



Universal Law

Secret to Success

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Introduction

Most of us have experienced a time in our life, when everything flowed smoothly. Our plans came into fruition, our needs were met, solutions appeared miraculously, which resolved our problems. We enjoyed peace of mind and serenity. These experiences point to a harmonious way of life that we know is true and possible. Yet, at other times, life seems to be a struggle. We fail; we sometimes lose out on opportunities, and life just goes sideways. We can't get a handle on things, and we sometimes feel hopeless.

If life can move along effortlessly and orderly some of the time, why does it not do so all the time. At times in my life I felt as if I were one step too slow. If I only knew the secret key or code, which I was missing, life would accelerate forward, and I could achieve my dreams and goals. During those moments of difficulty and discouragement I have pondered this very question. "What

am I missing?"

"What is that something that I can't seem to grasp?" That something is *Universal Law*, or to be more direct, that something is *God*. I have decided to use the term Universal Law instead of God, as to not prejudice the reader, and not hinder spiritual understanding, growth, and practices. Universal Laws are spiritual principles we can learn to understand and apply in our lives. When understood, and applied, these Universal Principles can lead to a happy, harmonious, and prosperous life. Using Universal Laws will lead to success in all your endeavors. Even better than that, we can become the master of our circumstances and our life, through using this newfound knowledge. Interpreting the Law will bring it more clearly into your way of *thinking*, and as you learn to use Universal Law, you will live more closely with God, which will produce better understanding and results.

As you grow in knowledge and understanding, you will be able to form better opinions, and do not hesitate to change your views based on this new information. "*The wise man changes his mind, but the fool never.*" There can be no progress without change. A constant stream

of new thought, better thought, and truer thought is necessary for progress in life. To continue to hold on to the old and inferior when you have access to the new and superior, is to retard your growth, and this is the cause of many of mans' problems.

Use your mind for thinking, and ensure that your mind does not use *you*. Learn to master your mind and guide it intelligently; exercise discrimination in all your thinking. Your thoughts make you, and your ideals, principles, and your ruling desires will shape your destiny. Aim to be on the outside, what you desire to be on the inside.

If you don't learn to use your mind, your mind will use you. Make a daily effort to use new knowledge that you have learned. Try to improve on your opinions. Endeavor to obtain a truer and larger conception of your views. This process requires effort, but the result is increased mind-power. You will make mistakes occasionally, as we all do, especially in the early days of mental development, however, we learn by our mistakes. In time, you will grow very mentally strong, in time you will begin to avoid errors.

Many of our problems are mental in nature;

they do not exist outside of themselves. All problems will reveal a solution when subjected to exact analysis. You can acquire this ability by studying the Universal Law and its' mode of expression. Then through constant effort, you can learn to use your thinking faculties in constructive ways as you work with these Laws. You will have good and sound reasons for all the views that you hold. You will form clear and definite ideas regarding your convictions as to why you do what you do; why you think what you think; and why you believe what you believe. The practice of clear thinking will clarify the mind, tone up mental abilities, sharpen the perception, and gives one a stronger and better grasp of the essentials, for a larger and richer life. Clear and exact thinking is a sure means for advancement on the material as well as the spiritual planes.

Shallow, surface thought that we give to ordinary duties and the small things of daily life is not the thought that reforms our character, develops our mind or changes our destiny. Psychologist tell us that we are controlled by our convictions. Our beliefs determine the quality of our thinking; with the inner thought that comes from the heart reveals our real motives and desires. If our

ideas and beliefs are wholesome and true, we will reflect harmony and beauty in our personal life. If our convictions and ideas are not wholesome and true, we will reflect discordant, disharmony, and evil in our personal life.

Train your mind for clear and exact thinking. Strive to enlarge your intelligence in all matters. Think more constructively. Think good thoughts every day about yourself, your fellow-man, and life. Enrich your mind and improve your entire being.

Chapter One

Law of Thinking

To most people life is a riddle, a deep mystery, a complex and incomprehensible problem, or so it appears, but life is very simple to anyone who has the key to understanding life. Mystery is another name for ignorance; and all things are mysterious until we understand them. Man, is a progressive creature, a being of constant growth, and before him lies an unlimited ocean of progress to be navigated and conquered only through the development and cultivation of his mind. The progress of man is determined by his ruling state of mind, because the mind is the governing power of the life of man. Attention should be given to the mental state,

for it will regulate the actions and direction, and these actions and directions will determine ones' fate.

The state of mind is made up of attitudes adopted towards things, events, and life in general. If your attitudes are broad, optimistic, and true, you will exhibit highly constructive and progressive tendencies. But if your mental state is discordant and negative almost all your tendencies will be misdirected.

Man, is constantly thinking. He can change his thoughts, but he cannot stop thinking. Thinking power flows in and through us like the air that we breathe. We must learn how to direct this power of thinking into constructive channels of expression. It is scientifically proven that no power can act without producing an effect, and by simply thinking we are continually producing effects. These effects are revealed in our daily lives. When our thoughts are aimless and imperfect we

produce pain and confusion. This is simply misdirected energy. So, the question that we should ask ourselves is: Am I controlling my thoughts, or are my thoughts controlling me? Am I using my thoughts for gain or are my thoughts using me for loss?

The mind is like a fertile field. It will yield whatever we plant in the field. Our thoughts are the seeds that we plant in our field. If we hold positive thoughts in our mind it is the same as planting positive seeds in our field, and we experience positive experiences in our life. Just the same, if we harbor negative thoughts in our mind we are planting negative seeds in our field and our field must produce negative experiences in our life. The field doesn't care what we plant in it, but the field must grow what is planted. It is written "*We must reap what we sow.*" Understanding this parable makes it imperative that we be aware what *thoughts* we entertain in our mind.

Fear is man's greatest enemy. Fear breaks down our mental resistance and make us susceptible to all forms of disease. Therefore, it is not conducive to entertain fears lest they come upon us. "What I greatly feared has come upon me." (Job 3:25) Our fears can do us so much harm that we should be careful as to what we fear and worry about.

Man, is a creature of Nature, and has the power to overcome all his mistakes and all evil powers. Nature has no problem that she cannot solve, nor any troubles that she cannot remove. All her movements are governed by Law of Order and Discipline. If we pattern ourselves after Nature, we can do the same as Nature. Thoughts in our minds are governed by a law with the same exactness. Mind is the source and cause of all conditions in our life. So, it is in the mind that we adjust and discipline our thoughts, to stabilize our affairs. The average person thinks at

random; he has no clear design in mind to which he can frame his thoughts. Most of his thinking is beyond control, chaotic, and unorganized. Therefore, he always encounters disappointment and failure, for disappointment and failure thrive on indecision.

If we want to win in the game of life, our thinking must be as organized as a professional football team. The week before the game the team will watch film of the opponent, to see what obstacles they must overcome. They will create a game plan to overcome their opponent; they will practice the game plan to ensure that every player knows exactly what plays the team will use in this game. Each player will know exactly where to be and what to do in every scenario that will arise. With all this preparation, the football team can expect to win the game. And so, must we be in our thinking as we prepare to win our game of life.

Chapter Two

Law of Supply

Man is never satisfied because God did not intend that man should be forever satisfied. The Law of Being is a perpetual increase, progress, and growth; so when one goal is realized another goal will develop. The advancing life is the true life that God intended man to live. So, we believe that it is right and good for man to seek to gratify all pure desires and ambitions.

Jesus said, "What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them and ye shall have them." (Mark 11:24) We are all drawing into our lives the things we most want and expect, and whether we attract good

things or bad things, the principle operates the same. Every person is operating this law consciously or unconsciously. As we want more of the good things in life and less of the bad, it will be necessary to understand the law more perfectly and be able to adapt our thinking to it in a direct way.

