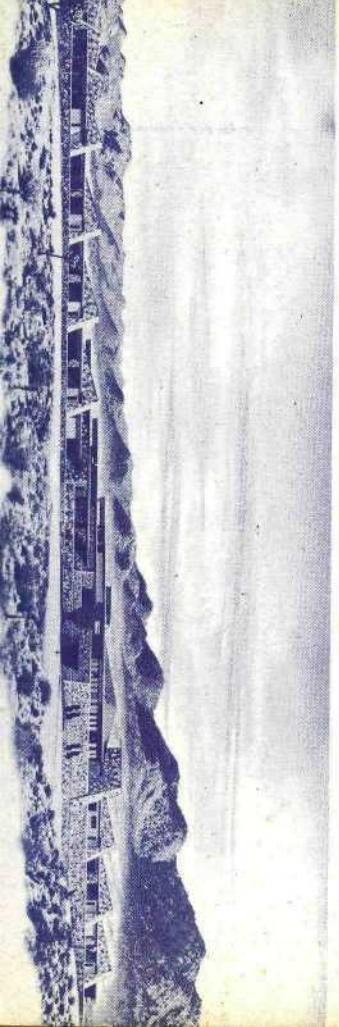

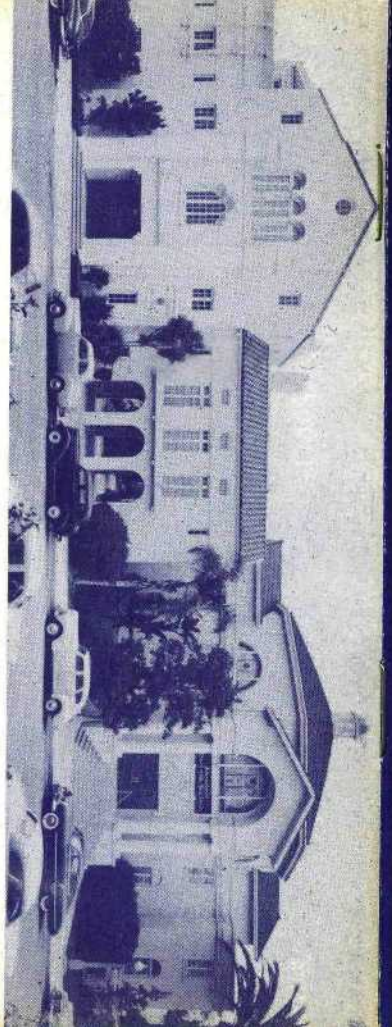

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The purpose of the 50 little volumes that will make up the "Library of Victorious Living" is to present to you who read a perfectly simple and ultimate plan for living a highly successful life from every point of view. Each volume is an invitation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

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INTRODUCTION: YOU ARE INFINITELY GREATER THAN YOU SEEM TO BE; LAWS OF HEALTH AND JOY, SUCCESS AND PROSPERITY—AND ALL GOOD—ARE EASY TO LEARN.

This is the Twenty-third of the Fifty Little Books that make up the Library of Victorious Living, published under the auspices of the Institute of Mentalphysics, of Los Angeles, California. It is the second lesson-volume of what is called the "Man's Triumph Over Negation" series.

The titles of the Seven Magic Words in the "Mystery of Creation" are as follows—see pages 31 and 32:

VOL. 22....."GROW YOUNG!-HOW YOU CAN DO IT."
VOL. 23....."MAN'S FINAL VICTORY-IN SPITE OF HIMSELF."
VOL. 24....."THE GREATEST THOUGHT YOU WILL EVER THINK."
VOL. 25....."THE LOVELIEST THING YOU HAVE EVER KNOWN."
VOL. 26....."YOU ARE NOT SUBJECT TO DECAY AND DEATH."
VOL. 27....."LIFE OF ITSELF FLOWS INTO YOU."

In the previous twenty-two volumes, it may be said that a search has been made into the methods and means which that which men call God employs in the unfoldment of the Eternal Universe. We began with an examination of the Mystery of the Evolution of the Universe, in which we saw that there are seven kingdoms (commencing with the Ethereal Kingdom and culminating with the Celestial Kingdom), presenting a general picture of the full expression of the Great Mathematical Mind—God, and Its way throughout creation (vol. 1 to vol. 7). We then followed the "Eight Rungs of Man's Ladder to Divinity," tracing Man's place in God's creation, and opened up a faultless behavioristic system by which any man may evolve into his own true divine nature, finally to unfold into his true divinity—into the truth of his own being, GOD IN HUMAN FORM. There then followed the sublime "Seven Majestic Words in the Mystery of Creation" series—a quite simple but profoundly beautiful discovery as to the way by which all of us makes his or her own world—symbols of great and eternal unchangeabilities.

