



A LIFE RESPONSE

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Introduction

Welcome!

This book is a companion to 'The Miraculous Phenomenon of Life Response.' It consists of many hundreds of life response experiences I have collected over the last 20 years. A number are my own experiences, but there are also many of friends and associates.

I have divided this book into six sections – Physical, Vital, Mental, Heart, Spiritual, and Character of Life. Also within each section, there are a number of categories. E.g. within the Physical section, there are the categories of Cleanliness and Orderliness, Maximum Utilization, and several others. These are essentially the Methods practiced by the individual that evoked the response.

E.g. in one life response incident, someone took to higher levels of cleanliness and orderliness in their lives and evoked a powerful positive response from life. So that entry is incorporated in the "Cleanliness and Orderliness" section (i.e. Method).

Also note that after a number of Life Response incidents, there are further Comments about the entry. Most comments are my own, though occasionally others contribute. Also after each incident there are keywords that further describe the entry. E.g. after one life response incident, there are the keywords of "Career" and "Money/Finance". Also at the end of the book are suggested keywords you can search the document for.

As of the latest release there are ~400 life response incidents, and growing! We will keep adding as we document our new marvelous experiences. (E.g. we are accumulating a number of the new ones at the Life response Facebook site.)

We hope these experiences prove of great value to you; helping you understand and then apply particular ways to evoke sudden good fortune in your own life, leading to your ultimate success, happiness, and fulfillment.

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What is Life Response?

Life Response is the phenomenon where the conditions of life suddenly or very rapidly turn positive due to a shift in one's consciousness. What normally takes days, weeks, months, or never happens at all, occurs in a matter of moments, or even instantaneously in the blink of an eye because of a change in attitude, aspiration, action, etc. on our part. E.g. you change a negative feeling you had about someone, and instantly a project you had been waiting on suddenly gets the go-ahead.

When Does Life Response Occur?

Life Response is actually happening all the time, but we miss it. Why do we miss it? It's because we don't have the subtle sense to perceive it in action, as it just beyond our field of awareness. Also we don't perceive relationship between the inner person and the outer result.

What does that mean?

Inner-Outer Correspondence

We think that our inner self and the world outside ourselves are separate streams of existence. But that is an illusion of our limited consciousness. Actually the inner you and the outer world are not separate but part of the same single stream of existence. Thus, when we change our consciousness inside, without taking any action and without conveying anything to anyone, life *instantly* responds in kind on the outside. In that way, life is like a mirror of our being, constantly reflecting who we are; what we think, feel, and believe.

Positive or Negative Response

Keep in mind that a life response can be a positive or negative one. E.g. if you express a negative attitude toward another like jealousy it can attract an instance of sudden ill-fortune; whereas if you shift out of an attitude of jealousy it is likely to evoke sudden good fortune.

Planes of Existence & Methods

There are many things that we can do within ourselves that can move life on the outside. Among them are having a deep aspiration for something to come about; changing a negative attitude we have toward someone or our work or even life itself; expressing goodwill toward others; and utilizing the Spirit in life. When taken to in higher order, life instantly or at least very quickly responds to our inner behavior with an instance of sudden good fortune.

We will focus on several dozen of these methods of instantaneously evoking outer positive response from within.

However, since there are quite a few methods that we can utilize to evoke this "instantaneous miraculousness" methods, we thought we would group them into several categories. This would enable us to organize this book in a way that would make more sense for you the reader.

So we decided to create to base the categories on the five essential aspects of our being: *Physical, vital, mental, spiritual, and life itself*. Here are specific definitions of each:

- *Physical* – material reality including objects, our bodies; the physical universe
- *Vital* – includes attitudes, emotions
- *Heart* – Higher, spiritual-like emotions
- *Mental* --- thought and knowledge
- *Spiritual* – the transcendent or immanent divine reality
- *Character of Life* – the subtle ways and laws by which life functions

Life response can be triggered at any of these planes. E.g. a change in attitude occurs at the Vital plane, so all of our life response incidents concerning shifts in attitude that evoke response will be in the Vital

section of the book. More specifically, it is the Attitude method in the Vital plane category. There are other methods of evoking responds within the vital plane, just as there are going to be a number of different methods in the mental plane, or any of the outer three categories.

Organization of the Book: Sections, Methods, Incidents

So the book will be divided into 5 sections, corresponding to the five essential planes of our being: *Physical, vital, mental, spiritual, and life itself*. And within each section there will be several methods that evoke life response at that plane. (Again, eg a change an Attitude at the vital plane.)

Each of the five sections will also be preceded by an explanation of that plane as well as the various methods that can evoke life response at that plane. And of course within each method category will be the true life response lesson and incidents. So e.g. for the method of Aspiration that evokes response (within the mental plane category), we have say 3-10 life response incidents. Overall then there are ~400 total life response incidents in the book.

PHYSICAL

PHYSICAL Expressions of Life Response

We're going to first focus on how sudden good fortune (life response) occurs at the physical plane of existence. We're starting here because the physical/material aspect or plane of being is the most fundamental aspect of our existence. Compare the physical/material plane which is visible, dense, measureable, etc. to the next higher planes like the vital/emotional and mental planes, which are far less material, and are rather subtle and essentially invisible. This being the case, then how does this physical plane express in life? What are some examples?

