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THE MESSAGE



BE YE TRANSFORMED BY THE RENEWING OF YOUR MIND." Rom. 12; 2

Thinking Men and Women know and declare that the general depression from which the world is suffering is entirely mental. There is just as much money, just as great opportunity now as there ever has been.

The World is made up of individuals, and each has his responsibility in relation to this world condition.

Realizing that all is "Mind and its Manifestation," you can see that any condition is the result of the way the Individual makes use of the Law of Mind. If conditions are demoralizing, uncomfortable, unsatisfactory, it is because Individuals are thinking in terms of worry and anxiety which will develop only experiences of sorrow and disaster.

Mind IS. It is neither good nor bad. It is living, moving, throbbing, "becoming," so active and so powerful, that it responds instantly and perfectly to every mental action within It, and according to the Law of its own being, brings forth into the objective, into experience, the perfect form of the thought placed in IT.

Watch therefore and "renew your Mind," or change your method of thinking, consistently thinking only of wholeness and harmony along every line.

Read: Phil. 1: 6; Heb. 6: 13-14

"YOU HAVE WITHIN YOURSELF THE ANSWER TO YOUR PROBLEM."

The outer world is the World of Effect, the Inner World is the World of Cause. It is so easy to forget that the World of Effect is but the visible form of an Invisible Cause. You, as a child of God, with the capacity to manifest perfectly in the world of Effect, often use that Power ignorantly, unwisely, and in a way that falls far short of producing joyous and satisfying effects or experience.

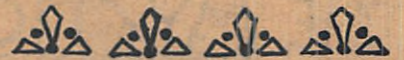
When an experience confronts you that is puzzling or hateful, what should you do? It is only when you lose sight of your heritage that you call any experience bad. You know it is useless to get excited, anxious, or angry. That makes things worse.

What you should do is to sit down quietly and remember that as a child of God you can have all the power, wisdom, peace and joy that you can use. You cannot store it up. You must use it. You cannot have the result of wisdom if you remain angry. You cannot experience peace if you remain disturbed.

You must develop within yourself the equivalent of that which you desire to experience in the outer. Your work begins within and ends without. "The Father giveth the increase."

When you keep your thinking true to the God within yourself, you do not have to worry about the outer world, for the outer is but the form of the Inner.

Read: Matt. 17:14-21; 1 Cor. 3: 5-9



EXTRACT FROM A LETTER TO A STUDENT

I have your letter of the —, and I am indeed sorry that things have been piling up so as to interfere with your study. I know of course the problems of today, the manifold duties of a busy life, and it is very easy to fail to find the time for study and attunement. On the other hand, I do want to talk to you about this a few moments, because in order to take advantage of the opportunity of contact, an opportunity which does lead to the very highest in Occultism and Mysticism, it is necessary that one be faithful in maintaining the contact, and I want you particularly, to realize that it is not so much a matter of study, as it is of controlling the Habit Self, or as the Psychologist says, the Repressive Self. I presume that you have read some of the books on Popular Psychology, and I presume that you are somewhat familiar with the emotional reactions and complexes, the concepts and ideas which man builds up in his subconscious mind, and which to a very large extent dominates him, just as a gyroscope, deep in the hold of a ship holds that ship to its course, regardless of the push of the wind and waves.

In the work of Occultism and Mysticism, it is not a matter really of long hours of study, or of going deeply into Abstract and Speculative Philosophy, but it is rather a matter of self-training. What is required really is that you do give a period of perhaps one hour once a week to the study of the current week's lesson, by sitting down and reading it quietly after opening the little Convocation in due form, and relaxing for a few moments, the message is imprinted deeply upon that subconscious Mind, and regardless of the fact that you may not again look at that lecture, there is a process going on beyond the Borders of Consciousness, which we term Subconscious Mentation, the Subconscious Mind tak-

ing the impressions, analyzing them, and working them out by deductive reasoning, not questioning them in any way, for it does not have that kind of reasoning ability, but working them out to conclusions, and in moments of stress, moments of need, or moments of decision, there is this knowledge of subconscious power, ready to send ideas up into the Consciousness, flash across the horizon as Intuition.