We are now, as has been seen, engaged in the discussion of how Man—and this means YOU, and me—may easily learn how to triumph over every phase of negation, and lead himself into truly Victorious Living.

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All who have read and studied week by week the previous little lesson-volumes have informed themselves, I

feel sure, on the structure of the Cosmos and their own place in it, and know now how to listen for the echo of the Eternal Promise that Man shall have dominion—they have inspired themselves by an examination of the potentialities of Man's nature in God's Plan. No matter how "religious" or "non-religious" we may be, it is good to seek to understand Life's mysteries.

In this twenty-third volume of the Library of Victorious Living—"Man's Final Victory—in Spite of Himself"—we shall settle into the discovery not alone of the ways of what men call God, but into an examination of how MAN must finally emancipate himself from all the negation of thought and action with which he has honeycombed his life, and LEARN THE WAY TO COME OUT RADIANTLY VICTORIOUS in the center of God's Eternal Light.

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Do not, I pray of you, think that this matter is only an academic or philosophical affair. It is the most practical subject that can occupy the human mind, and the hope of the writer is that everyone who reads it will derive great benefit to themselves in their everyday living. Indeed, I hope to show that Man—YOU and I—may learn how to come into truly victorious living, IN SPITE OF OURSELVES . . . in spite of the numerous negative habits of thought, feeling and action that we have unconsciously developed over the years.

This is a most romantic subject for any thinking person.

PART ONE: NEGATION, A CONDITION OF MIND WHICH YOU CAN CONTROL; WHEN CONTROLLED YOU "ENTER THE KINGDOM," FOR THEN ALL FEAR HAS BEEN REMOVED FROM YOUR CONSCIOUSNESS.

I would define negation as "darkness of the mind," or "ignorance," or "waywardness and laziness on our outlook in Life without and within." But negation is a condition of mind over which we may develop complete control; and when it is mastered, Man "enters the Kingdom," for then all fear has been removed from his consciousness.

In a word, with the conquest of negation, the thoughtful student comes to know:

(a) That the Universe is a universe of THOUGHT, its creation, being the result of the Great Mathematical Mind of Life (God).

(b) That what appears to be Man's "own" thought is eternally linked up with GOD'S thought, and that what appears his "own" life is really the Life of GOD within him.

(c) That what he calls "mind" no longer appears as an accidental intruder, for he sees that ALL IS GOD—and comes gradually to discover what God truly is.

(d) That "God" is the Great Mathematical Mind of Life Itself, rather than a prescribed anthropomorphic being.

(e) That truth being built into his consciousness, he hails God as ALL, the One Eternal Universal Mind, of which his "own" mind, so to speak, is one of the atoms out of which his individual mind has grown to exist as God's Thought—just as any idea from his "own" mind may be caused to continue to exist as a material thing, because it was born in his "own" mind.

(f) That Man exists in all his potentialities—and they are infinite—in the Mind of God, is eternally contacted to God's Mind and Being, and would remain in the strength and purity of God's Mind did he not vainly believe so strongly in what he calls "his own mind."

What I have written is categorically TRUE—when we learn it, and order all that our life is, we then come into our final VICTORY—in spite of ourselves.

(a) Negation Is in the Race Mind

But it is obvious that it is only in using his own mind that Man can come to understand God and finally grow into God's final perfection. Paradoxically, however, it is only **in using his "own" mind that Man allows himself to become steeped in negation. That is important to notice.'**

Throughout the evolution and progress of mankind, it would seem that Man's quest for Truth has led him many times into error, and this error, seen in countless pieces of misinformation, is the aggregate of his negation. To remove the **effect** of this deep, racial negation is really the sole purpose of Man's life on the earth—though "life" to the average person seems an entirely different affair. You have but to think of the crazy notions, which always die hard, that Man has entertained right down through his history concerning his own being, to see how deep negation is anchored in the human mind. Superstitions abound even today, and even Man's religion is largely a matter of fear. At the same time, throughout history we can see how Man, even from the point of view of self-preservation, has ever been fighting this negation and ignorance. On the one side, we find superstition and fear and greed everlastingly intermingling with that divine inspiration which leads men and women into discoveries of God's way (which brings release from burdensome fears and failures);

and, on the other, a strong disinclination to break away from darkness and doubt and disharmony in his ways of living—**we see this quite as strongly today, though it is not so apparent, as we saw it in what Man is now pleased to call the "dark ages."**

