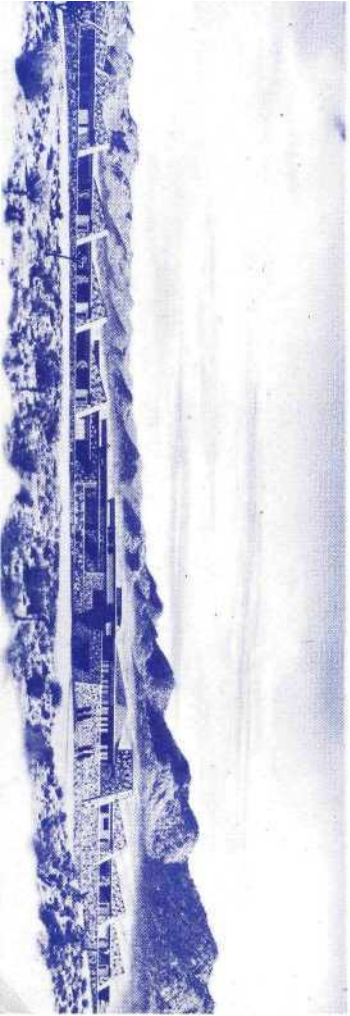

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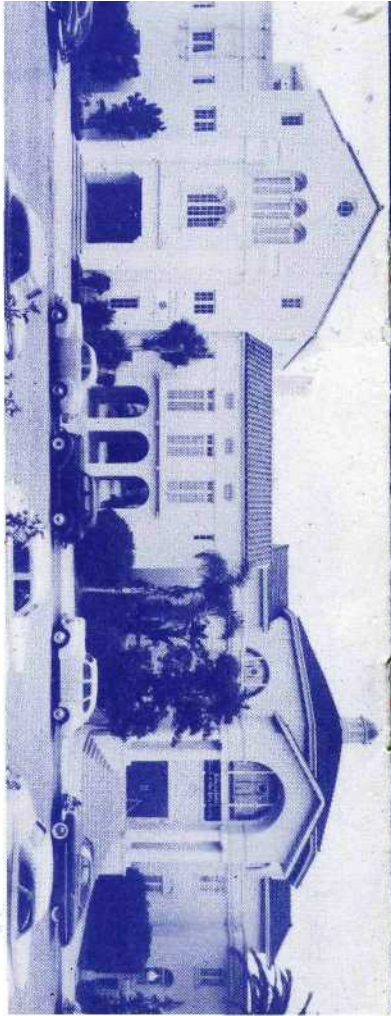

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The purpose of the 50 little volumes that will make up the "Library of Victorious Living" is to present to you who read a perfectly simple and ultimate plan for living a highly successful life from every point of view. Each volume is an invitation 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 you will listen.

If you are ready, as you read and study you will hear the voice of your Higher Self speaking forth from your own heart the secret of Health and Happiness, Success and Abundance, Freedom and that Peace that passes knowledge. Be patient. Be zealous. Learn to surrender into the Joy of your own LORD within you.

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INTRODUCTION: CHAOS OF HUMAN RELATIONS ON THE EARTH vs. ORDERLINESS OF THE UNIVERSE

The "international situation" today presents little to hearten the lover of humanity. Nations claim to plead for peace, but as fast as they possibly can they prepare for war, and the trend of human thinking is toward strife rather than an understanding of human problems. There is among the different nations a conceit of nationalism, with much blasting of bugles and waving of flags, songs of patriotism and hymns of hate. Different nations seem to have, or claim to have, their own God. Each nation justifies its own actions, excuses everything—the most diabolical massacres, destruction, and tragedies which can never be excused in even the law of any "civilized" government. Half-truths, untruths, persistent misrepresentation and propaganda make white black, and black white. When the final trumpet for war is sounded, the tenets of

our vaunted civilization disappear, and men seem to revert to the temper of the jungle. Every man and woman of 50 years of age has seen in his and her lifetime millions of dead and more millions of maimed and wounded, millions of broken-hearted and defiled women, millions of starved children bereft of all protection—this the result of "civilization" and its wars, about which the devil dances. For what? Who knows? For The Glory of God? For the honor of the nation? All so senseless, barbaric, completely in the disorder of human reason; all so diabolically against what men call God, whatever god their God may be. It is true that internationalism seems to be growing, and in certain places we thankfully do not look in vain for efforts towards Peace, though sacred agreements deteriorate into "scraps of paper" at the firing of the first cannon. It is true we have our United Nations—may it long endure—but it has so far been proved to be only a mechanical frame into which its soul has not yet grown. The spirit of internationalism has proved itself to be only skin-deep, and men of true universal consciousness are indeed few and far between.