- The most obvious are the physical things, we see around us, from the rocks to objects to other formations.
- Another expression of the physical plane is our own bodies, which is material in substance.
- Another way the physical plane expresses is the movement of our bodies, whether taking an action or simply the breathing and other bodily functionings
- The interaction with physical objects outside of us.

Methods that Evoke Response at Physical Plane

It is also the case that certain movements at the Physical/Material plane evoke powerful response when taken to at a higher order. They include-

- Higher Levels of Cleanliness and Orderliness
- Making the Maximum Use of Physical Resources
- Giving Physical Things More Attention
- Make a Greater Physical Effort
- Changing Our Physical Habits
- Increasing Our Level of Energy

We'll then explore a number of life response incidents that present how each of these methods can evoke powerful positive response for that individual.

Cleanliness and Orderliness

Desperate Instructor Evokes Months of Work by Cleaning Refrigerator

One day many years ago, I found myself in an awful predicament. Because I had not worked in weeks, perhaps months, my financial position had completely deteriorated. To make things worse, I had no idea how to remedy the situation. And so I sat there confused, helpless, frozen in time; and with every passing day, my situation became ever more perilous.

Then one day, I thought of something rather unusual. Since I wasn't doing anything worthwhile, why not take the time and clean out my refrigerator. After all, it hadn't been attended to for months -- perhaps years! -- and besides, what else was there to do with my time? And so without further hesitation, I took up that daunting task.

First, I began to remove all of the foodstuffs inside the box. Then I got down on my hands and knees, and proceeded to scrape away all of the crust and grime that had accumulated along the edges. Straining this way and that, I scraped and scrubbed until the refrigerator was spotless. After I was done, I slowly raised myself up from that strenuous effort, and let out a deep sigh. As I stood there with my heart beating rapidly, I noticed that I still hadn't finished the job: that the food I removed earlier was still piled high on the counter. And so I proceeded to return each of these items to their proper shelves. With that last task completed, I now felt relieved that the grueling episode was finally over.

Except there was one more thing ...

At the *exact* moment that I finished putting everything back, the telephone rang. I then scurried over to my answering machine, and carefully listened to the incoming message. It turned out to be my agent -- the person who provided me with the bulk of my instructional work. She was now leaving a message that I had been assigned to a host of new projects, and would I please call back as soon as possible!

When I heard the news, I experienced a surge of energy, which expressed in two ways. On the one hand, I was both stunned and overjoyed that I now had a steady stream of good-paying work to carry me through the coming months. On the other, I knew that because I had made the intense physical effort to clean my refrigerator, I had attracted a magnificent response from life.

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Gold Out of Carbon

A management consultant friend of mine was providing his expertise to an Asian company in the business of manufacturing carbon brushes -- a part used in the construction of automobile motors, starters, and other components. As it turned out, this particular client was a subcontractor that catered to a much larger manufacturing concern.

One thing often observed in these relationships is that a smaller company will be at the mercy of the larger one -- especially when it comes to money and price. In fact, in this instance, the larger auto manufacturer would twist the arm of the subcontractor at every turn. For example, though the smaller firm found it necessary to raise the prices of its products to its customers, the larger manufacturer ignored these terms for years, squeezing it in the process. It was at this point that my associate friend entered the picture.

When he arrived at the plant of the subcontractor, he noticed that the entire facility was littered with carbon particles. When he suggested to management that a thorough cleaning was in order, they looked at him in disbelief. This was after all a place where dirty black carbon was used in the manufacturing process of its products. Why would they clean that? One worker even exclaimed, "Do you expect us to derive gold from a factory using carbon as its raw material?" Despite their derisive remarks, my colleague stood firm, and in the end prevailed.

In order to carry out his recommendations, however, it was necessary for the firm to shut down the facility for several days. To assuage the directors, the consultant guaranteed them that any potential loss coming from the temporary closure would be more than offset by the positive results that would come through the cleaning. Whether or not they understood this subtle principle, in the end they trusted the consultant and took up his advice.

A few days later, the director of the company saw the consultant shopping at a store nearby. He then rushed up to him, tightly held his hand, and proceeded to thank him profusely for the services he had rendered. The director then informed him that people at the larger manufacturing company had unexpectedly brought in high-ranking Japanese officials to visit the unit the subcontractor company just cleaned. Interestingly, the foreigners appreciated the cleanliness of the unit so much so that they recommended that their *entire* brush requirements be produced in the subcontractor's facility! In addition, the larger manufacturing company now agreed to change their position and fully accept the higher prices that the smaller subcontractor firm had requested earlier!

It was another astonishing example of how higher levels of cleanliness evoke the miraculous. In this case, the initiative to clean out a very dirty place -- a request once mocked and ridiculed as absurd -- quickly attracted an astounding series of events that brought great benefit to a once vulnerable small manufacturing firm.

Keywords: Money/Finance, Work Issue, Companies, Business, Machinery

Cleaning and Reordering Stockyard of Carpet Sales & Installation Business Attracts

A number of years ago, I was doing some management consulting work for a company in the retail and wholesale carpeting business. To create their custom products and services, they utilized a number of tools and machines that were stored in a large open area in the back of the large facility. Aside from making general recommendations on how to improve their business, I made one suggestion that may have seemed peculiar at the time. I asked top management to straighten out the storage yard containing their tools and machines. That not only meant cleaning up the mess that had accumulated there, but putting each tool back in its proper location.

