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[The following selections or aphorisms from Vols. I. II. and III. can be made very useful in this condensed form, by whoever will take the right method.]

The law of Divine Love is so prolific in strength that it endows every atom with its own inherent omnipotence.

Man was born to be rich. His constitution in its varied and expensive tastes implies larger demands on nature than a mere subsistence.

Limited observation is sufficient to teach that nature's relentless law of necessity taunts and insults man with the pains of cold, hunger and starvation until he is forced to learn how to supply himself with food, but at each step, with each thought, a new want is created; and so will it ever be, until he answers his true, intimate and unlimited relations to all persons and things.

Every instinct in man is a thought, and as such, contains within itself the indestructible power to gradually satisfy its wants.

In the weakest is the unfailing promise of some-

thing better, and the best, which timely sympathy and nursing may aid in manifesting.

Every thoughtful observer must concede that all things in nature were created for the purpose of serving certain useful ends, and that it is only when such purposes are fulfilled that they can obtain the best results for themselves. It is plainly evident that nature would not be so wasteful of precious material as to create anything so complicated as is the constitution of man, for a purpose so ignoble as would be the mere gratification of his physical senses for one short life. This is evidenced by the fact that to so gratify the senses without restraint, would soon lead to satiety, misery and disastrous consequences; therefore, we must conclude that such was not the purpose for which man was created.

It is because so much time and effort is spent by man in the mere gratification of his senses, that he so signally fails in the attainment of satisfaction, contentment, happiness and true success. The unalterable law in nature that each atom in the universe must serve a universal end, ever prevails and cannot be permanently annulled by man. It is impossible for him to permanently row against the resistless tide of universal good.

The road to Occult power is that road of self-knowledge which leads man into the channels of universal law.

Exact and unchangeable principles underlie the

human constitution, and it is only natural that the true methods of developing man's inherent talents and powers should be essentially as exact and unchangeable.

There was no guesswork in framing the human constitution, nor is there any uncertainty in the results which may be obtained, by duly conforming to its laws. Its laws are laws of thought.

The story of every soul is more or less a story of wasted opportunities. There are few, if any persons, who have not at their disposal a larger amount of physical, mental and spiritual capital than they themselves know. That they do not make a better use of it, and attain better life results, is not the fault of their intentions or desires, but the fault—if it be a fault—of their ignorance.

Ignorance, mistakes, limitations and penalties go together. It may be bliss, but the awakening, if too long delayed, is like "snakes in the boots" after a big drunk.

It makes considerable difference whether you are on the right road or wrong, for the one may take you directly away from your true destination.

It is ignorance of your interior forces which makes the road to power and high attainments so laborious.

The growth and development of the soul is only a process of removing the illusive fogs and shadows which incase its inner principles.

The best talents that the world has known, because of your inherent powers, are your talents, and the highest possibilities of which the imagination can conceive, are likewise your possibilities.

Can you, in a full understanding of the facts of your life, the meanings of life and of its obligations, truly say, "I am living for my best?" If not, you are committing a "crime" against your nature and must pay in full its self-acting penalties. Do you quite comprehend the wonderful potentialities which are slumbering within yourself? If not, then that is the first thing for you to do.

The question is, What are your talents? They are those various shadings and tinges of individual character which represent the sum-total of your past thoughts. They are much more. They are the Infinite possibilities which lie before you. They are the omnipotent possibilities of creative thought, and it is by your thought that you may build into your individual character the various shadings and tinges which represent their perfection. Let each heart awaken to the tremendous import of this great fact, and thus understand not only that better talents than the world has seen are its talents, but also that the simple method of developing them is within reach. It is a method of thought concentration by which man secures the constant presence of the soul, thus unveiling the heart's inherent soul consciousness.

It has been our good fortune and pleasure, through

other numbers of this publication, to be the means of helping thousands in their efforts to reduce deeply occult principles to an actual working basis, which they are now making practical in their daily lives. Do you realize what such a help might mean to you?

