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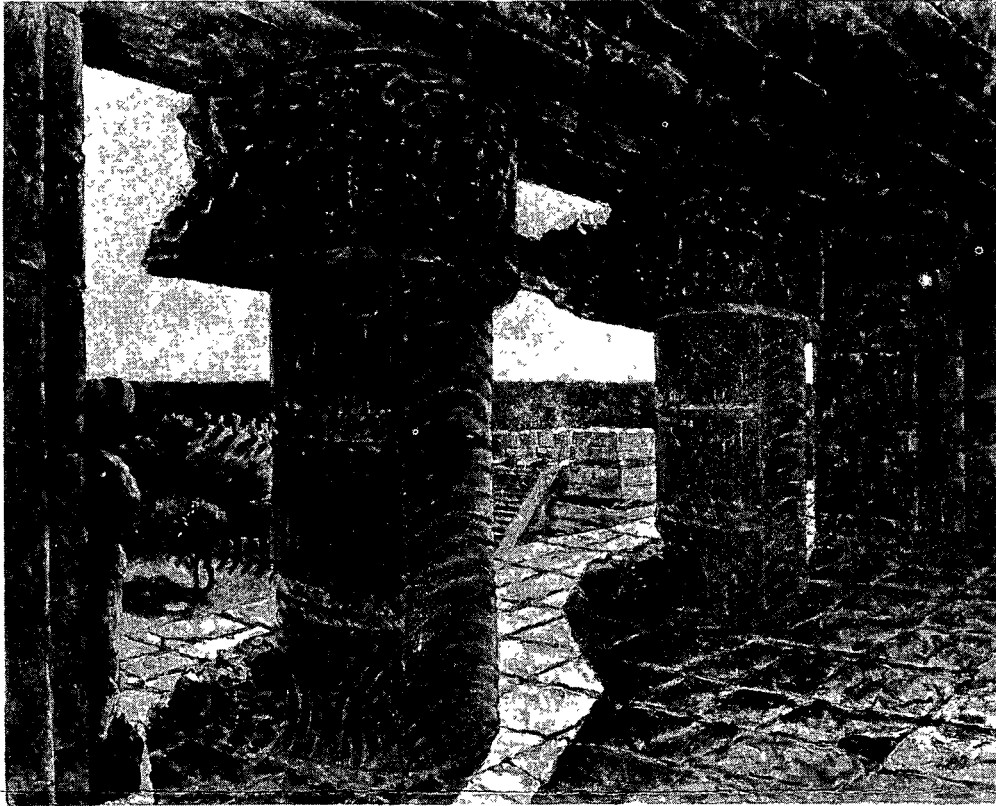
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Seven Magic Words

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We rejoice, Beloved Centurion,

in presenting to you Number One in the new Miracle Temple Lectures. May it be blessed as it comes to your hand, your heart and your mind.

This first Monograph has been given the title THINK. It has been said that thinkers are scarce as gold, but he whose thoughts embrace all his subject and who pursues it uninterruptedly is a diamond of enormous size.

THOUGHTS ARE THINGS. They have the power to affect our health, our fortunes, our friendships, our appearances. Not only can our thinking greatly influence our own life, but the lives of those around us, our dear ones, our friends, our fellow workers. Our thoughts and the way we express ourselves through our thoughts even has its effect on the children with whom we come in contact.

So let us, as we begin this important series on the journey upward toward the attainment of the perfect life, resolve to put ourselves in line to receive. One of our Beloved Centurions expresses our meaning quite beautifully when he says, "My life is a solemn dedication of myself in prayer and meditation, within the portals of the temple."

With this glorious thought in mind, let us proceed by prayerfully repeating the following Meditation:

MEDITATION

I Realize that my mentality - brain, mind, and thought, constitute a torch of living in light in what would otherwise be darkness. I purpose to care well for and use rightly this precious possession, the miracle of thought, and I dedicate its powers to right purposes and their fulfillment.

THE MIRACLE

Have you ever seen a miracle? Perhaps you will say that you have never seen any such thing as the miracles recorded in the Bible. Or perhaps you will say that you have at some time seen something of the kind. Or perhaps you will say you do not believe the claims about times when the very processes of nature seem to have been stopped or changed.

