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JUST TALKING IT OVER

WITH YOU: -

It is so easy for you to understand that if you put money in a bank, you expect to get it back. You have faith and a "consciousness" that it is there for you. In other words, that is the normal and as it should be. While the bank has it you can't actually count the dollars, the tangible, but you have kept account and you know how much is there and you mentally figure the balance.

Helpful deeds, services to mankind, thoughts, expressions of joy or love, and all things spiritual such as the feeling of loyalty or thankfulness, are values and they are automatically deposited in the bank of the Universal -

There is this difference - Banks, depositories of money, might fail. The Universal, - never.

If every day you are conscious that what you think, say or do is a deposit, repayable to you in kind, perhaps you will be just a little more thoughtful. The front cover of Instruction Thirty-six contains in poetic form the substance of an immutable law, and by those with worldly experience is acknowledged and recognized as such.

Because your thoughts and feelings are not solid like silver dollars, and because they are not charged or credited on a pass book or deposited with a deposit slip or drawn upon by a written check, it may seem difficult of understanding, but if you accept it as so, and live accordingly - your check calling for health, happiness, or material welfare will be honored.

There are those who wish for infinite wisdom and are ever seeking some mysterious avenue of approach, symbols, rituals, mysticism, or incantations, or are seeking it from the far East from Llamas of Thibet or Yogis, or those claiming to be reincarnated Sages, Saints or Saviors, - ever going thought to the means, to the system, or to the source, to the neglect of the end.

Just put this down. No man's check will ever be honored by the Universal upon another's account.

Your wisdom will be measured by your daily deposits of time and thought.

Contact with infinite wisdom is never through an intermediary and comes in the silence - in meditation, and each measures his own capacity for understanding by his daily disciplines, - and more important is the fact that wisdom is the arrangement in perfect order of the simplest truths of life.

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INSTRUCTION 36

Insuring to the acceptable and accepted
HEALTH, HAPPINESS AND SUCCESS

I HOLD IT TRUE THAT THOUGHTS ARE THINGS
ENDOWED WITH BODIES, BREATH AND WINGS,
AND THAT WE SEND THEM FORTH TO FILL
THE EARTH WITH GOOD RESULTS - OR ILL.

THAT WHICH WE CALL OUR SECRET THOUGHT
SPEAKS TO THE EARTH'S REMOTEST SPOT,
AND LEAVES ITS BLESSINGS OR ITS WOES -
LIKE TRACKS BEHIND IT, AS IT GOES.

--- ELLA WHEELER WILCOX

There is no good thing any man can ask, believing, that he cannot get.

We have throughout the weeks pointed out the path to and the processes of accomplishment.

We have shown that the most potent laws of the universe are set into action when you know definitely what you want. That vision is clear cut in all its details, and you so intensify the power of desire, that it acts as a motivating and propelling energy - and thenceforth you have confidence in the eventual coming into being of that which you cherish. This last element we call faith power.

Every religion and every philosophy and every worthwhile formula for achievement, either of health, happiness or material success, contains as an essential element - Faith.

Faith is not and cannot be just some nebulous something, half heartedly and hazily accepted - It cannot be general and at the same time efficient as a motivating influence. - Faith must be coupled up - it must be a faith in something - such as a faith in the working of a law, a faith in the coming about of events, or a faith in means and methods of accomplishing a desired end.

Having, in these instructions, set forth that a vital element in any plan of accomplishment, and even in all life processes, is faith, we must so far as humanly possible make faith understandable, to the conscious reasoning minds of those who seek with us a more abundant and a worth-while life.

Bruce Barton in his book "The Man Nobody Knows", telling of the works of Jesus, says - "Jesus himself was very reticent about his miracles --- - He was often reluctant to perform them, and frequently insisted that the individual who had been healed should "go and tell no man." And on one celebrated occasion - his visit to his home town, Nazareth - The narrative tells us clearly that the miraculous power was powerless, and for a very interesting and impressive reason. Of that visit the gospel writers set down one of the most tragic sentences in literature. "He could do there no mighty work," they tell us, "because of their unbelief." Whatever the explanation of his miraculous power may be, it is clear that something big was required of the recipient as well as the giver" -

That "big thing" required was - Faith.

Is faith a power element of the universe, capable of tapping - and drawing upon omnipotence? - Does it function here and now? - Does it click? Does it work? Can you use it? All fair enough questions.

