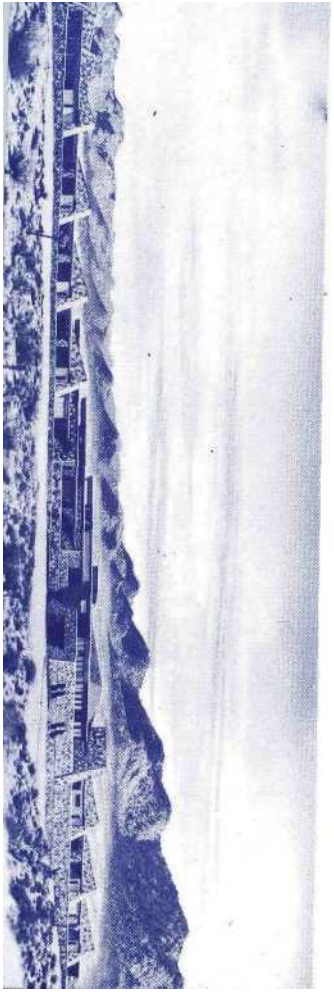

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(Right Effort)

Success Is Natural as Breathing

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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 vou 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.

THE AUTHOR.

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INTRODUCTION: THIS LITTLE BOOK INVITES YOU TO MAKE YOUR OWN LIFE MORE ABUNDANT IN ALL "GOOD THINGS"

This is the twelfth of the "Fifty Little Books" that make up the Library of Victorious Living (see pp. 31-32). In the last volume—"Mystery of the Warrior Within You"—! dealt with the power of your Speech, the Creative WORD of your life, pointing out that Man becomes WHAT HE SAYS, and that "the faculty of Speech distinguishes Man from all other forms of Life with which you are familiar." Of all mysteries Speech is the most wonderful; and, though this secret is hidden from the understanding of the profane, Man, solving it, not only finds the essence of the divine nature through RIGHT SPEECH, but is able to manifest the divine nature in his life.

I also remarked: "Speech is the creator of your universe. With the issuance of the Creative Word—Right Speech—

you are given command of the Life-Giving Principle, which is Nature's royal secret." Seems strange, perhaps; but it is TRUE.

I hope that you who are now reading have already read and studied "Mystery of the Warrior Within You" (indeed, all the eleven Little Books which have preceded this volume). If you have, you will know that, while each of these weekly lesson-volumes is complete in itself, telling its own story, it is linked up with all those that come after. Now, the title of the present volume is **"Success Is Natural As Breathing."** That may seem strange, too; but it is TRUE. Many people, unversed in Life's established LAWS, are often inclined to immediately turn away and scoff when TRUTH is brought to their attention. Success as natural as breathing seems to them to be ridiculous. They know little about success, nor about its inalienable laws, and conclude that to be a success in Life a man has to be quite an exceptional person. Ask the man who has learned the laws of success, however, and who uses these natural laws to make his life completely and abundantly successful, and he will tell you that his success is actually to him as natural as his own breathing—and quite as easy.

I wonder whether YOU know this, or whether you are one of those for whom true success is something which is always around the corner somewhere, just a little out of your reach. If so, I advise you in all sincerity to study this little book; **practice** what it will teach you, and you will learn.

I wonder, too, whether you are one of those who have

done a great deal of reading, done much rushing to and fro, eagerly seeking in books and teachings, philosophy and religion, seeking for you hardly know what—for Success, Happiness, Truth, Freedom, Peace or God. You may be weary and discouraged. Anxious to find, you may be almost destitute of hope. You may, indeed, have felt many times that you were near to the Truth of Life and its Laws, but when you tried to reach your heart's desire it disappeared like a mirage. I know how it has been with you. How do I know? Because I have had to go through similar experience. If you are downhearted, my friend, cheer up! This little volume is written FOR YOU. Believe it in humility of heart, and this may indeed be a red-letter day for you. I sincerely hope so, and I **know** that it will be so if YOU can raise yourself to a high and holy hope and belief that in Life's Eternal Laws there is never any error.

Many who started their search in this way, just reading these Little Books, tell me most gratefully that, though they could not find it, they have been led to what they for years believed existed for them. Why should not a similar blessing come to YOU?

