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“Understanding is a spiritual birth, a *revelation* of God within the heart of man.”

“The very Spirit of truth, which has come to abide with you forever in your consciousness, takes deep things of God and *reveals* them to you. You will no longer run to and fro seeking teachers or healers and rely solely on them for guidance. You know that the living light, the living word within you, will guide you into all truth.” John 16:13

“That which God would say to you and do through you is a great secret that no man on the face of the earth knows, or ever will know, except yourself as it is *revealed* to you by the Spirit that is in you. The secret that He tells me is not *revealed* to you, nor yours to me; but each man must, after all is said and done, deal directly with the Father through the Son within himself.”

Quotes by Emilie Cady – *Lessons in Truth*

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Introduction

For over 5 years I have been interviewing people on my radio shows and for the past few years I have been interviewing for the **Book Man Show** and the **Core Concepts** series available at the Renford Broadcast Network on YouTube.com.

The Book Man Show has featured authors and we have delved into what they believe and what their books are about. On **Core Concepts** the guests are spiritual and religious leaders and the format is basically, what do you believe? Why do you believe this? How did you come to believe this and how has this manifested in your life?

I view the *Renford Revelations* as a basis for another show. **The Renford Books**, the organizations I have formed, such as the **Institute of Applied Metaphysics**, the **Church of Revelation**, the **Radio by Renford Network** of Internet Radio Shows, the **Renford Broadcast Network** and **IAMPress, Inc.** are all part of our efforts to provide anyone interested with a clear program of development identifying and verifying the Universal Laws.

The *Renford Revelations* are not about a particular religion or a denomination in Christianity. I use illustrations from various teachings but these revelations may be considered secular. There is no attempt to convince you to join any religious group or any group of any kind. Some will say that they do not need this information to be saved and they would be correct. One does not need coffee to survive in the morning and one does not have to know the Bible like a Minister but we are told by no less than Jesus that there are things we can do. In fact, he said to some of the scribes and Pharisees, “Why are you asking me this? Why don’t you figure this out for yourself?”

In the distant past Church leaders controlled all education and discouraged laymen from reading the Bible. That was what the priest was for! With the coming of Martin Luther and the Reformation Movement there developed a new interest and

freedom in personal study of the scriptures. With the printing of the Bible so that anyone who wanted one could have one, we see what we might consider strange interpretations and strange doctrines developing. I am of the opinion that it is better that scripture be studied and misinterpreted than to accept what a priesthood or any ministry teaches without question.

It may seem like I am carrying on a constant debate with Ministers and Pastors who might perceive the *Renford Revelations* as contradicting their doctrine. It may seem like I am carrying on a debate with scientists and educators. However the *Renford Revelations* is not propagating a doctrine, a crusade or political movement. I leave it to readers and viewers to determine what they believe and why. I will provide on a continual basis facts that the reader may accept or reject. This debate will be carried on by way of reader's questions and statements and my answers.

My purpose is not to show who is strange, who is right and who is wrong. It is to bring forward some facts that may or may not be a revelation of some importance to you.

The Process

In numerous essays, classes and books I address what I call the spiritual I.V., the necessity of identifying and verifying the Universal Laws in our life experiences. In other words, the stress is on the personal conscious recognition from our own experiences as opposed to blindly accepting tradition or faith in what someone else says their experience has been. This is a process initially in conscious recognition that will eventually be taken over by the intuitive mind. It is a step toward the door to our path. If we can't find or open the door, how are we going to determine a path?

Most of the Renford Books in the first level of study at the Institute of Applied Metaphysics are designed to assist you in this process of identification and verification of the Universal Laws in your life experiences. The purpose is to key off in your mind an incident that can confirm for you a particular Universal Principle. These first level books approach the process from different angles so that should you not be able to associate a Universal Law with your experience in one area – maybe you will be able to relate it to another part of your life.

In *The House that Namuh Built* you can find the story of one man's process of self-discovery and each incident is an example for you to relate to your experiences. However, this is a modern day parable told in a simple story form that some may find difficult to relate to their own reality. For this reason I wrote *The Rules of the Game*. Some people are not terribly interested in what Jesus, Buddha or Lao Tzu had to say but may be very interested in what Lou Holtz, Bear Bryant and Vince Lombardy had to say. This book is analogous to football and all the quotes come from sports figures. These philosopher coaches may or may not have been aware of the Universal Principle they were stating but their expression of that Law is unmistakable. Others will not read anything unrelated to their business or money. For this reason I wrote *The Laws of Material Wealth*. This book is about the thinking that should occur before you go into business

for yourself. I draw on my experience in raising capital for new businesses for illustrations of each Universal law.

For those who love poetry I wrote *In Search of Self*. In this book I revealed in 63 poems my process of evolution and unfoldment. In whatever manner and in whatever way I could I sought to provide ways for you to relate to the Universal Laws. I have suggested to you what I have discovered but your dependence on my word about these Universal Laws if accepted on faith will be just as much a hindrance to your process as accepting what your preacher says without searching the scriptures to see if the things said are so.

The process, of necessity, must be yours and yours alone. It is your experiences you are studying in relation to the Universal Laws to help you consciously recognize this principle so that you can say, "I know this to be true because I have been there and done that." Once you have been able to relate each principle to an experience consciously it becomes second nature for you. You will not be analyzing everything that happens to you in relation to the Universal Laws. The intuitive mind takes over and the inner being recognizes what is going on as a natural process.

You will never get where you want to go with this if you sit down with a list of the Universal Laws and ask yourself "What has happened to me that typifies this or that Law? What works is to review your life experiences beginning with those things that were life changing or traumatic and determine which Universal Laws or combinations of Laws were in place at the time. You cannot use the Universal Laws like some tool or "how to" formula. Once you recognize and relate a Law to an incident in your life you can learn to come into harmony with it.

This process requires work on Self which I have found to be the most difficult work an individual can undertake. Most people would prefer to read a book, go to church or to a seminar and let someone tell them what they should do. Some want to go to a service or group meeting and feel the energy without having to think, observe or in any manner work on one's Self. The actual

process requires so much mental effort that without a group or a teacher available on demand you may simply set it aside as requiring too much effort. By using the Renford Books as your tool for the process of relating the Laws to your experiences the task becomes simply a procedure that automatically slots in an experience as being an illustration of a principle.

Besides reading the Renford Books in the first level and answering the questions in *The ULS Workbook* there is an added exercise that will facilitate your process. This exercise is also difficult because we are unaccustomed to self-observation. Once we actually start paying attention to what we are saying and doing we become more and more self-aware. You do not have to beat yourself up for getting angry or saying something caustic. By virtue of the fact you are observing yourself you will simply stop doing the negative which you recognize as harmful to your process. You may catch yourself responding negatively to someone because of what they said and may respond in kind but the fact that you recognize what you are doing is a major step in your process.

As self-observation begins to kick in, the fourth step in your process should commence. This involves three forms of meditation in conjunction with your verification work. Remedial steps can eventually be taken when self-observation has taken root. This means that negative thoughts and actions can be removed and replaced with the creative and the pure potentiality of your thinking. I will cover these forms of meditation in an article to follow.

Proof Positive

The most important thing we can possibly do in this life is to consciously identify and verify the Universal Laws in our life experiences! Jesus' own words speak of a mission having to do with the revelation of secrets that had lain hidden from the foundations of the earth.

In *Matthew 13:35* the writer says, "All these things Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables, He spoke to them only in parables, to fulfill what had been said through the prophet: **"I will open my mouth in parables, I will announce what has lain hidden from the foundation of the world."**

*Jesus was later to say, "I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have **hidden these things** from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to the childlike." *Matthew 11:25* With each parable he delivered an explanation of the Laws in the simplest way possible. How they were received depended on the mind-set of the listener. Those who received his teachings with the innocence of a child gained understanding.*

*"The disciples approached him and said, 'Why do you speak to them in parables? He said to them in reply, "Because knowledge of **the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven** has been granted to you, but to them it has not been granted." *Matthew 13:10* For the benefit of his disciples he had been revealing to them the mysteries that had lain hidden from the foundations of the earth. He had to speak to the people on a level they could relate to.*

Paul refers to these mysteries that Jesus revealed in his letter to the Romans. "Now to him who can strengthen you, according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret for long ages Romans 16:25-26

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. Amen, I say to you, until

heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or the smallest part of a letter will pass from the law, until all things have taken place.” **Matthew** 5:17-20 What does it mean when it is necessary to fulfill something? It means to complete something that is incomplete! The completion was in his revelation of the Universal Laws in his parables.

Jesus was saying that the laws would not pass away until all was fulfilled. We know that this refers to the completion of his mission. All would be fulfilled at the end of his mission and they would be free from this law. They would be free to experience the Universal Laws that give freedom, that have been, and would always be, in effect.

“The law and the prophets lasted until John; but from then on the kingdom of God is proclaimed, and everyone who enters does so with violence. It is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for the smallest part of a letter of the law to become invalid.” **Luke** 16:16 This is a declaration that there is no short cut with reference to the Universal Laws and that struggle is involved. We must each identify and verify these principles in our own life experiences. No one can do it for us.

“You will know the truth and the truth will make you free.” **John** 8:32

With his apostles looking on Jesus made a startling revelation in prayer. He said, “I glorified you on earth by accomplishing the work that you gave me to do. Now glorify me, Father, with you, with the glory that I had with you before the world began.” **John** 17:4 It is not that he says he was with the Father before the world began that is so revealing. That only confirms the **Law of Absolute Unity**. He is saying that he has already accomplished his mission and is asking for recognition of this fact! These words were spoken before his arrest and trial, before his crucifixion, and before the time spent on earth after the resurrection as reported in the gospels. This work (mission) was the revelation and explanation of the Universal Laws that he had spoken in parables. This sounds like the

revelation of the Universal Laws was the most important part of the mission because he is asking for recognition of its completion.

All the Masters taught by simple stories but their teachings were greatly expanded by those who came after them. It took the writings of the Apostle Paul and a few of the Christian centers producing letters and books attributed to various apostles over 200 years after Jesus to produce a body of writing that would come to be considered the word of God. Even the determination as to which books would be accepted into the church cannon was a battle that is yet to be settled universally. The battle was severe for control of those who called themselves Christians.

The Gnostics, the Manicheans and various orthodox groups battled for 1500 years – long after the orthodox, with the help of the Emperor Constantine, gained official recognition. The real battle was between those who maintained that Jesus taught a means of having personal knowledge of God and those who maintained that faith is what had saving power. They taught that the individual member could get what they needed from the priest and that only a literal interpretation of scripture was valid. Believers must accept that Jesus is the son of God and that the purpose of him coming to earth was to sacrifice his life for the sins of the world.

In this book we are looking at what the Masters said about the Universal Laws. Every time Jesus is recorded as saying anything he was explaining or illustrating one or a combination of 13 Universal Laws. Each parable was an attempt to communicate to his listeners these invariant principles and he did so succinctly. None of these quotes have anything to do with doctrine or dogma. That was and is the preview of Church leaders, theologians and politicians who came later. Church doctrine tells us that Jesus' mission was to die for the sins of the world but the scriptures in Jesus' own words speak of a mission having to do with the revelation of **secrets that had lain hidden from the foundations of the earth and he said this mission had been completed.**

How could Jesus best benefit the people? Jesus said, *“I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”* **John 10:10** He spent a lot of time telling simple stories that reveal knowledge that even now we do not fully fathom. What secret could be so important that the mission of Jesus was to reveal it? The **Book of Proverbs** may give some indication as it describes what is most valuable in the world. *“Happy the man who finds wisdom, the man who gains understanding! For her profit is better than profit in silver and better than gold is her revenue; She is more precious than corals, and none of your choice possessions can compare with her. Long life is in her right hand in her left are riches and honor; Her ways are pleasant ways, and all her paths are peace. She is a tree of life to those who grasp her, and he is happy who holds her fast. The LORD by **wisdom** founded the earth, established the heavens by **understanding**; By his **knowledge** the depths break open, and the clouds drop down dew. My son, let not these slip out of your sight; keep advice and counsel in view; So will they be life to your soul, and an adornment for your neck. Then you may securely go your way; your foot will never stumble; When you lie down, you need not be afraid, when you rest, your sleep will be sweet. Honor is the possession of wise men, but fools inherit shame.”* Who could ask for more? This is the promise of coming into harmony with the Universal Laws.

Spiritual Elitism

Random House's Webster's College Dictionary defines "elitism" as "practice of or belief in rule by an elite." "consciousness of membership in or allegiance to a select group."

Would you say that a religion or church that suggests that they are "a royal priesthood, a holy nation, set apart and Gods elect," is promoting elitism?

Would a religion that claims that all those born into a certain race are God's chosen people be elitist in nature?

Would a religion that claims that God chooses those who will be saved and condemns the rest to the fires of hell be considered elitist?

Would a religion that adopts the name "Universal Church" and that calls itself "the mother church" be considered elitist?

Would a religious group that looks down on fundamentalists as backward be considered elitist? Would the fundamentalists who believe one has to accept Christ and be born again or be lost be considered elitist in nature?

Is it not true that members of virtually every religion consider theirs to be the true path to God and all others somehow deficient?

Spiritual elitism like all elitism is seeded in fear. Any claim of spiritual superiority is seeded in the deep fear that one does not measure up, that if ones position is not special it is wrong and someone else could be right.

Elitism of all kinds is negative in nature. It is not giving. It is the desire to receive whether one deserves to receive or not.

Of the world's major religions Buddhism and Hinduism have been the least aggressive in any attempt to evangelize the rest of

the world. In *India – A History* by John Keay he writes, “The Muslims were seen as essentially marginal, negative and destructive, just like the Huns. There is no evidence of an Indian appreciation of the global threat which they represented; and the peculiar nature of their mission – to impose a new monotheist orthodoxy by military conquest and political dominion – was so alien to Indian tradition that it went uncomprehended.

Buddhism certainly spread from India to China and all over Southeast Asia but the primary tool was not by force of the gun. While there is no doubt that there are those among these religions that see their religion as superior and their great teachers to be greater than any other, these religions have not attempted to cram their beliefs down the throat of people all over the world. They have not been so dogmatic and egregious as Christianity and Islam whose scriptures command conversion and disdain for unbelievers.

Judaism, while not aggressively and militarily attempting to evangelize has been the most elitist in philosophy. When you claim to be God’s chosen people you should not be surprised that other nations react aggressively. They too feel they are special in God’s sight. The worst kind of reaction has been to quarantine Jews into ghettos for a few hundred years and then genocide. It should be no surprise that there has been the experience of military conflict on a continuous basis and that the state of Israel exists under the constant threat of obliteration from the earth. It should be no surprise that it is necessary for Israel to find protection under the banner of freedom outside of the Holy Land and from fundamentalists who value the heritage but see themselves as the inheritors of it.

Everyone claims to desire tolerance and world peace but of course this elitist mindset guarantees that no such peace can exist. Why do people pray for peace and many including celebrities claim their ardent desire is for world peace. This view of the world is as inane as one who desires riches but disdains to do anything to achieve it. Riches are the results of thinking and doing. Money is the byproduct of this action. What is peace? It

is not just the absence of war. Peace is a byproduct of love. If you want peace – pray for love and understanding. Only with love of each other and respect for life wherever human beings exist can there possibly be peace. Since when has anyone generated love by telling everyone else that they have to believe what they believe and that their teachers and prophets come from God and no one else is so elite as they.

So, where do we go from here? How do we combat elitism in religion and how do we create the possibility for peace in the world? We start by respecting the right of all peoples everywhere to practice whatever religion or philosophy they desire as long as it is not harmful to those who have a different concept of God. Remembering that peace is a byproduct of love, every effort should be made to increase our awareness of the Universal Law of Absolute Unity. All are one and attempting to show your superiority is counterproductive to establishing the love link. Where there is love, there is peace. The third step is to hold prayer and meditation above all of our activities. Holding this communion with the inner-being – with God is time that cannot be left out of our daily routine. It has been proved that even a relatively small number of people holding a thought such as love of fellow man above all else literally changes the area where the focus is.

There are 13 Universal Laws or spiritual principles that the Great Masters illustrated and explained as did Jesus in his parables and teachings. He, when asked, stated that the most important of these principles is love. He said we are to Love the Lord our God with all of our heart soul and mind and our neighbor as ourselves. This thought alone when held in meditation is more powerful than all the diplomatic corps of all the countries in the world. Why is thought so powerful? It is because God is Love and love is the glue that holds everything together. With this expression from the religious community the by-product would be exactly what everyone says they want. PEACE.

Thought Creates Form

Thought creates form and without thought there can be no form. We go about the process of daily creating our lives and at the same time bemoaning our circumstances. Einstein said that the height of insanity was continuing to do the same thing and expecting change. We are literally living our thinking of past years.

In a *Renford Revelation* called “The Process” I wrote about identifying and verifying the Universal Laws in our lives. This is the process of coming to know something and when we know something, we have taken ownership. It is our knowing because we have been there and done that. When we are consciously aware of a Universal Principle we are no longer basing our thinking on what we have read or someone has taught us. We are now coming into harmony with the Universal Laws and here is where the creative process can work. A powerful tool for this process is the imagination. It can create an infinite number of pictures which are the thought forms that create. I recommend you read the Renford Affirmations daily for 27 days.

Deepak Chopra wrote, “Everything is the process of the unmanifested becoming manifested.” This is another way of saying the unseen world of thought is what creates form. Everything in the room where you are had to exist in someone’s mind before it could possibly be made. Nothing comes from nothing. If thought has to come first, and we know it does, this explains the belief in God the Creator. This is what accounts for the world we inhabit and the worlds we can see or not see. We know that nothing got into this room by accident because each thing there had to exist in thought first. The obvious conclusion is that the universe itself is the results of a great thinker.

In the Hebrew Bible the process of creation is explained by words being spoken. If we take this to be fact, a statement like “Let there be light” is a thought the same as when you think I need to turn on the lights. How does the sentence get formed, spoken and realized without first there being the thought? Some

say, “I do a lot of things without thought.” That is simply not the case. Even actions we take like swatting a fly or mosquito is an embedded thought. It is a thought on automatic pilot and the more positive creative, love based thoughts that get embedded, the better.

We are prone to think that our lives are buffeted by accidents but even accidents are the results of thinking wrongly or allowing someone else to do our thinking for us. Even the decision to let someone else do our thinking comes about by our thinking. If we have a so called accident while driving because of distractions, it is the thought that we can do both that has led to disaster.

With even a minimum amount of thought we can know that thought is a creative and constructive process as long as it is love based thinking. Fear based thinking results in chaos and destructive results. Every thought creates either constructively or destructively depending upon whether the thinking is loved based or fear based.

You may say, “I can’t always be positive. Things happen and I think negatively.” The results in our lives depends on the preponderance of thoughts and is not dependent on an occasional thought. How easy is it for us to be driving down the road wrestling with a problem and find ourselves visualizing the worst possible outcome. Cut that thought out of the stream of thought and abolish it. Replace it with what you want to create and watch the manifestation.

The 13 Universal Principles of Success

What are the 13 Universal Principles of Success? What are the benefits of identifying and verifying these Principles? You do not have to accept what anyone says about these principles because for them to be real for you they have to be drawn from your own life experiences. You can say, "I have been there and done that." The benefits of such a process of coming into harmony with the Universal Laws are life changing. Here is what anyone can expect from this exercise:

The Universal Law of Being

An individual that recognizes that there is more to him than just a body, a piece of complicated electromagnetic equipment, that operates, more or less, mechanically, has made the first important step. He will break the chains of being mechanical by observing himself and those natural laws that captivate him. He will recognize that his Being is a composite and that he is a spirit with a body instead of just a physical being or even a physical being with a spirit. He will recognize that he has certain innate qualities that he can expand and that are a result of the indwelling of God in man.

The Universal Law of Proper Perspective

He will know where he is and he will know where he is going. He will be more in one sense than most people ever become because he will know what he is doing. He will know exactly what he wants and what is important. He will have a sense of what his purpose in life is. His attitude will be such that there will be no room for negative or destructive thoughts.

The Universal Law of Pure Potentiality

He will know that the manner in which he is in the image of Universal Being is that his Divine Birthright is that he is a creator, a part of the continuing process of creation. He will know that his thoughts are very powerful, each thought creating

constructively or destructively. Every thought is part of the creation of his life.

The Universal Law of Evolution and Unfoldment

He will know that he is the author and creator of his life. He has not created the thought in a day and that it will not take form in a day. He will know it is a process of evolution and unfoldment; that he is in a perfect school and that he has entered a process that will have numerous lessons for him. He will know that if he is persistent, and holds the vision, what has been created in thought will take form.

The Universal Law of Balance and Equalization

He will know that part of the composite of which he consists is the understanding he has brought with him, what he has accumulated in this life and what he will gather to himself in the process. He will recognize that all of this is part of a perfect system of justice. Universal Being does not, and never has, created anything imperfect. He will know that for him to realize fulfillment he has to be in harmony with the perfect Laws of Universal Being. Any non-alignment is a counter weight to his progress.

The Universal Law of Believing and Knowing

He will know that what he creates in thought will take form and that without thought there can be no form. What is created in thought only requires his belief that it will take form. If he does not believe that it will be he has endowed his thought not only with an empty wish but the failure becomes a destructive power telling him that the Laws do not work. It is equivalent to saying Universal Being has no power. If he believes that what he has created in thought will be constructed or formed, he will know that it is only a matter of time. He does not worry the thought like a dog a bone. He believes in its creative power and the thought takes form due to his actions and expectation. He begins

with thought and it grows with intent, buttressed with expectation.

The Universal Law of Attraction

He believes because he knows that he is a creator and that thought creates. His intent is powerful and he allows it to take form. The attraction of others to his creation takes form because others are attracted to such an individual. Men and material are attracted like metal is attracted to a magnet. Those around him cannot help it. We are attracted to such individuals because whether or not we are as cognizant of the Laws as he is, we want the same thing.

The Universal Law of Abundance

He will know that there is no limit on his creation but what he has placed on it by the limits he placed on himself and his vision. He knows that he can create shortages as easily as he creates abundance. He knows that when he experiences shortages and obstacles he is the one who has done so. He will take full responsibility, blaming no one else, and will change his thinking. He will draw on the power of Universal Being and his full potentiality by expanding his thoughts and vision. He will not belabor the problem but refocus on the solution and the vision he has created.

The Universal Law of Relativity

He will be aware that he is not an island; that others will be needed to fulfill his vision. He will know that he is connected to those that will have to be drawn into his vision; to those who share the vision and to those he will serve. He will become fully aware of the effect he has on all with whom he comes in contact.

The Universal Law of Righteous Self-interest

He will know that he cannot cast his pearls before swine. In other words, his vision is held up always for him to keep in focus.

He will know that he cannot be selfish but that this is his primary purpose. This purpose cannot be realized without giving but he will know that he cannot allow others' negative thoughts to diminish that vision or deter him from its fulfillment. His purpose is to learn and to benefit those he comes in contact with. It is not a selfish endeavor because it is an expression of his love of life and Being as a Whole.

The Universal Law of Giving

He will know that he will have no chance of seeing his vision manifested unless he is serving others; that this life is about giving of himself, his vision, his time, his knowledge and his money. He knows that the measure of his receiving is in the measure of his giving. What he puts into his creation is the determining factor in what he will get out of it.

The Universal Law of Love

He is fully aware that the love he shows to all Being is his expression of his love for life, Self and Universal Being. He will know this because he will know that he is a part of the Absolute Unity of all. He will know that whether the bulk of his giving is in the form of knowledge, time or money, that no matter what he gives constructively, he is giving love. Love is what he has received from Universal Being and it is all that he can constructively give. All is an expression of love for Universal Being.

Summary

If you think you have learned anything in school and life so far, I suggest that it will pale by comparison to identifying and verifying the Universal Principles of Success in your life experiences.

- 1) Make it the highest priority to study the 13 Universal Principles of Success in relation to your life and identify those experiences that can confirm the existence of each Law. Then

you can begin the work on Self from a position of knowing. If you cannot identify them, continue your study from a different perspective. I have written a number of books from different perspectives specifically for this reason.

- 2) Identify those things that you love doing which are constructive and beneficial to others. You will, thereby, identify how you are most capable of giving. “Where your treasure is there will your heart will be also.”
- 3) No matter what else you do, begin by recognizing that your thoughts are powerful expressions of the inner Being; that you cannot afford a negative thought and that what you think, you become.

The Universal Principles Defined

These success principles I write about, teach and help people identify and verify are actually the Universal Laws of Life. Each has many facets like the face of a well cut diamond. Where do they come from? Who instituted or caused these Laws to be in effect? How do we know they are the framework of our existence? I can point you in the direction of the answers. What I can tell you of my experiences might inspire you to look to your own experiences but my experiences will not verify the Universal Laws for you. Like the law of gravity, a law of physics, we can verify the Universal Laws only through our understood life experiences. These principles are aspects of the Creative Force that we can understand only through our own efforts to know our inner Being.

Fundamental to the understanding of this Creative Force is our understanding of who and what we are. THE UNIVERSAL LAW OF BEING shows us that we have certain innate powers, with which we can come into harmony with the Universal Laws. It is said a single cell in our body can be used to create another individual just like us. In other words, all the power to recreate us is in one cell. Likewise, we are cells of Universal Being, and all the power of Universal Being is in us for creation. Creation is not over. WE ARE THE CONTINUING CREATION. You, out of all the billions who have lived on earth, are unique. Nowhere is there another individual exactly like you, yet you are a part of the whole.

“Polarity” is often confused with “duality”. The philosophy of “duality” found in most organized religions creates an adversary who is comparable to God. To them, Satan is an almost equal but evil force who wars against God. What they call evil is actually the absence of light. Ignorance is an absence of light. Fear is at the root of all our failures and all our problems. Fear is the great Satan. Like the allegorical Beast in the *Book of Revelation*, it comes from the abyss, the bottomless pit. With no bottom, there is no foundation. What is a bottomless pit but something with no basis in truth? THE ONLY POWER FEAR HAS IS THE

POWER WE GIVE IT. There is only one power in the Universe, and that is the Creative Force many call God. This is the UNIVERSAL LAW OF ABSOLUTE UNITY, and any form of dualistic thinking stretches the boundaries of logic.

People who think they are being wise in the ways of the world often fall back on such sayings as, “Everything is relative”. These are the same people who say, “It is a matter of perspective”. From our experience, we have to admit that everything in life appears to depend upon our attitudes and the position from which we are observing. THE UNIVERSAL LAW OF PROPER PERSPECTIVE refers to the fact that we attract the lessons we need. Life is made up of, and is the result of, the choices we make. When we are aware of who we are and what we are, our perspective is very different from our relative, mechanical and physical perspective.

The influence and pressure of pseudo-science accepts the human brain as some sort of god, a phenomenon that can figure its way out of this trap we are in on earth and the process of living and dying. It is a great instrument, but that is all it is, an instrument of the mind. The brain and the mind are dependent upon each other for creation, but they are not the same. THE UNIVERSAL LAW OF PURE POTENTIALITY goes beyond the saying that “anything the mind of man can conceive and believe it can achieve.” Thought creates form, and without thought, there can be no form. Everything, including the trees outside, had to first exist in thought. In order to raise our conscious thought from the relative level, it is necessary to still the mind. The Buddhist says we have to reach “no thought”, and in the Hebrew Scriptures, we are told to “be still and know”. All thoughts create constructively or destructively, one as easily as the other. We must take full responsibility for what we are creating. It is our lives.

Those on a spiritual path seek the experiential event that goes beyond the senses. Many, however, want to be entertained or titillated by psychic experiences. Jesus told us to seek the kingdom first (the I AM consciousness within), and all else would be added. If we seek the peripheral benefit, he said that

this would be our only reward. THE UNIVERSAL LAW OF EVOLUTION AND UNFOLDMENT, when understood, reveals our purpose for being here. Jesus called these understood life experiences “*treasures that are to be laid up in heaven instead of on earth*”. Our understood life experiences are all that we take with us. Our purpose is to experience, learn and continue the creative process.

We do not need fear based thinking or a fear based attitude toward life and God. The extended carrot in one hand and the stick that will rain down upon us for an eternity if we make a mistake is a concept found in most organized religions. There are those who reward themselves and beat themselves up with good and bad karma. True understanding of karma is an understanding of balance. It is the law of cause and effect. Where we have an imbalance in nature, it moves to fill the void. Where we have spiritual imbalances, THE UNIVERSAL LAW OF BALANCE AND EQUALIZATION brings the experience we require for our learning.

Why do religious leaders emphasize the word “faith” when referring to religion? It is a retreat from defeat at the hands of the high priest of science. As long as religious leaders can say that religion is a matter of faith, proof is unnecessary. What they are referring to is “blind faith” in their creeds, doctrines and dogmas. Blind faith can lead to disaster, and all the knowledge in the world without the faith to act is useless. Christian texts say wisdom comes from God. Buddhist texts say that this wisdom is without words and comes directly from our Buddha nature, the one within. THE UNIVERSAL LAW OF BELIEVING AND KNOWING brings one to the realization that belief and knowledge are two sides of the same coin. In fact, true faith and Self-knowledge equal wisdom.

