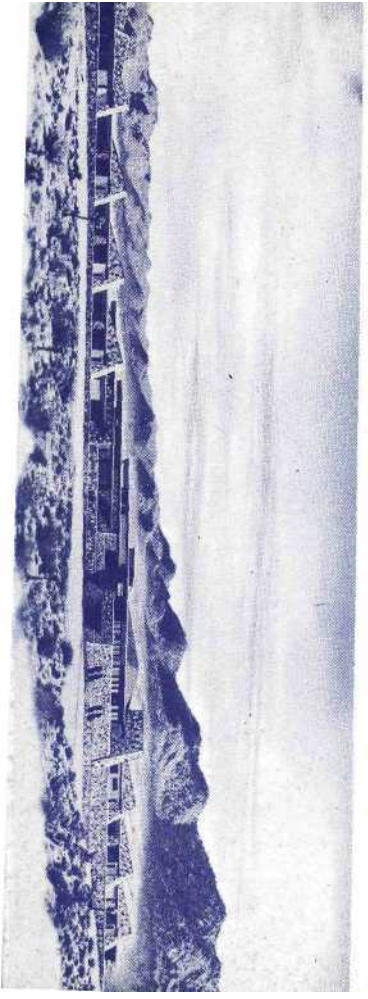

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The purpose of the 50 **little** volumes that will make up the "Library of Victorious Living" is to present to you who read a perfectly simple and ultimate plan for living a highly successful life from every point of view. Each volume is an invitation to learn—as practically as you may learn anything whatever if you put your effort into it—how to discover your own true nature and your own illimitable powers.

Throughout your life, most likely, with much running to and fro, you may have been (as I was) eagerly seeking in books and teaching, in religion and philosophy, for Truth, for Happiness, for Freedom, for God —or for you knew not what. You may today be weary, fatigued, discouraged, almost destitute of hope. Many times you may have glimpsed the Truth, and then it disappeared, and left you still hungering. Hungry, you sought in vain the Bread of Life—thirsty, you sought but could not find The Stream. Your search, my friend, is now at an end, if you **have** eyes to see and ears to hear.

No matter what your religious beliefs—indeed, no matter what!—that which you have always sought IS WITHIN YOU. This is Life's most sacred secret. From a careful study of these little books, it is given to me to know, you will gain immeasurable spiritual benefit. As you read, it will be to your Higher Self that Lou will listen.

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INTRODUCTION: MAN IS EVERLASTING IN THE ORDER OF HIS LIFE, UNSWERVING IN HIS DIVINE NATURE, ABSOLUTE IN HIS SPIRITUAL ESSENCE

This is the fifteenth of the "Fifty Little Books" that make up the Library of Victorious Living; it is also the concluding volume of the "Man's Ladder to Divinity" series (vol. 8 to vol. 15).

In a very real sense we reach in this "Drama of Human Living" the summit of our search. So far in the Library,

*** "MAN'S LADDER TO DIVINITY" SERIES (Vol. 8 to 15)**
The titles of "Man's Ladder" Series are as follows:—see pages 31-32:
Vol. 8—"Your First Step to Self-Mastery" (Right Understanding).
Vol. 9—"Awaken Your Own Sleeping Giant" (Right Resolution).
Vol. 10—"Your Word Is Your Creative Power" (Right Speech).
Vol. 11—"Mystery of the Warrior Within You" (Right Conduct).
Vol. 12—"Success Is Natural as Breathing" (Right Effort).
Vol. 13—"Can We Redeem Our Civilization?" (Right Living).
Vol. 14—"The Wise Man's Only Jewel" (Right Meditation).
Vol. 15—"The Drama of Human Living" (Right Rapture).

we have gone through the Evolution Series (see second page of cover), in which we traced step by step the manner in which the Almighty Creator creates and sustains the ineffable Universe, dividing the Great Plan into the seven evolving kingdoms. Commencing with the Ethereal Kingdom ("The Secret of Victorious Living," vol. 1), we dealt with all the Kingdoms one by one up to and including the Celestial Kingdoms ("Final Jubilate in Man's Evolution," vol. 7). Titles of the intervening volumes may be found on page 31.

In that series I traced how the Creator's Plan is everlasting in its order, unswerving in its purpose, absolute in its essence.

In the "Divinity" series, to which I have referred above, I have shown how, as MAN is the **microcosm,** orderly embodied in God's **macrocosm,** MAN—you and I—is endowed by his nature and is connected by his life in this same Great Plan. You and I, too, are everlasting in the order of our lives, unswerving in our divine nature, absolute in our essence in God (the Great Mathematical Mind, or any other name you care to employ to define for yourself the Eternal Father of All). Man is of God, in God, and therefore is the quality and nature of God in absolute essentiality.

