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# The Wandering of the Great Light

By Harvey Hardman

THE esoteric doctrines of modern Free Masonry are based upon certain rites and symbols that had their origin in a very remote antiquity. In ancient times, the meaning of these symbols and dramatic representations was closely guarded by a very powerful secret society that was primarily religious in its organized activities. Entrance into its *sanctum sanctorum* or holy of holies, could only be gained by a long process of initiatory work on the part of the neophyte, for the Masters or Priests of the Inner Shrine all possessed a secret Word, an Omnific Name, that gave them command of a power that transcended the powers of those not initiated into the secret wisdom. This Word was supposed to confer upon its possessor immortal life and the wisdom of the gods.

Jesus made a direct allusion to this ancient doctrine of the Omnific Word, when he said "whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life." He also made many mystical references to the "Word" which had in it the power of life and wisdom. And often he admonished his disciples to "Remember the Word that I have given unto you." This Word symbolized the Great Light, and it has its representation in every Masonic Lodge room.



that contain the hidden Word, but these geometrical symbols proved too difficult for succeeding civilizations to decipher. The effort to do so is still being made, which only shows the blindness of the searchers. For the Word is a living Power and no symbol however sublime, can contain the Life of the Word. Only the soul can do that.

The Great Light went out and left Egypt in darkness—a darkness of ignorance, poverty and superstition that exists to this day—when the Masters of the Temporal Lodge went the way of the Atlantean Masters. That is, they became selfish, sensual and materialistic, and thus began to use their power to enslave mankind instead of giving it instruction in the Light of the Truth—the Word. For up until the apex of Egyptian Culture, that was a land of happiness, of human brotherhood, in which atmosphere, science, philosophy, religion and the arts that contribute to the joy and wellbeing of humanity flourished beyond all reckoning. That the Temporal Masters still possessed power to use the Omnific Name in the time of the enslavement of the Hebrews, is evident from the Bible account of the contest between Moses and the Egyptian Masters, for they were able to duplicate the wonders of Moses but they were not able to protect themselves as he was able to protect himself and his people. Read this story in the Light of the meaning of the All-powerful Word, as so briefly indicated herein, and get a glimpse



of what was happening at the time to the Secret Order of the Egyptian Priesthood, to whom had been entrusted the Power of the Sacred Name.

Lack of space here prevents the tracing of the movement of the Great Light as it wandered to other parts of the globe, but one who reads history in the Light of Occult Knowledge, can only be struck with awe at the suddenness with which some of the very greatest civilizations were snuffed out, when the Masters of the Secret Wisdom became selfish and tyrannical with their power. Athens, in the Age of Pericles, was comparable, on a much smaller scale, of course, to the Atlantis of antiquity, in its Illumination—a blaze of intellectual light and power never surpassed in the history of mankind. But the Masters fell a prey to the power of the animal soul, the Oligarchy overthrew justice and truth, and almost in a moment, the Light was withdrawn, and from that day to this, Athens has been a ruin. For the modern city is in poverty and without cultural power.

Babylon went the same way. The Priesthood sold the state to Cyrus, because they had lost their power—the Power of the Word—and, jealous of the Hebrew Mystics who influenced the Great King, they were plunged into oblivion and their great Temples became the haunts of bats and owls and wild beasts for a thousand years of desolation.

Is the Light now at home in America? Are the American Initiates the Custodians of the



Omnific Word? And are they turning also to the flesh-pots, and jeopardizing the work of the Sublime Masters of the Inner Plane, in their efforts to liberate mankind from ignorance, superstition and limitation?

Are the money changers again to desecrate the temple of man and cause once more the destruction of a promising effort to establish justice and liberty and bring about the Golden Age of an abundant life for humanity and the enduring culture of a glorious civilization? Is the old tragedy that has happened so often in the orient, to be re-enacted in the occident?

The answer to this question, so far as America is concerned, depends upon the individual student of spiritual laws. The Great Light is here. The secret Word is here. If we let the Light shine it will drive out the darkness of superstition and greed. If we speak the Word, it will create a New Age. If we fail to use the power we have discovered anew, the Light will not go out; it will wander to another region, perhaps to Russia, perhaps to find its home once more in the orient. "Search the scriptures, for in them ye *think* ye have eternal life."

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"In this consciousness, we are realizing, expressing, manifesting the God Self, and we find that our home activities, our business activities, are included in our realization of the One Presence."—Munz.



# Spirit and Personality

By Harvey Hardman

**I**NDIVIDUALITY is the central core of conscious being. It is the identifying Monad in every form; the factor of differentiation in every organism. Personality, on the other hand, is the expression of acquired characteristics, the play of mental and spiritual forces in response to the elements of environment, human association, education and so on. While we think of personality in terms of human life, it also extends to other creatures, for animals of the same breed often exhibit a wide range of personal response to outward stimuli. We have all seen this phenomenon in dogs and horses especially. A dog that has been mistreated, and lived "a dog's life," will exhibit great timidity and restraint, but when he has been adopted into an environment of kindness, and trained to respond to considerate authority, he will exhibit a totally changed personality.

A man's individuality remains the same throughout life; his personality changes with experience, association, business or professional activities and education.

We wish to inquire into the nature of the psychological and spiritual factors essential to the conscious development of human personality. For a vital personality is one of the most valuable assets the individual can have, attracting as it does, the elements of a successful and happy



life—friends, business preferment, and the consciousness of power.

While we recognize the influence of environment and association in either retarding or furthering the development of a strong personality, it is obvious that they are not the supreme factors. For we meet people in all walks of life who have this quality highly developed, while others in the same circumstances are neutral and largely colorless. The secret then, must lie back of the outward forms of life. It must consist in the conscious or unconscious spiritual response of the individual to the phenomena of experience.

There are two primary methods of approach to the problem of unfolding this power. The first is the development of the aggressive urge, that primitive power in the individual which had its origin in the necessity of combat and the struggle for survival. It is present in some degree in each person. In training a salesman, it is necessary to emphasize this quality. He must maintain an attitude that is absolutely positive; be impervious to rebuffs; drive straight at all times for his objective; maintain a courageous and smiling demeanor in the face of discouraging situations. If he eases the pressure of his effort, it is for the purpose of a more effective push from another angle. All this has a tendency to develop a very positive and aggressive personality. It has its basis altogether in that stratum of mental energy which we call practical, economic, or to put it more crudely,



materialistic. But there is no doubt as to the results. A man who is deficient in force of that kind, under proper training, will develop a strong sales personality and this he will express in all the relations of life.

The other approach is from the spiritual standpoint. And this is the method that builds into the soul the enduring and balanced qualities that add to the true stature of the individual.

There is only one Source of all mental and spiritual power—Spirit or Universal Mind. All the phenomena of the objective world have their origin in the Invisible Substance which is the Life, Being and Intelligence of all things.

The Source, then, of personal power, is impersonal. The self determines or wills what use shall be made of this Impersonal Power. The self is the supreme arbiter in the matter and method of differentiation.

There are certain qualities which we do *not* wish to develop. Brag, bluster, egotism; effusiveness, sycophancy, unctiousness and so on. It sometimes helps to establish in consciousness the things we *do* want, by observing the reverse expressions in others. We meet people, for instance, who speak a loud, rasping, high keyed tone in conversation. You can hear them in public or in groups punishing the air and people's nerves with staccato clatter. We resolve that a quiet and well modulated voice is most desirable. It is true that most people interested in Divine Science possess either a natural or cultivated



aversion to undesirable personal qualities and manners. But we can all add to our personal effectiveness, by taking stock, and seeing wherein we can improve ourselves.