Bear in mind that we have declared that Success is AS NATURAL AS BREATHING. I hope to show you in this Little Book HOW this is so, but YOU must naturally decide what your Success is. Success to one is not success to another. But whatever your idea of Success may be, you have to remember that Success cannot always be measured

in money, though the definite LAWS of SUCCESS will make for you all the money you ever wish to see. I shall disclose the LAWS to you—you must decide what Success means to you. I hope to show you what men call God inspires and infallibly drives into right action the man who knows exactly what he wants, if he is determined to get it; therefore, know what it is that you want and what Success definitely means to you. The secret of Success is that those who know what they desire to materialize in their lives, must learn these LAWS, which miraculously sweep them on to Success, IN SPITE OF THEMSELVES. They slide to Success with apparently no effort. They cannot do anything but succeed. They never again are able to expect or submit to failure. Many of the greatest Americans in business, finance, industry, in the government, in engineering and all else, succeeded by these LAWS, though many of them had little formal education. Henry Ford never reached high school, let alone college. And Edison had practically no schooling as such.

You see, success and all else is a matter of consciousness—that means, **your conscious thinking. A** man is separated from what his heart truly desires because he **thinks he is.** I do not by any means wish to force anything down any man's throat, for every man must be free to seek as he pleases. Many people—you may possibly be among them—believe in Success, but only for other people; Success seems too elusive and too difficult to capture for themselves. They see evidences and results of Success all

about them—but, "ah, it is not for me!" Many people say they "believe in God," and yet, while they are sincere in their belief, they have never been fortunate enough to FIND GOD WITHIN THEMSELVES; and, though they lazily think they know, are almost entirely ignorant of God's Way in the Universe as a whole.

And that is the sole purport of this Library of Victorious Living—to teach men how to find the way to find God within themselves. That is ALL that Man must finally find. It is the royal secret of Life Itself. My hope is that YOU may be enlightened in your own search—for AS YOU SEEK, you find. Find God, and ALL IS YOURS. You and I, my friend, are living in the mightiest era of transition in human history.

PART I: RIGHT EFFORT IS YOUR KEY THAT OPENS UP THE UNIMAGINABLE BOUNTIES OF UNIVERSAL RICHES IN YOUR LIFE, GIVING YOU ENTRY TO TRUE SUCCESS—TO TRUTH, WISDOM, LOVE AND JUSTICE

Man's Fifth Cycle of Expression—RIGHT EFFORT

I repeat: "You and I are living in the mightiest era of transition in human history." Never was it so important that thinking human beings should be rightly informed upon the way of the Evolution of Life Itself. I trust that we who are studying these "Fifty Little Books" week by week may be enlightened as to the true nature of what is

called a "man" or a "woman," so that we may take our rightful place in our rapidly changing world. Let Man go on in his ignorance of the LAW of the Universe (and of his true self)—his civilization will sink back into medievalism and a great number of the human race will be sacrificed to human ignorance. Let Man awake to the true understanding of his own divine nature, to the transcending Truth that "I and My Father are ONE (and the same thing)," and a period of peace, prosperity, plenty and bliss will come to this earth such as has never been contemplated by Man in his sublimest creative genius. Today we—YOU and I—must **stand and choose!**

(a) A Brief Recapitulation

This is the twelfth of our Little Books, It is the fifth of the "Eight Rungs of Man's Ladder to Divinity" series (vol. 8 to vol. 15).* Its title is "Success Is Natural As Breathing."

Now, in the first volume of the present series, I dealt with your Conscious Mind and Subconscious Mind, remarking that

> **"Your Subconscious Mind is your willing slave, that it believes what it is told without question, that it immediately sets to work to do what you command by your Conscious Mind, and that, no matter what your direction may be, the result is bound to materialize in your life—for good or ill."—("Your First Step to Self-Mastery," vol. 8.) This volume had to do generally with RIGHT UNDERSTANDING.**

In the second volume of the present series, I dealt further with the "Sleeping Giant" (your Subconscious power) within you, remarking that

> **"The 'Sleeping Giant' is the originator of Life's order, that behind all action is Resolution, but that Understanding (true or false) precedes Resolution; that your Understanding must be RIGHT (otherwise your Subconscious will be wrongly directed); that by habit of right thought and feeling and action, you awaken your 'Sleeping Giant' to work for you in truly constructive instead of destructive channels, and your life gradually becomes the reflection of the Superconscious Mind, and you the master of all your life conditions on all planes of your existence."—("Awaken Your Own Sleeping Giant", vol. 9). This volume had to do generally with RIGHT RESOLUTION.**

In the third volume of the present series, I dealt with the vital truth that "Your Word Is Your Creative Power," remarking that

