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Nathan Hill



Benevolent Soul

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Feature: Nathan Hill, a Benevolent Soul

Nathan Hill, a benevolent soul, who spent a large portion of his life, working with the Memphis Leadership Foundation, has passed.

This was a man that many of those present at his memorial service said was incapable of saying “no” to those seeking his assistance.

In the following section of this e-zine is an interview that was conducted by me with Nathan for the February 2022 issue. There you can find how the Cooperative Computer Ministry came to be and the purposes it served.

On occasion Nathan would open up to me about his problems, from health issues to difficulties with storing donated equipment. It was as if he had no one to talk to and I think that was pretty much the case.

We frequently talked about the family farm which is now reduced to the home. It is occupied by a man who was supposed to be taking care of the property. This situation was a concern for him.

Receiving equipment from corporations when updating their computers and other related materials, the Cooperative Computer Ministry provided computers to many ministers, teachers and private providers of services to the community.

Providing equipment was not all Nathan provided. He was able to solicit the help and expertise of a number of professionals for work on this equipment and for training. Almost always one could find people learning how to use their computers or how to work on them.

At the time of his passing he was working to supply more than 20 computers and equipment for a minister in Houston, Texas. From me alone has come numerous requests for assistance for ministers and teachers.

Nathan was a New Englander. Exactly how he came to choose Memphis, Tennessee I do not know. He was from Chelsea, Vermont and studied at the University of Vermont.

Nathan was employed by the Memphis Leadership Foundation, and some details are provided in the interview in the next section. He was struggling with storage and processing of equipment, but I never heard him complain nor did I ever hear him raise his voice or show any kind of anger.

Nathan was a generous benevolent soul and we will miss him.

Interview Reprint From the February 2022 Issue of Lightways:

This interview was conducted by James Renford Powell of Nathan Hill, one of the founders of the Cooperative Computer Ministry.

JRP – Nathan, was the concept of Cooperative Computer Ministry your idea?

NH – The Cooperative Computer Ministry grew out of dialogue between Richard H. Cook and myself in the 1990s. It was one way we thought we could serve the community that could break down racial and class barriers. The sponsor of this concept of community service was the Memphis Leadership Foundation with me as its director.

In the early 90's I was wanting to have a deeper prayer life and at the time I was house sitting for Bob and Elaine Johnson in Hein Park in Memphis. As I was sitting in the den, I wanted to take pictures of the television with 20/20 on the screen. I wanted to know God's will for my life. Imagine sitting in a room with a bookcase taking up the whole wall with a television in the middle. I took 4 pictures. One came back with everything there, the bookcase, and the TV which had "Night Line" at the time. Another picture came back and everything was red with a white box in the middle, which was the TV. In meeting with a group of pastors they asked me not to read into it too much. Without a vision people perish. The last picture came back all black with a blue box with 20/20 on the screen. At the same time I was a member of Good Samaritan UMC, and I had a copy of the church directory. While I had a computer and the church directory Cooperative Computer Ministry was born, out of Symbolism of the computer in bed with the church directory.

JRP – The sponsorship was taken over by Memphis Leadership Foundation in 1997. Is Cooperative Computer Ministry connected to a Church?

NH – Cooperative Computer Ministry is not based on denominationalism. Computers and services are provided to teachers and ministers of a wide range of schools, churches and non-profit organizations.

JRP – How does the Cooperative Computer Ministry serve the community?

NH – Computer related equipment is donated to Cooperative Computer Ministry by large and medium size companies who are upgrading their computers and networks. This equipment is reconditioned and made available where it is needed in the community.

There have been some major donations of equipment over the years. The United States Post Service donated 79 pallets early in the 90s. Medtronics over time has donated 500 laptops and over a 1,000 desktops. From the National Christian Foundation 8,000 hard drives were donated. Along with the coordination of over 500 computers through NCF. They would send out notices when computers were available in a specific area around the country and we ended up with 1500 or so. Unfortunately, this type of large donation has dried up.

JRP – What happens to this equipment if it does not come to you?

NH – Companies sometime donate it or they simply dispose of it. They are not inclined to spend money on reconditioning. Cooperative Computer Ministry is the conduit between the high-tech corporate world and the community service organizations to get the maximum benefit out of computers and related products.

JRP – I have noticed that you have a number of volunteers teaching and get a lot of calls from teachers and ministers for assistance. Are you operating a school?

NH – Many of those receiving the benefits of this program also require training on their use. They can learn how to rebuild a PC and there are classes with different software packages.

JRP – Why should a corporation give their equipment to Cooperative Computer Ministry?

NH – If they are aware of what we do they will know that they don't have to junk used equipment but can, without cost to them, benefit the community.

Corporations are becoming more aware of the need to serve the community as well as produce products.

JRP – Are non-profit companies aware of what you do?

NH - Non-profit companies are constantly having to raise money. Whenever they can find a way to get equipment without having to spend so much on technology, they take advantage of our services.

JRP – What is the primary obstacles you have to deal with?

NH – Well, like all non-profits we have to concern ourselves with money but we also have to make our presence and service known to companies that are regularly having to upgrade equipment. Probably the problems we face with facilities is the one thing we are constantly grappling with. Warehouse space is very important to hold equipment while reconditioning is taking place, training is being conducted and equipment placed.

