amusing to contemplate the effort that is being made, in some religious circles, and by some prominent individuals, to legally rule Evolution out of our schools. Those that seek to settle the question by statute are aware that, if Evolution, with the Science of Biology, continue to be taught in our schools, the Mosaic Cosmogony is doomed; hence they ask a legal short-cut to accomplish what Scientific truth condemns.

I say nothing new to intelligent and thoughtful readers when I affirm that, humanity as humanity, existed thousands, and most likely millions of years, before the Bible was thought of, much less written.

The Bible teaches, and theology upholds, the idea that man (the first man) was created perfect, and that on account of one disobedience, sin came into the world, and "death by sin." Biology teaches that there never was a first man, any more than that there was a first fish or bird; that man was not perfect at his first appearance on earth; that he was a very imperfect being, both in mind and body, and we have all the proof we need that he is still imperfect, but that he is advancing "every day, and in every way."

A study of the Pithecanthropus, the Neanderthal and the Piltdown man will teach the reader what can only be hinted at in an essay like this. We are on the way to a knowledge of the Universe, and man's place in Nature, and all the Bibles and all the politicians in the world cannot turn the dial backward. The poetic character of the first chapter of Genesis will inspire humanity as long as time lasts, but its value as history has seen its day.

Many Bible teachers set up the claim that the book of Genesis teaches two creations—One Spiritual, the other material; but the truth is, as any one may see for himself, that the first chapter of Genesis teaches creation, and the second chapter formation. The He-

brew words are as clear as the English words that are used to translate them. The word in the Hebrew for creation is "para" and the word for formation is "yatser." Here again we have a suggestion of Evolution, but poetic instead of historic. Creation always precedes formation whether it be a hen-coop, a house or a Universe; hence those that would get rid of the material universe, by denying its reality, must go elsewhere than to Genesis. We are learning that there is no dividing line between Spirit and Matter. We know that they are One—different phases of the same thing. We know that the Universe is a One-i-verse, and knows no opposition, nor conflicting forces. Think of the foregoing till it soaks in.

The Bible from end to end is a treasure house of perfect jewels. They are often found, however, in places, and under circumstances, that are offensive to our highest sense. Great writers like Carlyle, many of them, maintain that "The Old Hebrew Book," as they call the Bible, is the basis of our modern civilization. The average pulpit of today chimes the same strain. If they mean national hatreds, unholy wars, and almost universal intolerance, they are certainly right, for the thought of today, among those that make the boast, measures close to the spirit of the Hebrew prophets. But is this the kind of civilization that right minded people want? Is it the ideal of true life and happiness? Can we expect any other kind of civilization while the Hebrew prophets are held up and revered as God's Ideal? For my own part I am living my own life, and the Hebrew prophets are not my teachers. My life, as Emerson expressed it, "Is not a station but a progress." and I am not looking back 4000 years for my models. I am unwilling to see life through the eyes of primitive man. They tell us that the theme of the Hebrew prophet was "righteousness." All right, so be it. Paul gives a list of the righteous ones that stand above the rest, and among them are Samson and Jephtha. David and Samuel. Now, if the reader will take the time to study the biography of the above named gentlemen, he will need no

comment from me on the type of righteousness they lived and practiced. We may admit that these men were advanced products of the semi-civilized period in which they lived, but why in Heaven's name bring them down, at least once a week, as models for the life of the Nineteenth century? It is neither wit nor slander when I say that, if they were living here, in this grossly immoral age, they could not keep out of prison.

I listened to a thanksgiving sermon (I need not tell where). The preacher took Jacob as his text. He preached one hour and 30 minutes. He used an hour fixing Jacob, and 30 minutes holding him up as a model. The preacher wanted us to understand that Jacob's deceit, treachery and thievery was a part of God's plan for the salvation of the race. I went away mentally opposed to being saved on "God's Plan," and I still have the same feelings. Why all this senseless effort? Simply this:— It is in the Bible. and must be fixed and explained.

Some writers have much to say of the inconsistency of religious people, in accepting the Bible as a whole, as the inerrant Word of God. Such a mental attitude is astonishing to say the least, and is accounted for only in one way:—They pay their hard earned cash to have some one fix it up in doses that they can swallow with ease, and they take on an average two doses a week. If they get tired of the medicine, and begin to make faces at it, an Evangelist is promptly sent for, and he runs them down the saw-dust trail, and shakes them over hell for a week or two, and they yield, and submit to the old game. I could be sarcastic regarding them, were it not that they appeal to my sympathy; or rather, my pity.

But listen a minute:— With all this inconsistency, many thousands of simple minded men and women, have found peace and hope, and inspiration to a better life? This should at least be thought of. Any religious belief, however crude to me, is a *good belief*, if it makes the believer a better man, or a better woman. Persecution

never yet killed a belief, and never will; it only gives it vitality.

