HOW TO TURN YOUR DESIRES AND IDEALS INTO REALITY

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PREFACE - THE MAN WHO WORKED OUT THE PROCESS

of the process.

It is unusual I assume for a businessman to accept the obligation of writing a foreword to a book of idealism, and any attempt on my part to add to its spiritual content would be vain assumption. But since I know of the phenomenal results of idealizing the process, I can perhaps give some measure of faith and hope to those who have not always succeeded and who now doubt the possibility of making their ideals become realities.

My certainty of the results of this process bases itself upon many years' personal contact with the attainments of Brown Landone, upon my own individual and business success in using the process, and upon my intimate acquaintance with the many executives who have with his aid made their ideals come true. Some of these ideals have been of the higher things of life; some of more mundane affairs, such as increasing one's salary from two or three thousand a year to a thousand a month or more by a few weeks' use

Brown Landone, the man, like all of us, has his individual habits and hobbies known only to intimate friends. For instance, he never reads anything idealistic immediately before going to sleep. " If I do," he says, " my mind reacts and I have unpleasant dreams; but, if I read something weird, my soul reacts and I live the night in a state of high spiritual consciousness."

Then there is the passion of "cleaning up things." Today, this is most annoying to some of the intimate friends whom he visits, for no sooner is he in the home than he makes for the basement or attic to satisfy his soul's desire to make things clean. It is a passion with him; it was born in him. As a child he would clean up his playroom rather than play with his toys. When but five years old he became so angry because the servants would not let

him mop the kitchen floors that he ran away from home!

Although handicapped in childhood and youth with what most of us consider insurmountable physical handicaps,

yet he has lived long, worked much and retains enduring vitality. Those in whose time he first worked -Helen

Wilmans, Dr. Adams, Mrs. Eddy, Dr. Stockham and others -have long since passed into the greater life. Yet,

today (I know from years of association), he often works twenty hours out of twenty-four and finds life and the

work a joy because he loves both. You and I may not wish to work thus, yet it gives one great consciousness of

power to know that someone has attained such spiritual contact with Life that he is able to do so.

His recreation is painting. After a day's work, usually from eighteen to twenty hours, he paints to rest himself

before going to sleep. He paints at such times with phenomenal rapidity.

He has worked much and all he has done or written is original. In point of fact, he has done so many original

things that many find it difficult to keep track of his work. More than twenty years ago he wrote of the value of

vitamins, now being accepted by the medical profession; a generation ago he proved the solar plexus to be a

brain by itself, a statement then ridiculed by biologists but now accepted; seventeen years ago he discovered that

tone is most resonantly projected on the parabolic curve and it is just now being used by engineers to secure

valuable patents; within this decade he has formulated a new science of sociology which conservative French

thinkers have called "epoch making." He was the first man to work out a new science of the arts unifying the

basic principles of music, literature, painting, sculpture and architecture; to work out neural reaction; and to

prove that new brain structure can be developed by conscious functioning just as Burbank proved that new plant structures can be developed.

In this book one thought deserves more than passing mention. During the centuries philosophers have sought the

basis of the soul's faith in the unity of all things. Clearly to present that basis of unity is now, I know, Brown

Landone's one great life aim. He may or may not succeed in making the world conscious of this unity, but at

least the attempt in The Spirit of Matter comes nearer making us know that the spiritual and material world are

one than anything written previously. With such a consciousness of the unity of all things of spirit and of matter,

the faith is strong and the way is clear to make our ideals come true.

EDGAR H. FELIX -New York City, June, 1922

WHAT DESIRES CAN YOU MAKE COME TRUE?

CHAPTER 1

Every desire is the heart of some ideal. Your desires always come true. Your wishes seldom do; they die by consuming themselves in forever wishing wishes. A desire with a body or an ideal with a heart always becomes a reality! Every desire is the heart center of some ideal that is either revealed to consciousness and understood or hidden in the ultra-consciousness and misunderstood. The ideal is the active body of the desire. Do not expect your desire to come true unless you give it a body. Construct an ideal that gives substance to each desire. Make the ideal active; -endow it with the process of attainment. Then, it will become a reality! It will come true!

But an "idea" is not an "ideal"! That is where your trouble often lies! Only a few -a very, very few -of your ideas ever come true. And very, very few of your thoughts and plans ever materialize if they are made up of ideas instead of ideals. An ideal always manifests itself in action and becomes a reality. Unless it does so, it is not an ideal.

