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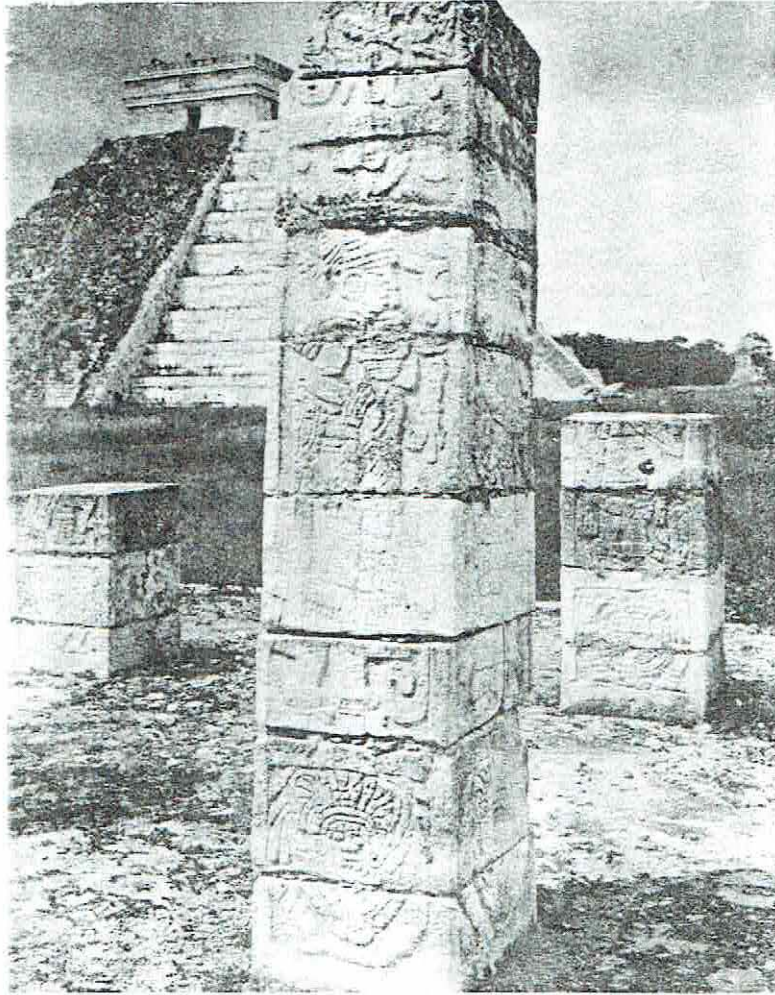
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Beloved Centurion:

The class of which you are a part has traveled far on the Mayan Path. Many truths have you learned. In many ways your life has been changed greatly for the better. Why do we know all this? Because so many letters have told us so - letters testifying to happy and harmonious home lives, where before all was misery, to good positions attained in spite of seeming handicaps, to self-confidence restored, illness surmounted and the blessings of good health realized, even complete changes in appearance and disposition. In fact, in my files of letters there is presented every type of problem the human race has to face, and many, many letters testifying to success over these problems.

Some things which are brought to you in this new series which we have called YOUR MIRACLE POWER are already known to you, - well known, but regardless of how well we may have learned and accepted these truths, there comes a time in the lives of all students when we need to strengthen our beliefs.

We feel that this new series will be a real challenge to you. If you have become a little discouraged, or your faith has become a bit weak through one of life's disappointments or whatever the case may be, hence it is our desire to bring to you in this series a secret. It is nothing supernatural; as a matter of fact it is a seeming miracle, but natural rather than supernatural when we understand how it works and how to use it in every phase of our lives.

As this series progresses, it becomes stronger and stronger. You are shown many things which can be tremendously helpful to you in this stage of your development, and in your quest for a rich life, abounding in all good things.

The many years of experience which your instructor has had has brought a wealth of understanding of your problems, and I know that the truths brought to you in this new series have in them the power to completely change your life and add much unto it.

What has been set down is not new to you, but there may be several instructions which will make a new impression and come to you at a time of need.

I am sure you have had our book called THE MIRACLE POWER, of which there has been thirteen printings made, and hundreds of thousands of copies sold. It has been really miraculous in the wonderful changes it has brought about for so many. THE MIRACLE POWER is something which cannot be explained; it has to be experienced. The reason so many thousands of copies have been sold year after year is because of the "word of mouth" advertising. This book advertises itself through its power to change one's life. If you do not have a copy, it can be had through writing to your Mayan Book House.