Since the Reservoir of spiritual power is infinite and impersonal, and will respond to us in accordance with the *nature of the ideal* we hold, the first step is to envisage those elements which we see are lacking in our personalities, and then go to work directly to apply a simple method that will develop these deficiencies. We give the following key words, to be used in connection with the process of acquiring an effective personality, and which will prove helpful, whatever the ideal one desires to attain.

*Vitalize* your thought by knowing that within you is a Creative Thinker. This Thinker is the Divine Soul, having access to stores of knowledge, wisdom and mental power that are ample to enable you to express a vital and dynamic mental life. Remember that the value of this process depends upon the strong and persistent affirmation that the Power of Spirit in you is limitless with regard to acquiring and expressing all the elements of a vital personality. Know that since the Source is not limited, *you* are not limited.

*Motorize* your work with this conception. Put enthusiasm into whatever you do. Enthusiasm is the driving power that runs the machinery of a successful and forceful personal life.



*Dramatize your plans.* Invest the affairs and associations of your life with inner reality by acting them out in consciousness. If you are lacking in that very necessary attribute of a strong personality which we call *poise*, see yourself expressing that quality under different and difficult situations. Know that the quiet, serene, quick thinking and unruffled individual in the mental picture is actually *you, yourself*.

*Emphasize your self-expression.* By emphasis we do not mean blatant bombast, but the force that goes with confidence. When you speak, do so with round, full tones. If what you say is worth saying at all, it is worthy of your finest expression. Elaborate this thought until you see its immense significance in the work of developing your personality.

*Capitalize your abilities.* Think in terms of splendid accomplishment. Look upon life as the great adventure of your soul, the great soul of the Divine Self. Ability? Why, you have unlimited ability, because you are in conscious touch with Spirit.

*Energize your body with this thought.* Within you is the vital power to enable you to act with ease, grace, beauty. At table, at play, at work, you are sure in your motions because you have the physical poise that reflects a vital mind.

*Visualize yourself* as successful in this divine effort to become the radiant, confident, magnetic personality that you desire to be. And with it all, you will develop the depth of true spirituality.



# The Power of the Word

## AN INTRODUCTION TO THE DAILY MEDITATIONS

By John Seaman Garns

EVERYTHING in which life and mind play a part seems to have a triple aspect of essence, activity and result. One may think of this as Mind, Idea, Manifestation, or under the conventional trinity as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, but it is always cause, means, effect.

In many of the ancient sun-myths, the sun was thought of as the embodiment of the second person of this triune activity of the universe, the Son. He was thought of as the active principle of universal being and from him proceeded all creative life, even as from the physical sun it seemed to them came all life, growth and happiness.

The ancient Sanskrit named this principle *Vach* or creative voice for the ancients believed that all things in nature are vibratory and that this vibratory activity proceeds from the Voice of God speaking all things into being. All ancient peoples have entertained some aspect of this thought. Often in our Hebrew Bible, Jehovah "speaks" things and conditions into existence and activity, stills the storm, or projects his will to man. "And God said, Let there be light and there was light." The Greeks named this prin-



ciple from which all "creation" proceeds, the Logos, and the familiar introduction to John's Gospel at once places Jesus in this active essence, the Word. "In the beginning was the Word . . . . and by it were all things made, . . . etc."

Within ourselves a moment's examination reveals this same self-evident triune nature. What I *am* is often a very different thing from what I *initiate* in *expression*, and this again from what finally *manifests* in my body and my conditions. Here again we are recognizing the operation in ourselves of Mind, Idea, Expression. Somehow the word, "idea," is not quite adequate in this connection for we realize that we have many ideas which are never "spoken out" into expression. What we really mean is *creative-thought*, including both the conception of the idea and its expression. Introverted people are often very alert thinkers, feeling tremendous pent-up possibilities within but unable to get them out into expression. Other people, more extroverted by nature constantly spill ideas in speech which are neither well thought out nor capable of being put into action. The complete activity of this creative-center of our being includes both right conception and adequate expression. It is more than thinking as ordinarily conceived for it includes creative expression.

Upon this activity of the Word or Logos in man, then, depends the creativeness and efficiency of each individual. If one should observe and analyze this process, he might perhaps train



this master-activity into greater effectiveness and power. And what training could be more important?

The mental technique for this thinking is simple. The first condition is the realization that "I AM" a part of the One Mind and so have authority and power to think into manifestation. The second is *vividly conceived images* or *vividly felt attitudes*, for this Subjective Substance and Intelligence only accepts *concrete data*. The third is the consciousness of Faith and Love. Faith in the willingness of this level of mind to respond—Love of your ideal. The fourth is *understanding* that this level of mind like the soil receives and germinates in a *time sequence*. This time element may be speeded up, as seeds are sometimes made to grow in a few hours by intensified lighting. So you and I may speed up the process of *Faith* and *Love*. But keep on planting your seed, and more seed of the same kind, and more yet, for verily the harvest is certain.

Man, then, may learn to use his mind to "speak" his desires into manifestation. The whole Universe awaits his authoritative Word. To learn to speak this Word with power demands merely intelligent practice. The Meditations of this month will furnish you a daily thought to stimulate you in this direction. Train yourself in this use of the mind, for it is the source of your freedom and your dominion. This is the power of the Sons of God, who are to establish the Kingdom of Heaven,—a reign of increasing harmony for all—*right here on earth*.



**DAILY LESSONS**  
**THE CREATIVE WORD**

By John Seaman Garns

**Sunday, March First**

As he is, so are we in this world.

**Who is the image of the Invisible God, the firstborn of every creature.**

In him dwelleth all the fullness of the God-head bodily.

**Of his fullness have we all received.**

I am that I am, and beside Me there is none other.

**Hereby we know that we dwell in Him, and He in us, because He hath given us of His Spirit.**

I in them, and Thou in me.

**That they may all be one; as Thou, Father, art in me and I in Thee; that they also may be one in us.**

For we are laborers together with God.

**Truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.**

For lo, I come, and I will dwell in the midst of thee, saith the Lord.

**And I heard a great voice out of heaven, saying, Behold the tabernacle of God is with men and He will dwell with them.**

Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the spirit of God dwelleth in you?

**But ye are not in the flesh but in the spirit, if so be that the spirit of God dwell in you.**



**Monday, March Second**

**Key Thought:** My greatest joy is to improve myself and the conditions about me.

Every day may be a fresh adventure in the process of creating a better and more harmonious world within myself and without in my surroundings. With this high purpose I face today. If I am alert, it may be full of opportunities to act creatively, to give love, to bring cheer and encouragement to others, to smooth out rough places, to make working conditions more ideal, to look forward to an improved future, to radiate energy, good-nature and helpfulness every moment, and above all to keep myself up to the top-notch of efficiency in thinking out ways in which everything I touch may be bettered. This is an attitude toward life which I would establish for I believe it to be the very heart of creative thinking and surely the source of happiness.

But if I am merely aware of a deep desire for self-improvement without being at the same time equally aware that I *have power* within my mind by which I may bring these ideals to pass, life will be full of dissatisfaction and unrest. But there is such a power within my mind; it is the creative power of thought, whose declarative action has been called "the Word."

**I AFFIRM:** *I am resolved to declare the perfect order in every situation which faces me today, by speaking the image of perfection.*

**Study:** John 12:46

Math. 6:13



**Tuesday, March Third**

**Key Thought:** I am not bound by my present conditions. My freedom is within myself.

Life is a complete bafflement to many thousands of people. They are seemingly held in conditions which are more like imprisonment than freedom and life.

They find their home conditions to be inharmonious, business no longer an adventure but a dull routine of dreary monotony which seems to get them no-where. Within themselves rebellion, depression or even in some cases a grim endurance, substitute themselves for happiness and creative freedom.

There is an escape for all such people, but it is not in running away from the conditions which face them. Within the self has been their bondage; within the self must be found also the source of their freedom.