The ultimate “blame game” is to lay the fault with God. “The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away.” In other words, everything is God’s fault? Many see the world as one of random chaos even while professing a belief in God and Divine Order. Those with this mind-set view their lives as a series of obstacles

that constantly bombard them, and they fend off disaster or succumb to the will of a harsh God. THE UNIVERSAL LAW OF ATTRACTION, when understood, exposes the fallacy of this doctrine. It means that we attract what we require, when we require it, for our process of evolution and unfoldment. When we take responsibility for what we have attracted, it is easier to see THE UNIVERSAL LAW OF ABUNDANCE. We have already been given everything we could possibly need, and it has always been there for the taking. We need only come into harmony with the Laws. Seek first the Being within, and all else will be added. This is not a world of shortages. THE ONLY LIMITATIONS WE FACE ARE THE ONES WE CREATE AND BELIEVE.

There is an element in society that avoids steps toward clarity. They like to obfuscate any attempt toward any degree of certainty about anything. It is under the guise of avoiding absolutism that they are heard to say, “It is all relative.” Taking hard and fast positions of an absolute nature can be dangerous to our spiritual unfoldment, but to fall back on the claim that everything is “relative” is a way of avoiding individual responsibility. THE UNIVERSAL LAW OF RELATIVITY refers to the fact that every action has a reaction and that all is related to all. It is from the oneness of Absolute Unity that the diversity of many is expressed.

Metaphysical studies are for those who desire contact with the real world. Living in a world of illusion and relative conscious thought, many think that the real world is “looking out for number one” because no one else will. Advocates of this worldview are generally talking about material matters. We do have a primary purpose that we cannot allow others to interfere with, but this is not a matter of selfishness. Selfishness goes against the UNIVERSAL LAW OF GIVING. THE UNIVERSAL LAW OF RIGHTEOUS SELF-INTEREST has to do with fulfilling our primary purpose for being here: “To thine own self be true.”

Loving and caring people say, “The world is about giving, about sharing with those less fortunate.” THE UNIVERSAL LAW OF

GIVING is a true and divine principle. In order to receive abundantly, we must give. If we are not givers, we cannot expand our receptacle for receiving. If we want wisdom or material abundance, the same process is in effect. We are responsible for the preparation to receive. When we share our wealth or knowledge, we are making room for receiving this abundance. Those who have achieved success in any field of endeavor recognized that you get out of something what you have put in to it, and usually in multiples.

There is more to the Law of Love than simply saying, “We all need to love our fellow man.” We must experience it. We can express and experience it in many ways. According to the Masters, THE UNIVERSAL LAW OF LOVE is the interconnecting energy. It is the makeup of the Creative Force – God. Quantum physicists talk about a unified field but, not recognizing what it is, they are still looking for it. Native Americans named it “all that is”, and the Chinese call it Tao. Buddhists call it Dharma, and Jesus said it was “the way, the truth and the light.”

We cannot afford blind faith in what someone else believes. We can come to know Universal Being through coming to know who we are. We can do this by identifying incidents in our lives in relation to the Universal Laws. This is our study, our life and our creation. These Laws are not the exclusive property of a cult or secret conclave of mystics. They have been discovered, taught and written about down through the ages.

The Universal Laws are the single most important and convincing evidence of the existence of Universal Being – God. The laws of nature verify them, and we humans illustrate them. The Universal Laws were important enough that all of the sayings and parables of Jesus, the stories of Buddha, the Vedic writings and *The First Philosophy* as revealed by Aristotle, are about them. There is obviously something critical about these Laws. These Universal Principles go beyond any discipline, any doctrine and any dogma. THERE IS SIMPLY NOTHING

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How the 13 Universal Principles Relate to Each Other

The Universal Laws are literally aspects of the Creative Force some call God. The 13 Universal Principles are a series of applications of the Laws to what we can understand as the Creative Process. We can begin to understand a great deal about ourselves and the Creative Process when we identify and verify them in our own life experiences. However, they are not easy to put into words except in the most simplistic terms. The methodology used most frequently by the Masters was little stories or allegories. In the Christian New Testament they are called parables. A brief verbal explanation can only cover one aspect of a Universal Law, and since Universal Being – God is infinite, the explanation will be lacking in terms of being comprehensive. This is a work that must be done by the individual in his process of evolution and unfoldment. What I can share with you here is merely something to help you relate them to your life experiences. This is the most important work you can undertake – the work on Self – a work that has no short cuts.

It is one thing to show how any one of the 13 Universal Principles relates to the other 12; It is quite another to show how all 13 Universal Principles are connected to each other. It is the difference between 12 descriptions or verbal illustrations as opposed to 169 explanations. For this reason I propose to take one of these Universal Principles and show the connection to the other 12. Of the 13 Universal Laws the best known is The Universal Law of Attraction. This is due to films like *The Secret* and *What the Bleep*. This exercise is designed show how this one Universal Law relates to and is connected to the other 12.

The Universal Law of Attraction, as expressed by the Masters, embodies the truth that we attract to ourselves whatever the inner being requires in the way of experiences that enables us in the process of evolution and unfoldment. With understanding of this principle we know that we attract to ourselves what we focus on, be it spiritual or physical.

The Universal Law of Being relates to the Universal Law of Attraction because the inner-being comes with only its understood life experiences and when the physical body expires it will carry with it only the understood life experiences of this life cycle. It is the part of the composite that knows why it came and its primary purpose. To the degree awareness of who and what we are is recognized and our innate powers of being expanded is the degree to which we are able to utilize our pure potentiality and attract what is needed in his process of evolution and unfoldment.

The Universal Law of Absolute Unity relates to the Universal Law of Attraction in that our perceptions are usually based on general understanding that is dual in nature. Even advanced student on the process of Self-discovery retain vestiges of separateness in their thinking and the average individual sees the world as good versus evil. Our thinking is often fear based and only at times love based. Both types of thinking are creative. One creates constructively and the other destructively. With understanding of the Universal Law of Absolute Unity the Fear based destructive thinking is aborted. We come to awareness that the only power this fear based thinking has is what we give it. This being the case we will attract only what the Love based, focused and constructive thoughts produce.

The Universal Law of Proper Perspective relates to the Universal Law of Attraction in that it is what we perceive and believe that affects what we draw to ourselves in the Universal Law of Attraction. If we see the world as one of chaos and evil, we will attract to ourselves (the inner being will draw) the experience we require to understand this to be inaccurate. We will continue to draw those negative experiences until we recognize that our perspective is clouded and that we are the ones responsible for what we are experiencing. Recognition of individual responsibility is the basis of proper perspective and no one else including God is responsible for what we have and are creating.

The Universal Law of Pure Potentiality is related to the Universal Law of Attraction in that we can never really tap into this power as long as we are looking outside ourselves. If we are looking to a powerful benefactor we call God – outside ourselves; if we have created this separation in our minds; or if we are trying to protect ourselves from an external evil force we call Satan, the Universal Law of Pure Potentiality is blocked and we only attract what we fear. When we recognize that we are pure potentiality we attract this power to our every endeavor. With recognition that we are pure potentiality; that thought creates form and without thought there can be no form, we become fully aware of what we are putting into motion with our thoughts.

The Universal Law of Believing and Knowing relates to the Universal Law of Attraction because it is what we believe and know that will be attracted. Belief and knowledge are two sides of the same coin and are not wholly separate issues as depicted in many religions. One is useless without the other and understanding this means that we can effectively attract the required experiences for the process of evolution and unfoldment.

The connection between the Universal Law of Abundance and the Universal Law of Attraction is very clear when we know that with the Universal Law of Pure Potentiality we create in thought. With understanding of the Universal Law of Believing and Knowing we recognize that the creative process involves holding the form created in thought in a state of believing and knowing. Once created in thought and believed it will take form. It has already been created and will be manifested. The Universal Law of Attraction comes into play as the form held in thought is manifested. The abundance comes into play when the thought form is one of abundance. We can create shortages and poverty just as easily as we can create prosperity and abundance.

The connection between the Universal Law of Relativity and the Universal Law of Attraction is perceived because with our proper perspective there is an avenue open for our understanding

to develop. We become aware of the relation between the mind, body and spirit in the composite that we are. “As above – so below” is a very old reference to the relation of dimensions in which we play a part. Lessons are learned by perceptions and our relations to others, our affect on others and our connection as part of the Absolute Unity. If we are fully aware of our composite being, its relation to Universal Being and being as a whole, we know what, why and how to attract what we require in the process of evolution and unfoldment.

The Universal Law of Balance and Equalization relates to the Universal Law of Attraction in that this perfect and cosmic accounting system without fail allows no void to exist. Even in nature a void is abhorred. Balance and harmony is what is going on even if we are attracting negative results due to fear based thinking. These obstacles in life we should love because with proper perspective we realize they are there because of our need to learn something from the process.

The Universal Law of Evolution and Unfoldment relates to the Universal Law of Attraction because it is the learning experience we attract that determines our evolution and unfoldment. The degree of our evolution and unfoldment will determine our thinking and, therefore, what we attract. If our evolution and unfoldment is (in general terms) our reason for being here it follows that if we have proper perspective we will want to attract what we require to facilitate the process.

The Universal Law of Giving and Receiving is related to the Universal Law of Attraction in that it is what we are giving out and giving up that will determine what we attract and usually in multiples of our giving. This principle has to be fully understood to achieve the primary purpose mentioned in the Universal Law of Righteous Self-interest. This Law is integral to what we attract.

The Universal Law of Righteous Self-interest or Primary Purpose is related to the Universal Law of Attraction in that

recognition of this principle allows us to attract what is needed to maintain focus, prioritize and in general, disallow others from diverting us from our primary purpose. With full understanding of this Law we will attract with laser-like efficiency what we require in the process of discovering and realizing our primary purpose.

The Universal Law of Love relates to the Universal Law of Attraction because Love is the glue, the unifying element that holds all these Universal Principles together as the process of creation. We attract what we thinking about, what we focus on and visualize. With understanding of Love as the essence of God we know that the polarity – the opposite of Love is Fear and that Fear resides only in our minds and hearts. Fear has no reality space, place or power but what we give it. Love is pervasive, the essence of the Divine Matrix and the place where we live, move and have our being. If God is Love and God is omnipresent, where can the devil be? Where can fear exist? It is banished to the abyss. What is the abyss? It is a bottomless pit. What is a bottomless pit but a place where there is no foundation in reality. Fresh air and sunlight is not a place mold can survive. Like mold, fear will disappear when there is light and love. Even modern science has come to recognize that thought is a very fine form of energy but with infinite potential. The most powerful thought form is that of Love and Love is the unified field for which scientists have been in pursuit.

Is There a Preeminent Principle?

Among the 13 Universal Laws can we say that one is more important than the others? Can anyone one of the invariant principles exist without the other? Certainly, there are groups and teacher of imperfect understanding that proclaim one is more important than the other. They claim one is primary and the rest subservient to this primary principle.

It seems that every Master in his time was here for a particular reason and that their primary message seemed to stress one principle as preeminent, but a careful study of their lives and teachings shows that all were talking about the Laws of Creation. This Law of Creation was expressed as 13 to make it possible for our finite minds to take them in, associate them and connect them in order to come to understanding of the whole.

When Jesus was asked which was the most important law he is quoted as saying, "You should love the Lord your God with all your heart soul and mind and your neighbor as yourself." The Law of Love appears to hold these principles together, to be the cohesive element or the connector. It is noteworthy that the only real description of God that we have the capability of visualizing is that He is Love. At other times Jesus seems to stress other principles above all others.

The Buddha appears to appreciate the Universal Law of Evolution and Unfoldment to a greater degree than the others. He says that the world is full of suffering and what would this suffering be for except as part of a learning process. He points to the fact that everything changes as the first principle and that our resistance to this change as being the source of all our problems.

When studying the teaching of Lao Tzu it becomes apparent that the Universal Law of Balance and Equalization was held to be of the utmost importance. From his teachings come the Ying and the Yang. Balance and harmony are held to be the prerequisite for evolution and unfoldment. It was this middle way that caused the

close working relationship between Buddhism and Taoism in China which was a melding that has lasted for centuries.

The teaching that Mohammed held to be of the highest importance and his biggest bone of contention with Christianity was the Universal Law of Absolute Unity. This Law is understood by Muslims as part of duality – the good versus the evil. Over and over the cry goes forth, “Alla Wo Akbar” meaning that God is one and Great. In the Unity movement we have one of the only Christian groups that states flatly that there is only one power in the universe and denies duality. They deny that there is God and his angelic host on one hand and the Devil and his demonic forces on the other in a giant battle for the hearts and minds of humankind.

We have groups like “The Law of One” that seem to have the right idea about the Law of Absolute Unity but in the very beginning of their instruction they fall back on duality with their description of the Sons of Light in a war with the Sons of Beliel. They revert to this myth about a war in heaven as if this was a reality instead of an explanation of polarity. If God is omnipresent, where in hell could the devil be? If God is omnipotent what remote corner of the universe in any dimension could the devil hide? The devil is the negative forces put into action by our fear based thinking. This devil – fear cannot not exist in the presence of light and love. It has only the power we give it to affect us. It is like mold that cannot exist in light and fresh air.

In Judaism faith and obedience above all is held to be tantamount to Godliness. Over and over again throughout the Hebrew text (The Old Testament) the scriptures deal with examples of those who failed in their faith in God or who excelled because of their faith and obedience to his commands. No other Universal Principle comes so close to dominating these ancient texts. This makes the Universal Law of Believing and Knowing premanent with a twist. Blind faith was required. It was not for the Children of Israel to reason why. They were to do or die. They

were not expected to know God. They were expected to do what they were told where they had any understanding of him or not. I will get to the point of this article with an explanation of the Law of Believing and Knowing. Regardless of the retreat from defeat at the hands of science, religion has raised the white flag of surrender by saying that this is a matter of faith. It does not require proof or knowledge. Faith is supreme and as long as you do what we are telling you to do, you will be rewarded in heaven. If you do not, you will burn in hell. In other words, they have adopted fear to control and thus are using the the real Satan as their whip. You cannot separate belief (faith) and knowledge (understanding). These two elements are like two sides of the same coin. Where you have one the other exists. The Bible makes it clear that faith comes by hearing. If you don't know something, how can you believe in it. You can have all the faith in the world but if that faith is in some man's experience, and not yours, it will have little value for you. It is not real for you. You can have all the knowledge in the world but if you don't have the faith to do anything with it, as in the parable of the talent, it will have no value for you. It will mean that fear dominates and you do not exist in any real sense of the word. You would exist only as a walking, talking paralysis.

There is no way to understand the Universal Laws as separate unconnected principles. This is why so many were disappointed in the movie, *The Secret*, which stressed the Law of Attraction above all the other Universal Laws. There was something missing! As Paul Harvey used to say, "There was the rest of the story." The 13 Universal Laws are irrevocably, permanently linked, invariant in nature and indivisible aspects of the Law of Creation. They are literally aspects of God – the Creative Force. Many Masters called the Universal Laws the Laws of Creation. The Universal Law of Creation is the process of the unmanifested becoming manifested. Creation was not over in 7 days or 7 billion years – it is still in process and will always be in process. We are intimately integral parts of the process. This can only be described as the Divine Self-expression.

The Source of the Success Principles

The Science of Getting Rich by Wallace D. Wattles was featured recently in the book, *The Secret*, but was originally published in 1910. Wattles spent his early years considering the laws of success and studying the great philosophers of the world. It is interesting that Napoleon Hill did the same thing later in *Think and Grow Rich* but used as his source the great titans of industry in America, the emerging economic giant.

The difference between the two would seem to be the sources from which they derived their success philosophies, but the conclusions were almost identical. Both men sought to provide a “how to” guide for readers to self discover the laws of success. Both provided specific steps. Napoleon Hill provided his six step program and Wattles wrote a classic essay called, *How to Get What You Want*, which has been included in later publications of *The Science of Getting Rich*.

“Wattles describes a definite science of wealth attraction, built on the foundation of one commanding idea: “There is a thinking stuff from which all things are made ... A thought, in this substance, produces the thing that is imaged by the thought.” I suggest that he does much more than explain the Universal Law of Pure Potentiality, which the publisher is describing. Because Wattles derived his philosophy from the famous philosophers of history and not from successful business men as did Napoleon Hill, the quotes actually describe the Universal Laws more specifically. “There are certain laws which govern the process of acquiring riches; once these laws are learned and obeyed by any man, he will get rich with mathematical certainty.”

Hill recognizes that there are 13 principles but does not state them in the same manner as spiritual masters over the centuries have stated them. He puts everything in the terms he discovered them from the highly successful men he has come in contact with. He refers to these Universal Principles throughout the book and further defines their nature when he writes, “You can build a fortune through the aid of laws which are immutable, but, first,

you must become familiar with these laws, and learn to use them.” He is saying that these Laws are unchangeable principles – fixed laws that everything is based on and relates to.

The fact is that it is not so much that we learn to use the Laws as it is we must learn to come into harmony with them. Once we are aware through the process of identification and verification of these Laws we learn to operate within them as we do physical laws like gravity. He states, “The building of a fortune, generally, involves the application of the entire thirteen factors of this philosophy. These principles must be understood, they must be applied with persistence by all who accumulate money.”

As noted, the success principles did not originate with these famous writers on the process of getting rich. They did not begin with the statements by Jesus though every time he opened his mouth (as recorded) he was explaining or illustrating one of the 13 Universal Laws or some aspect of a Law. Throughout the *Tao Teh Ching*, Lao Tzu is explaining the Laws and the same is true of the teachings of Buddha and the Vedic writers. The same Universal Principles are being explained and illustrated with short stories, but where did they get them? What was the source?

There are those who claim that they originated with Hermes Trismegistus, the master teacher or “teacher of teachers” who is supposed to have lived before or about the time of Abraham in Egypt, where he developed the mystery school to which masters from all over the world came to perfect their understanding. The Hermetic Teachings are often referred to as axioms, rudiments of the Laws, precepts and principles. They are 1) Mentalism, 2) Correspondence, 3) Vibration, 4) Polarity, 5) Rhythm, 6) Cause and Effect and 7) Gender. These axioms or rudiments are like the radicals in the Chinese written language. There are 215 radicals from which in excess of 5,000 characters (Chinese words) are made. You might say that these Hermetic axioms are like the alphabet that makes up our English words. In other words, these axioms can be found in each statement describing or defining a Universal Law.

Though ancient, the Hermetic teachings are not the origin of the Universal Laws. There are metaphysical writers and speakers who are adopting some of the Hermetic axioms and defining them as Universal Laws but this is due to limited understanding. In the *Hua Hu Ching, the Unknown Teachings of Lao Tzu* it is noted, “The world is full of half-enlightened masters. Overly clever, too ‘sensitive’ to live in the real world, they surround themselves with selfish pleasures and bestow their grandiose teachings upon the unwary. Prematurely publicizing themselves, intent upon reaching some spiritual climax, they constantly sacrifice the truth and deviate from the Tao. What they really offer the world is their own Confusion.”

The Universal Laws are the source of the success principles. Any explanation of them that leaves any of them out is inadequate and insufficient. The success principles are the application of the laws of creation and are integral to the successful creation of anything.

Why Study the 13 Universal Principles of Success

If you have read any of the articles on the 13 Universal Principles of Success you will surely know the benefits of knowing that they exist and that without them you could not exist. You may even have begun the process of identifying each of these principles by contemplative meditation,

I am suggesting to you that there are tremendous benefits of consciously identifying and verifying the Universal Laws in our life experiences. When we make practical application of this knowledge we are internalizing the 13 success principles about which I have been writing. When we identify and verify these principles we enter into a state of knowing and changes there will be.

It will change your sense of who you are, what your capabilities are and what you are here for. Know the Being that you are for what it is – part of the Divine Light – an expression of Universal Being.

You will become aware of the absolute unity of all and the soul destroying doctrines of duality taught in most religions. Know that this Being that you are and all that exist is part of the Absolute Unity referred to as the Tao or God. There is but one power in the universe.

It will change your perspective so substantially as to make you feel you have removed yourself from your place in the world before your study began. With this knowing one has proper perspective. Knowing what and who one is and what one is part of, gives one true perspective of the whole.

You will become aware of the pure potentiality you possess and its source within you. You will learn how to access this power in a constructive manner. When one knows these life-altering things due to proper perspective, one can know one's pure potential. It is the same creative power of the whole and you are a part of it.

It will transform your faith based acceptance of heaven and earth to a knowing verified by your conscious life experiences and eventually your intuitive knowing. To activate this power and fulfill one's purpose as part of the creative process, it is a matter of allowing this knowing, the force and power that comes with believing it to meld as one. It brings power to the intellect from the heart.

You will become aware of the unlimited nature of the abundance from which you can draw in your process of creation. The result of this process allows the Law of Attraction to deliver the abundance of all we need to fulfill our purpose for being here. The Creative Force – God cannot be limited and our access to abundance cannot be blocked by anything but our own thinking or lack of faith in what we know.

You will learn how to attract the kind of experiences you require in your process of evolution and unfoldment. When we know the Absolute Unity of the whole we need only come to know our individual responsibility as part of the whole. Every thought and every action is related not only to our creation and ourselves but also to every other Being. Every action will have its reaction. From the One has come the many.

It will give you a sense of connection of all to all and your part in this relationship of action to reaction. Knowing our relation to the whole and our responsibility to the whole we come to recognize cause and effect. There is no thought or action that does not have some ramification.

You will learn how to come into harmony with the Universal Laws that underwrite our existence. We see not chaos and tragedy but order and perfect justice – The Creative Force has not, does not, and will not, create imperfection. When we see physical, mental or spiritual imperfection in others or ourselves – know that we have created it from our fear-based thinking and this thinking cannot survive in light and love.

You will experience the creative process for which you have come into this cycle of life. It is in our darkest hours, in our greatest challenges and difficulties that we grow and evolve into who we are. Instead of bemoaning our lot – appreciate them for what they are – the learning experiences we have attracted in our process of evolution and unfoldment.

It will enhance your understanding and desire to give of yourself, your time and your wealth. It will become clear why you get out of something what you put into it. Know that what we create through this process is directly related to what we put into it – that one must give to receive.

Regardless of what most religions teach, you will learn that your primary purpose is the process of your own evolution and unfoldment. This does not indicate selfishness as one cannot realize this purpose without giving of one's self. Know that this is our purpose for being here – to participate in the creative process. Regardless of what form it takes our primary purpose – our righteous Self-interest is served by facilitating this process.

It will bring into proper use the benefits and power of love and the destruction of fear based thinking. Know that you're giving, whether in the act of sharing money, time or knowledge. This is true giving, and that each such gift is a package of love. The Creative Force is love and all that is given to us is an expression of love. Love is all that we were given and that we continue to receive. Equally so, it is all that we can give.

This study provides you with the basic training for life. To the extent that you gain understanding of the Laws is the extent you can benefit and be of service to others. It's truly a process of self-discovery. This is the most important education you could possibly hope to find. It is the lesson of the Great Masters stripped of cancerous dogma that has been allowed to run amuck. Remember, this is a system of verification you control.

Why put so much emphasis on the Universal Laws

In many of my books I have referred to the Universal Laws as “The Basis of the Study”. This is because the Universal Laws are the basis of any study of Self. How can one identify these Laws to the point of making application to the 13 Universal Principles of Success unless we can internalize them, recognize them in our life experiences. These principles are an application of the Universal Laws to a level we can relate to. I have come to understand these principles to be the basis of the First Field of Knowledge, which is awareness of Self. Without understanding of the First Field, there is little chance of understanding the Second Field (knowledge of others) or the Third Field (knowledge of how others see you.) Finally, the Fourth Field (knowledge of the manifested world about us) is the only one most people recognize as scientific or provable. We can advance to great lengths in science and technology, but without understanding of the First Field, the Fourth Field could destroy us. So, the study of the Universal Laws and the process of identifying and verifying them in our life experiences is the most important study we could possibly undertake.

Since all evidence from the Masters indicates the eternal nature of Infinite Being, we cannot really talk about a beginning for this creative force we call God. We cannot even approach the study of our selves or human beings, who come from God. Human beings cannot be separated from God and return to God in an eternal cycle. We can find scripture that tries to describe a point in time before time began as is the case in *Proverbs* 8:22. The writer tells us The Universal Laws, **the rules of the game of life** had to exist first. Without the Universal Laws, there could have been no game of life. The rules are the Divine Self-expression. They had to exist before there was matter or life of any kind except the eternal life of Universal Being. They are, in fact, aspects of God we can understand to some degree by understanding our own life experiences. With this in mind, let us read the passage.

"The Lord begot me, the first born of his ways, the forerunner of his prodigies of long ago; From of old I was poured forth, at the

first, before the earth, When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no fountains or springs of water; Before the mountains were settled into place before the hills, I was brought forth; While as yet the earth and the fields were not made, nor the forest clouds of the world. When he established the heavens I was there, when he marked out the vault over the face of the deep; When he made firm the skies above, when he fixed fast the foundations of the earth; When he set for the sea its limit, so that the waters should not transgress his command; Then was I beside him as his craftsman, and I was his delight day by day, Playing before him all the while, playing on the surface of his earth; and I found delight in the sons of men."

Fundamentalist Christians are quick to say this was talking about Jesus. I maintain that every time Jesus told a story, answered a question or took any kind of action, he was illustrating and explaining the Universal Laws. I see correspondence between this verse and the following verse: *John 1:1-5 "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came to be through him and without him nothing came to be. What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race; the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."* If the Word became flesh, what would you expect the Word (Universal Laws) to talk about but aspects of God, the Divine Self-expression?

Asking why one should put so much emphasis on the Universal Laws is like asking why pay any attention to the law of Gravity? You can be sure that if you do not pay attention to gravity it will mean dire consequences for your survival! A law that is permanently in place and unchangeable is a Universal Law. You might ask, why do I have to refrain from breaking the laws of man? Why can I not kill as I please? You can, but you can expect to draw a large force who will attempt to arrest or kill you and when arrested the punishment may involve your own death. Still, the laws of man are changeable. What might be acceptable in one country may not be in the next. Even the law of gravity used as an example of something approaching a Universal Law

will be different on other planets. The Universal Laws are aspects of God and are invariant.

How can we fathom this creative force that we call God by looking out into space? Where do we look? We see this power around us but how can we possibly understand or explain God when we can't even explain good, truth, beauty without attaching them to something we can understand? We can say, "He is a good man." Or "She is a beautiful woman, or maybe, "That is a true statement." We must bring these abstracts into our dimension – our level of understanding. How can we possibly understand or explain the creative force without realizing in our own life experiences? If we can identify and verify the Universal Laws in our life experiences we can begin to understand who and what we are. If we can do that we can begin to understand the nature of this force we call God.

To become aware of the Universal Laws as well as identify and verify them in our own life experiences is to come into a state of knowing which brings harmony. When one is in harmony with the Laws there are no obstacle to our purpose and objectives in this life.

The need for emphasis on the Universal Laws is, therefore, to gain understanding of ourselves and through this process gain rudimentary understanding of the Laws of life. This is necessary for us to have any meaningful concept of life or God.

Self-Transformation for Success

We can begin the process of breaking the bonds of mechanical thinking and transforming our lives into a labor of love. Along with being happier we can be greatly rewarded once we recognize that there are certain universal principles which underwrite even the physical laws of nature. It is only meaningful to us if we can identify and verify these Universal Laws in our own life experiences. Only then are we in the position to say, "I've been there and done that." Only then is the experience and the knowledge truly ours. It is important to move past blind faith in someone else's experience and make it real. Spinoza notes, "There is no need that we should understand the series of individual mutable things, for their essence is only to be found in fixed and eternal things, and from the laws inscribed in those things as their true codes, according to which all individual things are made and arranged; nay, these individual and mutable things depend so intimately and essentially on these fixed ones that without them they can neither exist nor be conceived."

Deepak Chopra, in his book *Creating Affluence*, describes the Universal Laws as a process. He wrote, "Law is the process by which the unmanifest becomes the manifest; it's the process by which the observer becomes the observed; it's the process by which the seer becomes the scenery; it's the process through which the dreamer manifests the dream. All of creation, everything that exists in the physical world, is the result of the unmanifest transforming itself into the manifest."

He goes on to say, "The physical laws of the universe are actually this whole process of divinity in motion, or consciousness in motion." Is this not what we do when we conceive a business idea? At first it is just an idea. We apply our thinking to this idea and it becomes a concept. We develop the concept, and it becomes a plan of action. We develop a plan of action, and it is manifested in a business.

In order to experience Self-transformation, we must know ourselves. In order to break free of being mechanical; we must be

free of the mechanical view. With this process of identifying and verifying the Universal Laws in our lives we can clearly express ourselves which results in the manifestations of our desires.

E.F. Shumaker in his book, *A Guide for the Perplexed*, suggests that there are four fields of knowledge:

The First Field of Knowledge is knowledge of Self, which is necessary in order to have any hope of understanding Field Two or Three. Field Four we are very familiar with because this is where all of our technical development has been and what we call modern science.

The Second Field of Knowledge is knowledge of others. As long as our knowledge of Self is inadequate or colored by ego, self-interest will disallow anything more than a surface understanding of others.

The Third Field of Knowledge pertains to how others see us. Without knowledge of our Self, our inner being, it will be difficult for us to make progress with understanding of others. Without understanding of others, we can have little understanding of how they see us.

The Fourth Field of Knowledge is the knowledge of the physical world that we perceive with our senses. As long as scientists deny any field of knowledge outside of The Fourth Field of Knowledge, they have no chance of understanding the life force that underlies their field of study. This is precisely why technology has rapidly advanced to the point that any other field of knowledge is largely ignored or considered only superstition.