You can readily see, if you think, how you have, all unknowingly, through your self-imposed negation of thought, built into yourself habits which have become the product of the working of your Subconscious Mind. You have accepted error and darkness for Truth and Light, and your Subconscious Mind, which cannot reason, but which accepts as true everything your Conscious Mind directs, has naturally worked out in your life that which your Conscious Mind accepted as true. Hence negation in your life! YOU did this! YOU created the burden! You did not know, I admit. But, as you were the CREATOR of all this negation, YOU AND YOU ALONE must now learn how to use your own faultless subconscious power to create exactly what you desire in your life—your own FINAL VICTORY.

Read this excerpt from one of the earlier volumes in the Library:

> "The CONSCIOUS (or 'Waking') Mind.---This is usually called the Objective Mind. When you "sleep," it sleeps. The Conscious Mind seems to be the analyzer, the comparer, the reasoner, and it acts as a sentinel or watchman at the doorway to the Subconscious Mind; the Conscious Mind reasons from cause to effect; the Conscious Mind is the man at the wheel, the captain on the bridge, the general in the field.
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> "The SUBCONSCIOUS (or 'Unconscious' or 'Subliminal') Mind.---This is usually called the Subjective Mind. It is present before birth. It would seem to be the living, immortal part of Man. Unlike the Conscious Mind, the Subconscious NEVER SLEEPS —it NEVER FORGETS —its MEMORY IS FAULTLESS. The Subconscious builds the body. THINK what a power that is, to build the greatest and most wonderful machine the world has ever seen, more wonderful than the imagination of Man can ever imagine. It keeps the body working-controls breathing, circulation of the blood, and all involuntary muscles when you are asleep as well as when you are awake. It is your Sublime POWER, amenable to control by the force of suggestion and by conscious direction (and much more that we shall now learn)."—(Quoted from "Your First Step to Self-Mastery"—Volume 8.)

(b) Even With Scientific Evidence Everywhere, Man Still Accepts Negation

When any man discovers a worthy theory of the Universe—**which means a knowledge of God**—he begins to have worthy ideas about the world in which he lives. We must have worthy ideas about human beings before we can have worthy ideas of human relationships—**which means a knowledge of God in Man.** Our "civilization" today is an enormously complicated piece of machinery. Even today the average, unthinking man accepts all sorts of negation—such as war, and graft, and disease, and all sorts of superstitions and fears—as he accepts the wonderful discoveries of the motor, the radio, the telephone, atomic energy, and the other marvels of science which he merely takes for granted; **and if you will think for a moment you will realize how deep and subtle are the phases of negation which men all over the world unwittingly place as obstacles in their way into Divine Light and Wisdom.**

Nevertheless, though you and I wish we could say that

the millenium is just around the corner, we see that every crisis in human life does shake humanity somewhat away from the deep-seated negation with which men are apparently discontent, and gives birth to great inspiration to higher living.

(c) Man's Inventive Genius Is God's Mind At Work

Every scientific discovery—and these come so fast that you and I are unable to even notice them until they become a part of our daily life—is a symbol of God's Mind being acknowledged by Man. **Man's inventive genius, a phrase commonly met with, is merely God's Mind at work in the human race,** and every philosopher—I hope you are included—can visualize a state of heavenly peace and prosperity, of love instead of hate, of charity instead of greed, of light instead of darkness, among men everywhere on this earth. Then will Man become free of his negation, and will automatically make his ascent into the seat of God's wisdom (which merely means that we systematically learn how to surrender ourselves to the Universal Force—men call it God—in which we live and move and have our being). **Your personal problem is to free yourself and come into the CONQUEST of negation—then truly ye shall be reborn—but not 'til then.**

Now, my friend, I naturally have no means of knowing what you think about what I have written. It may strike you as being academically sound, but you may also say, "I agree with what you tell me, but it is all philosophical.