> **"Your Speech is the magic spirit that creates Life's manifestations; that Speech distinguishes Man from all other forms of Life; that it is the greatest mystery, and of all mysteries the most wonderful; that Speech is your atomic power, and works in similar principle to the atomic bomb; that Speech, while the greatest blessing to Man, is of all his responsibilities the most dangerous—knowing the mystery of RIGHT Speech, he may lead himself into all the beauty and bright divinity of Wisdom, and help himself onward to enjoy the glittering treasures of Wisdom's creative power."—("Your Word Is Your Creative Power," vol. 19). This volume is thought-provoking and most valuable to early students, dealing principally with RIGHT SPEECH.**

In the fourth volume of the present series, I dealt with the "mystery of the Warrior" which, of course, is the Subconscious—the Eternal part of Man, remarking that

*"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-"Con 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).

"The Warrior's principles lead you to self-mastery, physical vitality, intensified talents, superior intelligence, higher character, nobler and more abundant living, and prolonged youth."—("Mystery of the Warrior Within You," vol. 11). This volume had to do generally with RIGHT CONDUCT (Man's fourth cycle of expression), showing how our Conduct is the beginning point of all action which culminates in the manifestation of ideas, and how RIGHT CONDUCT is born out of RIGHT Understanding, Resolution and Speech.

My advice to YOU, as a serious student, is not to hurry in your reading. **Read** carefully and slowly, so that you may be enlightened not alone in what you read, but in that which Is between the lines—that which I would write if I could, but which is the **story that cannot be told.** (If you feel inclined, read the first thirteen verses of the 13th chapter of First Corinthians.)

At this point you may also read the opening of Part II (pp. 19-22), acquainting yourself with The Seven Spiritual Laws of Success.

(b) The Finality of Your Spiritual Progress

It is not necessary for me, I am sure, to point out to you that if all the previous **four steps** be **RIGHT,** then in RIGHT EFFORT you are so fortunately evolved that, no matter how greatly you strain or put forth voluntary exertion of strength or strenuous exertion to accomplish an object, no matter how grand your endeavor, you reap nothing whatever that impedes your spiritual progress—remember always that "our spiritual progress" is toward the final knowledge that Man Is God in Human Form—for the simple reason that **there is no evil or weakness in your will.**

No one is a slave whose **will is free.** Wisdom wins a man as her ardent disciple through **his own effort** or not at all. Truth **demands** a deep devotion of **effort** on our part before she reveals her secrets to us. Those who are unconsciously insincere, or those whose motives are mediocre and **without Right Effort,** will follow after tangible things and be satisfied with substitutes, allowing mere tangible things to outweigh their love of intangible Truth. Effort is so far supreme along the Path we are following in these Little Books.

No action can be considered as blameless unless the **effort was so;** for by the effort the act was dictated. The general of a large army may be defeated, but you cannot defeat the determined effort of a peasant.

Whatever your WILL so your EFFORT. I emphasize this again and again to you, if YOU desire to be truly successful in all that your Life-expression means. (Think, as you read, of your Imagination, your Reason and your WILL.)

(c) Need of Being Anchored in Right Effort

The EFFECT of your EFFORT becomes absolutely overruling and despotic in your life. How vital, then, that you see to it that your Effort be **RIGHT,** as it will be if you are grounded rightly in the four preceding steps.

But Right Effort means infinitely more than the words indicate. Understanding what it really means, you find your life is transformed, and it is with this deeper meaning that I hope you will become acquainted as you proceed in your study of these lesson-volumes.

But, whether you be a philosopher or not, whether you understand the deeper meaning of our subject or not, there is emphasized always the need of **Right Effort** in all that you undertake: for unless your **Effort be right,** all that follows will be similarly weak and ineffectual. And while Right Effort leads you finally to Right Meditation (with which I shall deal in great detail in due course) it must be emphasized that Right Meditation builds Right Effort. Man has not yet outgrown prayer. In true prayer, of course, we come in close communion with a Higher than we know. We seek to contemplate divine perfection, which is attained when we realize the permanence, the entire goodness, the Fatherly Love of the Lord of the Eternal, **whose Right Effort sustains the Universe.** When we meditate we create within ourselves the power from which Right Effort automatically comes forth. (You will learn about this, and be taught how to do it when you come to that point in your study).