It is interesting that the first field of knowledge corresponds with the Universal Law of Being, which is the way we can become aware of our innate powers. We develop proper perspective that goes beyond relative thought and brings awareness of our pure potentiality. Only by knowing ourselves can we have any real concept of the whole that some call God and the absolute unity of all. We have only one primary obligation and that is to evolve

and unfold as a spiritual being. It will become our objective to expand our innate powers in order to make it possible for us to come into harmony with the Laws of Creation. I refer to these Universal Laws as the laws of creation and only by identifying and verifying them can we hope to transform our lives and claim our success.

Self-realization – A Verifiable Process

We either make a conscious decision as to where to focus our time and energy or we simply follow a traditional path which causes no ripples of concern with family and friends. Some may be brave enough to strike out on their own as searchers but wander around from one religion to another over many years. Almost always they are asked to have faith in someone or in ideas they cannot verify. There can be no more important work than the process of Self-discovery because such knowledge defines us. This is literally the canvass upon which we paint our lives.

Many of my articles and books specifically address the necessary process of identifying and verifying the Universal Laws in our life experiences because all other subjects, disciplines and endeavors originate from understanding the Universal Principles. You can accept a tradition – it seems everyone has one, or you can verify for yourself that these laws are in play. What you can't verify can simply be left on the shelf until you can do so, or you can discard it for good. Because each Universal Principle is like a diamond with many facets, the learning experience continues for a life time. There may be an infinite number of facets for each Universal Law because the Laws are literally aspects of God or the Creative Force by whatever name you are comfortable with.

You cannot find God out in the wild blue yonder, though he be omnipresent and there as well as everywhere else. You cannot find God in the churches, synagogues, mosques and temples even though without doubt he is there as well. We cannot even describe abstract terms without bringing them down to our level of understanding. We can attach to these abstract terms such as truth, beauty and goodness some THING and define the abstract. What we can say is, “This a beautiful woman”, or “That is a good man”, or “This is a truthful statement”. That is as close as we can come. How could we possibly define the infinite with any true degree of understanding without injecting a lot of flowery tradition with no meaning?

How can we seriously approach this desire for understanding of the Infinite? We can do so by looking within. We can look at the Universal Laws reflected in our life experiences and here and there recognize some facet of one of the Universal Laws. Continue the process until all 13 principles have been identified and verified even if it is only one simple facet each. Once this process is accomplished, even on this simple basis, the intuitive mind takes over and everywhere you look another facet will pop out for you from seemingly nowhere.

Why is this process of identifying and verifying the Universal Laws so important? Most boys in America grow up with some early understanding of football, baseball or basketball. If we are not gifted and don't play these games we still have a rudimentary understanding of them. Can you imagine going to a football game without knowing the rules of the game? We do have immigrants and there are homegrown Americans that don't know the game but assume for a moment that you are going to a football game for the first time. You are way up in the stands and down below is a manicured lawn with a bunch of lines with some big guys knocking each other down, lining up and firing out with a funny shaped ball being thrown, kicked and protected in a headlong flight to get nowhere. Without the rules of the game, it makes no sense. As soon as you know the rules, it makes all the sense in the world whether you like the game or not. It is the rules that define the game. It is the rules that make it football. Change the rules and you have a different game.

If you do not know the rules of the game of life you are just as lost as the first time visitor to the football game. Identify and verify the rules of the game of life and you will never be walking down the street moaning "Woe is me." You do not have to take my word for it. In fact, I insist that you do not take my word at face value. You must identify and verify these principles for yourself. I can give you some idea by relating my experience but until you do this for yourself you will not have internalized these truths. They must be yours. The Universal Laws are verifiable.

The second important aspect is that if you have identified and verified the Universal Laws in your life experiences, every time you listen to a speaker, a television evangelists, a seminar or workshop speaker, read a book or read a white paper you will know whether they know or not. You will immediately recognize doctrines and dogmas for what they are, unverified tradition. If you are a mechanic or a financial expert it will not take 3 minutes of conversation with someone trying to pass themselves off as an expert in your field. You will know. Why? Because you have been there and done that. You simply know! This puts you in a different category from almost everyone you know.

What happens to those who know the rules of the game of life? You can live in the world with your friends and acquaintances. You do not want to become holier than thou or a know it all. You do not want to be a nuisance and talk about the subject where anyone with you wants to talk about it or not. What should be important to us is what we know. It is important to share what we have come to know if there are those who are open to what we can share. However, the great value is in what we do with this knowledge in our lives. Your knowledge and presence will be recognized by those who it is important that they recognize. Some made fun of Jesus and asked, “Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?” Others jeered, “Is this not the carpenter’s son?” At the same time it was noted, “He speaks as one who has authority and not as a scribe.” When you hear someone talking about something they of a certain KNOW their words ring true and with authority.

Work on Self

What is the beginning and end of our work on Self? What can the individual do to begin the work on Self and take advantage of the roadmap left by the Great Masters? How do we access this higher thought which has such transforming power? How do we begin the process of transcendence and benefit by the pure potentiality that comes from harmony and balance? These are all important questions for the individual who now understands the import of Revelation.

While we live in a world of opposites we call good and evil, we are constantly creating duality. If we focus on a perceived problem, we make it bigger. We are involved in a struggle and waste energy. We are dealing with what is, versus what we think should be. As long as there is a difference between what is and what we think should be, we are creating duality – not becoming one with what is. In this process we have conflict, and this is a waste of energy. Place the focus in the observation of “what is” until there is clarity. In this state of clarity as to what exists, focus on the higher thought of your creation of what is to be.

Relative thought is based in experience and memory. This kind of thought is always based in the past. It cannot see what is new because it has no point of reference but the past. Our only reference is in past pleasure or past fear. Pleasure is momentary, but fear lingers so that we are constantly afraid of life.

What are we in relative thought but a collection of memories? We identify with what we have collected materially and our memories. Add to this our desire for more of the same and we have our psychological makeup. To get past this state, there must be a death to the old and an opening of ourselves to higher thought. When we observe this state without attachment, suppression or judgment, we die to conflict; we drop these possessions, and there is no limit to what we can do. We can

accomplish this only through intense observation without judgment. William Law noted, “Once a man understands that he is down here in time and space in order to awaken to another state of himself, everything that happens to him, whether good or bad, comes to have a new meaning.” He speaks to the first important awareness and that is we have a purpose for being here. If we can but come to this single conclusion, we are on the path. The Law of Attraction will begin to pull to us what we need to proceed on this path. We will meet people, come across books, and in all manner of ways, be led on the path to knowledge and understanding.

Maurice Nicoll addresses this quote from Law as follows; “In the light of such a standpoint the ambiguousness of life vanishes. A continual state of doubting and vacillation is replaced by the beginning of a new kind of knowledge. One no longer stares at life, trying to decide whether it means something or means nothing. One perceives that with the ordinary knowledge that one gains from life, one can never solve any of those conundrums which occupy us secretly and which we never know how to think about distinctly. Incapable of reaching ourselves, we remain wandering about in a growing indistinctness, and drowned in the illusion of tomorrow, we see no reason why we should make any efforts to struggle with ourselves now. We cling to all the negations that belong to the illusion of passing time, and perhaps, as life seems to pass swiftly and forever away, comfort ourselves with the deadly dream that we have tried to do our best.”

We start by recognizing that there is more to Being than this physical body. We recognize by virtue of this fact that there must be a reason, a purpose for our lives. We earnestly desire to have understanding, and we usually begin with prayer and meditation. We become seekers because Jesus told us that all will be made known. Prayer and meditation are never harmful, but I suggest that there are steps to be taken before prayer and meditation, so that our prayer and meditation can be effective.

Everything I write is verifiable by the most important individual in your process – you. It is your life experiences you will be examining and it is your experiences that can be associated with each of the Universal Laws. Even a single facet of each Universal Law will provide the platform for the inner mind, the intuitive mind to expand. Contemplative meditation in which you examine your life experiences as they relate to the Laws and the process of self-observation provides a course of action that is really not action but observation of what is. Identify and verify each Universal Law by your life experiences. Do not approach the process by trying to think of something that has happened to you that might be the Law of Being or any of the Laws as I outline them. Take the opposite approach and isolate major events in your life and then work to determine which Law or combination of Laws was in effect.

The benefits of this work on Self are infinite but there are two noticeable benefits you will experience and these are enough to change your life. You will become fully aware of the rules of the game of life. In other words, you will never be wondering why something is happening to you. You will know. The second benefit comes from the fact that no matter who you are listening to, on television, in church, workshops or seminars, you will know whether they know or not. You will know whether they are repeating traditional beliefs or have lived what they are talking about.

The Heart of the Ancient Teachings

In the early 90s I established the Institute of Applied Metaphysics which is my primary effort. My books and other selected books are the texts for each course that makes up the three degree levels of the Institute. I have 22 books, 4 workbooks and 2 catalogs in print. There are CDs and power point presentations that complement the books. There are a number of additional texts by other authors also utilized in each level of the program. This is a comprehensive program centered upon the process of identifying and verifying the 13 Universal Laws, or Principles of Success from personal life experiences

I don't question my students about their religious affiliations because if they know where to look they can find the stated principles or Universal Laws in each of them. The first level of study almost exclusively deals with the Universal Laws and a process of coming to know our (Self) by identifying and verifying these Laws in our life experiences. This is the cornerstone of my teachings and this is not based on any one religious discipline. In fact, anyone may use this process, even if they are a bit "anti-organized religion". For this reason I have been able to work with many groups as long as they are not selling fear with some form of duality.

Charles and Myrtle Fillmore and one of the authors most used by Unity, Emilie Cady, identified and verified the 13 Universal Laws. The Unity Movement now puts forward 5 affirmations they call the Unity Principles but Fillmore and Cady identified and explained 13 which correspond to the 13 Universal Principles I write about. The most important principle Unity teaches is "oneness" which denies the duality of most religions and there is no fear based doctrine to be found. I don't put forward a creed or establish dogma that has to be followed by all students and associates, but I do have a process involving conscious identification and verification of the Universal Laws from their life experiences. The process involves three types of meditation and self-observation until the intuitive – the inner-being takes over. It is the movement from the exoteric to the esoteric – the

mind of Buddha to the heart of Buddha. I am not the only one to explore this avenue. Charles Hannell, Aldous Huxley, Charles Fillmore and Emilie Cady, Edgar Casey, Maharishi Mahesh Yogi, Og Mandino and Dan Millman are just a few who have identified and verified the Universal Laws and written about them.

I have identified the Universal Laws in the Dampravada of Buddha, the Tao Teh Ching of Lao Tzu, the Bagavagita and the teachings of Jesus in the Gospels. Hardly any statement by any of these teachers was about anything other than the Universal Laws. I have recorded the quotes of each Master pertaining to each of these Laws. This is the subject of my studies, meditation and writings of the past 40 years. This is where the focus has been and the basis of the development of the Institute of Applied Metaphysics.

There are not billions, millions, thousands or even hundreds of primary physical laws (laws of physics). Even Steven Hawking suggests that there are less than 15 primary physical laws. I suggest there are only 13 because each primary physical law comes from a Universal Law. The correlation between physical laws and Universal Laws is often explained using the law of gravity as an example. The Universal Laws exist in the unmanifested universe and in everything in the manifested world. The law of gravity manifests in the physical world. The Universal Law that the physical law of Gravity relates to is the Universal Law of Attraction. We must come into harmony with the law of gravity or suffer pain and death. We either come into harmony with the Universal Laws or we don't, and if we don't it will be to our detriment. When I use the word "detriment" I am not talking about any form of punishment. I am referring to the fact that it makes the process more difficult. Gravity is different on every planet. The Universal Laws are invariant. The Universal Laws are present in everything and knowable by everyone.

For human beings the Universal Laws are abstract like the words TRUTH, BEAUTY and GOODNESS. We can only explain these abstract concepts by mentally bringing them down to our

level by some form of association. We have to bring them by attaching to them a physical thing for an explanation. We can say, “That is a true statement.” We can say, “This is a beautiful woman.” Maybe we show the correlation by saying, “This is a good man.” We must attach something physical in order to explain these abstracts in the physical world. The Universal Laws are abstract but can be understood by relating them to events in our lives that we can understand on a cognitive basis. This is comparable to attaching something physical to the word beauty in order to explain it. Once we understand them by relating to them, we have to let the conscious mind go and let the intuitive take over.

Students learn in my classes how to recognize common clichés as having been derived from some understanding of the Universal Laws. I show that we already know the Universal Laws in a sense from common human understanding but frequently in a perverse and unclear way. I draw comparisons between common clichés and the physical laws as an example of how there are differences in physical laws and Universal Laws. I then show that both are derived from a Universal Law. We say, “Birds of a feather flock together.” On the street level this statement correlates to the law of physics we refer to as gravity. On the Universal Law level, it is the Law of Attraction. Another example is the Universal Law of Balance and Equalization. On the street level we say, “What goes around comes around.” In the physical laws we recognize this may be referred to as the law of cycles. The underlying principle is the Universal Law of Balance and Equalization or what we call Karma.

These are not technical, doctrinal, legalistic or theological questions based only in the conscious mind. This is basic to a process of understanding one’s (Self). It is the only way we can begin to understand something of the concept of God or Universal Being because we can come to know something of this essence in the Universal Laws. If we can understand ourselves in relation to these Laws we have a path to full understanding. This is bringing the abstract to the physical so we can relate. When we can identify and verify each of the Universal Laws from our life

experiences we move from a position of tradition and blind faith to one of knowing, a place of oneness with heaven and earth.

Christian Mysteries

In orthodox Christianity the mysteries have been so trivialized as to mean the mystery of how we can be saved from hell by the grace of God through the death burial and resurrection of Christ. I say trivialized because no real explanation of what Jesus and Paul were talking about when they referred to the mysteries or secrets is ever forthcoming.

Jesus said in *Matthew 13:34-35*, “*I have come to reveal the secrets that have lain hidden from the foundation of the earth. In the same verse it says, “and he spake them in parables and without parables spake he not.”* Clearly he revealed the mysteries in the parables but we treat them as little stories and Sunday school pabulum for children.

When the apostles asked why he taught in parables he said, “*To you I have revealed the mysteries but this peoples heart is waxed gross.*” Later Paul refers to the mysteries in *Colossians 1:26-27* “*Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory...*”

The “mysteries” was not a subject taken lightly in early Christianity. The Church in Jerusalem under the direction of James the brother of Jesus were called Ebionites. They primarily interested in the teachings of Jesus and not the atonement story line developed later. These first Christians were totally destroyed by the invasion of Jerusalem by Rome. During the first and second century those who called themselves Christians were primarily Gnostics. They believed it was possible to know God through a process of initiation into these mysteries. The emphasis was not on “belief” but on “knowing”. During the second century there was a growing body of “literalist” Christians and it was these “literalist” that the Emperor Constantine used later to make this religion into what it was never meant to be.

The journey of the soul in the first century involved three stages. In the first stage the individual initiate was called a “Hylic” and they moved to the next stage called “Psychics” and finally to “Pneumatics”. The influx of Jewish Gnostics, Pagan Gnostics and the converts of Paul known as Pauline Gnostic was directly related to the revelations of the secrets that had lain hidden from the foundations of the Earth and were revealed by Jesus in the parables. He was not offering a belief system based upon his death, burial and resurrection but the revelation of the secrets and the simple process of identifying and verifying the Universal Laws (the secrets) in our life experiences,

The “Literalist” disdained the “myths with meaning” created by the early Christians, who as mentioned, were almost totally Gnostics. These Literalist Christians created narratives based on the “myths with meaning” written by the Gnostics. We now call these narratives gospels. It was only in the later part of the second century that “Literalist” Christianity began to grow in numbers, and they were the ones that Emperor Constantine realized he could use to reach his objective of unifying his kingdom. No representative of the main body of Christianity was invited to the Nicene Council and all those who were invited were already on his payroll.

Once the power of the throne was behind the “Literalist” who referred to themselves as “Catholic”, they went after the Mithraians whose liturgy they had copied, razed their temples to the ground and buried their priest alive. Cathedrals were built on their ruins and then their attention turned to destroying the Christian body as it existed and re-creating it on their model. Gnostics were depicted as recent heretics when the fact is Gnosticism had long been existence. Long before the Christian Gnostics there were pagan and Jewish Gnostics. Pythagoras, Plato and Philo were all Gnostics. The concept of gnosis was that one could know God or the mysteries, but the “Literalist” stressed faith over knowledge. The “Literalist” were not into the mysteries but focused on organization, control and conversion.

Gnostics saw the coming of Jesus as a spiritual manifestation rather than an incarnation: his death was equally illusory. Like the Montanists, the Gnostics refused to believe that the age of revelation had ended with the apostles: They held that the resurrection of Jesus was not just a historical event but a continuing phenomenon which occurred within believers. *Hidden Gospels* – Philip Jenkins

Gnostics were concerned with the inner essence of their tradition. Literalist Christians associate their faith with its outward manifestation, symbols, scriptures and rituals

Gnostics see themselves on a spiritual journey of personal transformation. Literalist see themselves as fulfilling a divinely ordained obligation to practice particular religious customs.

Gnostics are free spirits who question presuppositions of their own culture. Literalist believe their particular spiritual traditions are unique and have a unique claim on truth and they are prepared to enforce their opinions and silence those who dissent.

Gnostics are focused on their own enlightenment. Literalist are focused on recruiting more adherents.

Gnostics wanted to free themselves from limitations and experience the oneness of all. The Literalist Christians used their religion to sustain their personal and cultural identity by defining themselves in opposition to others.

Gnostics never had an organized hierarchy but had ministers, teachers and a lot of writers. Only Mani created a hierarchy that competed with the literalist in Christianity.

Literalist were developing elite bishops but Constantine reorganized his new religion along the lines of the Roman Military.

With the triumph of orthodox Christianity after Constantine, the Gnostic tradition went underground. The persecution directed by

Spanish Bishop Priscillian of Avila was the final blow but its influence was profound. Gnosticism influenced the mystical school of Islam known as Sufism as well as later Christian leaders. New Thought Christianity is a resurrection of the best in Gnosticism.

Knowing vs. Believing

In the *Renford Revelations* we will look at ancient texts including the Bible, and utilize the language of the mind – the symbols by which we can come to understand more than just a surface interpretation. Jesus told his disciples that he had revealed the mysteries to them. When they asked him why he taught in parables, he explained that the peoples' ears were dull of hearing and their eyes were closed. He had to speak to them in a symbolic way we call parables. If we want Sunday School pabulum, there are thousands of preachers, priest and rabbis ready, willing and able with simple answers to complex questions and weighted with dogma. Jesus provided the answers in a way that listeners could figure out for themselves based on their life experiences.

Virtually anyone and everyone, if forced to do so, can tell us what they think they believe. Often they can even tell us who has been most influential in their lives, but few have much idea of where these beliefs originated. We live in a country where the Judaeo-Christian ethic permeates our work and activities whether we are Christian or not. These beliefs and our ethics have been forged by 2000 plus years of developing Christianity, not counting Judaism from which most think it sprang. Our thinking is based on what we have been taught from childhood by parents, teachers, books and movies. These are beliefs we have adopted because those we love and respect said they were so. However, there is a way we can come to know as opposed to simply accepting what we have been taught.

Knowing something can only come from personal experience. Anything short of the personal experience is an acceptance on our part of what others say they have experienced. Whether we believe them or not has to do with our confidence in them – not in personal knowledge. The way we can know is by focusing on the process of identifying and verifying the Universal Laws in our life experiences. These Universal Laws are not some set of rules or a dogma that I have dreamed up. They are not original to me or any spiritual or metaphysical writer. They are not a set of

commands like the Ten Commandments. They are principles that existed before there could be matter as described in *Proverbs* 8:22. They are reflected in the statements made by the Vedic writers, Jesus, Buddha, Lao Tzu, Mohammed and other Masters. Each time Jesus is recorded as opening his mouth to speak, he was illustrating or explaining one of these Universal Principles. The same is true of the other Masters I mentioned. There was something so important about these principles that the Masters spent their lives attempting to leave behind someone who understood what they were saying. If it were not for the different cultures from which they came, it would have been more evident that they were talking about the same 13 Principles.

What is the real difference between believing and knowing? Believing and knowing are two sides of the same coin. Some religious leaders raise faith to such a height that it would appear to have no association with knowing. Even in a rudimentary study of New Testament writings one will note that faith comes by hearing. One must first hear or read something in order to believe it. What is the connection between the two? We can have all the faith in the world, but if it is only based on what we have heard or been taught, it has little value for us. On the other hand, we can have all the knowledge in the world, but if we don't have the faith to do anything with it – there will be no value for us. Metaphysical studies are not some kind of “hocus pocus” or mystery teaching that requires a guru or contemplating our navels in the Himalayas. It is not a discipline that requires an extensive stay in an ashram or monastery. It is a study of what comes before a physical manifestation. If we look around the room we are in, every chair, every appliance and even the house itself had to exist in someone's mind before it could possibly be created physically. So, there is the big mystery about what Metaphysics actually is. It is what comes before something can be created. Thought creates form, and without thought there can be no form.

Now, if we understand what Metaphysics consists of, we can begin to experience and experiment with believing and knowing. There is a famous saying, “Anything the mind of man can conceive and believe – it can achieve.” What is the value of such

a study in our lives? If we have been able to identify and verify the Universal Principles in the teachings of Jesus or any of the Great Masters, it is because we have identified those same principles in our life experiences. We have a different perspective. We have internalized significant events in our lives that tell us what they said was real and not some high sounding discourse. We will know it is true because we have been there and done that! We know it! We are no longer believers but knowers, and with this knowledge we only need the faith to make whatever we want to create manifest on the physical plane. There is another benefit which is invaluable. Whenever we read a book, attend a seminar, listen to a sermon, hear a teacher or see on television a “purveyor of wisdom” – we will know whether they know or not. We will know whether they are speaking from having been there and done that or whether they are speaking from a traditional teaching requiring their acceptance on faith and therefore our acceptance in the same manner of what they have said. Whether we are religious or not, with the process of identifying and verifying the Universal Principles, a new perspective is created in all aspects of our lives. As noted, Jesus referred to some of those he taught as those whose “ears were dull of hearing and whose eyes were closed. You can open your own eyes and ears beginning with self-observation and metaphysical studies.

Ethics – What is Happening and What is the Solution?

Since the economic crisis of 2008, the lament has gone up from pulpits and talk shows and general discussions everywhere about the ethics of the corporate heads and the management of powerful companies in our economy. Congressional leaders have not escaped and should not escape criticism as well. These defunct companies have taken with them the retirement dreams of millions of Americans and the consequences are being felt around the world. There have always been con men and white collar crime, but the size and scope has reached huge proportions. Questions are being asked – how can this happen? Where has this culture of greed come from? What has happened to ethics in this country? Have our educational institutions failed us? What have churches been doing?

There is a great deal of noise being made by politicians, writers and evangelists about the sad state of ethics and morality in the world today. It is as if there was a golden time when good ethics ruled supreme. The good old days are harkened to as the days when a man's word was his bond; when a handshake was better than a contract. I have known such men, and they exist today, but one cannot conjure up an idyllic time without entering fantasyland. We know there have always been con-artists, and we have classic examples even in the lineage of Jesus.

Most of us have an idea of what we think it is to be ethical and what the word ethics means, but where does it come from and by what standard was it created? *Webster's College Dictionary* defines Ethics as "The body of moral principles or values held by or governing a culture, group, or individual; A system or set of moral principles." Ethics relate to the cultural acceptance of a nation or group and are largely connected to the religion of that culture.

When a major portion of the population adopts a philosophy that suggests that human beings are unworthy, unjustifiable weaklings who in no way are responsible for their condition and in no way can solve their own problems, humankind slides away from

responsibility and, therefore, the action necessary to rectify the problems they face. When the basic principle of a church is that all the answers, all the sacrifice and all the power of salvation are outside humankind itself, why should we do anything? When our view is that human beings did not cause it, and they can do nothing about it, we end up with the conclusion that we have to make no effort. We are saved by Jesus, and the wicked will be punished someday.

We cannot cure bad ethical behavior or any wrongs in our society by expounding a doctrine that says human beings are unworthy of God's help, but because of his great love he will help anyway. Some religious segments of our society place impossible thoughts in the mind of God. Imagine, if you can, God reasoning in the manner that proponents of this doctrine do. "Humans, you can't do anything. All your work is as filthy rags so I'm going to send my only begotten son and let him be killed for you. Now all you have to do is believe. I know you are too weak to make yourself perfect, and that all will sin and come short of perfection. So, if you will just believe that he is my son, everything will be all right. You don't have to do anything about the ills in your society. Vengeance is mine. You just believe and I will take care of you and punish the bad guys. Oh, I know you will lie a little, fornicate a little, steal a little, but if you believe that my son is the Christ, I'll forgive all this. After all, you aren't responsible anyway. You are too weak. You just have to believe, live in my grace, and I will punish anybody and everybody who does not do so for an eternity."

This concept was not taught by Jesus. When we study the elements and components of the Universal Laws, which were taught by Jesus and the other great masters, we cannot help but see the shallowness of such an idea about the state of humankind. It is soul destroying, not soul uplifting. The masters taught humankind the basis of all ethics as they understood them in their expressions of the Universal Laws. Without an understanding of these Laws or Principles, one has no solid basis for ethics. There can be no understanding of individual responsibility. Jesus taught the value of right thinking, proper perspective, action,

persistence and love. His answer is found in the Law of Giving. This Law, which explains the need of service to others, provides the manner in which we accomplish the goal and, in the process, evolve and unfold.

Perversions of the truths Jesus taught are fear based and undermine ethical standards. They come from religious dogma developed in the epistles that became the canonized New Testament books. Jesus knew they did not understand and told them so. They expressed dogma that had the appearance of being Universal Truths. The question of proper ethics is rooted in the Universal Laws but this dogma is put forward as God's law and incorporated into our religion and culture. One must understand the creative power of thought (the Law of Pure Potentiality), the Law of Being, the Law of Proper Perspective and the Law of Balance, which are the very basis of ethical action. All virtue comes from understanding of the Universal Laws and not religious dogma. Every time Jesus spoke he revealed, illustrated or explained one or more of the Universal Laws. Those who came after him created dogma and confusion. The Universal Laws provide an understanding of why right action is right.

The Benefits of Metaphysical Studies

There are two key words of great importance to keep in mind when it comes to the process Self-discovery or the embracing of a spiritual discipline. They are “intent” and “expectation”. What should your “intent” and “expectation” be with regard to such a study?

If your intent is to increase your understanding of the world and the primary forces affecting you and if above all you expect to know the inner being that has brought you to this point and place in time – you can expect this program of study to help create this opportunity.

You will be able to identify and verify each of the Universal Principles in your life experiences. Furthermore, as you operate from a position of knowing, you will become aware of whether writers, speakers, television personalities and even long dead philosophers are speaking from a position of knowing or whether they are simply repeating their learned traditions.

The primary benefits of a true understanding of the Universal Laws, which is the heart of metaphysical studies, can be listed but will have little impact without your personal process of identification and verification. I will, however, list them as I have come to know them. This study will:

- change your sense of who you are and what you are here for.
- make you aware of the absolute unity of all and the soul destroying doctrines of duality taught in most religions.
- change your perspective so substantially as to make you feel you have removed yourself from your current place in the world.

- make you aware of the pure potentiality you possess and its source within you. You will learn how to access this power in a constructive manner.
- transform your faith based acceptance of heaven and earth to a knowing verified by your conscious life experiences and eventually your intuitive knowing.
- become aware of the unlimited nature of the abundance from which you can draw in your process of creation.
- learn how to attract the kind of experiences you require in your process of evolution and unfoldment.
- give you a sense of connection of all to all and your part in this relationship of action to reaction.
- teach you how to come into harmony with the Universal Laws that underwrite our existence.
- help you experience the process of evolution and unfoldment – the creative process for which you have come into this cycle of life.
- enhance your understanding and desire to give of yourself, your time and your wealth. This benefits you in your career, business and private life.
- reveal that your primary purpose is the process of your own evolution and unfoldment. This does not indicate selfishness as one cannot realize this purpose without giving of one's self.
- bring into proper use the benefits and power of love and the destruction of fear based thinking.

This study provides you with the basic training for life. To the extent that you gain understanding of the Laws is the extent to

which you can be of service to others. This is the most important education you could possibly hope to find. These are the lessons of the Great Masters stripped of cancerous religious dogma created by those who came after them and that has been allowed to run amuck. There will be no new doctrine or dogma for you to adhere to. This is a study of Self and its relation to the whole. This study can attract even those who are non-believers in anything other than what can be seen, tasted, touched, smelled or put into the bank. It can attract people who would never be attracted to a religious organization. Even the most loving religious group cannot attract all the spiritually disenfranchised. Why? It is because the damage has been done largely by well meaning religious bodies, which have in their creeds encased spirit in concrete.

This study connects the dots for those who are seriously involved in metaphysical studies. Every Law relates to the other 12 and the power is in knowing this. Many organizations bring a wide variety of teachers and lessons to their membership and though they are good and beneficial, the connection escapes them. You will become grounded for the process of creation in this dimension as well as opening to the intuitive inner being on the eternal process. Thought creates form but if we are too carried away with our spirituality, too ethereal in our thinking, we cannot create on this vibratory level. It is not enough to recognize metaphysical principles or to intellectually understand the Universal Laws. It is about applying what you have come to understand intellectually or intuitively in the continuing the process of creation. It is about sharing this knowledge because if we are not continuously giving we cannot be expanding our vessel for receiving.

What are the Universal Laws?