So you see that the work really consists of this one hour once a week in study and contemplation, and then the actual assumption of a part. If you will imagine that you are an actor upon the stage of Life, and that you are going to assume a certain part, which to you is an Ideal, each morning when you get up the thought of the character you assume flashes to you, and thruout that whole day you assume, the carriage, the posture, the speech, the mannerisms, the gestures of that part, you begin to think along the lines that that Ideal of yours would think, you begin to reason things out as that Ideal Character would reason them out, and until you lie down at night you are true to that part in every slightest detail.

Is that asking too much, is that making too difficult a task? I think not, tho it is difficult in that it requires the will to be in absolute control of the physical, emotional and mental selves. No matter what thoughts the Subconscious Self sends up, no matter how subtly they are disguised, pleading to put it off until tomorrow, let it go, it is too difficult, it wouldn't amount to anything, and what is the use -- the man who can do that, and will do it, who can force his triune nature to be his servant, will inevitably grow into attunement with that part he assumes and climb the ladder of Success rung by rung, to Heights undreamed of, and with that Power that comes from self-mastery and self-control there will

be laid the foundation for the high work which lies beyond, the actual use of the high potencies and frequencies of the Inner Planes. It may be difficult, it may require constant watching until the new habit is formed, but it is well worth the effort, and the man who succeeds must make that effort.

So the first step is to select your night, a night that you can utilize for one hour, and then regardless of whether the Heavens fall or not, keep that one hour. Open your Convocation and establish an atmosphere of Reverence, of Sacredness in that place that you are using as a Sanctum, feel that it is Holy Ground, for you have invited the Presence of Divinity, the Spiritual Hierarchies who are to work with you, and then read your lesson carefully and thoughtfully, the current lesson remember, regardless of how many there are back, and then take a few moments of quiet relaxation after pulling out the light, and try one of the experiments.---Ten minutes is enough of that, see how completely you can throw yourself into concentration on your visualized picture in your Imaginary World, and then turn to this character you are going to assume, be frank and truthful with yourself, even as does your own Ego on the High Planes between incarnations, and check over yourself -- dig out your weaknesses and your faults, admit them, search for them, and having contemplated them and realized them, assume the character, assume that you have the qualities of the exact opposite; convert this speculative picture into concrete terms, definite things that you are going to do, and that you are going to refrain from doing thruout the day; start with two or three things to watch -- you are going to make an effort, for instance to be particularly congenial and pleasant; you are going to go out of your way to develop as a mixer, and consequently you start in the morn-

ing, and from the first person you speak to, to the last person at night, you pause for a moment in your own affairs to inquire about theirs, their hobbies, you assume an optimistic attitude, you are helpful, confident, you instill an atmosphere of hope and confidence in them, and lighten for a moment the Heavy Cross they bear; you brighten the Way, that aids them, as they climb the steep Cliffs of Calvary; you radiate Divine Love, Infinite Wisdom and Supreme intelligence, and what is the result -- in a few weeks you are an entirely different person, you have opened channels of Supply, and all whom you have met admire your sterling characteristics, the kindness and gentleness of your nature, they become eager, willing, enthusiastic channels, bringing God's Infinite Supply to you, and well, you can see the good in that. But too often in the press of our own affairs, with our mind busy on our own problems, we hastily brush by, and we don't do these things. There are dozens and dozens of other things that can be built into our Personality, as we take them up one by one, and work with them and study them.

FOR ADVANCED MEMBERS

Rememberest thou, Beloved, when thou hadst attained entrance thru the Mystic Doorway leading within the Sacred Vault which is to be found within that certain Mountain, that Vault of Seven Sides, each side of which showed forth the color of one of the great Planetary Intelligences?---Never wilt thou forget that Light which is the Great Mystery of the ceiling of that Vault, even tho, ages hence, the Darkness of the floor may be obliterated from thy memory when the Light has completed its work.

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Thou hast now, Beloved, the knowledge of the Invoking and Banish-



ing Rituals of the Pentagram, where-
by thou mayest control the Elements
and the Astral Plane; therefore thou
understandest how these Pentagrams
should be traced with Wand and Will,
and how this formula is symbolically
shown in the arrangement of the Sym-
bols of the Elements which are shown
around the Pentagrams upon the arms
of our Mighty Cross. Thou now know-
est too, how the Planetary Rulers
and even the Zodiacal Signs are to
be Invoked or Banished by means of
the Holy Hexagrams, the true arrange-
ment of which is shown in our Symbol.