Right Effort is something that you should, with infinite profit to yourself, allow to continually rest in your mind. I know that I am right in saying this: that the more you think about it, the less you will realize its fullness. You will, of course, learn something by thinking about **Right Effort,** but if by daily practice in all that you say, in all that you feel, in all that you do, in all that you think, you have your mind tuned into Right Effort, then you shall see, very speedily, its effect made manifest in your own life.

Right Effort is a grand and mathematically exact TOOL that all of us have.

(d) Right Effort Gives Force to Your Will-Power

Yet **Right Effort** is not merely Man's grand instrument by which the earth is overspread with fruitfulness and beauty, the ocean brought into useful domination, the air made to submit to Man's imagination, and the secrets of God uncovered everywhere for Man's comfort and well-being. **Right Effort** has a far higher function. It gives force to your will; it moulds you in efficiency, courage, gives you capacity for endurance and persevering devotion to all the work of your heart, mind and hands. Ease, rest and peace owe their delights to **Right Effort,** and no toil is so hard as the rest of that man who has nothing to test and quicken his powers.

Well, you must endeavor to discover **how** you may become the master of Right Effort.

You can clearly see its manifold advantages in your life, —how, then, can you attain to it, so that no matter where you are, no matter what the time or conditions, your whole mode of living and your actual life may be permeated with this secret of Right Effort? **That** is your question.

As I am writing for you, I wish that I could from my pen get to you, out of my being, something that I know is there, and that I could present it to you, **as I know it,** for it would be a true gift. It would be a gift worth receiving. And you, undoubtedly, feel similarly towards me. The higher we go, the more we understand, no matter in what direction of knowledge, the harder it is to tell. How we fail!

(e) Men Fear to Contemplate Their Own Divinity

And yet, I wonder whether it is a failure, when, endeavoring to express Love, for example, we know that we cannot do it.

You may think for a moment of all the rapture and beauty of Life that you feel, perhaps towards another person, toward other people, toward little children. You will realize at once that you are undone. But when you engage in ordinary platitudes, when you gabble with logic, it is quite easy for you sometimes to become quite eloquent, and there is a danger probably of thinking that you have really done something constructive and that you are cleverer than you really are. When you deal with Love, with Light, with all the essentials, the primordials, the realities of Life, however, they are simply not to be told.

I face somewhat a problem of that nature, as I write. **"Right Effort"—**two words. Yes, we understand the words individually; we understand the meaning of the phrase. But what we want to talk about is not what the words portray. YOU, I am sure, are familiar intellectually with the fact that **you are God**—that **Man is God,** categorically, unequivocally. I hope, as you read, you feel the vibration within yourself of the truth of these words that I am using, yet you also feel within yourself, as you read, that you fall short, and each of us carries within his heart a million secrets of himself. You know that in a million ways you fall short of being God in full expression.

(f) "Whatever the Creator Is, I Am"

Nonetheless, the Eternal Wisdom of Life, the Perennial Inspirer of Man, is constantly saying to you, and you feel the **voice** within yourself, **that you are on your way, that you have made and are making progress, and when time, perhaps, may have ceased, you shall have achieved and have reached the quintessence of your being—being God.** Without that thought, and without that thought anchored as a reality within yourself, it is impossible, in my opinion, to gain true spiritual insight. That is the prerequisite. There is nothing that can take its place. You may come to me and say, "Well, I do not think that I believe this, I am a very well-educated person. I have read many books. I have written many books. I am a great logician." That may be so. But we all must, as I see it, have a deep, unquenchable, unrelenting, ever-continuing feeling that "Whatever the Creator is, I am." Then, we can go ahead.

At all events, I am sure that you can see that Right Effort indicates great action by you. Your very upbringing and your popular education has led you to believe that it is through the power of your will, through the power of your brains, through the power of many phases of your character that seem to be essentially your own, that you can succeed . . . which is true. To do a thing, you must do it. To say a thing, you must say it. To be a thing, you must have become it. That is all very simple to see.

(g) Learn What God Is—Then, Seek Thou the Warrior Within Thee

But in Truth, in the esoteric side of Life, in the Spiritual Realm that most people believe is **up there somewhere** or **out there somewhere** or **beyond us** somewhere in the Spiritual Realm, most of the apparent laws of the material world are of no avail, indeed, are of no value. You sometimes are able to see that perfectly clearly within your own being and your own experience of thought and feeling.