Man must first deal with the within before he can effectually deal with the without, because the without is the within made manifest.

The heart and pulsations of the body vibrate to the tune of your thoughts, and your attitude, gait, health and surrounding conditions are only the correspondences of your permanent moods. By changing your moods your environments quickly change to correspond.

If success was dependent on mere physical activities and if "Early to bed and early to rise" necessarily made one "Healthy, wealthy and wise," our civilization would soon become overrun with sages and multi-millionaires, composed chiefly of those who are now but humble wives, farmers and day-laborers, and who would live until they reached the venerable age of a Methuselah. Though a person didn't go to bed at all it would be difficult for him through physical activities to compete with even a coarse form of occult force, such as electricity, in the performance of its many uses.

Thought becomes more powerful than electricity when its laws are understood and properly applied. Its battery is within the self. It is therefore more

available than electricity and can be put to an Infinitely greater number of uses. It is not confined to the control of any "trust," or "monopoly," and to utilize it requires no outlay of capital. Its central "dynamo" and "power-house," within the higher self, is subject to no limitations. Its Omnipotence is ever subject to its will, and as its will is only its laws, that Omnipotence can and will be invoked when and only when those laws are conformed to.

The development of occult power is but a question of liberating the latent energies within man. The powers of electricity, heat and steam are made available by virtue of man's ability to liberate latent energies in accordance with natural laws. It is chiefly a question of knowing how, and it is likewise a question of true knowledge which enables man to utilize, in his business and other affairs, the occult forces, which, through knowledge, are placed at his absolute command.

If we could but understand how great are the potentialities within us which through ignorance we are as yet totally unable to realize, our present helpless puerility would seem as pitiful as does the dying gasps of a consumptive, who, though perhaps surrounded with sufficient air for a million cyclones, is quite unable to avail himself of its life-giving powers.

The business man who wisely and fully applies occult principles in his business will suddenly find that his business possibilities are enlarged to an al-

most unlimited degree. They are applicable to every action or circumstance which would better man's condition, and yet the secret of using them is a secret of first reaching the within instead of the without, and then of sending its vibratory infusions on the wings of thought in a way that will awaken responsive activities in the under-currents of persons and external material things. It is the secret of the magical powers of the Christ which may best be reached by the holy and scientifically exact methods used by the Christ.

Would you have your neighbor, friend, relative, business customers or others, act in a way that would benefit yourself? You can awaken in such persons the desire and power to do so by simply awakening their higher selves by a process within yourself. It is thus that you may get into those thought currents which will be found to characterize and control their future actions. It is thus that you may attract to yourself the benefits that their business patronage would yield to you. All outward events may be influenced by such interior methods.

The place in the future toward which you are drifting will be good or bad, and is now being determined by your present interior thought-polarizations. It offers a method by which you may build and may also *know* your own future. Things occur in the spiritual, by virtue of these interior laws, long before they are seen in outward act and event. The underlying

laws act with as much exactness in an individual life as in the life of a planet or of the whole.

Many persons seem to act on the false assumption that the Infinite forgot some things, and made a few thousand blunders when man and the world was created, but it is they themselves who forget that Divine Intelligence is an all-comprehensive and all-inclusive law or principle, instead of a mere giant man or mastodon.

To think and progress toward the right is man's irresistible tendency.

The magnetic or vibratory laws of the universe are such that we attract to ourselves the permanent magnetisms of right and good, exactly to the extent that we become magnets of right and good, and to become such magnets is entirely a work within ourselves. We will be victimized so long as we are victimizable, but when we stay at home with the cause of things we will act from the soul, and the holy (whole) spirit will then lead us into all Truth.

Ignorance is the only thing toward which Truth is merciless. It is not merciless toward man, but is his protector, as may be known by the fact that his nature and very life is founded upon its laws. It is his only protection against the results of ignorance, and is that within which prevents him from entirely destroying himself by his gross infringements of those laws of Truth which are the laws of his life. It is by understanding those laws that he may have within his

own grasp, the power to protect himself at will against the action of all the more destructive elements in nature. To use them is his irresistible and permanent tendency. The power to use them in destructive ways, being self-destructive is therefore limited, but the power to use them in constructive ways is *self-constructive* and is therefore absolutely *unlimited*. Is it strange that the very essence of all power should be amply endowed with the means to enforce its laws?

