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## Daily Subjects and Drills for the Universal Church of Silent Demand. -- Continued.

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**r. Hopefulness.** The spirit of continued cheerfulness and hopefulness is expressive of many virtues, some of which, being beneath the surface, are commonly overlooked. But the truly hopeful and courageous one does not feel the necessity of having his good deeds heralded from the housetops. It is sufficient that he himself knows of them and of the heroic spirit which prompted them. From the occultists standpoint it may be seen how the power gained and thus expressed and held constantly makes itself felt, and that in the long run the brave soul must be accepted and appreciated at its true worth.

Let us today content ourselves with power-gaining, or of acquiring the spirit of hopefulness and contentment, knowing that it will ever act even while externally inactive. "A cheerful spirit is a continual feast" which we each may have by going to its true source within. Hold the affirmation: The-best-must-occur. I-now-produce-and-will-maintain-thepowerful-mood-of-true-hopefulness. I-seek-its-essence.

2. Faith and Insight. It is a wonderful thing to be "led of the spirit" into all good. It is worth our while to inquire how such leadings may be obtained. They can be obtained by living from the spirit, or higher self. Through the

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habitual practice of true thought-concentration, we may keep closely in touch with the higher self and thus awaken from within, a steady flow of vibratory power, direct from the spirit, or higher self. This enters the consciousness as a leading and power which then expresses itself through our every act and gradually weaves that web of force-currents which makes up our entire environments. It is in that way that our environments may be improved by thus getting into and producing the interior thought-currents of Infinite good. Blunders, wrong judgments, accidents, obstacles etc., are not very likely to then come to us, simply because we are not in their thought-currents, but are in the force-currents which carry us away from such things and they away from us. The falling brick etc., is not likely to touch him who by producing these thought currents or interior leadings, throws around himself the only safe armor of protection. Hold the thought : I-am-led-of-the-spirit,-into-the-currents-of-Infinitegood. Praise-the-Law-(Lord)-for-its-powers-and-protectinginfluences.

3. Self-Teaching. He who wishes an inflow of knowledge and wisdom, should learn how to throw himself into the reposeful mood of true thought-concentration. The wise teacher would not undertake to teach his pupils during the pandemonium of an intermission, but would first restore order, and that is the first step in thought-concentration. We should still the senses, get quiet, and temporarily suspend our mental activities, by listening for the whisperings of "the still small voice" within. This carries us to the mood which is our beginning. Then as thoughts are reposefully held, their related thoughts will come until we see the subject in its entirety and thus become master of it. Let the lawyer follow this plan in working up a difficult case and he will find, as the mood is carried to the courtroom, that in reposefully presenting his case (if a righteous one,)

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to the jury or Judge, in the natural and concentrated order in which it became settled in his mind, his words will carry conviction because backed by the spirit. Let us spend more time in getting ready or in power-gaining, and less in powerspending if we would lessen our labors and multiply results. That is the way to organize victory. The rule may be modified to suit nearly all purposes, conditions and circumstances. Hold the thought: *I-now-restore-order-and-reposeful-harmony among-my-faculties-and-forces*. *I-seek-the-mood-of-power-and repose*.

4. Self-Knowledge is the secret of the occultist's power. The way is therefore now open to every true seeker. There are comparatively few who comprehend the powers and possibilities offered through the attainment of self-knowledge from the sources now available. They overlook the scientific value of the occultist's methods. They seem to think that the question is emphasized simply as a means of getting dollars and thus they go on in the old way, cheating themselves at every step of the opportunities, powers and satisfactions which rightfully belong to them.

How few there are who can learn anything of importance except through sad and bitter experience. People seem to learn nature's law only to the extent that they feel its coercive forces. There is a better way for whoever will but awaken from the Adam sleep of self-ignorance. The silence will lead the way. Ask yourselves the questions: Am-Imaking-the\*most-of-my-powers-and-opportunities? Why-not? How-shall-I-find-and-apply-the-remedy.

5. Self-Culture. The true student of occultism soon learns by results, why so much stress is herein given to the matter of attaining qualities and powers, instead of mere external results. When the requisite qualities and powers are first attained, abundant success comes as the natural sequence. Character-building or power-gaining is

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the true object of life. Happiness, power, service, self-mastery and Love go hand in hand. Principles of occultism must be applied before they can be outwardly demonstrated by results. Our noonday practice of concentration is but an effort to apply them. But they should be understandingly applied, therefore these practices should go hand in hand with the study of our four text-books. Do not jump at the conclusion that these methods are of but little if any use, for until you have tried them in connection with a thorough study of the principles involved, as stated in these books or otherwise, if not in connection also with the degrees of the Brotherhood and our entire course of study, you are hardly in a position to judge. All of these degrees and the course of study are but methods of self-culture. They are the best available methods we know. Do not make the mistake of regarding this simply as a plea for your patronage for we do not need it, nor do we wan't it unless it can be made decidedly to your advantage as well. We are and have been able to demonstrate these laws in the attainment of success. at least to a sufficient extent to make solicitation unnecessary. Place this matter upon its own merits and silently decide upon your own course. Affirm: I-am-led-ofthe-spirit-only-to-that-which-is-best-for-me.