What I need is to know how to make the dreams **I have** always dreamed come true in my life. I want to enjoy better health—to have greater power to help others—to be free from financial worry, fear and grief. . . . I want to come into self-mastery—to live a longer, glorious life—to have greater success in my business or profession—to develop greater faith and love—to be free from paralyzing ideas of personal handicaps. . . . I want a more inspired outlook on life in general—a more beautiful home life for my family! In short, I am looking for SOMETHING THAT WORKS!"

(d) Mental Lethargy Is Man's Self-made Enemy

Well, you are no different from millions of other people. The trouble is that the great majority of people, though in their very being they feel that it is their inherent right to be more than they are, to do more than they do, and have more than they have, do not consistently hold to their own ideals . . . nor do they even take the trouble to find out whether they really CAN MAKE THEIR DREAMS COME TRUE.

When you think of it, few people are truthfully interested in LIFE. The great majority of people, it is true, are interested in what they are doing at the time that they are doing it.' Just the same as a little child is interested in the toy with which it is playing at the time that it is playing with it, and then when he gets tired of it he flings it out of the way and look for another toy to play with. There

are very few people who lead, who break through, but wherever you do find a human being who breaks through, then there are many who will follow and enjoy the work of his mind and hands. No matter where—in the arts, in the sciences, in industry, in trade and so on—any person who has an idea, as we say (which merely means any person who has contacted the Moving Wisdom of God), giving birth to it, holding it, using it, benefits the human race generally on the material side of life. The microphone in my study—it was not always a microphone—it was in the earth—but somebody caught it as an idea, and I, who do not know anything about microphones, use it and am benefited by it. But somebody got the idea, made it his own, and humble people like myself can use the microphone without knowing anything about it. You will, therefore, notice that when we are truly in earnest, when we really mean business, when we intend to do that which we see we would like to do as well as we can do it—then **the way to do it reveals itself to us—it makes itself known to us!** Thus are negation and fear conquered.

(e) The Force In Which We Live Is the "Father in Heaven"

Many people, again, feel that everything—people, things, conditions, circumstances—are "against" them; and, believing this nonsense, they take it for granted that that is why they are not like others who succeed in all that they undertake to do, and are happy in the doing of it.

That is, of course, nonsensical; but it is REAL to many people. Just imagine what is constantly going on in THEIR minds, and how their divine subconscious power—the Sleeping Giant within them—is being constantly misdirected to the creation within them of fear and doubt and disharmony and failure, and all the rest. Of COURSE, they are unhappy and ill and fearful, and the time may come when they will be entirely hemmed in by darkness and despair and negation. The tragedy is that they do not know that they are the actual CREATOR of those conditions; and are entirely unaware how easy it is for them to learn the way to transform all this negation into glorious positive success and happiness—how easy it is to have "all these things" added unto them!

Any person who thinks can surely see that the Force (which men call God), in which ALL THAT IS lives and moves and has its being, is perfect. It is the "Father in Heaven." There is not, there never can be, anything in Life that is fighting us; **there is nothing in the whole Universe that is our enemy.** If that were so, there could then be no God, as we understand God. There is nothing in the whole scheme of the Deity that is against us. Everything is in rhythm. Well, then, how comes about the present condition of Man's life on this earth? All this terrific negation that we see round about us. IT IS MAN'S CREATION, through wrong thinking. Man has created it. He could not create it with God's mind—that is, if he continually held in full consciousness that "his own mind" were God's mind in him—which, of course, is the Truth. But it

seems, you see, as if it comes into Man, and then Man bolsters himself up, and says, "Well, I'm somebody," and he creates round about himself all the aspects of negation that honeycomb his life from infancy to the grave.

(f) We Must "Fry the Seeds" Within Ourselves

And **that** is the one thing that we have to overcome, offset, fail to express—it has to be repressed. The seeds of it have to be fried, so that they cannot again break forth in our life. Learning this, we come into "Man's Final Victory—In Spite of Himself!"

No, you have no enemy in the whole Universe. All flows together into one harmonious whole. All things work together for GOOD! And MAN is this Good—he lives, and moves, and has his being in it. It is through no virtue of yours or mine, however, that we are what we are. There is nothing whatsoever that is not available to you and to me that we cannot make our own, if we follow the one definite laid-down LAW OF LIFE.

First, we have to learn this Law—then we must live it. Unless we LIVE THE LAW, how can the Law operate in our life?

