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THE CONCURRENCE

This Week's Consideration of a Famous Opinion



¶ The potentials of the creative power of the mind, dealt with in this monograph, are limitless. To use this power may not be neglected by the student whose goal is the unfoldment of his spiritual nature and the harmonious development of every facet of his personality. We quote from a source familiar to many Rosicrucians.



Mind was first of all devoted, probably, to the furtherance of the desires of the individual organism; but later it spread over wider areas and extended to higher and broader spheres; . . . And with this higher knowledge began to develop that spiritual self and consciousness of which we are just beginning to catch the first signs, and which is doubtless in its very infancy in the realm of higher knowledge. This spiritual side of man, that is just becoming manifest, may possess powers and potencies as great, as relatively great when compared to the purely mental world, as that was above the physical and animal world.

—HEREWARD CARRINGTON, 1880—

To the Members of the Esoteric Hierarchy, Greetings!

What I am going to tell you this week may seem very simple, but I want you to keep in mind that these instructions would have been of no value to you at all a few years ago. They have value now only because you have had instruction, as well as a great deal of development, during the past few years. Even if you have not had outstanding success in the experiments and exercises, careful reading of the monographs and thinking about them has surely brought about development within the inner self. That development will make these new instructions worth while.

Last week I told you that in bringing about any material changes in your life or creating new things, you have to use your will power along with concentration and visualization. Now I want to help you with one more step in the methods I have used and which I have found others in Europe, Africa, Egypt, and elsewhere using.

Let us say that you are sitting in front of a table on which there is a book. The title of the book looks interesting to you. It creates in your mind the desire to read it. You may not desire it as greatly as you desire some things, but nevertheless the difference in desire is merely one of degree.

What do you do when you find yourself sitting in such a situation? Do you sit back and concentrate on the book, visualize its title and what the book may contain? Do you just sit and wish you were reading it, wish you had it and that your eyes were focused on the words it contains? Certainly not. You desire to read the book and do not feel that anything is going to interfere with your reading it. You do not say to yourself, "There is a book I want to read, it is not in my hands and I cannot see the words on the pages; so I will have to concentrate to bring it into my life." The book is in front of you and there is no divine law, moral law, or ethical law to prevent your opening and reading it.

Your desire for the book is just a preliminary idea. You do not have to stop with the desire and go no further. No great, strange law must be invoked and no miracle must happen before you can satisfy your desire. Your desire is as natural as that for fresh air or for food, clothing, or any other thing in life. You have become accustomed, however, to believing that some of the things you want in life are far more difficult to secure than others; so you have made an arbitrary classification of the things you want. You think of some things as being easy to get, some a little hard to secure, and others almost impossible. You may feel that some things can be secured only through some miracle-law in the Cosmic, and that little by little and very slowly, if you live long enough, you will have all of the things you may desire.



As you look at the book on the table before you, you do not say to yourself, "I want to read that book but I suppose I will have to start by concentrating on getting one page a day through some Cosmic method and at the end of a hundred days I may understand a hundred pages of it." No, since the book is in front of you and made to read and arouses a desire, there is no reason why you should not read it and fulfill your desire.

What is the first thing to do toward realizing your desire? You look at the book and stretch out your hands to pick it up. You may not realize it, but when you stretch out your hands to pick it up, you are performing a miracle! You are doing something that science has never been able to make a piece of machinery do—except clumsily. No scientist has ever made a machine that could look at something, and of its own accord, pick it up and handle it. There has to be human intelligence back of the machine to decide when the thing should be picked up and when it should be put down. You have the intelligence, the mind, to decide when you want to pick up the book, and have only to want it, and through your will power to pick it up. This will is the great power that rules and controls the material world. I am not talking about muscle power. Scientists and inventors have made machines that have twenty or one hundred times the muscle power of man. They have invented a machine that would lift a rock a thousand times heavier than anything man could lift. However, they have never made a machine that had the intelligence to decide what rock to pick up, how to pick it up, and when to pick it up. You have all of that intelligence, and in addition, you have this creative power of mind which can be used in the same way that your muscle power can.

If you want to know just what I mean by a combination of concentration and will power, stop and concentrate for a moment on the muscles of your upper arm between your elbow and your shoulder. Squeeze your right hand into a fist and concentrate on the muscles in the upper part of your right arm. As you concentrate, squeeze your hand and put into your arm all the will power, all the energy you have in your body until your muscles become hard and stiff. You can feel your fingers tighten against the palm of your hand and your whole arm become rigid and trembling with strength and power.