Unjust plans are the product of evil desires, and as they produce discordant vibrations are necessarily and to that extent self-destructive

You can never *really* build until you build right. To try to do less is just so much loss of time.

Your inherent desire to do right may be temporarily dormant, but its never ending vibrations will balk and interfere with any unjust plans as sure as breathing will continue during sleep.

If you can but fully comprehend the absolute truth of thought's omnipotence, you will be able to destroy entirely the belief in your limitations and drive away all fear and other negative and destructive thought-forces which constantly work against you. In its place will come the calm assurance that your every undertaking must in time be successful. That is the mood of success. Thus you take one long stride toward the goal of thought control, which means the control of thought's creations, the mastery

of surrounding conditions and rulership of man's kingdom, which is the universe.

When successful moods become permanent, success is a certainty.

If your thoughts of determination to-day are counteracted by thoughts of discouragement to-morrow and by worries and anxieties *all* the time, little progress is likely to be made. After such an experiment a person is likely to say, "Don't talk to me about the power of thought. I have *tried* it and find there is nothing in it whatever." "It is only a humbug." It is not claimed that the constructive power of *one* thought of determination is greater than the destructive power of *ten* thoughts of discouragement, indecision or worry.

It is claimed that permanent moods of calm determination to accomplish a just purpose, if backed by thoughts of unwavering hope, faith, trust, goodwill, desire, aspiration, ambition, imagination, expectation, and based on a thorough understanding of this law, will *command* success in the accomplishment of that purpose, because they are the underlying *causes* of which success is only the fruit and slow effect. They are the creative vibratory forces which work night and day in the unseen, and form currents into which results are bound to flow.

The universe is the vacuum, thought is the mould, and its vibrations are the *essence* which is ever ready

to solidify if the mood is held to. It always corresponds to the thought form.

As is the business thought, so is the business result. All real action is of the thought word and its accompanying result is only its material correspondence. Faithfulness in producing favorable thought causes will ever bring new proofs that they and their material fruits are one and inseparable.

Be faithful in sowing the thought seeds of success in perfect trust that the sun will not cease to shine and bring a generous harvest in due season.

It is not necessary that your mind should ever be in a positive mood. You must first *receive* force before you can give it out. Receiving force necessarily implies the negative mood.

It is during the moods of bodily inactivity that the mind is most free to connect with the new idea, or the new opportunity which you are seeking. During positive moods your thought vibrations are kept chiefly in the channels of previous thought moulds.

The negative mood is the one where the intuitions are most active; the thought then is not given a positive direction by an effort of will or intellect.

During negative moods thought acts according to the law of affinity or natural selection, and of course goes unerringly to those who are in the same thought currents.

That is why it is so important to form thought currents or moulds of success. Such currents are

formed by constantly maintaining the mood of success.

The present methods of business actually drive success away by its worries, anxieties and overactivity. Bodily overactivity is founded on worry and anxiety. Worry and anxiety form thought moulds which bring failure. When man thoroughly learns the thought-laws by which all business results are produced he will rest in the calm assurance that he is actually making more progress during restful sleep than he could by the most intense and anxious bodily overactivity.

During sleep the mind acts with perfect freedom in the unseen, and has a wide range of material from which to draw for aiding forces in carrying out its plans.

Your thought does not cease to work while you are doing the small act, because it is the *mood* of mind that wins success and not the direct thought alone. So long as the successful mood is maintained its vibratory pulsations will continue.

In order to insure the constant presence of your higher self or overshadowing soul you must make of your body a fit habitation and environment for it. No habitation is fit for it except the mood of happiness and cultivated faculty, for that is also the mood of health and success. The presence of your higher self insures the success of your every undertaking,

because it is *that* self which has the unlimited power to succeed in every undertaking.