We affirm repeatedly that God is our source and supply. The difficulty is that we view the creature (man) as being the source of substance and not the Creator. We don't really believe that God is the source and supplier. It is hard for most people to believe what they cannot see, and easy to believe what they see. So, when they see plenty and abundance, they believe that it is available and enjoy abundance. Our default belief system is "Seeing is believing." Later we will prove that "Believing is seeing."

Everything that we need for prosperity is already here with us. Substance can be converted, transmitted, and

changed in many ways, but it can never be destroyed. For example, if we plant a seed in the ground, it will sprout forth a tree. Each year the tree will grow leaves in the spring and shed them in the fall. The leaves drop to earth and become part of the soil. The tree lives for a few hundred years, dies, falls to the earth and decays. Decomposed timber becomes part of the earth hardens and becomes peat and coal. Coal is mined as a fuel to heat homes. The ashes are tossed back on the earth, supplying food to the soil, which finally nurtures another seed and causes it to sprout and become in time another tree. Following this cycle of the substance of a tree, we see that it changes form many times from gas to heat, to chemicals of many kinds. If it were possible to be measured accurately, we would find that not one particle has been lost. All that was there still is, and will always be. Nature does not waste anything, therefore there can never be a shortage of supply.

Because some people do not see an abundance around them and do not enjoy plenty, is evidence that they do not understand nor apply the Law. In their blindness, they say that plenty does not exist, and as far as they can see, they are right. Unfortunately, when they learn to see with their mind's eye they will realize differently.

There is a phase of the Law known as Demand and Supply which is found in every department of life. Thomas Edison resorted to its use when he invented the first electric light. It was some time before the public was educated to the advantages of electricity over the old ways of light and heat. How was all this accomplished? When there was a demand for electric power, the supply was made available. Where did it all come from? The earth, the air, water power, steam power, gas, oil, and a thousand other sources. Once upon a time, people were in style when they

rode the stagecoach or a carriage. Not too long ago you would be the talk of the town if you owned a rubber-tired victoria or gig. Where are they now? Gone and almost forgotten. The automobile has replaced them. How did it happen? When people demanded a means of traveling with more speed and comfort, necessity gave man the idea. One man dreamed of the world rolling on wheels and built a car that the poor man could afford. Today the automobile is such an important part of our daily life that most can't function without one. Whenever man has needed a certain thing, an idea is first given to his mind. He is inspired to develop the idea and then materialize it by converting a piece of metal or mud into a usable form.

Why did people live so long content with the horse and buggy? Their minds were not trained to demand a better form of travel. The supply was available, but the idea was not. The people with a horse and carriage

consciousness could not attract the new mode of transportation until they were able to enlarge their minds to conceive the necessity of the automobile.

What we cannot do is fret and worry about where supply or our next dollar is coming from. Fretting and worrying tend to restrict and limit the supply at hand. They tend to close off the flow of substance. Instead of expecting more to follow, we grow tense and anxious, which increases our fear and brings us less and less. Instead of tightening up in our thinking, we must relax and be more expanding. We must enlarge our minds into a larger state of thinking. When we can think, and realize more abundance, we will receive more abundantly.

All the poverty in the world arises from poverty consciousness, whether it be collective or individual. Supply is greater than demand, and demand is determined by man's own thinking.

Our mind is likened to a magnet. Our mental magnet is greatly reduced in strength when we worry and fear; then our inflow of good is slowly closed off. If our mental forces are weakened, we may even repel what good is trying to come to us. Nature shows us how we can convert much or little of the available substance into a usable material. The available substance is our thought, and we charge our minds with constructive thoughts. When negative thoughts enter our mind, like nature we must comply with the Law and destroy them. When we entertain half-truths or lazy thoughts they weaken our power of attraction and reception. Right here is an excellent place for us to begin to inventory our thinking. We should filter our thoughts carefully to separate the strong thoughts from the weak thoughts. The weak thoughts must be cast out and destroyed by refusal to accept them any longer. It does not matter how much we pray or how loud we pray, our prayers can only be answered as

we work the Law. The Law will serve us in proportion to how well we serve the Law. This is according to the Law, and the Law is no respecter of persons.

Do not confuse money with supply. Money is just one of many means of supply. If you concentrate on money alone and use every means to get it and hoard it, you are forcing the Law to close out other good. If you concentrate on a part and not the whole, you get only a small part. If you concentrate on the whole, you get to enjoy all the parts. If you love the Law, use the Law to gain supply. Use it wisely, and the Law will satisfy all your desires. It is God's will that we should enjoy every good that will promote happiness and progress. To expect good is to demand good, and both are necessary to attract supply. Seek to adjust your desire with God's plan, the Law, and expect that only good can reach you; then nothing but good can come to you. Nature is a prolific producer of blessings which she gives

freely to mankind, ever producing all things for a good and useful purpose. Every individual, therefore, has a natural right to a full supply of every good that he can use or enjoy.

Chapter Three

Law of Attraction

The law of attraction is comprised of two elements “desire and expectation.” Both ingredients must be present to achieve the best results.

Desire is the positive aspect of the attraction. When an individual earnestly desires something he sets up a line of force which connects him with the good desired. If he changes his desire or weakens his desire, the force is disconnected. The principle involved is that you cannot really want something unless it already exists. Desire is the force that calls the thing into the material world. Expectation is the mental force. If you desire a thing

and do not expect to get it, this is wishful thinking. Desire must be accompanied with expectation. When you couple desire with expectation, most of your dreams and wishes will materialize.

It is your right to be happy and free. You should seek to learn how to use the laws of mental creation and possibilities that lie dormant inside of you. If you are living in poverty, hardship, limitation, or lack of any kind it is because you are not operating the Law of the Mind. Nature does not deprive us of any good and desirable thing and has provided us with the mental equipment to acquire and enjoy all the good and to ensure a happy and worthwhile life.

Form a clear and well-defined mental picture of what you want. (Mind Picturing) Meditate on the picture that you have in your mind. Let the idea or plan unfold into a vivid mental picture, much like a movie on a screen. Be

calm and at peace with your idea. Hold the thought continually in your mind. Nourish the thought, idea, or desire with a confident conviction that what you want will materialize. As you persist in this state of mind, what you desire will gravitate toward you. Remember, that whatever thoughts you hold in your mind will materialize in your outer world. So, if you consistently think about what you do not want that thing will show up in your life. Nature does not desire for us to think that we are CRAZY, so whatever we think about and expect must materialize in our world.

If we are dissatisfied with our lives, no one is to blame but our self. Most people think negatively. Therefore, negative experiences are produced in their life experience. Whatever kind of thoughts we hold in our mind, those thoughts will produce that kind of experience in our life. Positive thoughts, positive experiences. Negative thoughts, negative

experiences. So, it behooves us to be aware of the thoughts that we hold in our mind, as to create the experiences that we desire to have. To desire is to expect-and to expect is to achieve.

Chapter Four

Law of Receiving

In a state of limited understanding, we reason that we must get before we can give, and then we turn and walk in the same mental rut as before by reasoning that we must give before we can get; but in our lack of understanding, we continue to leave the “getting” idea foremost in our thoughts and we shut out the spirit of giving.

Giving, which is the first of fundamental law of life, is the first law of all creation. The attitude of getting is the law of life in a congested state of thinking. As long as “getting” dominates a mind, that mind is in a paralyzed condition. The law of giving

and receiving, or prayer and blessing operate on the same principle, one is mechanical and the other is mental.

A dreamer or a wisher is continually praying, sending out ideas, and desires. He is so busy dreaming that he releases the thoughts to the Universe but never let them go, so nothing returns to him. Man's extremity is God's opportunity. When we stop trying to make something happen and stop all efforts, God is free to work for us. When we stop all strain, the Law is free to reply to our desires, then things begin to change for us. At some time in the past, you have sent out a thought or desire and forgot about it. The next thing you know, you were receiving the thing that you desired. That's how the Law works. When we send out the desire and relax and let it go, the Law brings to us the thing that we desired.

