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JUST TALKING IT OVER WITH YOU: -

If you get the full significance of and grasp the logic of that which is on the front cover of Lesson 47, you have something fundamental and you can open your mind to and get a consciousness of a more complete life.

The front cover is not the only part of this Instruction that calls for reasoning. It is filled with that which should appeal to your better judgment.

You are rapidly nearing the completion of the first year's work, fifty-two instructions, at which time you may be eligible to receive the Certificate of Merit evidencing successful completion of your initial year of study with us. But what is more important - you are by faithful study and review of these instructions being prepared for the understanding of the higher teachings.

It doesn't make any difference whether you care for these Certificates, but it does make a difference whether you care for the better things of life - for health, which is the natural state of man, for contentment, joy, and happiness, which is your God-intended state, and for material well being - prosperity - freedom from want and worry, which is your birthright.

If these things you desire - they are yours when you comply with the laws and principles we teach. These laws are absolutely non-personal. They do not work for some and not for others. They would not be laws if that were so.

We have laws enacted by legislative bodies for our government. If we violate one of these we are guilty whether we knew the law or not. Ignorance of the law is no excuse. This is true of the Universal laws - the laws of Nature. The beautiful part of knowing these natural laws and complying with them is that the rewards are health, happiness and success.

Why? Because that is the nature of the Universal - All Good - is the true definition of God.

We have throughout the weeks past, by these instructions, been laying a foundation for spiritual understanding. The man who does not know that this is a spiritual world has just lost his way. He doesn't know the things that move men to achievement. He doesn't know the causes that have wrought all we know. He has not found the lever that lifts burdens. He is a materialist of the first order - a soul in utter darkness.

When we begin to stress the spiritual powers of man we want those studying with us prepared to accept and utilize those powers. To just start out and lay down a creed or to state beliefs is of no avail - There must be an intellectual and spiritual understanding leading to acting upon those beliefs. There are too many today who "believe in Jesus" - but too few who "believe Jesus." He was a great teacher of the laws. To believe Him is to know and utilize the laws. To believe in Him is to worship the teacher and not the teachings.

The greatest form of helpfulness is to help others, that they may help themselves.

Such is our mission - such should be yours,

We are deeply earnest,
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INSTRUCTION NO. 47 Assuring to the Accepted and Acceptable
HEALTH, HAPPINESS AND SUCCESS

THE HIGHER THE GRADE OF LIFE, THE HIGHER THE INTELLIGENCE; FROM WHICH IT FOLLOWS THAT THE SUPREME PRINCIPLE OF LIFE MUST ALSO BE THE ULTIMATE PRINCIPLE OF INTELLIGENCE. THIS IS CLEARLY DEMONSTRATED BY THE GRAND NATURAL ORDER OF THE UNIVERSE. EVERY ADVANCE IN SCIENCE CONSISTS IN DISCOVERING NEW SUBTLETIES OF CONNECTION IN THIS MAGNIFICENT UNIVERSAL ORDER WHICH ALREADY EXISTS AND ONLY NEEDS OUR RECOGNITION TO BRING IT INTO PRACTICAL USE. IF THEN, THE HIGHEST WORK OF THE GREATEST MINDS CONSISTS IN NOTHING ELSE THAN THE RECOGNITION OF AN ALREADY EXISTING ORDER THERE IS NO GETTING AWAY FROM THE CONCLUSION THAT A PARAMOUNT INTELLIGENCE MUST BE INHERENT IN THE LIFE PRINCIPLE WHICH MANIFESTS ITSELF AS THIS ORDER; AND THUS WE SEE THAT THERE MUST BE A GREAT COSMIC INTELLIGENCE UNDERLYING THE TOTALITY OF THINGS.

WE APPROACH LIFE'S DEEPER MEANINGS

We daily receive the experiences of countless people and from this contact we see the laws and principles we teach at work. If there is a great need, if the person in great need is frustrated and desperate and knows not which way to turn, then he always finds a solution. Now that is in accordance with the law that any great need provides the means and draws to itself all the elements it must have for solution.