What are the Universal Laws? Where do they come from? Who instituted or caused these Laws to be in effect? How do we know they are the very framework of our existence? Why do I call them a road map to Self-unfoldment? This is tantamount to asking who instituted the law of gravity or atomic affinity. Like the law of gravity, we can verify the Universal Laws through our understood life experiences. **I call them the Divine Self-expression.** They are aspects of God revealed to human beings, but they are only found through our own efforts to know our inner Being.

The Universal Laws together make up the Law of Creation. Viewed in relation to man, Divine Self-expression is the Law by which each individual soul evolves and unfolds into Universal Being.

From biblical text it is revealed that God is not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. What is repentance? It is not just being sorry for what one has done, but the conscious raising of our thoughts from relative material thought to higher spiritual thought. **It means to change one's way of thinking!**

Man is described as a particle of Universal Being – a spark of this total light and a thought of Universal Being, with the self same creative power of thought. **Our purpose is to experience, learn and continue the creative process.** The Creation is the expression of Divine Love. Our earnest effort at understanding is our supreme expression of love.

In my books, the Universal Laws are identified and explained as I understand them to have been revealed by the Great Masters. My understanding, like anything you may read anywhere, should not be taken at face value. I am not asking you to accept anything in these book or any of my articles, blogs or essays without the process of personal identification and verification! You cannot afford blind faith in what someone else believes. **I am suggesting**

that you can come to know Universal Being through coming to know your Self. You can do this by identifying incidents in your life in relation to the Universal Laws. This is your study, your life and your creation. These Laws are not the exclusive property of a cult or secret conclave of mystics. They have been discovered and written about by poets, theologians, philosophers and thinkers.

If the Universal Laws are true as the Masters taught them, they are the single most important and convincing evidence of the existence of Universal Being. The laws of nature verify them, and we humans illustrate them.

Metaphysics Vs Philosophy

Thought creates form – without thought there can be no form. This is not a theory. It is not even a philosophy. It is a fact! This is what meta (thought) and physics (form) means; not a bunch of “new age” mumbo jumbo. One description is that the metaphysician attempts to clarify the fundamental notions by which people understand the world. I say that clarification and verification of the Universal Laws is more than fundamental notions and the purpose is to relate these Laws to our own life experiences. It is in understanding Self that we understand the world and Universal Being.

Metaphysics is considered by many to be a traditional branch of Philosophy concerned with explaining the fundamental nature of being and the world. Metaphysics is not a branch of Philosophy, which is where it is located in most Universities. Philosophy is the process of questioning everything. Metaphysics is not a question but is thought in motion. Everything is the process of the unmanifested becoming manifested (Chopra). Everything that exists had to exist first in mind. Certainly this is true of every man-made thing we can see and it follows that all matter and all of creation had to exist in mind first. Granted this required a greater mind with more power than we individually manifest but a mind nevertheless.

My books deal with metaphysical subject matter but there is nothing new under the sun on metaphysics. There are many people out there labeling superstition and “new age” teachings as metaphysical. For our purposes in this article I want to simplify and clarify. Meta refers to mind form and physics to material creation. William James wrote a book entitled *As a Man Thinketh*. We create in thought and when we know that what we have created in thought will be made manifest we let go and let it happen. It is not just students of obscure metaphysical groups but elements of most major religions who are visualizing a new world. The mystical tradition in religion has been around as long as there has been such a thing as organized religion.

I have been observing this powerful way of thinking materializing over the past 20 years. There is a growing amount of activity and many new organizations being formed of an esoteric and metaphysical nature. They range from mystical schools of established religions such as Sufi teachings, the Jewish Kabala, and various forms of Buddhism to some groups based on channeled revelations. It is as if there is some anticipation of change greater than there has been in the past. Maybe it was because of the heightened sense of imminent change due to so much talk about 2012, the Mayan Calendar and various “end of time” scenarios. There is a great deal of fear-based thinking coming from some so called “new agers” rivaling the ever present fundamentalist end of time destruction main stream. Much has to do with potentially devastating changes in the earth. Other groups talk of vibration changes and the movement of 3rd density people into 4th density. Of course, there have been for many years those preaching the imminent return of the Lord Jesus with the rapturing of souls etc. The latter have been on this kick for a long time and they obviously know more than Jesus because the Master said no man knows the hour of his return.

What we are observing in Memphis, Nashville and points east is a large number of speakers and those conducting workshops coming from around the world. What we are seeing is more groups being formed and more visitors to and from the State involved in what is referred to as “light work”. “Light workers” are thought of as those who have attained more knowledge of some system or process in metaphysics bringing their revelation to seekers. There is a steady stream of new books, new systems, seminars and workshops as to dazzle the mind of even enlightened souls. Often we do not pay much attention to a particular brand of automobile until we buy one and then we see them everywhere. It is not that suddenly they are making and selling more of them – it is just that we have become aware of them. I have become aware of the number of writers, speakers and teachers of metaphysics and how much this has increased in the mid South.

The famous researcher, scholar and author Zechariah Sitchin has been in Memphis talking about his *Earth Chronicles*. Many authors such as Georg Breckman, author of *Contact and Cosmology* has made multiple trips to Memphis appearing on The Book Man Show and Core Concepts Lectures. Robert Tennison Stevens with his *Conscious Language Study* and many others have been here. The Eastern traditions have been represented by teachers such as Sri Sri Ravishanka, Sai Babba, Paramahansa Yogananda and Sri Viswayogi Viswamjee Maharaj.

The Institute of Applied Metaphysics has been based in Memphis since the mid 90s though primarily an online educational institution. The Ervin Hypnosis Center in Bartlett hosts numerous classes and speakers from around the country as does The Circle and their Spirit Fests twice a year. The Core Concepts Lectures is a series of interviews of religious and spiritual leaders from many different disciplines. It is available on YouTube at Renford Broadcast Network. This is just a fraction of the organizations deeply involved in promoting esoteric thought. People from all over the world are being attracted to the area but it is not limited to West Tennessee. Retreat centers have been created in middle and East Tennessee and the connections seem to be nationwide.

The RBR Network of radio shows is on blogtalk radio (www.blogtalkradio.com/renford) and produces 12 shows a week, all of which are archived. It is not just Eastern religion and gurus from India that are making their appearance. There are groups of Pagans, Wiccans and Nordic traditions that are reviving. Even within some charismatic and certainly “new thought” churches these mystical traditions are being taught or the Shamin are being invited to preach and teach.

I do not believe that any religious organization metaphysical or orthodox is necessary in the process of self-discovery but they do provide a place for the individual to interact with other people who are on the same path. What is necessary is for individuals to identify and verify the Universal Laws from their own life experiences. Every time we find Jesus, Buddha or Lao Tzu being

recorded as speaking they were illustrating or explaining one of 13 Universal and Spiritual Principles. If these people of note spent all their time telling little stories that illustrated these principles, there must be something more important about these principles than all the doctrines, dogmas and methods of worship that have come after them. Maybe we would best be spending our time in the process of identifying and verifying these laws in our own experiences. If we do we can say, "I know that these principles are true because I have been there and done that." When we can do that we will not be talking from an inherited belief, a hope or a fear-based dogma. We will be talking based on experiential knowing.

When one has experienced this process there is a shift in consciousness. At minimum one is endowed with 3 advantages. This is a system of self-verification. It really does not matter what anyone else is saying. You know because you have personally experienced a Universal Law and now recognize it. You will never be walking down the street trying to figure out what is going on in your life. If you have identified and verified these principles in your life experiences you know what is going on. Finally, you will never listen to a speaker, read a book or attend any kind of class that you will not know where they are coming from. You will recognize anyone who has not become aware of these principles. You will know whether they are coming from academia, dogma, blowing smoke or speaking from the experience of their lives.

Well Being

I know that my true Being is a composite of mind, body and spirit. No part of this composite can be ignored. A healthy body can only be secured and maintained if healthy mentally and spiritually.

I know that the way I think determines my health not only mentally but also physically and spiritually. Consequently, I do not deprive my body of proper nutrition, my mind of positive creative thoughts, or my spirit of meditation and prayer.

Likewise, I do not pollute my body with useless foods or chemicals. I do not pollute my mind with fearful and negative images, nor do I cripple my spirit by allowing myself to be diverted from my primary purpose.

My body, mind and spirit are harmonizing as a healthy whole. I live in an abundance of energy, light and joy. Because of this, I need less food, less in the way of mental diversions and I know my inner being as whole and complete. I live in the process of unfoldment as I am a part of the eternal creative process.

I am the creator of my life and express through my body mind and spirit. I am perfect in creation though I have perceived my manifestations as less than perfect. I am not judgmental of others or myself. I am in my place, and others are where they are supposed to be in the process of unfoldment. If I could be more at this point, it would be because of my expanded capacity to receive. I am expanding my capacity to receive.

I exercise mind, body and spirit daily as an integrated process of maintenance. My mind is in active pursuit of proper coordination of body and spirit. My body is in active pursuit of service to mind and spirit, and spirit is in active pursuit of its primary purpose. This is the process of evolution and unfoldment.

All is process. Words such as “shoulda – coulda – woulda” are no longer a part of my vocabulary. There is only the eternal NOW and no words or descriptions are necessary other than I AM. *Renford*

This set of affirmations pertain to personal health and was developed for the IAM-WELL Association of Energy Workers. It has been taken from the IAM-WELL Association Manual which includes contributions from a number of different authors.

The Renford Affirmations

We know that anything we can conceive and believe we can achieve. Every day ideas are coming to us. Every day we gain more confidence because we **believe in ourselves and God dwells in us**, and we can access **God Power** by recognizing our innate powers.

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

We see all problems as challenges that simply require a learning process. We love them because they exist in Divine Love for our benefit. We understand that proper perspective is necessary to begin any work and we are daily developing the capability to view our lives in **proper perspective**.

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

We know that there are no limits upon the **abundance** that is available to us, except those that we place upon ourselves. We are releasing all thoughts that restrict or limit us. We are **attracting** all the skills, people and materials that we need to fulfill our **primary purpose**. These assets and attributes are

daily being placed on the infrastructure that we have created in thought. We are manifesting what we have imaged in thought.

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

We are giving of ourselves every day in every way. We share our wealth, time and knowledge, and the cosmos rewards us in multiples of our giving. It is inevitable that we receive when we give, because this is an expression of a Universal Law.

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

We know where we are, who and what we are, and what we are capable of. We know that our capacity for energetic activity, creative thought and love are endless and that our energy supplier, universal Being, is infinite.

We take responsibility for what we have and will create. We know that what we create in thought, and give the power of emotion to, will be manifested. **We are IN EVERY WAY CREATING our lives.**

I suggest that these affirmations be read aloud each day for 27 days. It constitutes a mental mindset change. If you have a problem with your computer your tech-rep is likely first to tell you to shut the computer down and re-boot. These affirmations are like a mental re-boot and when read for at least the period

suggested things start to happen. Keep in mind what you are creating and wait to see what happens.

Religious Expressions of The Universal Laws

The purpose of this document is to illustrate that from many major ancient sources, as well as a variety of philosophical thinkers, the Universal Truths have been expressed. The unifying principles of the Universal Laws have been and are present for one seeking such knowledge. They have always been in effect yet, the nature of man, due to limited adequacy to comprehend Universal Mind, has created diversity, legend, doctrine and dogmas.

Dogma has dominated the wars of history and many there have been. Man is not always comfortable with truth but is supremely confident with simplified dogma. Ignorance, that is lack of understanding, breeds arrogance and further contributes to fear, especially any thought that does not conform to accepted thought.

1) William E. Paden, in *Religious World*, defines Universalism as an “apt enough term for those views affirming that all religion contains common spiritual realities or at least have different paths to the same goal.”

2) Maharishi Mahesh Yogi notes, “Since there exist scriptures of many different religions, the question may be asked, which one should be the authority for determining right and wrong? In answer to this query, we find that, although the language of the scriptures differs and the exponents of the scriptures have been different and come from different times in the long history of the world, the basic truth of all is the same.”

3) Swami Prabhavananda and Isherwood note that a great deal of time has been spent by world religious leaders to refute the doctrines of the other, “But happily there is the Highest Common Factor of all religions, the Perennial Philosophy which has always and everywhere been the metaphysical system of the prophets, saints and sages.”

4) Swami Prabhavananda says, “At the core of the Perennial Philosophy we find four fundamental doctrines:”

- A) “First: the phenomenal world of matter and of individualized consciousness - the world of things and animals and men and even gods - is the manifestation of a Divine Ground within which all partial realities have their being, and apart from which they would be nonexistent.
- B) “Second: human beings are capable not merely of knowing about the divine Ground by inference; they can also realize its existence by a direct intuition, superior to discursive reasoning. This immediate knowledge unites the knower with that which is known.
- C) “Third: man possesses a double nature, a phenomenal ego and an eternal Self, which is the inner man, the spirit, the spark of divinity within the soul. It is possible for a man, if he so desires, to identify himself with the spirit and therefore with the Divine Ground, which is of the same or like nature with the spirit.
- D) “Fourth: man’s life on earth has only one end and purpose:
to identify himself with his eternal Self and so to come to unitive knowledge of the Divine Ground.”
- 5) “Maharishi Mahesh Yogi said “In fact, the Vedic Literature is not the thoughts or writings of the Vedic Seers (Rishis), but rather exists eternally in the field of Being itself, ready to be discovered by anyone who experiences Being.” “Since they are the fundamental set of Laws which organize the whole activity of the universe, the Rig Veda and other aspects of the Vedic literature together comprise the Constitution of the Universe.”
- 6) “Truth all religion comprehends, in truth alone is justice placed, in truth the words of God are based.” - Ramayana 2:14
- 7) “Truth is knowledge of things as they are, and as they were, and as they are to come.” - Doctrine and Covenants 93:24

8) “Know that the Truth is sacred regardless of its source, despite its seeming vagueness or incredibility.” - Tibetan Book of the Dead

9) “What is now called the Christian religion already existed among the ancients and was not lacking at the very beginnings of the human race. When Christ appeared in the flesh, the true religion already in existence received the name Christian.” - Augustine

10) “Truth is the last end for the entire universe, and the contemplation of truth is the chief occupation of wisdom.” - St. Thomas Aquinas

11) “The Perennial Philosophy and its ethical corollaries constitute a Highest Common Factor, present in all the major religions of the world.” - Swami Prabhavananda

12) “In regard to man’s final end, all the higher religions are in complete agreement. The purpose of human life is the discovery of Truth, the unitive knowledge of the Godhead.”

13) “Illusions are like mistresses. We can have many of them without tying ourselves down to responsibility. But truth insists on marriage. Once a person embraces truth, he is in its ruthless, but gentle, grasp.” - Rabazar Tarzs

14) “Yet despite this universal degeneration, if we search the records enshrined in the literatures belonging to these various religions and philosophies, we shall find underneath the words and technical phrases in which they are couched, behind the expressions which once conveyed their full and luminous meaning, the same fundamental truths everywhere over the earth’s surface and in all races of men we shall find the same Message, indeed the same identic Messages, given to the men of this or of that or of another historical period for their inspiration and guidance and for mental comfort and peace, and for the consolation and inspiration of the heart in all lines of higher human endeavor that it may at any time follow.” - G. de Purucker

15) “God and the universal laws of structure and operation are one and the same reality.” Spinoza

16) “there is no need that we should understand the series of individual mutable things, for their essence is only to be found in fixed and eternal things, and from the laws inscribed in those things as their true codes, according to which all individual things are made and arranged; nay, these individual and mutable things depend so intimately and essentially on these fixed ones that without them they can neither exist nor be conceived.” Spinoza

17) “True prayer lies not in asking for a violation of natural law but in the acceptance of natural law as the unchangeable will of God.” Voltaire

18) “Jnana is eternal, is general, is necessary and is not a personal knowledge of this man or that man. It is there, as knowledge in the Atman itself, and lies there hidden under all avidya (ignorance) - irremovable, though it may be obscured, unprovable, because self-evident, needing no proof, because itself giving to all proof the ground of possibility. These sentences come near to Eckart’s ‘knowledge’ and to the teaching of Augustine on the Eternal Truth in the soul which, itself immediately certain, is the ground of all certainty and is a possession, not of A or B, but of the ‘the soul.’” - Rudolf Otto

19) “Moreover Aristotle defines the First Philosophy as being the knowledge of truth, not of any truth, but of that truth which is the source of all truth, of that, namely, which refers to the first principle of being of all things; wherefore its truth is the principle of all truth, since the disposition of things is the same in truth as in being.” - St. Thomas Aquinas

20) “no progress in ethnology will be achieved until scholars rid themselves once and for all of the curious notion that everything possesses a history; until they realize that certain ideas and certain concepts are as ultimate for man, as a social being, as specific physiological reactions are ultimate for him, as a biological being.” - Dr. Paul Radin

21) “When this directing and explanatory philosophy is not the Perennial Philosophy or one of the historical theologies more or less closely connected with the Perennial Philosophy, it takes the form of a pseudo religion, a system or organized idolatry.” - Huxley

22) “I do not feel obliged to believe that the same God who has endowed us with sense, reason, and intelligence has intended us to forgo their use.” Galileo Galelei

23) “Some say that these Universal Laws are too complicated and that they like to keep things basic.” The Universal Laws are the basis of natural laws. It is as basic as you can get. You don’t argue that you don’t like gravity, “It’s too complicated.” It’s a law. The Universal Laws are not changeable. They are not passed in congress or any parliament. They were not given by an alien on a mountain top. They are permanent existing eternal aspects of Universal Being.” Renford

Impoverishment

There is no poverty like the poverty of man's vision – the deprivation of his inner light.

There are no limits like the limits man places upon himself. God has placed none on him.

There is no man so ignorant as the man who cannot see in everything the unity of all.

There is no more deadly a disease of man, no spiritual cancer, like the one called cynicism.

There can be no greater emptiness than the absence of love. It is the worst kind of poverty.

There is no poorer man than the man who cannot find within himself something to give.

There is no man as lost as the man without proper perspective, a plan, focus or purpose.

There is no man as rootless as the man who cannot see his connectedness to all that exists.

There is no man more fearful, more angry with the world, than the man who refuses to learn.

There is no man as short changed or foolish as the man who can only see life's injustices.

There is no man so helpless as the man who refuses to know, choosing instead, blind faith.

There is no greater waste than the man who refuses to recognize his creative abilities.

There is no man so doomed to failure as the man who only looks outward and not to himself.

The Universal Law of Being

The first Universal Law, the Law of Being, is directly related to what some teachers have called “Our Divine Birthright.” Real meaning of “**being**” can only be known from living and experiencing in the body. Descartes said, “I think, therefore I exist.” While he expressed “**being**” only in relation to the mind, he was accurate in describing the existence of the individual entity. There is also the fact that man, while an entity unto himself, is also part of the whole of being.

Knowing one’s Self is described as “the knowing in the mind, body and soul that we are one with the omnipresence of the Creator.” Why did the Masters include the physical body when they noted “we must know in the mind, body and soul that we are one with the omnipresence”? Because it is in the body that the composite is totally expressed. If we believe in the spiritual nature of man, we are accustomed to thinking of ourselves as a body with a soul or a soul with a body which is the more accurate. The body has its role because it is the vehicle for experience and learning.

The body is no less a wondrous vehicle than the ethereal bodies. George de Purucker, in *The Esoteric Tradition Vol. II*, states that we are “Physically speaking, an aggregate of a quasi-infinity of electrons whirling and moving with vertiginous rapidity.” He goes on to say, “No compound thing can break up unless there be movement in it; that breaking up, that dissolution, is in itself a change, which is another word for activity, force or energy, or in this case molecular and atomic life.” He says that what we call death is “not loss of life, which is an absurdity, but loss of individualized coherence.” He says that in death our bodies become diffused “life without the dominating control of a centralized inner government.” What is the inner government but the operations of the spiritual monad? Finally he confirms what altogether our composite is - “spirit and substance, or force and matter, are fundamentally one: two phases of the underlying reality.”

We might compare the Spiritual Monad to a ray of the sun. It is a part of the total sun. As the ray travels earthbound from the sun it passes through the atmosphere. The ray is the same as the sun, a part of the total. The ray may be deflected; may have differences in properties, but it is still a ray of the sun. In the atmosphere, it has a difficult passing but its duty can only be fulfilled in its destination. In our case it is the earth. It may pass through clouds once in the atmosphere; it may bring life to plants and all life but it is still a ray of the sun. In fulfilling its function, it brings life to all.

The plant functions with the life giving ray, but the plant does not become the ray. The plant has its own body and uses water, soil and other natural elements to grow and fulfill its function. It propagates itself, but it could not function without the ray. It has its own form of consciousness and its levels of being. It can never forget its connection to the ray. It can never cease to stretch upwards and retain its connection to the ray because the ray is life itself. It needs its soil. It needs its water but it exists at the license of the ray.

Emerson says in his essay *Self Reliance*, “For the sense of being which in calm hours rises, we know not how, in the soul, is not diverse from things, from space, from light, from time, from man, but one with them, and proceeds obviously from the same source whence their life and being also proceed.” Soul unfoldment and return to God is a driving force within us. When we have failed to develop in the areas we wanted in a life, we are driven to seek/create the right circumstances for learning and unfoldment in the next. We are driven to return to the earth or a physical plane due to unfulfilled desires, but the strongest of these unfulfilled desires is the purpose of the inner man.

The body and situation we create is of our own design. The material and circumstances in which we find ourselves in this life, we are responsible for in every detail. We have created the way all things are created - with thought, imagery and will. It is, therefore, important that we create constructively and from purity

of heart. Millman notes in what he calls “The Law of Integrity” that “it is about living in line with our highest vision despite impulses to the contrary.”

Life does not solely depend upon food or physical exercise but on the exercise of the mind. Jesus said, “Man does not live by bread alone but by every word that comes from God.” Man lives by knowledge of his relation to Universal Being regardless of who or what he defines as Universal Being. Emerson puts it this way, “The relations of the soul to the divine spirit are so pure that it is profane to seek to interpose helps. It must be that when God speaketh he should communicate, not one thing, but all things; should fill the world with his voice; should scatter forth light, nature, time, souls, from the centre of the present thought; and new date and new create the whole.”

As a Rosicrucian writer put it, “The elemental soul is only one but is clothed by the garments of the elements, mineral, plant, animal and human intelligence, the last of which can be of great hindrance but contains the seed for further awareness.” The power, however, that sustains life and enables the body to convert food and air into energy is the spark of light originating with the Creator. This is the direct source of life energy that sustains the life process; the process of Being.

G. de Purucker expresses being as follows: “The divine spark remains forever in its own sphere of utter consciousness and bliss, of ineffable light and power. Yet it is the essential core of us, the heart of us, our divine root; which means that each and every man is in his inmost parts illuminated by such an individual Monad.” He outlines the composite that makes up the total being as follows:

A) the Divine Monad, whose range of consciousness and functional activity is over and in the Galaxy;

B) its Ray, the Spiritual Monad, whose range of self-consciousness and functional activity is over and in the Solar System;

C) the Higher or Spiritual Soul, the Ray from the Spiritual Monad, whose self-consciousness and functional activity is over and in the Globes of the Planetary Chain; and finally,

D) the Human Ego, the Ray from whose self-consciousness and functional activity belong to our Earth and last for the duration of a single incarnation.

Joseph S. Benner, in *The Impersonal Life*, describes the core of being as our “inner mind”. He says, “This inner mind is not our human (physical) brain nor even the subconscious mind. These are just expressions of our being. Our real self is the expression of Universal Being. In other words, we are a phase of Universal Being”. He goes on to say, “The innermost part of us that sits within, and calmly waits and watches, knowing neither time nor space, is the Kingdom; the Eternal that fills all space. It is this inner self that animates our bodies, which causes our minds to think, our hearts to beat. This Universal Being is present in each of us, and we are one with all.”

G. de Purucker calls it intuition. He says, “Intuition, be it active or relatively inactive, is the source of all human understanding of truth. It lives in the heart of man, i.e., in the core of his being; and it is the working of this intuition which gives to him all his highest and best ideas regarding the nature of man and the universe.” He goes on to say, “A soul, then, and correctly speaking, is a growing entity, a composite being, which is builded or constructed around what is called a “Monadic Ray” an efflux from the Monad its source; that is to say, a soul is a compound of forces and substances; but the divine-spiritual ray, around which the soul-structure is thus builded.”

He expands on this statement by saying, “Our whole inner nature is, as has been said, a sheaf or bundle of force-substances, which in their aggregate form the entire constitution of man; and through this composite sheaf or bundle, the divinity at the heart of us expresses itself - expresses itself, therefore, through our human selfhood, which is the intermediate part of our constitution, i.e., of this sheaf.”

Emerson's view of Being is summed up in these words, "This is the ultimate fact which we so quickly reach on this, as on every topic, the resolution of all into the ever-blessed ONE. Self-existence is the attribute of the Supreme Cause, and it constitutes the measure of good by the degree in which it enters into all lower forms. All things real are so by so much virtue as they contain."

Benner says, "The threefold Force, manifesting as all Wisdom, all Love, all Power (light, heat and energy) that which holds together all forms and is back of and in all expressions and phases of life, is but the manifestation of Universal Mind in each of us in state of Being." Finally he says, "This inner being is the same life and spirit animating all living things in the universe, from the tiniest atom to the greatest sum; This is the intelligence in us and in our brother and likewise the intelligence which causes everything to live and grow and become that which it is their destiny to be."

G. de Purucker on the nature of our Being states, "Having this indivisible Essence and Center or Monad in ourselves - which in its own nature is immortal - therefore, as before stated, being the droplets of the Cosmic Essence, we are in this respect deathless; which means that the essence of us is deathless, and being deathless that essence is logically birth less, because there is no such thing as an infinity, which begins - an infinity having only one end, so to say. That spiritual-divine part of us never had a beginning and it never shall have an end." Eternal does not only mean without end, it also means without beginning!

He says, "Within yourself is the Path, and that Path, O Child, is Yourself - your Spiritual Self, your Divine Self, that starry celestial power which is your root of being. It—it, is also the heart of the Universe, for you and the All are essentially and fundamentally one and not twain. Can you, O Child, separate yourself from the Universe which encompasses you around? Can you ever leave it? Are you not an offspring of it, body of its body, blood of its blood, life of its life, thought of its thought,

being of its being? Verily, you are IT. So when you have found yourself, our greater Self, your Spiritual Self: the inner god, the divinity within: then have you found not only the Path which leads to the heart of the Universe, but you have found yourself and it to be One.”

Paul Tillich wrote, “Being, the power of being, is beyond statics and dynamics. Being is what in the Middle Ages was called “transcendental,” that which surpasses all abstract concepts. Essential Being implies the static element in so far as it must be conceived of as that which endures eternally; and it implies the dynamic element in the perpetual manifestation of its power to overcome non-Being.” He goes on to say, “Thus despite theological and philosophical criticism, the concept of Being remains the loftiest of concepts, the concept that is more than a concept and as such fit to become the central concept of a theology.”

Maharishi Mahesh Yogi has a great deal to say about The Law of Being. He sees Being as the core of the Universal Laws. He does not specifically state this, but he does state specifically that “The knowledge of Being as the ultimate and essential constituent of creation raises the standards of all aspects of life to the unbounded status of the absolute existence.” He also says, “There are twenty-seven branches of the Vedic literature in all, and each describes as a different creative quality of the unbounded field of Being - the unbounded ocean of Consciousness.”

He points out the fact that there must be Being in order to act on the Universal Law of Creation which I see as another name for The Divine Self- Expression or The Universal Laws in total. His order of process is stated as being as follows; “The Science of Being transcends the science of mind, which in its turn, transcends the science of matter which, again, in turn, transcends the diversity of material existence.”

Maharishi continuing on this subject says, “Being is the ultimate reality of all that exists; It is absolute in nature.” In fact he says,

“the Vedas express Being as the ultimate reality and find It within man as his own inseparable Self.” “Life is nothing but Being in all its phases of absolute and relative existence: oneness of Being is the diversity of life, imperishable Being is the ever-changing perishable universe.”

The Law of Relativity as well as all the other Laws begin with Being. He says “All these levels of peace and happiness, creativity, intelligence and power are nothing but the different levels of Being.” Further, he states, “The individual life is the basic unit of the life of the cosmos. Evolution of the cosmos is basically served by the evolution of the individual life.” Before one can entertain creation, one must exist in a state of Being and this alone is not enough. He continued this thought, “Unless the conscious mind transcends thinking and feeling, it cannot arrive at the plane of Being.” “The start of activity is from the level of thinking, and the start of thinking is at the level of transcendental Being.” “Being is the basis of thinking, and thinking is the basis of doing.”

Dr. Richard Alper Ph.D. states the following about Being, which leads us into the second Universal Law. He says, “It’s the place where Yin and Yang manifest, It’s the place where duality exists - the First place into form from the immanent duality in the unmanifest from the formless you come into that place where there is energy becoming form.” While he says duality exists, I maintain that this duality is only man’s perception of absolute unity.

Maharishi Yogi says, “Being expresses Itself as prana, on which is based the sprouting of a thought which in its turn develops into a desire leading to action.” “The greatest force that a man can ever have, in order to keep the surroundings harmonious and in conformity with the purpose of his actions, is to maintain the purity of his soul, mind, and body, and the purity of the purpose of action and sincere devotion to activity.”