The principle of life on which this Law is based is written, "Give and it shall

be given to you, in good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over.” (Luke 6:38) Giving always precedes and predetermines the reception, whether you are giving your thoughts, your words, your service, or your deed. If you concentrate on cold and hope and pray to get heat, you are likely to freeze to death. What you must do is to give all your thought and effort toward building a fire or seeking that which will create heat to warm you. If we concentrate on receiving, and not giving any thought or idea or desire to build on, you in like manner may perish. The Law says “It is more blessed to give than to receive” and “As you freely give, you freely receive.” Many people try to work the Law backward. They say to themselves “After I get, then I will give.” If you want something good, you first must give something good, so the Law has something good to build upon.

When we speak of giving, most people

think of giving their money. Money, an object of human affections so passionate that men will steal and kill to gain its possession. Money, by nature, is obedient to our will that we can hold it, fold it and put it in our pocket, and it will give us no resistance at all. With all the selfish getting ideas which man attaches to money, man has not changed money's nature or its purpose. What does money get out of constantly giving itself into hands that so eagerly grasp it? Nothing. Nothing beyond the joy of giving itself in the fulfillment of its mission. Man may do some terrible things to obtain it; he may use it for something detrimental to his progress, but in all these exchanges man, not money, loses value. Just as the sun shines on the just and unjust alike, so money passes through the deserving and undeserving hand to accomplish its work. Its purpose is exchange without discrimination. Leaving the discrimination to the mind that is using it. Money goes merrily on its way,

losing nothing in self-value, in giving
itself.

When we give our best in some useful
service, forgetting of self,
concentrating on the joy of giving
instead of concentrating on the
returns, we find that our purpose and
the purpose of money have blended
and we come together in righteousness
and Eternal good.

Chapter Five

Law of Increase

Most people have heard or read the story Aladdin and the magic lamp. When Aladdin rubbed the magic lamp, a little man popped out of the lamp and asked to fill his wishes. Many of us dream of beautiful things in life that we want, but most of us just dream because we don't know how to turn our dreams into reality.

We don't have to believe in fairy tales, but there is a principle equivalent to the magic lamp. This equivalent is not material that we can carry around and rub at will, for a genie to appear to do our bidding; but it is an understanding which enables us to use the Law more

clearly. Using the Law effectively stimulates our good and bring about much for our pleasure and happiness that seems like magic or a miracle. This understanding is the act of praising God, the Law, for that which we desire, and for the fulfillment of that desire.

Praise has been the method used to get the attention, favor, and blessing of God. In early history, the people would bring their sacrifices and place them on the altar to gain favor from God. Following this act, they would render their praise in song and ceremony, believing that by doing so they would be favored, and their prayers would be granted. Praise does not influence God, but it does influence you. It enables you to be lifted up to touch the Law and gain its blessing.

“If one has faith as the grain of a mustard seed, he can move mountains.” If one can realize the power of praise he can do the same. Praise is complementary to faith. Faith

is wisdom and understanding, praise is the application of that understanding. Faith is the pot that holds a substance of power, and praise is the fuel that turns that power into an active force. Praise is a stimulant of the mind. It accelerates prayer. Praise magnetizes all the good around you and transforms that good into usable, visible substance.

Have you ever had someone to condemn or criticize your efforts when you were trying to please them? Perhaps you felt like quitting the job and letting someone else worry about it. Least of all, such an experience suppressed your interest and enthusiasm. That is how a person reacts when the law is used improperly. Whereas when someone praises you for your efforts, you feel like doing more, doing better, trying harder to be more perfect. Your interest becomes greater because of the pleasure and your happiness, you bring more happiness into your work

and all around you. It is a documented fact that even a plant is responsive when it is praised. There is an invisible ether upon which all thoughts act. The Law of Spirit is reflected in the law of physics. Though we may not sense it or fully understand it, our thoughts are moving continually in this invisible ether, and they are either increasing or diminishing in power and intelligence. When we praise the riches and wealth of the Law, our thoughts are greatly increased in the mental atmosphere. This increase affects our being in that it reflects in everything our mind and hands may touch. We contract our thoughts through fear, criticism, and complaints, and our desires are delayed or diminished.

Praise changes our observation, and our outlook on life. In the past, we were in the habit of seeing our weaknesses and failings, as well as the shortcomings of others, but now we see differently. We look for the

accomplishments, the good, and the beauty that is worthy of our praise. This, in turn, has a dual effect. It enriches our human self and we are able to radiate praise, courage, and happiness to all who are affected by our influence. It affects our inner self in such a way that our memory begins to retain all praiseworthy thoughts sent to it. This sets up a new system of thing and gradually the old thoughts that were destroying become absorbed in the new thoughts. This becomes a habit to think praise, and our life takes on the likeness of all good that is worth praising.

Many of us have gotten into a rut. We want our pay in advance. We offer praise after our storehouse has been filled. If all is going well, we are willing to give thanks for our good fortune. *Anyone can be grateful after they have been blessed.* If conditions are bad, our harvest lean, or trouble besets us, we are apt to forget to praise, and we become irritated at our

failures and often blame God for His neglect. When we can sing praises in the face of adversity, the adversity will soon disappear. That is not a promise; that is the Law. Learn to give praise, and to be thankful for the good and bad, and you will have found the magic lamp of the Spirit.

This attitude of mind not only brings about our desires but it also generates our confidence, strengthens our faith, builds up a confidence for the things to come. To praise when things are the darkest forces the sunlight through. Our degree of faith in the Law is measured before we receive, not afterward. It is that degree of faith that determines what we will be capable of receiving.

Many people fail to repeat their demonstrations because they take too much for granted or they become careless with the Law after they have enjoyed some blessings. Be every grateful for the very least of things and

the very most will come to you. We must keep our thoughts uplifted always, and praise is the means that will do this. As we attune our thoughts to the Law of God, that Law serves us in proportion.

Chapter Six

Law of Compensation

The world owes me a living." You hear people say, often with a reckless attitude of determination that they will collect that living in the easiest way they know how.

The early religious teachings were that justice might be expected in another life. The rich and the powerful, assumed to be the wicked and the overbearing, were bound to receive their punishment in the end. While the poor unfortunate ones, the wretched ones, were to be devoted to their religion and their church; then they were sure to be bountifully rewarded in the next life. The promise of heaven

and all that glitters has ever been held over them as a hope of future attainment to make up for their shortcomings on this plane of life, but no such attitude is ever accepted from the viewpoint of Truth when you know the Law.

Are you satisfied with the good that you are receiving? Are you getting fair returns for your efforts? Most people are dissatisfied. In the study of the laws of Truth, we learn to apply the Laws so that they will dissolve all our adverse thoughts and conditions. The mistakes of a schoolboy do not come through the wise operation of the Law; they come through miscalculations. These mistakes will continue so long as he continues using the Law without making corrections. He cannot change the Law to suit his mistakes, but he must change his use of the Law to its correct application. The laws of successful living are the same as the laws of science; the supply and the possibility are the same, but it is our

problem to use or apply the Law in order to get better results.

It is right for you to enjoy success and plenty; this is natural, as the Law intended. Your failure to realize these things is a miscalculation or mistake on your behalf. Success and prosperity do not need to be made, it always is. Therefore, you must change, then your affairs will change. Where do you change? All activity begins in thought. "The key to every man is his thoughts." Why do prisoners strive to get the warden's keys? Because there is no other way out. Neither can you be free of your bonds except through the key of right thinking. The key to successful living is the right adjustment of your thoughts.

If you want prosperity and success but do not seek to change in any way, how can you expect things to be any different? A drunk never becomes sober until he desires to stop drinking. If you are brought into the world

amidst lack and limitation, you can never rise above it until you change your ideas about it. There are many people who live and die and never know anything different from what has been handed down to them. Only when we cease to recognize a condition do we cease to attract it. The only way we can cease to recognize things is to change your mind about the thing.