I hope that you who read these lines have also read and studied the previous Little Books, because you then

will have traced the seven steps of Man's established ladder or pathway of behavior and expression in evolution—right up to the fourteenth volume that precedes this one ("The Wise Man's Only Jewel").

From very ancient times, the sages have preserved the secret, sacred knowledge of **God's Way,** which of course is called by different names, according to the formulae of the particular philosophy or religion under review. But all ancient religions have declared and taught that, just as God's Way in the creation and sustenance of the Universe is immovable and eternal, so there is a precisely immovable and eternal pathway which Man must finally climb so that he inevitably must unfold into God's wisdom and nature.

That, of course, is the sole teaching of this Library of Victorious Living. It is my fervent hope that you who read (especially if—as a seeker—you have experienced difficulty in your search) may find final enlightenment in this volume, inspiring you prayerfully and scientifically to renew your zeal. It is also possible that you who read may be seeking for a true scientifically spiritual philosophy of life, which will enable you to make your dreams come true. In these Little Books you may find YOUR WAY if you have eyes to see and a heart to understand. Remember—"When the pupil is ready, the Master appears."

PART I: THE ONE BASIC UNIVERSAL TRUTH UNDERLYING GOD'S VISIBLE AND INVISIBLE KINGDOMS—MATERIAL CREATION EXACT REFLECTION OF ETERNAL SPIRIT—NATURE OF SPIRIT EMBODIED IN ALL LIFE FORMS—MAN IS GOD IN HUMAN FORM

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Man's Cycle of Expression—Right Rapture

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As we now go along together, I hope you can see (no matter how much or how little you may know about the higher philosophy of spiritual living) that underlying all the forms and phenomena of Life two phases of the One Unalterable Law of Life can be clearly seen:

ONE—There is GOD'S WAY in the Universe, which you may learn if you will, seen in all things (visible and invisible) from the atom to the sun, from the amoeba to Man.

TWO—There is MAN'S PATHWAY (or Pattern) in GOD'S WAY; the One Way for Man to ascend to his true divinity.

You also see that as there are seven distinct kingdoms in God's Way, so there are seven steps in Man's pathway

—the seven kingdoms culminate in the Celestial Kingdom, and the seven steps culminate in Right Meditation ("The Wise Man's Only Jewel"), which is the gateway to **"Right Rapture"** which is Man's final cycle of expression in what is called GOD.

(a) Man's Consciousness the Seed of Christ Consciousness

To revive the beauty of this only pathway to divinity, allow me again to state the order of the various steps: Right **Understanding,** Right **Resolution,** Right **Speech,** Right **Conduct,** Right **Effort,** Right **Living,** Right **Meditation,** and Right **Rapture,** the latter being Christ Consciousness. Having once enlightened himself into the eternal Cosmic order of God's Way, the candidate has all that is necessary to ascend the scale of true understanding. We must notice at once that the pathway begins with Man's first glimmer of consciousness—divine light within him, which is the seed of his consciousness; and leads him on gradually, painfully, laboriously into complete COSMIC Consciousness, GOD Consciousness, CHRIST Consciousness . . . complete knowledge in Omnipotence, Omniscience. This is RIGHT RAPTURE—this is the climax to the "Drama of Human Living."

Now, this is a simple thing for truly initiated people fully to understand. Also the uninitiated may say, seeing this Truth merely intellectually, "Oh, yes, that is quite clear to me!"—and they are sincere, but they do not

KNOW this truth in the sense that their lives in every phase is ordered by it into complete rhythm and peace in all that they think and feel and do.

(b) The Mystic's Only Truth of Eternal Existence

Students in the Science of Mentalphysics are, of course, learning the way to practice their own ascension into God's Being, learning that whatever God is Man is—learning, in short that Man Is God in Human Form.*

To the average **uninitiated person,** however, who knows little or nothing of the inner secrets of Life and the order of God's Universe, all this is a fantastically impossible picture—foolish, because he is still in the state of consciousness that admits only of the dualism of "God" and "me," and has not had the experience that would admit of any more advanced thought. To the **traditional religionist** (and among traditional orthodox religionists there are some very "good" people, but their religion is based largely on fear), it would be sheer heresy to declare that Man can become God in Human Form (which he is), and none can comprehend until the last vestige of an anthropomorphic God has been eliminated from his consciousness. But to the **advanced mystic,** this is the only truth of eternal existence. Through all ages and in all religions, the advanced ones have attested solemnly that Man **can**

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become what God is, that earth **can** become Heaven, that the physical **can** be transformed into the spiritual, that out of the human the divine in Man **can** fully and finally emerge. That is the sole purport of a human being. This is RIGHT RAPTURE.