Quotes That Express the Universal Law of Being

1) “Man is a spiritual being in that unless he is badly corrupted he responds powerfully to non material stimuli: the beauty in nature or in art, the trust of children, the needs of helpless people, the death of a friend even though long absent.” - Benjamin Spock

2) “Beauty is not caused, It is. - Emily Dickinson

3) “Don’t say things. What you ARE stands over you the while and thunders so that I cannot hear what you say to the contrary.” – Ralph Waldo Emerson

4) “We believed that man was a rational animal, endowed by nature with rights, and with an innate sense of justice. We believed that wisdom and virtue were not hereditary.” - Thomas Jefferson

5) “A strong being is the proof of the race and of the ability of the universe; When he or she appears materials are overaw’d.” - Walt Whitman

6) “I swear I think now that everything without exception has an eternal soul! The trees have, rooted in the ground! the weeds of the sea have! the animals!” - Walt Whitman

7) “We are but shadows: we are not endowed with real life, and all that seems most real about us is but the thinnest substance of a dream, till the heart be touched. That touch creates us, then we begin to be, thereby we are beings of reality and inheritors of eternity.” - Hawthorne

8) “Shall I then praise the heavens, the trees, the earth Because their beauty and their strength last longer? Shall I wish there, or never to had birth, because they’re bigger, and their bodies stronger? Nay, they shall darken, perish, fade and die, And when unmade, so ever shall they lie, But man was made for endless immortality.” - Anne Bradstreet

9) "I believe there is one supreme most perfect Being, Author and Father of the gods themselves. For I believe that man is not the most perfect being but one, rather that as there are many degrees of beings his inferiors, so there are many degrees of beings superior to him." - Benjamin Franklin

10) "None has begun to think how divine he himself is, and how certain the future is." - Walt Whitman

11) "The starting point is the self. Its essence is water. Only clarity, willingness to change, is effective now." - Ralph Blum

12) "No book is of much importance; the vital thing is, What do you yourself think?" - Elbert Hubbard

13) "We go wondering about immortality, unconscious that we are ourselves immortality." - Donald Culross Peattie

14) "Of all kinds of knowledge that we can ever obtain, the knowledge of God and the knowledge of ourselves are the most important." - Jonathan Edwards

15) "This 'breath of life' is a superconscious reality. It is the essence of the 'I am.' " - Charles Hannell

16) "Speak to Him, thou, for He hears, and spirit with spirit can meet, Closer is He than breathing, and nearer than hands and feet." - Tennyson

17) "Man is a soul informed by divine ideas, and bodying forth their image. His mind is the unit and measure of things visible and invisible." - A. Bronson Alcott

18) "The supreme franchise of the human soul is that it can know God." - Fulton Oursler

19) "Regard all men as equal, Since God's light is contained in the heart of each." - Guru Nanak

20) “The way to do is to be.” - Tao Teh Ching 47

21) “And it is with this belief and this knowledge that I say, You are not enclosed within your bodies, nor confined to houses or fields. That which is you dwells above the mountain and roves with the wind. It is not a thing that crawls into the sun for warmth or digs holes into darkness for safety, But a thing free, a spirit that envelops the earth and moves in the ether.” - Kahlil Gibran

22) “If the eye were not of the nature of the sun, how could we behold light? If divine force were not at work in us, how could divine things delight us?” - Empedocles - *From Christianity As Mystical Fact*

23) “We are, and we recognize our being, and we love our own being and cognition. On these three points no illusion in the garb of truth can trouble us, for we do not apprehend them with our bodily senses like external things.” - Augustine

24) “There is no separation between God and us. We are divine expressions of the creative principle on this level of existence. We contain the potential for everything within us.” - Shakti Gawain

25) “The foundation for life in the new world we are creating is built on the understanding that there is a higher intelligence, a fundamental creative power or energy in the universe which is the substance of all that exist.” - Shakti Gawain

26) “Great men are they who see that spiritual is stronger than any material force, that thoughts rule the world.” – Ralph Waldo Emerson

27) “I hold the belief that if there are realities in religion, they will be proclaimed by the convergence of mysticism and physics as experienced upon a plane where spiritual and material entities are not differentiated, but reflect unconditionally one autonomous idea.” - Ronald Isaac Landau

28) “Why has man’s conscience in the end invariably rebelled against naturalism and reverted in some form or other of a cultus of the unseen?” Santayana says that it is “because the soul is akin to the eternal and ideal.”

29) “the foundation of virtue is no other than the effort to maintain one’s being; and man’s happiness consists in the power of so doing.” Spinoza

30) Russell thought that “the world of universals may also be described as the world of being. The world of being is unchangeable, rigid, exact, delightful to the mathematician, the logician, the builder of metaphysical systems, and all who love perfection more than life.”

31) “In reality a living being is a center of action; it represents a sum of contingency entering into the world; that is to say, a certain quantity of possible action.” (Bergson) He is really saying that each human being is a center for creative evolution and this fact is the essence of Being. – Bergson

32) “In the Reality unitively known by the mystic, we can speak no more of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, nor of any creature, but only one Being, which is the very substance of the Divine Persons. There were we all one before our creation, for this is our super-essence. There the Godhead is in simple essence without activity.” - Ruysbroeck

33) “The seed of God is in us. Given an intelligent and hard working farmer, it will thrive and grow up to God, whose seed it is; and accordingly its fruits will be God-nature. Pear seeds grow into pear trees, nut seeds into nut trees, and God seed into God.” - Eckhart

34) “The spiritual creature which we are has need of a body, without which it could nowise attain that knowledge which it obtains as the only approach to those things, by knowledge of which it is made blessed.” - St. Bernard

35) “Whoever has God in mind, simply and solely God, in all things, such a man carries God with him into all his works and into all places, and God alone does all his works. He seeks nothing but God, nothing seems good to him but God. He becomes one with God in every thought. Just as no multiplicity can dissipate God, so nothing can dissipate this man or make him multiple.” – Eckhart

The Universal Law of Absolute Unity

The Universal Law of Absolute Unity expresses that all physical and spiritual existence is the expression of Universal Being. The “word” spoken of in various scriptures is the thought of God. All is energy in motion and while nature may appear mechanical to us because it operates under physical laws, it is really God thought. In the phenomenal world of matter man perceives duality. This is a natural law that we must overcome. We see it in the positive and negative forces. Even the atom has protons and neutrons. The Chinese sages called it Yin and Yang.

When the Universal Law of Absolute Unity is realized, duality is overcome and the relation of all to all is clear. The Universal Law of Absolute Unity, when applied to the Universal Law of Relativity, reveals the diversity as part of the whole of Being. The Being, (man), to realize this Unity, must become aware that the duality he perceives is just that, only his perception. This is covered in more detail in the Universal Law of Relativity.

The Unity of all is a Universal Truth, and the duality that man has created in his own mind is a part of this unity. G. de Purucker points out “The duality is composed of, first, the higher portion which aspires constantly upwards and which in its essence is the Reimbodying Ego; and, second, a lower portion, attracted downwards to the realms of material existence, which is the lower or ordinary human ego.” Perceived duality is to be transcended, and in virtually every religion, it is the method of transcendence (the how to) which has formulated doctrines and dogmas. Maharishi Mahesh Yogi adds to this by saying, “It may be given a different name but the content will establish the principle of unity in the midst of diversity, the basic unity of material existence.”

Duality does not simply mean in this instance two but recognizes that the whole is made of parts. There is diversity within The Whole. G. de Purucker points out that when looking upon the composite human constitution as a unitary whole, one finds a

number of foci or parts. He names them as the Divine Soul, the Spiritual Soul, the Human Soul, the Animal Soul and the Vital-Astral Soul, “through them all, nevertheless flows and works and functions the Essential Monadic Ray.”

Frithjof Schuon points out in his book, *Islam*, that, “Just as the world is an immeasurable carpet in which everything is repeated within the rhythm of continual change, or again, in which everything remains similar within the framework of the law of differentiation, so too the Quran and with it the whole of Islam - is a carpet or fabric, in which the center is everywhere repeated in an infinitely varied way and in which the diversity is but a development of the unity.”

We are souls with bodies, not just bodies with a brain. Those who do believe in the soul often think of themselves as a body with a soul. The spirit of Universal Being is one, through the Law of Relativity it becomes two. THE LAW OF INFINITY (Universal Being) when applied to the Universal Law of Relativity is the source of many.

As life is the essence of spirit, so is consciousness the essence of life. Spirit is one, yet it manifest in many forms of life. Life is one, yet it manifests in many forms of consciousness. This principle is seen in the elements, minerals, plants, animals, the human being, demi-gods and the gods as described by ancient writers. de Purucker put it this way, “There is no matter per se; there is no spirit per se; they are two phases of the underlying reality.”

The body is a vehicle, a means of experiencing in the world. As explained in the Law of Being, life is sustained from power within, and that power is in direct connection with the spiritual monad, a part of Universal Being. Duality is perceived because our bodies cannot live without the power from our internal source. That source is Universal Being, and, as noted, the soul is a spark of it. de Purucker writes, “As the body builds its own flesh and bones, surrounded with the outward shell of skin, so in much the same manner does the Monadic Ray when it descends

into incarnation anew upon the Earth throw forth from itself, emanate out from itself, and likewise gather and collect around itself.”

Benner says, “Each cell of our body has a consciousness, an intelligence of its own. Without this consciousness, it could not do the work it so intelligently does. Each cell is surrounded by millions of other cells, each intelligently doing its own work controlled by a united consciousness forming a group intelligence, which directs and controls each organ. All these organs make up our physical body. When the intelligence is withdrawn, the cells fall apart, and our physical body dies and exists no more as a living whole organism.” “We cannot say that our human personal self consciously does this because consciously we can scarcely control the action of a single organ of our bodies.” He notes that “the proof of this is, man does not and cannot breathe of himself. Something far greater than his conscious natural self lives in his body and breathes through his lungs. A mighty power within his body thus uses the lungs, even as it uses the heart to force the blood containing the life it is drawn through the lungs to every cell of the body; as it uses the stomach and other organs to digest and assimilate food to make blood, tissue, hair and bone; as it uses the brain, the tongue, the hands and feet, to think and say and do everything that man does. This power is the will of Universal Mind to BE and LIVE in man”.

Most of us perceive duality as “me” on the one hand and everything and everyone else in the world on the other. There is another perceived duality in that we classify in one category what we can experience with the five senses on one side and all those invisible non-sensory things on the other.

Shumacker, in *A Guide For The Perplexed*,² points out that, “all protein in the body, for example, is turned over every six months and in some organs, such as the liver, the protein is renewed more frequently.” This means when we do not see a friend or loved one for a number of years, they are materially not the same

persons. What does this say about the brain versus the mind, much less the soul?

The mind, if receptive, is directed by the soul, which has access to Universal Being via the Spiritual Monad. The brain is physical, ever changing and a part of the transitory nature of matter. It is the vehicle only. This means that there is a limited amount of knowledge to be gained from The Fourth Field of Knowledge (the senses and modern science), because it offers nothing but knowledge based on transitory physical facts.

Universal Being did not conceive of hell or even of the predicament in which humankind finds itself. It was the soul's choice to experience in the physical. It is a choice we still have and make as will be seen in the Law of Proper Perspective. By our failure, not Universal Being's failure, we have allowed the body to separate us, or blind us, to our Divine Birthright. This is the soul's struggle to return. God does not punish us. We punish ourselves by failing to use constructive thought, which creates constructive manifestations.

The soul chooses lives it must experience to evolve and develop (The Universal Law of Evolution and Unfoldment) toward God. The soul is its own judge in reviewing its life. It may experience a living hell for there is no hell, like the perception of separation. If one believes that he is separated from his rightful home and inheritance he lives as if separated.

When we allow ourselves to be taught dogma and are influenced in life to the point that we accept the premise that we have no responsibility, we miss the whole point of our existence. The premise that someone else has died for our mistakes and that we are not responsible for our situation or have no responsibility for our salvation causes us to abrogate our purpose. We must be responsible for our lives and the perceived separation that continues.

If any one of the fields of knowledge, as outlined by E. F. Shumacher and covered in a later chapter, is not developed,

especially the first field, inner knowledge, we can go no further. We then develop only technologically, like the gods of old, which is covered in *The Father Confusors*. Every day that we proceed down the path focusing on knowledge that can be obtained only from The Fourth Field, the field of the senses, we become closer to the Nefilim, the gods of old, but not to Universal Being (God) and not to evolution and unfoldment of the soul.

At the time of death, we withdraw from the body all of our vital forces, sense powers and ethereal particles of matter, but we can only keep understood life experiences. Swami Abhedananda says, “By the law of persistence of force (will) and conservation of energy, they remain latent in that center until environmental conditions become favorable for their re-manifestation. These germs or subtle bodies are subject to evolution and development; they arise from lower to higher stages of development, from the mineral through the vegetable to the animal kingdom and eventually they become human beings and then go on progressing.” “...and after coming to the human plane, they do not retrograde to animal bodies.”

Swami Abhedananda quotes Professor Huxley as saying, “Like the doctrine of evolution itself, that of transmigration has its roots in the world of reality.” The Genesis story outlines the development process showing what was the first and the next level culminating in man for maximum learning and growth. Humankind contains aspects of the lower kingdoms.

Between our life cycles, we are the ones most frustrated in our inability to rise above the weight of our physical bodies and understand our true nature. While this is a period of rest and assimilation, the soul is its own harshest judge and chooses the next life situation in an effort to overcome its weaknesses and evolve toward Universal Being. As we will see in the Law of Balance and Equalization, Karma, the Law of Evolution and Unfoldment, the Laws provide the ideal system or vehicle for our development and eventual return.

The soul cannot experience, understand and develop without the body and physical life. We express life energy by thought and physical activity. The environment in which we live, the physical life we have created for ourselves, for better or worse, is the visible portion of perceived duality. Though the body is made up of atoms and is much heavier in mass than the spirit, it too, in essence, is indestructible. Matter is not destroyed completely but recycled. The soul makes the life cycles too, but is indestructible because it is that part of the infinite Universal Being within each of us.

Maharishi Mahesh Yogi says “Prana is the expression of manifesting Being. It is the tendency of the unmanifested to manifest. It can be said to be the impulse of abstract absolute Being. Being is the absolute existence of unmanifested nature.” “It should be borne in mind that manifested creation and unmanifested Being, although appearing to be different, in reality are one and the same.” “The reality of duality is unity.”

When the subtle force of thought becomes objectified, it appears (it is created) as a physical or gross object. That is matter we see as solid. Swami Abhedananda gives the following example. “The minute particles of hydrogen and oxygen when combined by chemical force appear in the gross form of water. Water can never be separated from hydrogen and oxygen, which are its subtle component parts. Its existence depends upon that of its component parts, or in other words, upon its subtle form. If the subtle state changes, the gross manifestation will also change.” “It contains the invisible particles of matter which are held together by vital force, and it also possesses mind or thought force in a potential state just as the seed of a plant contains in it the life force and the power of growth.” The seed comes to life again when the conditions are right for growth and development, as does the soul when it manifests in another body.

Only the process of recreation of the physical condition necessary for soul unfoldment explains the diversity of individuals, the innate talents and tendencies of the individual. No doctrine of

any religious organization denying this fact can adequately explain the plight of mankind nor his nature and purpose.

An unnamed author noted the importance of sex in allowing for diversity of expression. He said, "In each and every plane of life, physical, mental, or spiritual, there is found present and active the Universal Principle of sex in some phase or form. The universe is Bi-sexual, and all creation, on every plane, is caused by sex and sex only. The Universal Law of Attraction is in effect. It proceeds along the lines of sex. Had the world remained neuter, there would have been no universal manifestation or creation. With creation there is change and with change - time. One becomes the many and sameness becomes variety and diversity. There is one life in diversity and all are contained within the world soul."

G. de Purucker in *The Esoteric Tradition* writes, "The truth therefore is that there is but one SELF, of which all the hosts of minor selves are but greater or smaller ray-selves. The 'dew-drop' finally slips into the Shining Sea - not to become 'lost' in the Occidental sense of this word, but to expand the dewdrop into the Sea itself. This was the secret teaching of the great Gautama the Buddha; it is the teaching likewise of the noblest spiritual effort in Hindustan, the Adwaita-Vedanta of Sankaracharya; it is likewise the intuition of every greatest Mystic that the world has ever known."

Those who accept duality as fact think it is a failing of philosophy to achieve its purpose. However, with the realization of the polarity of all, sex in all and the relation of the Universal Laws of Absolute Unity and Relativity, we know that all life is one regardless of the diversity of form. This Law is expressed by the founding fathers of America and can be seen on the currency to this day. The words "e pluribus unum" actually expresses The Law of Absolute Unity and the Law of Relativity - one out of many or unity out of diversity or multiplicity.

Quotes That Express the Law of Absolute Unity

1) “We sometimes congratulate ourselves at the moment of waking from a bad dream; it may be so the moment after death.”
- Hawthorne

2) “The dignity and beauty of man rests in the human spirit which makes him more than simply a physical being. This spirit must never be suppressed for exploitation by others. As long as the people recognize the beauty of their human spirits and move against suppression and exploitation, they will be carrying out one of the most beautiful ideas of all time. Because the human whole is much greater than the sum of its parts.” - Huey P. Newton

3) “Man is that curious creature who, though partly determined and limited by the necessities of nature, also possesses a rational freedom which enable him to harness the forces of nature in the world and to transmute the natural appetites and drives in his own nature so that he can conceive ends and entertain ambitions which exceed the limits which pure nature sets for all her creatures except man.” - Reinhold Niebuhr

4) “We are not really native to this world, except in respect to our bodies.” - George Santayana

5) “I believe that man will endure; he will prevail. He is immortal, not because he alone among creatures has an inexhaustible voice, but because he has a soul, a spirit capable of compassion and sacrifice and endurance.” - William Faulkner

6) “Tell me not, in mournful numbers,
Life is but an empty dream!
For the soul is dead that slumbers,
And things are not what they seem.
Life is real! Life is earnest!
And the grave is not its goal;

Dust thou art, to dust returnest,
Was not spoken of the soul.”
- Longfellow

7) “Even your body knows its heritage and its rightful need and will not be deceived. And your body is the harp of your soul, And it is yours to bring forth sweet music from it or confused sounds.” – Kahlil Gibran

8) “The Lord lives in the heart of every creature. He turns them round and round upon the wheel of his Maya.” - Swami Prabhavananda

9) “It can be shown that change is a necessary part of man as an imitation of the divine nature. If the imitator were not changing, he would be absolutely identical with what he imitates. Herein lies the difference separating the creature made in the divine image from the archetype; the one is subject to change, the other is not. - Jean Danielou

10) “The direction of the stream is distinct from the river bed, although it must adopt its winding course. Consciousness is distinct from the organism which it animates, although it must undergo its vicissitudes.” Bergson

11) “In like manner, consciousness in man is unquestionably connected with the brain; but it by no means follows that a brain is indispensable to consciousness.” “In principle, consciousness is coextensive with life.” Bergson

12) “In reality, life is no more made-up of physico-chemical elements than a curve is composed of straight lines.” Bergson

13) “Behold but One in all things; it is the second that leads you astray.” - Kabir

14) “In those respects in which the soul is unlike God, it is also unlike itself.” - St. Bernard

15) “The root meaning ‘two’ should connote badness.” Words such as dishonorable, dubious, doubt, double minded have the root of ‘duo’. “Our language confirms the findings of the mystics and proclaims the essential badness of division.” - Huxley

16) “Goodness needeth not to enter into the soul, for it is there already, only it is unperceived.” - Theologia Germanica

17) “When the Ten thousand things are viewed in their oneness, we return to the Origin and remain where we have always been.” - Sen T’sen

18) “Pursue not the outer entanglements,
Dwell not in the inner void;
Be serene in the oneness of things,
And dualism vanishes of itself.
The Third Patriarch of Zen

19) “All life is one. Differences are superficial. They are only in the outer; they are only in the body. But one great common Consciousness dwells as the Reality within all names and forms, with all creatures, not only all human beings, in all creatures.” – Ramanujan

20) “We are already one. But we imagine that we are not. And what we have to recover is our original unity. What we have to be is what we are.” Thomas Merton

21) “This is one of the most important factors in the development of man, the recognition – profound and complete recognition – of the law of universal unity and coherence.” – Mabel Collins

The Universal Law of Proper Perspective

This Law gives us the key to our purpose for existence and unravels some of the mystery of what I have referred to as “Divine Self-Expression.” Without “free will” there would be no logical reason for us to be here. The Universal Laws are logical, as the mind of the Creator is pure thought and the highest form of logic.

We have always been endowed with choice, the choice to experience as a separate expressing, learning entity; the choice to be a part of the Creator’s Divine Self-Expression. We make choices which lead to learning and understanding. Without understanding, we have experiences that we cannot take with us; in which case, we do not fulfill the Divine Expression and do not continue the creation.

We souls have all along had free will. We have been provided the Universal Laws, and we operate within them on a free will basis. Our lives are made up of a series of choices, and the condition of our lives are the result of these choices. With free will comes responsibility for what we create. This includes the life we have created for ourselves and our position of awareness we have on the ladder of soul evolution.

Millman states, “The Law of Choices tells us that decisions are not made with words, but with actions.” I call this the Universal Law of Proper Perspective. He further notes, “Free will means that you can choose to abide by the Laws that speak within your deepest intuition, or you can let impulses, fears, and habits run the show.” It is extremely important to understand that we are not trapped into the situation we are in. We simply must know that we have the choice. Millman says, “Unless you realize you have the power to say no, you can never really say yes.”

With free will, we exercise the Law of Proper Perspective. We determine our priorities. We decide what is important to us, and by putting things in their proper perspective, we allow the will to

focus on creation. We climb our own ladders of progression and decide the rate of our evolution. The results are based upon the choices made. The more right choices we make, the more opportunities to learn and experience we will have and the faster the rate of progression will be. The stronger our will, the greater the amount of energy that can be drawn to us. Proper Perspective clarifies purpose and purpose gives greater perspective.

The purpose of the soul is much greater than physical happiness. The sole objective of many is simply to be happy. We want to see our children well adjusted and happy. When we see our friends down in the dumps, we want to cheer them up. For some, life is only about being happy, but they have a hard time determining what this elusive state entails. We go to great lengths to be happy but this is not possible without bringing meaning to our lives. From plastic surgery to reckless adventure, we race for the ultimate thrill or for contentment. Yet, if we think about it, we must admit that it is in our greatest trials, facing misery, death or great obstacles of some kind that we develop into exceptional souls and rise to great heights. This does not mean we should seek misery, shun happiness and look for trouble. Most of us have no difficulty finding obstacles and challenges in our normal daily lives.

We must realize that the fact that we face difficulties is no accident. If we were born into a dysfunctional family, there is a reason we (the soul) planned it, for there is something there we have to learn or teach. If being beautiful people and having all the material goods of life is what life is all about, certainly God would be a god of injustice. Everyone would choose to be born into a wealthy family. This simply cannot be true because one of the key Universal Laws is the Law of Balance and Equalization. Harmony and balance are equally desirable.

If our purpose for life was to be a slave to the teachings of any group or cause, there would be no need for proper perspective or even choice. The purpose of the organization is all that would be important and the individual choices of that individual would be of little consequence. There can be no greater purpose than the

unfoldment and understanding of the soul. We create the circumstances in order to learn, to grow and to develop to the maximum the inner being can develop.

Heredity alone simply does not explain the phenomena of the great geniuses of the world. We choose the circumstances of our births in order to provide the right opportunities for the learning experience we require. Parents are chosen in order to create the circumstances required. The justice of a god that gives and takes away as pictured by some theologians simply does not explain life. Only the understanding of purpose, proper perspective and the exercise of free will within the boundaries of the Universal Laws gives us the answers we seek.

How do we evaluate the productivity of our lives, for we are the most critical of our judges? Jesus said, “By their fruits you will know them”. That simple fact, stated by the Master Teacher, is all we need to judge ourselves or anyone else. If all of our energies are misdirected or we fail to come to awareness of our righteous self-interest, our primary purpose for being here, have we not negated the very purpose of our lives?

The Law of Proper Perspective demands that we prioritize what we consider to be the most important things in our lives. For many it is money, and money is important in order to fulfill our obligations to those for whom we are responsible. It may be important in the achievement of many worthwhile goals so the Laws of Material Wealth must be understood. They are one and the same as the Universal Laws. What we think, we become; therefore, it is very important as to where we allow our minds to focus. The Laws of Material Wealth are covered more specifically under the Universal Law of Pure Potentiality or Creative Thought and in a separate book entitled *The Laws of Material Wealth*.

He follows that statement up with this thought, “For success of the action, it is necessary that the process of action be sustained, and for this, a fixity of purpose should always be held by the performer. If the mind wishes to conduct the action most

effectively and arrive at the most desirable results, it is extremely necessary that the mind not deviate from its purpose.” He says, “This fixity of purpose, which is the backbone of action and acts as a driving force for the process of action, is the most important factor in gaining the most effective and desirable results from any action.”

Desire is emotion energy in motion. (De = from) and (Sire = from God). It is the catalyst from Universal Being that drives us to action. It is absolutely necessary to drive us toward creative thought. If we desired nothing in life, we would be what is called suicidal. If we had no desire because of full understanding, we simply would have no need to repeat the cycle of physical life. We would not have been born. The body, physical existence, is only there because we souls desire it.

Some dogmas teach the necessity to kill all desire. This is a misunderstanding of Universal Truths. It is when we have perfect understanding of the Laws that we have fulfilled all desires or come to recognize those desires we had as unworthy of pursuit. In this case there is no need for re-birth in this realm. As long as we are here, it is because we desire to be here. The only way to escape desire for physical matter is to search within for understanding.

It is commonly taught that ghosts sometimes remain earth-bound because of unfulfilled desires. Should this be the case it is because this spirit is ignorant in the extreme. To ever be able to fulfill these desires, it would behoove the soul to move quickly on to the process of analysis and re-birth. The choices await us, and only in the new cycle of physical life can these desires possibly be fulfilled. If a soul is bewildered and remains earth-bound, it is because it has, while in the body, experienced little harmony and lived without any understanding of its purpose.

We can properly manifest in this life only by being in harmony with Universal Laws. We are moved to create in thought by our desires and in conjunction with believing and knowing. We apply the mental muscle, which is free will by coming into

harmony with the Universal Laws. In the paragraphs above, I am talking about a series of “causes”. The effects are the results of what we create, what we experience and our evolution and unfoldment.

Millman, under what he calls “The Law of Action,” notes that “No matter what we feel or know, no matter what our potential gifts or talents, only action brings them to life.” “Doing” he says, “leads to understanding, and action turns knowledge to wisdom.” He says that there are three fundamental realities. “First, by accepting our humanity and our physical presence in the world; second, by realizing that no one is going to live for us and that we only grow stronger from our own efforts; and third, by accepting that action may entail discomfort - and then getting on with it.” The question is what can we actually do? This will be covered more thoroughly under the Universal Law of Giving.

Quotes Expressing the Law of Proper Perspective

1) “If you don’t see what you want, maybe you want the wrong things.”

2) “Destiny is not a matter of chance, it is a matter of choice; it is not a thing to be waited for, it is a thing to be achieved.” - William Jennings Bryan

3) “Quality is never an accident; it is always the result of high intention, sincere effort, intelligent direction and skillful execution; it represents the wise choice of many alternatives.” - Willa A. Foster

4) “Men over forty are no judges of a book written in a new spirit,” - Emerson

5) “To every man there openeth a way,
And the high soul climbs the high way,
And the low soul gropes the low;
And in between on the misty flats,
The rest drift to and fro.
But to every man there openeth
A high way and a low
And every man decideth
The way his soul shall go” John Oxenham

6) “The Will (without any metaphysical refining) is plainly, that by which the mind chooses anything. The faculty of the Will is that faculty or power or principle of mind by which it is capable of choosing.” - Jonathan Edwards

7) “Human nature has been endowed with free will, and it transforms itself into that toward which the inclination of its will leads it. If it welcomes the passion of wrath, it becomes wrathful. It is in its power to shape itself into what it wishes. In reality human nature resembles a mirror and transforms itself according to the images that the will receives.” - Jean Danielou

8) “Two roads diverged in a wood, and I; I took the one less traveled by, And that has made all the difference.” - Robert Frost

9) “Man is man because he is free to operate within the framework of his destiny. He is free to deliberate, to make decisions, and to choose between alternatives. He is distinguished from animals by his freedom to do evil or to do good and to walk the high road of beauty or tread the low road of ugly degeneracy.” - Martin Luther King, Jr.