JRP – Nathan, we see this as a viable and important service to the community. This is why I wanted to tell your story and we will continually make note of it in each issue. We wish you all the best and hope both corporations and non-profit people will take advantage of what you provide.
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Renford Revelations – Blogs, Articles and Essays

The Universal Law of Giving By Renford

Some writers have referred to the Law of Ten-Fold Return as if it was the only important factor in the Law of Giving. In this case it would seem to me that the emphasis is being placed on receiving. It is important to our purpose that we receive understanding and not necessarily the tenfold return of material benefits. In any event the principle is the same. The Law of Ten-Fold Return states that we cannot give without receiving ten times what we have given.

Some teachers have called the Law of Giving the “Law of Service to Others.” When we give of ourselves, our time or money, we are giving of our energy to those who need and can receive from us. Somehow, in some way, from somewhere, the ten-fold return can be expected. However, the emphasis should be on what we gain in understanding from this process. It carries over into every aspect of our lives and must be understood for us to benefit in the material world or other more refined worlds.

We cannot cast our bread upon the waters without it returning ten-fold as long as we know and have faith in the Law. This is not blind faith but one based upon knowing that this is a part of the Universal Law of Giving. We know that it is exact, just and unchangeable. Furthermore, Maharishi Mahesh Yogi notes that “Every man is capable of spreading the divine splendor in the whole creation. He is able to project all values of the absolute into the world of relative existence for all creatures to enjoy and to glorify the whole creation of God.”

He also said, “The basic fundamental of behavior should be to give. When you are going to meet someone, think what you are going to give him, whether it be a concrete gift of a beautiful object, words of greeting, warm sympathy, praise, adoration, love elevating advice or good news for his body, mind, or soul.”

Frithjof Schuon, in his book, Islam, says of the Law of Ten-fold Return (The Universal Law of Giving), “One who blesses the Prophet blesses by implication the world and the universal Spirit (Ar-Ruh), the Universe and

the Intellect, both the Totality and the Center, so that the blessing, multiplied tenfold, comes back from each of these manifestations of the Principle on him who has truly put his heart into this prayer.” He says, “Our movement towards totality—a movement whose most elementary expression is charity in the sense of the abolition of the illusory and passional division between ‘I’ and ‘other than I’—this movement at the same time purifies the heart, or in other words it frees the intellect from the obstructions standing in the way of unitive contemplation.”

G. dePurucker writes, “The Buddha, the Christ, and such other Great Ones, have left behind them in no uncertain words the doctrine of our ethical responsibility to all others, and their teaching calls upon us to be up and doing in fulfilling our whole duty towards others, whomsoever they may be.” Millman writes of giving under what he defines as the Law of Integrity. He says “Motives and intent make a vast difference in the lives of both givers and recipients, because we give far more than coins; we give the currency of the self.”

Chopra says of the Law of Giving, “In fact, anything that is of value in life only multiplies when it is given. That which doesn’t multiply through giving is neither worth giving nor worth receiving.” In addition to this, Maharishi Mahesh Yogi notes, “That level of nature alone knows how to give because the laws of nature are based on that level. Only from that level of cosmic consciousness can one really give. When one sets himself on this level of maximum giving, then one is in a position to receive the maximum.”

A major factor in our giving in one sense is that we can give effectively only to those who can receive. This does not mean that we can determine always that one or the other party is worth our gifts and the other is not. That is not the point being made but that what is true of those we give to is also true of ourselves. Like those we give to, we too can only receive what we are capable of receiving. We cannot give too much because the Law of Ten-Fold Return assures us that the more we give, the more we will receive. The one we give to, however, may not be capable of receiving. It does not mean we have given in vain but it may not be effective for the recipient. The admonition from Jesus was, “Do not cast your pearls before swine.” This refers to wasting your gifts on those who have demonstrated they have no capacity to receive.

The essential aspect of the Law of Giving that is rarely revealed, even by those writers and teachers that I give credence to, is the fact that the only positive thing man can do in life is “give”. This is the essential part of The Universal Laws that must be understood. We recognize that a necessary aspect of the Laws is action. Millman, as I’ve already noted, designated “The Law of Action” as one of The Universal Laws. I want to repeat one of his statements because it relates to the Law of Giving. He says, “No matter what we feel or know, no matter what our potential gifts or talents, only action brings them to life.” Exactly what can one really do? What action can one take? There is no action that does not involve giving in one form or another. One can study, gain understanding of Being, develop proper perspective, and do all the things that understanding of the Universal Laws

may lead one to, but when it comes time for action there is only one thing a Being can do and that is give.

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James Renford Powell

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Quote of the Month:

Vision without action is merely a dream. Action without vision just passes time. Vision with action can change the world.

Joel Baker

Humor Me!

Preacher Dying Among Banker And Lawyer

An old preacher was dying. He sent a message for his banker and his lawyer, both church members, to come to his home.

When they arrived, they were ushered up to his bedroom. As they entered the room, the preacher held out his hands and motioned for them to sit on each side of the bed. The preacher grasped their hands, sighed contentedly, smiled, and stared at the ceiling. For a time, no one said anything.

Both the banker and lawyer were touched and flattered that the preacher would ask them to be with him during his final moments. They were also puzzled; the preacher had never given them any indication that he particularly liked either of them. They both remembered his many long, uncomfortable sermons about greed, covetousness, and avaricious behavior that made them squirm in their seats.

Finally, the banker said, "Preacher, why did you ask us to come?"

The old preacher mustered up his strength and then said weakly, "Jesus died between two thieves, and that's how I want to go." Humorpedia.com

Poet's Porch: From *In Search of Self* by Renford

The Positive Action

After considerable thought and meditation, I came to the firm conclusion, that all possible action must necessitate our giving with full comprehension. When we take any action, give time or money, for it to be constructive, to be a positive force, we must be involved. Our absence makes it passive.