Please understand, this series of lessons is not to be confused with the book, THE MIRACLE POWER. I mention it only because it would be helpful in your study of this series of lessons called YOUR MIRACLE POWER. They are entirely different.

IT IS THE OPINION OF YOUR INSTRUCTOR THAT YOUR MIRACLE POWER IS THE

SOLUTION TO ALL YOUR PROBLEMS AND THE ONLY SOLUTION - NOTHING ELSE WILL WORK.

BELIEVE IT AND KNOW IT, and start the study of this new series with the following prayer:

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, help me more and more to
see life and my relation to it clearly.
Give me faith to empower me to do thy will.
Amen.

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A FRUSTRATED GENERATION:

We are a frustrated generation. The human race has let world conditions become more and more tangled, and life become more and more complex. Now we find them more difficult to manage, and we stand aside wringing our hands in what we assume to be helplessness.

The great thing we have built up, or allowed to be built up, alarms us as it rumbles by, and we are all the more troubled when we get the bill for maintaining it. We allow the situation to give us an inferiority complex.

We are here to master life, yet we have built up a life that does not so easily yield to the free and easy manner of the yesterdays. New barriers forbid us and new forces seem to rise from the new conditions.

We must still master life, however. As we were equal to its challenge yesterday, we must still be equal to it today, even if the challenge takes new forms we do not know so well how to meet. If we are making progress we should be able to do more difficult things and meet more exacting standards than ever before.

Instead of that we too often yield to these frustrating conditions. We say the task is beyond our power. We say it is not for us, but for the strong, the capable, the resourceful, so we trust in the few who are daring enough to attempt great things. We might well contemplate these lines by Nixon Waterman:

"Are you a trailer, or are you a trolley?
Are you tied to a leader through wisdom, or folly?
Are you somebody else, or you?
Do you vote by the ticket, and swallow it straight?
Do you pray by the book? Do you pay by the rate?
Do you tie your cravat by the calendar's date?
Do you follow a cue?"

World affairs baffle us. We have let the conflicting cries and shibboleths of our leaders confuse us. We have let materialistic thinking eat into our religious faith and rob it of its assurance. Some of us have even listened to false prophets with substitute religions to propose. All this has weakened our hold on the hope and courage that helped our fathers through. We have made our bed, and now we find it does not fit. We have baked our cake, and now we find it dry and tasteless.

Ours is too much an attitude of weakness. We talk of evil days and lost generations as though frustration had never blocked the way of human beings before. We assume that those who lived before us had it easy.

They did not. Every age has had its problems. Every generation has had its troubles. Every individual has had his bafflements. Between every Egypt of captivity and Canaan of hope has been a long, hard wilderness road. Every victory has cost its toll, and every step of progress has had its price. Many have found the way joyful, but none have found it effortless.

You may say that even traveling hard roads, doing difficult things, and struggling with forbidding forces are more endurable than just sitting waiting for things to yield. Perhaps so. There is a certain feeling of heroism about carrying loads that is lacking in just waiting for one to carry them for us. There is a cure for that too, as we shall soon begin to see.

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BEHOLD THE TRIUMPHANT ONES:

There is no such thing as having no hope. Too many have proved it otherwise to think any such thing as that. We have hope, even when everything else is gone, and it is our way back. Behold the triumphant ones!

Here and there in all this turmoil of confusion and frustration are people who have mastered life in spite of all that forbids it, and who continue to keep their mastery. If new locks have been put on the doors, they have found new keys to fit them, or else they have found new ways to use old secrets.

We are not now referring to the opportunists who have seized on things and advanced their own interests by fair means or foul. We are referring to the people who have faced conditions without fear, and have kept calm and strong, looking the world in the eye with the unflinching glance that gives the wild animal trainer his mastery over the potential danger he faces.

Among all the people who are despairingly claiming that nothing can be done about this or that are other people who nevertheless are doing something about it. They are facing the problems of life and doing something about them; and what they do is effective and successful. There are such people near you, perhaps known to you. If they have mastered life in difficult times, so can you.

While being made ready for his imperial coronation, Napoleon complained that it was no longer possible to do anything great. That was a long time ago, and more great things have been done since that time than had been done before it.

Alexander died at the early age of thirty-three, complaining that there were no more worlds to conquer. Yet, far more important phases of the world's life have been conquered since then than had been before, worlds of which he never dreamed.