When I was a young man, say 50 years ago, I knew men 50 or 60 years of age, that were just as certain that the Book of Mormon was the stolen MSS. of the Rev. Solomon Spaulding, as they were sure of their own lives, and they caused it to be published, broadcast throughout the land. Persecution of the Mormons was rife everywhere, but Mormonism grew and flourished, and founded one of the greatest commonwealths in America. The question:— Why do men and women join the Mormons? The answer is simple; they found that what satisfied them and made them happy.

Much is being said today, regarding Mrs. Eddy and the Quimby MSS. I have said some things about it myself, and may say more, some time, by and by. It is claimed that her "Secret Discovery" was plagiarized from Dr. Quimby's teaching and MSS. I must confess, without argument, at least for the present, that the evidence, to my mind, is clearly in favor of the accusation; but what I want most to say, at this time, is that Christian Science, in public estimation is unaffected by what the critics say. Christian Science, right or wrong, is going right on, doing its work, and making a phenomenal growth. The question again:— Why do men and women take up Christian Science? Again the answer is simple and plain. They find what satisfies them. Could there be a better answer?

Speaking for myself, Mormonism, and Christian Science philosophy are unthinkable; but what of it? I am not their prisoner; I am free. I am living my own life to the best of my ability, and am willing for others to do the same. I am often asked, What about the future? Will these ists and isms always endure? My answer is, The Evolution of thought is doing its work, and will continue until all crooked paths are made straight. Persecution and intolerance never created anything, but are good soil for the growth of fads. Some day the Bible itself will be redeemed, and made free.

THE CORRECTION OF ADVERSE INFLUENCES.**CHARLES HINE HUBBARD.**

The mind, first of all, is the seat of power. In this way: that we can believe or not believe anything we think. The mind stipulates that we *must* believe Truth in order to have peace of mind, however it does not force us to believe anything which is not Truth. Always, at our option, is the choice of what we shall believe in as being true, and even though we believe in the not-true, the belief does not make the not-true true. So here we have expressed to us a Truth that is vital, and which is a basis from which we can better handle some problems that beset us. The primary function of Mind is to know and to believe in Truth only. Acting from this standpoint we can readily see that we are following the Law of Mind and its action. And to test anything that is the Truth, with the Mind, is through noting that which gives the Mind peace is the Truth. Errors of belief are those bugaboos which do not give the Mind peace. The Truth satisfies, errors do not.

Now, in our everyday life we often confront situations involving some important decision on our part. There are always two ways which offer a solution. One we call the right way, or the Truth way, and the other we call the wrong way, or the error way. How to make the action conform to the right way, or Truth way, is our problem. As before said, that which gives the Mind peace is the Truth or the Right Way, that which gives it non-peace is the wrong way, or the error way.

Now, suppose we wish to correct some influence in our life which is error, brought about, note, by our own belief in the error. We find that to attempt to correct the influence, through using more argumentative error thoughts, only brings about more discord, which is not the peace of Mind we seek. On the other hand, through a disregard of the error thoughts, calmly, staunchly yet easily poised in Truth thoughts, this effort brings about

a correction of the error influence and lo! it is no more. Where does the error go? we may ask. It seemed so real, so true! Gauging it by the standard or Law of Mind, as has been stated, we can see that it has no reality of existence, nor cannot ever have any for Truth alone is Real. We will note that error only exists as real to us just so long as we allow it to do so,—no longer. And here is where the matter of Power comes in, for Power most certainly actuates our thoughts.

We can see, in the matter of Truth and error thoughts, that the one and same Power must afford such manifestation, for the Power Basis of Mind is One. Therefore, this Power is vested in our self, it is for us to use, but sometimes we use it unwisely in believing that error is real. Now, who really makes the error a seeming Truth? No one but yourself. If you use the Power of Mind to brand something false the Truth, who is to blame? Only you, so it is apparent, very clearly apparent, that all power is vested in you to use wisely and also that you alone are the user of this Power as related to what concerns you individually. Nothing can be clearer than that it is "up to you," individually, to see that your Power of Mind manifests in accordance with the Truth of which you desire to be the Master. But, to become masterly, you must master that which may at this time be your master, Thinking. As long as you allow Thinking to tell you that the false is true and to allow it to make discord for you, just so long is Thinking your dictator. That is very plain. It is "up to you" to be the master of your Thought so that then you cannot be deceived but will easily be able to discriminate between the false and true, the wrong and right courses and so live in peace with yourself and others.