Time passed and I met with the client for a follow-up meeting. Someone brought it to my attention that they had taken my advice and straightened out the entire tools/staging area. I was gratified to hear this, though I half-consciously expected a follow-up to that news. When I then shifted back to my primary role of evaluating big-picture problems in the company, I was told that there had been a sudden and most unexpected surge in sales. When I probed a little deeper, I also discovered that there had been a sudden upsurge in the firm's financial position.

Though I was quietly thrilled to hear these reports, I did not impress upon them that their effort at cleanliness and orderliness was what precipitated these results. But that is precisely what happened. When we clean up what is filthy, or strewn about haphazardly, or otherwise looks unpleasant, and then add a modicum of orderliness to that effort, we generate concentrated energies that attract fortuitous circumstance -- whether a sudden spurts in sales, an improvements in cash position, or other dramatic results.

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Legal Secretary Attracts Needed Client for Firm through Greater Cleanliness and Orderliness

Sue, a legal secretary for a downtown firm, was not getting clients. She then decided to reorganize and clean her workspace. Sue created a 20 percent clearing of items in her drawers, closets and files; tossing the old and making space for the new.

Well it turned out the very next day, after a long drought, a client came to her with a new work assignment.

Organizing and cleaning your workspace creates an "atmosphere" of expansiveness, freshness and energy that not only is more comfortable to work in, more accessible to get at things, but also tends to attract, more sales, clients, opportunities, and money.

Keywords: Money/Finance, Work Issue, Sales, Business

Call Center Miracle

Sri Karmayogi says every act, article, object, material, word, has "jeevan" (soul-like consciousness) - and they remember everything we do to them, and give an appropriate response at the appropriate time.

Example:

Few years back one of my friend- who is resident of a town Thirupur, a faraway place from Chennai – planned to open call centre for some service provider –but for some reason dropped the plan. The place for the call centre was booked long before that, and so it was lying idle for about eight months. As he asked another friend-in Chennai- to look after the place once in a while –the Chennai friend asked his office-maid to visit that place-which is about two KM from his office- once or twice a week and clean it-and paid telephone electricity bills etc.

After some time my Thirupur friend vacated the place-as he felt the outsourcing business would no more be feasible. Now-after a year or so-when the Chennai friend needed an office for his new venture-and we both went looking for one.

We had a shock of the lifetime when the broker took us to the same office space which my Chennai friend looked after once-at much cheaper rentals than he expected and fully furnished with no extras cost.

Keywords: Business, Property, Resources (physical)

Untitled

Our expectations, opinions and prejudices always plays a spoilt sport, though we very well know that it is a bar. We consecrate and expect something to happen in our way or compare with the one previously happened and looking for the same.

There was a pending payment of substantial amount for past six months form one particular company. As I needed that amount badly to pay year end taxes in last week of March – I started working on the same from first week of March itself – like correspondence, accounts that pertains to that company , cleaning of office and my desk and of course prayer. But nothing happened till last day. I left it we will pay with penalty later.

On 31st March 2014 evening while taking the stock I found that some of the machines are no cleaned properly and I felt very awkward. I paid over time to them to completely clean all machines and organise the warehouse properly and through away all expired materials. By the time I closed the shutter I received an SMS about the amount I was expecting being credited. Please note that 31st March 2014 No NEFT / RTGS. Not only that as 29th and 30th March happened to be holidays and there was heavy rush for payments on 31st, the payment were accepted without penalty even on April 2nd.

The first one – from consecration, correspondence, cleaning, accounts all done with expectations. But on 31st march cleaning was done for the sake of cleaning without any expectations.

Keywords: Money/Finance, Work Issue, Machinery

Untitled

A messy area formerly ignored, now cleaned can evoke instantaneous miraculousness. Eg after a minor accident that left a cup shattered on the floor, a man noticed how filthy the floor was and decided to clean

it up there and then, not waiting for the maid to arrive. Within a minute of completing that task his friend came over to him and showed him through her phone that a very important, large payment, not expected for a day or two had suddenly and most unexpectedly arrived early. It was a joyous experience for both, occurring on Christmas Eve, and indicating once again the overwhelming power of higher levels of cleanliness to evoke good fortune, often related to money.

Keywords: Money/Finance, Home Appliances

Overcoming Clutter Attracts

A friend of mine decided to declutter all the social media that was invading his life today and within 5 minutes got a call from a client he hadn't seen in 2 years who needs a lot of life & serious-illness life insurance coverage which he offers! This wonderful response shows the power of orderliness, as well as focus to instantaneously attract positive conditions into one's life. That being the case, what clutter and other forms of disorderliness are you neglecting? If you give them the proper attention, you too will suddenly evoke a wonderful response!

Keywords: Money/Finance, Work Issue, Machinery, Media

Maximum Utilization

Maximum Use of an Ingredient Attracts Success

In the late 1970s British TV series *The Duchess of Duke Street*, Louise Leyton is down on her luck because her husband has squandered all their savings, leaving her almost penniless to continue her cooking business for the well to do families of London. One day in the middle of this predicament, she becomes upset for a moment with one of her helpers who has made an improper mixture. However, Louise catches her anger, and decides to make the most of it by adding a few eggs to make the mixture more palatable. Her reasoning is that she should save the last bit of mayonnaise rather than squander it. As a result, very soon after she attracts an order for her and her staff to make dozens, if not hundreds or even thousands of pies for a local distributor, in essence bringing her the funds she now desperately needed in the light of her husband's actions.