Regardless of the nature of our giving, it can be put to good use by receivers, but our hearts and minds must be in the giving or we aren't really givers. Some write of the Law of Action, but there can be none that excludes Giving. Action, the act of doing, requires giving of Self. It is the nature of living.

If I think, work, play or in any way act, I have given of myself something. Giving is a word of action. The Laws of Life are the banks of our pure spring.

These Laws, the channel of our stream of action, are the guide for accomplishment. With understanding of the Universal Principles, all actions are our unfoldment.

Giving is the action we take for fulfillment in life. It is our creative process, the way we maintain balance and the way we attract with abundant excess.

Recognizing the potential of our Being, with proper perspective, we attract love in our life and learn to be a Being that is intuitive.

The diversity within the whole of Being is the Divine Self-expression. We are the conduit, the process, our unfolding Being in evolution.

He said it was better to give than receive, and we must know the truth of it, for there is no way to receive unless we first take this action and do our bit.

THE RENFORD AFFIRMATIONS

I know that anything I can conceive and believe I can achieve. Everyday ideas are coming to me. Every day I gain more confidence because I believe in myself. God dwells in me, and I can access God Power by recognizing my innate powers.

I know that there are certain Universal Principles or Laws upon which all laws, including the laws of physics, rest. I am persistent in my identification of these Laws in my life. I am using my innate powers to come into harmony with these Laws of life. I know that these Laws are the Divine Self-Expression and that through understanding them in my life experiences, I can BE STILL AND KNOW GOD.

I see all problems as challenges that simply require a learning process. I love them because they exist in Divine Love for my benefit. I understand that proper perspective is necessary to begin any work and I'm daily developing the capability to view my life in proper perspective.

The essence of God is in me and I am pure potentiality. Every thought I have creates. I am aware that I can create destructively as easily as I can create constructively; therefore, my every thought is observed as if I were outside looking in. Negative and fearful thoughts are immediately apprehended and brought into the light from the dark corners and hidden caverns of my mind. In their place, creative and constructive thoughts are building the edifice of self-knowledge and understanding, which is my birthright.

I know that there are no limits upon the abundance that is available to me, except those that I place upon myself. I am releasing all thoughts that restrict or limit me. I am attracting all the skills, people and materials that I need to fulfill my primary purpose. These assets and attributes are daily being placed on the infrastructure that I have created in thought. I am manifesting what I have imaged in thought.

I know that I am not alone but part of the absolute unity of all. I know that every action has a reaction. I know that everything is connected; therefore, there are always consequences of my thoughts, attitudes and actions. I observe this and daily create an ever-expanding positive force.

I am giving of myself every day in every way. I share my wealth, time and knowledge, and the cosmos rewards me in multiples of my giving. It is inevitable that I receive when I give, because this is an expression of a Universal Law.

I know that no matter what I give or receive, there is only one essential ingredient, and this ingredient is the makeup of God. IT IS LOVE. Every time I share my knowledge, wealth or time, I am giving packets of LOVE—Packets of God. Love is all that I have been given, and it is all that I can give. I give love freely and daily.

I know where I am, who and what I am, and what I am capable of. I know that my capacity for energetic activity, creative thought and love is endless and that my energy supplier, Universal Being, is infinite. I take responsibility for what I have and will create. I know that what I create in thought, and give the power of emotion to, will be manifested. I AM IN EVERY WAY CREATING MY LIFE! ~ ~ ~

First Level – The Universal Law Society

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The RBR Hosts program has developed into a fraternity of teachers, healers, creators and service oriented personalities. We have formerly been limited to two hours per day broadcast time with 12 shows per week. Of course this limited the number of Hosts, the genres and the audience we could reach. We think that those who are producing these shows and working to provide information and services to listeners worldwide are dedicated and the potential for an expanded network is present. This is a diverse group and each host has appeal for a segment of the listener base and may create their own listener base. While we may have differences in belief systems, skills and approaches to the public the core intent is to serve. We have a variety of

backgrounds but as hosts we all want the same thing. We want successful shows with a good audience base and to share what we have come to know by interviewing service oriented guests.

Contact iamrenford@gmail.com for information regarding your participation in the Hosts Association. We will forward the Hosts Association Package.

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Inner City Interfaith Group

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The November session was held at the Benjamin Hooks Library on Poplar in Memphis, Tennessee. Contact the Program Director, ShukriyyahSchexnayder@gmail.com for the next meeting date and location.

Some of the panelists have been: James Renford Powell from the Institute of Applied Metaphysics, Rabbi Joel Finklestine of Anshei Sphard Beth El Emith congregation, Imam Rasad Al Sharif, of Masjid Al-Mu'minun, Dr. Namabl Webster, Minister Anthony Muhammad, Bishop Richard S. Floyd of the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints. And Rabbi Sarit Horwitz of Beth Sholom Synagogue and Rev. Eric Donaldson of Unity Christian Church.