Have you ever visited several homes and found them all different in some respect? Some homes were neat, tidy, clean, orderly, bright, cheery, or dull, gloomy, disorganized, dusty, uninviting. The home reflects the ruling state of mind. The home's appearance speaks of its keeper's mind. It is the little things that count, and many little things make a big thing. It is useless to pray for a new home if you cannot take care of the one that you have. The Law helps those who help themselves. If you grow more capable and efficient, you

become better and show your growing superiority. The Law is that he who becomes better will attract the better and be given the greater things to do.

The Law of Compensation works slowly but surely. You can only build on what you create. Competition in business is a rivalry or strife for two or more people. Fearing there is not enough, we fight with one another to get all we can. Don't try to compete with anyone or anything. It has been said that competition is the spirit of business, but I do not think that competition in the form of rivalry and strife, of arguing and fighting and lying about one another and lying about others business is the right spirit. Rather than call it a competition, let's call it compensation. Compensation means equal returns for the given; it means a balance of that quality or service that is extended to another. If one conducts their life, which is their business, along the path of compensation rather than competition,

you will find this to be a better way to compare your service and quality with someone else. The better your service, the greater the reward, the more business you will attract.

Have you known some people who do not like to pay their way? The quality of the thoughts they entertain repels many dollars for this mistake. Do you hunt for things that are cheap? Bargain shopping? Cheap thoughts will bring cheap returns. Release your money cheerfully, even if it is your last dollar. Decide what you need then spend your money cheerfully. Often when we get low on money we tighten up the purse strings and we hold back. This is like closing the faucet and limiting the supply from pouring into you. The Law is infinite, and through its expressions, all things are possible to us. Every time we choose a good thought, we make a good investment.

Chapter Seven

Law of Non-Resistance

Resistance as a means of securing peace and harmony is a mistaken and misleading idea. True harmony cannot come from inharmony, nor peace from discord. Resistance fails because it is not in accord with harmony and order, which is the Law.

The Master's doctrine, that "resist not evil", seems a paradox to some of us. It seems contrary to the natural reactions of the body, for when we meet with opposition it seems natural to gather our energies, collect our wits, and use whatever means we have to outwit and break down the opposition. As contrary, as it may seem in one

sense when it pertains to the more serious things in life, we are unconsciously using the Law in trivial and material things.

Why do you suppose businesses keep the doors wide open in the stores where you shop? It is to let prosperity come into the store without even having to open the doors. Have you ever noticed the number of people who walk through an open door in comparison to the number of people who open a door? Have you ever wondered why stores have stairs going down instead of up? It is easier for people to walk down stair than to climb up. This psychology is used freely in any large business. Businesses study the Law of Non – Resistance and the simple ways that it can be used on the unsuspecting public.

A salesman will study the ways of selling an article. He will approach a customer and present his product in a careful manner. He will bring out comparisons and other similar

products. He will praise his product and show all of its good features, trying all the while to avert any objection or arguments in the customer's mind. In this manner, he leads the customer to a positive acceptance of his product. He will get the customer to say "yes" to so many things that before the customer is aware of his action, he is signing a check or a contract. Salesmanship is built on the Law of Non-Resistance. Successful businesses everywhere are using the Law of Non-Resistance.

Whether we realize it or not, we are always selling ourselves to our friends for approval or disapproval. We are ever striving to put forth our best self, and inwardly want our friends to see us in that light. A man wishing to meet that certain young lady will try every means to gain an introduction. Then he will put his best foot forward, act his best, make the most pleasing impression. Why all this extra effort? He wants to make it easy for the lady

to like him and wish to know him better. He is trying to sell her on the idea that he is the best choice for her, as a companion and friend. He is unconsciously using the Law of Non-Resistance. Why does this young man put forth his best side? You may think this is natural, it is a habit or a custom. Yet, we are governed by habits and customs. Sometimes while working for prosperity and good health, we unconsciously put oppositions in our own path through this force of habit.

Some are working to gain success and to bring increase of supply or material wealth, yet are in the habit of talking and fearing hard times. We may talk about our neighbor or criticize the method he used to get ahead. When we do these things we are being very foolish. In fact, as a foolish merchant who advertised extensively a sale on a certain day. After getting his patrons all keyed up for the sale, he bars the doors and closes everyone out. We

may call him crazy, but some people are just as crazy at times when they want supply and prosperity to come to them and then they bar the way with their conversations of poverty and discord. I understand that they have not learned how to think right: nor are they wise to the Law when they choke off their supply of good with negative talk.

The Law does not require us to work over or against the things --we do not want but it does require us to work with and for the things that we do want. By being non-resistant and in agreement with all that is prosperous and using every means at our command to make it easy for prosperity to come to us.

A little stream of water run into a huge boulder, a fallen tree, or debris of bushes and decayed leaves. Does the little stream stop with the obstacle and wait for its force to build up so that it can push the opposition out of its

path? No, the little stream is not interested in the oppositions, but it is focused on hurrying along and reaching the larger stream, then the river and ocean. It doesn't waste time with obstacles but works its way around the interference. That little stream winds its way round and round many crooks and turns, but every turn takes it closer to its goal.

Some people, unwise to Nature's method, meet an obstacle and stop their progress to collect their force and put up a fight to remove the obstacle. Resistance causes friction. Friction causes irritation and inflammation. For this very reason, many peoples lives are very hard and exacting. The waste of human energy is appalling. People in every walk of life are wearing out like obsolete machinery. It is not the movement of machinery that wears it beyond use and service, it is friction.

If we go through life fighting, opposing, resisting, arguing, we are

bound to meet with many obstacles and likely become so occupied fighting that we lose sight of our real objectives. Whereas if we strive to make little resistance and keep our minds on the goal or desire, we may have to wind around and around, but as we persevere we ultimately win. We reach our goal. A lesson we may learn from the stream is that when it is small and struggling it has the most difficult time. In the beginning, it will have so many obstacles in its path that it is ever winding around to avoid direct opposition. Silently it uses the Law of Non-Resistance and it grows stronger in force and size. When it becomes a larger stream and then a river its path is more direct and obstacles become less and less. We have our hardest test and delays while we are weak in power and understanding. As we go on in faith, not fighting the obstacles, but blessing them and going on, faith and confidence grow stronger and we become like a great stream.

Jesus expressed the Law more simply; "I say unto you, love your enemies; bless them that curse you; do good to them that hate you; pray for them that despitefully use you." To extend a loving thought to anyone or anything removes the opposition and enmity. This removal must first be in the person's consciousness. Once the thought of enmity is removed from your consciousness you will not attract the same condition again. Do good to them that hate you because in doing good you are raised above the thought of hate and hate then cannot touch your life. Bless them that curse you and pray for them that misuse you. Why? Blessing calls forth the highest good within you. The highest good within you can only attract the highest good from another. To attract such good removes opposition. Thus to live the Law with others about you does not especially favor the other as much as it favors you.

If a man resists a situation, he will have it always with him. If he tries to run away from it, like a shadow it will follow him and repeatedly he will meet it again. If he ignores the situation, and fearlessly works around it, he will find that the hard condition has been removed. "Agree with thy adversary" is another way of saying that nothing worthwhile is ever gained by argument. "He who is convinced against his will is of the same opinion still." To disagree with one only causes that one to put on his full armor, collect all his forces in opposition to you. To agree with your worthy opponent leaves him defenseless and without need of his armament. To offer no resistance makes it easy for him to be friendly, and he who thought himself your enemy will find it a pleasure and a privilege to be a friend.

"Blessed are the meek" (compliant) refers to the one who is able to follow the Law of Non-Resistance to the point of inheriting the earth and all things

thereof. To be meek does not mean to be an easy mark nor to be a doormat for anyone to walk over. We are not asked to be martyrs of our belief; nor is it nonspiritual to speak out fearlessly and positively.