All this thou knowest, let us
now analyze the Keyword by which LVX
may be drawn from the Cross as did
our Ancient Brethren.

I	}	Roman
N		
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I		

Yod	}	Hebrew
Nun		
Resh		
Yod		

Virgo, Isis, Mighty Mother
Scorpio, Aphopis, Destroyer Egyptian
Sol, Osiris, Slain and Risen
Isis, Aphopis, Osiris

I A O Greek

May thy Mind be open unto the Higher
Thy Heart a center of Light
And thy Body a Temple of the Christ

Vale Frater

THE LAW

As I think and feel and speak
and act,
So I am using my Divine Creative
Power
To produce more feeling, speech, ac-
tion and experience
OF THE SAME KIND in myself and others.

BLACK AND WHITE OCCULTISM

If we compare the Teachings of
the Old and New Testaments we find
that under the old Dispensation,
Life was regulated by innumerable,
minutely detailed regulations, which
told a man exactly what to do in
any given circumstance. These regu-
lations which were being detailed,
were precise and inelastic, and as
conditions of Social Life changed,
became inapplicable. They gave no
instructions concerning matters that
greatly needed regulation and obso-
lete Laws remained irksome and need-
less restrictions. For the interpre-
tation and application of the Mosaic
Law were developed hosts of Scribes
and Commentators, who by the exer-
cise of great ingenuity and much
stressing of the meaning of words,
succeeded in maintaining them as a
more or less workable system.

When the Master Jesus came, how-
ever, He set aside the Old Command-
ment saying, "Give I unto you," and
in some two dozen words He gave the
Principles underlying the Law and the
Prophets. He said, "Thou shalt love
the Lord thy God with all thy heart
and with all thy Soul and with all
thy Mind and with all thy Strength,
and thy Neighbor as thyself." This
is a comprehensive statement which
sophistry cannot weaken and which
can serve as a Guide in all imagin-
able circumstances. It is a Measur-
ing Rod, which upon whatever Plane
we may be functioning, will always
give true Measure. We can apply it
to our dealings with Elementals as
well as with Men, with the lofti-
est Intelligences, or the most debas-
ed of Evil Spirits. It is a Rule
of Conduct which never fails.

In estimating external condi-
tions, however, we need some further
guidance, and herein it is impossible
to apply a standard ruling. A thing
which might be right under one cir-
cumstance may be wrong under another.



A thing which may be right for one person may be wrong for another. There is no Levitical Code which can be applied to the infinite variety of the Tests of the Path.

The Initiate takes as a Standard, not an ethical book Rule, but Movement and Direction. He measures all things against the current of Evolution. Yes, in any given action, or set of circumstances, "Is it moving in the same direction as Evolution, and is its pace faster or slower than the normal Tide?" And he will judge relative rightness and wrongness by the answers to these two questions.

For instance, he might consider the work and teaching of some narrow and bigoted sect and ask himself, 'Can I condemn these people who are so obviously full of Good intentions,' and if he saw that they darkened the Human Spirit and prevented it from reaching the stature of Manhood which is normally attained, he would judge that Sect to be moving at a slower pace than the Current of Evolution, even tho going in the same direction, and therefore not to be beneficial to Man or God.

Again he might find that different Standards prevail to different societies and among Men of different stages of development, and if he were to assess them justly he would have to take into consideration the step of the Evolutionary Ladder upon which they stood. The Principles have to be applied differently at different states of development, altho themselves unchanging. For instance, every primitive man has to be a Warrior and a Hunter if he is to do his duty to Society, but if the predatory impulses persist in Civilized Society, then they lead to Crime. It is noticeable how many habitual criminals distinguished themselves in the War and the remarkable freedom from Crime that prevailed while that outlet was available for

the adventurous impulses of the Race. A professional Criminal is by no means invariably a man of ugly temperament or nasty disposition. He frequently will have heroic virtues, and often he is a man whom Civilization has not suited, and who is in rebellion against the cramping conditions of Modern Life. Had he been a citizen of a frontier colony he might have made good and achieved distinction. He is Evil because he is out of date, the impulses which actuate him have ceased to serve a social purpose, he is a throw-back to primitive conditions.