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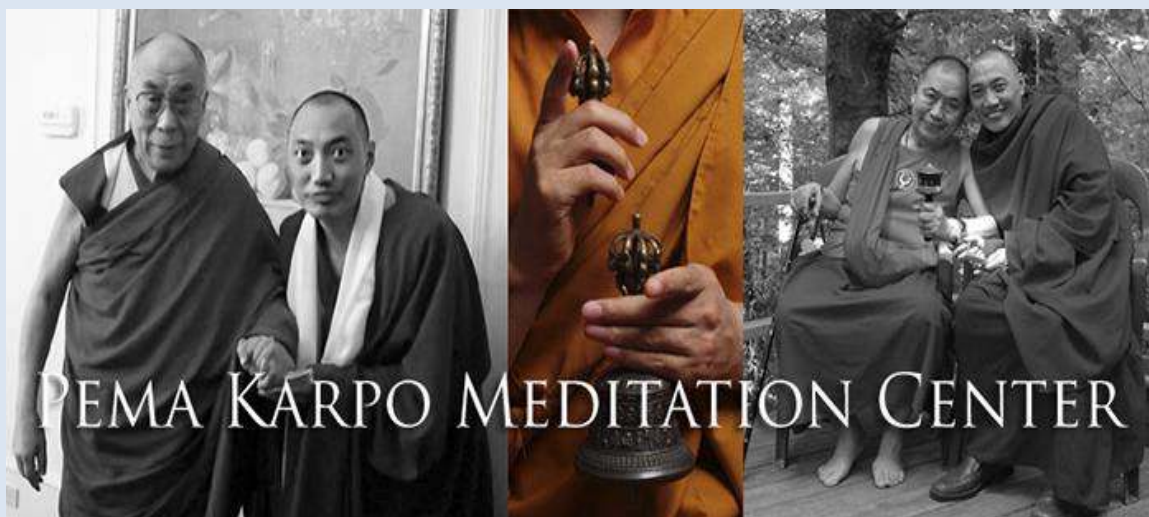
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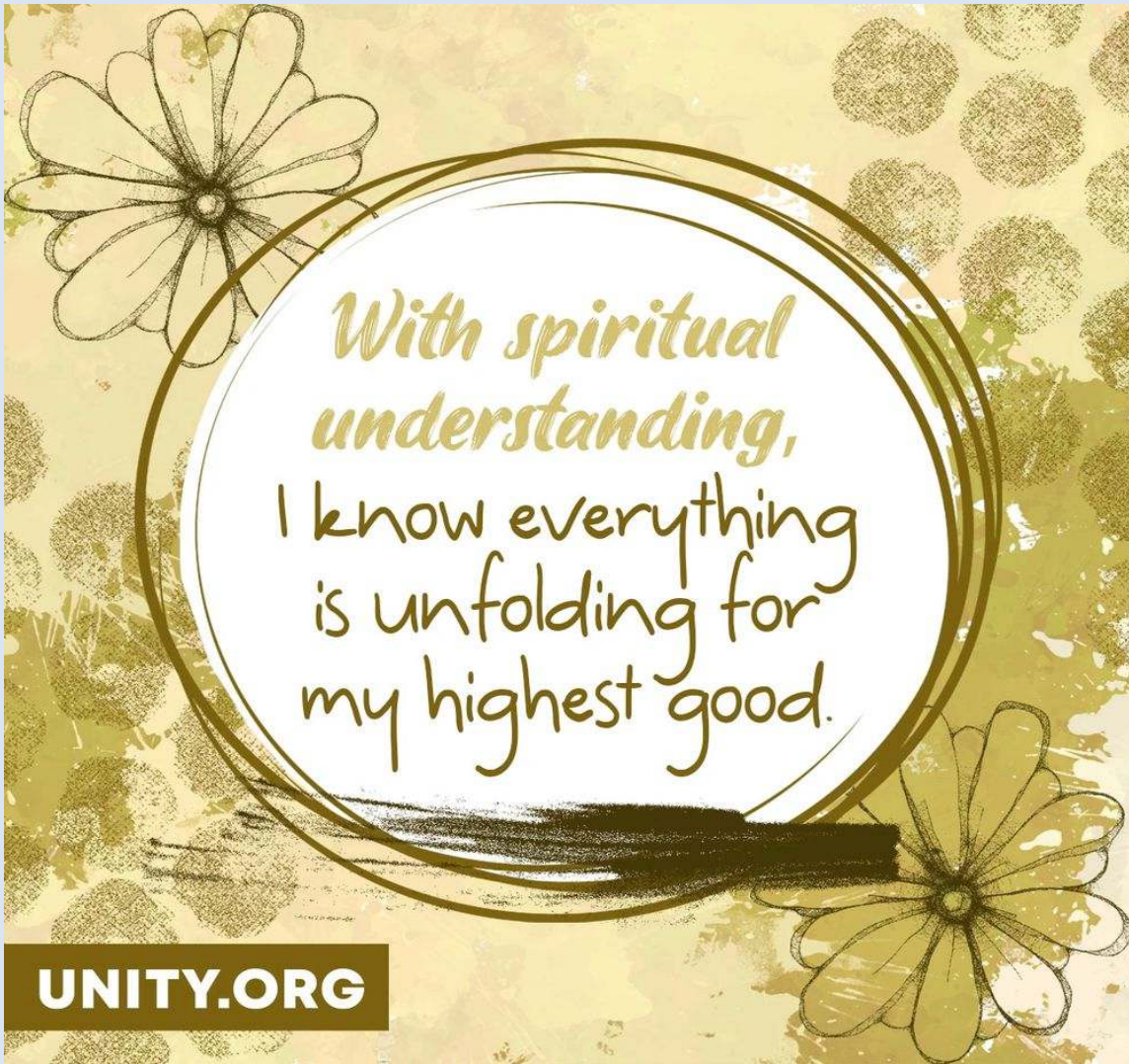
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Introduction to the Renford Books

The Introduction to the Renford Books is being repeated in this edition; however, next month links will allow you to directly download the Renford Books Catalog which contains the basic information on the books. It will be sent on request and will be available at www.IAM-COR.org.