Living the Law, following the Law, even to an infinitesimal degree, the beauty of it is that, when we have done all that we can do, the LAW DOES THE REST. I personally do not know WHY this is so, because none of us deserves it; but I do know something about HOW the Law **must** do the rest—because It simply must, by virtue of its own Law

within Itself. If you know more than I do, more is expected of you. If I be an ignoramus, and desire not to continue to be one, and if 1 work (in the knowledge of the Law that has been revealed to me, no matter how slight that knowledge is) to emancipate myself from ignorance, and have done all that I can do to that end, then—**God does the rest!**

Read over again that last rather involved, yet simple, paragraph. It reveals the one holy principle of complete success in all phases of your life.

PART TWO: AS WE SEEK WE FIND. . . . WHAT CAN WE FIND?— "I AM YOUR INNERMOST ONE: THE CAUSE OF YOUR BEING: THE ROOT OF ALL THAT YOU ARE!"

Do you who read believe what I have written? Does it come to your mind as reasonable? If it does appeal to you as reasonable, then, no matter WHAT it is that you desire in your life, you have already commenced your achievement of it.

If you are what is called metaphysically-minded, you will know what I am talking about. You will know how, dissatisfied with yourself, you began to travel around: "Lo, it is here . . . no, it is there!" A little journey, another disappointment. "Lo, it is here—at last, at last! No, no, it is there!" Another journey, another experiment, another disappointment. I admit that that is the most difficult and discouraging part of the quest for knowledge of the higher things of Life—finding your way, finding your Teacher.

As for myself, interested as I was from early boyhood (and as proud and stubborn as many human beings are), I can see now, later in life, how very foolish I was in my early search. Many times, as it appears to me today, I deliberately doomed myself to disappointment; and at long last I found it necessary to travel around the world several times in my search, and finally to undertake a 3000-mile trek from the Pacific to Tibet, where I at Jong last found my Teacher—a man of 152 years of age, the greatest man I have ever met on this earth.

(g) How Can You Seek?—By Way of a Straight Line

You see, my dear friend, it is hard to find—**as** we seek, we find. Let us assume that you are interested in learning how YOU may come into your own FINAL VICTORY—in spite of yourself . . . that you are interested in even the little (though divinely vital) knowledge with which this little volume deals. You believe that you desire to learn. **How shall you seek?** Well, you will agree that the nearest way to get from one point to another is by way of a straight line. To fly from New York to San Francisco by way of a straight line, all things being equal, is the quickest way. You could, of course, wander up around Canada, then fly the Atlantic and wander about, and by a tortuous round-the-world flight finally bring your plane down at San Francisco; and know that you have completed your journey. But you would have knowingly entered upon many possible risks and hazards which could easily have

upset your plans. The nearest distance from one point to another is by way of a straight line. A word to the wise is often enough; I direct your attention to the Invitation (on page 32 of this Little Book).

(h) A Heart-to-Heart Talk Together

As you now read, just analyze your own feelings. If you are satisfied with your own life, if you feel beyond all doubt that you cannot learn advantageously to yourself more of the HIGHER LAWS of Life, if you simply do not wish to try—then what I write will have no interest for you . . . whatever message this little lesson-volume contains will be obviously not for you. If, however, a note of true desire within you to make your life more and more abundant has been struck in your heart, continue to read on. You see, my sole purpose is to endeavor to help you, if you need help and wish to be enlightened. By what right do I undertake to do this? Simply, my friend, because I personally have been your way before. Simply because my heart has been wrenched within me a thousand times—why? Because, though I believed that "Whatever the Creator is, I am," and could intellectually figure it all out in such a way that my mind was satisfied, I could not find the way to satisfy my heart. In other words, I could not make it work! You may be like that, too. You may, as you have been reading, have agreed with me in what has been written. You may have been thinking that you have, in a way, been listening to my voice. But something of in-

finitely more importance than that has been happening. True, you have, so to speak, heard my voice through these pages. But actually you have been listening to another Voice . . . the Voice of your own Highest Self, the Voice of your own divine nature, the Voice of what you may term God within you . . . the Voice of your own Sleeping Giant.

(i) ". . . It Was I Who Brought You Through"

Therefore, my friend, continue to listen—and as you read may the Truth of the Whole Universe ring out in your very being:

"Yea, listen to Me, that you may learn of Me and my Eternal Way in you. You desire to learn of My mysteries? Then, fear not, and My mystery in what you call 'your life' will be revealed to you, if you truly wish to know.