We see here two movements that attract sudden good fortune for her. First Louise gives up her anger toward her coworker. Second, she makes maximum use of a precious resource. Rather than squander it, she uses the very last drop for an improved concoction. In tandem with the energy of a reversal of attitude, Louise attracts an overwhelming response, saving her business. In essence, whenever we make maximum use of a resource, whether an ingredient, a component, a machine, money, water, etc. we move to a higher plane and release powerful energies that attracts sudden good fortune.

Keywords: Resources (physical), Money/Finance, Work Issue, Spouse, Media

Making Use of All Particles During Extreme Shortage Attracts

"Low Carbon Ferro Manganese is one of the main raw materials we use in the manufacturing of welding electrodes. One day the manufacturer who supplies us with this material informed us that their plant was shutting down for maintenance, and as a result, there would no supplies of the resource coming for the next two months.

Now this is an expensive material, so the stocks we kept on hand were held to a minimum. Also, there were only a few companies that manufactured this particular item. What's more, the suppliers were all located in faraway places. In this dire situation, we had little time to arrange supply from other sources; and stocks on hand were now sufficient for only 5 days of production.

In this difficult state, we made the decision that not a *single particle* of LCFM should be wasted. To that end, we alerted all the workers to be extra careful in its use. In addition, the shop floor was swept thoroughly because in our desperation even *spilled* material was collected, screened and used.

Remarkably, two days later, from out of nowhere, the Managing Director of a company manufacturing LCFM in Orissa -- which is about 1300 kilometers away from our Pondicherry location -- visited our unit. Then over the phone, he instructed his plant to immediately dispatch all the needed material to us!

There was more to the story, however. Where previously we were buying the material from a supplier on a *cash* basis, the new company now offered us 30 days *credit*. In addition, we no longer found it necessary to negotiate any pricing terms with them, since they now agreed to supply materials in the future at that *same price*. (This is significant because they knew of our precarious situation, and yet despite our weak position, they did not take undue advantage of us.)

By the way, till this day we are continuing with this new supplier!"

When you try to derive the maximum use from a resource, life responds with more of it – arriving in ways you would never have imagined. When the manager of the company made the decision to make the most of its current, scarce resource by using every bit available, life returned the favor with fresh new supplies at a time when conditions were dire. In addition, several other astonishing developments followed in its wake.

Keywords: Resources (physical), Work Issue, Machinery, Manager

Untitled

Powercut in Tamil Nadu has been severe since February. Industrial units get power only five days a week and supply is cut from 10 am to 6 pm. Ten days ago an Chennai entrepreneur agreed to implement maximum utilization of power to evoke a response from life. The method he followed was to ensure that every minute of available power was fully utilized by turning on operating equipment the moment power supply came on. He created a record of the exact delay in turning on each piece of machinery which ranged from 5 to 15 minutes. The very first the 8 hour daily powercut was suddenly reduced to a mere 35 minutes. The following day it was only for two hours.

A week later the entrepreneur agreed augment his effort by following hourly consecration of his work. Yesterday the government announced that the two day weekly power cut is completely eliminated and the power cut on other days is reduced by one hour daily.

Keywords: Companies, Machinery, Resources (physical)

Non-Wastage

Non-Wastage of Funds Attracts

One way to evoke response from life is to not waste scarce resources, or for that matter any resource. That includes the resource of money.

A man was eager to have some coffee. He thought of purchasing a cup at the fast food store since there was not any coffee left in his pot at home. However, rather than spend that measly dollar, he decided to return to his house and run some water through the already used grounds in the pot.

However, when he arrived home, he instantly saw that his roommate was making a freshly brewed pot, something she rarely does that time of day. He was a bit startled, yet quickly perceived the subtle principle behind:

When you avoid wasting money, you attract more of a resource -- whether more coffee, food, work, material, or anything else. This goes for the average person seeking mundane satisfactions like a good cup of coffee to a multinational corporation affecting the lives of thousands. Like other subtle laws of money, non--wastage of funds quickly attracts the infinite from the finite, including those things in short supply.

Keywords: Resources (physical), Home Appliances

Non-Wastage Response

Once again I had the experience of the phenomenon of getting back exactly the amount one did not waste. I came to a coffee shop/restaurant, but decided not to needlessly spend money on a particular thing I desired. The next day I looked at my bank account and noticed that a deposit was made there from a book publisher of mine that was EXACTLY equal to the amount I decided not to needlessly spend the previous day. This has been a persistent theme in my life: don't spend wastefully on something you desire, and you will quickly receive that same amount back in return from seemingly out of nowhere. And very often down to the very penny! It's the life response power of non-wastage, one of the keys to attracting money and opportunity into your life.

Keywords: Resources (physical), Money/Finance

Attention to Things

Attention to Machine Becomes “Cash Cow”

Giving attention to physical objects attracts positive life response. When we clean, fix, test, or otherwise attend to and improve their working condition, not only will that object function better, but positive conditions tend to suddenly come our way.

One day, a management consultant friend of mine was called in to help a proprietor who needed some sound advice on running his business. In analyzing the firm, the consultant noticed that one of the machines at the company was in a sorry state of disrepair. It had reached that point because the owner thought it was not worthy of any attention. After all, he reasoned, the machine was not being used to generate income, so why bother with its upkeep.