For example, I daresay that there is not a business man or woman who would deny that as they look back over their lives they can see certain episodes that took place—a certain business venture, we will say, that opened. And, as they believed with all their hearts, they pursued that business venture. They believed in it. They did not doubt its possibilities. They believed in themselves and their own powers. As they believed with all their hearts, they pursued action out of which success in this particular adventure would, they felt, be bound to accrue. And yet, owing to conditions and circumstances apparently quite beyond their control, the business venture failed. When it failed, they looked within themselves and they were almost aghast, because they had believed that it was essential to their own heart's contentment and that it was, to speak generally, "for the best" that it should happen. And yet, it did not. It seemed that the more they pursued it, the more they went into effort in that venture, the worse it became. They did not obey the LAWS of Success.

And then, something happened. Out of the "clear blue sky" another idea came to them, they tried it out, and with apparently no demands upon them it was a success. They simply were amazed that, in the one instance, with much thought and endeavor and effort behind their venture, and in the other, with no effort almost, they simply slid into success. Here they did obey the LAWS of Success.

(h) "Failure" Just a Word—LAW Is Life's Secret

You see two college men or college girls. They have, to all intents and purposes, the identical "education." They were educated in the same way. They seemed to be, as most professorial people regard human beings, "peas in a pod", the same. They were educated and influenced in the same way and in the same place. And then, they left college. We will say that they are both doctors or lawyers. They hang up their "shingles"; one on the right side of the street, the other on the left side of the street. One is a brilliant success from the start, and the other is an awful failure.

Have you ever noticed in your experience, however, that the greatest apparent failure, at the time it takes place, becomes later on, when time has rolled on a bit, the greatest success? You must have noticed that. I have.

If it would not bore you, I could tell you many little stories like that about myself . . . how I suffered intense disappointment (it is so foolish when I look back upon it) by what I hoped to be my success being turned into what I regarded, at the time, to be the greatest failure. And

yet, upon these very failures, I today can declare that my true Life action entirely depended. I am today much more what I am (and Heaven alone knows that is not much), by virtue of the reversal of what I believed to be my ''failures" and my "successes."

(i) Right Effort Should Pursue Right Values

Now, what am I writing? I am trying to say that in the realm in which we truly exist, in the being that we truly are . . . spiritual being . . . in that realm of Truth, **Right Effort** is almost diametrically opposite from what in a material, three-dimensional way we consider it to be.

To understand **Right Effort,** to be able to develop **Right Effort,** you must, you will admit, first of all, have a right understanding of right values. It is true that in the Western world practically everybody is educated to believe that success is shaped by and embodied in possessions—the possession of money and things. What a god greenbacks are! Yes, WHAT a god! With many people possessions mostly spell success. It seems to matter not at all in certain circles of society what a man's character is so long as he makes money, so long as he "has". It seems that the "having" develops a power within him to drive him through society and he is happy . . . or so it seems. But, of course, he has to live with himself!

To discuss **"Right Effort,"** we have to understand where we are going and what the objective. I can truthfully say for myself that the greatest blessing that ever happened to me was to lose what to me was a big fortune. I am

not engaging in any heroics, for I shall never lack. But there have been times in my life when I have been worth what to me was a lot of money. Today, making comparisons, I would not accept anything that I can possibly conceive of in exchange for what I have gained within myself as a result of losing that god that I had set up for myself.

(j) YOU Are to Decide Your Own Right Values

Therefore, it is important to see the picture clearly. What are the values of Life? There was a very wealthy man, and you know his name, who once offered a million dollars to any fellow who could come along and teach him how to digest a decent meal. Just think of that! Do you see the point? There are men right in this country today who would give all that they have for the little, glorious power and energy that you can feel vibrating through you at this instant. They would give all that they have. That energy is not "ours." It is God's—God's power in you, God's wisdom in you, God's energy in you, and so on. Naught is "ours"—all is God's! I am naught—God is ALL!

There is, as we in Mentalphysics know, a correspondence in Life, and we cannot evade that correspondence. If a thing be right . . . it is right. If a thing be not right, it is what people call wrong, but not perhaps wholly wrong, yet certainly less right.

I heard a man only this morning say a very wise thing. He said that people talk about a "semblance of Truth"

in certain events, speeches, circumstances and so on. Well, how foolish! There is either Truth or untruth. There is either God or Man. There is either Man or God, or the devil. You can see what I am trying to say.

(k) Right Effort Means Resting in The Law

This correspondence, this balance, this rhythm, this life of "ours"—**Right Effort**—really and eternally means "resting in the Lord."