6. Self-Control. All persons are constantly afforded ample opportunities for the cultivation of self-control. That they do not properly cultivate it is perhaps because their *desires* for its attainment are "but skin deep." But little can be done until our efforts are backed by our keen desires, because desire is thought force and therefore carries with it the powers of thought. Even our efforts to live moral and spiritual lives are not likely to carry us very high, until we know philosophically and beyond a doubt, that morality *pays* and that "honesty is truly the best policy." Occultism teaches this. People are very willing to reap the rewards

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of self-control but seem equally unwilling to pay the price. Natural law will not have things that way and the sooner people know it, will they be able to deeply *desire* and then to successfully cultivate true self-control. Self-control is but thought control; and it is through that, that the occultist derives his powers. Silently try now, to realize that these things are strictly true, and then aspire earnestly to the clearness of thought, the strength of will and the deep desire to cultivate self-control as a means of obtaining its rewards and satisfactions. The opportunity is here. Get your minds clear on the subject and the desire will follow. Hold the thought: *I-will-love-the-interior-omnipotent-law-by conforming-to-its-principles-in-the-attainment-of-self-control,-or+ thought-control-and-its-rewards*.

7. Self-Defense. "Order is heaven's first law." Selfdefense is its second. Self-defense is the first offspring of individualism. It was through individualism that the universe, or manifestation, became possible. Man the individual is God's sole manifesting agent. In that sense "God sent his only begotten son (the power to think or individualism) into the world (or into manifestation) that whosoever (the individual) believeth on him (to the extent of also exercising fidelity to the universal laws or forces) might be saved" and thus come back to those universal laws or its source-the source of individualism. All evolution is but an effort of the lowest to come back to its source, or to the highest and thus manifest God or its inherent potentialities (the potentialities of universal law-the law of force.) That is why the first commandment is so full of meaning. In loving "thy God with all thy heart and mind and soul and strength" you are but loving your higher self or interior universal law of life ; therefore to be true to this law of individualism, or of your higher self, is to be also true to all universal laws. They are one, and in the realization and un-

derstanding of their oneness is your strength and self-defense. There is much in this to think about, therefore after restoring order among your faculties and forces, let the mind silently and *reposefully* dwell on what has been herein said. Polarize your forces to the unchangeable interior law of life and your soul-life voyage will never go far astray from its direct course.

8. Self-Help. He who masters the subject of yesterday will need to be told little, if anything, regarding self-help. He will understand why and how "God helps him who helps himself," and that all true self-help is from within. Thoughtconcentration unifies the forces and faculties in their efforts to draw on the Infinite supply within and to get into the consequent thought-currents of-Infinite good. We can do that now. Steady the forces and faculties and hold in thought the subject and purpose of self-help, also the affirmation: I-desire-and-demand-good,-first-to-myself,-in-order-that-I-may-do-good-wisely-to-others. I-demand-wisdom,power-and-the-upholding-of-that-interior-law-which-is-God.

Self-Recovery. You once possessed yourself, but 0. for purposes of manifestation and in answer to the impulses of individualism, you "descended into hell" or to the lowest point of evolution, or discordant vibration, and are now slowly working your way back over the evolutionary road which leads to the source of the Divine monad and to a consciousness of the interior Christ spirit. Through thoughtconcentration and its consequent self-mastery or self-recovery of this Christ spirit, it will, in time, be true of you, that "the third day (of the trinity of manifestation) he arose from the dead (in manifestation) and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, (or infinite evolutionary law within) from when he shall come (into the manifest with full power) to judge the quick and the dead." Then you will find it easy to believe in the "Holy Ghost" or Christ

spirit and comfortor and in a way which means something. Silently use this part of the Apostles creed, and in the light of its esotericism. In this way you may hasten that self-recovery of knowledge which will make possible to you the third day of manifestation

10. Self-Esteem. Why should we not esteem ourselves? Failure to do so implies a lack of self-knowledge and also the condemnation of that which we are potentially, were and ever shall be. It implies that the thought conscious ness is in the bondage and limitations of externals instead of in its interior home or higher self. To thus live in externals is to necessarily suffer the limitations and bondage of low external vibrations. We must rise in self-esteem to the within, or to that which we eternally are, if we would manifest our higher powers. The faculty of self-esteem is truly a leader.