10) “Of life immense in passion, pulse, and power, Cheerful, for freest action form’d under the laws divine, The Modern Man I sing.” - Walt Whitman

11) “Your destiny shall not be allotted to you, but you shall choose it for yourselves. Virtue owns no master. He who honors her shall have more of her, and he who slights her less. The responsibility lies with the chooser.” - Plato

12) “In place of self pity, of excuses because of conditioning, environment and heredity, one becomes aware of the great gift of free will, the power of choice, the search for understanding of how best we can serve.” - Fulton Oursler

13) “That which seems most feeble and bewildered in you is the strongest and most determined. And is it not a dream which none of you remember having dreamt, that builded your city and fashioned all there is in it? Could you but see the tides of that breath you would cease to see all else, And if you could hear the whispering of the dream you would hear no other sound.” Kahlil Gibran

14) “We each have a significant contribution to make in this life time. I call this contribution our higher purpose.” “The core purpose in every relationship is for each of us to find our own truth.” - Shakti Gawain

15) “What you want also wants you. There are no unanswered requests in the universe. If we do not like what we are receiving,

we can learn to ask for something different. Then we will find what we wish.” *The Manuscript* - Ken Roberts

16) “Without this playing with fantasy no creative work has ever yet come to birth. The debt we owe to the play of imagination is incalculable.” - Jung

17) “Moses was raised as an aristocratic Egyptian, Spinoza wrote his best works as an excommunicated exile on the outskirts of Amsterdam, and Herzl was an emancipated journalist. The world is more often than not moved forward by outsiders.” - Ronald Isaac Landau

18) “I think a man can attain the courage to be only when he is turned back from every escape. Only when cornered like a rat and desperate beyond his capacity will he collapse into his own arms to be pulled in the highest of freedoms.” - Ronald Isaac Landau

19) “The saint is one who knows that every moment of our human life is a moment of crisis; for at every moment we are called upon to make an all-important decision – to choose between the way that leads to death and spiritual darkness and the way that leads towards light and life; between interests exclusively temporal and the eternal order; between our personal will, or the will of some projection of our personality, and the will of God.” – Huxley

20) “To learn to discriminate between the different kinds of rhetoric is an essential part of intellectual morality; and intellectual morality is as necessary a pre-condition of the spiritual life as is the control of the will and the guard of heart and tongue.” – John Stuart Mill

21) “The will is that which has all power; it makes heaven and it makes hell; for there is no hell but where the will of the creature is turned from God, nor any heaven but where the will of the creature worketh with God.” - William Law

22) “A life without purpose is a languid drifting thing. Every day we ought to renew our purpose, say to ourselves: this day let us make a sound beginning, for what we have hitherto done is naught, our improvement is in proportion to our purpose.” – Thomas a Kempis

23) “When a man does not know what harbor he is heading for, no wind is the right wind.” – Seneca

24) “Learn to get in touch with silence within yourself and know that everything in this life has a purpose.” – Elisabeth Kubler-Ross

25) “The real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new Landscapes but in having new eyes.” - Marcel Proust

26) “What one human being can be to another is not a very great deal; in the end everyone stands alone; and the important thing is, who it is that stands alone. The happiness which we receive from ourselves is greater than that which we obtain from our surroundings. The world in which a man lives shapes itself chiefly by the way in which he looks at it. Since everything which exists or happens for a man exists only in his consciousness, and happens for him alone, the most essential thing for a man is the constitution of his consciousness. Therefore it is with great truth that Aristotle says, ‘To be happy means to be self-sufficient.’ Unknown

The Universal Law of Pure Potentiality

(The Law of Creative and Harmonious thought) (Sometimes called Mental Law)

G. de Purucker states without equivocation that “Spirit, or Consciousness, or Intelligence, or Mind, per se is the most fundamental thing in and of the Universe, and therefore is the very essential substance of man’s inmost being.” This essential substance is the manner in which we are in the image of Universal Being. The power of thought allows us to continue the creation and to be creators in the image of Universal Being. It is the indestructible part of man though even the physical part of man cannot be totally destroyed.

Maharishi Mahesh Yogi taught that, “The start of activity is from the level of thinking and the start of thinking is at the level of transcendental Being.” “Being is the basis of thinking and thinking is the basis of doing.” “Consciousness is the radiation from the center of pure Being.” “The eternal ocean of Being can be conceived of as an ocean of water. The only difference is that the pure status of the ocean of Being lies beyond all relative existence. It is the unlimited vastness of pure existence or pure consciousness, the essential constituent and content of life. It is the field of unlimited, unbounded, eternal life, pure intelligence, pure existence, the absolute.” He continues by saying, “This mind is a composite of prana and karma, and through prana it is connected with unmanifested Being. Thus we find that mind is the second stage in the process of manifestation or creation, and the first, prana.” He says, “A proper thought means a thought whose nature is harmonious and useful to the thinker and the surroundings.”

Since neither the soul nor matter are destroyed completely, but the latter is materially changing and the former developing continually, the question arises; “What is creation?” In a word, we must define “creation” as “change”. Constructive thought is the human’s tool for creation and, therefore, is directly related to

the Law of Creation. Thought controlled by the intelligence of Universal Being created. The spirit of the Universal Being is the creative principle. While the soul is part of the infinite and changeless in existence, it too is creative. It changes only in the sense of unfoldment and understanding.

In the *Dhammapada*, the Lord Buddha reveals the power of thought. He says, “All that we are is the result of what we have thought: it is founded on our thoughts, it is made up of our thoughts. If a man speaks or acts with an evil thought, pain follows him, as the wheel follows the foot of the ox that draws the carriage. All that we are is the result of what we have thought; it is founded on our thoughts, it is made up of our thoughts. If a man speaks or acts with a pure thought, happiness follows him, like a shadow that never leaves him.”

G. de Purucker, in *The Esoteric Tradition Vol. II*, writes, “Thoughts are energies, imbodyed energies, elemental energies. They do not originate in a man’s mind. These elemental entities pass through the sensitive transmitting-apparatus which our mind is, and each one of us colors the thoughts as they pass through our minds, thus giving a new direction, a new karmic impulse to them.”

Benner, in *The Impersonal Life*, says that “while any Idea, once born within the realm of Universal Mind is immediately Reality, the ideas of man creates desire, the desire to express that idea; and this compels further thinking. Further thinking causes action and action produces results the outer expression of the idea”. All that exists first existed in thought. We see this as fact yet though the earth exists, the universe exists, and we exist, some refuse to recognize the Universal Being we call God.

All things in existence first existed in thought, and without thought there can be no form. What is conceived in thought can take form. A thought, therefore, creates form. If a thing cannot be thought it cannot exist. This fact alone proves beyond any doubt the existence of the thinker.

The Principle of Law and Order is related to The Law of Cause and Effect and falls under the Law of Pure Potentiality or Creative Thought. The Universal Laws are testaments to order in the Universe as opposed to chaos. There is no such thing as coincidence or chance. Every event must have its cause. Determinism, not fatalism, is at work. All Universal Laws are related, and in the case of the Principle of Law and Order it is closely related to the Law of Balance and Equalization, (constructive thought), and Divine Expression.

Charles Haanel points out that the creative principle of the universe is not an accident subject to human-type factors. It is specific in principle like the natural law of gravity. There is nothing capricious or changeable about its operation. There are no negative emotional factors involved in its function, such as fear, anger or hatred. There is no jealousy or coercion. It cannot be deceived into imparting its benefits to us. It does not relent to our pleading or needs like the human parent might relent to the pleas of a child.

No petition in prayer will draw sympathy. The Laws are simple, and when we are in harmony with them, we get favorable results. It is not due to any human need or deed, but simply because we are acting in accordance with the Laws that the Creator provided. When we are in harmony with Universal Law, we have harmony in our lives and are free to create constructively. Haanel illustrates this by pointing out the difference in the lives of Emerson and Carlisle. “Emerson loved good, and his life was a symphony of peace and harmony; Carlisle hated the bad, and his life was a record of perpetual discord and disharmony.” Both of these great men wanted the same things, but only the one that utilized constructive thought benefited.

It is the creative power of thought which can also be destructive, that must be controlled. Jesus said, “If your eye offends you, pluck it out.” This is hyperbole and has led to perversions in some religions. The belief has developed that it is literally better to physically abuse yourself to control thought than to not control this enormous power. Jesus was simply showing how important

it was to control the most powerful force on earth or anywhere else.

Deepak Chopra also calls this Law the Law of Pure Potentiality. He says, “This Law is based on the fact that we are, in our essential state, pure consciousness. Pure consciousness is pure potentiality; it is the field of all possibilities and infinite creativity.”

Matter, with vibratory rates sufficient for us to perceive it as solid, does not have power of itself. We see it as passive and without motion. On the other hand, our minds constitute power, force and energy in motion. Whatever form matter takes, it is only the expression of thought. As Haanel noted, “A thought pre-existed matter.” When we think, we use natural laws which are controlled by Universal Laws. Our thoughts set in motion natural forces.

Man is a particle of Universal Being with the creative power of thought. We are the divine expression of Universal Being with the purpose to experience, learn and maximize our power to become compatible with Universal Being. When we express ourselves through thought, we continue the creative process or add to the destructive forces. Thought is mind in motion, the most powerful force in our universe. Remember, however, that thought comes from Being so thought is secondary to Being.

Quotes Expressing The Universal Law of Pure Potentiality

- 1) “Opportunity follows perception, action follows inspiration, growth follows knowledge, eminence follows progress. Always the spiritual first, then the transformation into the infinite and illimitable possibilities of achievement.” - Charles Haanel
- 2) “Man is mind, and evermore he takes the tool of thought, and shaping what he wills, brings forth a thousand joys, a thousand ills, He thinks in secret and it comes to pass; Environment is but his looking glass.” - James Allen
- 3) “In the end, thought rules the world. There are times when impulses and passions are more powerful, but they soon expend themselves; while mind, acting constantly, is ever ready to drive them back and work when their energy is exhausted.” - J. McCosh
- 4) “Cause and effect is as absolute and undeviating in the hidden realm of thought as in the world of visible and material things. Mind is the master weaver, both of the interior garment of character and the outer garment of circumstance.” - James Allen
- 5) “Mind in itself is believed to be a subtle form of static energy, from which arise the activities called “thought”, which is the dynamic phase of mind. Mind is static energy, thought is dynamic energy, the two phases of the same thing.” - Walker
- 6) “Silent thought is, after all, the mightiest agent in human affairs,” - Channing
- 7) “The key to every man is his thought. Sturdy and defying though he look, he has a helm which he obeys which is the idea after which all his facts are classified. He can only be reformed by showing him a new idea which commands his own” – Emerson
- 8) “What a man thinks of himself, that it is which determines, or rather indicates his fate.” - Henry David Thoreau

9) “The mind in itself can make a heaven of Hell, or a hell of Heaven.” - John Milton

10) “Man’s mind, once stretched by a new idea, never regains its original dimensions.” - Oliver Wendell Holmes

11) “There is one thing stronger than all the armies in the world, and that is an idea whose time has come.” - Victor Hugo

12) “No problem can stand the assault of sustained thinking.” – Voltaire

13) “You will become as small as your controlling desire; as great as your dominant aspiration.” - James Allen

14) “Cause and effect means and ends, seed and fruit, cannot be severed; for the effect already blooms in the cause, that pre-exists in the means, the fruit in the seed.” - Emerson

15) “Consciousness is nothing jointed; it flows. A “river” or a “stream” is the metaphor by which it is most naturally described. In talking of it hereafter, let us call it the stream of thought, of consciousness, or of subjective life.” - Emerson

16) “Great men are they who see that spiritual is stronger than any material force, that thoughts rule the world.” - Emerson

17) “If thinking men would have the courage to think for themselves, and to speak what they think, it would be found they do not differ in religious opinion as much as is supposed.” - Thomas Jefferson

18) “That a man can change himself, improve himself, recreate himself, control his environment, and master his own destiny is the conclusion of every mind that is wide awake to the power of right thought in constructive action.” - Larsen

19) “Thought necessarily precedes and predetermines action; action precedes and predetermines condition.” - Charles Haanel

20) “The possibilities of thought training are infinite, its consequence eternal, and yet few take the pains to direct their thinking into channels that will do them good, but instead leave all to chance.” - Marden

21) “Learning without thought is labor lost; thought without learning is perilous. Thinkers are as scarce as gold; but he whose thoughts embrace all their subject, who pursues it uninterruptedly and fearless of consequences, is a diamond of enormous size.” - Lavater

22) “Learn to keep the door shut, keep out of your mind and out of your world every element that seeks admittance with no definite helpful end in view.” - George Matthew Adams.

23) “The power to think consecutively and deeply and clearly, is an avowed and deadly enemy to mistakes and blunders, superstitions, unscientific theories, irrational beliefs, unbridled enthusiasm, fanaticism.” - Haddock

24) “Behold, the fool saith, “Put not all thine eggs in the one basket”, which is but a manner of saying, “Scatter your money and your attention”; but the wise man saith, “Put all your eggs in the one basket and WATCH THAT BASKET.” - Mark Twain

25) “We have discovered that premeditated, orderly thinking for a purpose matures that purpose into fixed form. so that we may be absolutely sure of the result of our dynamic experiment.” - Francis Larimer Warner

26) “Thought means life, since those who do not think do not live in any high or real sense. Thinking makes the man.” - A.B. Alcott

27) “The greatest events of an age are its best thoughts. It is the nature of thought to find its way into action. - Bovee

28) “When the creative power of thought is manifested for the benefit of humanity, we call the result good. When the creative power of thought is manifested in a destructive or evil manner, we call the result evil. This indicates the origin of both good and evil; they are simply words which have been coined in order to indicate the nature of the result of the thinking or creative process.” - Charles Haanel

29) “every moment is a moment of creation, and each moment of creation contains infinite possibilities.” - Shakti Gawain

30) “All that is comes from the mind; it is based on the mind, it is fashioned by the mind. - Pali Canon 500-250 BC

31) “Negative thoughts bring negative results, dislike, indifference and withholding; disease, poverty and misery; fear, lack and alienation.” - Roger and McWilliams

32) “The only difference between a thought and physical reality is a certain amount of time and physical activity.” - Roger and McWilliams

33) “Every good thought you think is contributing it’s share to the ultimate result of your life.” - Grenville Kleiser

34) “The will is the only permanent and unchangeable element in the mind; it is the will which gives unity to consciousness and holds together all its ideas and thoughts, accompanying them like a continuous harmony.” Schopenhauer

35) “The development of science and of the creative activities of the spirit in general requires still another kind of freedom which may be characterized as inward freedom. It is this freedom of the spirit which consists in the independence of thought from the restrictions of authoritarian and social prejudices as well as unphilosophical routinizing and habit in general.” Albert Einstein

36) “Nothing is comparable to the pleasure of an active and prevailing thought; a thought prevailing over the difficulty and obscurity of the object, and refreshing the soul with new discoveries and images of things; and thereby extending the bounds of apprehension and as it were enlarging the territory of reason.” – South

37) “There is no thought in my mind but it quickly tends to convert itself into a power and organizes a huge instrumentality of means.” - Emerson

38) “Creative visualization is the technique of using your imagination to create what you want in your life.” “Creative visualization is magic in the truest and highest meaning of the word. It involves understanding and aligning yourself with the natural principles that govern the workings of the universe and learning to use these principles in the most conscious and creative way.” - Shakti Gawain

The Universal Law of Believing and Knowing

When we are able, with undivided thought, full focus, will and the knowledge that what we want is already created in thought, we create or manifest in the material realm. George Leonard, in *The Silent Pulse*, quotes John Wheeler, a distinguished Princeton physicist as saying, “I think that through our own act of consciously choosing and posing questions about the universe, we bring about in some measure what we see taking place before us.” Leonard himself calls it “Focused Surrender”. He says, “Again and again we encounter this paradox: intense effort that becomes effective only through total surrender, the unlikely marriage of trying with not trying, during which intentionality can alter structure.”

Millman lists “The Law of Surrender” as a separate Law where I have included surrender under the Law of Believing and Knowing. However, his point is well taken. He says “When you see clearly that life is not only about getting what you want, but also about learning to want what you get, you’ll align your life with The Law of Surrender”. This point applies to the Law of Proper Perspective and the Law of Believing and Knowing.

He follows this up with a story of the Japanese instructor in swordsmanship who “emphasized the importance of relinquishing any attachment to victory, safety, or desired outcomes. Only the warrior who could let go of the smaller self with its desires, fears, and attachments would remain relaxed and focused. In a duel, surrendering to death meant survival; clinging to life meant losing it.”

Maharishi Mahesh Yogi states this aspect of the Law of Believing and Knowing as follows: “In order to use the almighty power of nature, one has to actually put oneself in the hands of the almighty power of nature.” This is a reference to Universal Law as expressed in natural laws of the physical world. “All powerful and all-loving is the almighty hand of nature because all the laws of nature are for the creation and evolution of all the beings and creatures of the entire cosmos.” He says “This is the

simple way of making use of the almighty power of nature. Life finds its fulfillment in submission, surrender, devotion, losing oneself, and gaining the power of the Almighty.”

Chopra classifies this part of the Law of Believing and Knowing as a separate Law. He calls it “The Law of Detachment.” “The Law of Detachment says that in order to acquire anything in the physical universe, you have to relinquish your attachment to it.” He says, “Attachment is based on fear and insecurity - and the need for security is based on not knowing the true self.”

Chopra wrote, “When you find that you are really one with the Infinite power, and when you can consciously realize this power by a practical demonstration of your ability to overcome any adverse condition by the power of your thought, you will have nothing to fear; fear will have been destroyed, and you will have come into possession of your birthright.”

Expectation is part of this Law. If we are aware that thought creates, and that the object of our desire for which we have had this thought will be fulfilled, we need only to increase our knowing. To the degree the soul develops these powers of creation it develops understanding never to be lost.

Frithjof Schuon, in his book *Islam*, says of this Law, “for he who is ‘responsible’ must grasp this evidentness, and there is here no sharp demarcation between believing and knowing.” The Law of Believing and Knowing has nothing to do with blind faith. Belief or faith is instinctive knowledge. Blind faith is illustrated by Tertullian, an early Church Father, when he attempts to explain his faith. What he does is illustrate in the most convoluted manner exactly what faith does not depend upon. He wrote. “The only possible means that I have to prove myself impudent successfully, and a fool happily, is by contempt of shame. For instance, I maintain that the very Son of God died; now this is a thing to be accepted, because it is a monstrous absurdity; further, I maintain that after he was buried, he rose again; and this I believe to be absolutely true because it is absolutely impossible.”

G. de Purucker, writing of Universal Law, though he simply calls it “Ancient Wisdom”, notes, “That sublime System of thought is not based upon blind faith, nor on anyone’s say so, nor again is it based upon the equally blind assurance of our own intellectual self-sufficiency.” The Apostle Paul says, “It is the reality of things hoped for (intuitively discerned), the evidence of things invisible.” It is with certainty created in the knowing that we intuitively discern that what was created in thought, already exists in thought and will be manifested. He quotes the Sanskrit which parallels the biblical statement that “As a man thinks, so is he.” The Sanskrit notes, “Whatsoever thing a divine entity yearns to become, that very thing it will become.”

Quotes Expressing the Law of Believing and Knowing

- 1) “When we have done our best, we should wait the result in peace.” - J. Lubbock
- 2) “Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eyes off your goals.” Henry Ford
- 3) “Winners expect to win in advance. Life is a self-fulfilling prophecy.” Unknown
- 4) “The man who believes he can do something is probably right, and so is the man who believes he can’t.” Unknown
- 5) “Anything the mind of man can conceive and believe, he can achieve.” Napoleon Hill
- 6) “All ages of belief have been great; all of unbelief have been mean.” – Emerson
- 7) “Through this dark and stormy night
Faith beholds a feeble light
Up the blackness streaking;
Knowing God’s own time is best,
In patient hope I rest
For the full day-breaking”! - John Greenleaf Whittier
- 8) “All successful men have agreed in one thing, they were causationists. They believed that things went not by luck, but by law; that there was not a weaker a cracked link in the chain that joins the first and last things.” – Emerson
- 9) “When any object or purpose is clearly held in thought, its precipitation, in tangible and visible form, is merely a question of time. The vision always precedes and itself determines the realization.” - Lillian Whiting
- 10) “Did is a word of achievement,
Won’t is a word of retreat,
Might is a word of bereavement,

Can't is a word of defeat,
Ought is a word of duty,
Try is a word each hour,
Will is a word of beauty,
CAN is a word of power. – Ann Landers

11) “The man who wins may have been counted out several times, but he didn't hear the referee.” - H.E. Jansen

12) “As the body without works is dead, so faith without works is dead also.” - James 2:26

13) “Faith is a function of the heart, it must be enforced by reason. The two are not antagonistic as some think. The more intense one's faith is, the more it whets one's reason. When faith becomes blind it dies...- Mohandas Gandhi

14) “Having thus chosen our course, without guile and with pure purpose, let us renew our trust in God, and go forward without fear and with manly hearts.” Abraham Lincoln

15) “Imagination is your workshop. It is here that your ideal is to be visualized.” “Job said, ‘the thing I feared has come upon me.’” - Charles Hannell

16) “If you start to doubt then doubt has no end.” - Gorikai

17) Even if you were the most sinful of all sinners, you would cross over all evil by the raft of knowledge alone.” Bhagavad Gita

18) “The further the spiritual evolution of mankind advances, the more certain it seems to me that the path to genuine religiosity does not lie through the fear of life, and the fear of death, and blind faith, but through striving after rational knowledge. In this sense I believe that the priest must become a teacher if he wishes to do justice to his lofty educational mission.” - Albert Einstein

The Universal Law of Abundance

The Law of Abundance states that the natural order of the universe is abundance and not one of need and shortages. Mind creates negative conditions just as readily as favorable ones, and it is through negative thinking that we create shortages in our lives. The Universal Laws are in constant operation and are relentless. They bring exactly what is created in thought. The analogy has been made that there was exactly the same amount of electricity in the world before we harnessed it as there is today.

Shumacher notes in his book, *A Guide For the Perplexed*, “The generosity of the Earth allows us to feed all humankind: we know enough about ecology to keep the Earth a healthy place; there is enough room on the Earth, and there are enough materials, so that everybody can have adequate shelter; we are quite competent enough to produce sufficient supplies of necessities so that no one need live in misery. Above all, we shall then see that the economic problem is a convergent problem which has been solved already.” He goes on to say, “But there is a moral problem, and moral problems are not convergent, capable of being solved so that future generations can live without effort. No, they are divergent problems, which have to be understood and transcended.”

Maharishi Mahesh Yogi is specific in that he says “Man’s life is meant to be a bridge of abundance between divine intelligence and the whole creation. Man’s life is to cultivate and give - cultivate the divine power, the divine intelligence, happiness and abundance, and give it out to all of creation.” His point is that though we have abundance in all things, it comes from giving. This speaks to the Universal Law of Abundance and the Universal Law of Giving. In other words, here is another illustration of how these Laws interconnect.

The ability of the individual to think is his ability to act upon the Universal Mind and bring abundance into manifestation. Chopra writes, “Our true nature is one of affluence and abundance; we

are naturally affluent because nature supports every need and desire. We lack nothing because our essential nature is one of pure potentiality and infinite possibilities.” No matter what we think – we create. Being sparks of the Creator, when we understand the Law of Pure Potentiality, we too, are able to create productively and abundantly. When we understand all the Universal Laws, we will know how to transcend the moral issue.

Quotes Expressing the Law of Abundance

- 1) “We judge of a man’s wisdom by his hope, knowing that the perception of the inexhaustibleness of Nature is an immortal youth.” - Emerson
- 2) “As scarce as truth is, the supply has always been in excess of the demand.” - John Billings
- 3) “Nature laughs at a miser. He is like the squirrel who buries his nuts and refrains from digging them up again.” - Henry George
- 4) “Thought engenders thought. Place one idea upon paper, another will follow it, and still another, until you have written a page. You cannot fathom your mind. It is a well of thought which has no bottom. The more you draw from it, the more clear and fruitful it will be. If you neglect to think yourself, and use other people’s thoughts, giving them utterance only you will never know what you are capable of. - G.A. Sala
- 5) “The world is boundless and eternal; it exists for eternity and shall not perish.” - Sutra-krit-anga I.1.4:6
- 6) “The truth about this earth is that it is an infinitely good, beautiful and nourishing place to be.” Shaneetha Akinlana
- 7) “The universe is naturally abundant. Everything you truly need or want is here for the asking. Believe that you can have what you want, truly desire it, and be willing to receive it.” Unknown
- 8) “Poverty on both a personal and world view level is supported by our collective belief in scarcity.” Unknown
- 9) “The only limitation on our health, beauty, energy, and vitality comes from our own resistance to the goodness of life, based upon fear and ignorance. There is in fact no evil or limitation.” - Unknown

10) “This frail vessel thou emptiest again and again, and fillest it ever with fresh life. This little flute of a reed thou hast carried over hills and dales, and hast breathed through it melodies eternally new ... Thy infinite gifts come to me only on those very small hands of mine. Ages pass, and still thou pourest, and still there is room to fill.” - Rabindranath Tagore, Gitanjali

11) “Abundance is a natural law of the universe. The evidence of this law is conclusive; we see it on every hand. Everywhere Nature is lavish, wasteful, extravagant. Nowhere is economy observed in any created thing. Profusion is manifested everywhere - Charles Haanel

12) “Opulence is the law of the universe, an abundant supply for every need if nothing is put in the way of its coming...- Ralph W. Trine

13) “Abundance is scooped from abundance yet abundance remains... - Anne Sexton

14) “There is an unvarying law of Divine Supply of temporal necessities which, if obeyed, and complied with, never fails to act. All that we need for our body and for our work is already waiting for our use to fulfill the conditions. The law always acts, it cannot fail..- Henry T. Hamblin

15) “Abundance is of God; pour into it and it cannot be filled, pour out of it and it cannot be emptied. - Shantidasa

16) “The universe cannot be miserly. It cannot be wanting. It holds nothing but abundance. It is perfect love, and perfect love is absolute, eternal giving - Emmanuel

17) “The great universe is filled with an abundance of all things, filled to overflowing. All there is, is in her, waiting only for the touch of the right forces to cast them forth...- Ralph W. Trine

18) “God wills us to have everything. As we express life, we fulfill God’s law of abundance, but we do this only as we realize that there

is good enough to go around – only as we know that all God’s gifts are given as freely and fully as the air and the sun. - Earnest Holmes

19) “Nature deals with her children generously; man’s cup is always full to the brim; and if he chooses to taste of the fine and life-giving essence, he must cast away something of the grosser and less sensitive part of himself - Mabel Collins

The Universal Law of Attraction

Mind is creative and operates through the Law of Attraction. When we are in harmony with natural laws and understand their operation with Universal Law, we are sending out currents charged with magnetic power. These currents come in contact with the minds of others, making them want to be in accord with our ideas. Maharishi Mahesh Yogi notes, "Fortunate is he who has established within himself a state of natural attunement with cosmic Being. The whole of nature moves in accordance with his needs; all his desires are in accordance with the cosmic purpose and his life serves the purpose of cosmic evolution, He is in the hands of God for the purpose of God, and God is for him and for his purpose. He uses the almighty power of Mother Nature, and Mother Nature uses his life for the glorious purpose of creation and evolution."

The Law of Attraction brings to us what we have created by our thoughts. When we think negatively or fearfully, we attract the problems we most fear. The Law of Attraction, therefore, requires that we change our attitudes. We control what we think; we can control worry and can visualize positive results. Visualization is a part of the Law of Pure Potentiality or Creative Thought and the Law of Believing and Knowing.

In *Matthew* 5:22 Jesus says, "But I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment". In *Matthew* 5: 21 he says, "You have heard that it was said to your ancestors, 'You shall not kill; and whoever kills will be liable to judgment.' But I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment." Jesus addressed the source of the problem, which is thought - not the manifestation. We can attract the love and support we need by controlling our attitudes and thoughts. What we have attracted has little to do with what we hope to have or wish we had. It is therefore very important that we think constructive thoughts, because what we think is what we become.

There are exact parallels to the Law of Attraction in natural laws, as seen in the Law of Atomic Affinity and the Law of Magnetism. Chopra says of the Law of Attraction, “It draws people to you, and it also draws things that you want to you. It magnetizes people, situations, and circumstances to support your desires.”

Maharishi Mahesh Yogi explains this Law further by saying “The present surroundings are the result of something we have done in the past. Our present intentions and efforts are the materialization of the influence of the past. It is not only that our present surroundings are the result of the past, because the fruits of our past actions have to be accepted and supplemented by our intention of the present.” “Since our surroundings are our own creation, they naturally are meant to assist us in obtaining what we desire.” He further notes that “One not only derives the advantages of the surroundings for himself by raising his consciousness, but he creates a situation so that everything in the surroundings draws the maximum from every other.”

Many teachers of the “Law of Attraction” and “The Secret” school of thought are offering a 13 piece puzzle but without the benefit of the other 12 laws. They teach it as if all the other Laws fall under the Law of Attraction when all 13 are equal and related to each other. Also these teachers are almost always personal development schools or writers with the emphasis on attracting success, wealth and other physical benefits.

The true student of the Universal Laws knows that the real endeavor is to identify and verify each of the Laws in his own life experiences. It is not that one should not try to attract physical benefits but it is important that one should recognize the real meaning of the Law of Attraction. The Law of Attraction is the process of the inner being attracting to itself the experiences it needs in its process of evolution and unfoldment.