Within the mind of man is a Creative Power of which we have been too little aware. It is a dynamic and creative use of thought-power, an activity which can change the whole of our lives into an intriguing series of successful adventures.

Man has at the heart of his being a creative power called "the Word." It is a declarative use of Mind which actually sets up vibratory activities influencing the body, other people's attitudes toward us and finally the very conditions under which we operate. This creative use of the Word is a tool to conquest and a doorway to freedom.

**I AFFIRM:** *I am resolved to experiment with this power of my mind called "the Word" in order to prove to myself its creativeness.*

**Study:** John 8:32



**Wednesday, March Fourth**

**Key Thought:** I am not a puppet evolved by a half-blind Fate, but a freely initiating part of the very Creative Intelligence which has been and still is unfolding the world order.

Natural Science has shown me that this body of mine is the product of an evolutionary process. There have been those who have described this process in such mechanistic terms that one might almost believe the Creative Process to have been altogether fortuitous, and man a more or less accidental product of blindly operating law.

What seems to lend reasonableness to such an interpretation? Is it not the fact that we see so many thousands of people about us tied to the soil and to the material order, wholly the victims of materialistic laws?

But, let us look closer. May it not be that such people are in process of evolution? Is it not possible that they have not attained the consciousness of the higher uses of their own evolving minds? Once let such people glimpse the fact that through right thought, "Man is the maker of his own destiny," and they are free.

If under experimentation this idea should prove to be true, I shall be no longer bound by my objective world order but shall create new conditions by pouring them out from within myself under that declarative Law of Mind, the Word.

**I AFFIRM:** *I am master of my own destiny through learning the use of the Law of Mind.*

**Study:** Ps. 46:10

John 15:11

**Thursday, March Fifth**

**Key Thought:** I am resolved to train myself in the use of my mind as the Creative Word.

To assert in words that I have the power to free myself from the limitations of ill health, poverty and inharmony about me is very different from actually accomplishing it. It is possible to control conditions by the mind. There certainly must be a technique of mental working which most of us have not yet attained or of which we have made only more or less accidental use. If there is such a magic of mind, it must be law-governed and capable of development by everybody.

Day by day I am resolved to take up the successive steps of this method of creative thinking and practice them in every event of my day.

I realize that it is not new theories regarding the psychology of my own mind which I need half so much as a more complete dedication of myself to the putting of this one activity into operation. Before all else in my life I am resolved during this month to test this principle of Creative Living, based upon the Creative Activity of "the Word."

This activity of the Creative Word which I am in-stating is the simple affirmative action of Mind in declaring beauty, perfection and ideality into every situation which life brings to me.

**I AFFIRM:** *Today, I am declaring the perfect order in every event and in every passing moment.*

**Study:** John 1:14

Ps. 18:32



**Friday, March Sixth**

**Key Thought:** I am a sun-center from which life radiates.

The sun has been the symbol of "the Word" in all ages. The first quality in this use of the Mind called "the Word" is radiation. The supreme quality of man's mental nature, which I must lift up into its highest potential, is likewise radiation.

Let me realize that my every thought, when it is dynamically expressed, sets up vibratory activities in the world outside me. Let me realize also that these vibratory activities have form and that they become the matrix of ideal situations.

I must become a Life-Giver, a Harmony-Bringer by the correct and dynamic use of my mind.

This Creative Activity is the normal possibility of every soul. You, no doubt, know certain people so vitally alive that they arouse this quality of aliveness in every person whom they contact. Such people seem to enlarge the field of our consciousness, make us aware of our own larger possibilities and establish a sense of our kinship with the Universal.

Jesus seems to have been the embodiment of perfect obedience to the two laws which will make us all "Life-Givers"—The law of conscious identity with Life, and second, the law of habitual and generous declaring of Life out into expression.

To desire to do so and to be conscious that you are now actually giving Abundant Life to everyone you meet is really to be doing it.

**I AFFIRM:** *Today, I am experimenting with being a "Life Giver" to each person I meet.*

## Saturday, March Seventh

**Key Thought:** The second step in "Speaking the Word" is to become aware that I am already the power of "the Word."

Speaking merely words is futile. Affirming sentences and declarative statements is empty noise and merely establishes tensions of the human will.

I can declare into objective being only that which I am *aware* that I already *am*.

I must know that all potentiality is within me. I must become still enough as I move back upon my own creative center to become deeply *aware that I already am* in the nature of my identity with the Infinite Mind, that *which I desire to declare*.

Furthermore, I can declare the exact *form* of my good only when I know that I already possess the *perfect idea* which is to be objectified.

Many times a day, therefore, I must turn back into this deep stillness where I become aware that *I am* in essence the Eternal Word, that my mind is part and parcel of the One Mind, and that my power grows out of an identity in nature between myself and the Infinite Creativeness.

**I AFFIRM:** *Today, I am often turning aside to reach back in deep stillness to the consciousness that the "I" within me is already an open door into the limitless essence of all potentiality.*

**Study:** John 14:6  
John 15:4



**Sunday, March Eighth**

Know thou the God of thy father, and serve Him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind.

**But He is in one mind and who can turn Him?**

Neither be ye of doubtful mind.

**For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.**

Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind.

**Be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind.**

For who hath known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

**Fulfill ye my joy that ye be like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.**

For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

**And the peace of God which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.**

Wherefore, gird up the loins of your mind.

**Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee; because he trusteth in Thee.**

Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus;

**Who being in the form of God thought it no robbery to be equal with God.**



**Monday, March Ninth**

**Key Thought:** I see my own body in perfect health and expressing abundant life.

If I am to heal my body, I must turn right away from the present physical limitations which may be coloring my central pool of awareness with the consciousness of inharmony.

I am turning back to the central pool of Beauty and of Power to establish my conscious identity with its perfection.

I take plenty of time to ask this Inner Self of me to respond to this question, "Just what is God-life, Perfect-life, Eternal-life, like? How would I feel if I knew that through this doorway called "I," there could come flooding at my request the Perfect Life of God?"

In stillness I wait to become aware that I am already this perfect response of Life to this question.

Now I shall begin pouring out,—*consciously pouring out*,—the high realization which at this moment I have attained, toward my body, and toward those friends whom I would help. I take a definite phrase to keep my mind steady while this stream gets under way: "I am a channel for the Life Abundant. I feel this God-life pouring out into my body, breaking down all tensions, dissolving all inharmony, establishing complete and perfect activity in every part."

**I AFFIRM:** *Today, I am aware that I am already Eternal Life and that I have the power to give this Life to my own body, and to the healing of others.*

**Study:** John 10:10  
III John 2



**Tuesday, March Tenth**

**Key Thought:** I cultivate the radiant Love Consciousness.

Very rarely shall we be able to declare effectively, ideas about conditions and affairs, until we have first established ourselves in the conscious awareness of both Life and Love.

Nature has shown us in her evolutionary process that our *creative love power rests squarely upon the foundation of the Abundant Life*. Once we have realized within ourselves that we are identities in Eternal Life, we may turn to the problem of realizing ourselves as limitless love power which in itself is the substance of creation.

Having become aware of myself as Life, I now begin to know myself as Love, not personal love with its immediate bindings to personalities and to things, but a superb identity with Infinite Love.

I open wide the doorway of the "I AM" within me. I begin to imagine and to know that the stream of Infinite Love is flooding outward through me as a channel. I am broadcasting radiant and helpful love to establish harmony in my own body, and health and radiant happiness in the lives of all those whom I contact.

Every act of mine today and every spoken word shall float in an invisible stream of warm and radiant Love Substance.