Right Effort dwells in, is born, is measured in, is nurtured in The Silence. **Right Effort** is God's action in us! Do you see what I mean when I say that? We can see that if God (what people call God) . . . if God's effort had not been right, the whole Universe would have blown itself into countless pieces long ago. **Right Effort** is the creating, propelling power of God within us, more than any other power . . . more than any other power until we actually become what God's Wisdom is, and then we *are* what God is—Silent, Intangible, Unnameable, Nameless, Unchangeable, Changeless. We seek God in one place, and we find finally that, seeking in humility and sincerity, we too discover that God is so pervading that we cease to isolate ourselves into one place. **We, too, truly become as God is . . . all-obsessing, all-pervading, everywhere present at one and the same time!**

(l) You Do Not Know—Then You Must Learn

What am I writing for you, my friend, in words drawn together in fair accuracy? What is its meaning?

Can I tell you? Can **you** tell me? All that I can hope, as I write, is that the Spirit shows you that what comes from my heart to your heart is true. But I cannot tell the story fully—nor can you. We are able, however, to the exact mathematical exactitude of our development, of our evolvment, spiritually to absorb what I am trying to say. One person will see it perfectly clearly. One person will see it, perhaps in its completeness, infinitely more beautiful and more radiant than I can express in words, or possibly entertain in my own mind. To another, it may be like "water on a duck's back."

Then, let us set out to find how, first of all, we may come to know what **Right Effort** is, and then, how to (I almost wrote "use" Right Effort—but that would be foolish) . . . we must first know what **Right Effort** is, and then **we must be used by Right Effort.** That means SUCCESS!

PART II: SEVEN SPIRITUAL LAWS OF SUCCESS WHICH EVERY SUCCESSFUL HUMAN BEING USES CONSCIOUSLY OR UNCONSCIOUSLY; EVERYONE MAY LEARN AND USE THESE LAWS

Now, my friend, I naturally have no means of knowing just how you have received what I have so far written for you in this little volume. You may, of course, be so downhearted with events and episodes and conditions and circumstances in your life, and in present prevailing conditions all over the earth that you may not be inclined to feel a single spark of enthusiasm in what you have read. On the other hand (and this is what I hope for you), though

you may be "down" you know that you are not "out." You may be ill and weary, unhappy and discontented, dispirited about almost everything in your own life, "at outs" with people, desiring and needing more money; but something tells you that IF ONLY you could get a better job, get that invention of yours taken up, go somewhere else to live, get enough money together to put over that IDEA of yours whatever it may be, your troubles would be at an end and SUCCESS would be yours.

If that is how you feel, then READ ON!

No matter how simple what you are now about to read may sound to you, don't laugh: if you do, you will not be laughing at me—you will merely be laughing and scoffing at yourself, and that is simply disastrous in certain circumstances.

And it does not matter who you are. You may be a millionaire—don't think for a moment that the millionaire is free from the same personal problems that you have, even if you be his janitor; the millionaire's success may seem to be wonderful to you, but he may be entirely weary of financial success, longing for that Success which is peace and health and joy and youth. You may be anyone in the land, as a matter of fact—anyone whose life seems out of joint.

Well, I am writing for YOU. May the Divine Wisdom guide my pen, through me, that the right words may find their way to my manuscript; may the Divine Wisdom guide your hope and inspiration to see, in what I write, a message of transcending power. I assume that you know a

great deal about LAWS that **won't** work, and the things you **cannot** do. Now you are going to learn LAWS that WORK.

(m) The Seven Infallible Laws of SUCCESS

These are the SEVEN LAWS, in the order in which they work in YOUR OWN LIFE:

1. THE LAW OF IMAGINATION—GET TO KNOW THAT TRUE SUCCESS IS FOR YOU

Your Imagination is your own CREATIVE POWER, a part (so to speak of the INFINITE Creative Power in which you live and move and have your being. You must learn how to develop your Imagination that it may faultlessly guide you to come to know WHAT YOU SHOULD DO—that is your Success. Your IDEA IS BORN!

2. THE LAW OF REASON—CONFIRMATION THAT YOU ARE MATERIALIZING YOUR SUCCESS IN YOUR LIFE

The Reason is your anchor—it reasons things through and endorses or rejects what your Imagination brings to you. With the Reason having endorsed the IDEA that is born in your Mind by your IMAGINATION, you are all set. All other Laws, through the power you develop in your Subconscious Mind (the SLEEPING GIANT Within You), cannot fail to work.