Well may we ask, "Can We Redeem Our Civilization?"

So could I write on and on about the world-wide dilemma of opposing theories of human modes of living, of opposing ideologies—and so could you. I could write on and on about the dispiriting phases of our "civilization," rending our hearts in the realization that what you and I, as thinking people (and hundreds of thousands like us all over the world), sincerely hope to see come into being to

establish PEACE in the hearts of men has not yet come. But there is a brighter side. Of course, there MUST BE—else all the faultless order of God's Infinite Universe would be a lie and a sham. But the human race has so much to learn. Anyone who thinks has to admit that our civilization is a conquest, based on rivalry (of individuals and races), the human glory of combat and the supposed satisfaction of victory—based on speed and daring, excitement and adventure, mental tumult and physical activity. Yet every thinking person can see that, though this underlying desire in modern civilization is unappeasable, it is fated never to be satisfied. Then what? All this makes for a spiritual despair—makes for a lack of unity and general mental anarchy—makes against the true human ideal of freedom and beauty, love and virtue. So much more will come to your mind as you read to show you how irrational are the fallacious hopes of misguided men and women—and all of it hypocritically cloaked in a kind of sanctimony, which is but the most lamentable ignorance of God's Law. Of course, it is quite "unscientific" today to talk of God's Law. People know so little of what GOD is—how, then, can they know and live by God's LAW?

But God's LAW, wholly and categorically, is alone the answer to all men's troubles—personal, national, international. "Can We Redeem Our Civilization?" My answer, categorically, is a swift and determined, YEA!

The errors of mankind, however, can only be redeemed by LAW. If YOUR individual life is not what you would have it be—and that almost goes without saying; if the

life of a nation and people, all nations and all peoples, increasingly lead to strife, war, hatred, violence, destruction, organized murder, and massacre, and not for that "peace that passeth knowledge," there is but **one road.**

I hope in this little volume to point us to that road; and as I write I shall pray that you who read may be enlightened so that YOU MAY BE INSPIRED TO SEEK WISDOM WITHIN YOURSELF FROM THE ETERNALITY OF THE DIVINE LAW THAT NEVER CAN CHANGE.

Do not read on if you are rushed for time. I ask you also to read with your **heart** as well as your head.

PART I: RIGHT LIVING BY LAW BY INDIVIDUALS AND NATIONS THE SECRET OF UNIVERSAL PEACE; NEED OF WORLDWIDE EDUCATION TO ESCAPE THE DOWNFALL OF MANKIND

Man's Sixth Cycle of Expression—RIGHT LIVING

This is the thirteenth of the "Fifty Little Books" that comprise the Library of Victorious Living; it is the sixth of the series which is called "Man's Ladder to Divinity," and its title is "CAN WE REDEEM OUR CIVILIZATION?" These little volumes are designed for one week's study—not casual reading only, for real study will prove to you that they are much more than mere books of words. Many declare that they have derived great practical inspiration from them, and it is the author's sincere belief that they will open for you vistas of priceless beauty in your own life if, following along week by week, you allow yourself to be led into the Ultimate Philosophy of Life.

If you will turn to the second page of the cover you will find enumerated seven titles in what is called the "Mystery of the Evolution of the Universe." These seven Little Books show the full structure of the Cosmos,—what may be called **God's Expression,** and the manner in which the Universe is created and sustained in the varying evolving Seven Kingdoms. Turn to the first page of this lesson-volume, and you see what are called the eight rungs in "Man's Ladder" series, showing the ultimate succeeding steps in **Man's Expression,** and the manner in which the enlightened human being develops his own divinity, finally to become the highest that he is evolutionarily developed to become. Please study the following very carefully:

THE COSMOS SERIES What Might Be Called the WAY OF GOD The Seven Kingdoms—		MAN'S LADDER SERIES What Might Be Called the WAY OF MAN The Seven Steps
1. THE ETHEREAL		Right UNDERSTANDING
2. THE SIDEREAL	Corresponding	Right RESOLUTION
3. THE MINERAL	to	Right SPEECH
4. THE VEGETABLE ..		Right CONDUCT
5. THE ANIMAL		Right EFFORT
6. THE HUMAN		Right LIVING
7. THE CELESTIAL ...		Right MEDITATION