Let us now silently polarize to its leadership by meditating upon those laws and powers of our permanent Being which give us the divine right to esteem ourselves most highly and as the Sons of God. We all are "fallen angels" or "Prodigal Sons" who should silently say: I-will-ariseand-go-to-my-Father-within,-by-holding-my-thought-consciousness-receptive-to-its-meanings-and-powers. I-AM.

II: Leo-Currents. Love currents can, by the occultist, be produced at will, and by a simple process of thoughtconcentration. It is worth while to learn that art, for Love is power. It requires considerable practice and a thorough knowledge of the principles involved, to get beyond its A, B, C's. The universal Leo currents are now favorable for its study, practice and understanding. Let us thus become more than lions—yes God-like—in strength, and God-like in Love and tenderness. Silently think of Love in its universal relations. Think of the heart. Re-read the essays entitled "Love is power,' "Health Recipes" and "Occultism

in a Nutshell," and thus learn of Love's esoteric meanings and of the thought-methods by which its powers may be awakened. Hold the affirmation: *I-am-Love*. Love-ispower. Love-is-the-fulfilling-of-the-law. God-is-Love. God is-the-law. It-is-within-me.

Honesty. You would perhaps be shocked to be 12. told that you are not honest. Are you honest with yourself? Then why should you be shocked if told that you are dishonest? Are you not even willing to face that question and let your honesty shine, at least to yourself, to the degree that it is a reality and unalloyed? Do you comprehend all that absolute honesty to self and others implies? Then you comprehend a great deal and have a fit foundation for occult development. Face yourself, now. Peer into the awful depths of your soul and see if you can find no traces of dishonesty. Are there no shams in your life? No remaining scars from the "brand of Cain"? Is there no trace of selfishness in your heart? Then you are not true to yourself-your higher self-for individualism is God's method of manifesting the omnipotence of His Infinite law within each heart. You are not true to yourself or to his methods and purposes if you are lacking in fidelity to selfyour higher self. The poor word selfishness has been painfully abused by those who do not comprehend what the true or higher self is. The true self is all related. All things are but parts of itself, therefore justice to these parts demands that man be ever true to himself, or honest to self, as his first and only duty. This duty is all inclusive because the true self is all inclusive. Your selfishness needs to be instructed, developed and directed, rather than restrained. Then, and not till then, will you be honest "to the core," and simply because your individualism will instinctively rebel so long as you ignorantly think that the course of absolute honesty is a sacrifice to its interests. Hold the

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thought: I-will-be-true-to-myself-and-all-others. Honestypays. I-demand-absolute-confidence-in-its-powers-for-my-external-good.

T3. Tact. Let us polarize to the thought of tact, as a means of adapting the deepest occult principles to our needs in the external world. "Nature never makes any long jumps." It is possible for one's entire attitude of mind to become revolutionized almost instantaneously, but if we attempt to then live entirely in involution, rather than in evolution, we will fail, and perhaps become "neither one thing nor another." What we need is to utilize thought-concentration and its occult principles, as the involutionary or spiritual method of transforming or spiritualizing external things, so they will give greater joy to the soul and greater power to the mind in its efforts to fulfill the Infinite purposes of external creation. We all are the instruments of an Infinite law which is placed within ourselves and which must in time, become fulfilled externally, through each one individually. Let us not only realize the imminence of spirit, but at the same time be true to the evolutionary principles of our individualism, instead of to vaguely "live in the clouds" in a way that withdraws our attention and powers from the practical duties of the day and hour. If your duty is at present to scrub floors, then do it with the grace and Godlike dignity which will attract all others, not to the mere scrubbing brush, or act, but to the mood which is able to use the scrubbing brush as a stepping stone to loving and faithful dominion over all God's works. Hold the thought: 1adapt-the-deepest-occult-principles-to-my-daily-needs-and-du-I-am-practical. I-fulfill-God's-purposes. I-demandties. wisdom-to-understand-and-follow-the-way-to-the-highest-goal. I-see-good-in-all-things.