Of course, students in Mentalphysics, who are systematically learning the secrets of life as seen in both the exterior and the interior Universe, have a sublime understanding of God's eternal principles. They know that every law on earth or in the outer world exists in the unseen or higher world. What manifests in the material creation is categorically the exact reflection of what exists in the spiritual world. THIS IS THE BASIC TRUTH UNDERLYING ALL KNOWLEDGE OF GOD'S VISIBLE AND INVISIBLE KINGDOMS. Without such knowledge a man is driven along willy-nilly through mere existence, and is not able to even reason, much less to come to truly KNOW. Indeed, the greatest obstacle in the way of seeing the Truth is the erroneous conception of the term "spirit" and "matter," of "life" and "death."

(c) Ignorance Only Enemy of the Human Race

Once you recognize, my friend, that the nature of the Spirit of Life (of God) is embodied in the life of the thing manifested, then you are ready to begin your search—until then all is vain. It is generally claimed that mankind has made great progress—and so he has in certain directions; no one can dispute that fact. But, in reality, man-

kind generally is not less idolatrous today than were the people of whom the Old Testament speaks, even though in what you call enlightened communities idols of wood and stone are no longer erected. There are, however, other idols, much more dear to the hearts of great masses of people than the learning of God's Eternal Way—greed, money, fame, pride, success and so on—and as many sacrifices to these idols are made as in ancient days to other idols. That is due alone to Man's ignorance of Universal Law. No matter how glitteringly you dress up ignorance, it is still ignorance; and ignorance is the only enemy of the human race. Freedom is the goal of mankind, but an ignorant man is never free. May I declare those two sentences again?

NO MATTER HOW GLITTERINGLY YOU DRESS UP IGNORANCE, IT IS STILL IGNORANCE; IGNORANCE IS THE ONLY ENEMY OF THE HUMAN RACE!

FREEDOM IS THE GOAL OF MANKIND, BUT AN IGNORANT MAN IS NEVER FREE.

The ignorant man is the only person who is not free. Yet freedom is the only unoriginated birthright of Man. John Stuart Mill said that the only freedom which deserves the name is that of pursuing our own good in our own way, so long as we do not attempt to deprive others of theirs, or impede their efforts to obtain it.

Which is true, for where there is a desire in the human heart to obtain knowledge of the inner way of Life which is of God, so surely will Man be safely led upon the path

of true knowledge. But a man is a danger to himself and to others who remains in ignorance.

(d) Knowledge Frees Men from their Self-imposed Bondage

It is knowledge alone, and a knowledge alone of God's Way, the Way of the Eternal Universal Spirit of Life, the Way of the Great Mathematical Mind (God), that makes a man free—it is the TRUTH that makes a man free. Up to that time a man is in bondage. This is his only hell. Such a man, bereft of the beauty of the knowledge of his own true being in God, bereft of the truth that he is actually God in Human Form, can know naught of Right Rapture.

Do not cringe from the fact that what God Is, Man Is. You may say that God is Spirit and Consciousness, the Unchanging REALITY behind the changing Universe. The "world" and all that's in it—certainly "you" and "me"—are rooted in REALITY; it is not unreal in the sense that a castle in the air is unreal. Every thing and every body and form are "filled," so to speak, with the Universal Spirit, the only REALITY, the inmost essence of ALL. Without it, nothing whatsoever can exist. REALITY is the purest freedom, the final TRUTH. By realizing REALITY, Man becomes REAL, released from the bondage created by non-knowledge of the Truth, by ignorance. The REALITY, IT, GOD—call it what you will by any word or words—is the Indwelling Creative Spirit. Man—you and I, my friend—is alone responsible for his suffering and his happiness.

(e) By Realizing the REALITY, Man Himself Becomes Real

To those who have just begun to seek the final TRUTH, it seems that what is called God is the extra-cosmic Creator of the world, the administrator of rewards and punishments

To those more advanced in knowledge, God is the power manifest in the Universe, immanent in Creation, the material cause of the world.

To the enlightened few, however, who have attained the final stage of spiritual evolution, God and the Universe are One, the One in ALL, the All in ONE.