In using the term "ideal" I am not conceiving any particular meaning of the word to fit my own philosophy; I am using the word as it is made definite by all dictionaries of the English language, -that is, that an ideal is a perfect image in the mind. An ideal differs from an idea. An idea is an image in the mind. An ideal is a perfect image in the mind. Every idea or ideal is composite, -it is made up of parts. Your idea of an orange includes, among a score of images: certain images of color, for you know it is not black; certain images of size, for you know an orange is not as small as a pinhead or as large as a watermelon; certain images of odor, it does not smell like an onion; and certain images of taste, for it does not taste like carrots or potatoes, pickles or chilli-sauce.

An idea is imperfect because it lacks mind images which it should include and because it includes images which should not be included. Your idea of a certain person is imperfect because your idea of them does not include all the imaged qualities a perfect human should possess and includes imaged qualities that the perfect human should not manifest. But your perfect ideal of a person includes all of those qualities that such a person should possess and none of those, which they should not manifest.

An idea is not perfect; it is but a partial image, and lacking that something which is essential, seldom comes true.

Usually the element an idea lacks is the very element that -if the idea possessed it -would make the idea manifest as a reality.

Differing from an idea, an ideal is a perfect image in the mind. It includes all of the component parts that it should include and it includes nothing that it should not include. Thus, in content and substance, it is perfect.

Ideals are the substance of things that come true. Ideas are but mental skeletons; they are without heart and body, -they have no desire, no ideal.

Desire may be related to an idea or it may not. It is never a part of it. That is one of the elements an idea lacks. An ideal has always a heart of desire. That is one of the reasons why ideals come true. Mere ideas do not thrill the soul, urging and forcing man to action. Ideals, surging with desire and impelling to action, lead man to live, serve, sacrifice and die that his ideals may be made manifest as realities.

Your ideas seldom materialize. They lack desire and impulse to action. Ideals always come true. Change your ideas into ideals and they will become realities. It is easy for you to do so as soon as you know what it is the idea lacks. Thoughts formed of ideals become realities, -as surely as though they were conceived directly by God, Himself.

Which of your ideals can you make come true? Not one of them if they exist only as desires, for desire is but the soul's impulse to become real! But, give a desire a spiritual body -that is, embody it in an ideal -and it will always come true! For ideals are substance of things that are!

CAN YOU, YOURSELF, MAKE YOUR IDEALS BECOME REALITIES

CHAPTER 2

Some of you are endowed with faith and some beset with doubt. Of those endowed with faith based upon spiritual knowledge, there is not one whose faith is not weakened a little by trifling doubts. Of those beset with the darkest of doubts, there is not one whose doubt is not enlightened a little by a touch of faith.

When I state that ideals come true none of you deny it or think of denying it. But, when I assure you that every ideal always comes true and that every one of your own particular ideals can be changed to a material reality, my

statement contrasts so astoundingly with your past experiences of having tried faithfully to attain that which you

desire, that some of you feel it can not be true, -some of you may doubt even my common sense in making such

an assertion. You who doubt that every ideal comes true, doubt sincerely, -doubt because of common sense

judgments based upon your present knowledge. No matter what the cause, doubt interferes with your realization $\ \ \,$

of your ideals: it dampens the fire of desire and lessens your effort to attain that which you wish because you think the effort is useless.

I do not wish you to accept any statement; I wish you to know truth! Do not change from doubt to blind belief; it will do you no permanent good, -blind faith soon dies. But what are the "ideas" in your mind that make you doubt?

First, mistaking ideas for ideals. Second, your idea of the density of matter. Third, your idea of the solidity of matter. Fourth, your idea of matter as motionless and lifeless. Fifth, your present incomplete knowledge of the process of making ideals become realities.

These are the only serious causes of doubt, -five stones in the path of faith and attainment. I shall not, in succeeding chapters, give them more attention than they deserve, but just enough to remove them.

By and large, your doubt is based upon the seeming impossibility of etheric images of the mind being able easily to change, re-form and re-create the substance of matter that is seemingly so dense, solid and lifeless. If you could know that matter is not so dense as it seems, not so solid as it appears, not so lifeless as it is assumed to be —if you could know these things, then doubt would be faith and faith would be divinely certain, forever lasting, and ever impelling to action.

Most of your trouble, then, relates to your idea of the nature of matter —its substance and attributes. In what follows I shall not be so silly as to assert that matter does not exist, that it is a mere claim of matter, or that it is an illusion.

If I should assert that matter is non-existent, you could laugh at me and justly, -for I am so conscious of the existence of matter that I find it necessary to have a house in which to live, a bed in which to sleep, clothes to wear and food to eat. If I should assert that matter is a mere claim of being matter, I would corner myself; when people owe me money, I am not content with the claim, -I prefer the money itself. If I should state that matter is

an "illusion of the mind," you could -knowing the certainty of the law that only like perceives like -smile to yourself over the idea that nothing but an illusionary mind could conceive an illusionary world, eat illusionary vegetables, wear illusionary shirts, handle illusionary money, use and depend upon ten thousand illusionary things and live upon an illusionary earth.

