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# THE CONCURRENCE

## This Week's Consideration of a Famous Opinion



¶ When Solomon said that God “hath set the world in man’s heart” he indicated the limitless potentialities of man for knowledge—both spiritual and material. Francis Bacon reiterates this thought in the following quotation, and we are further encouraged in our desire to illustrate in our lives what can be accomplished with the development



of the psychic centers and the psychic consciousness.

*... God hath framed the mind of man as a glass capable of the image of the universal world, joying to receive the signature thereof as the eye is of light, yea not only satisfied in beholding the variety of things and vicissitude of times, but raised also to find out and discern those ordinances and decrees which throughout all these changes are infallibly observed. And although the highest generality of motion or summary law of nature God should still reserve within his own curtain, yet many and noble are the inferior and secondary operations which are within man’s sounding.*

—FRANCIS BACON, 1561-1626

To the Members of the Esoteric Hierarchy, Greetings!

The development of the inner consciousness with its powers and faculties is far more important than you may realize even after so many years in the Order.

We like to think of ourselves as students of the great esoteric truths of life, but there is another side, another viewpoint of our work that is equally important. In addition to being mystics, we should be practical persons—examples of efficiency, intelligence, and power in every phase of life. The psychic side of our beings has a place in the general scheme of life not solely or wholly devoted to the functioning of our spiritual thinking and living.

Each part of our physical bodies is governed by intelligence, a system of consciousness that communicates in both directions. When we stick a pin in our finger, we immediately have an impression of pain. Almost at the instant the pin pricks the flesh we have a sensation in our consciousness. Because of the nerves throughout the body, the pinprick is conveyed from the finger to a center of the brain, and there registers the sensation of pain which we feel. The more we analyze this explanation, the more difficult it becomes to comprehend. One would think that such a marvelous system of communication would be simpler and more easily understood. That is usual with the mysterious; that is why we analyze puzzling things. By analyzing them we rob them of their mystery.

When we analyze the pinprick and the sensation of pain, however, we become more perplexed. When the pin pricks the flesh of the finger, we feel the pain at the end of the finger and not in the brain. If it were not that we feel the pain where the injury is, we would not know where we were suffering. For instance, if we felt pain only in the brain and were working with sharp tools and had a sensation of pain, we would not know whether we had cut a finger with the tools, stepped on a tack, or eaten something that caused discomfort through indigestion.

Pain, however, is felt exactly at the point where injury occurs; what is more important, all pain is not alike. We can tell by the pain in the finger whether it is a pinprick, a cut, blow, or a squeeze. We can also tell whether the pain is due to heat or cold, although it may be difficult to determine whether it comes from extreme heat or extreme cold.

Again, the moment we feel pain there is a tendency to withdraw or pull away from whatever is causing the injury. This would indicate some intelligence in the finger tip. We do not have to wait for the message to be conveyed from the finger to the brain and for the consciousness to have the nervous system





pull the finger away from the cause of the injury. All is seemingly done right at the point where the injury is occurring.

If you have ever watched a horse you have probably noticed that in addition to swinging its tail to chase annoying flies from its body, other parts of the body not reached by the tail will quiver the moment a fly lights upon them and thus annoy the fly into moving. You have noticed also that this quivering of the flesh does not occur all over the horse's body but just around the area where the fly has created a painful sensation. This would indicate intelligent action in the flesh just as we find intelligent action in the end of our fingers.

In the practice of writing with pencil or pen, the three fingers holding the pen are very subject to intelligent control. The formation of nearly every letter of the alphabet is done through the delicate movements of those three fingers. In the writing of larger capital letters we may move the entire hand, but those three fingers carry out the intelligent action of forming the letters in the words as fast as we think.

The scientific explanation of the nervous system is that as we think of words in the brain, motive power is sent to the fingers along with instruction to form the letters and these telegraphic instructions from the brain to the finger tips are carried on rapidly and continually as we write. This is undoubtedly true so far as motive power is concerned, but many of the words are so rapidly written that there seems to be intelligence in the end of the fingers. If we agree that there is intelligence at the end of our fingers which causes us to feel and sense things through touch, we will have to agree that every inch of the body contains brains of a similar nature because we can feel sensations in all parts of our body.

Our mystical understanding of the matter is that there is a psychic consciousness and intelligence in every cell of the body and this works efficiently and rapidly. In fact, the consciousness of the inner self is far more intelligent than the brain. In spite of a lifetime, even for 60 or 70 years of study, experience and effort to build up the intelligence of the brain, it never becomes as highly efficient and intelligent in the fundamental things of life as this psychic consciousness.