To us in Mentalphysics—"Whatever the Creator is, I am."

Having come through all the various steps reviewed in Volumes 8 to 14 inclusive, it will be for you to allow the scales to drop from your eyes to see what Right Rapture is, and how, by the goodness of Wisdom of which none of us is worthy, you know Right Rapture now, that you are in Heaven now, that you are eternal now . . . and if you be that fortunate how you may without ceasing reverently give thanks.

(f) Importance of Physical Instrument in Spiritual Understanding

As you approach **"Right Rapture,"** you truly approach the Throne. You must walk in humility. Then you may recognize your own divinity, raised in consciousness to the

glory of the Hierarchal Beings of Wisdom and of Light who hold the Cosmos in its eternal balance.

At all events, I hope that you can see that, irrespective of what you were taught when you were a child, irrespective of your beliefs, until you come to see that all manifested Life is the result, not of a power necessarily within itself, but of a Power or a Wisdom or a Force—a Nature that is spiritual—can you make any true spiritual progress. I hope you can see that. You and I have been brought up to "worship God," but as we gradually ascend in knowledge, we find that the true **way** of worshipping, the **way** of devotion, is very different from what we were taught as children. I trust that you have been sufficiently fortunate to find, without any doubt whatsoever in your mind, the cardinal tenets of the Law of Life Itself. You know, for example, that there are three main divisions, so to say, of the **One** that is called **God.** You can see that you cannot come to know God unless, first, through an embodiment. It is only as you progress into the spiritual nature of the embodiment that you can increasingly recognize God; and you will have experienced, I hope, that the embodiment may become more and more subtle. But at the start of your search you can only know me through my vehicle, my instrument, which is my body, and I can only know you through your body.

(g) Simple Illustration of the Spirit That Quickens

At the outset of your search, then, the established fact

of all existence is that you know God on this earth through various embodiments. Most of the existences through which we all pass to come to know God is through forms, through substances, through matter, and so on.

Then you come to see that matter of itself is of little value. You can see that you move your hand. You may move your hand by virtue of an energy that is latent and resident in the substance of your hand, but you can **see** that the energy is something beyond, within, unseen . . . indeed, unseeable . . . in the ordinary latitude in which you live. There is something unseeable in the hand that causes it to move. You call it **mind.** And you can see, and increasingly you come to learn through experience in feeling, that mind is universal as substance is universal. You come to see gradually that there is a general connectedness and correspondence between everything that exists. There is a difference between this that you call "yourself" and that that I call "me," but there is still a very definite connection or connectedness between this that I call myself and that which you call yourself. As we grow in true knowledge, however, we come to see that this fact is of decreasing importance and that existence of all embodiments as such is purely for the purpose of conducting what people regard as a higher force. Take the light, for example. The bulb is not the light. There is a bulb right here on my desk, and there is a light shining through it. We can quite readily define the bulb. We can analyze it and tell exactly what it is and how it is made, and we can reproduce it by the countless millions.

But no one, speaking of electricity, as it is called, can tell what electricity is.

You see, there is a universality about electricity. There is a universality of substance. There is a universality of energy.

(h) Revere the Universality of God!

As I am writing, and you are reading, you are the judge. If you agree with me, you will say, "Yes, that is so"; if you do not agree with me, you will say, "No, that is not so." But if you agree with me, you will see that there is something embedded within you which you cannot touch, you cannot feel, and it hides itself if you try to see or feel it. But you possess it, and through it you make your decisions and exercise your choice to say deliberately, "This is so" or "This is not so." And. this power is universal among human beings—at all events, if you and I AGREE, we can see that there exists in each of us a power that is synchronized in each of us.

My friend, why is it so difficult for the whole human race to see that there is a universality about all that men call God. You may divide and subdivide it into a countless number of avenues of expression in existence, but you will always find that it is universal . . . **UNIVERSAL.** It is the ALL within The One. That is clear. But some may feel, "Oh, why tediously explain that . . . why tediously explain to me what I learned many years ago?" Do you realize, however, that very few people living on the earth

understand what I have just said? I think by far the great majority of people do not comprehend the universality, the oneness, the wholeness, the undividedness, the unchangeableness, the ever-the-sameness of God and the Principle of the Universe. Happy are we that we do! The great majority of people who are very religious say that there is "God" and there is "me." There is God up there, up above, beyond, and so on, and the unfortunate part of their thought is that, "not until I die can I go to God in Heaven."