3. THE LAW OF COURAGEOUS RESOLUTION—THE FIRE OF CREATION BURSTING FORTH IN SPIRITUAL REALIZATION

There must be a passion, an utter fearlessness that you will pursue the burning idea which your Imagination brings to you. There must be zeal, ardor, deep and unswerving desire to hold it in your heart, and the deepest FEELING THAT YOU WILL ACHIEVE . . . though HOW you may not know. It may come to you in quite unexpected ways; but COURAGEOUS RESOLUTION awakens the SLEEPING GIANT within you.

4. THE LAW OF SPEECH—YOUR WORD IS YOUR OWN CREATIVE TOOL

Your Speech is truly the Creator of your universe. Your Speech commands your Subconscious, and your Subconscious carries out all the behests of your Conscious Mind. In Speech you are given command of the Life-Giving Principle—nature's royal secret. YOUR Word is actually the Word of God within you. Your Speech, even more than your Thought, links you directly with the Infinite Intelligence.

5. THE LAW OF CONDUCT—IN YOUR CONDUCT YOU GIVE POWER TO WHAT YOU CREATE

By following the Law of Right Conduct, we discover the mystery of the "WARRIOR" within us. It is a deep secret. We learn how not to be constantly struggling and fighting for Success, because we discover the "WARRIOR" within us, and HE fights our battles. Increasingly then we literally SLIDE TO SUCCESS.

6. THE LAW OF EFFORT—PLANNED STRATEGY FOR YOUR ENDURING SUCCESS

Through Right Effort, our life becomes a perfectly ordered laboratory, filled with secret formulas, principles and tested procedures; our POLICY is established; we have arrived. Never more can we fail. We at last are perfectly balanced Success. We have at last found our place, our nature, our divinity. All Life is glorious—we are on the Path forevermore.

7. MEDITATION: THE MYSTERY OF THE NOBLE SCIENCE

This is Life's secret of secrets. Meditation is the actual coming into direct union with Infinite Intelligence, with the moving Wisdom of Life Itself. Read this carefully: "Great teachers of all ages have declared that there exists ONE SINGLE ESOTERIC SECRET which will enable ALL MEN, irrespective of what they may know or may not know intellectually, to develop themselves spiritually on the inner side, ESOTERICALLY, to the highest point, so that in their OUTER or EXOTERIC life they may express the highest that they are evolutionarily developed to express." That, of course, is the ultimate aim and end of Man's existence. By our works alone are we known and remembered.

(n) We Must All Learn These Seven Laws To Become Consciously the Master

I would like to be right inside you at this moment. I wonder what you think of what you have just read, my friend.

With all my heart I hope that something has happened to you. I hope you are right this moment so excited about becoming truly successful that you are determined to DO something about it. I hope you can see that these LAWS exist, and that they are powerful and infallible. I hope you can see that there is something in these LAWS that is foundational and final. I hope you can see, also, that the LAWS HAVE TO BE LEARNED, and that merely reading about them—though this may be inspiring ---is not enough.

If YOU wish to become a pianist, for example, you must learn how and no one can learn for you. So it is with everything in life. SO WITH SUCCESS.

Therefore, my dear friend, I give you the most cordial invitation to write to me in the matter. You and I are spiritual beings, our lives ruled by spiritual laws. The whole of what men call God's Power is yours and mine for the asking. How wonderful it is to learn actually what God is!

(o) You and I Are Great Because GOD IS

God is Alone in His Greatness! I am great, you are great, because GOD IS. You can do a million things, and some of them you may be able to do well. But when

anything in your action is perfect, there is (though you may not recognize it at the moment) complete submergence of yourself, complete surrender. As I write, I hear myself merely telling you that there **must** be this, and there **must** be that. But if I tell you not the way to do it, then I fail in my purpose. **If you will learn the way, and you will feel the way, and you will act the way of complete surrender into what is called God, then on all planes of your own existence, nothing but God can shine through.** That is simple, logical, is it not? There could not be, on the **physical** side of life, any disease, doubt, disharmony, darkness, negation, all the fearfulnesses that come into Man's mind, all the diabolical feelings that men hold in their own hearts, if in ABSOLUTE TRUTH MEN KNEW THAT THEIR LIFE IS GOD'S LIFE, and never forgot that they are what God is; and every moment that they breathe and think and move and live and yearn for and plan for, they remember it and act as if it's true.

There could, then, as all can see, be no place in the human being, for "my own" ideas, "my own" this, "my own" that. That is quite clear.