Familiar with the subtle workings of life -- including the life response power of organization -- the consultant asked the proprietor to go ahead and give the machine attention anyway. Specifically, he asked him to repair, repaint, and otherwise keep it in perfect working order: maintaining it as if it were actually being used for production purposes. When the proprietor heard this suggestion, he laughed, and told the consultant that the machine had been idle precisely because there were no orders that required its use; and, therefore, it was a complete waste of time and money to restore it. Instead, he would repair the machine only *after* his company received such orders.

Naturally, the consultant believed the owner was looking at things in the wrong way. He told the proprietor that if he kept the machine ready for production, *and* if he genuinely wanted the machine to yield profits, orders would come *on their own*. Uncertain of this extraordinary claim, but still trusting in the consultant's advice, the owner followed the suggestion.

A day or two later, the owner's cousin, an engineer, suddenly appeared at the factory. For some reason, the newly painted machine attracted his attention. The cousin then told the proprietor that he wanted to start a new business, and, if the owner was willing to part with the machine, he would use it in the new venture. The cousin then told the proprietor that he could generate revenues and profits from the new enterprise within a month, and would gladly share in those earnings. As a result, an agreement was struck, and in a short order, the machine became a moneymaker for both individuals.

We see that when you give an underutilized and unattended resource more attention, it has a funny way of attracting luck -- in this case, the sudden and unexpected arrival of the cousin who took an interest in the machine and turned into a serious moneymaking venture.

Keywords: Resources (physical), Money/Finance, Work Issue, Machinery, Business

Wine Sellers Attention to Neglected Stocks of Inventory Attract Desperately Needed Sales

Another form of this phenomenon is giving attention to stocks of inventory, such as ones that have been long neglected. That too can elicit startling responses from life.

A wine seller in Asia had very low sales. In an attempt to help him, the consultant noticed that the wine seller had ignored stocks of old wine that had been lying dormant in the cellar.

Using his subtle knowledge, the consultant asked the seller to make a full effort to *clean* those stocks, even though on the surface of things it did not seem that such an action could possibly bring about the sales the seller needed to improve his condition. The seller however out of respect for the consultant agreed.

Within a few short weeks, the seller not only found someone to purchase his old stocks, but out of nowhere suddenly received orders for new sales equal to a whole half years' worth of sales!

When you give attention to physical resources neglected, life steps forward and give you all you want; in this case, a boom in sales!

Keywords: Resources (physical), Money/Finance, Work Issue, Business, Sales

Speaking to the Spirit of the AC Attracts Resolution of Problem

Every object -- material or otherwise -- has a soul and essence. If we address that Spirit in the entity, we can evoke a powerful response from the field of life. Here is a true-life example

An individual's mother told him that few days back the AC stopped working. The AC repair person told her that he would be back the next day, but didn't show up for 3 days. On the third day, his mother shifted the whole issue to the spirit- i.e. spirit of the AC. She spoke to it saying "I do not know what the issue is. The repair man is taking so long and hasn't even got back to say what the problem is and how long it is going to take. I am not sure how much he is going to charge either. I request you to handle this whole situation and work well."

MIRACLE! Within 2 minutes of her heartfelt spirit prayer, the AC person called to say that he had found the parts, had finished repairing and that he was bringing it on the same day.

Keywords: Resources (physical), Home Appliances, Machinery

Speaking to the Spirit of the Leaky Drum Stops It from Leaking

We know that objects respond to very personalized attention, including communicating with them. E.g. if you talk to the object, you can evoke a response from it because you are acknowledging and respecting its essence and being.

One woman we know of spoke to a leaky drum, and soon after it stopped leaking! In that way, we can develop a deep repoire with anything -- object or human -- by relating to, connecting with its essence and being.

Keywords: Resources (physical), Home Appliances

Calling the Computer Directly

I related (to you earlier) the experience with my computer and the electronic repair man in India. There was a sequel while I was in USA.

I sent the computer to M company for replacing the damaged keyboard and also for checking on defective performance of my battery since it would stop functioning when it was only 25% discharged. I sent it on a Saturday by overnight and called on Wednesday to confirm they had received it and find out the status. The tech could confirm from the computer that it had been received but there was no update information on status. Even when I was speaking to the tech, I thought I should have called the computer instead of the company. The following morning, I again had the impulse to call Micron. This time I checked the impulse and inwardly called the computer with a warm affectionate emotion for it to return. Five minutes later, the doorbell rang and UPS delivered the computer back!

On checking the computer, I found the keyboard had been fully repaired but the problem with the battery persisted, so I called M company again and they asked me to send it back. They said under their new policy it would take 10-15 working days. I wanted the computer back in time for a conference we were conducting but it appeared very unlikely. But I had little choice except to send it, since immediately after the conference I was leaving the country for a prolonged period. So I sent it in and tried to be patient. After four or five days, I thought of calling the company to check. Then I recalled my previous experience and thought I should call the computer instead. In spite of my earlier success, the impulse was to call the company in the normal way. I restrained it and called the computer as before. One hour later UPS delivered it to the door!