As I have noted, “You can travel to the furthest recesses of any continent, endure years of discipline, have personal time with a master teacher, learn to develop psychic capabilities and experience intense visions; but sooner or later, the Universal Laws must be consciously identified and verified from your life experiences in order for you to truly know your Self.”

People all over the world are discovering that they can study world religions and philosophy and go to great lengths to develop spiritually and still not really go far in the process of self-discovery. We would like to introduce you to the Renford Books because this author demystifies the process. He brings out the ultimate master in each of us. We start with the conscious process of identifying and verifying each of the Universal Laws from our life experiences. Once they are clearly understood on a conscious level, we begin the process of self-observation and let the intuitive mind, the inner being, take over.

Renford wrote each of the Renford Books with a particular type of reader in mind yet the subject matter is similar in that always he is dealing with the Universal Laws. Renford says he has been asked often why he is always talking about the Universal Laws. He says “there is nothing else to talk or write about.” Every thought and every action we take, no matter how wrong we might be, is based in these laws. We live move and have our being in them and it is imperative that we understand them.

In this document, now included in each book, Renford is giving a little history as to why he wrote them, for whom they were written and why. At the heart of our thinking when we consider reading a book the essential questions are, what is in it for me? How will I benefit by reading this book? The purpose of this document is to address these questions.

The Searcher's Road Map

The Searcher's Road Map introduces the reader to the Universal Laws, the Renford Books, the Institute of Applied Metaphysics and the Universal Law Society. This book promotes no religion but seeks to show how we are alike as opposed to how we are different. *The Searcher's Road Map* could be called a marketing piece. Renford wanted to create a book that looked like a book, would be accepted as a book but really would serve the purpose of introducing the reader to the whole program.

The COR Document

The COR Document is the manual for the Church of Revelation. It addresses the problems that beset religious organizations and explains the mission of the group. The Church of Revelation was established to provide assistance with the personal ministries of graduates of the Institute of Applied Metaphysics. This book defines an organization that is structured so that the best interest of the individual member is held as première. Both Krisnamurti and Yung noted that as soon as an organization is formed the interest of the group supersedes that of the individual. Where this occurs in a spiritual organization a barrier is created to self-discovery. COR is based on knowledge and understanding, not on politics or tenure.

The Rules of the Game

The Rules of the Game introduces the Universal Laws in the simplest manner possible. It is not an in-depth study, but provides a basis for understanding of the Laws. Many people do not consider what Jesus or Buddha had to say as relevant to their lives today. They are not really interested in the great sages. Some are, however, interested in what Vince Lombardi, Lou Holtz and Bear Bryant had to say. These legendary philosopher coaches may never have thought in terms of Universal Principles but the quotes recorded in this book show they understood the principles about which they were speaking. The game of football is shown to be analogous to the Laws of Life, and the quotes illustrate that even on the simplest everyday matters of life, these Laws are in play. It was Renford's intention to provide as simple an explanation of each Universal Law as he possibly could and avoid any trace of religious doctrine or dogma. He

wanted to create a book that could be used by sports organizations or any kind of group that supports youth development.

The House That Namuh Built

The creation of meaningful allegories, in fact, the writing of allegories, is an art form that some think is disappearing. When you find a good allegory that is expressing a Universal Principle, it can have a powerful effect on your life. *The House That Namuh Built* is about first a man, and then a whole people who begin on the path of Self-discovery. Again, it is about the Universal Laws, the invariant facts of life, upon which we can base our understanding for Self-discovery. This is a modern day parable, an allegory of the process of Self-discovery. Everyone in the story represents an attitude, an emotion or a Universal Law. The purpose of the book is to aid readers in the process of identifying and verifying the Universal Laws from their own life experiences.

The initial intent was to write a book for young people that would introduce them to the process of identifying and verifying the Universal Laws in their life experiences. The first draft was about 19 pages. It addressed the subject of the levels of mind and it took more than 5 years fleshing out characters and creating stories within the story to illustrate each of the Laws. Renford says he has received more feedback from readers regarding this book than any other.

In Search of Self

This is a book of prose and poetry that parallels the other books in the study of the Universal Laws. You will find that one of these Laws states that to truly understand anything, one must experience it personally. *In Search of Self* is the rendering of the Laws in verse. It allows readers to experience the process of identifying the Universal Laws from one's life experiences. Renford says this book is more personal to him than some of the books because it reflects his process of self-discovery. These poems were written over a long period of time and were collected into sections that pertain to each of the Universal Laws.

It was not Renford's intention to write a book of poetry but he simply put a collection together of his works over a long period of time. He has noted that

he approaches poetry differently. It is as if we have to pay more attention to every line in order to grasp the real meaning.

The Laws of Material Wealth

This book was written for those who are pondering career changes or contemplating going into business for themselves. It applies Renford's understanding of the Universal Laws and his experience working with entrepreneurs, especially in startup situations. For many people developing their own business is a compelling idea. Sometimes a hobby or particular activity is all that really interests some people. *The Laws of Material Wealth* helps readers understand where this is coming from and why it is important for them as part of the creative process. The fundamentals based on the Universal Principles of creation are the foundation no one can ignore.