The Culmination being
RIGHT RAPTURE, HEAVEN, THE ELYSIAN FIELD-GOD

(a) Man's Pattern in The Orderliness of the Universe

Leaving our consideration of Man's apparent chaotic creation of his conditions in his own home (the earth), we will direct our thought to the final order of what may be called God's Way in the Universe. God's Way is obviously

the pattern for MAN to follow. In the above tabulation, this WAY is laid out before us so simply that a child of ten can intellectually understand it. The supreme discovery of science to date is the Orderliness of the Universe. The next discovery is to be **Man's place** in this orderliness, towards which every positive and constructive thought makes a valuable contribution. No clock, no matter how unvarying and precise its action, ever approached in precision the motions of the sun, the moon, the stars. As you read, bear in mind that previous Little Books in this present "Man's Ladder" series have dealt with Right Understanding, Right Resolution, Right Speech, Right Conduct, Right Effort, and in this lesson-volume we are to contemplate together RIGHT LIVING, the greatest of the arts. I use the words "Right Living" in an all-embracive sense—it includes all that a man is evolutionarily developed to think, to feel and to DO—RIGHT LIVING.

For purposes of mere thinking, you may say that we can see in the orderliness of the Universe what may be called GOD'S Living—the creation and sustenance of all this orderliness. Similarly, you may say that we see in the orderliness of MAN'S Living his approximation to God's nature and being. RIGHT Living of you and me is our orderliness.

(b) "All Is Full of God—God Is Everywhere"

Looking into Nature, into no matter what Kingdom, you see nothing but Order, do you? The Law of Cause and Effect is evident everywhere. As you look into the lives of

the greater number of human beings, however, the evidence of Order is generally lacking.

Why is this so? Simply because of Man's ignorance of The Law—God's Way (use whatever words that come into your mind to portray to you the **Absoluteness of All That There Is).**

We in The Science of Mentalphysics know that God is All and God is everywhere. Though you will not be able to define, you feel that you **know that** "All is full of God, God is everywhere," and that **Order is the basis of God and God's works.** This is all the result of the Great Mathematical Mind—GOD. You look into the Universe without —you know this to be so. You look into the Human Kingdom, and it seems that this Law is somehow not the same. You see so much chaos, disorder, discontent, disharmony, and disbalance in the Human Kingdom that it would seem that Life on this plane is different from Life on all other planes that you come to know. I hope, of course, that you know differently. You know that Just as there is Order in all other kingdoms, and just as Order proceeds by its own means of Order, so Life in the Human Kingdom—your Life and mine—proceeds by the same means of Order when men have learned the secret. In short, **you know** that whatever principle is discoverable in the Macrocosm applies in the same manner to the Microcosm. It is the one ultimate LAW.

(c) Right Living Man's True Salvation

Now, my friend, what I would emphasize to you, there-

fore, is THE **LAW** OF LIFE, no matter in what kingdom or phase of Life's expression—identical, as I say, in the Microcosm (Man's life and his whole affairs), as in the great Macrocosm (or God's works).

I desire to speak to you of **Law,** whether it be **Law** as relating to what we all know of the outer Universe or whether it be **Law** as relating to Man's concerns and activities in his own Life. In the consideration of **"Right Living,"** (which is the result in Man's life of the full acknowledgment of the Great Mathematical Mind—GOD) it is quite easy for any person to see that **Right Living develops true regeneration, because it leads us to right consciousness (which is Christ Consciousness). Right Living is Man's true salvation and finally assures Man true spiritual sovereignty.**

Right Living—which merely means living by Law—enables you to pass all boundaries of negation and darkness and death, and to emerge into a consciousness of Life and Truth, resurrection and eternal holiness, immortality and peace profound—in short, God's Life in Man. But the Human Kingdom today is so charged with potentialities equally in the direction of destruction and perhaps annihilation as in the direction of universal peace, abundance, prosperity, brotherly love, and the Brotherhood of Man. It will depend upon whether individuals and nations obey or disobey **Law**—the only result in Man's life of the action of this Great Mathematical Mind—either, as some would have it, the **law of Man** through selfish and

ignorant governments, or the **Law of God** through Right Living being TAUGHT to all people.

(d) General Fear of Atomic Power

Wherever one goes today, he hears men and women speak, on the one side, in dire fear and foreboding, and, on the other side, with extreme hopefulness, according to the point of view of the effect of atomic power unleashed throughout the earth. Many declare that atomic power will not bring peace to mankind; many declare that benefits will accrue—in the economic life of mankind, in an era of Universal Peace and the abolition of war. This subject is uppermost in the minds of all thinking people in all nations. Nations other than our own are already producing atomic bombs, and there is no known reliable defense against them. Moreover, the U.N. notwithstanding, international control of atomic bombs is impractical for the simple reason that no nation will willingly grant to other nations complete freedom of industrial and military investigation, and all nations will endeavor to prevent any international body from inspecting and supervising their progress in the advancement of atomic power.