Then, on what you call the **mental** side of your Life, which seems to be very different from what is called the physical side of your Life, you would be complete in poise, repose, equilibrium, in the Golden Mean. You would be as the philosopher said, "As above, so below. As within, so without." You would ever be "at home"—you would never be on the gallivant. In the mind of you, the Artist (God) would ever be painting in your mind picture by picture, whose exact reflection would obviously be the Mind of God.

(p) You Owe It to Yourself to Learn the Secret

Then, just imagine what your life would be!

We in Mentalphysics have learned what it is to be happy. Others have not—they have not discovered the secret. I have met some people who say, "Oh, I feel so happy **today!"** . . . "I feel so happy **tonight!"**—it is perfectly human to speak like this. But what in the name of faith are they talking about, because they are JOY embodied. Joy is the only thing that propels. Joy is the only thing that turns on the faucet so that the stream of the waters of Life shall flow . . . the CREATIVE WATERS. You are, I am, Joy—Love, Imagination, Reason, Feeling, Beauty, Success, Youth—ALL the positives of Life Itself. It is for us to see that the VERITIES of Life are what we are made of—all working within us to propel us never-ceasingly into RIGHT EFFORT.

Are you a business man? If so, start to make this month the finest business month you ever had in your life. "How?" **"Right Effort!"** "Oh, that is interesting; I want to make some more money. Tell me how to do it" . . . "No, my friend, I cannot! As you know, you have to learn the way." "Where and how do you do it?" "Well, you do it as constantly as you train yourself to do it. You do it when you are sitting. You do it when you are standing. You do it when you are asleep. You do it **within** yourself

—you do it **without** yourself. You do it constantly and the more you do it, the easier becomes the doing!"

(q) Right Effort Is God's Life in You

"But I do not know how," you say. "Can you teach me?"

Ah, that's it—you do not know how.

Well, if YOU will learn, I can and will teach you. Turn, right now, to page 30 and read "An Invitation to You."

"Yes, but I have not the time, nor perhaps the inclination, nor the education . . ." Stop right there. You have all that is needed to LEARN THE WAY. How do I know? Because I know that Right Effort is **God's Life in You.** You are God's Life, God's Love, God's Beauty, God's Force, God's Wisdom, God's Mind.

You are walking with God! You are talking with God! You are loving with God! You are planning with God! You are imagining with God! You are achieving with God! You are living with God! . . . Yes, for God is living with you. That is all. God expresses . . . in you, through you, for you, with you, never failingly and for ever.

"Oh, I hope this idea will turn out to be good." "I hope this plan that I am making will be . . ." "Oh, dear, what shall I do five years from now?" "Why didn't I do this five years ago?" How human it is for people thus to speak! But how foolish! We have to change our thought from the active to the passive, "my" will to THY will . . . "Not my will, O Lord, but Thine be done! Thy Holy Will, which I wait for and I watch and I try to feel into. ! am

absorbing it. Thy Holy Will, O Lord, not mine, be done." This has been preached and preached and preached by all the churches that have ever risen in history. What I am saying in this volume has been said a million times, and I cannot say it as well as other men have said it, but do we **know** it? That is the point—**do we know it—do we do it** —or **can we do it?** We may talk about health, but are we health? We may talk about Joy, but are we happy . . . am "I" constantly, radiantly, with every breath that I breathe, feeling within myself, sending out, from that cup that runneth over, Joy in all its fullness?

(r) For You the Hour May Now Be Striking

"Yes," you may retort, "I have heard all that before. I'm tired of religion. I am a very 'practical' man!"

Now, my friend, what I am writing IS TRUE, whether you "believe" it or not. It is the LIVING Truth of you and me. I am the most fortunate man in the world, because I have been used as the instrument to teach men and women the innermost secrets of their true being and of their own Life. It is all so easy and right and real and true. If I were you, I would take a chance with yourself, with me as a Teacher, with "God" (whom you will learn to know lives in you. That is all—God LIVES IN YOU, and God's Wisdom becomes your power.)

Friend, what I have written would not, to the average person, make sense. Does it make sense to you? I hope that it does.

You must LEARN the way—none can learn it for you.

"Well, be honest, can you teach me the way?" you ask.

"Can you reach me the way," . . . ah, I do not know. I have never taught anybody anything, I suppose; and yet there are many thousands of kindly-disposed people all over the world who think that I am much greater than I am. I know the story, however; my answer, too, is a decided "YES, I can and will teach you the way if you seek to learn from me." Do not delay; for you the hour may be striking even as you read.

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