The more you use your will power to make your muscles stiff, the more rigid your arm will become. If you sat and just concentrated on your arm without using any of your will power, your arm would still remain just as flexible and soft as it had been. Let us say that you walked across your room to open the door of a closet and when you turned the knob of the door you found the door was hard to open. You would start to pull, at the same time concentrating all your energy. With your will power you would simply demand that the power in your body pull on that door until it opened. That is a combination of concentration and will power, or concentrated will power.



Let us take another example. Suppose you had in front of you a piece of wood and an ordinary nail. You want to put the nail into the wood. You take the nail in your right hand and try to push it into the wood without using a hammer. You concentrate your mind and attention on the hand and nail and on the thought of the nail going into the wood. You use your will to direct all of the power in your body through your arm to your hand to push that nail down into the wood. You may not get the nail into the wood very far. It may make only a small hole; but the more you concentrate your will to have all the strength in your body and mind flow through your hand to the nail, the more that nail will go into the wood. There are persons who through practice are able to put a nail into a piece of wood to the depth of a half-inch. The average person can only make the nail go into the wood a sixteenth of an inch. No matter how far the nail goes, the method used is the same. You concentrate your mind; you visualize what you want to do, and you use your will to make it make the power in you do what you want it to do.

Whether you are concentrating on something you desire; something you want done; someone to write a letter; or someone to bring you something; you use the same process. I have used it over and over many times—every day, in fact—in connection with sending treatments and helping members overcome some of their problems. Others on the staff use the same process as well; and I want you to be able to use it whenever there is a necessity for it.

If you want someone to write you a letter, for instance, concentrate on that person and visualize him writing the letter. Do not concentrate on him at a time when you know he might be in a car, attending a theater, or otherwise unable to respond. Use, instead, those times when you know he is near a desk, or sitting at home, and could easily get paper and ink. Then simply visualize him writing a letter to you—even what you want him to say. Concentrate on his doing it, and at the same time use your will to send that thought, that wish, that demand to him, just as though you were sending your power through your body to your own hand to write the letter for you. Simply insist with your will that he stop what he is doing and write the letter.

You must continue this concentration and the use of your will power for about five minutes so as to give the person you are thinking about an opportunity to receive the impression, feel the inclination, get the materials together, and start to write. The first few times you try it, you may have no success because the person who receives the impression may think it is only a "hunch" or merely a flashing thought. He may feel that he does not want to write the letter, or may want to postpone it until the next day. Gradually, you will learn how to concentrate with enough will power to cause that person to do what you want him to do.



However, remember that the Cosmic will not allow you to use this process to make people do things they should not do.

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You cannot make anyone write a check for a thousand dollars when he does not owe you the money. You cannot make a person write a letter, confession or statement that would injure him, or do anything that would be unfair. The Cosmic will not carry your thoughts for any destructive, unfair or unethical reason. There is no black magic in this; it is simply good, clean, honest transmission of thought power, and it needs the cooperation of the Cosmic to bring it about. The Cosmic will not help you do anything that will injure or hurt anyone.

The same can be said in regard to someone's paying you a bill, if he owes you and has not paid. If you concentrate on him with will, insisting that he write and send you the money, or call and bring it, it is no different from your trying to push the nail into the board. Something within him will prompt him to recognize your right and he will pay his obligation. Your creative thoughts and picture enter his mind not merely as a suggestion but as a command, and he responds to your request.

Should your object be to have your employer, superintendent or foreman give you a promotion, an increase of wages, or something else, you concentrate in the same manner, selecting a time when you think he may be relaxed. Visualize him deciding that he wants to give you the favor, the promotion or the increase, and simply will that he wants to do it, and will do it at the very earliest opportunity.

Try this method this week, and next I will tell you how to use the same process in creating and bringing about other conditions in your life. Remember that everything must be ethical, fair, and honest. If any attempt is made to use this process in a wrong way or for a wrong purpose it will fail, and the reaction from the Cosmic will mean unhappiness for you.

May Peace Profound abide with each of you.

Fraternally,

YOUR CLASS MASTER



Summary of This Monograph



Below is a summary of the important principles of this monograph. It contains the essential statements which you should not forget. After you have carefully read the complete monograph, try to recall as many as you can of the important points you read. Then read this summary and see if you have forgotten any. Also refer to this summary during the ensuing week to refresh your memory.

- ¶ You have become accustomed to believing that some of the things you want in life are more difficult to secure than others, and so have made an arbitrary classification of the things you want.
- ¶ However, you have in addition to intelligence a creative power of the mind that can be used in the same way that your muscle power can.
- ¶ In bringing about material changes in your life or creating new things, you concentrate your mind, visualize what you want to do, and use your will to make the power in you do what you want it to do.
- ¶ The Cosmic will not allow you to use this process to make people do things they should not do.
- ¶ Any attempt made to use this process in a wrong way or for a wrong purpose will fail and the reaction from the Cosmic will mean unhappiness for you.



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