My own personal opinion is that the only way that peace can come permanently among mankind is through a complete understanding of what this little volume talks about—Right Living, **living by law.** Peace can come, as I see it, **by law,** not necessarily by the present confused discussions of the U.N., and the quicker all thinking people accept their responsibility of the custodianship of the hu-

man race, through LAW teaching the secret of making this earth a better place upon which to live, the better for the world. World peace, which mankind must institute or else suffer annihilation, can come only by **world government by law.** As a matter of fact, the United States has the answer in its own governmental system. It is right before our eyes. There is no other nation in the world that has it. **We have it!** In the United States we have municipal governments to regulate human relationships in towns and cities; state governments to regulate human relationships within states; a federal government to regulate relationships within the federal union. As a result, peace is assured within town and city communities, between them within the states, and between the states within the union.

(e) WORLD Government Finally Must Come

We are not saints, but **we have the structure, and it works tolerably well.**

We have the longest unfortified border in the world between our own country and our neighbor, Canada. Here is the example for the world, a way of government which should, and finally must, if the human family is to survive, be fearlessly set up in a government of the world between nation-states the same as we have government between and within the 48 different states in our own union—none interfering with another, and all being taught to work for LAW that shall be truly international. World Government, as I see it, is the only answer, political unification of the world. Then, and then only, shall mankind achieve **peace**

by law. This will be RIGHT LIVING.

I recently read a condensation, and, perhaps you did, of a remarkably timely book, "The Anatomy of Peace," by Emery Reves, who said:

> "Undoubtedly, if the inhabitants of another planet suddenly descended upon the earth and threatened to conquer us, all the nations of our small world would immediately get together. We would forget all our ridiculous international quarrels and willingly place ourselves under one rule of law for sheer survival. Are we certain that the apocalypse of an atomic world war is not an equal threat to our civilization and to mankind? We have very little time to prevent the next war. Every citizen who believes in law and government in international relations must persuade ten other citizens of the same belief, and urge each to persuade, on his behalf, ten more—at once. The nuclear physicists have explained that atomic energy is released by what is called a chain reaction. One atom is split. The released particles split other atoms, and so on. The force of ideas explodes in the form of just such a chain reaction."

(f) Mankind Can Be Taught Blessings of Universal Law

This RIGHT LIVING by LAW, whether by the single individual—YOU or me—or by nations, is something that people have to learn. They have to be taught. Do you believe that if a worldwide cause for Right Living (that would usher in a condition of happy human living among all people on the earth) were prayerfully and scientifically undertaken that it would not succeed? Do you think that if as much thought and energy were spent by peace-loving, prosperity-loving and God-fearing people for the teaching of the arts of peace, instead of war, that the cause would fail? Do you think peace and plenty and a high standard of scientific living is less a lure to mankind

than the darkness that is Communism? Do you not believe that people all over the world can be TAUGHT the inevitable blessings of LAW and TRUTH, rather than the lies and deceit and diabolical propaganda that can only end in intensest disappointment and heartbreak. No false knowledge, doomed from the beginning, no matter how dressed up in tinsel and make-belief, can ever equal true knowledge.

My friend, as I write I feel that you may have been in the last dreadful war, fighting for me. You went, you came back; and you fought for me and for the bringing of peace to the nations. But do I fight for myself and my own peace? Am I still the foolish warrior, my life-action ushering in another war, or do I "seek the Warrior within me," through RIGHT LIVING, "letting Him fight my battles."*

(g) Man MUST Be Taught—Else He Will Perish

Having been through another damnable, ghastly, unimaginably awful war, mankind, it seems to me (and that means you and me, and men and women like us all over the world, irrespective of color or belief—we are all in this maelstrom), simply must find the way to universal peace, or we must perish.

I may be a pessimist, but I am personally of the opinion that the atomic bomb will not end war. The atomic bomb is not dangerous in itself—the atomic bomb is, in itself, harmless. The ultimate source of danger, as we see it

*See "Mystery of the Warrior Within You" (Volume No. 11).

now with Russia and her satellites, **is in the sovereign nation-state.** History proves beyond doubt that the real danger to world peace always emanates from one of the major military sovereign nation-states. The only solution is in a World Government, ordered by nations who have been taught the truth of LAW—GOD'S LAW in men's hands—with which men and women like you and me all over the world will be as familiar as we are with our own municipal government here in the" United States. It may be a new idea; and even people like ourselves may shrink from the idea. We will see immense difficulties immediately facing us, but we must surmount these difficulties, we must overcome everything that will prevent everyone from honorably watching for the Goal—the Goal of Peace, Plenty, Abundance, Joy, and the very grandeur of human living . . . what? . . . "Peace on Earth, Goodwill toward Men."

