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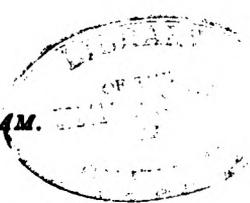
Nerve us with incessant affirmatives. Don't bark against the bad, but chant the beauties of the good.—EMERSON.

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Time past and time to be are one,
And both are NOW.—WHITTIER.

'Twas only striking from the calendar
Dead yesterdays and unborn tomorrows.

—OMAR KHAYYAM.



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REALIZATIONS

- I am one with the universe,
Inseparably a part thereof.
- I am one with Infinite Life,
Inseparably a part of its being.
- I am one with Infinite Power,
Inseparable from Divine Will.
- I am one with Divine Being,
Inseparable from God.
- I am one with Divine Law,
Inseparable from the Law.
- I choose to have the big consciousness
and live by it.
- I hereby direct all the forces of my
being to receive TRUTH.
- I realize that Reality is the Foundation
of Truth.

My meditations by day and my dream by
night will be designed to awaken myself
to a greater spiritual understanding of
Life, Reality and Truth.

I shall know the Truth and the Truth
will make me Free!

Dr. Wm. F. Kelley.

THE SCIENCE OF PROPHECY
By Henry Victor Morgan.

"Thou shalt decree a thing and it shall be established in thee." JOB.

THERE is a popular conception that prophecy is fortune telling. The idea is that the dice of God are all loaded; that all history is but an unfoldment of what is eternally decreed. During the late war, I listened to an address on the Prophecy of Daniel, that was thoroughly disheartening. Had I believed it I would ever after have lived in a world devoid of hope.

According to the speaker, Daniel knew exactly the part Germany, France, England and all the other nations were going to play in the great conflict. In fact, Daniel was intimately acquainted with the life and character of Emperor William and Lloyd George. Both were simply puppets in the binding arms of eternal destiny; and in the light of reason (to which the speaker seemed blind) both equally praiseworthy and blameworthy.

It seemed evident, according to the speaker, that William was an accepted servant of the Most High, and even were he as black as his enemies love to paint him could stand before God and say "To this end was I born, and for this purpose came I into the world." Human responsibility has been set aside and man is but an automaton.

But the function of true prophecy is creative. It was voiced by Isaiah in these words of light; "So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth; it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I send it. For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace; the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing; and all the trees of the fields shall clap their hands. In-

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stead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the briar shall come up the myrtle tree:and it shall be to the Lord for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off."

In this there is no fatalism. The highest function of the human soul is portrayed and man's partnership with God revealed. He whose soul has seen the creative nature of thought, will no longer inquire of the oracle what is going to happen. He becomes a cause rather than a spectator, and he calls on the Universal Mind to supply all his needs. To paraphrase Paul I would say: "The Law of the Spirit of Life in Jesus Christ hath made me free from the limitations of sense and circumstance." It has released me from the tyranny of fate. It has shown me that while facing the Eternal, with mind fixed on God, my thought becomes the thought of God, and my word becomes the word of God; that I can join with all who come to me to escape the thralldom of limitation, and that together we can decree a thing and it will come to pass.

All who have entered the true spirit of prophecy and who have become aware of the Eternal, know that the Book of Life is never closed. Paul loved to call it the Law of the Spirit of Life. Mark well the word Law. It is not chance. It is certainty of the Omnipotence of thought.

Would to God I could send this message of life and liberty to every human soul. If I were a voice, an immortal voice, I would whisper to every soul enquiring: What has the future in store for me; What will the New Year bring? this wonderful assurance of a faith that works by Love. I would say: Your destiny is in your own hands. You are the Lawmaker. I would say to all discouraged, fate-ridden, goblin chased victims of sense and superstition: There is no power working against you. In the language of the ancient prophet, I would say: "Come, now, and let us

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reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool."

The voice of prophecy forever makes man aware of the presence of God, assuring him that there is no place where Omnipotent Love is not available.