If you do not use it to some extent - you do not live --- - That you eat is an act based upon faith. The greater the faith the more complete the life - - - How put it in operation?

You cannot but be aware that the instructions of this Order are without price and are never sold - There is no solicitation of funds. We have those studying with us in every state in the Union.

How are the expenses of printing, postage - and administrative help, and other expenses, met? Those who are instructed and are benefited give, that the instructions may be extended to others - They are conscious that others gave that they might be instructed, and out of the fullness of their heart and without solicitation they give in accordance with their means - Much or little. They know the

They know the law.

Has it not been often written that as you give, so shall you receive? Is not "giving" first - a prerequisite to receiving. This is the law. Can you imagine Christ setting a price upon His works?

Is that not faith in action? Yes, it works! That is a practical application of a universal law - and it leads to a real brotherhood of man - fellowship of the adequate and the prepared - preparation for the new age which dawns, when there shall be a new basis of values - when men, like Nature, shall work for perfection.

We live by faith alone. - We live in accord with the principles we teach. It works for us and thus for you who read. Let it be understood that this is not a solicitation of funds. - We accept only from those to whom we have first given on behalf of others, - the greater values - and then we accept only as a medium to extend understanding to others.

The contribution made under pressure benefits neither the contributor nor the recipient - - - the substance of a definite law is contained in "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver." - - although a fine shade of meaning was missed in the translation.

More about this miracle worker - - faith.

Will faith feed hungry mouths?

We are not going back to the "loaves and the fishes" in the New Testament - We are taking our answer from examples now existing - that can be witnessed by you, have been witnessed by many of us, and can be proven by the testimony of thousands now living.

Incredible though it may sound to those who know naught of faith, - one hundred and fifteen mouths have been fed, one hundred and fifteen human bodies clothed, and one hundred and fifteen living souls housed for years past by faith alone - - - Yes - - - three meals a day - and always a sweet as dessert - - - and a positive yes - - no begging - no solicitation of funds -- no making known a single need - - - save to God alone, as they express it. Such is Faith Mission at Crystal Beach, Florida, just a few miles out of Tampa.

In 1923 there came into Tampa, Florida a man, his wife and two small daughters - a Rev. Markert. They had been missionaries in the Canary Islands, and conditions compelled their return to this country. All that they had was a little less than one hundred and twenty dollars, four souls - four mouths to feed - no job - no place to call their own - but faith in abundance.

Faith in what? Faith that "As you give, so shall ye receive" - so their thoughts were centered upon giving. They decided to open a mission - to take in and care for babies, none over two years. They paid out of their scant funds one hundred dollars rent for an abandoned cigar factory building in West Tampa. - They took in a baby - and they kept on taking them in - - - to raise - to be their very own - by love and adoption.

Furniture - food - clothing just came - not from people solicited to give, but from those souls who somehow, some way learned of the good work and were guided to give in accordance with the ever-working, ever-effective law of giving.

In the minds of Rev. Markert and his wife, came the realization that on city streets and with car tracks and trolleys in front of the door, and with no yard or play space, was no place to bring up children, and they visioned a building in the country, facing water, where evening sunsets would make child minds conscious of nature's beauties and wonders, and where they could play on lawns of vast expanse.

They learned of a vacant boom time hotel at Crystal Beach on a beautiful bay in Pinellas County, some eighteen miles from Tampa, Florida. They rented it, moved in, and today they own it, free and clear of debt.

When the institution was in Tampa there came into vogue Community Chest campaigns to care for all charities from one fund. It was suggested that Faith Mission file its budget and share in the funds. "Never have we solicited funds -- Our needs are known to our Father - He has always met and will ever meet our needs" -- was their answer, -- He has.

Countless were the occasions when meal time approached and there was nothing at hand to eat - and someone would drive in with donations of food -- or some fishermen in the bay would stop by and leave them fish - or a check would come in the mail, just in the nick of time.

Being responsible for the lives and welfare of one hundred and fifteen souls - meal time approaching, nothing at hand - What a responsibility - Only a brave soul would undertake it.

Through these many years - - never a skip - not a hungry mouth - - and all by Faith provided - and then to doubt the efficacy of faith as a living force?