(h) Right Living Is Man's Expression of the Law of God

World Government, founded upon, ordered by, and gradually growing into the Law of God on this earth, that shall be stronger than any one or combination of nation-states, which shall be universal in its laws and justice—that is the ultimate, that is Right Living. Right Living is the expression for you of what men call the Law of God (but know so lamentably little about it) in your own life. Right Living BY LAW of a nation is the expression in that nation of the Law of God.

PART II: IS PROGRESS IN THE MAKING OF THINGS TO BE MADE ONLY AT THE PRICE OF PHYSICAL, SOCIAL AND SPIRITUAL DETERIORATION?—ADVOCACY OF A WORLD CAUSE OF TRUE EDUCATION

I know that what I have written so far may fall on the deaf ears of many people, not all of them uninformed on what are called "world" problems. Many people still think of CIVILIZATION in terms of trade, finance, industry and a high standard of living—none of which is "bad" in itself.

The making, possession and using of "things," however —important as they are—do not make civilization, but they do make for the kind of civilization that most of the "advanced" nations live in now.

(i) Where Is the Philosophy of Our Civilization?

But change is inevitable, yet few there are who inform themselves as to the causes and effects of change.

What I mean is that people and nations do not seem to possess any philosophy of life, or of civilization. Do we truly possess ideals, or is progress in industry and what is called economic development made only at the price of physical, social and spiritual deterioration? While our present century enjoys the benefits of this present century's science, it persists in foolishly carrying an intolerable and destructive load of ancient superstition. Though PEOPLE —men and women like ourselves—have come to. enjoy, and in some cases create, great material blessings that

make our physical living more comfortable, the great majority of people are bent nearly double with their load of the gross superstitions that have come down untrammeled through the centuries.

Even in our scientific America, we are a scientific people unscientifically governed. We do not live scientifically. We have no scientific formula of living as an art. It is true that we have what we call laws (far too many), generalizations, deep-seated customs and hypotheses about our civilization; but few indeed know the ART of RIGHT living, and, even if we know, who is there who lives a balanced life in constant pursuit of his own ideals?

"It has taken Man ages to assert himself," said Promefheus (in Garnett's "Twilight of the Gods," you may remember), "nor has he yet, it would seem, done more than enthrone a new idol in place of the old."

(j) Mankind Needs to Break from Superstition

A new idol! Is not that what mankind urgently needs? Does Man have to go on for ever for the mistakes and the superstitions of the past?

Six centuries ago Europe was just emerging from the Dark Ages, and what high-principled and idealistic (though impotent) people saw with their own eyes in those days would probably cause us today to throw up our hands in horror. This is 1951, the age of advancing science, the era of incredible wealth, incredible speed, incredible education, information and knowledge, yet what was said to be a mere "police action" in Korea turned out

to be the bloodiest war of its kind in our American history. And we claim that we want to have no more war. This is the year of the United Nations, groups of men and women who came together to make human dreams come true, but who have succeeded, so it would seem, only in disagreeing upon the laws by which peace and utterly unimaginable human progress may come to all people.

Most people on the earth believe that, in some way beyond their own thinking, this great human progress can come to mankind; but few stop to consider why it does not come. People like you and me should make this our one vital purpose of living. While I could (and you could, too) point out that conditions in most countries are infinitely better than they were a hundred, or fifty years ago, thinking people realize there is something radically wrong somewhere (or everywhere) that prevents this human progress from materializing. There is something wrong with our civilization—but what? I am trying to find out what has happened to all our ideals.

(k) The Appalling Cost of War

Any civilization which in six or seven years costs one trillion 352 billion dollars, as did World War II as at March 10, 1946,* has something wrong with it. In addition, millions of men in the prime of life were cut down, millions of women and children suffered unspeakable misery, and the effect of World War II divided the world into

*Source: Bank of International Settlements, as reported in the N. Y. Herald Tribune.

two hostile camps, hating each other, lying about each other, and causing FEAR to simply riddle men's thinking everywhere. Yes, ours is an expensive civilization—our luxuries which make for our comfort are possibly more expensive than the human race can afford.

Man's business, you will admit, is to live on this earth and with his fellow-men in peace and plenty, in construction not destruction. That is true "civilization."