As a guide to Mind Mastery, Meditation and Concentration serve to that end wonderfully well. In Meditation, some thought which we know in our heart and soul to be true is taken and meditated upon as to its meaning. After that we have perfectly absorbed the meaning so that we understand perfectly, this thought is to be carefully grasped by the mind so that we feel

that we are masterfully thinking it, that *we* are governing its manifestation. Then, in Concentration, we should be the absolute master of the thought, dismissing it at will, thinking it to the exclusion of all else, at will, until, through such practice we develop the Truth capacity which is within us to manifest perfectly and properly. That this takes work it is needless to say but there is the reward of being, when we become proficient in Mind Mastery, at peace within ourselves and able to more intelligently progress in life, both spiritually and materially.

THE PURPOSE AND POWER OF THE IMAGINATION.

My Dear Mr. Foulds:

Several persons have written me asking why I do not write something in rebuttal as to claim of M. Coue that he was the one who discovered the power of the imagination. Well, I like to have M. Coue come over here for one thing. Look upon him as a sort of an evangelist who will help stir up things. Then again I am not a fault finder with any one (?). am I? But truly I think that something should be said and this letter I send you is written in form of a lesson letter that I give to my students and is in answer to the letter of Mr. Gracies, a banker in New York. I had also one from the physician who attended the late President Roosevelt, so you will know that it is a thought in the minds of worthwhile people. Will you use it in the next issue if you can, and I send it in place of a story this time.

Sincerely yours for faithful service,
AGNES MAE GLASGOW.

LESSON-LETTER WRITTEN A STUDENT.

My Dear Mr. Gracie:

Your letter comes in rather opportunely, as I have but this day received a letter from Dr. H—, whom you know, asking me about the same thing. I have already answered Dr. H.'s letter through the medium of some magazines, and will endeavor so to reply to you, making the points you mention as clear as I possibly can.

You are correct when you say that many of the

teachers of Advanced Thought, New Thought or Mental Science have all along taught the importance of the imagination. Such well known teachers as Henry Harrison Brown, Mrs. Towne, Eugene Del Mar, Mr. Wattles, Rev. Henry Victor Morgan, Horatio Dresser and Rev. A. C. Grier have never failed to impress upon their students the necessity of what is termed "Visualization." I recall myself having had a letter from Dr. Grier some twelve years ago wherein he quotes that saying of a prophet of old, "Unless my people see visions they perish," and at the same time this great teacher advised me *to mentally hold a vision of that which I desired to come to pass* and assured me that according to my perseverance in keeping my mental vision clear, would be the demonstration. True, I do not recall the good Doctor's exact words, but this I know, I am quoting the spirit of what he wrote me twelve long years ago, so you see that even then we knew the power of imagination to work for weal or woe before this wonderful man of Nancy, France, gave to the world his great slogan, "Day by day and etc."

But my student, you are wrong when you say that you "guess that we who have taught the truth so long will object to the coming of Emile Coue." We are glad he is coming. We recognize in his coming the unerring wisdom working for the upbuilding of the cause we serve. It is impossible for a man of M. Coue's nobility of character to come among us teaching and preaching even one form of this truth without his work bringing credit and advantage to all. He is nobly serving humanity in his efforts to relieve the suffering of those whom he teaches. But, you are right about my not agreeing with him that imagination is the creative force. This I, for one, and mind, I am now only speaking for myself, do not accept that part of his teaching, for by experiment with imagination for some forty or fifty years I am quite confident that I have proven imagination to be the cloth out of which the coat is made. In other words, I hold imagination to be the *Universal substance* and have so taught all whom I ever gave a

single lesson to. There is back of the imagination a something which causes the imagination. This we may call force, energy, or spirit, power, Mind, God. It is that which in the beginning "Moved upon the face of the waters." The water or substance or imagination was the thing moved upon. The water did not exercise the force. But the force did exercise the water.

Another exception I take to some of what you have told me was the claim of this eminent gentleman from France, and that is the position the will seems to hold in the scheme of things. To me the WILL is that which has come out from God. The Son, Man himself, who must determine what he wishes to do with this substance called the imagination, and having determined he is aided by the force, God, to direct the imagination as to what it will accomplish or make of itself. True, without imagination, that is the power to see visions, man could not accomplish anything. The artist envisions the scene he will paint upon the canvas. The sculptor sees his statue in the block of marble before he ever sets chisel to it. The man who builds a railroad has conceived the idea of the road, its purpose and possibilities before he calls in a civil engineer to survey the right of way or a rail is laid. And out of this vision his imagination has furnished the substance for the Eternal Force in Nature, God himself, to deliver the completed task by using the very means or material the man has envisioned.

Now you may say, "She has contradicted herself, for has she not said again and again, 'God is all and in all and there is nothing else?'" and you will be wrong. For if there is an effect there must have been a cause, hence a creation necessitates a force that can create and a substance out of which the thing may be created and an intelligence governing the creation. If the Force is God and the Will, that which came out from God, the Son, and they use substance imagination, then you have the eternal trinity, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Energy, Will and Substance. Three in one and all one.