**I AFFIRM:** *I am the channel for God's infinite radio-activity called Selfless Love. I give good in terms of love to every individual whom I meet.*

**Study:** I John 4:7, 13  
Luke 6:27, 28



**Wednesday, March Eleventh**

**Key Thought:** Through giving the Infinite Love I lose the little self in the Self of All.

Love will have no rival emotion in the heart but her twin-sister, Joy. Those who say they love me in this world would prove it by their desire to possess me, my time, my person, or my thought. They deceive themselves. They love themselves, not me. They have little thought of the Divine Giving which is eternal and are only aware of the personal possessiveness which is temporary and self-destructive. So love is slain in the heart and they go grieving for that which they can alone possess by giving it away.

So the deadliest enemy of love is Selfishness. She sits in Love's place and the "mourners go about the streets."

Those who love me in this world would prove it by loving no one else and by binding me to love nothing but their own persons. They know not that Love and her twin-sister, Joy, are like the Sunshine, all inclusive, that they increase by giving and only die when they are strangled by exclusiveness.

Those who would love me in this world are sometimes jealous. Soon, however, they will awaken to the consciousness that when the Infinite Love pours out from within there is no jealousy. Jealousy can only come when we believe that we are deprived of love. This is impossible, for we are the givers.

**I AFFIRM:** *I am resolved today and every day hereafter to lose the little self by realizing myself as a part of the divine giving.*

**Study:** John 15:12, 13

I Cor. 13:2-8



**Thursday, March Twelfth**

**Key Thought:** "In the beginning was the Word."

"In the beginning God. And God said, Let there be . . . . and there was." Out from within himself God spoke and worlds appeared. Not instantly, for their manifestation in substance was by a process, but the matrix or guiding idea under which the whole process took place was spoken forth in a single declarative affirmation.

Just as the Infinite Mind eternally speaks out from within itself its ideals, its meanings, its unfolding design, so from within the mind of man himself unfolds the design of his own destiny.

Just as the spider spins from within itself the silken thread which it creates out of the substance of its own being, so you and I are privileged to speak forth the succession of ideas which, as they unfold in wisdom and gain in declarative power, will create for us a web of power and of constantly increasing beauty of design.

Make no mistake; we have the power. We are the power.

But because we have misunderstood ourselves and have believed that we were weak, we have been weak.

Because we believed only in the little personal self, we could not think that we had this divine power here within us. The moment we speak out of the consciousness of the God-self, we shall manifest all the good we can conceive.

**I AFFIRM:** *I AM "the Word." I speak my good with power.*

**Study:** Acts 17:28

Ps. 33:6, 9



**Friday, March Thirteenth**

**Key Thought:** I dare to cast out fear for it kills the primary action of "the Word."

No doubt you have seen fear wreck lives and absolutely destroy creativeness in some of the finest productive minds of your acquaintance. Let us learn our lesson and cast out fear.

I have seen this deadly enemy of creativeness grip the mind of a superbly capable man in the very moment of his delivery of a message which his soul sanctioned, and have seen his tongue cleave to his mouth, his whole body convulsed with trembling, and have seen him sit down with humiliation and failure.

I have seen fear clutch the heart and mind of many an ambitious young person and have seen them creep ignobly into positions of safety which their souls loathed, merely because they did not DARE TO FOLLOW THE CREATIVE URGE WITHIN them and "speak the word" in the direction of their soul's yearning.

I have seen souls like yours and mine so sold in bondage to the sense of material safety that they did not dare to put spiritual values first.

No man can speak "the Word" in fear; to really build a new and harmonious environment from within demands the courage of the sons of God. God's conquering man does not fear for he knows that with his mind joined to its eternal source he may ask what he will and it shall be done unto him.

**I AFFIRM:** *Conscious of my identity with the "I AM" Power, I stand upright, a freed son of God declaring the Creative Word.*

**Study:** Math. 5:48

Ps. 119:133, 140, 144, 159



**Saturday, March Fourteenth**

**Key Thought:** "Perfect Love casteth out fear."

The son of God creates by shining. His rays are love-rays. His consciousness is a power-consciousness. His ideas are the form of Truth. His realization is the deep realization that all power abides in love for it is the substance out of which all things are built.

Like some powerful radio beam, love floods out from the consciousness of your mind and there is no opposing force, *for there is no other power in the universe but Love.*

Present hindrances and conditions are no bar to its operation, for no vibration is higher or finer, and it moves through them all as though they were not.

Spend your days and nights in loving the Good, the True, the Perfect, and verily they shall be established both within you and without in your environment. Love all and dare to love on for all the mists of selfish love purge themselves even as running water is self-purified.

Only fear and doubt can keep you from the kingdom of selfless giving, called the Kingdom of Heaven. When you learn to love selflessly, you shall have learned the most important element in the speaking of the Creative Word for "by love were the worlds spoken into being."

**I AFFIRM:** *Out of a love consciousness I dare to speak my word of power, daring to declare my highest truth as a matrix which will manifest itself through love.*

**Study:** I John 4:18, 21  
Phil. 4:8



**Sunday, March Fifteenth**

My word shall not return unto me, void, but it shall accomplish that which I please.

**If ye abide in me and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you.**

The word is nigh thee; even in thy mouth and in thy heart.

**Hold fast the word. Hold forth the word of life.**

They cried unto the Lord in their trouble; He sent His word and healed them.

**Take the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God.**

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

**For it is not ye that speak, but the spirit of your Father which speaketh in you.**

If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

**Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.**

I am the vine, ye are the branches; He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit, for without me ye can do nothing.

**If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.**

If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

**Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.**



**Monday, March Sixteenth**

**Key Thought:** He knows not love who loves himself.

Egotism eventually kills the free speaking of the Word of Creative Power, though at first it often seems a factor leading to success.

Superficially looked at, this is a world where only the selfish and egotistical man seems to succeed. But this idea operated does not prove out for very long. The Getters for Self do get on faster at first, but not because they are "getters." Selfish motives often temporarily establish a *center of power within* from which superb confidence, the Word is spoken for purely selfish and personal ends.

It should give us confidence to know that even the ego-centric thought pattern does not hinder the magic of the *Word spoken with confidence and power*, for the Law operates with absolute impersonality.

But because the universe as a whole is based upon the law of selfless love-giving, eventually the law of reaction "gets" all egotists. The little world they build for themselves alone out of money or pleasure or things, because it is held in being only by their personal wills against the great streams of tendency in the Cosmic Order, at last crumbles and melts away and they are left naked and alone in a world which they never rightly understood.

Let us cast selfishness out of the heart by surrendering the little self to a new and conscious unity with the Self of All.

**I AFFIRM:** *I am a self-operative instrument in the Mind of the Infinite.*

**Study:** James 2:8

I John 4:11, 12



**Tuesday, March Seventeenth**

**Key Thought:** "And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the Waters."

"The Spirit of God" is here used in the same significance as we are saying "the Word of God." The "Water" in all ancient symbolism signifies the receptive and obedient level of mind which we today call "Universal Subjective Mind" or the "Subconscious."

In this great Universal Level of Creativeness all the patterns of nature are received and operated. It brings forth every concept clearly given it by the Word,—the Conscious Mind in purposive action.

Into this Great Creative Medium we think. When we purposively declare our highest ideals, they fall into this great level called "the Face of the Waters." Here they are caught up, the patterns are accepted and by a strange magic of this level of mind, operated under law, they begin to be formed in substance.

Speak your deepest desires and purposes *as though* this level of Mind existed. Imagine it to be there and consciously speak your desired projects as if they were lovingly being received by an Eternal Creative Love. Imagine to yourself the eagerness of this Great Love to receive these ideals which you project; recognize that this level of the Infinite Mind is as eager to respond to you as you are to bring forth your own good.