We by no means desire to convey the impression that one must be desperate and frustrated to achieve his cherished aims. The laws and principles which we lay down for accomplishment and the mental chemical formula for success, health and happiness contained in Instructions 11 to 18 will always work, but if there is weakness in the first step, by reason of a lack of definiteness of vision, it is not an error in the formula. It is an error in the use of it.

If in the second step, Desiring, there is weakness and vacillation and changing, it could not be expected to work because mental laws are just as inviolable as the laws of chemistry.

If in the next step, Faith falters and wavers and instead of a confident expectation of the desired results, one goes at it in the spirit of "I don't think it will work, but I will try," the formula has been fundamentally violated.

A fixed determination to accomplish some aim or purpose you have learned must be vitalized by the emotions. There must be steadfastness of purpose and enthusiastic contemplation of the desired results. There should accompany this contemplation the spirit of thankfulness that this world is a world of law and principles and that he who follows the law and obeys the principles receives the reward of his own sowing.

The last step in the formula, observing the Law of Balanced Compensation must be strictly adhered to. Great is the satisfaction that one has when he fully realizes that every act and thought has a corresponding reaction and effect, first in the universal and then in the material.

Some people have to be driven to desperation. They have to have the great need or desire forced to the forefront and the question often has to resolve to the proposition of "sink or swim" - "survive or perish." Then the subconscious ever striving for survival and perfection gives the message through to the conscious mind and the means to the end are found. Thus by the hard road, by the road of experience many learn that the need provides the means and draws to itself all the elements necessary for expression.

Poverty is not a reality. Some might say that it is a lack of something; and that very statement shows that it is not a reality.

We might compare poverty to darkness. Darkness is not a thing of itself; it is just a lack of light. When we turn on the light, there is no further darkness. It did not go somewhere else, like thoughts travel the universe. By the turning on the light, we just proved its nothingness.

Again, we might compare poverty to a vacuum, which means a lack of air, and that is, metaphorically speaking, a condition of nothing present. You can break a tube in which is contained the vacuum and air rushes in.

If a man is experiencing what is called the condition of poverty, this conscious thinking and state of consciousness has created the condition. When we break that, like the outer shell that contains a vacuum, all nature will cooperate, and a condition of well being will rush in.

Poverty itself is not a reality. It is not like a thought or intelligence which can be imparted to another. This being explained to one without understanding, answered, "But I have nothing." Yes, that is true. Its nothingness proves its non-reality.

This is not a mere play upon words - nor is this process of reasoning sophistry. Of course the condition of poverty exists - coexistent with poverty-thinking, but it is still not a reality, as we would have you know reality. No one is willing to concede that condition to be fixed and unchangeable.

Here you are - where you are - a creator in your own right, surrounded by a part of a great law, and all about you are the building blocks of the universe - creative substance - the essence of all that is to manifest - and from which all things that are, came - With your conscious mind you are the patternmaker - with your subconscious you are the law and its director - and all that ever was or ever will be, exists - With these, can you build such a thing as poverty - a void, a nothingness?

You say - "I had money, I had property, I had luxuries - I lost them, now I am poor -- have nothing but misery and want - Is that not poverty?"

You may call it poverty but you cannot prove its reality - It is not. Let us reason together -

The money and property still exist; you enjoyed the luxuries. The ownership of the one has passed to another. The enjoyment is a memory. The experience has added something to you. You say you have "misery and want." This is a state of mind - a way you view or think about your losses. Does this prove the reality of poverty?

Suppose your money and property had been a source of care and worry and the loss or parting with it had really been a source of relief, a source of joy, as many have come to view their losses. The transactions would have been the same in each case. Would you call that poverty? Reality must be good or truth. There is no such thing as comparative truth. Truth is absolute. It is either truth or it is not truth. There are no degrees of it and it is not affected by what men believe of it, their wishes with respect to it, nor by how they view it. Absolute good is both principle - and power - and reality.