Quotes Expressing the Law of Attraction

- 1) “Those who have finished by making all others think with them have usually been those who began by daring to think for themselves.” - Colton
- 2) “Mind is creative, and will automatically correlate with its object and bring it into manifestation.” - Charles Haanel
- 3) “There is nothing truer than that the quality of thought which we entertain correlates certain externals in the outside world. This is the Law from which there is no escape. And it is this Law, this correlative of the thought with its object that from time immemorial has led the people to believe in special providence.” - Wilmans
- 4) “All possession is the result of the accumulative attitude of mind, or the money consciousness; this is the magic wand which will enable you to receive the idea, and it will formulate plans for you to execute, and you will find as much pleasure in the execution as in the satisfaction of attainment and achievement.” - Charles Haanel
- 5) “We make money by making friends, and we enlarge our circle of friends by making money for them, by helping them, being of service to them.” - Charles Haanel
- 6) “Consciously having an idea or thought and holding it in your mind is a process which will tend to attract and create that form on the material plane. ‘As you sow so shall you reap.’ What this means is that we always attract into our lives whatever we think about most strongly, expect on the deepest level, and imagine most vividly.”
- 7) “Energy of a certain quality or vibration tends to attract energy of a similar quality and vibration. Thoughts and feelings have their own magnetic energy of a similar nature.” – Unknown

8) “When we are negative and fearful, insecure or anxious, we tend to attract the very experience, situation, or people that we are seeking to avoid. We attract these experiences in order to become conscious of and heal our deepest fears.” - Shakti Gawain

9) “A noble person attracts noble people, and knows how to hold on to them.” - Goethe

10) “Until one is committed, there is hesitancy, the chance to draw back, always ineffectiveness, concerning all acts of initiative (and creation) there is one elementary truth, the ignorance of which kills countless ideas and splendid plans: That the moment one definitely commits oneself, then providence moves too. All sorts of things occur to help one that would never otherwise have occurred. A whole stream of events issues from the decision, raising in one’s favor all manner of unforeseen incidents and meetings and material assistance, which no man could have dreamed would have come his way. I have learned a deep respect for one of Goethe’s couplets: “Whatever you can do, or dream you can, begin it. Boldness has genius, power and magic in it.” - W.H. Murray

9) “He who lives in the realization of his oneness with the Infinite Power becomes a magnet to attract to himself a continual supply of whatever things he desires... The one who is truly wise and who uses the forces and powers with which he is endowed; to him the great universe always opens her treasure house...- Ralph W. Trine

The Universal Law of Relativity

The Law of Absolute Unity states that all things are part of The Whole. The perceived duality is in the relative denseness of energy, the heaviest being the congealed energy we call matter. Since all is part of the whole it follows that all that makes up the whole is related to every other part.

When the physicist observes the universe, he finds that he cannot do so without calculating himself, the observer, into the equation. There is a oneness in Universal Mind and everything that exists. George Leonard puts it this way, "All this is to say, hard as it might be to understand, that mind and matter can and do influence each other, that everything that happens everywhere is somehow connected, that perhaps God's awareness of the sparrow's fall is, in the ultimate sense, just the way things are."

Maharishi Mahesh Yogi says, "The science of physics tells us that beneath the phenomenal existence of water, there is the reality of oxygen and hydrogen. The water changes in its form, becoming vapor, snow, and ice, but the essential constituent does not undergo any change. The truth of the permanent value of the element gives rise to various kinds of perishable values - of water, snow, and ice - ever-changing values of different forms and phenomena. The subtle findings of physics have gone far beyond the realm of elements, but our example is just to indicate that, underlying the different levels of creation, is a substance that remains integrated in its value, even when, on the surface, it continues to give rise to qualities of an ever-changing nature." He further states, "Pure consciousness, pure Being, is maintained as pure consciousness and pure Being all the time, and yet it is transformed into all the different forms and phenomena." "The absolute, remaining absolute, expresses Itself in the relative states of creation."

G. de Purucker expresses relativity as follows: "Thus it is that Man, as such an individual minor organism, is throughout eternity interwoven and interlocked with the environing cosmic

strands of the great Web of Life; and he therefore repeats, perforce, in all his ideations or feelings and their consequent results, the Cosmic Pattern or Law and Substance which form the Universe in which he lives and moves and has his being. Every thought he has, every emotion he experiences, and every action consequent upon the impulses arising from these thoughts and emotions, is thus to be seen as forming a most intricate and fascinating Web of Destiny which man is constantly weaving around himself, and which, in very truth, is from one point of view himself.”

He asked, “How could it be otherwise? If every being or entity that exists is an integral and inseparable portion of the Cosmic Whole, it is of course evident enough that every such being or entity is permeated throughout with whatever is in the ocean of Cosmic Life in which such being or entity lives and moves and has its existence.”

As the soul evolves, so does all matter and living things. All is interrelated. All matter is in a constant state of change and cannot be totally destroyed. Dr. Jerry Rothemel noted, “Energy, when completely expressed on one level of existence, will begin to express on the next level, within the next level’s quality.”

It is only by relating to others, as in the Universal Law of Giving and The Universal Law of Love, that we can fulfill our purpose. All Universal Laws are related to each other, the individual soul and Universal Being. Each soul is related to the other and to Universal Being. This is the Law of Absolute Unity in relation to the Universal Law of Relativity.

We think of Polarity as two opposites but that is not what polarity means. Even on such a minor thing we adopt duality as reality. It means the two ends of the same thing and is in fact a degree of relativity. We can say a city is racially polarized in which case we mean racially divided. The fact remains that this racially divided city is still made up of one group, human beings. Webster’s dictionary defines polarity as, “the quality or condition inherent in a body that exhibits opposite properties or powers in

opposite parts or directions or that exhibits contrasted properties or powers in contrasted parts or directions. Note that the operative words in this definition are “in a body”.

The Principle of Cycles relates to relativity. Rhythm relates to relativity and Vibration relates to relativity. G. de Purucker, in *The Esoteric Tradition*, refers to the Principle of Cycles as “The natural Law of Periodicity which governs the cyclical unveiling or revealing of the Esoteric tradition to the human species.” What we have been able to learn about the universe, this solar system and this earth is that there are cycles and everything is connected. The evolutionary process in nature shows the relation of all to all.

Some writers refer to the Law of Vibration and scientist talk about vibratory rate which I categorize as under the Universal Law of Relativity. Even our body parts have different vibratory rates. We literally relate to matter and other souls according to their rate of vibration. De Purucker writes, “Our every thought, word, or action produces an influence in the atmosphere, and the quality of that influence depends upon the quality of the vibrations emitted from us. Everything in the universe is constantly influencing every other thing.”

Maharishi Mahesh Yogi expands this thought when he says “Everyone should know that he is part of the whole life of the universe and that his relationship to universal life is what one cell is to the whole body.” “Every action of an individual influences every other thing in the universe. The universe influences the individual, and the individual influences the universe. None of them is independent. One is intimately connected with the other.”

Charles Hannel in *The Master Key* noted that “The sun gives forth energy which produces vibrations at the rate of four hundred trillion per second causing what are called light waves, so that we know this is simply a mode of motion. It is the sensation caused in the mind by these waves. Each change in color is caused by shorter and more rapid vibrations. When we

say roses are red, grass is green and the sky is blue, we know in fact that these colors exist only in our minds and are sensations experienced by us as the results of the vibrations of light.” Everything is moving and is relational to every other thing.

The Principle of Correspondence, as some writers call it, relates to the Universal Law of Relativity. “As above, so below; as below, so above.” “From One - All Know.” What is true with reference to energy and matter is true of mind. All relate to each other, and there is correspondence between all planes of life. In everything there is substance, motion and awareness. What physicists refer to as radiant matter reveals a higher form of matter. What is referred to as either may be coarse by comparison. By understanding this principle we are able to reason intelligently, beginning with what is known and understood, to what might be considered the unknown.

The soul and body were created as vibrations, each unit being distinctive from all others. When the spiritual Monad, that part of the unit which is a part of God and is immortal, those experiences that are understood are retained. Through effort, right thinking and proper perspective we are brought more in tune with the vibrations of Universal Being, We experience in the conscious mind, but in the higher levels of the mind, as with the soul, time and space, concepts are annihilated. Time is the experience of succession because there is no past or future except as a thought relation to the present. In the constant movement and collisions of particles, there is evolvment into still other forms of existence; all related to each other as all souls are related to each other and Universal Being.

Quotes Expressing the Universal Law of Relativity

- 1) "Relation and connection are not somewhere and some time, but everywhere and always." - Emerson
- 2) "Everything in the Universe is what it is by virtue of its rate of vibration. Change the rate of vibration and you change the nature, quality and form." - Charles Haanel
- 3) "Yet the timeless in you is aware of life's timelessness, And knows that yesterday is but today's memory and tomorrow is today's dream. And that which sings and contemplates in you is still dwelling within the bounds of that first moment which scattered the stars into space." Kahlil Gibran
- 4) "All things forever flow and change, even in the stillest matter there is unseen flux and movement." "In this flux of change and struggle and selection, only one thing is constant, and that is law." Heraclitus (530-470 BC)
- 5) "The true wonder of the world is available everywhere, in the minutest parts of our bodies, in the vast expanses of the cosmos, and in the interconnectedness of these and all things...- Michael Stark

The Universal Law of Balance and Equalization (Perfect Justice - Karma – Compensation)

Millman, in his poem, *Finding the Middle Way*, says, “If gravity is the glue that holds the universe together, balance is the key that unlocks its secrets.” Harmony and balance in the universe are seen in all things. Where an imbalance occurs, the Universal Laws demand balance. On our planet, nature constantly seeks to rectify any imbalance and expresses harmony in all things. In the smallest particles or the simplest cell, there is balance.

Millman points out the importance of the individual maintaining balance even in one’s views. He says, “Extremes of any kind, even taking rigid sides on an issue, can drive you out of that balanced place that values all sides of any issue.” We must maintain balance in our lives because balance is an integral part of the Law and is a key to understanding the rest of the Laws. He notes the connection between the Universal Law of Balance, the Universal Law of Love, the Universal Law of Giving and the Universal Law of Abundance when he writes, “The Law of Balance assures us that those who give freely, in the spirit of love and generosity, receive in abundance.”

In all things there must be the positive and the negative; the aggressive and receptive; the Yin and the Yang; the seeking and the waiting; the male and female. Without the pushing on one hand and the resistance on the other, there is no balance, and the universe could not proceed in existence. Two opposite forces coming into balance create a third force, which is the third line of the triangle representing balance. So even the seeming chaos of a hurricane is only the balancing of forces, and in the real sense of the word, anything but chaos.

The three forces that Stephen Hawking thinks were present in the beginning are “the combined electromagnetic and weak force, the strong nuclear force, and gravity. If we make any one of the three stronger or weaker, the material universe we know could not exist.

- 1) If the strong nuclear force was just slightly weaker only hydrogen would be stable and no other element could exist.
- 2) If the strong nuclear force was slightly stronger hydrogen could not exist.
- 3) If gravity was stronger our universe would be small and swift, hardly giving time for complex biological development.
- 4) If gravity was weaker matter would not have congealed into stars and galaxies, and the universe would be cold and empty.

In Chapter 1 of *Genesis*, we see from the lowest level of life to that of the human, there could not be the male without the female; “God created man in his image; in the divine image he created him; male and female he created them. God blessed them, saying, “Be fertile and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it.” This identifies the first chapter of Genesis as the accurate creation story because it is in harmony with the Universal Laws. Chapter 2 begins a different story.

The Universal Law of Balance and Equalization is in force and we are able to see it clearly in the laws of nature and in our physical material world. It is also true at all levels of life and being.

Karmic Balance

I have heard and read some teachers who profess knowledge of Karmic Law or the Law of Balance and Equalization. They express the thought that it is caused by the necessity to pay for past life sins or errors. I say that this is not the cause. It is the necessity to balance action with understanding. It therefore follows that the necessity for balance is the effect, not the cause. The cause is unfulfilled desires. The Law of Karma simply requires that in some way, somehow, we must balance our conscious experiences and actions. If we have caused others to suffer losses, we must experience a comparable loss in order to gain full understanding.

Some people refer to this as good karma or bad karma. It can be thought of as “good” or “bad” only in the sense that the lesson will have to be learned, and therefore, the lesson might be

unpleasant. One can then be on guard to make amends in this life. I say, however, that there is no such thing as good and bad karma; there is just karma (balance). This is not a question of punishment, but a process of learning to create harmony, balance and understanding.

Chopra says of the Law of Karma, “There is a perfect accounting system in this universe, and everything is a constant “to and fro” exchange of energy.” The Law of Karma provides the way for souls to balance their experiences. It is of Karmic Law that Jesus spoke when he said “As you sow, so shall you reap.” The human being is the result of all his past understood experiences. For us to experience unfoldment we must have understanding. Without understanding there is no development and therefore no purpose.

Quotes Expressing the Law of Balance and Equalization

1) "Heaven is not reached at a single bound;
But we build the ladder by which we rise
From lowly earth to the vaulted skies,
And we mount to its summit round by round. - Josiah Gilbert
Holland

2) "There is no Death! What seems so is transition;
This life of mortal breath
Is but a suburb of the life elysian,
Whose portal we call Death." – Longfellow

3) "The grave itself is but a covered bridge
Leading from light to light, through a brief
darkness! – Longfellow

4) "As when with downcast eyes we muse and brood,
And ebb into a former life, or seem
To lapse far back in some confused dream
To states of mystical similitude,
If one but speaks or hems or stirs his chair
Ever the wonder waxeth more and more
So that we say, "All this hath been before,
All this hath been, I know not when or where;"
So, friend, when first I look'd upon your face,
Our thought gave answer each to each, so true -
Opposed mirrors each reflecting each -
That, tho' I knew not in what time or place,
Methought that I had often met with you,
And either lived in either's heart and speech. -Tennyson

5) "Your children are not your children. They are the sons and
daughters of Life's longing for itself. They come through you
but not from you, And though they are with you yet they belong
not to you." - Kahlil Gibran

6) "What was given us here we shall keep, And if it suffices not,
then again must we come together and together stretch our hands

unto the giver. Forget not that I shall come back to you. A little while, and my longing shall gather dust and form for another body." "For life and death are one, even as the river and the sea are one." - Kahill Gibran

7) "The few little years we spend on earth are only the first scene in a Divine Drama that extends on into Eternity." - Edwin Markham

8) "I believe in one God, creator of the universe. That He governs it by His providence. That He ought to be worshipped. That the most acceptable service we render to Him is doing good to His other children. That the soul of man is immortal and will be treated with justice in another life respecting its conduct in this. These I take to be the fundamental principles of all sound religion." - Benjamin Franklin

9) "No clue of memory led me on,
But well the ways I knew,
A feeling of familiar things
With every footstep grew.
A presence strange at once and
Known walked with me as my guide.
The skirts of some forgotten life
Trailed noiseless at my side."
- John Greenleaf Whittier

10) "I think immortality is the passing of a soul through many lives or experiences; and such as are truly lived, used and learned, help on to the next, each growing richer, happier, and higher carrying with it only the real memories of what has gone before." - Louisa May Alcott

11 "Karma creates nothing, nor does it design. It is man who plants and creates causes, and Karmic Law adjusts the effects, which adjustment is not an act but universal harmony." – Blavatsky

12) “The question which arises naturally in the mind and which is so often asked: ‘Why do I not remember my past lives,’ is really based on a misconception of the theory of reincarnation. “I”, the true “I”, does remember: but the animal man, not yet in fully responsive union with his true Self, cannot remember a past in which he personally had no share.” - Ann Besant

13) “And when his body falleth off altogether as an old fish shell, his soul doth well by the releasing and formeth a new one instead. Ye who now lament to go out of this body wept also when ye were born into it. The person of man is only a mask which the soul putteth on for a season; it weareth its proper time and then is cast off and another is worn in its stead. I tell you of a truth, that the spirits which now hath affinity shall be kindred together, although they all meet in new persons and names.” - The New Koran

14) “Every soul comes into this world strengthened by the victories or wakened by the defeats of its previous life. Its place in this world as a vessel appointed to honor or dishonor is determined by its previous merits or demerits. Its work in this world determines its place in the world which is to follow this.” - Origen

15) “They will come back, come back again, as long as the red Earth rolls, He never wasted a leaf or a tree. Do you think He would squander souls?” - Kipling

16) “I have convinced myself, and I hold in view of the rapid movement of the soul, its vivid memory of the past and its prophetic knowledge of the future, its many accomplishments, its vast range of knowledge, its numerous discoveries, that a nature embracing such varied gifts cannot itself be mortal.” - Cicero quoting Socrates

17) “None sees the slow sure upward sweep
By which the soul from life depths deep
Ascends.. unless, mayhap, when free
With each new death we backward see

The long perspective of our race,
Our multitudinous past lives trace.” - William Sharp

18) “If our goal is other than perfection or if injustice and unfairness are the ruling attributes of Divinity, then that is sufficient explanation for the superficially apparent inadequacies of life. However, if individual effort does lead to a just perfection through the evolvment of the soul, then reincarnation must be philosophically tangible.” - Dr. Jerry Rothemel

19) “It is no more surprising to be born twice than once, everything in nature is resurrection.” - Voltaire

20) “I adopted the theory of reincarnation when I was twenty six... Religion offered nothing to that point... Even work could not give me complete satisfaction. Work is futile if we cannot utilize the experiences we collect in one life time in the next. When I discovered reincarnation, it was as if I’d found a universal plan. I realized that there was a chance to work out my ideas, Time was no longer limited. I was no longer a slave to the hands of a clock... The discovery of reincarnation put my mind at ease... If you preserve a record of this conversation, write it so that it puts men’s minds at ease... I would like to communicate to others the calmness that the long view of life gives to us.” - Henry Ford

21) “I firmly believe, and this belief is based on investigation, observation, and in a measure, personal experience, that somehow, somewhere, sometime, we return in another human form, to carry on, as it were, through another lifetime, perhaps through many succeeding lifetimes, until some strange destiny is worked out to its ultimate solution.” - Henry Houdini

22) “Death is but the natural process whereby all material forms are thrown into the crucible for reproduction in fresh diversity.” - Anon

23) “Death has no power the immortal soul to slay,
That, when its present body turns to clay,

Seeks a fresh home, and with unlesened might
Inspires another frame with life and light.” - Dryden

24) “Soul is older than body. Souls are continually born over again into this life.” – Plato

25) “The soul that rises with us, our life’s star,
Hath had elsewhere its setting,
And cometh from afar.” - William Wordsworth Longfellow

26) “Or, if through lower lives I came
tho’ all experience past became,
Consolidate in mind and frame
I might forget my weaker lot;
For is not our first year forgot?
The haunts of memory echo not.” – A. Tennyson

27) “As to you, Life, I reckon you are the leavings of many deaths, No doubt I have died myself ten thousand times before.” - Walt Whitman

28) “The evidence for reincarnation, although mostly circumstantial, is now so compelling that intellectual assent is natural. Emotional acceptance may be more measured.” - Dr. Joel L. Whitton M.D. PhD.

29) “We must bear in mind that the belief in reincarnation was not only an established belief among these mystics. (Essenes and Nazarenes), who were classified as heretics and as Gentiles, but among the most orthodox of the Jewish people at that time.” – H. Spencer Lewis

31) “What they grasp without cease is always greater than what they had grasped before, but never encompasses what is sought; the limit of what is discovered is the starting point for the discovery of higher things for those who mount. And thus he who mounts never stops, going from beginnings to beginnings, through beginnings that never have an end.” - Jean Danielou

32) “This my system is unquestionably the most ancient of all systems of philosophy; for in reality it is not other than the system of the pre-existence and metempsychosis of the soul which occupied the minds of Pythagoras and Plato, and likewise before them of Egyptians, Chaldaeans, and Persians - if brief, of all the Sages of the East; and this fact alone ought to work strongly in its favor, for the first and most ancient belief is, in matters of theory, always the most probable, because common sense hit upon it immediately.” - Unknown

33) “A vacuum cannot exist in nature. An empty space is immediately filled by something else. And this law is effective on all levels. If what you give is luminous, radiant, beneficial, in return you will receive elements of the same quality, with the same luminous, radiant quintessence. But if you emanate something filthy, you will at once be filled with filth...- Omaraam M. Aivanhov

34) “There is an old saying that though the mills of the gods grind slowly, yet they grind exceedingly fine. That is only another way of saying that one can never escape his own karma...- Julian P. Johnson

The Universal Law of Evolution and Unfoldment

Before there can be understanding of evolution and unfoldment, we have to understand that there can be no such thing as evolution without the existence first of involution. I define evolution as an unfolding—like a flower blooming. Involution I define as a process of folding up, wrapping or even concealment. If we can evolve, it means that there is something to unfold. If there is something to unfold, there had to be prior involvement. If there was prior involvement, it had to be an expression of the infinite. Infinity confirms the existence of Universal Being's involvement—and now its evolution through us, which are instruments of its expression.

G. de Purucker explains the process of unfoldment as, “When the human soul, by the process of unfolding from itself its monadic possibilities, gains its present human type of ability and power of manifesting the inner illumination in greater or lesser degree, depending upon the individual, we may then call this human soul ‘the Human Atom’ otherwise the Human Monad or Ego, which is the self-conscious center of the average human being, and which in its ordinary self-expressions or manifestations during earth-life we call the human soul, to use a popular phrase. Man, essential Man, may thus in the last analysis be looked upon as a self-conscious Force or stream of Consciousness- Energy.”

Physical evolution is caused by the constant striving for this life and mind within the matter. Evolution of the soul is also a striving for understanding and soul growth. What is true below on the physical plane is true above in the spiritual. Evolution and unfoldment speak to our purpose and how it is achieved. It is what we can see of Divine Self Expression. Swami Abhedananda said, “From the greatest solar system down to the smallest blade of grass, everything in the universe has taken its present shape and form through this cosmic process of evolution.” The Universal Law of Evolution and Unfoldment says nothing has come into existence as a whole creation, but this takes nothing away from the creative process; it IS the creative process.

George Leonard, in *Silent Pulse*, says, “The name of the story is evolution, the creation of ever-increasing complexity, order, and beauty against the field of entropy; evolution not only of biological forms but also of culture, society, and of consciousness. Nor is this evolutionary tendency limited to life on this planet; it seems to be the basic intention of the universe at large.” He quotes Harvard astronomer David Layzer who points out that “The universe is unfolding in time but not unraveling; on the contrary, it is becoming constantly more complex and richer in information.”

This principal is no less true of the soul or inner man. As part of Universal Being, we have existed eternally, and we will exist eternally. The nature of life force is growth or unfoldment, and we fulfill our purpose in development. Physical survival, life’s struggles and obstacles are simple matters when compared to the growth and evolution of the soul. This is a different plane; a different level of development, infinitely more difficult. One may be born in the poorest of circumstances and through great effort become wealthy and even famous. The process of soul development takes life-times of cumulative effort, but whether in nature, physical life or soul evolution, it is the Universal Law of Evolution and Unfoldment that all things develop toward the manifestation of perfection.

Fred Shero’s humorous comment in 1973 was, “An oak tree is just a nut that held its ground.” Maybe in some cycles we just hold our ground and in others we can make significant strides. As soul development occurs, physical matters become less important to us. As the scriptures say, “Seek first the Kingdom of God and all else will be given to us.” With soul growth and development comes harmony with the Universal Laws. With harmony those things we desire are manifested and without the effort we first thought would be required when we placed them above our real purpose.

Maharishi Mahesh Yogi said, “When one naturally uses all the resources of mind, body, and Being for the natural process of evolution, then life can be said to be normal.” “When all values

of relative life pertaining to the body, mind, and surroundings are supplemented with the divine values, the blissful nature of absolute Being, then the worldly life in fullness of eternal freedom is the normal life of a human being.” He continues by saying, “Man, however, has a developed nervous system through which he can either maintain his activity in accordance with the laws of evolution or he can deviate from these laws. He has the choice either to make great headway in the process of evolution or go in the opposite direction toward devolution.” He continues this thought when he says, “The ability of living the transcendental state of Being along with the experiences of transitory nature of relative existence is the normal capacity of human life.”

The idea propagated by the Christian Fathers that the soul is created at the time of birth, sort of added to or installed in the infant, is not scientific “truth”, nor does it make sense. We have reasoning power, and we are expected to use it; to search and learn, to find the kingdom within. Only through the understanding of Universal Laws, the Universal Law of Being, the Universal Law of Absolute Unity, and the Universal Law of Relativity as well as the Universal Law of Balance and Equalization do we understand our nature to vary.

There is nothing in our objective that was not present in the beginning. When we understand our own nature we can understand the creative process of the evolution of the soul. J. Arthur Thompson, an eminent British scientist, in his book, *The Study of Animal Life*, says, “The world is one, not two-fold. The spiritual influx is the primal reality, and there is nothing in the end which was not also in the beginning.” Neither the creationist who denies the validity of the evolutionary process nor the evolutionist who denies the existence of the soul can achieve understanding of the will and purpose of man through the process of Divine Self-Expression.

When we have understanding and acknowledge the evolution of the Life Force into a human being with the capacity for soul unfoldment, we must also acknowledge the possibilities for

ultimate perfection of the soul. As noted, that which exists in the end existed also in the beginning. We possess infinite potential as sparks of the Creator, as part of the whole of Universal Being.

The steps to evolution and unfoldment found in this Universal Law are the same steps to enlightenment and freedom that Shumacher points to. He says the first task is to learn from society and tradition; the second is to interiorize the knowledge gained, “sift it, sort it out, keeping the good and jettisoning the bad.” This step is the one Jesus explained in the parable of the fisherman when they caught a large amount in the net, retaining only the worthwhile; one of his illustrations of what the Kingdom of Heaven was like.

Shumacher points out that the third task cannot be started until after the first two have been achieved. “It is dying to oneself; to one’s likes and dislikes, to all one’s egocentric preoccupations. To the extent that one succeeds in this, one ceases to be directed from outside and also ceases to be self-directed. One has gained freedom, or, one might say one is then God-directed.” Is this not exactly what Jesus and Paul taught? (The old man dies taking on the new man.)

How do we begin the process of soul development? Conscious thoughts working in harmony with the subconscious mind creates understood experiences. These understood experiences, which we bring through each cycle of life, is all that is of any real benefit in the soul’s evolution. The Creator has provided a perfect and exact way for us to develop understanding and come to him in the Law of Karma. When the soul has expressed itself on one level of existence successfully, it will begin to express on the next level of development, always striving to experience all that is required to become compatible with Universal Being. We must work out our own destiny in harmony with the Universal Laws.

The Paul addressed the subject of soul development when he wrote, “Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.” He was aware of the need for the individual to be the primary

mover, but I submit that the very tool he suggest using, “fear” is the individual’s archenemy. His real intent was to say this is serious work and should be approached with sincerity, focus and strong expectation.

Quotes Expressing the Law of Evolution and Unfoldment

1) “All truly wise thoughts have been thought already thousands of times; but to make them truly ours we must think them over again honestly, till they take root in our personal experience.” - Goethe

2) “Observation more than books, experience rather than persons, are the prime educators.” - A. Bronson Alcott

3) “The better part of every man’s education is that which he gives himself.” - James Russell Lowell

10) “All experience is an arch, to build upon.” - Henry Adams.

11) “One thorn of experience is worth a whole wilderness of warning.” - James Russell Lowell

12) “Although kingdoms and provinces may be wrested from the hands that hold them, it is the glorious prerogative of the empire of knowledge, that what it gains it never loses. On the contrary, it increases by the multiple of its own power; all its ends become means; all its attainments, helps to new conquests.” - Daniel Webster

13) “I myself believe that the evidence for God lies primarily in inner personal experiences.” - William James

14) “The wise know too well their weakness to assume infallibility; and he who knows most, knows best how little he knows.” - Thomas Jefferson

15) “The secret of power is a perfect understanding of the principles, forces, methods and combinations of Mind and a perfect understanding of our relationship to the Universal Mind.” - Charles Haanel

16) “Truth is not the result of logical training or of experimentation, or even of observation; it is the product of a developed consciousness.” - Charles Haanel

17) “Seeker after the highest truth! Study the Sacred lore, in order to cause yourself and others to attain perfection.” Uttara-Dhyayana Sutra 11:32

18) “For the vision of one man lends not its wings to another man. And even as each one of you stands alone in God’s knowledge, so must each one of you be alone in his knowledge of God and in his understanding of the earth.” - Kahlil Gibran

19) “The only evil comes from lack of understanding of this truth, evil (or ignorance) is like a shadow.” Unknown

20) “The intuitive mind has access to an infinite supply of information. It is able to tap into a deep storehouse of knowledge and wisdom - the universal mind.” “On the other hand, your intuition never comes from feelings of fear.” Unknown

21) “Nothing great is created suddenly any more than a bunch of grapes or a fig. If you tell me that you desire a fig, I answer you that there must be time. It first blossoms, then bears fruit, then ripens. - Epeateilus

22) “The growth of the human mind is still high adventure, in many ways the highest adventure on earth.” - Norman Cousins

23) Change is a movement of continuous progress from what one is toward something else. And there are two kinds of movement: the one toward the good develops perpetually and knows no end, because that which is in process of transformation has no limit.” - Jean Danielou

24) “Not perfection as a final goal, but the ever-enduring process of perfecting, maturing, refining, is the aim in living. The bad man is the man who, no matter how good he has been, is beginning to deteriorate, to grow less good. The good man is the

man who, no matter how morally unworthy he has been, is moving to become better. Such a conception makes one severe in judging himself and humane in judging others.” John Dewey

25) “This treasure of the Kingdom of God has been hidden by time and multiplicity and the soul’s own works, or briefly by its creaturely nature. But in the measure that the soul can separate itself from this multiplicity, to that extent it reveals within itself the Kingdom of God. Here the soul and the Godhead are one.” - Eckhart

26) “Man must live in time in order to be able to advance into eternity, no longer on the animal, but on the spiritual level; he must be conscious of himself as a separate ego in order to be able consciously to transcend separate self-hood; he must do battle with the lower self in order that he may become identified with that higher Self within him, which is akin to the divine Not-Self; and finally he must make use of his cleverness in order to pass beyond cleverness to the intellectual vision of Truth, the immediate, unitive knowledge of the divine Ground.” – Huxley

27) “Liberating knowledge of God comes to the pure in heart and poor in spirit; and though such purity and poverty are enormously difficult of achievement, they are nevertheless possible to all.” - Huxley

28) “If most of us remain ignorant of ourselves, it is because self-knowledge is painful and we prefer the pleasures of illusion.” - Huxley

29) “Knowledge of ourselves teaches us whence we come, where we are and whither we are going. We come from God and we are in exile; and it is because our potency of affection tends towards God that we are aware of this state of exile.” - Ruysbroeck

30) “God is bound to act, to pour Himself into thee as soon as He shall find thee ready.” - Eckhart

31) “The body is always in time, the spirit is always timeless and the psyche is an amphibious creature compelled by the laws of man’s being to associate itself to some extent with its body, but capable, if it so desires of experiencing and being identified with its spirit and, through its spirit, with the divine Ground.” – Huxley

32) “But is clear that what he and they call the new birth of God within the soul is essentially the same fact of experience as that which the Hindus, two thousand and more years before, described as the realization of the Self as within and yet transcendently other than the individual ego.” -Huxley on the Spiritual Reformers.