"Who am I? I am YOU, I am Your Divine Self, I am the Master within you. I am that part of You Who IS—the same yesterday, today, tomorrow, forever—I am the KNOWER within you, your True SELF, your Teacher, your God. it is I who sit within you that you now hear. I always await my opportunity to speak, for it is I who directs your thought, your feelings, your actions and all your ways.

"It is I who have been with you always, through all your joys and heartaches, your successes and achievements—also your mistakes.

"It is I who have been with you through all your evil-doing, your back-sliding, your wanton ways, your crimes against your brother and against God.

"No matter where you went—onward, backward—upward, downward—straying helplessly from the Path you knew you should have trod, it was I who brought you through. And I shall continue to stand by and show you how to do all the things you wish to do, for your own eternal growth or even for your own undoing.

"I am your Innermost One. I am the Cause of your Being, and the Root of all that you are. I am Infinite. The Universe is My Body. I am All Intelligence, All Love, All Power, All That There Is. I am YOU—I am the Dweller in You. You know Me, and sometimes incline yourself to listen to what I say.

"All the sub-human existences of Me and My Cosmos exist for the purpose of your observing, being still, not saying, 'See how great I am,' but submerging, effacing thyself that thou may'st recognize Me in thyself—I am YOU.

"If you will recognize Me in you, the 'Little Book' in your hand will bring you Truth, and lead you into YOUR own Final Victory, in spite of yourself. Follow after Me if you wish to be wise, and heed My instruction. Rest, and feel ME thinking through you, and as I think in you, so shall you become. Fail not in this instruction. Peace be in your heart forevermore!"

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Now, shall we go along together? I hope that, as you read the foregoing, you may feel anxious to do so. It may be a new idea to you that, with all your inconsistencies,

incomprehensibilities, and incongruities, YOU may transform them all, and march triumphantly forward to YOUR Final Victory—in spite of yourself. With all my heart, I hope you may be inspired to do so, as never before.

(j) The Visible World Is A Great Symbol

I am confident that you see clearly that **all** things, **all** differentiated forms of Life, ARE BUT SYMBOLS of THAT, whose Wisdom caused all forms to be. You can visualize the difference between what you call the "earth" and "heaven," between "humanity" and "divinity," between "Man" and "God." As your mind rests upon these extremes, you instinctively incline your desire more to "heaven" than to "earth," more to "God" than to "Man": yet there is and always has been much confusion in the human mind, for, while **desiring** "heaven," Man has contented himself with "earth," and, while spiritually desiring to be the God that he inherently feels himself to be, has been content merely to be "Man." There have been ever-present with mankind, first, **a confusion of reason or judgment;** second, **a confusion of desire.** Confusion in Man's **reasoning** is self-evidently based on IGNORANCE. Confusion of **desire** is based on **wrong practice** and **wrong action** in life. That is why the great majority of people **do not make** their dreams come true, do not reach their final VICTORY, and who "die before their time." If we could combine the two, we would soon have **knowledge taking the place of ignorance.** There would be no confusion whatever of reason or judgment, and our practice of action, based on knowledge which right action alone engenders, would be wholly constructive, and enable right-thinking people to live as long as they desire—which means as long as they DO what they feel they should do.

But every philosopher knows that the millstone about Man's neck is ignorance of himself, of what he actually is, of his true nature. Every sincere seeker learns to know, however, that when once the radiance of the Truth of Life Itself begins to shine in his consciousness, his whole conceptions of his own relation to Universal Law, to the Principle of Life, to whatever GOD is, so change that he no longer lives on the "earth" but is in "heaven,-" no longer is he "Man," but he loses himself in "God." When you come to see that **there is naught but God,** you see that God is ALL (nothing can be added to it; nothing can be outside the "ALL"). The Life in you is seen to be the Life of God. Gradually, through the practice of living in God's moving sea of wisdom, which is **Life,** you come to see that God is actually you, and you are **nothing.** When you are developed in absolute humility, you can truthfully say, "I am God in Human Form"; which we in Mentalphysics know to be true, but it requires great stability of character and zeal in our universal conceptions to bring ourselves to that high point of understanding and expression.

(k) Intellectual Conceptions Are Not Spiritual Realizations

Intellectually, many people concede (if they do not perceive) that **"I am nothing but the Expression of God" . . .**

"I am the principle of God embodied in human form" . . . "I am the principle of atunement with God'.' . . . "I am the principle of what God is."