14. Generosity. ' Our inherent powers imply the right and duty of planning and living our lives "on a generous

scale." We should not too closely limit our hopes, our desires, our aspirations and our expectations but should build for the eternal. Generosity does not necessarily imply extravagance or improvidence. Generosity should become that consciousness or overflow of strength which results from a reliance upon the omnipotent law within 'and which is ever willing to give of itself in loving service. Opportunities for service are ever at hand. We serve simply by living the life, or by a life of justice first to the self and then to all others. "Justice before generosity." To give implies that we first receive. If we would "give good gifts" we should, through thought concentration, go to the living fountain or vibratory law of life within and receive of its life and power until we are full to overflowing. Then our giving will be but the spontaneous outburst of a heart filled with Love. Gifts prompted by duty only, are lacking in this one quality of Love, which makes of them "perfect gifts." To give as we receive, instead of waiting till we are filled, stimulates and gives a healthful outlet to the interior fountain of Love. Its vibratory forces then flow into our lives like the currents of a river, and like the river should flow on unobstructed and for the good of all. The millionaire who gives, simply because death wrenches his possessions from his grasp, thereby then becomes all the more a slave, where he was once the seeming master. Are we such slaves, perhaps on a smaller scale? If so let us now break the shackles which bind us, by silently holding the affirmation : I-amfree. The-Infinite-law-within-is-my-unfailing-supply. I-love it. I-express-its-Love-through-service-to-all. I-an-free.

15. Non-Resistance. "I say unto you resist not evil but over-come evil with good" were the words of the Christ. This does not imply that we should use ourselves as footbridges for every one to walk over. It does imply a recognition of the good, first within ourselves and then within

others. We overcome evil in others only by thus awakening that which is good in them, viz, the higher principles of their souls-their higher selves. The arm which is raised to strike, is composed of vibration and is at once disarmed when through loving recognition we get command of the causal law and the vibratory forces from which it derives its powers. Through the awakening of the law of Love in another, his will and body at once come under the dominion of that law. Then self center your thought forces upon that law within yourself. Your thought consciousness thus becomes so filled with its good things that you will then see no evil in yourself or others. In that way the thought causes are set up which carry you into the thought currents of Infinite good where no harm can come upon you. Evil becomes eliminated from your life. You see and judge of things according to their esoteric merits and with the eyes of Love, therefore "with that judgement ye judge shall ye be judged" at once brings to you the righteous judgment of Love and exonerates instead of incriminates you with evil taints. Hold the affirmation : I-and-the-interior-Fatherare-one. Its-omnipotence-keeps-me-from-all-harm. It-caresfor-me. "Though-I-walk-through-the-valley-of-the-shadow-of death-I-will-fear-no-evil-for-thou-art-with-me. Thy-rod-and thy-staff-they-comfort-me.

16. Order. Order, comprehensiveness and harmonious perfection are essentials of the omnipotent universal interior evolutionary law. The law itself is changeless. It is only its products that can change. Vibration, or primal energy, is the essence of all its products. The power to think is the universal instrument of vibration and of vibratory or evolutionary law. The manifestation of this latent power is a matter of restoring order among the thought faculties and forces; or in other words a matter of co-operating with that law which is the perfection of order and har-

mony. Within that law-absolute silence reigns supreme, ber cause the law is changeless. Wherever there is change, motion or vibration, there is necessarily noise or sound. We cannot at once obtain absolute silence. If we did, its omnipotence would instantaneously desintegrate all physical or other forms, for forms necessarily imply boundary lines, limitation or bondage. "Matter is retarded motion." We need not fear that through silence our physical forms will become disintegrated. Our nearest approach to absolute silence will merely carry us into that region of high vibratory potency which will fill the body and consciousness with renewed life and power. Concentration is a matter of silence, or of stilling the senses etc., by restoring order among the faculties and forces. Let us do that now. Hold the thought: "Be-still-and-know-that-I-am-God." Thesilence-is-the-Infinite-law-itself. I-am-that.

17. Fire. Let us imbibe the spirit of the fire as a means of purification. The human metal should become free from the dross of low impure thoughts and their retarding vibrations. Purity and high vibration means power, harmony and happiness. As through silence we draw nearer to the vibratory law or God within, the consciousness at once becomes filled more and more with those resultants of its purity and potency. Our mental attitude toward the Sun, helps to determine the quality of force which its rays bring to us. Let us be Sun worshipers to the extent of perceiving the esoteric significance of the Sun, so that its life giving rays will bring us more and more of the power of God which is within it. By perceiving the God, within it, we thus furnish more fertile soil from which it can serve to awaken or bring into manifestation the same God or law within us. There is but the one God. In worshiping the essence of its every symbol we are but worshiping our higher selves or the God within. Hold the affirmation : All-the-power-of-the-Sun-is-mine. Its

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God-is-my-God-or-law. I-perceive-its-power-as-my-own. I thus-appropriate-its-power. I-love-its-rays.

18. Force. The external universe is composed of force and nothing but force. We, as parts of the universe, are composed of force and force only. Our chief need is to understand and co-operate with the law of force which is within us. It is only in that way that we can manifest its omnipotence or fulfull the purposes of life. We must in time fulfill those purposes. We must obtain the self-knowledge which makes that possible. Occult science is but the science of force and of life. It is the science of Love, for Love is life. It is the science of vibration, for vibration is but Love or life in manifestation. The degrees of our Brotherhood, our books and our course of study are for the sole purpose of teaching and applying this all inclusive science. They explain the law of force. Do you realize what they might mean to you? Co-operative thought-concentration is but the practice of the principles of that science. The books, degrees, etc., are scientific helps in that practice. Hold the thought: I-will-learn-and-fulfill-the-law-of-force. I-am-it.