The Law reads; "We attract what we expect," so if one believes that he is an easy mark, a doormat, a weakling, if he expects to suffer and must resort to warlike means for his protection, then "He who lives by the sword shall die by the sword." The Law of life reacts upon man according to his understanding and application. To be meek does not mean that we are submissive to the point of discord and disorder. We are meek only to the Law. Such meekness gives us the power of Spirit. Jesus was so strong in Spirit that his disciples implored Him to be their king. Do not confuse meekness with weakness. Nature eliminates weakness. To live wisely one must be strong and positive, though righteously meek. Such

strength is not measured in physical brawn and muscle but in mind and spirit. Meekness, then, is that strength appropriated when you do not argue when you do not become angry or boastful and proud when you do not insist on having your way. Meekness is the strength by which you win an argument by refusing to argue. When differences of opinion arise and your opinion is right, the real victory lies in the fact that right is right, regardless of what others may think or say about it.

As man applies the spirit of meekness to the principles of his daily life, not to the conditions, so will he be blessed. When perplexed remember the little stream of water and how determined it is to realize its goal, and you be that determined to realize the good that awaits you. Do not delay your benefits by putting obstacles in your own path. Every worried thought, every fear, doubt, complaint, argument, and angry thought are the many boulders you

cast into your stream. These tend to change your course and lengthen the time for you to reach your goal. Remove every obstacle by blessing it, and view stumbling blocks as stepping stones leading to your goal.

Chapter Eight

Law of Forgiveness

Jesus taught bigness of character to His followers. He was a Teacher Supreme. He not only pointed the way, but He went forward and showed the way. In the hours of great stress He showed Himself mightier than Pilate, Caiaphas, the High Priest and head of the church, and all of the Scribes and Pharisees. For a moment they had power over His body and tried Him and condemned Him to be crucified, the maximum sentence that could be given anyone. They dragged Him through the streets bound as a prisoner, they nailed Him to a cross on Calvary Hill, but He looked down on them and seeing their smallness of mind, He cried out, "Father forgive

them for they know not what they do.”
A man who is great enough to forgive
is always greater than the forgiven.
He is greater than his adversary.

Peter raised the question, turning to
Jesus and asked; “Lord how often shall
my brother sin against me, and I
forgive him, until seven times? Jesus
answered, “I say unto thee until seven
times, but until seventy times seven.”
The quality of forgiveness must be as
limitless as Faith, Hope and Love.

When a man sins we have been taught
to think that this was a job for the
minister, and so he is called to pray for
the sinner. When a man becomes sick
and distressed in his mind and body
from the effects of the sins he
committed, we call for a doctor. This,
at best, we know is a temporary
measure, for no real healing or
permanent cure can be effected until
the doctor and the minister work
together. Jesus was the Master
Physician in that He dealt with sin and
sickness jointly.

Jesus plainly taught that if ye forgive sin the effect of such an act of forgiveness would become absorbed with natural and healthy ideas much the same as the blackest of night is absorbed with the dawn of light. When healthy and natural ideas fill the mind the body takes on a like condition. Jesus also taught that the originating place of every act was in the mind. At another place, He speaks of the origin of sin being in the mind first before the act is committed. He said, "Out of the heart of man, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, murders, thefts, deceit, blasphemy, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within, and they defile the man."

Scientists accept the Truth that the body of man is moved by the mind, that all its functioning is governed by a ruling thought, whether it is conscious or unconscious. Those who study the mental process find that all the conditions of the body are created or

caused by the mind. Creation in any and every form is governed by the and subject to a law. Therefore, when one misused, inverts, or violates the law, this mistake is called sin. A sin is a mistake, a misunderstanding, and a misjudgment. A mistake is falling short of, or disobeying the law. Correction is the only method of appeasing the law. Repentance and forgiveness are the only means available to alter and correct the mistake. They are the only means of liberating man from suffering the painful consequences of a mistake. Forgiveness of sin means that we must forgive, forsake, and forget that thought or person or condition which prompted the sin. It means to abandon or let go of the thing you ought not do. To abandon or release the wrong thought or idea is to be absolved and liberated from its sinful effects. Forgiveness is the first requirement which permits man to be in harmony with the Law of his being.

Anyone who studies man as both a mental and physical being, would go deeper and search for the causes of sin, will find some harbored, hidden, and forgotten shock or condition that has caused the illness. Then, unless this harbored thought is uprooted from the subconscious mind or memory, this condition will continue to appear again and again in spite of all the surface remedies that may be applied to arrest the pain. A noted physician, talking before a group of other medical men on this very subject of thought being the source of disease, said "Abnormal tumors and cancers are due to a long period of suppressed grief and anxiety." Another way of saying this is that disease are due to a lot of sinful thoughts getting bottled up and suppressed within our minds. If this state is so destroying to our health, it might be wise to probe into our mind and note the effect our emotions are having on our physical health. Then we should seek to overcome, abandon, and forsake every emotional tug that is

having a debilitating and disturbing effect upon us.

Another leading psychiatrist said, "Most of the mental disorders are due to a sense of guilt." There is some harbored and congested thoughts that need forgiveness. Usually a sick mind fears to release them or to forgive them. This is natural, because to release and forgive the fearful thoughts they would no longer be sick minded. Professor Gates of the Psychological Laboratory of Washington D.C. said, "Of all bad emotions guilt is the worst." When harboring negative emotions, our bodies produce acid. Acid will burn the flesh, and if allowed will destroy the tissue and the organism. This very chemical reaction destroys the body when destroying thoughts are allowed to fester within our mind.

A physician had a patient who had visited many doctors and hospitals for

a medical condition. The patient had a serious condition of melancholia with suicidal tendency. The doctor questioned this man and eventually learned the cause of his illness.

The patient had a brother, and they were in business together as partners. The patient had appropriated and lost some money that belonged to his brother. The money was taken in such a way that the other brother never found out that the monies had been taken. Eventually, the brothers retired and closed the business. The brother that had misappropriated the funds, could never forgive himself for his misdeeds. There was no way that this brother could return the money without the other brother learning the truth. The two brothers were very close and the one brother thought that if his brother were to become aware of his misdeed, it would ruin their relationship.

The physician explained that the thing

to do was to relieve the hidden pressure by telling his brother of his misdeeds. The patient was afraid that his admission of wrong doings would cause a rift between he and his brother. The man was very afraid and would not consent to this treatment. Three days passed with forebodings and sleeplessness. He finally told his brother the story, and to his surprise, his brother threw his arms around him and rejoiced with him that the matter had been discussed and resolved. The problem was cleared from his mind. The skies were clear again and the restoration of his health was miraculous.

Through repentance and forgiveness, the man was able to do as Jesus had commanded to the woman He was called to judge, "Go thy way and sin no more." The rooted sorrow had been plucked from his memory. His mind was free to think on healthy, happy, and joyful thoughts. This allowed his body to be healed. We can now

understand more fully why Jesus so often spoke of forgiving sin. He knew the law of forgiveness and He knew how vitally important a part it played in the life of every man. Weeds do not remove themselves. If not removed they will increase and grow stronger until they choke out the flower. The same thing is true of our sinful thoughts. In the garden of our mind, they must be pulled out by the root, so that only flowers of healthy and happy thoughts may grow.

A man had the habit of excessive drinking, and being very miserable he caused much unhappiness in his home. He decided that he wanted to quit drinking but found that he could not stop. Many times, he rose to the top, only to fall back into the bottle. Finally, he reached the place where he no longer had the craving for liquor, then he is able to reject the desire for drink and overcome its sinful effects. When man overcomes the idea that prompts him to drink, then and not

until then does the Law forgive and lift him from its debilitating effects. A sin forsaken is a sin forgiven when the thought or idea that prompts the sin is corrected. Jesus explains that every man when he conceives an idea that is wrong, destructive, or evil, and dwells on it, eventually cause it to become a fact in his life. When he wished to overcome a sinful condition he doesn't waste time wrestling with the fact, but corrects, forsakes, forgets, forgives the idea that started it. This is the weed that must be pulled out at the root.

"Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." As we forgive those who trespass against us we shall be forgiven of our transgressions. The Law reads that certain ideas must be dissolved and cleared from the mind in order that other ideas new ideas of a different character may replace them. For example, if you hold in your mind that someone has wronged you or has treated you unjustly, you cannot be

free from your wrongdoings or injustice so long as you hold that thought in your consciousness. Often people complain that they do not understand clearly or get the illumination of spirit as others have testified. You need only to search your memory to find the cause. If you do not get the understanding you expect, first search your mind for lurking, unforgiving thoughts that have been tucked away from your notice. Are your thoughts filled with resentment that you may hold against some person or condition? The Law reads, "If ye forgive not their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses." We make the conditions for ourselves as we meet the demands of the Law.

Some people ask if we believe in canceling monetary obligations of those who owe us? So long as we believe in debts we shall get into debt and continue to collect all the burdens and headaches that come with them.

If we send receipted bills to all who owe us, would that relieve us from the burden of debt? No, the signing of the receipts does not erase the idea of debt from our minds. First, we must erase from our minds the thought that anyone can owe us anything. This then will bring us into a clear atmosphere in which we sow seeds or ideas of abundance for those who are indebted to us. In this way, the debtors will find their minds more fertile soil to bring forth thoughts of abundance. When we free our minds from all thoughts of debt and try to realize more and more the presence of plenty, we shall soon be strong enough to reach out and realize abundance for our debtors. As they are lifted up from the thoughts of limitation and lack, they will attract more and more substance with which they can pay their bills. In this way, and only in this way, can debts be permanently canceled. Through applying the Law of Forgiveness both parties concerned will be lifted from a debt consciousness, to

a prosperous consciousness, and prosperity and plenty shall abound. We must learn to live this Law.

Chapter Nine

Law of Sacrifice

Every person should have an IDEAL or a hero. A person who has no ideals does not wish to be any greater than they are, and will in time prove to be a detriment to others.

Abraham Lincoln had many faults like all of us. He would rather be lounging rather than working. He was not polite nor as polished as Mrs. Lincoln would have liked for him to be. He had only a few dollars in his pocket when he moved into the White House as the President. But money does not make a man, nor does polished manners. Even education will not suffice for the man with a small soul.

Lincoln's soul began to grow from the seed of *thought* that was placed in his mind, by his mother when he was a small boy. Lincoln's mother taught him that the beginning of wisdom is not imposed by discipline, but the beginning of wisdom is first ---the desire for discipline, the love of discipline, and the voluntary choice for discipline. Thus, he learned that discipline is the high road that leads to everything that makes life worth living. Discipline that is consciously chosen, passionately desired, and patiently persisted in.

We are not an undisciplined generation in any area except one, and that is our *morals*. In science, in art, in athletics, in every practical endeavor, we know the worth of discipline. Yet we let ourselves go morally. We must have our flings, we unleash our instincts and throw off restraint. It is the denial of discipline that characterizes much of our moral life. Men everywhere are

-awakening to the need of disciplining their thoughts and acts. We train domestic animals carefully, we harness the forces of Nature to serve us well, and yet when it comes to ourselves, the most valued of all, we let our thoughts run wild. No one can attain his ambitions until he learns to discipline his mental force and is able to control his thinking. No one can be truly religious before his mind is in order and his ideas are brought in harmony with the Divine mind.

A simple fact is that Something always has to be sacrificed for something else. Everything in life has its own price and is always up for sale. Every day we go up to life's counter and say, "I will give you this if you will give me that." This bartering has another name more familiar; we call it "sacrifice." Sacrifice, then is not what our preachers have made it out to be. It is a definite law that we must obey. We are sacrificing every day of our lives whether we want to or not, whether

we know it or not. No matter what we want from life we have to give up something in order to get it.

One of the Master's sayings that our modern mind shrinks away from and attempts to avoid, "Strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there are that findeth it." No man will ever find the richness of life in any realm by loose and casual wandering. Always he will have to go down a narrow way and through a strait gate called discipline. When the law of sacrifice is carried over into the moral realm, it is commonly presented on one side. We are taught that if we want to live a good life we have to give up so many pleasures. The result is that we rebel, and when we think of sacrifice we think of the ones who have had to give up so much pleasure for goodness.

Here is a great story of sacrifice.

A man called the psychologist seeking help with a very serious problem. He

had a fine home, a lovely, devoted wife, and two splendid children. He had met another woman and thought he was in love with her. He asked the doctor what should he do about his situation. The doctor said, "There is only one answer, and it is not my place or any other person's place to decide for him, what to do." The Law will determine it for you. You cannot have a lovely home, devoted family and enjoy loose living. If you will not sacrifice/give up loose living for the lovely home, you will be forced to sacrifice a lovely home and loved ones for loose living. One cannot have a sterling character that friends will respect and trust and resort to crooked practices.

You can be sure of this; no matter how far you may go before the rope gets tight, no matter how wild or how lax you may live, even though you think you are getting away with it and do so, you cannot fool the Law. Something always has to be paid for something

else. All fine living, all success, and happiness are like fine art; you must choose the spiritual beauty to be created or desired, then go the straight and narrow way to get it. For the beginning of wisdom is first the desire of discipline.

A drunkard was giving a lecture to the amusement of a few on the subject of freedom. He mentioned that he had a right to drink all the liquor that he wanted and no one could stop him from doing so. He was having his freedom and yet he was so drunk he didn't know what he was saying or doing. Freedom is -not living an obsessed, undisciplined life. Freedom is in being able to control your life and living life and making it what you want it to be. If you wish to become a skilled athlete, an efficient teacher, an expert lawyer, or a beautiful singer, the beginning of such success is first the desire for discipline of your time and thought. If you want that rich, radiant, and worthwhile life, the rule is just the

same, *DISCIPLINE*. The highest example of a master is Christ. In all His work and teachings, He proved that discipline and self-control, and self-mastery must precede wisdom and achievement.

It is this *Law of Sacrifice*, which is the beginning of wisdom, and is the first desire and of the love of discipline; that is the straight and narrow way the leads to the high road of everything that makes life worth living. It is the road that led Lincoln to the White House. It is the road for all who persevere and find it. It is the road that Jesus followed to triumph and mastery. It is the road that will bring you the joys and pleasures that result from the wisdom and understanding that accompany it.

“Blessed is the man who endureth temptation, for when he is tried he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord (Law) has promised to him that love the Law.”

Chapter Ten

Law of Obedience

To be ushered into turmoil, blindly toil a few years and then go out into uncertainty, is surely not the purpose of Man's existence. Life must mean more than this! Man should be a builder, and to him is given all the materials for him to construct the life that he desires to live. He builds in wisdom or in ignorance, according to his obedience, and according to his understanding of Divine Law and the use of the Law in his daily life.

Many people, when they learn that the *science of living* is governed by exacting laws, immediately they assume that to live rightly is to live the hard way. They are afraid of a law that

is exacting in its demands when it touches their relationship with the finer things. Yet these same people would not be willing that the laws which govern human society should be modified in any way. They recognize that the laws which govern social conduct and activity must be properly enforced if organized society is to function harmoniously and safely. They recognize that government is for the good of mankind and that without it human life and welfare would be in jeopardy. If this is true of human government and established by constitution and law, it is even more true for divine government. The more exacting the law, the more certain the safety, prosperity, and happiness of him who fulfills the law's demands.

In no other way has religion gone so far astray as in its conception or understanding of God, whether it be the God of the Christians or of the heathens. Instead of recognizing that the Supreme Intelligence is Law,

operating according to and as the Laws of Nature, men have created in their minds a God who is partial, subject to appeal from saint and sinner alike; a God who can be persuaded and bargained with; a God who gives life and takes it away; a God who heals sickness and causes it; a God who impoverishes and enriches; a God who rewards and punishes; and having accepted this wrong idea, it has made prayer largely a matter of doubts, lacking in strong confidence that a thing will be so because it is according to the Divine Law.