But it requires far more than intellectual conceptions to acquire high spiritual realizations.

Therefore, in Mentalphysics, on the same principle that Man may understand Heaven by a sincere study of the principles of the earth, we teach that Man may regard his body and his being (if he can go no further at first) as **THE TEMPLE OF THE LIVING GOD,** and thus lead himself upward to the final truth of all—MAN IS **GOD** IN HUMAN FORM.

"What has this to do with my final victory?" You may ask. My friend—EVERYTHING.

Once you are able to rid yourself from the mere intellectual study of MAN in all his aspects of Life Itself, and learn how to surrender into the one single PRINCIPLE (the CREATIVE PRINCIPLE OF LIFE), you become actually the Principle Itself . . . no matter by what name you may call It. "If thine EYE be single, thy WHOLE BODY (not the physical body alone, but 'Thy Whole Body'—the Universe and all that's in it—shall be full of Light!" The physical part of you appears to be the final instrument of expression, it is true; but it is the SPIRIT of you that quickeneth, and if your instrument grows old, you cannot blame the instrument, but must go back to causes . . . which are your own spiritual conceptions, which you yourself create, which, once having given them power, are expressed through the instrument.

Now, we in Mentalphysics, **know this,** and we are on our way to the gradual realization of it in our lives. **We** know it as a perfectly natural understanding. We have learned it and are making it our own. But there is nothing about **us** that is not about all men—all mankind is **what we are.** As it came to **us** to know that "Man is God in Human Form," **and we disciplined ourselves to learn it,** how is it that the vast preponderating mass of mankind does **not** know this truth, and is apparently today, as always, disinclined to seek this truth? Why?

(I) Why Does Man Not Recognize His Own Spiritual Nature?

Yes—Why?

Teachers there have always been, and always will be. From time to time, from among billions of human beings who successively inhabit the earth, a few men endowed with rare and exceptional powers declare the **One Living Law of Mankind**—such as Jesus the Christ, the Buddha, and others—but their sincere endeavors to teach Man that he is actually the Creator in Human Form have passed, do pass today mostly for naught. **Why?** Mankind seems disinclined to seek the final way to divine enlightenment. The result is that, today as ever, most men go on in utter ignorance of their own true nature. **Why this confusion in human thinking?**

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Essence quickened into his own life-form by God. Man is a power-unit of God—surely everyone can see that to be categorically true. I happen to be writing this Little Book near to Mother's Day. Well, we have our symbol in Mother's Day, certainly a holy day. All mothers knew very little about the birth of their child. It was a thing completely beyond them. From the moment of conception, it was, so to speak, out of their power, and yet never more fully within their power. They knew, but they did not know that they knew. As I say, the philosopher recognizes that Man is God's Essence quickened into life by God. Moreover, the philosopher understands not only the words, but he understands the meaning of the words. Man is God's Life and Law embodied, and there is naught but God, MAN IS WHAT GOD is.

The wise man, therefore, sees that there is nothing to learn other than this one truth, and lives so as not to disturb the rhythm of God's Life and God's Wisdom in his own consciousness.

(m) You Are the Divine Root of All Life

The wise man sees himself, constantly, as the integral essence of the divine root of all Life.

He who makes the investigation of his spiritual nature his one objective concentrates his powers to arrive at, and never depart from, a condition of sensibility of oneness with **That** which he himself is—**God.** But God is a deep mystery. When you know how to look at God within all

that you perceive "yourself" to be, He is invisible. You listen to God, and He is inaudible. You endeavor to touch God, and you find He is intangible. **When, through sincere practice, you find GOD,** it is simply because you have succeeded in allowing what seems **to be "Your life" to lose itself in what appears to be God's Life—the dewdrop losing itself in the ocean.** "My Father and I are one (and the same thing) . . . God's Life in me . . . My life in God!"

Thus we can see that finally what seems to be my body is God's temple. What seems, in all the varying attributes of **my** existence . . . **my** body, **my** mind, **my** spirit . . . is **in reality God.** My whole consciousness is not mine—it is God's. **Thus, holding this truth sincerely to my heart, I gradually come to the realization that "I am the Temple of the Living God."** Further, I am whatever God is. Well, is not THAT the secret of "Man's Final Victory—In Spite of Himself"?