It is good perhaps to be able to fly to London or to talk to New Zealand—and to perform thousands of other wonders—so long as, in learning to do so, the effect makes for greater human inspiration and the increase of true scientific leaders who can teach the masses to live more by LAW rather than, as now, by blind faith in the superstition of the rabbit's foot. Men do not know! I agree. Then they must be taught. In politics, in the affairs with which governments have to deal, it is not accurate knowledge that matters—it is emotion!

(l) Man En Masse Does Not Think—Influenced Only by Emotion

That's the trouble. Masses of men do not think—they only feel. Hitler has shown what can be done with people if their emotions are constantly stirred up. Stalin and his crowd have followed the same tactics. We see the results today all over the world. Men **en masse** do not think; they have to be taught to think. For every four men who order their lives and their businesses by rationally thought-out convictions, and would like to see their government

so ordered, there are ninety-six who do **not** think and are merely swayed by their emotions. They are not leaders—they are human sheep.

But why attempt to describe? You who read are fearfully aware of the prevailing world conditions, which reflect the effects of chaotic human thinking.

(m) Worldwide System of Education Essential

What you and I, and every other thinking person, should endeavor to discover is HOW A WORLDWIDE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM MAY BE STARTED SO THAT MANKIND SHALL NOT PERISH FROM THE EARTH—or, at best, so impoverish himself spiritually and mentally as to become completely impotent to bring about his ideals and make his dreams come true.

The question now arises—HOW CAN THIS BE DONE? Our objective is Peace Through Law and Government. Let your imagination bring to you pictures of what human living on this earth would be after even 20 years of peace. The picture, for its sheer grandeur, staggers the imagination. This picture can be materialized, in my opinion, if people all over the world are taught RIGHT LIVING—use the phrase in its all-embracive sense.

Let us, then, reason together.

(n) The First Truth: Whatever Is, Man Is!

In the Science of Mentalphysics, we learn that ALL THAT THERE IS is potentially within ourselves. ALL THAT THERE IS—give to it whatever name you wish. That is the one

great truth—that is the first and final truth that is embodied in all Truth: Whatever is, Man is. Through our inner vision we come to comprehend that our whole expression is the expression of what is called God. To the uninitiated this is not easy to comprehend. Life seems to be so different from what it is. Hence the reason so many people know so little and achieve so little. Their lives are hemmed in and around with appearances, and realities are always far away. They know nothing of the SLEEPING GIANT within them.* Most people are so unfamiliar with their own powers that they doubt that a system of education is possible, or that people of different nations can be educated to see the worldwide advantages that must accrue. But the enlightened person knows that this is the only solution to Man's economic, industrial and cultured well-being, and must finally come about. All down through human history, ever since language has developed to be a means of communication between men, the truth has been expressed in a million ways that peace is Man's greatest blessing. Peace enobles and inspires men to RIGHT LIVING and all that it means—not right fighting, not right struggling, not right quarreling, not right "diplomacy," not right trading for advantage, not tight "greater prosperity spheres," not right veneer of living, not right modes of life, but **Right Living!**

(o) America's Superb Opportunity Today

Our American way of living is nearer, in my opinion, to

*See Volume 9 of these "Fifty Little Books."

RIGHT living than any nation in modern times has produced. Speaking as an American, I feel with all my heart that unless people like ourselves who think as we think, who believe as we believe, who hope as we hope, and who, in their highest moments of inspiration, desire to live as we live, unless we as a nation can show the world the fruits of our own civilization over several hundred years, I personally see no hope for the human race. It seems to me as I read the papers, the magazines, listen to the radio, keep my eyes open, that it is clear that the only way that mankind can attain to a world civilization that shall embody all the inherent ideals of thinking men and women, is to emulate our American ideals. Also, unless we can show the world, I do not think that the world will do itself. But we are not, as a nation, very clever in convincing other nations—we try to buy their confidence perhaps, instead of helping them to help themselves, we do too much and get dirty water back in our face for our pains. Today, as ever, the sovereign nation-states build themselves up—our own sovereign nation-state is being built up similarly—and unless we become watchful, we may become tinged with the same kind of fallacious reasoning, the same kind of foolish action, and we shall grow into what many people call an unreasonable, dictatorial, imperialistic nation.