Now from what I have said you will see that these Principles enable you to estimate the Right and Left-Hand Paths, and Black and White Occultism. The Right-Hand Path is that which prolongs the lines of Evolution and leads by the most direct route to its Goal, it is the shortest route between the stage at which a man has arrived when he hears the Call and Divine Union. It will, therefore be seen that no particular route can be laid down as a true Path or System by which every man may come. The Ways to God are as many as the breasts of the sons of Men. It is the Directness or the Indirectness of the Route which counts.

And again with regard to Black Occultism, it is impossible to label any operation at all times and under all circumstances definitely Black or definitely White. All that we can say is that under certain circumstances it is Black or White. Dirt has been defined as misplaced Matter, and Evil can be defined as misplaced Force. Force can be misplaced in time or in space. A thing may be right at one time which is wrong at another. Black Occultism then may be defined as misplaced Force, or out of Date Methods.

Now for instance, picture yourself as standing at the lowest point of an ellipse, whose highest point is



God. On your left, stretches up the Path by which you have descended into Matter, on your Right, stretches up the Path by which you will return to Spirit. Should you turn and retrace your steps along the Path which you had come, you would be treading the Left-Hand Path. Should you press on by the Path which Evolution will ultimately follow, you would be following the Right-Hand Path. By either Route you can rise upon the Planes. If you have achieved the mastery of a Plane by the Right-Hand Path, you will be a Master of both its aspects, Primitive and Evolved. You will, however, have to be careful to keep both its aspects in their right places, or they will not be permitted to you for long.

Let me make this clear by example -- supposing without Initiation one tries to penetrate into the Higher Consciousness by the help of Drugs. Their action would be to put in abeyance the higher faculties of the Mind, thereby enabling the primitive Powers of direct psychic perception to function unchanged. You would, indeed, be able to penetrate the Astral Plane, but would find yourself upon its limbo, or Purgatorial Aspect. Should you open the Astral Senses by the true initiatory methods of Development and a Sense of Consciousness, as you have been working, you will have equally attained access to the Astral Plane, but into an entirely different sphere of it. When, however, you are successful in penetrating that sphere you will find that when you have achieved mastery over it, so that you can move freely in consciousness thereon, you are also able to penetrate its Hell. This Power, however, would never be used, save for the purpose of speaking to the Spirits in person. Thus, you see the methods of entering the Hell may be used by the White Magician who desires to redeem a Soul that may have been drawn into one of the Hells. And therefore it cannot be said that the

formula itself is definitely Evil, and so should on no account be used.

A FAIRY TALE

Dr. Alan Emley, Ph. D.

In a far country there dwelt a man who was different from those about him. He had not a care in the world. His face broke readily into a smile, yet remained calm and serene in every trial. He was not wealthy, but he had plenty and seemed to desire no more.

Some whispered that he possessed a mysterious formula - a secret wisdom - with which one could obtain wealth and power. When asked if this were true, the man answered that he had a Creed for Happiness that would bring all things desired.

A millionaire offered him a fabulous sum for it; a philosopher offered him books that contained all the philosophies of the earth compared and contrasted; a worker offered him ten years of service, but the man smiled and shook his head.

One day they found a written scroll before his door. Wondering, they read it, doubting if he really had given them the priceless gem they sought.

"This is worthless," stated the millionaire. "I want facts and not foolish theories. I lost half a million last week on the stock exchange.

"It is not practical," announced the philosopher as he adjusted his spectacles. "It was doubtless stolen from a school of philosophy long ago abandoned."

"I can't see where it will make me any money," said the worker.

A crippled old man tottered forward. His legs were twisted, and his crutches were badly worn. His face



was seamed and lined with much suffering. He read the scroll with feeble eyes. Then he looked down at the ground.

"It is true," he whispered at last. "I understand! Yes, it is indeed a magic formula."

So that it might not be forgotten, the old man wrote it down and gave it to his children and his children's children.

THE CREED FOR HAPPINESS

I shall begin each morning unafraid, and shall seek the wonderful gift that the day will bring to me. I shall be guided by intelligence rather than belief, and shall seek truth and ignore no fact. I shall control my thoughts and guide them into the highest realm, holding my cherished ambitions and sacred ideals uppermost in my mind.

Throughout the day I shall enjoy all the beauty of my surroundings, I shall glory in my associations and aspire to the exaltation that comes with love of God and of Mankind.