It is a spiritual law that the desire to do necessarily implies the ability to do.

Nature is the manifestation of God through human nature.

Within you is a "wheel within a wheel," which to you is the within of all wheels.

Would you reach and thus deal with the esoteric undercurrents or higher selves of every person or thing which comes into your life? You have only to reach such undercurrents within yourself, knowing that they will seek their *own* and so gravitate to such principles within others with the same unerring precision and fidelity with which water seeks its level. Would you extend your outward relations in life? Your higher self has vibratory connections with every living thing, and therefore the true way to so extend your outward relations is to get more closely in touch with that higher self.

You can give helpful thought-treatments to others who may need help simply by first concentrating your mind until your thought-consciousness sinks within to its inner vibrations, and thus becomes in touch with your higher self; then by projecting your thought forces to the same inner principles in the one you desire to help, you will, by such vibratory infusions from your own self, so stimulate the powerful and harmonious vibrations of *his* higher self, that instead of

lying dormant as latent energy it will begin at once to infuse itself into his bodily "atoms" or vibrations, his every act, his every surrounding circumstance and his every avenue of expression, both physical and otherwise. When you thus project your thought to him you should steadily hold him in mind as he eternally is, in all the perfection of his higher self. To the extent that you are able to really reach the deep vibrations within yourself, and then to clearly outline and steadily hold your thought-images of his higher self, will you be able to produce definite and helpful results. Do that and nothing more. It all sums up to a question of your ability to mentally concentrate and so reach the within of your higher self, for when you do, there are no walls or obstructions which can prevent you from reaching, and so stimulating into activity the same powerful principles in others.

It is all sufficient to awaken the higher self of another so that it will act, for that self is the essence of *wisdom* as well as of *power*, and to try to suggest too many details as to what it shall do when so awakened, or *how* it shall act or exercise its powers (except so far as those details and actions relate to general principles) is like trying to teach "The ten commandments" or preach a "Sermon on the mount" to a Jesus Christ.

Every pursuit in life should be founded on the basis of actual worth and followed by those who recognize and depend on its worth. The follower of

any occupation who has not attuned his vibrations of appreciation to its inner meanings and actual worth, is an untuned instrument from which little except discordant notes and acts can reasonably be expected.

It is perfectly useless to try to outwit the everlasting laws of truth. Vibratory law shows why right is always more than a match for wrong. Its occult science puts in the hands of man a weapon of knowledge which always makes honesty in him more than a match for the dishonesty of multitudes.

Evil desires are retarding motions which cast souls into temporary whirlpools of downward gravity. The vibrations of truth within are the whirlpools of upward gravity in man's constitution.

An evil heart does not choose the path of devotion, and until it does, can not easily find the higher octaves of vibration or reach more than the mere outskirts of occult knowledge and power.

As deeply occult forces are reached by the vibratory law of true devotion, the power of evil and of the misuse of such forces is therefore comparatively limited.

The laws of vibration and of thought show why true prayer opens the door to a kingdom of Infinite peace and power.

Prayer is answered because of a law and not in opposition to law.

It is no more difficult for Love, Truth and Right to be strong, than it is for their opposites to be weak.

Truth, love, harmony and justice, are synonymous basic laws, which overshadow the individual man, with the same tender and fatherly fidelity with which they overshadow the universe.

The world does not need our help, but we need to help the world in order to truly help ourselves.

Love has power to care for its own. Its life-giving sunshine is ever within the easy range of your vision, if you will but turn your eyes in the right direction. Its unerring leadings will guide you in every emergency, if you will but listen and reverently obey. It is only the shadows of ignorance which separate you from Love's throne.

Your higher self has the occult power to accomplish better business results, in an instant, than you can by mere bodily efforts, in weeks or, perhaps, years. When you strike the right vibration within, the spiritual undercurrents which control your environments are at once transformed, even though their outward correspondences do not immediately respond.