**I AFFIRM:** *I am speaking my consciously conceived good into the Creativeness of Infinite Subjective Mind knowing that that which I cast upon the Waters shall not return unto me void, but shall accomplish that whereunto it was sent.*

**Study:** Job 22:21



### Wednesday, March Eighteenth

**Key Thought:** I allow my mind to formulate definite ideas and to hold in consciousness only images of those things which I desire to have come to pass.

I must guard with care this creative "picture-making" power of my mind called the "imagination." Whatever is pictured vividly is spontaneously emotionalized. This emotionalizing process is the receptivity of the Universal Subconscious to our thought.

We have worked this law of creativeness disastrously and mechanically a thousand times by vividly imagining and intensely feeling that which we did not want to have happen.

Why not operate this power positively? Try for a moment just now turning toward your own body and imagining how it would feel and how you would go on with your work today if you were 100 per cent healthy, alert and dynamic. You will find this image almost immediately accepted on the emotional and sensational level of your own body. And after a few repetitions, you will become aware of that which you have thus planted moving out into a beautiful kind of reality.

Try just now thinking forward into your day, imagining how you would like to meet every situation and every difficult person whom you may have to contact. See yourself radiant, mentally alert, capable, confident, powerful. Hold these images before your consciousness long enough to translate them into the language of feeling, for the Great Subconscious only understands the language of imagination and feeling. It does not respond quickly to abstract ideas.



**Thursday, March Nineteenth**

**Key Thought:** "By thy words shalt thou be justified and by thy words shalt thou be condemned."

Words idly spoken seem harmless enough. How can the mere spoken word, even though it voices a negative idea, have an influence over conditions? Dynamite in whatever form we may handle it is always explosive and we must understand that behind the words which we use is the mental process which formulates and projects the power-world behind them. It is in this mental process that the dynamite lies; not in the mere objective word.

Words, it is true, are but symbols of ideas, but the act of the mind in speaking them gives them a powerful kind of reality; particularly is this true if we put much feeling behind the word which we speak or the thought which we think.

Let us avoid talking about the darker or negative side of life. Let us refuse to voice any statement which recognizes another person's weaknesses. If someone else starts declaring a negative or critical statement about another individual, immediately correct the statement in your own mind by saying silently: "This may be the *fact* about this individual but it is not the *truth* of his divine self. I will speak toward him mentally the truth of his divine being."

Why not speak of the things we would wish to have made real? Ideal conditions, *only the best* about people, good fortune for ourselves, happiness and harmony for others?

**I AFFIRM:** "*Death and Life are in the power of the tongue and they that love it eat the fruit thereof.*"

**Study:** John 6:63

Zech. 4:6



**Friday, March Twentieth**

**Key Thought:** Thinking and speaking constructively dissolves false conditions and creates ideal ones.

At certain intervals we catch clear glimpses of our goal. We know what we would like to be and how we would like to do, yet a few hours later, up from the subjective levels comes surging some emotional hang-over of our past,—anger, irritability, dislike, prejudice or discouragement and we have failed.

Someone has suggested that saving our souls is really re-educating our subconscious levels,—weeding out old appetites, dissolving ugly old race emotions and substituting for them a new and redeemed nature.

To "think no thought we would not wish to see objectified" is a challenge and magic-working formula. True we often find ideas leaping unbidden into consciousness from the memory levels of the past and often they are unwelcome visitors; but we always have the power to show them the door and to in-state in their stead the welcome visitor who declares the truth.

Think carefully for a moment upon this tremendous promise, "Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me; and to him that ordereth his conversation aright, will I show the salvation of God."

Praise your body; make love to your business; remember that even your car is sensitive to your love and constructive thought. Thinking loving and beautiful thoughts of your co-workers suffuses them with encouragement and approval.

**I AFFIRM:** *I speak the perfect and constructive word toward every person and situation in my environment.*

**Study:** I Cor. 8:6



## Saturday, March Twenty-first

**Key Thought:** "Keep thy heart with diligence for out of it are the issues of life."

This is one of the profoundest statements in the whole Bible. Psychologically, it voices a literal truth. We may talk as much as we please about "guarding our thoughts" and "allowing only constructive thoughts" to occupy the mind; the patent fact is that nobody does it or can do it who has not gone one step further back and *watched his emotions, his feelings* about self, others, and life in general.

Psychology has shown us clearly that the most powerful associative process is *emotional association*. That is, the next idea which literally "pops" up into your mind without so much as "by your leave" is one *suggested by your feeling mood of the moment*.

You have nothing to say about it. You are merely the victim (or the beneficiary, as the case may be) of a purely automatic law.

You can no more guard your thoughts to be sweet and constructive *while you feel cross and hateful* than you can at will lift yourself into heaven by your own bootstraps.

Why not understand this law and profit by its positive use? Think no critical thoughts, no doubt thoughts, no destructive thoughts. Make your dominant emotion "LOVE." Choose to love until it dominates your entire thought world.

**I AFFIRM:** *I am seeing to it today that my mental processes are motivated by love, confidence and adventurous daring.*

**Study:** Math. 12:34, 35

I Peter 3:10



**Sunday, March Twenty-second**

The words that I speak, I speak not of myself, but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.

**Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also, and greater works than these shall he do.**

That the world may know that thou hast loved them as thou hast loved me.

**Whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is my brother, and my sister, and my mother.**

For we are laborers together with God. Ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.

**Being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God.**

Faith without works is dead.

**Show me thy faith without thy works, and I will show thee my faith by my works.**

Commit thy works unto the Lord, and thy thoughts shall be established.

**I will direct their work in truth, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.**

The works that I do shall ye do.

**Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit. So shall ye be my disciples.**

I must work the work of Him that sent me.

**For it is God that worketh through you, both to will and to do of his good pleasure.**



**Monday, March Twenty-third**

**Key Thought:** "The Word is nigh thee, even within thy mouth and in thy heart."

The "Word" is the radiance of God, ever consciously shining forth into expression. This tendency to radiate is the property of all living things, particularly is it characteristic of emotional states and, of course, on the intellectual plane no thought is complete until it moves outward into expression.

Dr. George F. Crile has for many years been carrying on experiments with the radio activity of bodily tissue. He finds that all tissues emanate an electrical vibratory radiation. If one hundred were accepted as the norm for radiation, it is found that the tissue of the feet registered 25 points of emanation; the solar plexus, 50 points; the hands, 100 points; and the tongue 300 points.

Here from the base of the tongue, even when there was no attempt to think out into speech, there was three times as strong an emanation as from any other region of the body.

Dr. Evans, the health specialist, has factiously commented, "If this be true, when some people speak it would be like dynamite."

It is like dynamite, for the moment the declaration of truth is made with the realization that man's mind joins the Eternal Mind, he speaks with the power of the eternal order.

The dynamics of the spoken word have never been measured because the vibratory rates of these higher powers transcend our physical measurements.

**I AFFIRM:** "*Life and death are in the power of the tongue.*"

**Study:** Prov. 25:11



**Tuesday, March Twenty-fourth**

**Key Thought:** "For it is not ye who speak but the spirit of your Father which speaketh in you."

Some people demur when this power of the Creative Word is mentioned. "How can it be that man has possessed such powers for so many centuries and that there has been so little evidence of the fact?"

There have been evidences in those rare souls who have understood this law and have dared to speak good to their fellowmen.

Jesus is, of course, the supreme example of that power of the "Spoken Word," which because it had back of it that tremendous realization of unity with the Father, could heal diseases, cast out "evil spirits" and perform what seemed to men miraculous deeds.

Even selfish men who do not understand the inner significance of this Law still operate it when they are superbly confident of themselves and their destiny. Napoleon's voice produced miraculous effects upon his soldiers. Mirabeau's declarations often curbed a rising storm of opposition. Our own Daniel Webster was said by Wendell Phillips to have a power "that made us wonder whether any man dared act counter to his will."