This book was written while Renford was working in venture capital. He was raising the money to raise the money. In other words, seed capital, the funds necessary to get into the position to approach venture capital, securities companies or angels. He came to the conclusion that though his clients saw everything as a money problem, the real problem more often than not was management and their unrealistic expectations. He used a number of examples from this period changing the names to protect the guilty!

The Laws of Material Wealth Workbook

The Workbook for *The Laws of Material Wealth* follows the chapters in the book and includes four - five exercises in each chapter dealing with a Universal Law. Sample questions one may need to ask are included. The primary purpose is to assist the reader in the process of identifying and verifying each of the Universal Laws in his own experiences and making application of this knowledge in the creation of the image held in thought. Whether a business, career or a non-profit project this is the process of creation, and above all else each of us are creating our lives.

Support for the Laws of Material Wealth

Once a student has the book, the workbook and the 4 DVDs he receives access to the 54 weeks of support material and online coaching. The support material is delivered by e-mail and the radio program on the RBR Network

called The Laws of Material Wealth Personal Development Program constitutes oral coaching on each of these 54 weeks of support material. The shows are available at present in the archives of the RBR Network at www.blogtalkradio.com/renford and will be available on DVDs for those who purchase the program. The support material will be published as an additional workbook for the program.

The River of Life

This book is primarily written in verse. It is about the eternal nature of being. It picks up an entity that is between physical lives and follows him on his journey down the river of life. It addresses the various theories of life after death that is usually dumped under the general term of “reincarnation.” Christian dogma starts the clock on the nature of being with physical birth, and this essentially denies the word “eternal” except in terms of an eternal reward or punishment. This book points to the fact that the word eternal means **without beginning as well as without end.**

The Mysteries Revealed

This book looks at the meaning of the most controversial of the biblical books – the *Book of Revelation*. Many equate the word “apocalyptic” with the word “catastrophic.” “Apocalyptic” does not mean “catastrophic.” It means revelation. It is also called the *Revelation of John*. Dreams can seem crazy when viewed in relative consciousness, so it is important to use the language of the mind. Since there are a number of visions mentioned, *The Book of Revelation* should be treated and interpreted as a dream. Though most consider *The Book of Revelation* simply to be a book of riddles, there are those who teach a religion of fear based upon it. It is really about moving **from fear based feeling to love based living.** *The Mysteries Revealed* is a metaphysical interpretation of the *Apocalypse of John* – the revelation of Jesus. It is a roadmap to self unfoldment. It is the mysteries revealed.

The Metaphysical Bible

It is a mistake to think that one can interpret all the books of the Bible in exactly the same manner. One cannot interpret all these books literally, metaphysically or with any set formula. Each book was written by the writer to a specific individual or group for a specific reason. *The Father Confusors* deals with physical events described by ancient witnesses from

their only points of reference. *The Metaphysical Bible* deals with scripture that is obviously metaphorical or metaphysical in nature. Popular and familiar passages such as *Isaiah 55*, the Lord's Prayer, the 23rd *Psalms* and others are revealed in a different light. The deeper, and with all due respect to theologians and philosophers, clearer picture of what was being said is recorded for your study. Some, if not all, of the passages that are metaphysically rendered can be found in various Renford Books, but they are all together and in an easily understandable order in this book.

Included in this book is a chapter on how we got our Bible. Many think of it as something that has always existed but it was a collection ordered by an Emperor who was himself not a Christian. What should or should not be included is still a matter of conjecture with the Greek Catholics, Roman Catholics and Protestants, not to mention the Gnostics, putting forward their collection as the Bible.

Renford Revelations Volume One – Volume Four

Included in these books are blogs, articles and essays by Renford on a variety of subjects of contemporary interest. The power that can be gained by understanding of the ancient teaching of the Masters come alive with understanding of applied metaphysics. Without a practical way to understand and harmonize with the Universal Laws, the benefit is limited to the intellect or faith. The Essays are revelations that come from the process of identifying and verifying the Universal Laws from life experiences. They have been delivered on Internet radio, Internet Article Centers and included as chapters in some of the Renford Books.

The Father Confusors

This is a study of ancient scripture and the parallels that can be seen in related stories. It is in the third level of the Institute of Applied Metaphysics and builds on the lessons learned from the Universal Laws. Once the Universal Laws are understood, at least on a basic level, *The Father Confusors* helps differentiate between Universal Being – God and alien entities that were thought to be God or posed as God. The First Cause, the Creative Force we call Universal Being, is identified through the Divine Self-Expression, the Universal Laws. This book deals with numerous incidences described by ancient witnesses from their point of reference and what they are describing is not God nor God-like attitudes and actions.

Witnesses describe an incident from their point of reference. Ancient witnesses could not include all the technological advancements of the 21st century.

The Core Teachings

This book identifies thirteen Universal Laws that were taught by the Great Masters. The emphasis is on how their teachings were alike as opposed to how they were different. It can be read in two ways. It may be read as any book from front to back in the normal way or the reader can take any one of the Universal Laws and follow the thinking of the Masters one by one. You can read what Buddha had to say about one of the Laws in the Dhammapada – what Lao Tzu said in the Tao Teh Ching, what Vedic writers said in ancient Vedic texts – what the Zen Masters said – what Jesus said and what Mohammed said. The book moves on to famous writers and teachers such as William James, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Thomas Troward, Wallace Wattles and Napoleon Hill. The last author quoted is Dr. David Hawkins PhD. The reader can get a more comprehensive picture of a Universal Law than any other way. Readers and students can see for themselves how the original teachings parallel each other. In the process of this study what has been added can be identified. To some degree, there is an introduction to the Universal Laws in virtually all of the Renford Books, but in *The Core Teachings*, there is a more in depth study of the Laws.