You also say in your letter that I once wrote you that

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FAITH AND IMAGINATION.

By **URIEL BUCHANAN.**

Among the great mysteries of the human mind there are none deeper and more difficult to understand than the functions of faith and imagination. These and other finer senses bring man into most intimate relationship with the invisible world of cause. They endow him with attributes which take him beyond the confines of the physical senses and connect him with the infinite storehouse of wisdom and power.

Imagination is the eye of the mind. The physical eyesight is necessarily limited in its range of vision. But imagination opens the door to the inner world of thought. It reveals to the quickened vision the truth and beauty of the universe. When the imagination is trained and exalted to image only the highest, man will be able to create a wholesome environment and to attract the material correspondence of every material desire. The imagination recognizes no possible barriers. It annihilates space and time. It peoples the mental world with bright creations of fancy, where man roams at will. The one who has faith in himself, in his star or his destiny, will attain to a greater relative success than the one who rejects the finer impulses and is governed mainly by the crude physical senses.

Every great achievement is the result of a keen perception, a vivid imagination and unwavering faith. The one who gains a great success, in any field of human endeavor, first sees with the "mind's eye" the possibility of his ideals, desires and plans. He has faith in the invisible world of element and power. He makes use of his will to control and direct the superior thought forces and agencies which quickly respond to his positive command. One who has a belief and trust in his ventures will assume greater responsibilities than one who hesitates through doubt and fear. And having faith in himself, man will attract greater confidence and courage with each step of advancement. Every obstacle con-

quered stimulates the imagination and awakens new life and power.

By lack of faith in the majesty of self and a knowledge of our rightful inheritance, we pass through troublous times, and are held in bondage by counter influences which continually play upon us with subtle suggestions of weakness and failure. Something within whispers an occasional word of hope and encouragement and bids us reach up and attain; but the inspiration is checked by the hypnotic wave of erroneous thoughts emanating from unawakened minds.

Doubt and fear arise before us and create mental barriers to reaching the light of freedom. To attract things desired, to rise above adversity and subdue opposing influences, man must have the power to center his mind and direct his thoughts with unwavering confidence. He must be able to overlook all barriers and imagine himself as attaining the goal. He must have faith in himself and faith in the power at his command. He must have the faith and confidence of youth with the wisdom and strength of age.

With the imagination we may explore the world of ideas, reach out into the unknown, and by the magic power of sincere desire call to us the things we need.

Deep in the human consciousness is enthroned the self which is independent of space and time. The self is an inseparable part of the Infinite. It is the sanctuary where the divine and human blend. Entering there with sincere desire and nobility of purpose, we may invoke the power which will aid us to realize our yearnings. The threshold to this inner realm is carefully guarded, and none enter except through effort and worthiness to receive. One may gather a measure of strength through vicissitude and toil and contact with the world's material forces. But the greatest power can be acquired only by the man who is conscious of his relationship to the Infinite.

One who is free from the shadow of doubt and fear, who has faith in the wisdom and justice of natural law, who keeps ever before him the light of high ideals,

may become superior to every influence of adversity, conquer the material instincts of heredity, prolong life and reach the goal of every worthy ambition.

Having reviewed the past, study your relation to the present. Measure yourself and see where you are tending. And do not forget that by your thoughts and acts you are weaving the web of your destiny. This analysis of the inner world of mind will give you a glimpse of the future, and aid to direct the course of your life safely to the haven of its peace and its gladness.

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"the steam in the boiler of a locomotive was a force that drove the locomotive across the continent." Well, I may have said that and it would be true, but standing just as you quote it, it is not all of the truth concerning steam. Steam is, as you say, the result of imagination, and it is substance.

Now can you tell me what caused the imagination or substance to take the form of steam? Was it not the Eternal Force, or God's intelligence working through *man's will* to procure a driving power which caused man to make a fire and boil water, producing steam? You know that it was. Will, operated by the Eternal Force, governed the condition for first conceiving the idea of steam and then in making steam and further in driving that locomotive across the continent.

But you say, "Man had to have imagination to do that." Of course, he had. He had to have substance out of which to make the material, steam, and he used the unseen Universal substance, HIS IMAGINATION.

But M. Coue is right. It's your imagination, the unseen substance, being moved about by the Eternal Force which will trip you up and make you fall off that plank laid across a pit M. Coue tells us about, unless you control the imagination with some ideas of your own, and it requires a mighty strong will power to do this. Your imagination is your friend or your foe, according to the control you exercise over it. Use your imagination and it cannot use or betray you.

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