(i) Tragedy of the Conception of Anthropomorphism

What a tragedy it is to believe such things, yet Man apparently generally is unable to release himself from that belief. Right in your city, at the present moment, there are people who so believe. They believe that there is no such thing as a Heaven that can be reached until we are dead, and then, in some strange way, we reach immortality! . . . Just suppose you and I being compelled to go back to that degree of consciousness! It would be the arch tragedy of our existence!—or would it? Fortunate for me—and with all my heart, I hope, fortunate for you—that we have come through that. We are on our way. You see a little boy singing at a graveside: "A few more years shall come, and we shall be with those that rest, asleep within the tomb!" . . . one of the most abominable pieces of verse I have ever known—and I was the boy

who had to sing it under the direction of my elders, who were supposed to teach me TRUTH!

I do not write sarcastically, but that is what the great majority of people, the great majority of the human race, believe today, and they are encouraged to believe it. It is a case of the "blind leading the blind." We can see that in such a stage of consciousness these people offer us an admirable opportunity to help them to know the Elysian fields, Heaven, Nirvana—call it whatever you like. But it is not so easy to teach, for mankind is so perverse and disinclined to learn. There are millions of men who have, apparently quite willingly gone to their death fighting against what Man has already had vouchsafed to him. More men have died in religious wars than in any other wars.

(j) The Finality of Human Freedom

When mankind as a whole shall have learned about the (a) universality of substance in Life; (b) universality of energy within all substance, and (c) universality of wisdom in every living thing, then we shall see a great change come in human consciousness, for this is the first step beyond the superstition which has ever been the forerunner of human ignorance concerning the true nature of Man and the nature of God. This is the work which all enlightened men and women must undertake—Spreading the Light of Eternal Truth. Until all men are free, none can be fully free. That is the "Drama of Human Living."

Search your own heart, my friend, as I search mine, to see whether we should give thanks continually that we have grown in Universal Consciousness. If you can feel truly free in your knowledge of the TRUTH OF EXISTENCE, that is cause for gratitude.

If so, you will read on quite naturally.

If you are still seeking, I pray of you to continue your search. Read page 30 of this little volume first and then read on and listen with your heart.

PART II: TRUTH IS SO GREAT A PERFECTION THAT IF GOD WOULD RENDER HIMSELF VISIBLE TO MEN, HE WOULD CHOOSE LIGHT FOR HIS BODY AND TRUTH FOR HIS SOUL—Pythagoras

I have no way of knowing, of course, what this little lesson-volume may mean to you. If you are well advanced in Universal Wisdom, I know that what has been written here will have your blessing. But what if you are a sincere seeker, and have not yet found? If that is the case, I sincerely desire to continue to talk with you, for when one feels that he is sincere in his search, it is somewhat of a tragedy not to be able to find—though find he must at last. Therefore, settle down and I pray that what I may now write will come to you to quicken your inspiration.

(k) The Blessing of Being on The Path

As I review my own life, I personally feel that my blessings have been infinitely more than what the "me" of me could possibly have deserved. In consciousness I have been enlightened, uplifted to great spiritual heights through the loving ministrations of many noble men and women. I can look back into my boyhood, and see that in many ways ideas that I could not through my reason alone accept found lodgement in my very soul, particularly when those ideas pertained to God. I somehow seemed to know, though HOW I knew I did not know. I knew, for example, that there was no such place as Heaven up there above with golden streets and all the rest of it . . . indeed, the whole story did not ring true nor satisfy me; nor did it you, I suppose. And then, I can see how in ways that were entirely beyond my control, I sometimes found myself in circumstances where I would hear something, or see something, or the result of some particular experience would recur and cause me to think, and sometimes the thoughts were so transcendentally powerful that I felt I had no such right to think such thoughts.

Do **you** remember, for example, the first time that it was borne in upon your consciousness that you might have the possibility of becoming what God is?

Do you remember when all that anthropomorphism was taken from you, and you stood naked and unafraid before the Eternal Truth, even the fringes of which blinded you.

Have you come triumphantly through that, and now can see that **God Is All That There Is,** that there never has been aught else, is not, and certainly never will be, be-

cause there **cannot** be, **anything but God?** . . . and that what God is YOU, in full potentiality, are?

What an unspeakable blessing if we have come that far along The Path.

But what a tragedy, if we have not!

(l) Do You Know How Much You Know?

The first step that we all have to take in our spiritual ascent is to determine whether the Truth really is in us . . . in other words, how much do we know. We must all consider that question—not how much we have been "taught," not how and what we believe or hope or imagine, but HOW MUCH DO WE KNOW.