Rev. Markert has left to go to his Heavenly reward but this labor of love is carried on by his family - a monument to a wonderful man -

Throughout the length and breadth of this country are wonderful schools, founded for the care of under-privileged children which are living monuments to the power of faith - - - some person, with no material possessions, but burning with a desire to meet a crying need - has generally been the founder of such institutions. They asked with faith in the worthiness of their mission - faith in themselves to put it over - and faith has been the seed that blossomed into material accomplishment. There are more so-called miracles being performed in this country every week, than all the miracles reported in the Bible, and Faith is back of all of them.

Faith in something - faith in some one - faith in yourself - and the scene of a miracle is at hand - - - for where there is perfect faith - fears and the negative hordes of destruction are barred.

Hand in hand with faith must go action; "Faith without works is of no avail" -

Man is coming to the realization of his divine heritage - chief among which is faith - and its power to contact and relay omnipotence - Does this give meaning to the command of Jesus - "Go ye into all the world and spread the gospel to the whole creation" - Only one faith - sustained could have given a command so all inclusive.

Faith is enlarged vision, true insight into life - a knowledge that man is in, made out of, and cannot be separated from omnipotence, that he is a part of a whole, with all the attributes of the whole, that he is a creator in his own right, that he can be, do or have anything of good he may desire, and that unlike the seed he is not single purposed, that as the perfection of creation he is given a mind, can create his own purposes or destiny or flowering - and fruiting. That the mind given him enables him to think - make his choices, and that that mind through the subconscious mind can contact the universal mind or omniscience - and thoughts become things by laws of attraction, and immutable and dependable laws governing the universe.

With this enlarged vision, insight into life and knowledge, faith is not a vague

thing - with shadowy outline - a sort of "hope it is so" half conviction. It is not a matter of Be-lief -- it is a matter of Be-live it. Your attitude will not be "I desire to be" -- It will be "I am," when you are operating in accordance with the laws, and faith has become a living force, and you are fully conscious of your oneness or unity with the life principles or laws which work and have ever worked for perfection - and that means very definitely to perfect and bring into being the things demanded and needed. --- By your thoughts you have and exercise the power of projecting demands and needs into the universal, and when you do it rightly and understandingly they will not return unto you void. They will become manifest - very real --- not perhaps in accordance with your ideas or plans of how they should come ----

Don't make too many plans as to how your desired blessings shall come about; life abhors our plans, and knows better ones than we can imagine -

Project the ultimate aim - hold fast to the objective or end in view - have faith in the attainment --- Don't scatter your powers on the details of how - - the paths of attainment --- live at the end of the road you vision; not the difficult journey along the way.

How many times we have said that life is made up of simples! - - You perhaps are looking for something hard and miss the understanding of these principles and laws because they are so simple - - - It is just the matter of developing a consciousness.

Do not criticize or condemn yourself and say you are slow at grasping these truths of life -- you are unfolding just like a flower - You could not seriously study these instructions and fail.

You do arise to heights of enthusiasm or exaltation - Faith does take root - - You do soar physically and mentally - You feel it in every fibre of your being -- You do tackle some little problem - it does melt away - vanish, - and is banished from your mind -- Then you have a let-down --- You overlook that it was a triumph of a conscious state or a state of consciousness -- a thought that became a thing - a coalescing of your thoughts with universal mind in triumphant pursuit of an objective.

Accept this encouragement - You stepped to a higher plane - the next burst of enthusiasm, blossoming of faith, centralizing of inherent powers and inspired action will be easier. The channels will be less obstructed - You are consciously or unconsciously drawing nearer to the ability to projectively think - to constructively think - to putting the power of feeling and emotion behind your thinking, to a realization that something deep within you vibrates to it - that people and things respond to it and sooner or later the realization will dawn upon you that you can be, do or have your heart's desire.

That is Faith - Then you ever possess and are ever possessed by a consciousness of some kind or other --- a health consciousness - and health abundant is the result -- or a joy or happiness consciousness - and you will carry a song in your heart --- or a money consciousness - and you will think and deal in the material in larger and larger ways and denominations.

Why not such faith? The real You can do it -- just put aside the limiting, doubting, hesitating, fearful, conscious personal you, you have so long let impede your progress - You are one with the Infinite --- Be - Live it!

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Faith does nothing alone--nothing of itself, but everything under God, by God, through God. --Stoughton.