19. Time. The very existence of time and of a mental faculty which can comprehend time, together with the mental desire for continued life, implies and almost conclusively proves immortality and eternity. The Infinite does not and would not create desires and normal cravings (for continued life etc.,) that could not be legitimately satisfied. To do so would be the height of cruelty, and the Infinite is not cruel. Cruelty is inharmony or inharmonious vibration and an obstruction to the workings of that vibratory law of life which is perfect harmony. Inharmony is necessarily self-destructive and therefore impermanent. Within our minds is, at least to some extent, the results of a race fear of "eternal punishment," and the fear that perhaps immortality is not a fact. Let us silently wipe from the consciousness every ves-

tage of these fear forces and of their expression. They may express themselves only indirectly, but so long as they remain in the consciousnes they will, directly or indirectly, disturb the peace, harmony and power of our lives. Hold the thought: *I-and-the-Father-*(within)-*are-one-and-inseparable*. *This-unchangeable-and-eternal-interior-law-is-my-refuge,-mystrength-and-my-eternal-life*. *My-power-to-think-is-eternal*. *I am-that-eternal-law*.

Music. Let us silently listen for "the music of the 20. spheres" within ourselves. All music is but vibration, and together with its causal law is fully represented within ourselves, at least latently. In finding the interior music of perfect harmony, we are but finding the higher planes of interior vibratory potency, which will then become expressed, to a greater or less degree, through our every act and Harmony is an essential of true silence and can thought. be used as an aid in approaching that interior law which is the only absolute silence. Ouiet the faculties and forces. Try to hush the senses. Avoid thought for the time-being, and gradually the consciousness will be carried to the within where true power and harmony reigns supreme. Hold the affirmation : I-am-that-vibratory-law-which-is-perfectharmony. I-now-catch-the-rhythm-of-its-music. My-consciousness-now-becomes-responsive-to-the-grand-chorus-of-Godwhich-lics-at-the-scal-of-my-Being. Words-become-profane-as Its-joy-is-unspeak-1-get-into-the -harmony-of-perfect-silence. able. I-imbibe-its-life-and-omnipotence.

21. Reason. Basic principles and laws are the only permanent facts. All else is transitory and constantly changing. The outward expression, or "thoughts of God, pause but a moment at any one point." All transitory things are ever changing into those causal laws which change not. These laws are inherent in all that is transitory and are the polarity which makes the evolution of transitory things pos-

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sible. It should therefore be plain to all thinking minds that those faculties of reason etc., which take cognizance of those permanent facts called laws and principles, are important if not pre-eminent. He who wishes to now live for the eternal, should habitually exercise these faculties, by dealing with things intellectual, from the standpoint of principle, rather than of mere impulse. There are many who seem to think that "to be led of the spirit" implies the blind following of intuition or impulse, entirely regardless of the reasoning and other faculties. Every faculty was created for use and cannot, with impunity, be neglected. Nature will not permanently permit it. Still the mental faculties and then call up that mood of mind which brings all of the faculties into normal activity. When this is done try to formulate definite principles of life and standards of thought. Think from the standpoint of principle. Hold the thought : I-am-the-law-of-manifestation. I-utilize-all-my-facultics-and forces. I-think-from-the-standpoint-of-principle. My-judgments are-wise-and-righteous. I-have-spiritual-understanding.

22. Discrimination. We are just beginning to come, for a time, under the special influence of the Virgo planetary forces and force-currents, therefore let us try to exercise more of the Virgo discriminating powers, particularly in the matter of thought-concentration and in the due recognition and observance of those important occult principles which pertain to it. We are continually infringing some of these principles and laws, as is shown by the fact that we get but imperfect and limited, though important results. To fully co-operate with the underlying laws, would be to realize and fully manifest their ultimate and always inherent omnipotence, therefore let us each take this matter of judgment, understanding and discrimination, home to ourselves. When people hear these things they are apt to say "Oh don't that hit our friend so and so" when it was perhaps intended es-

pecially for themselves. Even Virgo characters are more apt to use their splendid discriminating powers on others than upon themselves. As you concentrate today, try to exercise all possible discrimination in making *sure* that you are drawing on the vibrations from within, rather than upon those from without. Hold in thought the question: *Howcan-I-know-when-I-am-drawing-on-the-inner-vibrationsonly? I-am-my-higher-self. It-is-my-power-to-think. It-iswithin. I-am-now-conscious-of-its-peaceful-and-harmoniouspresence.* 