I shall forgive freely before forgiveness is asked. I shall harbor ill thoughts toward none. I shall fulfill every trust. I shall remain poised and serene in every trial, and face each emergency without fear.

I shall be friendly and courteous toward all. To me each day will be one of kindly deeds and unselfish love. I shall obey those in authority and give loyalty to all to whom loyalty is due. I shall be clean in body, action and thought. I shall revere my God and have the utmost respect for the religious convictions of my fellows.

To obtain the most from life I shall give the best that I can give. At all times will I enthrone service

and eliminate the motive of gain. I shall perform each task cheerfully. I shall build and not destroy.

And so will I come to the end of each day with the satisfaction brought by service, serenity, kindness and love. I shall go to my rest with the peace that comes from untroubled mind and the memory of tasks well done.

YES, - WOULDN'T IT?

Through the most tragic experiences that any man or woman can face, Mary Pickford has discovered for herself the Secret of Life. "Liberty" quotes her as follows:

"Wouldn't it be wonderful" Mary said softly, "if everyone in the world began thinking and talking and acting as though Peace and Happiness and Health and Harmony were theirs to command." Wouldn't it be wonderful if we all began to think as though we had unlimited power to control our own Destiny, as though our thoughts were things, and under an immutable Law would become manifest for good. Why, it wouldn't be long until Unhappiness, Disease, and Suffering and Poverty were swept off the face of the earth.

There is such a Law, you know -- thousands of people now are experimenting in this Laboratory of Spiritual Thought, and proving day by day that the Power of Thought is the greatest thing on earth.

"Prove me now herewith," saith the Lord of Hosts, "if I will not open you the Windows of Heaven and pour you out a Blessing, and there shall not be room enough to receive it" -- I am just one of the Experimenters, but I am proving it, and the Window that opens is our own Enlightenment in the Truth, the Truth of our Birthright that we have doubted so long. It is worth the experiment -- just try it, and pretty soon you

will prove that your Life is a Mirror, that mirrors back to you the manifestation of your own Thoughts; that your outer existence corresponds with your inner thoughts and convictions."--

I think most students will agree with Mary, intellectually at least, but in order to prove it, you must make it a matter of deep inner conviction, you must have absolute Faith built on Knowledge, you must know that these things are true, and act accordingly. Thoughts are Things, and while fleeting thoughts have little or no effect in bringing to you the Ideal States that you are seeking, yet a thought held day after day becomes a tremendous force in your Life. If the Thought be true and noble, the subconscious Mind moves to the measure of Truth and Nobility; if the Thought be crafty and mean, the Subconscious moves to that measure. As it moves it registers its processes in the glance of your eye, the turn of your head, the tone of your Voice, the movements of your hands, and in many another form of your expression. Your Inner Self, which you fancy is hidden from observation, is thus constantly revealing itself to others and attracting or repelling the confidence and affection of the world around you which are two strong factors in winning success.

If things are going wrong, if your life is not a success, then look to your Inner Self, and see what is wrong with it -- the trouble lies within yourself, instead of in the world without.

MEDITATION

Let us be filled with Spirit and Light, dispelling all confusion, anxiety, fear and doubt. Infinite Spirit illumines, guides and strengthens us, all things work together for Good.

ONWARD, COMRADES, ONWARD.

(Onward Christian Soldiers)

Onward, comrades, onward,
Victory is sure,
With love's healing message
Ever to the fore;
Truth our only standard,
We can have no foe.
Forward, ever forward,
See love's banner go.

Refrain

Onward, comrades, onward,
Victory is sure,
With love's healing message,
Ever to the fore.

Like a changeless ocean
Is the Truth of God.
Comrades, we are treading
Where the Christ has trod.
Ours the hope eternal,
All God's seas to sail;
Ours the Faith supernal
That can never fail.

Onward, comrades, onward,
Till all men are free.
We shall see Faith triumph,
Love's great jubilee;
Glory in the highest
Unto Christ within;
This thru endless ages
Is the song we sing.

(H. V. Morgan.)

A PRAYER

Lord of our hearts, and yet greater than all our comprehension, We bow before Thee in deep adoration. With sunrise and sunset, and in the hours that lie between, may we ever feel Thy Presence in all our thinking and doing. May each passing season bring us deeper understanding of Thy changeless Love, Truth and Light. Aum

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