But that is not what is meant here by miracle. The idea here is that the processes of nature are themselves miracles - ALL of them. Now and then, for some special purpose, the God who ordained all these laws may have had reason to halt or alter temporarily the operation of some of them; but that was not half so wonderful as planning and setting them going in the first place, nor is anything that happens to one of them nearly so wonderful as itself.

You may say that you never saw a sea parted, or a fire kindled from nothing, or a person raised from the dead. Perhaps not, but what a marvelous thing is the sea itself, or the setting ablaze of some combustible material and thus releasing sunbeams imprisoned in it long ago by the miracle of growth, or the

functioning of a living being who needs no resurrection! We do not have to search for miracles, for we are NEVER away from them. Miracles are not things that happen just here and there. Each created thing is a miracle, and so is each process of its existence. Among the chief miracles are hope, aspiration, love, sensation, and thought, ALL things with which we constantly have to do.

Have you never thought of YOUR MIND and its processes as among the GREAT-EST of miracles? All these years that you have been wondering what a miracle is like, ... you have been living with a supreme miracle, your own POWER to think. Most people do not make the most of their minds and powers. They could and would flower out into FAR GREATER POWER AND WONDER, if they were only developed and used at the maximum. Even so, in however slipshod a way they may be used, they are MIRACLES.

The purpose of this lesson is to help show YOU THE WAY to USE this miracle of thought in SUCH A WAY as to bring it to and hold it at its GREATEST power and service. Think of it with the wonder and reverence it DESERVES - a miraculous power that belongs to YOU, of which YOU have the exclusive use, and to the work of which YOU have always the first claim. One who possesses such a God-given power should never be low in spirit, or be pessimistic, or think of himself as not favored by Providence. Rather he should realize that he is made in the image of God, that he has a mind made in the image of God's mind, and that IT HAS THE POWER to THINK THOUGHTS made in the image of HIS thoughts. That should put new enthusiasm into ANYONE'S soul.

THINK

THINKING picks you up and lifts you entirely away from this world's life, altogether above the level of the slime and clay. It does better than set you among the stars; it sets you in the company of the thinkers of the centuries - among the company of the good, the wise, and the great, even before the throne of the God of truth Himself. When you think, you are using the most amazing, delicate, and complex of all mechanisms. You are tuning in on the whispering universe with all the numberless secrets it is so willing to tell you.

Think of something - anything - worth while. Meditate on it. Turn it about in your mind this way and that, as one might turn all the sides of a brilliant gem to the light. What is it? What is its meaning? Who created it, and how, and why? What does all this seem to say to you? Do you realize that as you do this simple bit of thinking you are experiencing a supreme privilege, a surpassing wonder, a matchless miracle? People who shun or neglect thinking are unkind to themselves. They shut themselves out from one of life's most majestic experiences.

We know that every so-called fact in the physical universe is a vibration interpreted by specialized powers of perception as light, color, form, sound, taste, smell, resistance to touch, etc. Probably the spiritual facts like love, hope, and thought, too, are our reactions to higher vibrations. That is what thought is believed by many to be, one of the highest vibrations we know anything about. Science is beginning to take note of it as such and to investigate its nature and possibilities from this viewpoint.

We say it is beginning to do so, and we mean just that. In time we may definitely know that the thinking of a thought is the releasing of one of the

greatest possible forces, and that it therefore carries one of the greatest possible responsibilities. How then can we dare not to do everything possible to use this miracle power rightly?

Without cost you have been provided with all the apparatus you need. It weighs only about a pound and a half, so you carry it with you wherever you go. You do not even have to touch a button to turn it on, to open a channel from or flash a message to anywhere at all. The use of this equipment can change your life, the lives of others, the life of the world, or the life of the future. How far the released energy can go no one knows. It passes beyond the range of our knowledge, but so far as we know it does not stop.

Here, then, is something much more stupendous than most people realize, perhaps more so than anyone realizes yet. But if you will pause and carefully consider what has grown out of human minds since the beginning of time, you will stand in hushed and reverent amazement before the miracles of your mind and its power to think.

Think then. Stop once and for all from aimless mental drifting, letting all kinds of idle and unimportant impressions blow through your mind like trash blowing through the house on a windy day. Have done forever with anything which does not matter whether you think it or how. Keep and cultivate your mind with care. You are going to need to have it in good working condition all the days of your life.