The Unity Principles

This book is a study of the writings of Charles Fillmore and Emily Cady and records what they said about the Universal Laws in comparison to what are commonly accepted as the Unity Principles. No matter how the Unity Principles are represented today, we can see in this book that Fillmore and Cady were very specific in their statements.

The 5 Unity principles as they are explained by the ministers of Unity Church of Christianity are really principles that any Christian could agree with. However, when we look at the specific statements of Cady and Fillmore we find very specific definitions of each of the 13 Universal Laws that are unequivocal. These statements, unlike those put forward officially as the Unity Principles orthodox Christians would not agree with. The Principle of Absolute Unity, for instance, is clearly stated in Unity as, “There is only one power in the universe.” Orthodox Christianity says there are two

warring powers battling over the souls of men, God and angelic army and the devil with his demonic forces. Duality is predominant throughout traditional Christianity.

The Universal Law Society Workbook

The ULS Workbook contains the multiple choice Lesson Questions for the books and essays that make up the first level of study for the Institute of Applied Metaphysics. The first level is called the Universal Law Society because each of the Renford Books deals with the Universal Laws. The essays have True and False Lesson Questions. This is the workbook necessary for those who want to complete the ULS and become eligible for ordination by the Church of Revelation as Minister – Teacher.

The IAM Masters Workbook

In the second level, the M. A. Program, the focus shifts to the process of manifestation and acceptance. The purpose of this level is to engender understanding of the process of creation. In fact many of the teachers who have studied the Universal Laws call them “the Laws of Creation”.

It is obvious that masters, such as Jesus, saw our purpose for being here to create and be productive. We have the illustration of Jesus wilting the fig tree because it was barren. He told the parable of the talents which emphasized the need to be productive and explained what the primary enemy of the individual is, “Fear”.

The PhAM Workbook

This workbook contains essays with lesson questions and all assignments. It also includes all of the multiple choice questions for the texts in this level. This is a required purchase for one who wants to complete the third level. The material in this level is advanced information not readily available in most esoteric schools. Completion of this level entitles the graduate to teach any courses in this level as well as ordination as a Doctor – Metaphysician in the Church of Revelation.

The Author's Workshop

This workbook is the text taught in workshops and is provided for paying students as part of the price of the workshop. It can be purchased separately but it is in outline form and much is to be gained from the explanations covering it. This is a complete guide to aspiring authors. Publishing is defined, what to expect as part of the process and what to do when your book is covered. The workshop is generally presented in a three hour format beginning with a clear picture of how the publishing business has evolved and how to adapt to these changes. This is important if a new author is going to be able to make informed decisions. With this knowledge it will be much more difficult for anyone to take advantage of a new author. Cost cannot be hidden if the author knows what the process is. When you know the questions to ask publishers and people who assist with publishing recognize that you want an itemized fixed cost in advance and that you intend to maintain control.

Half Enlightened Masters

The purpose of this book is to familiarize the reader with the steps to be taken in the process of self-discovery. In order to accomplish this process it is helpful to look at ways people have tried to do this. Religion has been the main focus. The occult world is another, which includes the search for a perfect master in the popular Eastern tradition. Renford is offering his observations with regard to organizations covered in this book because he has been able to study and spend time with supporters of these schools of thought. They were not selected for critiquing purposes. Basic information is provided and readers can take the time, should they so desire, to investigate any or all that has been included.

The Literalist Conspiracy

This book gives an accurate picture uncolored by the Catholic Church story line. It reveals the facts about the first 50 years after Christ, the Ebionites under James the brother of Jesus in Jerusalem as well as the coming of the Gnostics. It reveals a small group of the lowest level Gnostics, called Hylics who interpreted the myths with meaning written by Gnostics literally and turned them into narratives. It is about the state of Christianity through to the Nicene Council in 325. It traces the development of a new aggressive and violent religion founded by the Emperor, a non-Christian, for political

purposes. This new religion was structured along the lines of the Roman Military, and combined with the state apparatus, created a resilient theocracy that when the state failed continued to develop through other states. This book contains information on existing and competing religions at the time and the role politics played in the creation of the Bible.

The Revealer

The Revealer is an in depth study of the mission of Jesus, the religious and political scene at the time of his recorded life and the very essence of his teachings. This book deals with the secrets he said he was there to reveal. He said these secrets had lain hidden from the foundations of the earth. In the same verse, *Matthew* 13:35, where he sates this is his purpose for coming. The writer of *Matthew* goes on to say, “And he spoke to them in parables and without parables spoke He not.” This very clearly tells us where the secrets are to be found.

IAM-WELL

It is clear that the basic and most effective way to be healthy is to be completely healthy. We mean by this, healthy in mind, body, and spirit. Any other approach yields only temporary results. It is necessary to identify and come into harmony with the Laws of Life if one is to know true health. Medicine and the science of healing on the physical level have come a long way. Its advancements, however, have been so focused on the physical level that mind and soul have been considered only possible aids in physical health. In other words, the advances have been made without recognition of the fact that mind and spirit are a part of the equation. Scientists have proved that everything on this vibratory plane is governed by laws, but they are only aware of physical laws. We would like to suggest that you look at the question of health and the laws that govern health with a more comprehensive view including body soul and mind. In the Renford Books these Laws are referred to as the Universal Laws and the author shows how they affect the natural laws with which we have become somewhat familiar. We could also refer to them as simply, The Laws of Life.