(p) Universal Law Anchored in Peace

Everywhere, in every human heart, there is a desire pre-eminently—PRE-EMINENTLY—for PEACE! Take those wonderful men in their fox holes—what above everything else did they desire? Did they desire money? Did they desire fame or political renown? Did they desire anything that you can bring into your mind greater than peace? No! Why? Because peace is inherent in the hearts of all men, and is Man's supreme blessing. The person who has studied the structure of the Universe, and who has practiced somewhat to understand the method embodied within the great Mathematical Mind (God) knows that love, wisdom, light, force, and many other things which apparently are different **are all embodied in Peace.** They are embodied in Peace in exactly the same way as you may say that your voice is embodied within you. It is inherent. It is indestructible. It is irrevocable. And that one essential state of peace, of rhythm, of calmness, of equilibrium, of poise, cannot finally be disturbed, and all who endeavor to interfere with it burn themselves away in the end. It is the first, essential, primary, primordial **law.** And, my friend, it is not my law **(it is,** thank God), but **it is God's law!** We live in it! All that we are, all that we can ever hope to be, all that we can ever imagine ourselves as having been or to be is embodied in it . . . Peace! In your heart—in your being—in your soul—in The Thing that you are, you recognize PEACE as quintessential to Life Itself. **There is nothing that is possible in the progress of Man's development to perform what men call God's Will unless there be Peace** . . . PEACE ON THIS EARTH AMONG MEN FOREVER! And then, **what** can keep men from becoming what in potentiality they really ARE?

(q) Search for Peace Must Be Automatic As Breathing

As I write, and as you read, however, we are probably mutually bewildered. We see that what I have said is true. We see that it must be so. We feel that we see it. We see that we **feel** it with all our hearts. But how are men everywhere to seek Peace as automatically as they breathe? Right in your own city, maybe in your own block, racial prejudice abounds. There are racial prejudice, religious prejudice, concrete evidences everywhere of the opposite of what we glibly talk of as the Brotherhood of Man. Men are ignorant of God's Way. They declare the Truth . . . they speak the Truth . . . they believe and feel the Truth—and yet, **the Truth itself is not in them.** We feel inspirationally that God, and that which we can conceive of and grow to know God to be, is within us. We feel that we are That, and we are nothing but That, because we know that there is naught but GOD. And yet, we fall short. If people like ourselves, who by daily habitude and eternal desire wish to spiritually unfold within ourselves, are like that, then what can we expect of the masses of human beings? Men and women **en masse** seem to know nothing about LAW, though they may think they are very "religious" people.

(r) Leaders Must Know Secrets of God's Universal Way

We cannot expect much of the masses until they are taught, and until they have learned what human life can

become in this increasingly scientific world. We must have leaders—then the CAUSE that I refer to is assured. The leaders must be humble, powerful, fearless men of God and God's Universal Way, men of proven experience, wisdom and honor. I am talking as a scientist—a divine scientist of life. We have to have men in our world cause for international education of profound understanding of the needs of men of ALL nations and the Way of God's Universal LAW. We have to have men of deep unbiased sympathy with Man in his present dilemma, but whose largeness of heart, born out of wide experience and perhaps sorrow, alone compels them to see causes in effects, and effects in causes. We have to have men in our great international educational system whose souls, as well as their intellects, have been fired by Universal Wisdom. And such men are to be found, in small nations as well as in large nations. If the time be made right by the humble and sustained effort of men and women like you and me, the **people** of the earth, the **people** of the nations, will bring out their own right men and right women to TEACH RIGHT LIVING.

But would you, if you felt yourself to be the right man, go and splurge into an ocean of chaos and misunderstanding and greed and suspicion and envy and political chicanery such as we unfortunately see in many high places today? You would not—I would not. But if, through **Right Living,** you would come into the knowledge that the "hour for you has struck," that your life is to be devoted in all your energy and all your work and all that you are and all

that you have—if your hour is struck, then you would walk calmly and humbly before God and say, "Take me, O Lord. Thy Holy Will, not mine, be done"—and you would know what those words truly mean! And you and I, and all thinking men and women should pray—should learn HOW to pray in that spirit that the true great leaders of mankind will come to the forefront when the time demands them—and that time is **NOW!** Then will come truly the Fatherhood of God in the Brotherhood of Man upon this glorious earth!

CONCLUSION: RIGHT EDUCATION ALONE CAN BRING RIGHT LIVING TO ALL PEOPLE

Now, I have not, I know, answered the question—"Can We Redeem Our Civilization?" **I have** indicated that my belief is that **it can be redeemed,** and that what is necessary as a vital first step is a worldwide system of education in international problems, so that the "man-in-the-street" becomes as well acquainted with conditions in other countries as much as an American who has been raised and lived in Idaho is acquainted with conditions and needs in Louisiana.

Moreover, I personally believe that to be the only way —right education that must result in RIGHT LIVING. How can it be done?—that question still remains.