But the thought which lifts the power of man to complete his freedom is not self-will nor a sense of personal power. The higher levels of attainment are released when "the Spirit of our Father speaketh in us." Practically this means that when man has attained the I AM consciousness, he speaks "as one having authority."

**I AFFIRM:** *I Am the power and intelligence incarnate; this is the consciousness of the Christed-man.*



**Wednesday, March Twenty-fifth****Key Thought: Healing is by the Word.**

The Word of God's eternal power, love and mental substance flows outward into form.

Many people do not believe in the "laying on of hands" in performing healing, yet Jesus used this means whenever he felt that it would open the limited consciousness of him who was to be healed. Sometimes only by an expedient may the subjective levels of the ailing individual be freely opened.

Yet the healing Word is invisible vibratory substance, and needs no physical medium for conveyance. Healings are as truly and as easily performed with thousands of miles intervening, as when healer and healed contact. The healing is a mental and spiritual act and has no conditions except the conviction of the healer and the receptivity and acceptance of the healed.

The Word moves from us ideally when it is under the dominion of perfect ideas,—patterns of perfection which the Great Subjective Mind accepts and manifests as wholeness.

True healing is by the Word; it is man's mind operating as God-Mind declaring the perfect order, reinforcing it by all the dynamics of the universal and planting in the great Law of Creativeness through the receptivity of Love.

**I AFFIRM:** *I realize that healing is spiritual not physical and that at the root of all methods that which heals is the declaration of the Word.*

**Study:** Isa. 55:11  
Luke 10:19



**Thursday, March Twenty-sixth**

**Key Thought:** "The Lord said unto my Lord, Behold I have put my words in thy mouth."

Not only are we God's nature, repeating his being in expression, but we may know that in the Christ Consciousness we may reach up and intuitively receive his "perfect ideas for expression."

"Guidance is a commonplace in the experience of the most God-Conscious souls the world has ever known." Guidance is not a passive automatic obedience to a higher power through making your own mind utterly a blank, but an active attunement (at-one-ment) with the Mind of God within you.

When we learn how to be ever listening for that word within us, when with lifted consciousness we are ever expectant that the truth will be revealed to us, we shall receive wisdom as we have never received it before.

Strangely enough, unless we *spea*k this wisdom with confidence and power, unless we are consciously expressing it in deeds of courage and of love, we gradually lose the power to receive. Man must be true to the vision within him.

It takes training to keep the mind ever lifted with expectancy and openness to receive on this highest level of consciousness. Nevertheless, this is the true "practice of the Presence" and the results to those who so attune themselves is a serenity and poise, a ready wisdom and self-possession which no other type of thinking can give.

**I AFFIRM:** *I keep my mind lifted expectantly that I may be ever in tune with the Infinite Wisdom.*

**Study:** Isa. 51:16

Math. 10:19



**Friday, March Twenty-seventh**

**Key Thought:** I know that I am to build my ideal world by the thoughts which I think out into dynamic expression.

It is a commonplace of thinking that there is a world order of actuality already established, objective to myself, over whose many elements I seem to have little control.

To say, therefore, that I can build my own world from within implies a new and surprising element entering into the usual equation. This new element is man's discovery that he is privileged to enter into and use the Creative Thought Process of the Mind within the Universe.

This is the most startling discovery of the ages,—that man contains within his own mind the Universal Creative Thought Process.

This is not a mere mental trick by which man may attain his own selfish ends; but a "sonship" of infinite possibility into which he must enter and which he must educate within himself by understanding and constant experimentation.

Let us then resolve to make every moment of every day a schooling in the use of this master power, Mind.

"Mind is the master power to mold and make;  
And Man is mind, who evermore does take  
The tool of thought, and shaping what he wills,  
Brings forth a thousand joys, a thousand ills;  
He thinks in secret and it comes to pass,  
Environment is but the looking glass."

**I AFFIRM:** *By daily realizing that my mind is a part of the One Mind, that its creative activity operates under a universal principle, I gain confidence and power to declare my good.*

**Study.** I Cor. 8:6

2 Sam. 22:23



**Saturday, March Twenty-eighth**

**Key Thought:** My tendency to speak critically is gone; my fault-finding is gone.

The fault-finding person is to be pitied. No minor fault in the whole catalog of errors and sins brings back so terrible a harvest of unpleasant reactions from other people.

The critical person constantly "kills that which he most does love,"—the sense of perfection within himself, the love of his fellows, the deep confidence in himself.

Yet the mental powers of the fault-finding individual are often far above the average. The person who is critical and fault-finding is always one with a deep hunger for perfection and a keen perception of it. Any departure from it is torture to him. Occasionally it is true one meets someone who uses a sharp tongue and sharper words to defend a hyper-sensitive soul, but always in the deeper self there lies a hunger for perfection and harmony, and a real hunger for the approval of others.

We can help such individuals not by running away from them, not by avoiding their company, unpleasant as it may seem at times, but by seeing only the positive self in them. To touch into life their deeper love of beauty and of kindness is almost immediately to change the fault-finder into an eager soul in search of the "Holy Grail."

**I AFFIRM:** *I love enough not to be critical of others. I love enough to heal others of criticism, by seeing in them the capacity for love and generosity.*

**Study:** Mark 12:30, 31

I John 4:11, 12



**Sunday, March Twenty-ninth**

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

**Whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world; and this is the victory, even our faith.**

He that hath an ear, let him hear . . . . To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.

**Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.**

My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest.

**And I will set my tabernacle among you; and my soul shall not abhor you.**

And I will walk among you, and will be your God; and ye shall be my people.

**Be strong and of good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them; for the Lord, thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee nor forsake thee.**

The Lord is with you, while ye be with him; and if ye seek him, he will be found in you.

**For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are sons of God.**

The Spirit itself beareth witness with our Spirit; that we are the children of God;

**And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ;**

The Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth;

**And he will show him greater works than these.**



## Monday, March Thirtieth

**Key Thought:** "My word shall not return unto me void but shall accomplish that which I please."

Whether one think of this verse as referring to the Creative Word of God or to that of man, it remains equally the expression of a great truth.

All the powers of Infinite Mind are literally repeated within man; but man must discover and learn how to use his own potentialities. Do not feel that you are making undue and sacrilegious claims when you believe in your God-like potentiality to speak the Creative Word.

Test this power out in the events of your day until you gain confidence enough to speak the Word with power.

An idea clearly conceived and definitely and persistently declared cannot return void. It is caught up and reflected in what Edwin Carpenter calls the "Pool of Beauty,"—the Universal Subconscious.

Do not doubt that man joins God in creative power. Listen to a few of the remarkable Biblical affirmations regarding man's importance and power in the Creative Life of the Infinite Mind:

"For we are laborers together with God."

"He hath given us of his Spirit."

"Beloved, the tabernacle of God is with man and He shall dwell with them."

"For lo, I come and I will dwell in the midst of thee, saith the Lord."

"As He is so are we in this world."

**I AFFIRM:** *I speak the Word today with conviction and with power. I know that that which I speak shall not return unto me void.*

**Study:** Math. 5:14, 15, 16



## Tuesday, March Thirty-first

**Key Thought:** "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do."—John 14:12.

Jesus knew well that there was a principle of Christhood within every man, and that he himself had by self-initiation, by choice, by constant practice and by deeds attained and demonstrated this principle.

The phrase "to believe on him" used in the text quite evidently means that we must accept the Christ-principle as latent in all men.

You and I must understand that we are potential Christs; that is, sons of God capable of using the same "Mind-stuff," the same Life-force, the same essential powers and having the same ability to join ourselves to the One Operative Intelligence of the Universe.

But we must ourselves come to consciousness of these powers *by self-discovery and by the repeated use of them*. This is necessary because to really become gods as Jesus declared that we are, we must *choose* and act in order to attain expression of our God-hood; otherwise we should be mere puppets made by a puppetier and incapable of acting except as he dictated.