The IAM Catalog

The idea for the creation of the Institute of Applied Metaphysics developed from the suggestions and contributions of many who read the Renford Books when they were still in manuscript form. Readers and students have continued to motivate Renford culminating in the establishment of the Institute and its Board of Regents. The Renford Books constitute Renford's understanding on a wide range of subjects, each related to the Universal Laws. As a student of the Institute of Applied Metaphysics you will learn on three levels. The first level is a comprehensive look at the Universal Laws with the objective being to identify and verify each from your own life experiences. The second level looks at our primary purpose for being here and the process of manifesting our evolution and unfoldment. The third level ties it all together with an in depth esoteric study.

The courses, essays and lesson questions for all three levels are listed along with comprehensive information on the Institute. This catalog also provides a clear picture of the philosophy of the Institute with regard to education and educational institutions.

One only need read one of the Renford Books to recognize that they are different. With a dedicated study of these books one can break the bonds of mechanical thinking and begin the process of evolution and unfoldment. The same old fuzzily stated esoteric ideas are absent. There is a clear and direct communication of the invariant principles in a way that any serious student can understand and find a path to run on.

Original Science

Science today draws on the contribution of early giants such as Hermes Trismegistus, Pythagoras, Socrates, Aristotle and others. At the same time they made these scientific contributions they were extraordinary philosophers. There was simply not the clearly established lines we have today between philosophy and science.

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Government

In this book original laws from ancient texts such as The Laws of Maat, The Code of Hammurabi and the Ten Commandments are shown to be the core principles upon which our judicial system and systems of government are based. There were other such ancient text all of which the kings who brought them claimed were given to them by the gods on a mountain top. It is what all including the Law of Moses have in common as they all claim them to be a revelation exclusively for them by the gods to provide for the people.

This book explains how from these basic laws we have meandered through history and the divine right of kings to eventually arrive at constitutional law by the people and for the people.

Religions of the World

This book may not include every religious group in the world and there are many derivatives from each of the major religions. The major ones are covered using both the literalist and esoteric extremes. The Literalist side will be most interested in form, doctrine, and ritual. The esoteric side will be interested in the process of enlightenment and understanding. There will be some religions of which you will have limited knowledge. You can find information on the Internet with regard to any religion but you have to know what to look for. I think there will be some in this book you would not have known to look for.

The Contemporary Revealers

This book is a review of contemporary writers who have addressed and explained some, if not all, of the Universal Laws. This fact is not recognized by those who have written reviews of these authors and their books. It may be that they do not recognize the significance of these writings. For instance, people who write about Edgar Casey involve themselves in how accurate his readings of the future have been. They want to theorize about what he saw in political terms etc. They miss the significance of his identification and verifications of the Universal Laws. You will not hear from most Christian Ministers about the Universal Laws but Jesus himself said that he had come to reveal the secrets that had lain hidden from the foundations of the earth. He told his apostles that he had revealed the mysteries to them though they

don't appear to have been astute students. This book features people who have revealed at least partially the Universal Laws.

The Language of the Mind

When we attempt to interpret a dream, especially those that are recurring, we have no hope unless we know the language being used. We think in pictures and it is motion pictures we receive. These pictures are symbols with which the inner being is using to talk to us. If we associate the dream only with the picture or scenes related to the experience in the relative conscious state while awake it is like trying to translate from Chinese to English using only Greek. It does not work! If we know the symbols we know the language of the mind.

The Renford Books

This book will provide for those interested in the Renford Books and the Institute of Applied Metaphysics the basic purpose of each book, why I was moved to write them, how they came to be written and what you can expect to get out of reading them.

The Four Pillars

Over 30 books have been written in which I stress the need to identify and verify the Universal Laws in your own life experiences. Only in some of the workbooks have I provided exercises or instructions on how to accomplish this. Nether have I shown the connection between the four pillars, identification, verification, observation and Meditation.

My Mission – My Way

It is my observation that we often have no idea of a mission when we are young. We often do not recognize our teachers for what they are until they are gone. I did not know what I was going to Viet Nam for, I only thought I knew. I do know that I had little awareness until I was there and awareness grew from that point. This book is about my journey. If you find parallels, I hope you can benefit by my story.

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There are 12 issues and hard copy subscriptions for the year is \$54. Each issue includes articles contributed by James Renford Powell and guests who have appeared on the Radio by Renford Network. Interviews are a staple of Lightways in association with the Radio by Renford shows on www.blogtalkradio.com/renford. For video interviews go to YouTube.com and type in Renford Broadcast Network. There are two shows, The Book Man Show and Core Concepts. The Activities and Projects section includes reporting and updates of all developments concerning the Institute and the Church of Revelation.

Features of Lightways are regular editorial comments by James Renford Powell. Each issue provides a visit with the founder and include excerpts from the Renford Books. This serves the purpose of introducing subscribers to the Renford Books and the course of study provided by the Institute.

A calendar of events is provided free for those who want to announce an event. This is separate from the Activities and Updates section which is specifically those of IAM, COR and IAMPress.

A section is devoted to Letters to the Editor and there is a book review in each issue. Each issue has a theme or featured article that is considered serious material but we are not without humor. Each issue has a humor section. This may take the form of a cartoon or strip. It may simply be a humorous piece in verse or story form.

The music review is not just to be a critique of a singer or artist but a biographical or autobiographical piece about a person and their music. We would like to see at least one poet introduced each month Poets may submit their poems and one will be chosen for each issue. A short biographical sketch is provided on the poet.

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