Many years ago, when this light first dawned on me, I preached a sermon on the striking topic: "God in Hell." The very daring of the title brought consternation to some and a great deliverance to others. The sermon was based on David's declaration: "Though I make my bed in hell, behold Thou art there." The acceptance of Omnipresent Love in every trial and affliction would mean the uttermost redemption. When we once realize that God is all, and all is Love, it becomes apparent that Love reaches to the lowest hell of human suffering.

Daring as it may sound, I say the work of the Christian metaphysician is to put out the fires of hell. Every treatment given is to that end, and Love is the golden key of deliverance. My own deliverance, as far as it has gone, has been wrought by this divine alchemy. What healing I have been able to bring to others is in the light of Love to prophesy health instead of sickness, life instead of death, good instead of evil, God instead of the devil.

The quickening and creative power of prophecy is related in Ezekiel, wherein the prophet tells of seeing a valley of dry bones. To him the Voice said: "Prophecy!" The result of his creative prophecy was a living host where death had been (Ez. 37.) The prophet could join with Browning in saying: "What never has been is now."

Let us imagine the result should a great spirit of creative prophecy come upon all men. If the vision of creative thought should become dominant, and instead of reading signs and omens, and fearfully inquiring: What is coming? the en-

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tire human family should realize its unity with the Divine and declare: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he hath sent me to preach deliverance to the captives, to set at liberty those who are bound," how soon the desert would bloom as a rose.

Perhaps it is too much to expect the race to suddenly forsake its Gods of materialism and return to the spiritual concept of life, but there is nothing to prevent the individual from doing so at any time. Millions have already done so, and are singing a song of faith in the midst of earth's darkness. Theirs is the optimism of divinity. They never think of the obstacle to be overcome but of the power that worketh in them. Theirs is the efficiency and the immediacy of God. They do not wait for an angel to move the waters but speak the Living Word, knowing it shall prosper whereunto they send it. They know no event can befall a man whose eyes turn Godward, but he can turn it to beautiful results. Emancipated minds place the law of good over every occurrence. They know that life will bring to them what they bring to life.

Boldly do I prophesy good to all who read this lesson in a receptive spirit, and who identify themselves with the creative process. Full well do I know the beatitude of this law of prophecy and its efficacy in lifting the soul of man from glory to glory. He who is least in the kingdom of God has found an inheritance incorruptable. He finds within himself the power to give the true riches to all who ask, and in the humility of a faith rooted in God he can say to all who ask for a sign: The blind receive their sight, the deaf hear, tubercular lungs are rebuilt, the epileptic is restored, through the power of the word that has not returned unto him void, but has accomplished manifestations that stagger the imagination.

Too much stress cannot be laid on the necessity of the prophetic spirit in healing. There

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is an innate wisdom that should teach us all necessary to be known about every one who is attracted to us for help. One flash of spiritual insight will enable us to do in a second what would require weeks and months of hard mental effort through suggestive therapeutics or psycho-analysis. I am not saying this in a spirit of criticism. Full well I know the efficacy of these methods in the hands of conscientious practitioners. But there is a highway of wholeness. There is an inmost center of power in every human soul wherein may be shared the omnipotence of God. The greater forever must include the lesser. The serpents of moses forever swallowed up the serpents of the Egyptians!

So in the truly prophetic Christian ministry of healing all good is included. All that can be accomplished by any method can be accomplished better by the highest. Nothing is forbidden. All is yours. In prophetic illumination all barriers disappear.

Time and space are abolished. Recently, while listening to a lecturer who was giving class instruction in the laying on of hands, I felt my hands reaching across the continent to a patient in Brooklyn, and I knew he knew I was there. Soul answers to soul, and man answers to the Omnipotence of God.



A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Ye Editor looks for great things this year. Each year sees a gain in the number of the subscribers to NOW. Any word that you may speak in its favor will be appreciated. Extending greetings for a Happy New Year to all its readers all over the world, I also thank you one and all for your continued interest.

THE KINGDOM OF THE MIND

By Henry Frank

(Author of The Psychology of Success etc.)