If you desire customers in business, you may form magnetic currents which will attract them to you, by simply directing thoughts of loving recognition to the love principle which dwells in each heart. That indwelling God of Love, thus awakened, will inspire them to follow the thought current which so reached it and produced the awakening. In this simple way, you may constantly create opportunities, and as con-

stantly, bring helpful factors into your surroundings.

Love attracts. Hate repels. The vibrations of love must be reached before one can rise above fear. Hate, care, anxieties, and most all inharmonious bodily, or other, conditions are the satellites of fear. They should be drowned in an ocean of Love. "Perfect love casteth out fear." That process of thought concentration which reaches the true vibration of Love, is a cause of long life. It is an organizing power which more closely holds the atoms (vibrations) of the body together. By observing such practices daily, the soul constantly renews its grasp on the bodily atoms. That is why the body then has more power to act in business matters.

Before you can become a true Occultist, you must renounce hate as the infamous and illegitimate child of fear. Hate and fear are the twin bastards of ignorance. Renounce them forever. Stamp them with the brand of Cain.

Get your will under the perfect control of its true ruler. Love is its true ruler and the seat of all occult power. Discordant, hating, thought vibrations forge chains which tie your hands and limit your powers. It is not until they are melted in fires of love, that you can manifest your occult powers.

That which hates is not you. It is the disturbance of a surface vibration. It does not spring from the heart of being. To live in hate, is to live in the hot water of surface disturbances. It is hot water which

will burn you every time you try to transmute it into steam and power.

A person is not in a fit condition to wisely decide an important question, or to successfully accomplish great business undertakings, until he invokes from the higher self, the aid of its occult forces.

Occultism offers means of transmuting ideas and inherent potentialities into bread, butter, gold, and all material things, as well as into happiness and spirituality. It is only an inverted vision which sees so much evil in others. It is like the man, who, having a "louse" on his own eyelash, thought it was a "ground hog" up in a tree. Errors which are the result of ignorance, are excusable. All errors are the result of ignorance. When you withdraw your consciousness from without, to the higher self within, the vibrations of love, will bubble over with the strength and generosity which washes away from the consciousness all imaginings of evil in others.

The law of Love applies to the atom the same as to the universe and is the power within the atom which makes its evolution possible and a foregone conclusion. Pollywog and whale are of equal dimensions in the sight of God.

To master the secret of your heart is to throw open the door to your omnipotence and place within your easy reach the accomplishment of your every undertaking.

Love is the fulfilling of the law. Do you presume

to think the Almighty has failed to provide the certain means of fulfilling his law?

Every heart vibrates to whatever teaches its own omnipotence.

"As a man thinketh in his heart so is he." It is to the invisible forces of your thought and heart that you must look for freedom and power.

Love is the elixir of everlasting life which gives the soul immortality. It is a clock which will run forever without being wound. Its eternal vibration of perfect bliss is the solved mystery of perpetual motion.

No law of the Infinite can miscarry. Sooner or later you will be forced, by your nature, to co-operate with the perfect law of love, until its purposes are fulfilled through you.

The human constitution is perfect from eternity to eternity.

Man's constitution is based on the principle of love. Love means organization, because organization means perfect adjustment of each and every part. Could love leave out any part and still be harmonious?

All sensations of pleasure arise from the harmonious action of vibratory forces within, and all pain from the *inharmonious* action of those same vibratory forces.

Thought is the ever available power which is able

to mould vibratory forces into harmony, happiness and success.

Happiness is the God which the human heart always loves and worships with unwavering fidelity. It is an unvarying law of thought that whatever the human heart earnestly and permanently craves that it will in time get in all of its fullness. It is because every hope is a species of thought, and thought is the only creative power.

If your every moment is not the perfection of bliss it is because you have failed to fully comprehend the esoteric laws of happiness.

The deepest philosophy teaches that joy and perfect bliss is the natural condition of the soul, that man's constitution is *perfectly* adapted to its attainment, and that enjoyment or happiness is the only legitimate function of every organ of the body, every faculty of the mind and every element of man's entire nature.