DO YOU know how much you know?

Probably not. But I can tell you how much you know. It is the **measure of what you DO.** If a man says to me that he knows a thing and does not DO that thing so that it shines out in his life, then he is simply stupid or a prevaricator. The "Drama" of Human Living is that so few people, almost completely ignorant of spiritual LAWS that govern all life action, know that they possess the force (undeveloped, of course) within them that can literally transform their dull existence into a life of beauty, health, strength, love, success, peace and abounding prosperity. That it seems to them to be far too good to be true does not, as every spiritually-developed person will tell you, give the appearance or the lie to the Reality and the Truth. All men are finally measured by their

works—by what they DO. Sometimes a man surprises himself by doing greater than he seems to himself to be. Quite often is this the case, though the man may seem to know little or nothing of the unequivocal spiritual LAWS which enable him to do what he does.

(m) "My" Life Is a Misnomer—My Life Is God's Life

How different, however, when we learn how CONSCIOUSLY to regulate our whole lives in and by these laws, so that EVERYTHING is in exact correspondence and reflection of what actually is God's Wisdom in MAN.

Then we find that we are actually what God is, and we do what is called God's Will in increasing exactitude—though, then, we have discovered that there is no such thing as "my" life, "my" ability, "my" will, "my" this or "my" that . . . but that ALL is God, " I " am naught, and that what " I " seem to do is actually GOD (the Creative Spirit, the Great Mathematical Mind) living and working through "me."

Then we find that we are the progenitors of the New Age! We are the fathers and mothers, sisters and brothers, of that gloriously scintillating race of human beings living where there can be no more wars, no illnesses, no gaols or penitentiaries, no suffering, no doubt, no fear—living where human freedom has finally been established, where human beings have been made divine. But I cannot describe for you. YOU must be your own poet in your own understanding, in the inner state of your True Self.

Then, what? What can you expect . . . darkness?—no, Light must come! Hatred?—no, Love keeps you constant company! Poverty?—no, riches and "all these things" are added unto us! . . . beauty, peace, joy, youth, wisdom, and unutterable abundance through the very gates of the Heaven in which we live.

For we are in Heaven NOW!

We are Eternal NOW!*

(n) Determine to LEARN These Secrets

To sum up, the "Drama of Human Living" is that Man is ignorant of his true nature as a **spiritual** being—most human beings believe that they are merely physical beings.

When you are dreaming, you are the Dreamer, but you are not conscious that **you are the cause of the dream.** You imagine the dream to be external in some way.

In the same way, man is ignorant of his **true nature.** He generally imagines himself to be **separate** from nature. He does not know that **he is the Creative Spirit embodied in the human form.** And so—among many other strange untruths—he thinks himself to be subject to disease, unhappiness, failure, death—and a host of other troubles. These are the greatest mistakes Man all over the world is making.

But into the great and glorious Truth of LIFE ITSELF he has to be initiated. Many people, however, are so overgrown mentally with false thinking that the Truth is be-

*Consult Volume 14 of the Library of Victorious Living; read it and make its truths your own. Its title is "The Wise Man's Only Jewel."

clouded, and they lose the power to receive Truth by intuition; nor have many people the power to THINK OF NEW IDEAS, for their wrong thinking has dwarfed and crippled their Imagination, the invaluable **Creative** faculty. But when the Thinker—YOU, I hope—discards the tradition of the Race, and determines that at all costs he will shake off the shackles of the RACE MIND, he is no longer carried along by Race power, but is himself the directing power of his own life. He breaks with Tradition, he **rightly resolves,** enters upon a new life of **Courage and Obedience to the promptings of the Creative Spirit,** and finds that "WHATEVER THE CREATOR IS, I AM."

(o) You Are a Partaker of the Divine Majesty

So, when YOU who read, upon whom be all light to receive and realize the truth of the ETERNAL LAWS OF LIFE, realize that you **will** no longer be carried along by the Tradition of the Race, YOU discover, through Right Resolution, that YOU are whatever the Creative Spirit is, and can truthfully and intelligently regard yourself as a "Son of God"—a partaker of the Divine Majesty, Father-Mother of All Things. These thoughts are probably all new to you. Therefore, you are required to hold them in mind continually until you appropriate them and they become part of your Consciousness, your very self. And this is what will happen. The new and transcendental Truth will filter into your Mind and life will be transformed into a Heaven on Earth for you.