For many people, this bit of truth creates an illusion of a God for all; a God who is not interested in man's needs and problems; a God who is not a father to whom we can take our cares and with whom we can converse. However, they discover that this divine knowledge of the nature of God, as Law, has given them their Lord in a sense so close and intimate that all doubt in claiming their good is ended;

for once the Law is understood, we hold the secret of eternal happiness, peace, and dominion or mastery over all the forces around us.

-The word "obey" means to submit to rule or to comply with orders or instructions. *Obedience*, then, is the governor of all movement whether it be mechanical, literal, or spiritual. An intellectual giant who fails to comply with the law of learning will become as an idiot. A student failing to comply with or obey the instructions of spirit, the Law of God, will reverse that good and create evil. We are dependent entirely on obedience for our success or failure in this life.

Our societies, cities, states, and nations are supported by the Law. Our properties and lives are dependent upon the Law. Because of our respect for obedience, we as people support it. But woe to the man who tries to break through the Law to pillage and plunder for selfish gain. As we look into the

home we see the mother training her child in the habits of discipline.

Tomorrow we see a happy mother because her child has grown into a young adult and has earned success. A success because, back in the beginning of his/her life, the seed of obedience was placed there which brought about respect, obedience, and -unselfish thought. On the other hand, we may see others fail because they were allowed to grow up being disobedient, disrespectful, and selfish. All our problems in life are due in some measure to our disobedience to the *Law of Thought* and its Creator, God. Our difficulties have been in knowing what to obey and what not to obey.

Nature has the answer to our difficulties. She has no troubles she can't overcome. She has no problems she cannot solve. She has no burdens she cannot bear; no tasks she cannot perform. Why? All her operations are governed by the Law of Harmony and

Order which removes every discord, which heals all diseases, which rights every wrong, which supplies every need. He who obeys the Law of Nature and acts as her obedient servant later becomes the master and reaps a full harvest. Every student who obeys the Law and is a true servant of Good will become a greater soul and will reap the power to control his every condition and enjoy blessings galore. This is what the Master tried to tell us when he said, "He that is greatest among you shall be your servant; whosoever shall exalt himself shall be humbled; whosoever shall humble himself shall be exalted.

Our mistakes are largely due to the fact that we have obeyed more readily the laws of the earth than the Laws of Spirit. We have subjected our ideas to the outward appearance of things rather than the inner truths as the Law teaches them. We must obey God rather than man. We must obey the Law of Good rather than the law of

man. If we are to obey the Spirit within *us* rather than the conditions about us, then the Law requires us to first *think* things into existence from within before we shall see them on the outer plain. Most of our experiences are the result of our own created activity. These created activities are first to be found in *thoughts* that we think in our minds. The Law says, "As ye sow, so shall ye reap," which means, "whatever you plant in the ground is what you will grow." "Whatever thought you plant in your mind will grow into your outer experience." If you plant thoughts of worry, the law you obey will give you something to worry about. It will produce more and more circumstances to increase your worries. If you think of disease and lack, you will receive exactly what you are expecting. Whatever law you obey will, in turn, serve you. The most important thing then is to know what to obey.

We either serve principles or things in

all that we think and do. *Principle is that which we think in our mind and things are the results of those thoughts.* The person who worships things will have burdens to carry. A person's burdens are the things which he claims as his personal property. Things that he feels are his very own and therefore he must protect and serve them. Many people strive to accumulate riches. They sometimes gain wealth but lose their health. Then they spend their wealth trying to obtain good health. These people pass away disappointed and disillusioned because they had the wrong conception of the Law of God.

Man does not own any earthly things. All that he has has been loaned to him according to his understanding of the law he serves. Man was born naked and he will die naked. All his earthly things will be stripped from him; even his many burdens will become illusion again when he dies. His real task in life is to find his purpose according to

his understanding, and that understanding will determine the way that he lives his life. Analyze your burdens. They come from some idea of possession that you think you own. You may have dependents, others who must be supplied, and you feel you must care for them, as they have no other protector or provider. But when you realize the omnipotence of God, who sees even the sparrows fall, you will then change your idea of responsibility. Then your mental release will permit a greater flow of good to come to you, and it will come to you in many ways and forms.

The fear of the future has become a human belief and it affects all ages. As you obey the law of fear instead of the Law of God, you will have many more burdens. If you are obedient to the Law you will not suffer these burdens to be piled high upon you. You will live in the present, do your highest good every day, forget the past, and let the future take care of

itself. God does not require us to follow his leading on blind trust, rather we follow His leading through experience and practice.

Disobedience to the Law is the refusal to do what we know to be right. We all know what is right, but we do not always do it because it seems to interfere or delay our immediate attainment of the object we want. We want quick results, forgetting that the Law moves slowly. We want instant healing of our diseases, but we hate to give up the habits that caused our disease. When we speak of a man of principle we mean a man who is governed by the law of right thinking and right living; a man who is not easily swayed; a man who is not an opportunist; a man who will not deviate from the path of what he deems to be right for the sake of personal gain or popular acclaim; a man whom one may trust absolutely to be true to his convictions regardless of the temptation to change or modify

them. The God-governed man is never in doubt as to the result to be gained by following the principle, for principle is based on law and obedience. So, this Law can have only one result: happiness, peace, and prosperity.

All that is required of us is to learn obedience to the Law of Truth and not to obey the petty things that arise steadily as we allow our vision to be disturbed and harassed. "Blessed are they that hear the Word of God and keep it." "Obey my voice and I will be your God and you will be my people." When we obey the Law, then we understand the Master's statement "All that is mine is thine." Let us *live* with God in His work, not after we die, not tomorrow or next year, but *right now*. God's kingdom is all around us, awaiting our acknowledgment and obedience of His Law.

"If they obey and serve Him, they shall spend their days in prosperity and their years in pleasure." Job 36:11

Chapter Eleven

Law of Success

God intended for every individual to succeed. It is God's will that man should become great. It is God's will that man should not only use but enjoy, every good in the universe. The Law of God denies man nothing. Man is born rich. The powers inside of him are inexhaustible.

Each normal person is endowed with a complete set of faculties which, if properly developed and scientifically applied, will ensure success. Man is made for progress. Every man contains within himself the capacity for endless development.

All the processes of Nature are successful. Nature knows no failures. She never plans anything but success. She aims at results in every form and manner. To succeed in the best and fullest sense of the term we must, with Nature as our model, copy her methods. In her

principles and laws, we shall discover all the secrets of success.

Every +mind can develop greatness. It is simply a matter of knowing how. True self-help, self-discovery, self-knowledge, and the proper instruction in applying one's faculties and using one's forces will advance any person. Practice will ensure efficiency; use will bring about results. Success, therefore, is within the reach of every aspiring person. Do you wish to succeed? You can. You possess all the essentials within yourself; all you need is to gain a right understanding of the principles and laws upon which success is based, and then to apply the right methods of operating these causes until success is *earned*.

The Law of Success is as definite as the laws of any science. When the law is properly applied, will produce results every time. By *persistent* application of the law, there is no ending to the success you can attain. Whatever your present state or condition may be, there is a better and larger future in store for you, but you must *prepare yourself* for it. You cannot rise into something better and greater unless you do something about it. Study, planning, and effort are all necessary. The young and old alike are

entitled to advance. To be true to yourself and to the Law which governs you, you must advance, for advancement is success. Nature allows no interference with her purposes. This is the reason why “prods” and “pricks” of adversity come when you fail to move forward.

You can achieve your ambitions. Aim high and build well. What you imagine to yourself as success can be reached. The Law never blunders; what she idealizes, she has the power to actualize; what she images in *your mind*, she has the power to produce materially. She always seeks to build you up in your power and in success; that is her plan for you. The faculties possessed by all great and successful men are the same human faculties you possess.