YOUR THINKING EQUIPMENT

We are now to make a rather careful analysis of the equipment used in thinking. This is needed, for the words involved are used loosely and carelessly. We are here to make an effort to distinguish clearly what we mean by such words as brain, mind, and thought, so that hereafter you may use them exactly and with definiteness of meaning.

Do not fall into the habit of confusing your brain with your mind, or either of them with thought. Some people speak of these three things as though they were one. They are distinctly different, though they are all related to the same process.

Your brain is a physical and material instrument, nothing else and nothing more. Let us now think of it as an organ. Organs range from large to small, from complex to simple. Some are kept in good condition, and some are neglected. Some are whole and some are broken. Some are used, and some stand idle. An organ is useless and dead unless it is under the command of a conscious person, so of itself it is nothing. A poor musician can do little with a good organ, or a good musician with a poor one.

Your brain is an organ which you possess and can play if, when, and how you choose and are able. Being yours and in your power, it is capable of right use, wrong use, or no use at all. You can play it as well as you know how, or you can play it carelessly and poorly. You can use it or neglect it. You can keep it in condition or let it deteriorate. Above all, by study and practice, you can learn how to play it better. It is in your power.

An organ stands silent until some kind of power is turned into it. In these days the power used is electricity, a separate impulse setting off each single note. The power that activates the brain is mind. It is something separate and different, coming from the outside as electric current does. But no matter what else you do, nothing happens until this power is turned on and goes coursing through the mechanism. Your brain is yours to carry about. Mind, like electricity, is something universal with which you have to connect.

When power is turned into an organ, and capable fingers touch the keyboard, it gives forth music, the quality of which is determined by the player's ability and effort, and the nature of which is determined by the kind of a person doing the playing. When you play the organ of your brain, the music you produce is thought. It is peculiarly yours, and it becomes the influence that shapes your actions and finally determines your destiny. Some, like children, do not like to practice on this marvelous instrument, while others learn to do it so well that they contribute something deathless to the thought of the ages.

Now let us notice the most marvelous thing about the human brain. There have come times to certain people - people just like you - when they discovered that their brains were giving off thought as an organ gives off music, though they were not consciously doing the thinking themselves. This thought music was richer and finer than they were capable of producing. Immortal thoughts of truth were sounding. Lo, they were inspired!

What had happened, was that God had honored them for the moment by playing His own kind of music on their brains. They had kept and used these instruments so well that He could do so. Use this wonderful organ well, then, so well that some time you may hear it when you have not touched it, and you will know that God is at the keyboard of your brain.

THINK RIGHTLY

Since the brain, and mind, and thought, are the divine miracles they are; and since the use of them is so great a privilege, and the effects of it are so important and far-reaching, you can see how vital all this is to the right understanding and use of these God-given powers. Take seriously the obligation not only to think, but to strive to think rightly. Know the patterns of right thinking as the composer of music knows all the signs and combinations that make his score. Have purpose in your thinking. Realize that thought is not something superficial and automatic. It is something planned and directed.

Some speak of thought as a stream of consciousness, which indicates that they have not attained to more than a superficial concept of it. Thought is rather what is done with the stream of consciousness and how it is directed. The importance is not in the stream, but in what is carried on the stream, and where.

Suppose the stream of consciousness were like one of the heavy conveyor belts we see carrying goods from place to place in a great factory. The belt might run on forever, and all it could do of itself would be to wear out and stop running.

What counts is whether anything is carried on the belt, whether it is the right thing, and whether it gets to the desired place.

The fact that the stream of consciousness runs through your life is nothing of itself. Alone it is like a river on which no cargo is ever floated. What you put into that stream and for what purpose - these are the things that count.

We might think of the stream of consciousness carrying all kinds of chance notions and random impressions along with it, but of no more significance than the wind blowing out of one direction into another, or like a stream flowing aimlessly wherever it can find lower ground. It is when wings are put into the air or boats on the water, set for certain ports with certain cargo for some certain purpose, that these streams take on significance.