23. Criticism. True criticism is constructive rather than destructive. The "faults" and shortcomings of others as well as of ourselves, should be dealt with gently, and with that kindness, reverence and charity which is inspired by a knowledge and realization of what we are potentially or basically. The underlying law of life, if truly perceived, shows infinite promise even through its lowest and meanest representatives. 'To the extent that it is perceived when obscure, does it thus manifest itself in the one so perceiving Our mantle of charity should be as broad as the universe. it. Our critical faculties should be used chiefly to discover virtues instead of vices. A little praise, when inspired by Love, is sufficient to always bring into bolder relief, God's image in man. Let us use it in perceiving and in thus awakening our own better qualities and powers; and particularly in awakening that rare quality which seeks and finds good, and good only, in all things. Let the Divine law of life shine within us so brightly, that it will bring to the light of manifestation, our every virtue, and disclose to us the sublime fact that only the good is real and true. Vice thus is made to evaporate into its native nothingness. Hold the affirmation: I-see-good-only,-in-all-things. I-thus-find-lessons-andgood-things-in-every-experience-and-circumstance. I-transmute my-possibilities-into-opportunities,-powers-and-achievements.

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24. Foods. The true bread of life comes only from the vibratory law or "tree of life" within. The interior flow of life-force which is produced through true thought concentration, should be maintained by a habitual observance of that occult practice. This should become more and more our reliance and source of sustenance. Material foods and the digestive process, are a tax upon the vital system, especially with the many whose digestive organs are never allowed to rest. It is thus, that with many, the system becomes so clogged, that every force, faculty and power is injuriously affected. Nervous diseases, billiousness, eczema, rheumatism or some other complaint is the natural outcome." Most persons constantly eat from one to thirty days ahead of their appetite, therefore that mental, alimentive faculty, is abnormal or perverted in its action. It isn't even cultivated, because not allowed to really act. There is a method of using foods so that every mental and physical faculty will become multiplied in its powers, but it could hardly be given here and belongs more to our higher degrees and delineation department where individual tendencies can be taken into due consideration. The question of foods is important and can well be dealt with during the Virgo month when the external force-currents are so favorable. Hold the thought: How-can-I-multiply-my-powers-through-foods-orotherwise. I-demand-to-be-led-of-the-spirit-in-this and-allother-matters. My-tree-or-source-of-life-is-within.

25. Circulation. Specialized or individual tendencies of character generally are interferences with the interior force-currents. The undercurrents of a character should be known and scientifically controlled. Thought control and thought concentration has a direct bearing upon this matter and should be used as the main reliance in harmonizing and strengthening the interior forces and force-currents. It is difficult to thoroughly control the thoughts, or to *master* the

art of thought concentration, until the nature and tendencies of these force-currents within yourself, are understood. Most people pride themselves on their self-knowledge (too often upon their defects) but are ever ready to admit that most others are sadly lacking in this one essential of selfculture and power-gaining. Self-pride of this kind "goeth before a fall." If, in any way, you fall short of a fulfillment of your highest ambitions and aspirations, you may know that you are lacking and in need of self-knowledge and selfcontrol. Try to silently drive out all fear and to overcome all ignorance as a potent means of removing all interferences with the harmonious and powerful circulation of your interior forces and force-currents. Hold the thought : My-faith looks-within-to-thee,-thou-law-of-calvary,-Saviour-divine. I-have-no-fear. There-is-nothing-that-can-interfere-with-theharmony-of-my-forces. Let-the-law-of-my-life-manifest-itselfin-full-through-me. I-am-free.

Vital Force. Esoteric students often overlook 26. the importance of cultivating the three brain faculties which the Phrenologists call "Alimentiveness" "vitativeness" and "amativeness," as a means of building up the vital forces. These are the faculties which relate to foods, to the love of life and to sex love. Their physical correspondence are the stomach, the lungs and the heart. They lie at the base of the brain and are intended as the base or main support of physical life. As a rule, they are very perverted in their action and therefore bring to individuals all manner of evil consequences, while they might and should bring much good. Are you suffering from the perverted or abnormal action of these faculties? If so you must find and remove the cause before you can escape these unnecessary pains. Pain and unhappiness is nature's hint that you are infringing natural laws. Knowledge and obedience is the only method of obtaining their satisfactions and compensations. Which will

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you have? You determine by your acts. Think the matter out during the silence and if possible devise scientific methods of removing the difficulties and in bettering your conditions. Hold the thought: I-draw-my-force-from-within. I-demand-to-know-how-to-usc-every-physical-or-othermeans-of-answering-my-needs,-of-increasing-my-happiness-and of-fulfilling-my-true-life-purposes. I-will-live-for-my-best.