(Continued from last month.)

EACH lives within a spiritual laboratory where fusions and transmutations take place that are more subtle and miraculous than bowels of earth or teeming energies of space reveal.

So to live that all the products of this toiling laboratory shall be splendid and beautiful, useful and ennobling, purifying and exalting, is the end of being.

But how to achieve this: how to draw into the limited laboratory of oneself the forces of the infinite that shall make for beauty and utility: ah, this is the problem!

But the answer is quite simple. Like attracts like; energy is circulatory; the vortex swallows the vagrant. That is, get into the current of the stream that savors of sweetness, goodness, truthfulness, honor, beauty, usefulness, dignity, manhood.

A globule of water is glowing or gloomy as it draws to itself the sheen of the sun or the dank of the dark.

Relation is the determinant of destiny. Put yourself in the way of the thing you crave and desire and the stream will carry you on.

Surround yourself with the forces that make for power and you will become powerful. Live and abide with those who succeed and you will become successful. Their habits will become your habits, their thoughts yours, their energy, their concentration, their secret. Dwell in an atmosphere of beauty and your thoughts will become beautiful.

Young Murillo knew not the instinct of the artist within till he worked in his master's studio. His master at work unconsciously reveal-

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ed his secret to his puny pupil and the pupil anon o'ermastered the master.

Ah, but one objects, how can we do this? So often the guerdon of fate is so oppressive that naught but gloom surrounds us. Failures are everywhere and to escape their company seems impossible. The fumes of hell smell rank to heaven and our nostrils are offended.

True. But even so; the realm within may be qualified by the powers within. In the kingdom of the mind the Thinker conjures his own environment. In prison one may be free in mind and thought though behind stone wall and iron bars. John Bunyon lives in the kingdom of his imagination though his body languish in filth. Robert Bruce lives in dreams of conquest, finally realized, though his hands and his feet are chained to his cell.

The mould of thought is the pattern of character. The instincts, the emotions, the habits, the predilections, may all be moulded by the magician of the mind: that indwelling artist who carves from the substance of the soul the images we idolize for good or ill, for happiness or sorrow.

Man know thyself to make thyself anew! With the mallet of thought and lofty ideals so chisel the forms that people the corridors of thy being that viewing them thou shalt become beautiful and ennobled, self-conquering and conquerer of fate.

(The End)

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SIX STEPS IN MENTAL MASTERY

This was the last book written by Henry Harrison Brown, and it is one of the best books for the student of metaphysics ever written. It costs but 50 ¢ and contains the most practical instruction for personal demonstration.

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PSYCHO-ANALYSIS AND RATIONAL BUSINESS SUCCESS ETC.

A Course of Advanced Lessons
BY Dr. Wm. Franklin Kelley

Part 2

THE METAPHYSICAL FOUNDATION OF APPLIED PSY- CHOLOGY

IN the introductory lesson we set forth as the basis of our study "Twelve Axioms of Reason," which comprise the keynotes to the philosophy we are now studying,-- giving the gist of its principles and practice.

The first of these axioms is that WE LIVE IN A UNIVERSE which is infinite, Its center is everywhere, but its circumference is nowhere. A person, no matter how thoughtful, cannot conceive an "outside" of an infinite universe. A billion trillion miles from where we live- or rather sail along- on our little old planet "earth," accompanied by a small scattering family of other planets,- there is still the center of space. Add infinitudes of distance as you will,-add these distances until the mind reels,- then double that conception of distance or space and multiply it by a hundred billion more, and still you will be no nearer the circumference than now.

SPACE DEFINED

The infinite expanse of the universe is called space unlimited. Limited space would be that part of infinite space which we choose to measure by concepts of limitation or points of distance,- such as miles, yards, feet, inches, etc. Space itself, in the real sense as applied to its infinite reality, is boundless, changeless and eternal.