These things have been possible because there were people who did not propose to surrender to conditions to which they knew they were superior. They had their dreams and visions. They also had the determination to realize them. The progress of the years, the better conditions in which we live, the advances in human welfare - these are their works and their monuments.

In your community may be someone who has triumphed over a problem, or refused to be defeated by a handicap, or realized on an ambition, in spite of the difficulties in the way, or improved himself despite discouragements, or rendered an important service without much to work with or means to meet the costs.

These achievements are more significant than any seizing of chances to get rich, famous, or powerful by means of exploitation, fraud, or unconcern about the fates of others. These people will be gratefully remembered when others are forgotten. Theirs is a glorious history. They may not receive all the credit that is due them now, but they will not lose their reward. They did not cringe before conditions, but had the secret by which to overcome. They are the triumphant ones.

These people have appeared in every time, however discouraging; and in every place, however obscure. Think of the triumph that was being achieved in a humble carpenter's home in a little town so poor that it was thought nothing good could come out of it.

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THE SECRET:

The triumphant living these people have achieved in all generations does not come about by chance, nor is it automatic. They have a secret, and it is one of the most glorious and wonderful secrets ever known.

They have not had it easy any more than you do, but there is a power that has enabled them to endure. They have had their ups and downs, but it has unfailingly helped them up when they were down. They have found conditions hard to cope with, but it has unfailingly given them the strength to win. They too sometimes felt like lost generations, but with it nothing is lost.

Others trusted in physical might and power, but they did not. Others trusted in material possessions, but their secret was something different. Others trusted in forces they could measure, and were always limited by whether they had

enough; but these triumphant ones had a secret that seemed to have no measure.

Others laughed at them and their secret of triumphant living. They said it was impractical, mystic, unrealistic, theoretical; but it worked just the same. Some thought about it deeply enough to see that it is really one of life's most real and definite forces - as much so as electricity, gravitation, or the blowing wind.

They found that it was the strange, boundless energy behind the miracles that has so often mystified Science. Then the miracles were bound to be as real as the forces that made them possible - just real, everyday things. Some said it was capable of achieving more amazing things than had yet occurred, because no one had ever yet tested it to the full extent of its power; some were unbelieving; but some smiled, said nothing, and went right on appealing to it when they had reached the limit of their own power. These were the triumphant ones.

It took the fear out of their lives, because those who had it knew that deliverance would always be at hand. It had stopped the mouths of lions and overcome all sorts of perils. Since it had done so it would do so again, so why be afraid? A man is not afraid of falling overboard when he knows he has protection and that a life line will be waiting anyway.

It had enabled people to do things calling for more than their own strength. Since it had done so, it could be depended on to do so again.

Some took the attitude that this power had existed in the past but no more. Many great stories of what it had done had been handed down, but those wonderful times were gone forever. But those who had this secret smiled again, and went right on using it. They knew that the constitution of life had not changed, and that any form of divine power that ever operated at all will continue to do so.

So there is this secret of power. It fears nothing, stops at nothing, and fails in nothing. It is the antidote to frustration, and anyone can have it who will receive and use it. Its name is a familiar one - faith.

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YOU ARE INCLUDED:

HEAR NOW YOUR OWN EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION: You do not need to wear those chains of frustration another day. If you have let negative conditions and attitudes fasten them upon you, you can unlock them now, for you have the key.

Hear the young Jesus of Nazareth one Sabbath day in the Nazarene synagogue. He takes upon himself a commission written long ago by the prophet Isaiah, declaring that he had come to proclaim release to the captives. You are included in that proclamation. Every slave of his own frustrations is.

Your fetters were fastened on you the day when you first acknowledged them.

They grew tighter every time you recognized their restraint. They will fall away from you when, once for all, you disclaim their authority over you. It is a question for you and not anything outside yourself to determine.

You can be as free as the freest soul who ever lived, as strong as the strongest human being who ever walked the earth, as triumphant as the most victorious one has ever been over circumstances. Say with Maltbie Babcock:

"Be strong.
 Say not the days are evil. Who's to blame?
 And fold the hands and acquiesce. O shame!
 Stand up. Speak out, and bravely, in God's name.
 Be strong."

Consider this till it is recorded in your soul. We have said that anything faith ever did it can do now. Let us now add to that another statement -

ANYTHING FAITH EVER DID FOR ANY-
 ONE ELSE IT CAN ALSO DO FOR YOU.