The stream of consciousness is not thinking. Putting something worthwhile into it and bringing about the right result is. Thinking is not a mind grinding out just anything at random, but one reaching conclusions that are usable and dependable. It is well enough, then, to hold to our symbolism of the brain as an organ, with mind for its power and thought for the resulting music. This symbolism leads us surely to a sense of the importance of right thinking. The things that live in this world are the things that have been done right. The wreckage of time is made up of those that have not. So strive to think rightly.

AN EXPLORING FORCE

Consider your thinking as an exploring force, as a probing of the universe for its secrets and their meanings. You are playing the organ yourself now. You are pushing out into all sorts of nooks and crannies, along all kinds of roads. Now you are in the full blaze of the light of understanding, now in the twilight of wonder, now in the darkness of unanswered questionings.

But in the darkness you find a star, and by it you see to light a candle. In the twilight the darkness of wonder gradually gives way to the light of understanding as your exploration proceeds. Now you are searching space, now your own life, now the fields of knowledge, now the wonders of nature around you, now the depths and heights of your own experience, now the mysteries of the unseen.

There are always plenty of paths to choose from, always plenty of new music to play. It is immortal music. If you listen, and transcribe, and stick to the theme, you can know that it was written by the Infinite Musician Himself.

That is the way the knowledge and understanding of the world have been built up. It is the way people have come to live great lives, and the way you may do so. This is true because you discover that as you extend your field of experience and understanding, your life expands to fit the pattern.

If you take a trip to a new place and give it attention as you go about, you find yourself taking on a larger life. If you have a new experience and observe as you go along in it, you find that you are learning and growing as a result. If you will observe when you sit down to converse with friends, or meet a stranger or take a little time to think alone, you will find that your mind is moving about in ever enlarging boundaries.

Many years ago the writer took an ambitious boy and helped him get enrolled in a great technical school. The other day he met him again for the first time since, a gray-haired man occupying a high office in a great concern, an eminent engineer in charge of great interests and instructing others in highly technical work. Today his mind moves freely among the great principles of mechanics and the wide reaches of human affairs. It was the exploring thought life that did it. One grows with his thoughts.

Regardless of whether you have the opportunity to explore such fields as he has, you can at least explore the reaches and meanings of your own personal world, and seek to understand its objects, facts, events, forces, and people. Thus, you will at least come to know increasingly well yourself, your life, your work, and your home.

After all, that is the most important part of what anyone can come to know, especially if he remembers to think upward a great deal, for the greatest and most important things impinge on every spot and are within reach of every mind. It is no farther to God from where you stand than it is from anywhere else. The time may come when your exploration will have a wider reach; but whether it does or not it will enrich you just the same. The important thing is to explore, and to do it carefully, honestly, and interestedly.

That last word has a very great importance. No one ever grows much who is not interested and enthusiastic. You must care about things, people, and subjects of thought. Unless you do you will either not explore them or you will not get much benefit from it when you do.

A CREATIVE FORCE

Now consider your thinking as a creative force. You are still playing the organ yourself, but you are doing so with God as a teacher as it were. It is as though He were standing looking over your shoulder, showing you how to get the fullest results from your effort, in other words how to think creatively.

Remember that everything starts in the mind, because everything begins as a pattern and only the mind can conceive patterns. In the beginning God thought out the pattern of the universe and everything in it. Then He energized all these things into existence. In the beginning of any creative process of your own, you, too, think out a pattern and then follow through to make the pattern real. Thus you are made in the creative likeness of God. The world and everything in it began as a thought in His mind. Your world and everything in it begins as a thought in your mind. One of the most amazing things about your amazing mind is that you have this power to think creatively.

The writer had the privilege of watching the building of the world's longest bridge, that across San Francisco Bay, from the beginning almost to the finish. He knew some of the engineers and had the opportunity to know something of what was going on, long before the structure took any visible shape. Thus he was able to see how truly the whole process followed the established laws of creative thinking.

The work began long before any outward sign of construction appeared. Months before the cutting edge of the first pier had pierced the mud and silt at the bottom of the Bay and come to rest on solid rock the thinkers and dreamers were at

work. Men at tables and drawing boards were busy putting the plan into sketches, then drawing it on tracing cloth, and printing it on ferro-prussiate paper into what we call blueprints. Thus the dream began to take visible shape.