Do not let us imagine that we shall gain by involving

our ideas in many words. This writer could easily fill a novel-length volume from the material contained in the few pages that make up this little lesson-volume. But that is not the desire. All that I aim is to put before you the infinitely beautiful Truth which we are gradually uncovering in these "Fifty Little Books." In many words there is much confusion. You are counseled to go aside and **think.** Only in this way will the Light come. Essential truths can be stated in a few words. YOUR PART is to keep the thoughts that are slowly coming to you vividly in mind every moment that you can do so. Why?

BECAUSE the Creative Spirit is WISDOM, and by keeping the thought ever before the Mind the WISDOM of the Creative Spirit will REVEAL itself, for it is self-manifesting. Every moment that you can find quiet of mind, say to yourself that, no matter what OTHERS are doing, "I AM NOW DISCOVERING MY TRUE NATURE—LIFE IS NEW TO ME—I AM FORSAKING THE FALSE AND BUILDING INTO MY CONSCIOUSNESS ONLY THAT WHICH IS ESSENTIAL TRUTH." . . . "Whatever the Creator IS, I Am!"

(p) Difference Between Knowledge and Realization

IT IS ONE THING TO LEARN THIS GREAT TRUTH. BUT IT IS QUITE ANOTHER THING TO **REALIZE** it. And this is what we have each to accomplish for himself or herself. I cannot **realize** (make real) for you. That you must do alone, just as every other living breathing human being must likewise do. Though you may not at the moment give them the importance rightfully attaching **to** them, the

Meditations outlined in the previous Little Book (vol. 14) form your principal tool, and *are* designed with that end in view—THEY ARE THE KEY. You must persist in them in order to attain the REALIZATION that will bring results to you in Youth, Beauty, Health, True Wealth and Abiding Happiness.

And this is what they will do, if persistently carried out. How will it all be done? you ask. That is not for you to try to answer—a higher power than your Conscious Mind will do the work, and IT IS CERTAIN.

(q) Power of the Creative Spirit

There is no intention in this Library of Victorious Living to make the matter we are learning very technical, but you must understand that **each one of us is analogous to a Magnet**—we are the attractors, so that as we go along it is necessary for us to know **what and how we are attracting.**

We have found that Man is a differentiated particle of the Creative Spirit, embodying itself in substance; and we know that the Creative Spirit is EVERYWHERE—EQUALLY PRESENT, embodied in all the forms of life. Now, we shall have to admit that the desire to live is inherent in the Creative Spirit, **so that when we say "I DESIRE TO LIVE" we are but voicing the expression of the Creative Spirit that is embodied in the form that I speak of as myself, or that form that you speak of as yourself. The desire to live is an emotion—a force. Let us live RIGHTLY—RIGHT RAPTURE!**

That is the first LAW—the desire to LIVE. Well, is it not sheer commonsense to learn the way to eminently success-

ful living from every point of view. The opportunity for YOU to learn to do so, my friend, is knocking right now at the doors of your mind.

Turn to page 30 of this volume, and may you be enlightened as you read. Peace be unto you forevermore.

CONCLUSION: LEARN HOW TO REPLACE EVIL AND LACK IN YOUR LIFE BY HAPPINESS, COMFORT, PLENTY AND SUCCESS

In conclusion, let me repeat that the opportunity for you to LEARN HOW to live an eminently successful life from every point of view is knocking at your door. The **drama** of human living, of course, is that so very few people believe what they inherently, spiritually know. Most people rebel against the conditions of their lives. This is as true of the wealthy of the world as of the poor. Indeed, often the wealthy are very poor, and if you wish to find people wealthy in the spiritual beauties of life you never seek in vain among the poor. We are all mutually seeking, but so few know how to seek, nor for what.

I asked you to turn to page 30 of this volume—I hope you have done so, and I also hope you will answer my invitation for you to send for literature. In that literature, which you may consult in the quiet of your own home, I bring you a message that should be instrumental in tearing out by the roots all of evil, and lack, and disappointment in your life, and replacing it with happiness, comfort, plenty and success. I bring word that our conception of the shortness of life, and the necessity of sickness, and the inevitability of poverty and want IS ALL A MISTAKE. I bring word that we have been deceived in these matters, or have deceived ourselves, and have been suffering UNNECESSARILY, when OLD AGE CAN BE POSTPONED FOR YEARS, SICKNESS MADE A RARE AND BRIEF AFFAIR, ELIMINATED ALTOGETHER IN MANY CASES, and that there is, available to us, health in abundance, happiness supreme, mental power that is simply astonishing, and MONEY FAR BEYOND OUR REASONABLE HOPES. I bring word that there is **within you** a mightly power that can take you **ten times as far** in the accomplishment of your hopes and ambitions as you have ever before gone. And I bring you an understanding of that power, and methods for USING it, that are little known in our Western world, and that have been HIDDEN away, except to a chosen few, for ages.