It is not a matter of having so much, or doing so much, or attaining such and such a position, or having such and such an advantage. People have done all this, and yet have remained enslaved. It is a matter of making up your mind, and nothing can keep you from doing that when once you are ready.

Stop now and then and meditate on faith. Think deeply about the wonderful things people have accomplished by means of it. Then tell yourself in the secret silences of your own mind and heart that it is available to you and was meant for you. Make yourself believe it. That moment you who are now weak will become strong.

Sometimes we suddenly decide to do something we had always considered impossible. We thought it was for others but not for us, or we counted it too great or difficult. But in a moment of sudden resolution that may have seemed reckless, we attempted it, and to our surprise, we did not fail. We succeeded at what we had assured ourselves we could not do. The door we assumed was locked opened readily to our touch. Still we go ahead wondering why we never did that before, then we would have known how easy it was. We realize that the reason was that we had lacked faith, and the reason we had finally done the thing was that for a moment at least, faith had risen to the right level in our hearts.

Do not go about thinking that the assurance of Jesus that he proclaimed release to the captives operated under some kind of a statute of limitations. The promises of God do not have expiration dates on them. They are forever and for all.

YOU CAN:

It is sometimes said that there is no such word as "can't". Essentially there isn't, but we see that the combination of letters thus pronounced is put into the dictionary anyway. We are mistaken in its meaning though. The word "can't", which we so frequently allow to spring from our lips does not mean impossibility but defeatism. Nothing is impossible with God, then why should anything be impossible with his children, created in his own image? But when we take the defeatist attitude there might as well be. We make it so, as far as we are concerned, so long as our viewpoint is a negative one.

Let us now put aside the thought of the number and kind of things you cannot do. You cannot make a wheel turn both ways at once. You cannot make two hills without a valley between them. So say the sophists.

What of it? Maybe you can't, and maybe it might in some way be possible that you can. We do not know because no one ever tried it, and no one ever tried it because it is of no importance. There is no reason why anyone should try such things because there is no need that they should be done. Have you not noticed that if there is an impossible thing, it is one that there is no reason why anyone should do anyway? God is not running a magic show, but a world in which needful things are supplied to those who need them. So let us rather turn our attention to some things that, with the help of God, you can do.

YOU CAN MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR LIFE. No, we did not say it would always be easy. The easy way out is seldom of real importance, and does you no good in the doing. It has little challenge and small result. We must learn to prefer the difficult problem, the exacting task. Doing easy things develops no strength and no skill.

YOU CAN ACCOMPLISH WHAT YOU ARE BEST FITTED TO DO IN THE WORLD. No, not without having to be resourceful, of course. You will have to open gates, unlock doors, and get past barriers. Surely one should expect to do that much. You will not find all these things ready done for you. You must do them yourself, but you will have the power of God on your side by faith.

YOU CAN OVERCOME THE HANDICAPS AND DIFFICULTIES YOU FIND IN YOUR WAY. You may not know why they are there, but there is a reason. They are a part of the condition of which you have to be master. You would gain nothing and lose much by trying to cheat or evade them. Face them bravely, and you will prove yourself worthy of divine help in overcoming them.

YOU CAN WIN THROUGH TO ANY GOAL YOU DESIRE BY FIRST DESERVING IT AND THEN FOLLOWING THROUGH. The greater your faith the more courage and daring you will have in achieving worthwhile things. You can accomplish any good purpose to which you have the courage to set yourself if you put faith into the effort.

YOU CAN FIND PEACE AND HAPPINESS THROUGH THE POWER AND FREEDOM OF FAITH. There is no question about that. Others have done it, and you have access to the same source of power they had.

YOU CAN LIVE A TRIUMPHANT LIFE AND REALIZE YOUR GOD-GIVEN DESTINY. You have only to accept the challenge, work with God, and have a steady faith that the best for you will come to pass.

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FAITH SAYS, "I DARE YOU."

If faith had a voice and should speak to us, what would it say? Certainly it would say nothing weak and defeatist. Neither would it say anything smacking of egotism and bravado. It would speak with courage and daring, and would probably say something like: "I dare you."

"I dare you to think of yourself in the high terms of sonship to God. You were not created to a low or mediocre life. God created you to be somebody in the world. He did not make you to give up, but to stand up. He never made you to respect and cower before unreal dangers and imagined possibilities. He never made you to cringe before the world, but to look it confidently in the face.