By the public, however, the work was still unseen for it was yet in the mentally creative stage. Then the piers were set, the structural steel was swung into place, the cables were spun from the great towers, and the floor was laid - all the process taking years. But when it was done it was an idea energized into reality. An army of men had thought creatively. The principles would have been the same if it had been a cottage, a fence, or wheelbarrow. They would also be the same if it had been a painting, a symphony, or an empire. Whether or not it is a bridge, there is something you can contribute. Whatever it is, it must be done the same way.

Your brain, powered by your mind, is your pattern-building device. Thought yields the pattern and the form. But all this would be wasted if you did not supply the industry and the energy to work the pattern into tangible form. That is life building, and everything in it begins in your brain. Thought is the beginning, and achievement is the end.

AS A RECEIVING STATION

Now consider your mental equipment as a receiving station. This changes things quite decidedly, for now God Himself is at the organ. You are just listening, but you are listening to that which will make your life rich and fine if you drink it in and follow it out. It is not ordinary thinking that is taking place now. It is inspiration. Talk about miracle, this is miracle at its best.

You know what it is that is taking place, because you know that you are not driving the motor or touching the keys. You are not putting any conscious effort into the process at all, or doing anything to direct what happens. In fact it is important that you do not do so, for this is something beyond the reach of both your power and control.

You know it also because what is coming from the organ is something you did not contrive. In a dozen lifetimes you would not have thought of it. You know it is some symphony of eternity to which you are listening. Be reverent and grateful now, for Heaven itself is paying you one of its highest honors.

Listen closely, for this performance is being put on for you. It is something especially designed for you to take, and live by, and shape your life to. It may last for a long time or a short one. It may happen again or it may not. But drink it in while it lasts, and give thanks in both words and acts. God does things only for those able and worthy to receive them. This is something to live up to for the rest of your days.

As you listen you will sense and understand things you could learn from no human source. You could never explain how they came to you. In most cases it is just as well not to try, for few would understand. The important thing is not to be disobedient to the heavenly vision.

Moses in the smoke of Sinai, Isaiah in the quiet of the temple, Paul caught up into the third heaven, John in the spirit on the Lord's Day, Jesus communing

with eternity on the slopes of Olivet - all were listening while God played some eternal symphony for them to pass on to mankind. The same has been true of those who have dreamed all the worthwhile dreams and made them come true. They listened while God sat at the keyboards of their brains.

This experience is not likely to force itself upon you; but if you are reverent, thoughtful, and faithful, it is quite likely that in some unexpected hour when your spirit is uplooking and your mind and body are relaxed, you will hear eternal music playing, and there will be something in it that is intended to reach across the years.

Think much, but sometimes let the Universal Mind think for you. It will be a demonstration of the use to which your brain can be put, a revelation of what the pattern of your life was intended to be, and a sign that God thought you were worth talking to.

Think of a receiving station as a suggestion of what happens at such times in your brain. On the radio you have to be tuned into the station from which you are likely to get what you wish to hear. You have to be willing to listen to it and then to rise up and carry it into action. When you hear this music, you know God is playing it, so the question of His existence and personal interest in you is settled forever.

And so, with this sustaining thought of God's personal interest in us, we bring this first of the Miracle Temple Series to a close.

Your instructor has been deeply gratified in the quantity and quality of the comments you returned to us as you concluded the series SEVEN KEYS TO MASTERY. Many among you have shown great spiritual development, evolving higher and higher. May God bless you as you proceed in your undaunted pursuit of happiness, peace, and contentment of mind. May the miracle of a perfect life be yours.

Let us close by repeating aloud the prayer which follows:

MASTER PRAYER

Father God, as I approach the study of the surpassing wonder of thought and of my part in the thinking of the ages, let me feel the humility and find the stimulation it has for me. Help me to realize the greatness of this power I have within me, and to begin this day to use it adequately in the doing of Thy will. Amen

Blessings,

Your Class Instructor

The next Lecture Lesson in the Miracle Temple Series has as its title LISTEN, and it brings lessons in the following subjects:

The Miracle of Hearing
Listen
The Listening Habit
You can Listen to Minds

Pass It On
The Ear of the Heart
The Ear of the Soul
* Master Prayer