I hold that matter is existent and that it is very unwise and detrimental to deny its existence and attempt to live up to the denial, -for instance to deny the existence of material food and try to live without it. But, I hold also that it is lack of knowledge of the true nature of matter that makes us think of it as dense, solid, motionless and lifeless.

If in our greater knowledge of matter we find that it is only energy in reality, that it is not restricted energy but infinite energy, and that it is of the same substance as spirit -then our concept of matter becomes so like our concept of the substance of which ideals are made, that it is possible for us to perceive some definite connection -a real relation, perhaps a similarity, perhaps even a co-existence -of the substance of every ideal and the substance of every material reality.

With such knowledge -found in next succeeding chapters -our faith that ideals come true, because they are of the same substance as matter, can be and is justified. Such faith will fire anew our ideals and desires and impel us to

cease no effort until they become realities; and with knowledge of the process of attainment, we shall know by experience that it is not so difficult as it once seemed. And you, yourself, can make your ideals become realities. Faith is the substance of things hoped for. Ideals are the substance of the things that are.

WHAT COMPACTNESS OF MATTER GIVES TO YOUR IDEALS

CHAPTER 3

Your ideas are always changing and you are ever changing your attitude regarding them. Why? They have no form, no body of spiritual substance; being without body, they are notions and very changeable notions at that.

But you are loyal to your ideals; you are steadfast in your allegiance to them. Why? Because there is something fixed and real about them; they are made of spiritual substance; they are the actual bodies of your desires; of

your highest ideals, you say that they are fixed as the stars, by which you mean that they are made of substance that is eternal.

You hold steadfastly to your ideals; but, since ideals are of the spiritual and etheric substance, can you easily change them into material actualities, -make them manifest in a world of matter which appears so compact and dense? This idea that matter is compact and hence dense is one of the stones in the path of faith; as an idea, it prevents you from making sufficient effort to make your ideals come true. When you study matter as it is -as the great physical scientists now know it -and when you find that that which is called density is but the compactness of materially empty space -etheric substance -spiritual substance, does it not open up new visions?

Already you perceive that, if so-called density of matter is but compactness of etheric substance, that which makes density possible is similar to and co-existent with the very substance in which ideals exist and of which they are made. All of which suggests that that which appears to us as density is of aid in giving substance to ideals -in giving them bodies so that they can come true.

What is density of matter? If matter is dense, it must be compact, -for the idea of density depends upon the idea of compactness. Is matter a compact substance? Read carefully and think; for this, to you, is vital. It means either that you can and will make your ideals come true or that you will slip through life forever wishing that you might have done so.

Matter, we say -employing terms in general use -is made up of masses, masses of minute particles, each particle of millions of molecules, each molecule of atoms, and each atom of from hundreds of thousands to millions of electrons. There is but one form of structure in the universe; the universe is the uni-verse -the creation of one law.

The moon is 2 thousand miles in diameter, but it is 240 thousand miles away from the earth; 2 units of matter,
240 units of etheric space. Our earth is 8 thousand miles in diameter,
but it is 93,000 thousand miles from the sun;
8 units of matter, 93,000 units of etheric space. The sun's diameter is
less than 1 million miles, but its nearest
star-neighbor is more than 25,000 million miles away; 1 unit of matter,
25,000 units of etheric space. The
materially empty etheric space -distance between any two heavenly bodies
is infinitely greater than the size of
either. Thus it is throughout the universe. Thus it is throughout matter.
The material emptiness of the universe is
a true indication of the so-called density of matter.

What is the density of the molecule? A molecule is composed of atoms infinitely smaller than itself. Its atoms, however, are not close together; it is no more compact nor dense than the space of the heavens.

What is a molecule? Image the sun; image the Earth, Mars, Mercury, the other planets and their moons, all whirling and circling around the sun center to form our solar system. The system is a gigantic sphere. Of what?

Of nothing but etheric space. There is no shell to this sphere; it is just ether -conceived as a globe -within which whirl a few comparatively small specks of dust -the earth and the sun, for instance.

Look up in the air above you. Imagine the outline of a toy balloon without any material except a few specks of invisible dust in the space you image as a globe. That is the density of the universe; it is also as dense as the molecule that is merely an etheric globular space in which atoms -far, far apart -whirl around an etheric center.

Is not the density of matter already evaporating so that in it you see no hindrance to making your ideals into realities? If not the molecule, is the atom dense? The atom, like the molecule, has no shell or body. It is merely a

spherical system of ether space in which electrons whirl around an etheric center. So far nothing but infinite space and infinite energy in space! In such, what hindrance is there to your ideals and desires coming true?