Man is the Logos, the Word, and his eternal function is to *speak himself into fullness of being and expression*.

**I AFFIRM:** *I am daily entertaining the thought of myself as a Christed man reproducing on the plane of the individual and particular all the powers of the Universal Mind.*

**Study:** Math. 6:13  
James 1:17



# Power and Peace

By Harvey Hardman

**P**EACE is the harmony of action, the balanced movement of parts, the rhythmic manifestation of energy. For the human soul, peace without some form of creative activity is impossible. Indolence breeds discontent. The energy of the mind turns back upon itself and destroys the rhythm of life. It is the nature of spirit to work, to create, and if this fundamental order of existence is violated by the individual, not peace or rest is obtained, but inner confusion, discord. The happiest people, all things considered, are the busiest.

“Rest is not quitting

The busy career.

Rest is the fitting

The soul to its sphere.”

Implicit in and at the center of all power, there is a place of absolute rest. The earth is a huge dynamo, generating immeasurable power. As it revolves upon its axis, it breaks the lines of magnetic force proceeding from the sun, and generates the electricity that is everywhere present upon the globe. And without this vital and omnipresent, mysterious force, life could not exist upon the planet. And at the very core of the earth, there is the motionless rest of limitless power, the still center of infinite motion.

The soul of man is the center of God. God is the infinite Reality whose center is everywhere that consciousness exists, and whose circumfer-



ence is nowhere in space or time. The exploring mind, pausing at the confines of measured space, with its diameter of millions of light years, knows that this cycle is but the beginning of another orbit of vaster magnitude, and as the restless imagination returns to its Ark from vast wanderings, it learns the wisdom of inner peace and is content to know that the God of infinity dwells in the heart.

"All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth." Thus spake the Son of Man. We have been taught to think of this statement as applying to the second Person of a Deific Trinity and as having no connection with the individual child of God. Notwithstanding the fact that the Master Teacher elaborated the doctrine as one of personal power, theology has so thoroughly confused it with the dogma of a special Incarnation, that few people see in it the charter of spiritual freedom and power for the individual. How otherwise are we to interpret such statements as these: "If ye abide in me and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." "Unto you it is given to know the mysteries (inner meaning) of the Kingdom." "Greater things than these (demonstrations) shall ye do." Time and again he assured his students that the knowledge of his teaching would give power to the individual possessing it.

Within each person there is a center of Divine Consciousness, of God-Power. This is the core of Absolute Causation on the plane of individual being. The objective mind deals with the phe-



nomena of appearances through the senses. This is relative causation. If the appearance is mistaken for the reality, the relative for the Absolute, a separation takes place in consciousness from the Inner Power. This sense of separation is not real but illusory. But so long as it exists, it has the effect of reality so far as the individual life is concerned.

In this state of illusory separation, there is no peace. The mind is absorbed with "the childish things" mentioned by Paul. Not that the childish things of sense-conscious life are insignificant in themselves. They constitute the warp and woof of experience from which the fabric of life is woven. But after all it is only a fabric, the garment of life. The soul-center is the reality, the body of existence. And not until one finds the inner Sanctuary, the Throne of the Invisible within himself, will he find real power and the peace that is inseparable from the consciousness of God within.

The practical effect of this recognition of the Center of Absolute Power within the individual, is "quietness and assurance." The man's life takes on a new tone, or rhythm. All work becomes easy, the action of effortless power. He sees that all experience is merely incidental, that nothing really matters. And this attitude is not one of indifference but one of innate superiority over conditions. Conditions are the waves of energy flowing from an inexhaustible Inner Source of Life and Power. The soul's Dynamo is connected with the Infinite Power House.



Indeed it is the Infinite in action as an individual. It is impossible for one having that feeling of unity with Spirit ever to fuss or fret or be irritable because of conditions. Nor can fear enter a heart so fortified with confidence in the power of the Indwelling God. Are there problems to be solved? Here is the perfect Intelligence to work them out. Is there work to be done? The Inner Workman "needeth not to be ashamed," for as a Master he knows what to do and how to do it. Is there danger amid the confusions and ungoverned forces around one? Irresponsible morons driving powerful motors? Half-baked idiots speaking words of guile and the poison of malicious gossip? It shall not come nigh thee to harm thee. With serene assurance you can say "No one can hurt me nor deceive me nor deprive me of my good. For my good is treasure laid up where moth and rust cannot corrupt nor thieves break through and steal."

Do not imagine that this sort of peace and power can be obtained by reading a book or listening to a few lectures. All a teacher can do is to point out the "Way." You must walk in it and discover the Reality for yourself. Place and conditions have nothing to do with finding it. It is altogether an inner experience. He that findeth this "secret place of the Most High, shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty." A figure of speech? Yes, if you will have it so, but the profoundest reality of existence to the one who has "found the Way."

While conditions in themselves have nothing to do with the actual experience of getting ac-



acquainted with the Indwelling Master, the person who is more concerned with the superficial aspects of life than with its inner meaning and substance, will be slow in finding the "still Center of Power and Peace." He must take time to think things through, to realize the meaning of spiritual and mental values. He cannot live wholly on the surface of life and find the peace and strength that come from meditation in the Law. The Law is the living reality of Divine Intelligence within, and heart to heart acquaintance with it is the result of cultivation through quiet contemplation of the Beauty of God as expressed in nature and the laws of the universe. After all there is more beauty in a sunset than there is in a cinema production. More wisdom in the manifold life of nature than there is in an afternoon card party. These have their place in life, but the person seeking spiritual knowledge and power will be temperate about such indulgence. Within you is a silent center of Divine Intelligence and Power, and when you recognize it and dwell with it, you will know the "peace that passeth understanding," and the power that leads to a victorious life.



Divine Love cannot interfere to save the ignorant, and only aids the informed as they comply with law. Conscious mind must suffer the effect of error until proof is established in thought.—  
Harvey Hardman.



# When We Fall Down

By William David Ball

**W**HEN we fall down in our first attempt to skate, do we give up in despair? Of course not. We consider falling down as one of the things to be expected during the learning process, one of the necessary steps on the road to success. By falling down a great number of times one gradually learns how NOT to fall down.

In the same way, success in any line of endeavor, whether it is a profession, a business or an art, is not to be expected without defeat and failure along the way. When we are learning to skate we take the falls with a grin, realizing not only that they cannot be avoided, but that they have a definite value in teaching us to acquire skill. But in our more serious pursuits, we are inclined to take our falls with a great deal of wailing and weeping; we bemoan our hard luck; we rail at fortune. Suppose my first business venture does not turn out well and I am forced into bankruptcy. Or suppose the first stories I write find no market. Well, what of it? Does that mean that I will never become a successful business man, or I will never learn to write saleable material? No more than falling down on the ice means that I will never learn to skate.

Every time I write a story, whether or not it is saleable, I learn something about the art of writing—that is, assuming I am possessed of ordinary intelligence. When we learn we progress. We cannot get away from the fact that



so long as we make progress we are bound to reach the place where seeming defeat turns into victory. Especially now, when everyone is obsessed with fear thoughts of depression and hard times, do we need to realize that life is made up of peaks and valleys, lights and shadows. There is a natural rhythm to all life, an alternation between victory and defeat, prosperity and adversity, joy and sorrow. We cannot escape this rhythm any more than we can escape or avoid the facts of night and day, waking and sleeping.

Emerson says that the ingenuity of man has always been dedicated to the solution of one problem—how to detach the sweet of life from the bitter, to enjoy the one and to avoid the other. He adds: "Up to this day, it must be owned, no projector has had the smallest success." And it must be owned, further, that it would be highly undesirable to escape the bitter. A life of continuous joy would become as unbearable as one of continuous grief. What we call the pleasures of life—the sweets of riches, love, success—lose their meaning unless we have also tasted their bitter opposites. Can a man who is not hungry enjoy food?