That is an astounding declaration, I know. Especially when I say that these things can happen here and now, in the year in which we are living, not in some dim and distant future, or in the next life. Especially when I say that they can happen to YOU, easily and naturally, as well as quickly. I do not ask you to accept this staggering declaration now. **I ask only that you keep an open mind until it is proved to you, that you give me enough of** your **time to present that proof.**

I take no credit, personally, for discovering these truths. I was as amazed as you will be when they were first disclosed to me. I am merely the instrument through which

they are passed along from far wiser and better men than I am—men whom I believe to be the wisest on earth today—the latest of a three-thousand-year-old UNBROKEN CHAIN OF WISE MEN.

When I say, therefore, that for three thousand years this message has been on its way to you, relayed from generation to generation carefully guarded and cherished in the hands of a select few, refined and simplified and added to by the great spirits of their time, you will, I am sure, give it serious consideration. For it is all true, as you may see later on; and no sensible man or woman could refuse to investigate such priceless knowledge when it is offered.

I am sure that you, like all intelligent people, appreciate that the greatest truths of life have not hitherto been printed—or if printed, have not been completely understood or realized. Mere intellectual understanding is nothing—the Wise Men have discovered that truth makes men free only when it is FELT to the very depths of the soul, made a MAINSPRING of our every thought and action. Then, as many great men have demonstrated, it gives men power undreamed of, the might to shake the world. Then, as stories of apparent miracles in many parts of the world confirm, it gives the energy to accomplish the seemingly impossible. My great mission in life is to disclose to you methods and practices these wise men used in ESCAPING from mere intellectual grasp of truth, in making truth a part of their VERY BEING, its VAST POWER theirs to do with as they will.

That tremendous power within us has been dimly realized, of course, in our Western world. But our writers and our psychologists have had only a faint idea of how to USE THIS GREAT POWER, how to call upon it when and where we will. Usually, their methods do not work, except in rare cases. YET FOR THREE THOUSAND YEARS COMPARATIVELY SIMPLE METHODS FOR USING ALL THIS POWER HAVE BEEN KNOWN AND USED BY THE WISE MEN OF THE EAST. From generation to generation the methods have been improved upon and simplified, until now they can be used with TREMENDOUS EFFECT by almost any ordinarily intelligent person. They can be used by **you,** as I expect to prove to you, in meeting your personal problems, in building the superior mind and ability and power necessary to carry out your ambitions, to fulfill your desires, and in giving you greater strength to fight off sickness and old age.

Like all **honest** people, you no doubt feel that honesty should always be rewarded, that the good things of life should not be only for the selfish. I say to you that if you get in tune with the great power within you, honesty is RICHLY AND QUICKLY REWARDED, and that THE GOOD THINGS OF LIFE PILE THEMSELVES UPON THE UNSELFISH.

Like all **generous people,** you want the ability to help your loved ones, to bring their hopes, as well as your own, to fruition. I say to you that **the power to do this is already within you,** ready to be called upon and used, and that the methods of these wise men WILL SHOW YOU HOW TO USE THAT POWER IN SEEKING THE FULFILLMENT

OF SUCH A NOBLE AND UNSELFISH PURPOSE.

Like all **sincere people** you are probably mystified by the seeming cruelty of sickness and poverty and old age all around you. I declare to you that all these are unnecessary, not intended by a kind Creator, brought on, principally, by too much reliance on ourselves and too little upon the great power within us—and that the methods developed by these wise men are effective in relieving sickness, maintaining youth through many years, and eliminating poverty altogether.

Be Master of Your Own Destiny

Like all who are not **craven slaves,** you want to be free of doubts, and debts, and worries—captain of your own ship, master of your own fate, free to carry out your plans, and victorious in accomplishing them. I say to you that SUCH IS YOUR DESTINY—**and the only one who can prevent it is yourself.**

Finally, I am sure, you do not want to be hindered in these high endeavors, by any handicap whatever—whether real or imaginary, whether of the mind or the body, whether sickness or old age, lack of money or lack of youth. I declare to you that, instead of being limited by a one-man-power mind, **you have at your disposal the mind-power of the ages**—a thousand man power or more—which can brush aside such petty handicaps as if they were nothing.

It seems to me that it would be a tragedy if you do not take advantage of the invitation given to you.