"I dare you to conceive life in large terms and to think of your part in it as something powered to be majestic and worthwhile. You do not need to think the thoughts and have the feelings that tend to classify you with lower orders of creation, or even low grade human beings. Walk in mind and heart, and if possible in person, with saints, sages, and kings of spirit and intellect. So live as to classify yourself with the great souls, and the great souls will find you.

"I dare you to enter into the inner sanctuaries of God and become personally acquainted with the One who made and rules all things. Meet your Father, and learn what fatherhood at its best is like. You will find yourself thinking, planning, and working with the Divine. He will help you work out a life program he can approve, and if you will help him carry out his plans he will help you carry out yours.

"I dare you to learn to think of and see things, problems, needs, issues, and possibilities in universal terms. If you do so, it will revolutionize everything for you. Looking at life through God's telescopic lens you can say you see it steadily and whole. How can you know the whole truth unless you do, and when you do you will find faith ridding you of your chains.

"I dare you actually to undertake some of the worthwhile things of which you have dreamed. You would never have dreamed them unless they were desirable and possible for you. You do not need just to look longingly at your promised land. It is there for you to enter and possess. If a forbidding Jordan rolls between it and you, remember that life's Jordans, like the one the Israelites crossed, have a way of opening channels for the crossing of those who have faith and courage enough to undertake it. Remember that you and life's best were made for each other.

"I dare you to face the issues you have avoided, to set right the wrongs

you have neglected, to do the things you have so long allowed to wait, and to get started on the useful and meaningful living you have long thought would be so satisfying, and promised yourself so often you would get started on some day. You will find all these things much easier than you think."

Let life no longer be puny and disappointing. Listen to faith's challenge, "I dare you." Can you take a dare?

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WHY NOT NOW?

A well-known American product used to use the advertising slogan, "Eventually, why not now?" That is a challenging angle from which to consider any good thing, material or not. Sooner or later we always come to a quest for the best, but if we keep putting it off a time finally comes when it is too late. Why not do it before that time draws near, specifically now?

Here is one of the great and tragic losses to the world and to ourselves. Everyone means to get around to it in time, to be, and do, and accomplish his best some day. It is a common human dream. The most depraved person, the most complete human failure, and the most indolent procrastinator, all think of a time when they will shake off their restraining fetters and rise to really high levels of living.

But that word "sometime" is so indefinite. What costs the ages so much is that all these wonderful things are to be done after time has weakened us until we cannot do them. We are about so many things like Augustine when he asked God to make him a good man - but not just yet. Fortunately, Augustine did not put it off too long, however. He did make the change, and rose to sainthood.

We all know how it is, for we have all had the experience. Good ideas come to us again and again, and we think we must do something about them some time when it is convenient, or perhaps when we finish what we are doing. Then later we discover that the glow has gone out of the vision or that the ideas themselves are lost in the enfolding mists of forgetfulness.

This happens very easily for a certain reason. The brain or material mind can sometimes retain things by engraving records of them in the retention cells. But these inspired ideas are not products of the brain. They come out of the silences through the subconscious mind, which seldom bothers to tell us anything more than once. These thoughts pass over the memory cells. Unless we either act on them or write them down, we forget them or at least lose the fire so necessary for forging them into reality. With life's inspirations, which are God's promptings, it is literally now or not at all.

The thing to do with the realization that something needs to be done is to go at once and attend to it. The thing to do with some extended action, a life work for instance, is to prepare for it, get started on it, and keep working at it as constantly as possible.

Flash ideas of ways to improve it here and there and now and then will keep coming. These should be acted on at once, or they too will soon be lost, perhaps in an hour's time. Notes of such things should be made while the light is bright on them and the surge of feeling is dynamic. At work, when traveling, or in the night, at all times, in fact, notebook and pencil should be within reach.

Estimate the total of the delays you have allowed to hold up doing the things you were inspired to do, then add to it the value of the things themselves if they had been done. It makes a rather depressing total, doesn't it? Now multiply this by the number of people, past and present, who have done the same thing. This will give you some idea of the values lost to the ages by not considering what should be done and doing it at once.

The only tense in God's Grammar is the present. The common word for it is Now. Do not let that meaningless word Tomorrow rob you of your heritage.

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AFFIRMATION

God inspires me to progress, achievement, and to
mastery; and I respond without delay.