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TIME DEFINED

Time, like Space, serves the double purpose of finite and infinite reality. The duration of the moment which we conceive of physically, we segregate into divisions, which we call years, months, days, hours, minutes, seconds, etc. These periods of time are but created conveniences by which we and Nature measure portions, or, as it were, fragments of ENDLESS DURATION, - known in our philosophy as Eternity, or as Infinity of Time.

Space and Time are co-essentials in the reality of Being. We could not exist, nor could there be any existence whatsoever without these essentials. Many writers on metaphysics make the mistake of assuming that the Fourth Dimension, or the abstract principles, applies to the Reality of Time and Space, as well as to the finite conception of time and space. This viewpoint is not good metaphysics.

While it is true that the limitations of Time and Space, such as measurements of distance or periods of time, exist by virtue of human conception or other forms of limited expression, it does not follow that the reality of Time and Space are at all affected by such limitation, and most certainly are not annihilated, as some of these "fourth dimensionists" would have us believe.

THE FOURTH DIMENSION

There are states of consciousness wherein time and space seem to be factors of creation. Back of the expressions of art, music, truth, mathematics, we imagine an IDEAL or REAL source, the perfection of which is never duplicated by the expression. Just so, back of our "expressions" or measurements of time and space, resides the abstract ideality of Time and Space. Just what this abstract existence is, is hard to define. Indeed, any definition of its results in expression and form, - hence it is no longer in the abstract of fourth dimension, - which is of

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the formless, the uncreate, an essence of being beyond the sub-conscious.

I like to conceive of the fourth dimension as the realm of pure consciousness, a state or quality of Divine Being, beyond MIND. Most philosophers treat of the subject of Mind AS IF Mind were the fourth dimension or ultimate strata of knowable Being. I recently read a book which deals at length with mental concepts and astral experiences, as though these were objects of the fourth dimension. Evidently the author experienced several vivid dreams or other hallucinations which transcended his sense perceptions, and jumped to the conclusion that he was in the realm of the fourth dimension. To quote his own conclusion: "The fact that I traveled thousands of miles in a fraction of a second, merely by a change of thought, proves the annihilation of time and space, and the unreality of matter."

A BIG CONCEPTION

Thousands of people who believe themselves deep thinkers and real students of metaphysics, never get beyond the fallacy of denying some of the realities of life. In the ultimate nature of Being, it does not matter whether the period of time involved is a billionth of a second or a billion years; in either case it is but a moment of eternity, and absolutely of equal importance. Eternity could not dispense with a fraction of a second any easier than she could omit from her calendar the period of a solar creation, which we are told probably runs nearer into trillions of years than mere millions. Time is time, whether calculated as a fraction of a second or in terms of years and solar periods. So likewise, this same fact applies to the nature of space.

Space is the PLACE of existence. There is no existence without it. Time is the duration of existence, and there is no possibility of existence without it. Whether measured or unmeasured, Time and Space are there, - always there. Space is the place wherein the universe

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exists, and Time the duration in which it continues. This infinite concept of Time and Space is essential to a true understanding of the Reality of Being. Infinitude is the realm of the fourth dimension. Know what this means, and you will have acquired a key to knowledge. It is a big conception, but try to grasp it.

ULTIMATE BEING — DEFINED

The present tendency of modern science is to prove the occult interpretation of life. Not that the scientists of today openly accept occultism, - but every advanced scientific speculation and discovery gets nearer and nearer the speculations and teachings of mystic lore and occultism. The definition of ultimate being which I am about to give, is a modern rendering or interpretation of very ancient occult teaching. However, scientists of today claim the honor of having discovered this truth. As yet the physical scientists, generally, admit only the last half of my definition of substance or ultimate Being. This phase of being is called **MATTER**.

ULTIMATE BEING is the final analysis of that which is. In its grand totality it includes all that is, has been or will be. Both the created and uncreated, visible and invisible, physical and psychical, mental and spiritual are included in IT. In the ultimate nature of being we call this the prototypal or Divine Substance. In practical definition it would be called Divine MIND, which in turn is the foundation or ultimate of Natural Law. This fact is recognized by many eminent physical scientists of today. Recognition of Divine Mind or God in the background of Nature, is not only logical, but inevitable.