Almost every other person will hold a different view as to what constitutes success. To avoid confusion of ideas, let us define our meaning of the term. Most people consider success as being a high state of worldly prosperity; others, as the realization of personal hopes, or fulfillment of heart's desires; still others, as the achievement of their ambitions or the performances of great deeds. Real success, however, is something more than this. We do not define it in terms of *money, position, fame, or wealth*, although it may include

all these. True success of the largest kind lies in the results obtained, harvest reaped and distributed so that our fellow beings at large are benefited and the world enriched. For the purpose of our lesson, the term success will mean *personal advancement* and increase.

Man is so constructed that he may utilize the elements of his life to building himself up into an ever-increasing power and success. He is also subtly related to everything outside of himself that this purpose may be fulfilled. Such fulfillment, however, will depend on the actual use he makes of his *mind*, and whether he chooses to *serve in ignorance or to govern with knowledge* of the forces in his life. Success is bringing one's self and one's actions to a standard higher than the ordinary human standard. Most all failures and defeats in life are due to mental blindness. When the motives are right, the thoughts are right. All our acts are judged by our motives, not by the out accomplishments. "Out of the heart are the issues of life." Moral cowardice, indecision at critical moments, a desire to have one's own way, inability to cooperate, have shattered the hopes of millions of people. The elimination of these mental handicaps is the first move for those who wish to aim high.

Success depends upon adopting a true course, and upholding what is just and right in *thought and action*. Success is not a creature of circumstance, nor a game of chance, nor luck, for not until the Golden Rule is the basis of activity can we be in harmony with the Principle. Religion and business are not separate sciences; they are the same. Lord Leverhulme said, "it is frequently stated that modern business cannot be conducted on the line of the "Sermon on the Mount. I can only say that a business conducted on any other basis will never be permanently successful." The fact that a man is honest, truthful, and industrious does not ensure his success. More is required; for if a man is timid, backward, or fearful, fear will act as a brake to retard his progress. If man is an efficient engineer, yet has an inferiority complex, that complex will make him mediocre and he will not be able to extend himself according to his skillful training. *Fear* is largely the cause of failures; it cannot be eliminated by drugs or by surgery. The only cure know for fear is understanding. When one understands that the universe is filled with the presence of God, there is nothing to fear. Most of us could meet our obligations if it were not for fear of some kind that tells us differently. We hypnotize ourselves into a belief which

incapacitates us and our power. Fear clouds our vision, it numbs our faculties, it paralyzes our mental forces which must be free and active if we are to avert calamity. When man's mind is confused by fear, he is in no condition to accept an opportunity. "God does not give us the spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and a sound mind." 2 Timothy 1:7

If we desire success, we must think success, we must talk success, and act successfully. We can do this more easily if we know that God, the Law, is on our side. "No good thing will God, the Law, withhold from them that walk uprightly." - Psalms 84:11 The spiritually minded man realizes that He that is for us is greater than that which is against us. It is said that half our failures are the result of our pulling up on our horses and checking them as they are about to leap the barrier. Expert riders let the horse have his way and this ensures a safe jump. Half our failures then are that we pull in at the moment when we should let all our forces out to have full vent as we make a leap. We jerk ourselves back into failure just when we could be riding on to victory.

This is a story about two friends that challenged one another to swim across a local river that was

approximately two miles wide. The two boys dove into the river, swam with a strong and steady stroke. The lead swimmer swam toward the other shore, not looking back. When the lead swimmer walked out of the river he looked back but did not see his friend. Carefully looking he saw his friend back on the other shore where they had started. When the two finally met again, the lead swimmer asked his friend “Why did you not follow me across the river?” The boy who turned back said, “After I got about halfway out I looked back and saw how far I had come and I was afraid that I couldn’t make it back.” The other boy commented, “Why didn’t you think to look ahead as I did, for I saw the shore coming closer and closer to me with each stroke. Why didn’t you think it was just as hard to turn back to safety as it was to continue swimming toward your goal?”

Success is a matter of advancement. No man can become a success except by training. An athlete will train for weeks and months to fit himself for a contest that may last for only a few minutes. The real secret consists in moving forward, and that mental attitude which promotes this constant progress is the ruling factor in the art of success. No person can succeed who is not imbued with the desire to advance. The fact that you desire to

succeed is evidence that you have the power to succeed; otherwise, you would not have been urged to aspire to success. You cannot aspire to succeed unless you have the power to succeed. Desire creates the power; power inspires the mind of the person, and success is the result of that inspiration rightly applied.

Investigating the lives of successful people, we find a striking common quality that is responsible for their success, which is a *constructive state of mind*. Psychologist term the state of mind as “success attitude.” Simple as it may seem, in nearly every case the difference between success and failure is the *mental attitude*. The positive mental attitude of the man that thinks he can in contrast to the negative attitude that thinks he can’t is practically the only difference between the one who succeeds and the one who fails. The one who thinks he can learn the truth and discovers he can do things and the idea liberates his sleeping energies, stirs them into activity, thrill him with the desire to advance, inspires him to get things done, and he moves forward into success. Some people live in the conviction that as they are, so they must remain throughout life. They believe that God has cast them into a fixed mold and that the little ability or power which they possess is all they can hope for in this

lifetime.

Begin now to take a superior view of yourself, your life, and your circumstances, and of things and people in general. As you mentally perceive the better and greater, you will consciously and unconsciously reach out for the better and the greater. *Your thoughts, desires, words, and mental actions* will gradually become filled with the “spirit of progress” and your faculties will grow stronger and your powers will increase. Persistently think you can do what you want to do, and it will not be long before you find yourself actually doing that thing. There is no miracle about it; the Law works that way.

Obstacles viewed from a higher perspective are invariably viewed as stepping stones to success. Obstacles serve as an opportunity to call upon hidden powers. They draw us out and make us strong; they lead us to the goal. When you are up against it, when you desire to progress, declare to yourself, “I can.” Those words contain the magic formula to all success and no goal worthwhile has ever been won without the realization of them.

Men radiate discouragement, gloom, and failure because they accept the “I can’t” attitude. The negative weak one repels us; we instinctively

shun him; that is the Law warning us to avoid him because he is out of tune with the Divine order of things. On the other hand, the “I can” person draws us to him. He is optimistic and we are glad to associate with him, and we are glad to do business with him.

Make a mental picture and hold in your mind, that picture of what you want or want to achieve. Begin to work towards that picture in your mind. Life is like a series of many steps; each step may provide you with new problems, but as you meet each new problem, keep your eye on the goal. The worst enemy you will encounter on life’s highway is +within your own self. Its name is Procrastination. Procrastination kills ambition. It gets one into the habit of indecision which causes failure. Practice making your decisions clearly and promptly; take care of the little questions that come to you and they will automatically take care of the big questions, should they arise. One who cannot decide for himself subordinates his judgment; he becomes receptive to the human thought around him and then he becomes one of the masses and can attract only what the masses supply.

What do you do with your spare time? How do you spend it? Where do you spend it? Do you

give it any value? In today's day and time, fortunes are made from the odds and ends or the by-products. By-products are something apart from the main article produced, but they have value of their own. Most businesses today, have their by-products, odds and ends, that pay them very well. *We are dealers in time.* Our success depends upon the use of our time and its many by-products which we call "odds moments." The real success of some started in the odd moments. What one does with his spare time, not only is clear profit, but it increases his mental activities. Every minute you save by making it useful and profitable adds to your life and the possibility of success. Think of the time before breakfast, lunchtime, time wasted awaiting appointments, and the many chances each day when you can work on your goal. Use all of your time constructively. It is only the aimless, worthless, unsuccessful ones who speak of killing time. The one who is killing time is destroying his opportunities, while the person who is succeeding is making their time live and making it useful. People who say "There isn't enough time in the day" that person is getting the most out of their life, and are succeeding. Success summarized, is the way we learn to use two valuable things – *our time and thought.* It is important to always remember that back of all

our toil and struggle, under the dust and smoke of things, there is a loving Father guiding, guarding and supporting us. Whatever we lack, He has; whatever we need He can supply; whatever obstacle we encounter, God within you can overcome it.

*“He who thinks he can, he who thinks he can’t,
both are right.”*