Keywords: Resources (physical), Household, Machinery, Communications

Collecting on Smallest Amount Due Attracts Large Sums

A few weeks ago, SK wrote in his NIE article that one should not neglect collecting even small amount due to him. I decided to practise it CONSCIOUSLY and see for myself what would happen. I did consciously overcome the inner and outer difficulties in collecting small amounts from others (such as Rs.4 and Rs.8, that is 10 cents and 20 cents). In one case I had to spend Rs. 28 in courier and bank charges for collecting Rs. 3. But I did that apparently foolish act as I understood the attitude was more important than the act. After I successfully collected the small amounts, in the following few days I received Rs.300,000 (\$7,500) comprising of various receipts from unexpected sources. The manner in which I received these amounts correspond to the manner in I collected the small amounts and to my inner difficulties.

Keywords: Resources (physical), Money/Finance

Washing Machine Responds to Giving It Good Feelings & Gratitude

My washing machine was giving a strange noise for the past two days. I tried by best and could not find out what was the problem. I was wary of calling the service people as I had a pretty bad experience the previous time and I was charged heavily for replacing a component which could have been repaired and put back.

Then I remembered having read which was written by Appa that machines too respond to human feelings. I thanked the washing machine for the wonderful service it was giving me. I told it "I love you," touched it, gave a pat and then I consecrated the problem before the Mother. I visualized mother's light falling on the washing machine. Then I drained the washing machine, and filled it with water.

After a few minutes when I came back for putting the clothes on the washing machine I saw a one rupee coin outside the drain pipe, which was the culprit which was stuck somewhere inside and could not be seen with the eye. The problem was solved and now my washing machine is working fine

I was amazed seeing the life response

Comments:

Connecting with the essence of the machine by giving it good feelings. Gratitude to machine for the service it has rendered. Consecration of a problem.

Keywords: Resources (physical), Home Appliances, Machinery

Physical Objects Are Conscious

Mother's Service Society teacher Garry Jacobs recently had a very interesting experience that he narrated to his monthly audience. He told the group that he regularly used two computers; one for normal work and another for travel. He then said that recently one of the computers started malfunctioning. As a result he had to give it attention in order to fix it. However, soon after, his other computer suddenly stopped working properly as well!

Needless to say, he started wondering what was going on. However, being a very conscious individual he sensed that the situation was no mere coincidence.

When he then brought up the issue to his teacher Karmayogi, Appa told him that the reason the second computer stopped functioning properly as well was because it was jealous of the attention Garry was giving to the first one!

We are here reminded of the fact that seemingly inanimate objects really do have an Essence and Being, and if we're in touch with It, we can bring out the best in that object. We can even learn to become sensitive to the subtle relationships they have among themselves!

Keywords: Teacher, Computer, Resources (physical)

Attention to Abused Racing Horse Attracts Powerful Results

A horse-racing jockey perceived how a new horse he was riding had been abused in the past, and how he "needed to become a horse again." The attention heaped on the animal by the rider then attracted a wonderful result when the horse suddenly and most unexpectedly shed his lethargy, and bolted through the countryside in a dramatic ride, something he had never demonstrated before. This turned the tide for the horse, as it was now not only cooperative, but showed the great speed that would be the basis of his great victories in the future.

Keywords: Sports

Effort

Making the Full, Exhaustive Effort Attracts

One of the more interesting principles of life is that when you make the full, exhaustive effort to accomplish a work, life takes up where you left off and completes it for you on its own.

For example, one individual made an all-out effort to organize dense training materials. When he put the last ounce of energy, he suddenly realized that the three chapters remaining had already been done before. In another case, that same individual made an all-out effort with other materials, and then soon received a call that he didn't have to cover the remainder of the course. That is the power of making the exhaustive effort in any undertaking.

In yet another example a woman had to gather hundreds of signatures in order to win a case. She did so despite a pretty severe illness. Despite these obstacles, every fiber in her being was driven to achieve her goal. When she was done, she went into a restaurant, and in a state of near collapse, she was greeted by a man who told her he knew the key to the legal case she was championing. As a result of this information, she was able to win a titanic, several hundred million dollar legal case for her clients. Because she made the exhaustive effort to the nth degree, life returned the favor in the form of an individual who provided the incriminating evidence that secured the biggest victory of its kind in history.

Keywords: Work Issue, Accomplishment/Success

Individual's Effort, Interest, Overcoming Limiting Attitude Attracts Professional to Complete Job

It is winter. We do not use swimming pool till September. That does not mean I need not clean it. But, I am lazy. I allowed the pool to become dirty and dusty.

Today morning I felt very bad about it and decided to do what I could. Though I do not know much about cleaning the pool, I thought of pouring in chlorine granules and some other chemicals. I spent some time in organising the activity.

Then a man came and told, "The landlord wanted to clean the pool professionally. He had asked me to do this long back. But, I am able to come only today." This professional cleaner started to clean the pool with his machines.

Keywords: Resources (physical), Household

Reading Spiritual Book Overcomes High Temperature, Swelling

My husband has a sensitive skin and badly allergic to certain chemicals which are used in medicines, preserved eatables etc. On usage of one such item unknowingly, he has suddenly developed itching and swelling on his face and head. His body temperature increased and on touch I could feel that he must be having more than 100/101 degree temp. He took some anti-allergy tablet which was effective in curing his itching only. The temperature with swelling was steady and has not come down a little.

I told him, if he feel so, he can read one chapter of [Sri Aurobindo's work] *The Life Divine* and see the effect, especially for bringing down the temperature. He has agreed. Both of us read the first chapter of Life Divine "Human Aspiration" and I explained him to the extent possible. To his surprise, by the time we had finished the chapter, he was back to his normal temperature. His swelling was also under control.