27. Vibration. The law of vibration is the one permanent fact which we call God. It is all and within all, here and everywhere, now and forever. The universe is but its product. Each separate part of the universe, no matter how infinitesimal, is representative of the trinity of factors or essentials which makes the manifestation of that law possible, therefore it is representative of the wholeness of that law and must in time manifest its omnipotence. A thinker, or the power to think, is the one and only instrument, or "only son," of vibratory law-the Father principle. The manifested universe is its transitory ghost, or "Holy Ghost." Vibration or motion is the very opposite of stillness and therefore is necessarily transitory. In fact it is necessarily a "ghost" or illusion, from the standpoint of absolute Being. That which is absolutely still and perfect, or the law itself which we call God, is the only unchangeable and real, in the absolute sense. Let our effort today be to draw the thought consciousness nearer to that interior stillness, or law, as a means of acquiring its leadings of the spirit or "holy ghost," its higher potencies and more of its perfection. Power-gaining is necessarily a matter of bringing that law of force into action by co-operation with its principles. Hold the thought: I-now-carry-my-thought-consciousnessnearer-to-that-interior-stillness-or-law-which-is-God. Mysoul-aspires-to-its-condition-of-perfection. I-demand-the-wisdom-to-find-and-express-its-omnipotence. I-demand-perfectknowledge-of-vibratory-law.

Every organism is but vibration, or a 28. Positive. thinker in action. Wherever an organism is, there also are positive and negative poles and an attraction between them which results in both positive and negative forces. Wherever vibration is, there also is the perfect and complete law of vibration. It is from that interior universal law, that each atom derives its tendency and power to finally serve universal ends. The final evolution of all atoms and of all aggregations of atoms is therefore a foregone conclusion and absolute necessity. Vibratory law is that power behind tendency which makes of necessity "the mother of invention." Invention is its self-created instrument of easier expression. Invention is but a form of self-knowledge. Power is ever the creature of self-knowledge. Self-knowledge is the positive formulated methods of co-operation-with vibratory law. Our Brotherhood degrees or methods of self-culture are but efforts to co-operate with vibratory law. This all-important law of vibration is clearly and fully explained in this course of study. So far as we know "and to the best of our knowledge and belief" as lawyers would say, there is no other source than this, (or that is not at least borrowed from this) where the law of vibration has been fully and conclusively explained. Our explanations make each of its essential principles absolutely self-evident, and that is the only conclusive authority. Hold the affirmation : I-am-the-law-of-vibration-inaction. I-demand-that-understanding-through-which-I-canmanifest-its-omnipotence. My-present-demand-for-this-knowledge-is-the-self-created-positive-pole-which-must-bring-thatknowledge-its-negative.

29. Negative forces represent the "slack-rope" of power. Negative conditions are representative of the preliminary halt, which marks the beginning of our polarization back toward first cause, through the involutionary process of physical death. They tend to withdraw the un-

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derlying support from that which we have already accomplished. We should become negative to the interior vibratory forces only and by thus renewing our powers, uphold accomplishment. So long as we are in the positive outgoing evolutionary process of manifestation, let us thus manifest for all we are worth; and we should not forget this important habit and practice of thought-concentration as a means of turning on a pressure of power which will make our acts fairly glow with the manifesting power of Divine Love. The negative moods of thought-concentration are for the self-centering purpose of thus giving a better backing of power to positive acts and moods. Hold the affirmation; *I* become-negative-to-the-interior-vibrations-only. I-thus-drawmy-positive-power-from-within. God-is-my-strength. I-imbibe-a-consciousuess-of-my-interior-omnipotence.

Love is the supreme gift and fact of Attraction. 30. existence. Your thought dwells upon and attracts that which you love. You love that which will make you happy. You can become permanently and supremely happy only by that wisdom and self-knowledge through which you are able to fulfill the divine purposes of your existance. You should therefore let the thought dwell upon the subject of wisdom and self-knowledge until you thus attract it and its resultants to yourself. Solomon wisely wished for and obtained wisdom. The proper study of mankind is that manifesting law within, which is both man and God. Thoughtconcentration polarizes the mental forces to this interior law and serves to fill the consciousness with the power of silence. If you wish to be successful then keep your thought battery well charged with the powers to be derived in the silence. "Learn to labor and to wait." Those who search too earnestly for knowledge, happiness and power from the without, will be compelled to wait for it until they learn how to find it in the silence, or by thus waiting. Hold

the affirmation: I-am-the-power-of-silence. I-attract-myown-by-finding-the-deep-and-more-powerful-vibratory-currents within. I-uow-seek-perfect-rest-and-silence.