That the truth we teach may reach your reasoning mind - and above all reach a state of consciousness, let us now agree that what you call poverty is a condition. Do you agree?

Then logically you must agree that this condition could only be when there is some one to experience it. Granted? Then we arrive! If some one must experience it, it must be in the consciousness of that one. Presto! Change the consciousness of that one, and the condition disappears. Conditions are not entities - Individuals are entities. Conditions are yours to change. That you can is proof of a "divine heritage."

Study on this. If you do not comprehend, be not discouraged - You will as you progress. Above all, banish poverty thoughts from the mind - If you cannot establish belief to the point of Be-living it, have faith that it is the Truth, and failing that, live at least with hope of understanding - live in the "when" you do realize it.

Our mission is to turn your thoughts and consciousness to the Cause side of life and to develop within you as a student of this science an awareness of your inherent powers and your unity with the Cause and Source of all things.

At this time we want to give you a simple exercise that you can do many times a day with beneficial results. Forcing all of the air out of the lungs feel the abdomen going in, lift up and extend the chest as you expel the air through the mouth. This is a muscular expanse of the chest and you can feel a pulling upward of the muscles in the chest. By steadily practicing this exercise you can increase chest expansion one or more inches. This exercise in blowing out the air through the partly closed mouth and raising and expanding the chest at the same time is a very efficient means of creating and storing energy.

By a little self contemplation and a review of your life and thinking, you will come to the conclusion that you have in your consciousness accepted a condition of lack or want and you have been struggling against it.

Heretofore in these instructions we have taught you that by fighting a condition you give recognition to it, and it is a fact that by keeping your mind upon a battling with some unfavorable condition you feed it the very substance which makes it thrive.

If you have a sincere and earnest desire to better conditions in your life and to be more prosperous, to be healthy and strong physically and to bring about peace and happiness in your environment, then you can vision clearly the condition you want to bring about, and by so doing give an impetus to your endeavor to know more of the laws of life. You will recognize that life is governed by law and you will seriously and earnestly study this science and will demonstrate in small ways, and each demonstration you make will increase your faith and will supply the incentive to work for greater things.

All of this calls for active, creative thinking, and this is made effective by the realization that you are actually a part of the Infinite.

David Seabury, an eminent psychologist says "There are psychic germs that are just as real and perhaps even more effective than physical ones. Just as when the forces of the physical organism become torpid the physical germs of disease seize upon the opportunity to multiply and grow stronger, so when our mental faculties are stagnant these psychic germs, or race ideas, seize control of our thinking and emotional natures. If we have an all consuming interest and purpose in life it is impossible for these germs to take root in our mental processes." This simply means that we must have a guiding star for our thinking.

We ask you to accept the Bible statement "Heaven is within you." We, throughout these instructions, past and future, teach, and we believe conclusively prove, the God to which you should pray is not in some far off Heaven or in the skies but that He exists within your own being as a spiritual principle. In future instructions we believe that we shall make it plain and simple how the world came into being, how you came into being and by what laws and principles it and you came about. That you are a part of the creative principle, and how you with the same laws and principles can become a creator in your own right.

In laying down these laws and principles we will not deviate from the principles taught by Jesus.

True religion is an effective force in the lives of men and women. In the Bible you find many promises made by Jesus, but if these promises are carefully studied you will find that He stated that fulfillment comes about with understanding.

This understanding is not difficult. Jesus as a great mystic taught life principles by his example. He met the emergencies in men's lives, helped them when in dire distress and need, ministered to their wants of the moment, and came to them in their great and critical crisis.

We endeavor to make these laws understandable and useable in the every day lives of those who study with us. To meet the challenge of our complex civilization and aid men in their efforts to live life largely and abundantly.

With understanding, the promises of Jesus are perfectly valid promises, and we ask you to contemplate this - "Verily I say unto you, he that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do."