My answer is by education, teaching people how rightly to live. Now, this is a gigantic task. If YOU who are now reading this are dissatisfied with your life from the point

of Success, we will say, you know that there are definite LAWS of Success, which, when you **learn them,** will make your life more successful. It is merely the difference between knowing and not knowing. So it is in everything. Life is LAW. We are ill—we must learn to be well. We are unhappy, disappointed, broke, know no love in our life, feel that we are square pegs in round holes—we have to learn how NOT to be. It is purely a matter of knowledge of LIFE'S LAWS. And it is as simple as that. As with one individual, so with all individuals. We have to **learn what we desire** to become. As with an individual, so with a community, a nation, all nations. People do not know how to live at peace, do not know that peace assures all Life's action by LAW—then they must learn, learn RIGHT LIVING. We must learn **how** to live. All apparently learned and deeply intellectual material and gossip and books, and so on, to the contrary, no man can teach a man anything that he himself does not know. If he thinks he can, he is either consciously a liar or he is unconsciously a fool. **You nor I can teach another more than we ourselves know!**

In the final analysis, all that we can ever learn is Right Living. RIGHT Living is what is called God's Way, and I hope that you know what is in my mind as I use these words. No wars ever came to mankind through "Right" Living, and GOD'S LAW CAN ONLY BE FINALLY ESTABLISHED ON THIS EARTH IN RIGHT LIVING AMONG ALL MEN.

Just imagine, however, what five million people could

accomplish in our own country in Spreading the Light of Right Living if, having themselves learned, they were fired with the idea of teaching others. THAT would, indeed, be a worthy propaganda. Think how many alcoholics have cause to give thanks for what they learned in Alcoholics Anonymous! Who is better able to teach a drunkard not to drink, the absolute foolishness of drunkenness, than a redeemed drunkard? Who is better able to teach "backward" nations the secrets of economic prosperity and human freedom than the people of the United States. If we have eyes to see, we recognize that a spiritual force alone brings about manifestation in both the above illustrations. Learn the true spiritual force which is eternally at work throughout the Universe, learn Universal LAW, and there is nothing that mankind cannot do.

The LAWS OF LIFE are known, however, only to a comparatively few people. RIGHT LIVING is none other than scientific living. Science gives us a new vision of the unknown—which Right Living largely is to most people—the eternal toward which Man has been blindly groping all these years. While science does not overthrow the old revelation, it disturbs the old dogmatism. It shatters the many images of God which Man has made for himself, even while it asserts the reality of a Spirit behind the Cosmic process. Man is slowly coming to see that science (Right Living is scientific living, remember) slowly teaches Man that his religion must be a comprehensive one embracing within its scope all those who are religiously-minded in sentiment, allowing full liberty so far as creeds

and so forth are concerned. I am not saying that to learn Right Living one has to profess a certain religion, for religion is not so much a theory of the supernatural as an attitude of spirit, a temper of mind. In Alcoholics Anonymous, for example, which I noted above, the work has to be done, and it matters not whether you be a Christian Scientist or a Roman Catholic, a Methodist or a Quaker,—or "nothing"—all work to teach others. So in this world-wide system of international education, all who love humanity and freedom can work to Spread the Light of that Wisdom in whose LAW we all live, whether we know it or not.

World War II (and all wars) were brought about by selfish and misguided sovereign-states, by nation-states, each of whom believed they knew how to subdue other states. But America with her right-thinking allies "won the war." Have we and our gallant allies, however, "won the peace." The answer is "No"—you and I know it. Why? Because we either simply do not know, simply have not the knowledge or have not used the knowledge that we possess. Now the time has arrived when mankind—and we are included—has to stand and choose: either freedom and plenty, or slavery and darkness. There is no time to lose. We have no time to alibi. We have to make up our minds: either annihilation—or world peace and brotherhood and love and joy and prosperity, and having all that we need by being what we are, and **doing gratefully** all that we can, gradually growing, THROUGH RIGHT LIVING, INTO THE SPIRITUAL BEINGS THAT WE ARE.

In Mentalphysics, the Ultimate Philosophy of Living, we have the way—the way of God, the way of science and superscience, the way of love.

You who read are most cordially invited to investigate how YOU may learn what Right Living truly is. You will be entranced. You will wonder, as thousands of people just like you in many countries today, wondered what they could possibly have done before Mentalphysics came into their lives to finally teach them the TRUE ART OF LIVING. Yes, you should investigate! Mentalphysics is probably a century before its time—why should you and I continue to live in the past, and be blindly (though perhaps rebellingly) content still to carry the burden of the race mind.

There is naught but God! What thou seekest, my friend, is within thyself!

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