MATTER DEFINED

Physical scientists are all agreed on the fact that the universe is a vital, ever-moving sea of substance, which to all intents and purposes is unlimited. It is often said that we

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exist actually in a sea of living, vital fluid or energy which is all about us, - above, below, and around, in and through every part and portion of our being. In fact, the very atoms and particles of our body, every cell and tissue, comprises, as it were, bundles of vital force, from which we draw our sustenance. Applied Psychology is the study which aims to teach how to release this energy which is bound up in the atoms and cells of one's being, and apply it to the practical purposes of daily life, - for health, happiness and success.

As ordinarily defined, matter is the physical; visible, ponderable substance of creation which we see, feel and handle. People used to say they would not believe in the existence of that which could not be seen, felt and handled. To make such a statement these days is but to advertise one's ignorance. All scientists agree that the universe is filled with imponderable, invisible, undetectable ether--a something which has neither form, limitations nor dimensions, save those artificially imposed, as in the case of Time and Space. All that is known about it, as admitted by physical scientists, is that it exists, and that it is the source and power of the universe and of all the forces of creation.

THE REVELATIONS OF WIRELESS

The discovery and popularizing of wireless telegraph and telephone are doing more to prepare the world for metaphysics and occultism than any other one factor in present-day civilization. Not long ago I was listening "in" on a talk being sent broadcast by the General Electric Company's wireless station at Newark, New Jersey. As I sat in my laboratory and received by wireless the following message, - simultaneously received likewise by fully ten thousand other amateur and professional stations all over the country, - I marveled and rejoiced at the inestimable service being rendered, - perhaps unintentionally and unknowingly.

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The talk lasted fully a half hour, and similar ones are frequently given. The gist of it in general, and as I recall it, was as follows: "To become a practical operator, it is well to thoroughly understand the forces with which one is dealing. The mechanical side of wireless, while intensely interesting and necessary, is but a small part; there is a more vital side to this great subject. Wireless today presents more possibilities as a source of joy, by adding advanced knowledge about life to the present human store, than any other line of research. Those who are interested in philosophy and the invisible or occult side of life' will find much food for thought in the prevalent wireless theories about the nature of Ether.

"Here I am this moment, talking out into space through the medium of the radiophone, to thousands of people. You all hear me at the same time, although some of you are hundreds and even thousands of miles apart. The ether waves which carry my message to you circle out from this station in all directions similarly to the waves and ripples caused by throwing a stone out into a pond of water. These ether waves go on and on forever. There is not the slightest doubt but that an instrument will be invented, which will enable the wireless operator a million years hence to tune into this particular wave and reproduce my exact words, the same as you are doing at this present moment.

"Everything we do, everything we say or think, vibrates into the ether some certain form of motion. Perhaps some day, some one will invent a method of tuning in to the vibrations of human thought and oral conversation,- for the records caused by speech are as indelibly recorded in the ethers of space as are the wireless messages. Science tells us that nothing in the form of energy is ever lost. Forms of force may be transmuted by varying the circuit, introducing into the circuit differently adjusted instru-

ments, etc., but the nature of ether is such that it retains forever any impression, however slight. Realizing this fact, it will impel the inventive genius of the future to discover ways and means to detect and amplify the particular ether stratas from which he desires information. Some day we shall sit and listen to the actual words of Jesus, to the great poets and philosophers of past ages. We shall again listen to Beethoven's music played by Beethoven, and the harmonies of Wagner, as produced by Wagner. There are surely sufficient items of promise to make the incentive irresistible for every boy to own a wireless telephone, and by experiment, study and learn more of the nature of ether."

THE CONNECTING LINK

Wireless has supplied us the connecting link between spiritual substance and matter. Here is a mechanical method of dealing with an invisible force, which is, according to all scientific conceptions and definitions, opposite in its fundamental nature to that which has been previously defined as matter.