Great men have always recognized the part that failure plays in making their success. Listen to Henry Ward Beecher: "It is defeat that turns bone to flint and gristle to muscle, that makes men invincible, and that has formed the heroic natures that are now in the ascendancy in the world. Do not be afraid of defeat. You are never so sure of victory as when defeated in a good cause."

When you fall, get up, grin—and try again!



# The Problem of Money

By Harvey Hardman

**M**ONEY is to humanity the Universal Symbol of Value, and therefore symbolizes God Creative Force or Substance. To get it we must ADMIT WE NEED IT . . . WANT IT . . . and we can thus LOVE IT INTO ACTION TOWARD US. Banish all fear of money as a source or cause of selfishness and love of money for its own sake. There is no FEAR in the mental quality or THOUGHT of money in itself. You must eliminate all fear in regard to money, either as to possession or want of it.

Creative Mind finds joy in expressing OPULENCE.

The God Principle of your Self is loving and finds joy in creating. It will create WEALTH for you as readily as HEALTH or any other factor of life.

Love is the LIFE PRINCIPLE in all creative processes. You cannot attract money to you except you LOVE MONEY AS A SYMBOL OF SUBSTANCE. If the SEED THOUGHT of MONEY is sown in LOVE, and fertilized with DESIRE, watered with HOPE and EXPECTATION and cultivated with RIGHT ACTION or WORK, it will GROW INTO MONEY.

And Joyful is the life of it; healthful is the strength of it; beautiful is the art of it; and perfection is the action of it.



Thus the SOUL of right action toward money must be in you, and express itself as LOVE, UNITY and DEFINITENESS of PURPOSE.

You must be DEFINITE. Write a list of your NEEDS and then think of Money as the SEED from which they are to GROW into fulfillment. Plant in the Creative Mind within you ideas of prosperity.

Know what you want . . . aim . . . shoot . . . go after it, and know that the Silent Partner is always with you, helping, guiding, cooperating with you.

Don't let "if" get in your way.

Don't be a "waiter" all your life.

Use the Law—and work!



## FIELD NOTE

Dr. Edgar White Burrill, who was called from a year's work as supply minister at the First Divine Science Church of Denver, to the Unity Society of Buffalo, has been made the regular minister of that society. Meetings are held in the Hotel Statler. Increased attendance is reported, with many Buffalo business men in the audiences. Classes of instruction have been very successful, much healing work is being done, and there is splendid cooperation and enthusiasm in building a stronger Center in Buffalo.



## Finding Joy

By Helen Meyer

THERE are times on the East Coast when the fog is so dense that it takes until noon for the sun to penetrate it, and in the meantime the river craft screeches warning whistles. As a little girl I lived three miles from the coast, and I conjured up the idea that on these dark days ghosts were abroad, and the whistles were their moans and groans, and at that distance from the water the fog warnings do sound like the lamentations of lost souls.

I was fearfully distressed by the ghosts, yet I was thrilled too, with a sort of unholy joy. When the sun would finally penetrate the fog I was lonesome and depressed. I was too young to realize the treachery of the fog, knew nothing of the havoc it caused on boats, the constant fear of wrecks. I knew only that a foggy day was something to waste my fancy on, and my morbid love for the ghosts was MY secret. No one knew about these thrilling ghosts but my own little self.

When I reflect back on my attitude towards the fog, it seems to me that life is a great deal like that. We are thrilled and we are sometimes terrified by the things we do not understand, and we go along unconscious of the havoc and wrecks we are causing by actually living in a fog, refusing to let the sun, the LIGHT penetrate. Blindly we seek our joy in persons, places and things, until one day the fog is lifted and we realize that we have been entertained by ghosts.

I think the fog began to lift for me when I realized that nothing in the universe is responsi-



ble for my joy or my sorrow, that all that counts is my reactions to these emotions. I began to see that the thing called joy to one person was not joy to another. Some people in the slums get an enormous kick out of life, other people in palaces are bored, completely unhappy. Possessions, therefore, do not constitute joy. Some people look upon death as a magnificent adventure, a step upward in the scheme of a Wise Creator; others look upon it as a direful event, a time for weeping and mourning. Joy in our friends is ephemeral. The one that is capable of giving us the greatest apparent happiness is the one that can throw us into the depths of woe, and our friends, like our styles, are subject to the law of change.

Where then was I to find joy, the eternal quest of the human being? It can come only with wisdom and understanding.

Wisdom I found is the determination to do everything well, to do the smallest or the greatest task the very best we know how. Our inner consciousness knows our capacity. It does not expect us to do more than our best, but it does expect that and is no flatterer. It tells us certainly, vividly, when we are slackers or slipshod. We may receive the plaudits of the arena, but if our inner self knows we are unworthy, our joy is alloyed. We may be thrilled with the ghosts in the fog, but when our inner light gets a chance to shine through we are disillusioned and the ghosts are our own secret.

The higher we raise our inner self the nearer we come to the joy that is to be found in the firm determination to do everything well. A good beginning is to save our strength for char-



acter building, not to waste it on the pettinesses of criticism, hate, fear, or any of the negative mental states. Then, to find joy in our immediate task, to give our best to the world, asking no favors, seeking no favors, and knowing that joy is our ample compensation for a life well lived.

We **MUST** realize that people and possessions are not essential to our joy, that they are but the transient ghosts in the fog of our own mind.



"The Omnipresence of God signifies to us that Good, Spirit, Life and Law are ever, everywhere present. We are like our source—the microcosm of the macrocosm. Recognition of this truth of being, and expression of self, are all that is required of us by Infinite Spirit."



Let the stream of thy thought glide through the channel of constructive vision and forms of beauty and splendor shall rise to the surface.

Behold the greatness of thy soul through the light of knowledge and reason—then darkness of error and doubt shall no longer find shelter.—  
Garns.



Couldst thou but come to know  
That this is so—  
Feel what thou art—and not the thing thou  
    seemest—  
In substance one  
With Him who wheels the planet, poised the sun,  
Who breathed thee into being, and broods behind  
The unimagined marvel of thy mind—  
    So, from sense-bondage freed,  
    Herein to rest,  
That God is the Expresser, thou the exprest—  
    This were indeed  
The very dawn of Truth, whereof thou dreamest,  
Ending of error and surcease of strife—  
    This were Eternal Life.

—From "The City of Five Gates," by James  
Rhoades.

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"The world that is today, grew out of the world  
of yesterday;  
And the earth of tomorrow, is forming in the  
earth of today.  
And you and I,  
Belong to the world of today;  
Having come from yesterday;  
With a journey to make, into tomorrow."

—From "Earth," by Frank Townsend.



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## "Peace Peace, Be Still"



I've been a modern Pagan—till today,  
My life lay strewn about—in disarray.  
I knew not how—nor knew to whom to pray,  
The God I sought seemed, oh, so far away.

A shaft of light has pierced that mental gloom,  
I know my God is here—within the room;  
As close as viral seed is to the bloom,  
As sweet as bridal kisses to her groom.

I need not move my lips—yet I can speak  
To Him—for whom I need no longer seek.  
His strength is mine, I am not spent and weak,  
Nor is my path a thorn-strewn trail, and bleak.

'Tis, oh, so good—to find my God is nigh.  
When waves of doubt and fear are rolling high—  
His presence is forever standing by.  
"Peace, Peace, be still,"—Their angry voices die.

Untroubled calm has filled the soul of me—  
I from my imaged sufferings am free.  
Have not I found a mental sanctity—  
By courting thoughts of faith and purity.

—Ada Perry Beinhacker.