I have read that reading Life Divine relieves one from sickness. But that day we have experienced. There are so many experiences and life responses happening everyday on every activity. But responses like the one above are very significant and we cannot forget thanking The Mother.

Keywords: Medicine, Spouse, Health/Well-being

Walt Disney's Great Effort and the Response from Life

Often when we make a monumental effort in one area and do not produce any tangible result along that line, we create a wholly unexpected positive outcome in another area.

I was watching a detailed biography of famed cartoonist and mass entertainer Walt Disney. At one point early on in his career he came to New York City to try to obtain funding for a new innovative cartoon series he had produced. He met with utter failure in raising capital, though he did manage to secure a theater where he could present the series to the public. It seemed only a slight salve to his disappointment.

However, the series (the same one he failed to get funding for) received glowing reviews from several critics who attended. As a result his career suddenly blossomed and he was suddenly launched into the mega-successes that changed the course of entertainment history.

It just shows that making an all-out willful effort to achieve something will always attract results, though it may not be in the way or from the direction we expected. In addition, the result that comes by making that exhaustive effort often comes through a small opening, rather than the obvious, showing that the tiny, the finite can be an opening to the infinite potentials of life.

Keywords: Career, Business, Effort, History, City, Money/Finance

A Letter from a Reader

Hi R,

Well I just keep doing the things you mentioned in the web site, and constantly, every day goes I am utterly dumbfounded by what happens. Today I'm writing to share a quick snippet from my life over the past month.

Basically, I was working for the past 6 months at a startup e commerce site as a technical writer/ business analyst/ project manager. I became unsettled recently when I realized that my boss was covering up a big mess of data with an attitude that made him look like he had everything under control. He also used 8 syllable words in tech meetings (where English is most people's 2nd language), and whenever I questioned him on anything, he'd give me a complicated smart sounding answer that I could not make heads or tails of.

So, I took the bull by the horns and developed a solution to this blocker that was keeping the company from moving forward, increasing revenue, and having greater transparency of data. I also started working hard myself to fix the big problems -- because any new change requires a big input of energy (so the website said). Well guess what happened!

I strengthened several core relationships with our partners and completed two big projects just working by myself and with an unused intern for the summer. Plus, I also found a brand new job! The weirdest thing is this -- in the interview, my "new boss" spoke about the exact same issues I was having problems with at my current company. She was looking for someone like me to solve the very problems I was already trying to solve -- it was as if my current company had deaf ears, but life heard me and responded.

I just want to thank you again for helping me to make such a tremendous improvement in my life! At my new position, I was asked to build a new Knowledge Management system that will be used to tell everyone at the company how to do their jobs, how to get stuff done, and whatever else they need to know. My job will help the entire company run more efficiently and it will clarify the currently unorganized knowledge that is hidden within individual employees. Plus, this new system has to be localized for every language where the company has an office (basically every language out there!) -- I feel life Life's called me to build a tower of Babel.

This opportunity is kind of scary; however I feel as if Life has just called on me to do it because I can help out and want to help. So I'm going to plug my nose and jump in and try to do my best. Believe me -- I'll be using the site more than ever to get through this one!

Thanks again!

J

(Interpretation in brackets)

Hi R,

Well I just keep doing the things you mentioned in the web site, and constantly, every day goes I am utterly dumbfounded by what happens. [It is simply the way that life works; that has been hidden from us for millennia. Now our minds are richer; we can observe once we know the rules. Many of these hidden patterns of life -- including life response -- have now been revealed. Therefore, we can seek out and keenly observe these things when they happen.] Today I'm writing to share a quick snippet from my life over the past month.

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So, I took the bull by the horns and developed a solution to this blocker that was keeping the company from moving forward, increasing revenue, and having greater transparency of data. [The power of intention.] I also started working hard myself to fix the big problems -- because any new change requires a big input of energy (so the website said). {Intense, persevering effort tied to a focused, directed vision of what one desires -- and that which is also right, i.e. which is progressive and an improvement on the past -- will tend to suddenly attracts the infinite into the finite.} Well guess what happened!

I strengthened several core relationships with our partners and completed two big projects just working by myself and with an unused intern for the summer. Plus, I also found a brand new job! [Powerful response]. The weirdest thing is this -- in the interview, my "new boss" spoke about the exact same issues I was having problems with at my current company. [Confirmation of the ideal through a topper life response expressing through the thoughts and ideals of another.] She was looking for someone like me to solve the very problems I was already trying to solve -- it was as if my current company had deaf ears, but life heard me and responded. [It sounds too good to be true, but it is indicative of one riding the emerging progressive wave through one's directed and organized intention.]

I just want to thank you again for helping me to make such a tremendous improvement in my life! At my new position, I was asked to build a new Knowledge Management system that will be used to tell everyone at the company how to do their jobs, how to get stuff done, and whatever else they need to know. [A great and challenging work that can give enormous benefit to others! Your response has moved out and now touched the collective!] My job will help the entire company run more efficiently and it will clarify the currently unorganized knowledge that is hidden within individual employees. Plus, this new system has to be localized for every language where the company has an office (basically every language out there!) -- I feel life Life's called me to build a tower of Babel.