We have said that matter, as usually defined, refers to the material substance, the chemical elements into which things can be separated by processes of dissolution. Ordinary physical science has succeeded thus in "discovering," or rather, segregating matter into "primary" elements now ranging from 45 to 60, more or less, of permanent consistency. The reasonings of physical scientists follow the basis furnished by the nature of these primary elements, and theories, as well as facts, based thereon, have up to now, comprised the "science" taught in college, academy, and university. The facts will remain part of science, but the knowledge evolved through experience and experiment with the ether by means of wireless and Electro Chemistry have disproved many, and will upset many more "theories" regarding the nature of matter, despite the "scientific" reputation such theories have enjoyed here-

tofore.

It is now positively known and can be demonstrated with proper equipment, that any of the so-called basic elements can be dissolved into atoms, and these in turn into electrons,--the latter presumed to be the ultimate constituent of the atom. The number of electrons in an atom, and form of motion they maintain in their relation to each other, determines the nature of the atom,-- whether it be that of gold, silver, platinum, carbon, air, water, etc. Thus, in the new view of science, we have a monistic theory, which need go but a step farther to admit the psychic nature of ether. Then modern science will have joined hands with rational metaphysics and ancient occultism.

PERVERTED PHILOSOPHY

In a recent lecture which I chanced to attend, the speaker made the statement that "The discoveries of science now show that matter does not exist: because," said he, "the elements of matter have been dissolved to atoms, atoms to electrons, and electrons are nothing more nor less than swirls of ether. Ether is something which no one ever saw, felt or handled; consequently there is no matter that matters." Very good "logic" if confined to an exhibition "stunt" where a play on terms and words is the end sought. But when this sort of reasoning is vended as good philosophy, the speaker should not blame the audience for taking it as a joke.

The lack of consistency in modern-day philosophy, especially of the pragmatic, metaphysical type, is as evident and as deplorable as it is in those churches that still stick to the theory of hell-fire and infant damnation. What is most needed at the present time is training in how to think consistently and logically. A person who will admit demonstrated fact, then stick consistently to a line of argument until the logical conclusion is reached, has some chance of arriving at the truth. But those individuals who

merely make a jumble of disconnected statements and call it philosophy or metaphysics, have a long path to go before arriving anywhere, or before achieving any clearness of vision.

Then there is the atheist and the materialist who is usually the most dogmatic and irrational of all, but who constantly boasts of his rationality. Due to his one-sided vision and limited understanding of the deeper principles of life, he argues in a circle, thinks he accounts for all creation, but, as a matter of fact, never really explains anything. On the other hand, there is the Christian Scientist, who balances the scales of human thought by tipping the other side of the scales with absolute denial of material existence, and with a negation in theory of all that sense perception and human belief and reason indicate as true. Thus we stand in the center of a dilemma, on one side of us is the materialist who says there is no spirit, and on the other side stands the Christian Scientist who claims there is no matter.

FINDING THE TRUTH

As usual, we shall probably find that we are nearer the truth if we remain in the center between the two extremes. The materialist has a truth and a vital one, in his claim that physical science deals with reality. The discoveries of science are important, and the work of all branches of scientific research are essential to educational progress. But to stop with external physical research, and expect at that point to have solved the problems of life, would be like going to a theatre and staying outside at the box office to see the show. One must admit that such a person would not see much of the show. So it is with the physical scientist who ignores the facts of psychology and the spiritual side of life. His observations are of necessity external; he does not know, and cannot fully realize the inner processes and causes of why things are as they are.

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On the other hand, the Christian Scientist and the idealistic type of metaphysician is equally one-sided. It is a strange sort of philosophy to claim, as some of these do, that "God is all," that "there is no evil, no sin, no sickness nor death," that "there is no reality in matter," and that "Mind, God, Spirit, Life, is All in All, universal, omnipresent." However, on this premise, if it were true, it is logical to conclude as they do, that there is nothing real but God, or "omnipresent, omniscient good," consequently there is no sin, sickness or death. I will admit that it is an excellent and hopeful idea, which has undoubtedly helped thousands of people to find health and happiness; but so likewise the old fallacy of hell-fire and devils. I would not for a mint of gold or for world-wide fame shake anyone's confidence in an illusion which brings happiness,- much less a half-truth as is this viewpoint, unless I give a full and better truth to take its place.