Happiness can come only from the normal activity of faculties already possessed. Man's nature cannot yield happiness to itself from anything outside of that nature. Even every breath we draw, and every movement of the body, is calculated to produce happiness but not when the body is covered with boils or the nerves tied into knots of anxiety and worry. Harmonious vibration of forces within is happiness, and thought is the power which makes their harmony possible.

Until the mind is right, property, titles, honors, fashions and other worldly ends cannot contribute materially to enjoyment, for not until then can man assume their accompanying cares and responsibilities without worry and anxiety. Thoughts of worry, anxiety and selfishness produce discordant vibrations, and tend to turn the pleasures of worldly possessions into gall and bitterness.

The power to think enables man to set up conditions which will keep him in close touch with the higher self. This is the secret of happiness and long life and is also the law of success. On that point we have the authority of the Christ who said, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God;" which is the kingdom of heaven and within "and all these things will be added to you." That promise is literally true because founded on an unvarying law.

What kind of thought seeds are you sowing for immediate or future reaping? Are you by your thoughts, moulding your inherent vibratory energies into currents of harmony, or of discord?

Have you joined that army of deluded persons who think that "happiness is not of this world," but who continue to chase the "will-o'-the wisp," which postpones it to an indefinite time in the future?

If so, then halt! "Right about face."

Eternity is now. "The kingdom of heaven is within you."

When will man learn to accept the teachings of

the Christ that heaven is not a place or locality, but a condition within, and that its happiness may be found now by observing those esoteric laws of thought which bring into harmony the vibratory energies of his constitution.

The power to be always happy is not always properly estimated. It is not commendable to be bound by chains of slavery to low circumstances. Many persons are able to be moderately happy so long as everything goes just right with them, but the loss of friends or relatives or even of money or property at once reverses the normal action of their faculties and throws them into convulsions of inharmony and misery.

Are you looking for happiness from without? You are looking in the wrong direction. By looking without for happiness man is forever running away from its true source, which is from within, and which comes by a process of thought which arranges into perfect harmony the vibratory currents of his organization.

One cannot teach the esoteric laws of happiness, or of business, according to the laws of thought, without thus teaching a code of morals and ethics, which is more convincing than the scarecrow of a million orthodox hells. Man has outgrown the stages of fright, infancy and ignorance, and will no longer choose to skulk into the back door of an undeserved heaven after he is given the privilege of erectly walk-

ing in at the front door in all the majesty and dignity due to his inherent Divinity.

Misery is an illegitimate child, a child of ignorance, for which man should blush with shame. To glory in misery is not to honor the creator by obeying his laws, but to glory in shame.

Thought forces always generate vibratory organisms and they will live until their energies are exhausted. To think involves a correspondingly great responsibility. To think is to generate vibratory seed. To continue the thought is to sow the seed and furnish it with a backing of fertile soil, air, sunshine and other conditions which make its reaping a foregone conclusion and absolute necessity. This power can be used to bring success and happiness as well as to bring a rich harvest of retribution.

Every thought has a magnetic effect in proportion to its inherent power and intensity, and sinks down into your unconscious mind as a sediment, and thus builds, according to its kind, to the strength of your vibratory power.

Your power to think implies the power to know. Who shall say of what you shall think? The power to think of, and know one thing, implies the power to know all things. "Knowledge is power." Complete knowledge is omnipotence.

You may manifest that state of mind and faith which defies the power of fire, flood, earthquake or

even death itself and which is able to command from unseen elements an outward manifestation through you of all the things and circumstances which makes life beautiful.

This mood, unlike riches, offers a basis for independence which is not transient. If worldly possessions thus obtained, disappear, it offers the ever-available power to obtain more. Riches come on the currents of such moods like the waters of a river, and like the waters should flow on and be dispensed as freely for the good of humanity, in the sure knowledge that their omnipotent source will not dry up.

NOTE.—The subject "Vibration" developed to such proportions that it was thought best to treat of it in a separate volume.