In addition to giving us the sensation of pain and causing the finger to pull away from the injury quickly, this inner consciousness immediately proceeds to repair and heal the injury. If you analyze a cut or bruise of any kind, you will know how intelligently the healing work is carried on; by causing the blood to congeal, forming a small scab over the broken tissue and gradually creating new tissue over the wound. If a small splinter gets into your finger, and is not located and removed quickly, you will notice that after a few hours something like a blister has formed around





the splinter for the purpose of separating it from the rest of the finger and making it easier for it to be pushed out of the flesh. The area around the splinter becomes painful because there is something there that does not belong and should be removed. If there were no pain, we probably would not know that a splinter was in the flesh and might not try to remove it and it might eventually cause more harm. But a great intelligence immediately surrounds that splinter with a liquid matter so that the splinter is separated or held in a little sac from which it can be removed. There are hundreds of other marvelous processes carried on by this intelligence or inner consciousness and all of these things have to do with our well-being, our health, our happiness, and our success in life.

When you begin to attune your inner consciousness with the higher forces of the universe, you bring that consciousness in closer contact with its source of intelligence and creative power. At no time are we completely separated from the Cosmic Consciousness or the Cosmic flow of energy. Every breath we take gives us creative power and an influx of Cosmic intelligence. When we concentrate and meditate, allowing the outer brain consciousness to become quiet and peaceful, we give the inner consciousness and intelligence a greater opportunity to become harmonized with the universal and Cosmic intelligence and power. Just as the physical body needs a supply of the physical essence of life through eating and drinking, so the psychic side of our bodies needs nourishment, through the drinking of the water and eating of the food of life—in other words, through Cosmic communion and infusion.

Science says that if the glands do not function properly, particularly those that have to do with the re-creative processes of the body, a person begins to look old too early in life, the skin becomes parched and wrinkled, weight is lost, and the physical energy of the body drops below normal until a person of 45 looks as old and weak as the person many years older. On the other hand, science says that if the proper glands are working normally, they will constantly repair the worn-out cells and the breaking-down processes so that a degree of regeneration continually takes place.

Where do these glands get their creative power for building new tissue and putting new strength into the body? They do not get it from the food we eat! To substantiate this statement let us investigate a little. The housekeeper of a home for the aged will probably state that many of these elderly people eat as much as those who are younger, but with a few exceptions, they become steadily weaker and older in appearance. It is also true that in individual cases in private homes the giving of additional food to an old person does not overcome the breaking-down process. As a contrast to this picture, many persons of 80 or more years of age appear to be healthy and to have the stamina of one many years younger. These people often are not heavy eaters and many of them frankly admit that they do not eat as much in three meals as





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others do in one. Very often they are able to fast for two or three days or perhaps live on fruit and vegetables for several weeks and still retain their health and vigor. We cannot say, therefore, that the regenerative processes employed by the glands in building up cells and tissues are entirely dependent on physical and material energy. The energy used is something from the Cosmic.

If after our 40th year we could keep the same regenerative processes of our youthful days, we would never get old until we became too tired of living to function normally. The glands, therefore, must draw upon some invisible energy to carry out their great work. We have discovered that the energy these regenerative and creative glands use is an energy that is of a Cosmic nature. We have found that through meditation and concentration we can strengthen them in their activity, giving them more and more of this Cosmic energy. By the manner outlined in the monographs of the last few months, we not only help to prevent disease and ill-health but we strengthen the body and the regenerative processes. In our youth an abundance of this regenerative power is divided into the sex organs for the processes of reproduction. After middle life a large portion of that sex power is withdrawn because the physical body needs it to regenerate the cells and parts of the body itself. Unless there are periods of Cosmic attunement of a regular nature, we do not give ourselves the fullest opportunity to keep the body normal.

That is why the members of our Hierarchy, and most advanced in the Order, are continually urged to continue concentration periods each day. You are not only members of the Hierarchy but also the most advanced members in the Order, assisting the Order by becoming living examples of what can occur with the development of the psychic centers and the psychic consciousness. You must be strong not only physically and mentally but also intuitionally, foreseeing coming events, dealing with things within your control, and spreading happiness, health, and enlightenment to others.

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.

- ¶ The development of the inner consciousness with its powers is important in a general and practical way, as well as spiritually.
- ¶ Each cell of our physical bodies is governed by a psychic consciousness or intelligence that works rapidly and efficiently.
- ¶ The intelligence of the inner self is far greater than that of the brain.
- ¶ Attunement of the inner consciousness with the higher forces of the universe supplies the psychic side of our bodies with increased Cosmic energy and power. It is this Cosmic energy that maintains the regenerative processes of the body.
- ¶ Members of the Hierarchy are urged to continue daily concentration periods in order to assist the Order by becoming living examples of what can be accomplished with the development of the psychic centers and the psychic consciousness.





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