REALITY

The truth of the matter is this: we live in a world of reality. Everything is real on its own plane of existence. There is no such thing as something existing which does not exist. The materialist errs when he denies the existence of Mind as an essential reality. Mind, God, Spirit, Life, as the vitalizing substance, which designs, guides and directs creation and all forms of manifestation, must be admitted in any rational, inclusive philosophy, or for that matter, in any complete scientific thesis. On the other hand, the metaphysician, idealist, or Christian Scientist who denies the existence of matter, or the spiritual value of sense-perception, human intellect and physical experience, is false to himself and to life. Apply the test of reality to everything, and the truth will appear. **ONLY THAT WHICH IS REAL EXISTS, AND ALL THAT IS IS REAL.**

The importance of this viewpoint will dawn on the student as we progress toward the big vision

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which we hope to develop in this study. The starting point in one's philosophy is the key to the whole system, providing he is logical and consistent in his reasoning. The teacher of Applied Psychology and Rational Metaphysics should be sure the key he uses is the one that will unlock the door of the Infinite for therein lies truth. Metaphysics that is worth following must deal with Infinite or universal principles. To fall short of an infinite concept as the foundation of one's philosophy, is like building a house on the sands of a seashore. Your metaphysical conception is to be the foundation of your mental structure.

I admonish the student to keep digging and building at this foundation of REALITY and INFINITUDE until consciousness of this truth dawns. To proceed farther either for practical demonstration or for intellectual insight, it is essential that one's consciousness grasp the meaning of this fact, that EVERYTHING IS REAL ON ITS OWN PLANE OF EXISTENCE and that we LIVE IN AN INFINITE UNIVERSE OF WHICH WE ARE AN INSEPERABLE PART. Much meditation on these two principles is time well spent. It prepares the mind to appreciate the next essential principle of our philosophy, which is fundamental fact of Nature and existence.

NATURAL LAW

The third axiom of reason states that Creation is governed by fixed and immutable principles called Natural Law. Natural Law should be defined as the external or outer working of Divine Mind. Taking the nature of personal mind as an analogy or likeness of the Divine Mind, the correspondence would show that Natural Law exercises about the same relative position in the universe as man's conscious Mind and Will maintain in the human economy. Natural Law is inexorable; the human will tries to be. Natural Law is Nature's way of expressing omniscience and omnipotence, universally applied; the human will

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and personal mind are individual applications or fragments of universal intelligence. As a rule the will and the conscious mind fail to connect freely or to apply their subconscious powers fully. What man needs most, is conscious knowledge of how to apply his powers of reason, imagination and will for establishing free access to his subconscious mind, in the depths or heights of which lie universal knowledge and infinite power.

It is through a definite knowledge of the laws of Nature, which, when fully understood, are seen to be the laws of life, that we know how to live rightly. When right living is made the habitual program with that sort of knowledge as background and cause, then health, prosperity, happiness and efficiency automatically appear as legitimate features in that life. Except as a statement of one's own obliquity and ignorance, the phrase "Life is a game of chance," has no other value.

On the other hand, life may be made a play, a melodrama, a tragedy or a burlesque, - determined by the fundamental, ruling convictions of the player. But there is no need to go through life guessing, stumbling, fumbling, struggling. There are fixed principles, immutable laws, definite methods of procedure, which will guide you unerringly to the goal of prosperity, health and happiness, if you choose to tread the path, and do it intelligently. And then there are spiritual counterparts, or spiritual interpretations in each of these features, of health, happiness and prosperity, - which, however, does not change the law of their attainment. To gain this realization, that life is not a game of chance, but is ruled by a great law called CAUSE AND EFFECT, is essential to true progress. The realizations or affirmations on page 1 of this journal will aid in gaining this essential understanding.

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