Is it, then, the electron that gives matter its appearance of density? Of course, if the electron were itself of good size and if its own substance were compact, it could give to matter some semblance of material density.

What is the size of the electron? Out of paper cut a square inch surface. Then imagine a tiny paper bag the size of a cubic inch. If this cubic inch box were filled with any one of several different gases, the space would contain approximately 441,000,000,000,000,000,000 molecules. They are very far apart; hence there is plenty of room in this cubic inch for a million times the number already given. Since each of these molecules is composed of atoms, each atom must be definitely smaller than the molecule. Since in an atom there are millions of electrons with comparatively great intervening spaces capable of holding millions more, how small, then, is the electron! You cannot conceive its infinite minuteness for, although each atom is but one-hundredth of one-millionth of one

inch in diameter, the electron is fifty thousand times smaller than the atom!

Of course, you cannot imagine this; it is infinitely small -a part of the infinity of God! And what is the electron?
Of what substance is it? All scientists agree that it is an infinitely small etheric whirl of energy -a whirling hole in space!

What then is density? Density is the spirit of matter -the infinite etheric energy-space of God. It is that in which all things live and move and have their being. It exists between the infinitely small whirling electrons but a billionth of an inch from one another; it exists between whirling stars and infinitely large suns thousands of millions of millions of miles apart.

There is no density of matter to hinder the manifestation of your ideals and desires. Since you, your ideals and desires are of God, and since the cells of your body and also the substance of all other material actualities are but the infinite energy-space of God, certainly your ideals composed of this substance -the only substance that exists -can and will and do come true. In fact, this etheric energy-space substance, which makes matter seem to be dense, is the very substance that gives bodies to your ideals and thus makes them manifest in material actuality.

WHAT ATTRACTIVE MATTER OF ENERGY GIVES TO YOUR DESIRES

CHAPTER 4

Another stone in the path of faith and the attainment of your ideals and desires is the idea that matter is solid. As density was found to be but infinite energy space —the spiritual substance in which ideals and all things exist what will solidity turn out to be when you come to know it as it is?

Iron seems to be a solid substance and very hard. Does its hardness reside in matter or is it due to the spirit or energy of matter? The molecules and atoms of iron are no harder or more solid than the molecules and atoms of butter. Yet, it is difficult to drive a nail into a piece of iron and easy to drive one into a chunk of butter. That which makes it difficult to drive a nail into iron is the degree of attractive force existing between the particles. It is this force that holds molecules and their respective atoms to each other. When you drive a nail into iron, what you overcome is the attractive force that tries to prevent the molecules being pushed apart. It is easy to force apart the molecules of butter to make space for a nail. In this case also, what you overcome is the attractive force that holds together the molecules and atoms of butter.

When the degree of attractive force is comparatively great, we say the matter is hard and solid. When it is smaller, we say the matter is not hard and not so solid. But it is not matter itself that is solid or not solid. In truth, solidity is but the spirit of matter. It is another manifestation —the infinite attractive energy found throughout the universe. It is as infinite as God. Matter is not solid! There is only one solid thing in the universe —the infinite attractive energy of God which holds all things together. Your ideals are of spirit. If you wish to change any part of your body, know that it is no more solid than the heavens; know that that which makes it appear solid and holds the tiny centers of force together, is but infinite attractive spirit; that this attractive spirit or energy is of God and is infinite.

Your soul -with its mind, love and life forces, is also of God. Being direct of God, made in His Image, you are supreme. Being supreme, your soul controls its ideals and their actualities. Do not deny evil; that which we call

evil exists, but when you know its real nature you find it is good. The solidity, which you feared as an evil hindrance to the manifestation of your desires and ideals, is infinite attractive spirit, —the very force that gives your desires the power to attract all that is necessary to make them come true.

WHAT MOVEMENT IN MATTER GIVES TO YOUR BODY OF DESIRE

CHAPTER 5

Ideals are of the substance of spirit and space; they have motion and life. Can they, then, manifest in matter if it be motionless and lifeless? That which lives has motion of itself and within itself; that which has such motion is not dead. All atoms are reservoirs of limitless energy. I use radium for illustration only because you have heard of it and know it. A grain of radium is a very small particle; it is less than one four-hundredth of one little ounce of matter. Yet, during every single second of time, a grain of radium gives off 2,000 impulses of energy.

Is this energy of the spirit? If it is of the spirit, it is enduring. Man's body sustained by the energy of the soul may last a hundred years. How long does atomic energy last? After one four-hundredth part of an ounce of radium has given off 2,000 impulses of energy every second of every hour of every day for 1,700 years, it has used up but part of its energy and has enough left to continue the process at the same rate for 1,700 years more, -and then

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