31. Circles. Let us think of the many individual members of the Brotherhood, each of whom is trying, however feebly, to represent this great truth of man's inherent divinity; and to build within the self (through this devotional practice) a fire of Divine Love which will bring to the surface a better manifestation of Divine power. Think of the aggregate results of these united powers. To observe the practice by yourself would insure rich blessings, but to act as a representative or link in this great ever enlarging chain which encircles the globe, and the influence of which will, sooner or later, permeate its every avenue, is to set up causal forces which will surely attract co-operative helps, the possibilities of which, only the eye of faith and spiritual understanding can perceive. Let us silently praise and glorify the law which makes such things possible. Let us feel reverentially thankful that happiness, power, knowledge, wisdom and attainment go hand in hand and that being obtained on the easy terms of thought control, are thus placed at our disposal and absolute command. Silently search in thought for "the best thing of the month" which has come during these noonday devotional practices, and thus build the essence of their helps more deeply into the soul as a living active factor and power for your future good. Renew your resolution to observe still more faithfully for the coming month the true principles of thought concentration. Hold the thought: I-love-myself-and-all-others. That-within-myself-which-I-love-most-is-likewise-inherent-within-all-others. In-loving-it-and-them,-I-am-but-loving-myself-my-higherself.

## Noonday Helps.

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The Home Silent Thought Brotherhood has grown to such proportions that it is thought desirable to announce, through this publication the daily subjects for silent thoughtconcentration or devotion which are held at headquarters during each noon hour of the month, and also the general remarks by Mr. Loomis which are made in reference to those subjects at the close of these noon-hour periods of silence. The object of course is to offer aids to each member of the Brotherhood who wishes to scientifically awaken and effectually use the occult powers within himself. It is thought that if all should use the same subjects daily it would tend to unify the co-operative thought currents, so they will become one grand diapason of harmonious forces and influences to then be used for the good of all. We have repeatedly presented the principles of the philosophy and also its applications, and the thing now to do, is to "live the life" by applying those principles. We desire at all times to be intensely and scientifically practical in our methods, and not only to awaken these wonderful vibratory effects but also to use these occult forces and methods in the attainment of knowledge, wisdom, power, success, health, growth, happiness, etc.; in fact, in accomplishing every proper and practical purpose. These are times when if we are wise we will immediately prepare for that which is to come by now utilizing every practical means of becoming more and more united in our efforts in these directions, for "In union there is strength."

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True union should begin in co-operative thought. Even/ science as well as occultism has convincingly proved that "thought goes in waves," therefore true co-operative thought tends to organize these vibratory thought waves or forces into powerful currents, which by our methods can by each individual member of the Brotherhood be drawn on daily for all daily needs. The individual member will reap these reflex advantages and their consequent material advantages in proportion to his ability, through thought concentration, etc., to find his own higher self, or in other words, he should attach his thought conciousness so closely to the higher self that he will manifest its potencies in his every act. We would be glad if those who are in favor of having these noonday subjects appear in the magazine would let us hear from them to that effect. In order that these subjects may be prepared in time to appear promptly the first of each month, the present number of the magazine is made up of some very interesting material which required no preparation.

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Brotherhood implies co-operation. True co-operation should begin in thought, but it should not end there. Daily co-operative thought has been and will continue to be a dominant note or keynote in our work, but there are other opportunities for mutual helpfulness, which are the natural result of these co-operative thought-practices, and the time has come when to postpone action in regard to their fulfillment, would be to vainly obstruct the evolutionary law of life, of Brotherhood and of Love. Why could we not in our efforts to fulfill our mission of mutual helpfulness, constitute the Brotherhood or their representatives at Chicago, as a vast supply house and purchasing agency, which would bring producers and consumers nearer together? Chicago is unquestionably one of the greatest, if not the greatest distributing and trade center on the continent, and it offers purchasing advantages such as are not easily obtained elsewhere, therefore by thus uniting the Brotherhood members and others, in their purchases, we would create a purchasing power sufficient to command as favorable terms as could be obtained by the largest wholesale dealers. As a means of offering such advantages to our members, we have provided the necessary financial backing, and have secured favorable wholesale prices on most every line of goods, such as Books, Stationery, Groceries, Dry Goods, Carpets, Cloaks, Clothing, Boots and Shoes, Jewelry, Watches, Furniture, Hardware, Stoves, Agricultural implements, Harness, Buggies, Sewing Machines, Crockery, Planos, Organs, Musical In. Aments, Music Books, Sheet Music, Furnishing Goods, Hats, Photographic Goods, Bicycles, etc, etc. We will give purchasers the advantage of these prices which are guaranteed to be as low, or lower, than those offered by the largest, oldest and cheapest supply houses in Chicago. This general guaranty insures to customers the lowest possible prices, and as orders justify we will from time to time issue catalogues giving detailed descriptions, quotations, etc.

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