Now, if you as you read, and I as I write, can feel beyond the simple intellectual idea that these words convey, and can. let ourselves sink into the spiritual truth that they unfold, we see that what men call God (of which you and I are power-units, the full nature of which we actually ARE) can never fail or get "ill," or change from ITS OWN PERFECTION. Well, there is your answer, my friend! And it is unanswerable!

Well, how can we come into this Final Victory, this Perfection, this All-That-There-Is-ness? But, not so fast. First, can you sincerely declare to yourself that, beyond all doubt, you intellectually believe what has been expressed

by me in the rather clumsy way I have presented this truth? You can! Of course, you can triumphantly declare it. Then, how can you come into your own Final Victory?

My friend, you must LEARN THE WAY—and so must every other living, breathing human being . . . each unconditionally for himself and herself. We must learn how to regain our lost sovereignty in Life Itself.

And the secret is this: if we want not to have any negation whatever in our life, if we want to be happy continually, if we want to be like God, if we want that eternal peace that passes understanding, if we desire to really **know** that we are the Temple of the Living God—if you see me wrong nine times, and you could break your heart over me because I'm such a bad fellow—as I say, if you see me going to the dogs or anywhere else—and you see me wrong **nine** times, and then some time or other when perhaps you are not looking you think that you see me right **one** time—**forget the nine, remember the one!** And if we could only do that at all times—not in relation alone to human beings, but in relation to ALL THAT HAS LIFE we would see how beautifully a dividend-paying law we have uncovered. And then, you know, the great majority of people—they malign their parents, they malign their families, they malign their communities, they malign their nation, they malign the president, they malign the human race. And if a man is right nine times and **wrong once,** they forget the nine and **they magnify the one,** for **they** do not know that Man is the Temple of the Living God and is

WHAT GOD IS. When we see no evil, we do not create it in our life.

(n) Love Is the Essence of Life's LAW

We should not go around sobbing on people's shoulders, or allow them to do that to us. But we should stand in dignity and truth and get out and love "all that has Life," because unless we love our neighbors as ourselves, loving the work that we do, the tools that we use, the very breath of our life, and ALL THAT THERE IS, we know nothing whatever yet about loving that which is "God," though we may think we do. To love and to know completely the object of our love, and the reason for our loving, is beautiful; but to love for Love's sake, to feel that your own child is the very apple of your eye, to love all children—all the dirty little "jammy-faces" everywhere—that is a greater love still.

No man hath greater love than this—that he lay down his life for his friends. But the meaning of that is so transcendental that I cannot refer to it. None of us can lay down our life—"we" have no life to lay down. And the more we lay down, the more only can we pick up again, and it is only that which we give that we have! We could go on paradox after paradox, showing the ineffable beauty of LOVE in its justice. But I feel that we had better stop right now, because we have not enough space in this present Little Book to deal with such a divine subject. But we can be HAPPY!

(o) We Are All Potential Masters, But We Must Each Learn the Secret

But, my Friend, none will ever do it for you, because none ever can. And as you look into it you may feel that your life is so full of complexity and disappointment and non-understanding, that you, too, may throw up your hands in despair and say you can't do it. But you can . . . yes, you can! We never need be alone unless we ourselves wish it. We never are alone. If only we knew . . . if only we knew when, in ABSOLUTE INTEGRITY, WE THINK A THOUGHT WHICH RECOGNIZES GOD'S LIFE, THEN THE WHOLE UNIVERSE SPRINGS INTO ACTION, TO BRING US UNSPEAKABLY MORE THAN WE CAN CONTAIN. But the beauty of it is that it is **all** ours! It is waiting for us! And the more we grow, the more we are able to take and use.

BUT GOD'S LAW IS THIS—**THAT UNLESS WE USE IT, WE FAIL TO HAVE THE POWER AGAIN TO TAKE.**

CONCLUSION: THE FINAL VICTORY—"I AM THE TEMPLE OF THE LIVING GOD!" and "WHATEVER THE CREATOR IS, I AM!"

How I would love to be there with you when you come to this point in your reading! I wonder what you think about it all. I would, if I were you, keep this Little Book of the Library of Victorious Living close to you, reading one lesson-volume every day. (Better still, read page 30 right

for a mere pittance, there is wisdom in these little lesson-volumes for YOU.

But my work is done. As for myself. I hope for you, who have honored me in reading what I have written, that you may truly come into dominion in your own true self-mastery. I sincerely wish to help you, if I can, to help yourself.

Peace be unto you forevermore.