34) “Who is called to that highest form of prayer which is contemplation? The answer is unequivocally plain. All are called to contemplation, because all are called to achieve deliverance, which is nothing else but the knowledge that unites the knower with what is known, namely the eternal Ground or Godhead.” - Huxley

35) “If a man gives way to all his desires, or panders to them, there will be no inner struggle, in him, no friction, no fire. But if, for the sake of attaining a definite aim, he struggles with the desires that hinder him - He will then create a fire which will gradually transform his inner world into a single whole.” P.D. Ouspensky - *In Search of Miracles*

36) “The most important method of education accordingly always has consisted of that in which the pupil was urged to actual performance.” – Albert Einstein

37) “Whoso does not see that genuine life is a battle and a march has poorly read his origin and his destiny.” - Lydia Maria Child

38) “The first way to know God is by sheer reason, through the brain.” “The second way to know God - by personal experience.” - Fulton Oursler

The Universal Law of Giving

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 passionate 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.

Quotes Expressing the Law of Giving

1) “Not what we give, but what we share, For the gift without the giver is bare; Who gives himself with his alms feeds three, Himself, his hungering neighbor, and me.” - James Russell Lowell

2) “All success consists in this: You are doing something for somebody, benefiting humanity, and the feeling of success comes from the consciousness of this.” - Elbert Hubbard

3) “I must admit that I personally measure success in terms of the contributions an individual makes to her or his fellow human being.” - Margaret Mead

4) “For when a man can leave himself and enter the lives of others, he leaves his own heart open so that God may enter and dwell with him.” - Fulton Oursler

5) “And by some working of the universal law, as you give of love you are given more money to go on with! Mysterious but true!” - Fulton Oursler

6) “You give but little when you give of your possessions. It is when you give of yourself that you truly give.” – Khalil Gibran

7) “And there are those who have little and give it all. These are the believers in life and the bounty of life, and their coffer is never empty. There are those who give with joy, and that joy is their reward. And there are those who give and know not pain in giving, nor do they seek joy, nor give with mindfulness of virtue; They give as in yonder valley the myrtle breathes its fragrance into space. Through the hands of such as these God speaks, and from behind their eyes He smiles upon the earth.” – Khalil Gibran

8) “But it is also the pleasure of the flower to yield its honey to the bee. For to the bee a flower is a fountain of life, and to the

flower a bee is a messenger of love, and to both, bee and flower, the giving and the receiving of pleasure is a need and an ecstasy.”
- Khalil Gibran

9) “No one has learned the meaning of living until he has surrendered his ego to the service of his fellow man.” – Walter B. Wolfe

10) “If you help others, you will be helped, perhaps tomorrow, perhaps in one hundred years, but you will be helped. Nature must pay off the debt...it is a mathematical law and all life is mathematics...- George I. Gurdjieff

11) “God reveals Himself to man, in man and by man. His true worship is Charity. Dogmas and rites alter and succeed one another; charity does not change and its power is eternal - Eliphaz Levi

12) “Charity is the queen of virtues. As the pearls are held together by the thread, thus the virtues by charity, and as the pearls fall when the thread breaks, thus the virtues are lost if charity diminishes...- Padre Pio

13) “The most acceptable service of God is doing good to man.”
– Benjamin Franklin

14) “The way that lies at the foundation of positive change, the way I see it, is service to a fellow human being.” – Lech Walesa

15) “Service is like a burning candle: it lights the path for others while consuming itself.” – Unknown

16) “Therefore one should guard against preaching to the young man success in the customary sense as the aim of life. For a successful man is he who receives a great deal from his fellowmen, usually incomparably more than corresponds to his service to them. The value of a man, however, should be seen in what he gives and not in what he is able to receive.” – Albert Einstein

The Universal Law of Righteous Self-Interest

Self preservation or self defense is what we hear most frequently. “It was him or me.” Self-preservation is important if we are going to achieve our purpose in a life cycle but the Law of Righteous Self-Interest speaks more to “Primary Purpose” than the preservation of one’s physical life. Primary Purpose pertains to the life force utilizing the physical body. The Law of Righteous Self-Interest comes into play because our purpose relates primarily to our soul growth or unfoldment, but we can only achieve understanding through the experience of other Universal Laws such as the Universal Law of Love.

Loving the Father with all of our heart, soul and mind and our neighbor as ourselves is, in fact, in our own self-interest. Millman points out, “Then the place to begin; the more loving kindness you give to yourself, the more you can give to others.” Maharishi Mahesh Yogi notes in a series of quotes the following points with regard to giving; “To receive the maximum at all times, we must have an attitude of giving. “If you want to receive, you must give’ is a law of nature.” He says, “It is natural that one receives what he is in a position to give.” “That action and reaction are equal is a scientifically established truth.” “Every individual has an opportunity available to gain for himself the strength of unlimited, eternal, absolute Being and thus be powerful to the maximum extent possible.” He also notes, “The absolute and the relative are the two phases of one’s existence.”

The law of natural selection for the animal demands a different code of conduct from that required of the soul. The soul’s development calls for understanding of the Universal Law of Relativity; the fact that there is a connectedness between our fellow human beings, God, and ourselves. Where the code for the animal is survival, the code for humanity requires development of the soul. This is a higher plane not dependent upon the survival of the physical entity but the unfoldment of the soul. Natural selection does not explain or determine man’s

purpose. He must live in the world, but he is not of the world. His purpose is not dependent on longevity but the attraction of what is needed for his growth process on the eternal path; the path that leads him toward Universal Being.

Each soul is here for a purpose and that is for our own learning experience from which we evolve and unfold. You might call this “righteous self-interest”. It is wrong thinking that leads us to misuse others, and it is equally wrong for us to allow others to misuse us. We have a purpose, and no one can be allowed under any pretext to keep us from it. Chopra calls this the Law of Dharma. He writes, “The Law of Dharma says that we have taken manifestation in physical form to fulfill a purpose.” He elaborates on this when he writes, “The first component says that each of us is here to discover our true Self, to find out on our own that our true Self is spiritual, that essentially we are spiritual beings that have taken manifestation in physical form.”

Work is the teaching and teaching a part of the understanding. Just as we give love in order to receive love, of necessity, we give understanding in order to have understanding. **THERE IS NO HIGHER PURPOSE THAN TO RETURN TO COMPATIBILITY WITH UNIVERSAL BEING.** It may seem a paradox that we cannot fulfill our purpose, which is Self unfoldment, without giving to others, but it is the Law. In other words, it is in our own self-interest to give.

Maharishi Mahesh Yogi makes the point that to make full use of one’s surroundings “the main principle lies in giving in order to gain.” It is indispensable to receiving service that we first give service. When we give, we will receive, as in a constant “in-flowing and out-flowing”. Jesus stated this principle when he said, “It is more blessed to give than to receive.” Why? Because we cannot receive unless we give and we receive many times what we give. The heart of the action is in the giving.

“I AM so: I can do nothing for you but work on myself. You can do nothing for me but work on yourself.” says Dr. Alpert. This may sound contradictory to what I’ve been saying but think about

this quote. If instead of trying to solve everyone else's problem we concentrated on our self growth and made ourselves better people, how much better we would understand each other and be sensitive to the needs of others. Would we not create a better world with understanding this one principal? Jesus noted that we should take care of the big thing in our own eye instead of worrying about the small thing in our neighbor's eye. Why? I suggest that when we have taken care of our own faults we will be able to see clearer how to help someone else and why it is necessary to do so.

If Self-development, understanding and the knowledge of our oneness with The Creator is our greatest attainment, how could anything we give to someone else be more blessed? Jesus said it is more blessed to give than receive. It is so because we could not get this gift without first giving. If we give nothing of ourselves, we will get nothing; in fact, the lack of giving will work in the negative. The parable of the talents illustrates the point well.

Quotes Expressing

The Universal Law of Righteous Self-Interest

1) “The biggest mistake you can make is to believe that you work for someone else.” Cynthia d. McCauley from *Handbook of Leadership development*

2) “It is one of the most beautiful compensations of this life that no man can sincerely try to help another without helping himself.” – Charles D. Warner

3) “If we wish to be of service to others we must have power and more power, but to get it we must give it; we must be of service.” - Charles Haanel

4) “The truth is that life is hard and dangerous; that he who seeks his own happiness does not find it; that he who is weak must suffer; that he who demands love, will be disappointed; that he who is greedy, will not be fed; that he who seeks peace, will find strife; that truth is only for the brave; that joy is only for him who does not fear to be alone; that life is only for the one who is not afraid to die.” - Joyce Carey

5) “This above all: To thine own self be true, and it must follow, as the night the day, thou canst not then be false to any man.” - Shakespeare

6) “But why must I forgive my fellow man? Because, if I do not forgive everyone, I shall be untrue to myself. I shall then be acting as if I were innocent of the same offenses, and I am not.” - Albert Schweitzer - From *Why I Know There is a God*.

7) “You often say, “I would give, but only to the deserving.” The trees in your orchard say not so, nor the flocks in your pasture. They give that they may live, for to withhold is to perish.”

8) “All your hours are wings that beat through space from self to self.” - Khalil Gibran

9) “For me, the primary commitment I make is to myself - to love, honor and obey, and cherish my own being.” - Shakti Gawain

10) “Every mind has a choice between truth and repose. Take which you please - you can never have both.” “The education of the will is the object of our existence.” - Leo Tolstoy

11) “The mass of men lead lives of quiet desperation and go to the grave with the song still in them.” - Henry David Thoreau

12) “Nature has planted in our minds an insatiable longing to see the truth.” - Cicero

13) “Everything, in so far as it is in itself, endeavors to persist in its own being; and the endeavor wherewith a thing seeks to persist in its own being is nothing else than the actual essence of that thing.” Spinoza

14) “He who is his own friend is a friend to all men.” Seneca

15) “Since reason demands nothing against nature, it concedes that each man must love himself, and seek what is useful to him, and desire whatever leads him truly to a greater state of perfection; and that each man should endeavor to preserve his being so far as in him lies.” Spinoza

16) “The more we have given to ourselves, the more we have to give to others.” Shakti Gawain

17) “You must give if you want to receive. Let the center of your being be one of giving, giving, giving. You can’t give too much, and you will discover you cannot give without receiving.” - Peace Pilgrim

18) “The soul lives forever by giving, not receiving. This is the grand paradox. You get most by giving most. Conversely, by receiving much you impoverish yourself. By selfish accumulation you become bankrupt...- Julian P. Johnson

19) “The person who gives of himself and his substance, no matter how little, opens the door for life to pour in, not only compensating him for his gift, but increasing the gift. The more one gives the more that a person is able to receive.” – Jack Addington

20) “Good works are valuable only as a means of becoming free. They do good to the doer, never to any other.” – Vivekananda

21) “Desire to sow no seed for your own harvesting; desire only to sow that seed, the fruit of which shall feed the world, You are a part of the world; in giving it food you feed yourself.” – Mabel Collins

22) “Doing nothing for others is the undoing of ourselves.” – Horace Mann

23) “There is nothing you cannot do, no defeat you cannot survive, no fear you cannot overcome, when you are concentrated heart and soul in helping others.” – Robert O’Brien

The Universal Law of Love

The premiere teaching of Jesus was to Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind. Paul later says that, "Eye has not seen, nor has ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for them that love him." As Millman asked, "Hate and compassion are different kinds of energy; which do you want to fill your world?" He states, "The Law of Compassion presents a loving demand to transcend our limited perspectives."

The second part of this Law, Jesus states, was to express this love to your neighbor as yourself. I must be clear in stating that no soul belongs to another because we are told that love of humanity is an expression of our love for God. We are all brothers and sisters and thus the stress placed on loving our neighbors as ourselves. The Law of Love is an in-flowing and out-flowing, giving and receiving, with complete understanding.

Love is the only thing that is as eternal and as infinite as The Creator because it the essence of The Creator. It is the fire for the transformation of humanity. Love is the one energy that can overcome fear, anger and hatred. These are negative emotions, while love is the essence of God and more than just a positive emotion. De Purucker says love is more than emotion when he writes, "Love suffers nothing from knowledge, for true knowledge is the child of true love, and being so closely akin to its parent never finds itself in opposition thereto."

God is Love in its purist form, and since in each of us there is that spark of God, it follows that with knowledge of our oneness with all men and God, love is the common denominator, the connector. Love is the glue or essence of everything (God is Love). It is the makeup of God and without it there can be nothing. The existence of matter, energy and motion then prove the existence of universal Mind. It is similar to Descartes' statement that "I think therefore I exist." Love is the life force. The Apostle Paul gives one of the clearest and most beautiful descriptions of the Universal Law of Love that has ever been

written. The preeminence of The Law of Love is unquestionable. He wrote, “Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels but have not love I am a sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. Though I tell what is to come and know all secrets and all wisdom and though I have faith strong as the storm, which lifts mountains from their seat, but have not love, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor and give all my light that I have received from my Father, but have not love, I am in no wise profited.”

Maharishi Mahesh Yogi reveals the essential power of love. He says, “In the same way, a man with cosmic consciousness has the unbounded, unlimited amount of love overflowing in all directions for everything. When this overflowing, unlimited, unbounded cosmic universal love becomes concentrated in the devotion to God, then that concentrated state of universal love is of such a degree that it brings ultimate fulfillment of life.” He follows this thought with, “But the love and devotion of a cosmically evolved man has a significant and substantial value of love and devotion that reaches eternity, and that love and devotion binds eternity into one single individuality. That is the power of love, that is the power of devotion.”

Quotes Expressing the Universal Law of Love

- 1) "Talk not of wasted affection, affection never was wasted; If it enrich not the heart of another, its waters, returning back to their springs, like the rain, shall fill them full of refreshment; That which the fountain sends forth returns again to the fountain. - Longfellow
- 2) "They are slaves who fear to speak for the fallen and the weak." - James Russell Lowell
- 3) "Love is the vital essence that pervades and permeates, from the center to the circumference, the graduating circles of all thought and action. Love is the talisman of human weal and woe, the open same to every human soul." - Elizabeth Cady Stanton
- 4) "Love, which is the essence of God, is not for levity, but for the total worth of man." - Emerson
- 5) "If you would be loved, love and be lovable." - Franklin
- 6) "Love is an expression and assertion of self esteem, a response to one's own values in the person of another. One gains a profoundly personal, selfish joy from the mere existence of the person one loves. It is one's own personal, selfish happiness that one seeks, earns, and derives from love." - Ann Rand
- 7) "Love is the vital essence that pervades and permeates, from the center to the circumference, the graduating circles of all thought and action. Love is the talisman of human weal and woe - the open sesame to every soul." - Elizabeth Cady Stanton
- 8) "There is no difference between pure knowledge and pure love." - Sri Ramakrishna
- 9) "Real love is neither diminished by unkindness, nor increased by kindness." - Yahya
- 10) "Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love." - 1st John 4:8

11) “For even as love crowns you so shall he crucify you. Even as he is for your growth so is he for your pruning. Even as he ascends to your height and caresses your tenderest branches that quiver in the sun, so shall he descend to your roots and shake them in their clinging to the earth.” – Kahlil Gibran

12) “When you love you should not say, “God is in my heart,” but rather, “I am in the heart of God.” – Kahlil Gibran

13) “Love gives naught but itself and takes naught but from itself. Love possesses not, nor would it be possessed; For love is sufficient unto love. – Kahlil Gibran

14) “Love has no other desire but to fulfill itself.” – Kahlil Gibran

15) “Love is the representative of the Lord.” -Shinto

16).”Man is the beloved of the Lord and should love him in return.” - Zoroaster

17) “Heaven arms with love those it would not see destroyed.”
Taoist

18) “Let a man cultivate towards the whole world a heart of love.” Buddha

19) “Love suffereth long, and is kind; love envieth not; love vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, does not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not its own, is not provoked, taketh not account of evil; endureth all things, Love never faileth.” Paul

20) “Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not, knoweth not God, for God is Love.” Jesus

21) “Whosoever studies to reach contemplation should begin by searchingly inquiring of himself how much he loves. For love is

the motive power of the mind, which draws it out of the world and raises it on high.” - St. Gregory the Great

22) “Love is infallible; it has no errors, for all errors are the want of love.” - William Law

23) “We can only love what we know, and we can never know completely what we do not love. Love is a mode of knowledge, and when the love is sufficiently disinterested and sufficiently intense, the knowledge becomes unitive knowledge and so takes on the quality of infallibility.” - Huxley

24) “By love I do not mean any natural tenderness, which is more or less in people according to their constitution; but I mean a larger principle of the soul, founded in reason and piety, which makes us tender, kind and gentle to all our fellow creatures as creatures of God, and for his sake.” - William Law

25) “This identity out of the One into the One and with the One is the source and fountainhead and breaking forth of glowing Love.” - Eckhart

26) “Just as the soul is the life of the body, so charity is the life of the soul.” - Jean Pierre Camus

27) “The soul lives by that which it loves rather than in the body which it animates, for it has not its life in the body, but rather gives it to the body and lives in that which it loves.” - St. John of the Cross

28) “God forces no one, for love cannot compel, and God’s service, therefore, is a thing of perfect freedom.” - Hans Denk

29) “This is an eternal and fundamental principle, inherent in all things, in every system of philosophy, in every religion and in every science. There is no getting away from the law of love. It is feeling that imparts vitality to thought. Feeling is desire, and desire is love. Thought impregnated with love becomes invincible. – Charles Hannel

Old Sayings Illustrating Each of the Universal Laws

The Universal Law of Being: Besides the famous saying “Know thyself” one quote heard from time to time is, “Be yourself” or “Do not try to be what you are not.” It is in trying to be what we are not, or not recognizing what we are, the nature of our being, that leads to frustration. Finding purpose is determining consciously what our soul’s plan for this cycle of evolution and unfoldment.

You can also hear such expressions as “Let your conscience be your guide.” Also “Man is the measure of all things”, or “Know thyself” is a common saying. We have come to understand the truth of the saying, “We have met the enemy and he is us.” In other words everything begins with us in the state of Being. If we believe in the spirit of man we tend to think of the body having a soul instead of the soul having a body. We say “the soul of man or the spirit of man.” A common expression is that, “The eyes are the window of the soul.” We might say that an individual “has heart”

The Universal Law of Absolute Unity: We say “Extremes meet” or even “Variety is the spice of life.” We hear statements to the effect that this is the “yin and yang” of a problem or situation. One can be heard to say “There are two sides to every story.” All these sayings are indicative of the common understanding of diversity within the whole.

The Universal Law of Proper Perspective: Every cloud has a silver lining is a saying that speaks to perspective. Any day you may hear someone say, “Don’t take any wooden nickels” and “First things first” or “Don’t get your cart before the horse.” obvious expressions of the Law of Proper Perspective.

How often we hear “You can’t tell a book by its cover” or “Clothes do not a man make.” Other sayings such as “Know on which side your bread is buttered” illustrate understanding of this Law. We hear “Its all in how you look at it.” We know what it means to have proper perspective. “I wasn’t paying attention to

what I was doing.” “He got the cart before the horse.” “Keep your eyes open and your mouth shut.” “You can’t serve two masters” is often quoted which is biblical in origin. Sometimes we say “He has a one track mind” to mean that the person only thinks about one thing. These sayings show an understanding that concentration and focus is necessary to successfully complete a task.

The Universal Law of Pure Potentiality: “Oh, it was mind over matter”, or “It just popped into my head”, “I’ve got an idea.” It is said “You reap what you sow”, in this case meaning that you become what you think about. Most of the time you hear the sayings quoted in the negative. “You reap what you sow is most often quoted when referring to someone who has had bad luck or has been caught in the act.

Another often repeated quote speaks to the power of visualizing a thought. “A picture is worth a thousand words.” “Life is what you make it.” “Where there is life there is hope.” “All things are possible.” or “Nothing is impossible.” “Make no small plans” or “Hitch your wagon to a star.” These are all sayings indicating the belief that the potentiality for anything is there in our thoughts.

Universal Law of Believing and Knowing: It is said “She wants it so bad she can taste it.” “Where there is the will there is a way.”, “He’s got staying power.”, “stick to it.” “guts”, all showing that we recognize the power of will.

“I can’t picture it.” or “I can’t see it.” and “It was a dream come true.” This shows that subconsciously we know that we think in pictures. Sometimes we say “Things happen” but we know better because we have sayings such as, “Constant dripping wears away the stone.” and “Knowledge is power.” “Practice makes perfect” and the most common of all “Seeing is believing” are all expressions that tell us that we know things don’t just happen.

One may be heard to say, “He believes in himself”, or “She was born with confidence”. “He is too sure of himself.” “He knows what he is about.” “you’ve got to know where you are going to

know when you get there.” These sayings all infer that the person not only believes that he can do whatever he wants to do but already knows that he will do it.

Universal Law of Abundance: (Common use) - We attempt to console the individual who has lost in love or who has lost a job by saying, “There are more fish in the sea,” a reference to the abundance of girls or jobs. We say “There’s more where that one came from”. Sometimes we say, “He can’t see the forest for the tree.” We say, “he’s got more than he knows what to do with.” We are familiar with the story but often do not understand the lesson taught by Jesus that abundance is the natural law of nature.

We hear such expressions as, “It takes money to make money.” Jesus said “To he who has will be given more.” We know how it worked for the three that the master gave the talents. The one given five increased it to ten, and the one given two increased it to five. The one given only one talent buried it in fear of loss and ended up with nothing. “Them that has gets.” or “The rich get richer and the poor get poorer.” and “Poverty consists in feeling poor.” all indicate knowledge of The Universal Law of Abundance.

Universal Law of Attraction: We say he or she makes friends easily or that they are popular. Why do some attract others and have this general acceptance? We say, “Fortune favors the brave.” “You can catch more flies with honey.” Birds of a feather flock together. We say that, “They are attracted to him like bees to honey.”

A clear indication of our understanding of The Universal Law of Attraction are the sayings, “Property gains friends, and adversity tries them.” “When it rains it pours.” “Violence begets violence.” “You can’t get what you don’t ask for.” We are told “If you want something bad enough you can get it.” What we want or need comes to us through the Universal Law of Attraction.

The Universal Law of Relativity: People are fond of arguing against a categorical statement by simply saying, “That’s relative” meaning that it depends on how you look at it. We talk about, “the other side of the coin”. “No man is an island” refers to the interdependency of man. “Man is a social animal.” and “One touch of nature makes the whole world kin.” These are all sayings that show, at least instinctively, we understand The Law of Relativity.

The Universal Law of Balance and Equalization: We marvel at the person who seems to have life easy. We say “he leads a charmed life.” If the troubles of the world seem to be harsh for one of our friends we say, “He has the devils luck”, or we might say, “He carries the world on his shoulders.” All these indicate an understanding of balance, and wonderment as to why things are as they are. One is heard to describe someone as simply “being bad blood”, an indication that his problems are in his genes.

We say, “What goes around comes around” meaning that somehow there is a natural balance of justice. “So above, so below” indicates that the justice of the higher plane is reflected in our lower plane of existence. We are admonished to be moderate and not extreme in our thoughts and actions. “Moderation in all things.” The understanding of how the world works to maintain balance in the simple saying, “Nature abhors a vacuum. All these sayings show we have some knowledge of The Law of Balance and Equalization.

The Universal Law of Evulution and Unfoldment: “There’s no fool like an old fool”, “He is savvy” or “He has street smarts.” “He didn’t go to college but knows what is going on.” “Nobody’s fool” is heard often and sometimes we just call it “common sense”. Many are fond of quoting the biblical admonishment to “Know thy self”. “The more you know the more you know you don’t know.”, “He hasn’t got it in him.”, “It’s no sin to be ignorant but a sin to stay that way”, are all common expressions related to an individual’s soul growth.

We say “Experience makes the difference” and talk about “wiser heads”, when we refer to those who have had the most experience. We say, “Experience is the best teacher.” “Live and learn.” There is no royal road to learning.” and “Mighty oaks from little acorns grow.” The Law of Evolution and Unfoldment is not unknown to us.

Universal Law of Giving, (and receiving): When referring to some desired achievement we say, “No Pain, no gain” or “You get what you put in” implying that we have to give to get. Another expression is “I cast my bread upon the waters”. “What goes around comes around” is one of the more common sayings. It is sometimes used to mean if you are showing meanness or a bad attitude, or do something bad that sooner or later it will happen to you but, it works both ways. I referred to this saying in a different vein under the Law of Balance and Equalization.

“Charity covers a multitude of sins” shows how important it is to be of a giving nature. We teach our children to “Share and share alike.” Deep down, regardless of the attitude we show to the beggar and to those we feel want something for nothing or that we think are lazy, we still feel the need to give. Maybe it is the words of Jesus to the effect “In as much as ye have done it unto the least of these, ye have done it unto me.” In any event, we know that giving is an inseparable part of our being and understand The Law of Giving.

Universal Law of Righteous Self-interest: We have heard the biblical expression so much it is taken for granted but do we really believe it? “It is better to give than to receive.” We can see the justice in the saying, “You get what you’ve got coming to you”. Generally this refers to one who gets his just deserts. But it seems oh so hard to see what can be received by the giver.

Commonly used sayings such as, “You can’t give what you haven’t got” and “I’m looking out for number one” illustrate a lack of understanding of the Law of Righteous Self Interest. Another saying that may be familiar is “Charity begins at home”. Still another is “You can’t help others until you help yourself”.

These expressions make sense to us but we have come to think of them as selfish and shortsighted.

That we have to be in a position to assist others before we can possibly have the wherewithal to help is obvious. As The Universal Laws teach the more you give the more you get but it is important how you give and how you receive. “Every man is his own best friend” and “Keep your shop and your shop will keep you” express this principal. “To thine on self be true.” is a saying that goes to the heart of the Law of Righteous Self-Interest. Where does the reward go when giving, to you or the receiver? “Virtue has its own reward” is a saying that shows we know who benefits from giving and that it is in our own self interest to do so.

Universal Law of Love: There are a multitude of sayings that show our view of different kinds of love. We say, “All is fare in love and war.” implying that there are no rules when it comes to love, that any lengths we might go to are acceptable. We say, “Money can’t buy love” meaning love cannot be measured by money because the value is so much greater. We quote Jesus, “Greater love hath no man than to lay down his life for another.” Here we say that the love of our own life has become secondary.

We say, “All the world loves a lover.” “Love makes the world go around” and there is the biblical expression we hear frequently, “Where your heart is, your treasure will be also.” “Love conquers all” testifies to our knowledge of the value and power of love. Love is a principal, the glue of The Universal Laws, and we know it.

Summary

This is *Volume One* of the *Renford Revelations* and consists of 52 pieces that are delivered each week on my Internet Radio show. This series has some emphasis on the Universal Laws and may be the most detailed definitions on the Laws in my books. Most of the Renford Books include some explanations of the Laws but in this book, along with a strong introduction to each Law, the following blog after each of the Universal Laws has a series of quotes from famous writers and teachers. They are their definitions of each of the Universal Laws.

Included in this first volume are the Renford Affirmations, the IAM-WELL Affirmations and some of the poems from *In Search of Self*, such as **Attitude** and **Impoverishment**. The previously published Renford Books are the source of a number of these blogs. Some were already published on Self-Growth.com and other online article centers such as ArticleCity.com and EzineArticles.com

At present there are more 200 Renford Revelations and they may be acquired simply by going to the IAM-COR.org website and eventually a dedicated website. However, they are being published in book form like Volume One for those who would like to have them all now and in one place.

The Renford Revelations are being added to the curriculum of the Institute of Applied Metaphysics.

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Introduction

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. I would like to introduce you to the Renford Books because they demystify the process of evolution and unfoldment. This process can bring 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.

Each of the Renford Books is directed to a particular type of reader, yet the subject matter is similar in that always the subject is the Universal Laws. I have been asked often why I am always talking about the Universal Laws. The answer is, 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.

This section, now included in each book, gives a little history as to why I 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 section 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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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!

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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.

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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.**

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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.

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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.

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Renford Revelations Volume One – Volume Five

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.

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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.

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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.

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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 you have 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 states 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 theses 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

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Back Cover

Renford Revelations Volume One, Two , Three and Four are all part of the same collection of blogs, articles and essays by Renford. They address a wide variety of subjects with Volume One focusing more on the Universal Laws and Volume Two and Three and Four on important issues for human beings today.

When all the blogs, articles and essays were assembled there were more than was practical to put into one book so they were divided into books of 52, one for each week of the year. Volume Five is already taking shape. The Renford Books are each focused on a particular subject and for specific readers. *Renford Revelations* addresses a much broader experience that can answer questions you may not have even thought to ask. Certainly, the perspective of Renford is here for your examination and a system for dialog is in place.

No subject is considered by Renford to be too sensitive or undeserving of comment and the Renford perspective can be the beginning of your revelation. The *Renford Revelations* are meant only to be a catalyst for your thinking.