This opportunity is kind of scary; however I feel as if Life has just called on me to do it because I can help out and want to help. [There is nothing to be scared of. It is only the nerves not fully adapting to the intensity of the positive response. Offer the anxiety to the higher power. Then all will then flow peacefully and harmoniously.] So I'm going to plug my nose and jump in and try to do my best. Believe me -- I'll be using the site more than ever to get through this one! [Good luck, and please keep me informed of developments in the future. -Roy]

Thanks again!

J

Keywords: Work Issue, Boss, Manager, Companies

Great Effort to Sell Attracts New Partner

One time early on in my career, I was selling a line of fashion ware to boutiques and gift stores in Northern California. Though I had worked assiduously to sell the products, in the end I had little to show for my efforts. The fact was that the line just did not seem to interest the clientele. However, rather than give up, I decided to make one final push.

So one day I methodically went store-to-store to sell these apparently difficult-to-sell wares in the chic Cow Hollow district of San Francisco. As I continued to push on, my effort began to take on the air of a quest. In essence, I was willing to do whatever was physically necessary to move the merchandise -- even if meant pushing myself to the brink of exhaustion. And yet at the end of the day, for all of my physical and psychological effort, I still had nothing to show.

Weary and too tired to go on, I then wandered into a small Italian restaurant to relax and have some dinner. To my surprise, I recognized an individual there whom I had met several years earlier. When he approached me, we talked about where we had first met, and then discussed how I got involved in the sale of imported goods from India. As we continued our conversation, I was surprised how intrigued he was about my work. Then most unexpectedly, he asked if there was a sales position available for him in my company. Taken aback, I wasn't sure how to respond at first, but then I told him that I would think about it and get back to him shortly.

When I arrived back at my office, I immediately thought about my friend's proposal. It quickly dawned on me that perhaps we *could* work something out. Besides, he had initiated the idea, which suggested to me that I should respond positively. A little while later, I called back and informed him that there was indeed a sales position available; and if he wanted it, he could start right away.

Not only did he accept my offer, but over the next several months, he would generate the overwhelming majority of the company's sales! In fact, we would soon go into business as partners, creating a new enterprise called Kenroy Company -- named after Ken and myself. As it turned out, this new arrangement would change the entire dynamic of my career, as I now essentially moved out of day-to-day sales, and instead became the operations manager of the business. In sum, one day I was a struggling salesperson; the next, I had a dynamic new salesperson, a new company, and a new role for myself in the business.

As we see, when we make an exhaustive effort at our current level of functioning, life takes over and catapults us to the next one. When I made that one final all-consuming, quest-like effort to move a product that was not selling, I attracted circumstance that changed the course of my career.

When we expend all of our physical, emotional, and mental energies on the work before us, life tends to lift lifts us to an entirely new level -- e.g., a project manager becomes an administrator; a regional consultant becomes an international high-flyer; a local leader is elevated state official. When we make a total exhaustive effort in our current work, expending *every drop* of energy, life takes over and lifts us to the stars!

Keywords: Work Issue, Sales, Product, Business

Man's Full Effort on a Proposal Evokes Surprise

A partner in a management consulting business worked very hard and diligently to develop a proposal for a prestigious global organization focusing on services his company could provide that would benefit the client as well of hundreds of clients of the client. At one point he could go no further, as he did not know what else to say. And yet he also knew that the proposal was very incomplete.

Having exhausted his efforts and gone as far as he could, the partner switched direction and went to his email to see what was there. In his Inbox he saw a message from the other partner. He also noticed that attached to it was another version of the same proposal he was working on it. However, when he read it

he was stunned how good it was; how it touched on all the salient issues he could not come up with; how it said everything he hoped to say and so much more. It seemed like a miracle to him; as his deepest wishes to put together a coherent and insightful proposal were suddenly answered from out of nowhere. As a result of these developments, the two partners agreed to use the second proposal for the potential client.

This was another dramatic example of the principle that if you make the full, persevering effort -- whether physical, emotionally, or mentally; and you cannot go any further, -- life will take over and fulfill your aspiration, and then some.

That is precisely what happened to the partner as he put everything into the proposal he was capable of, exhausting his own intellectual capacities; and as a result out of the blue something instantaneously appeared that fulfilled his deepest aspiration.

Keywords: Work Issue, Services, Business

Greater Effort in Training Attracts More Energy

Normally, we believe that our energy is finite. If we have to do a work, our energies will be reduced commensurate to the effort. And yet there is another perspective.

If you make a full, all-out effort in that endeavor, you will tap into a wellspring of energy you never thought you had.

For example, instead of concerning himself about a lack of energy, a trainer decided to give his all in a training session he was leading. At the end of the class, he was just bursting with energy. As we see, when you shake off any can't-do thoughts and give yourself fully to the work at hand, you tap into a fountain of energy just below the surface. Try it some time, and you will see what I mean!

Keywords: Work Issue, Instructor

Chart Comes to Woman

One of the nurses upstairs called for a chart. The computer showed that the chart was still upstairs. This meant that I had to go upstairs to look all over the place for the chart, which is something I don't usually do and get frustrated when I do it. Well, this time I resigned myself to going upstairs to search for this chart. As I was going out the door from my department, there was a cart there holding several charts. I turned the first one over and it was the chart I was just about to go find!!!

Comment:

She has overcome a reluctance, a limiting attitude, and a limiting habit all in one stroke to enable this wonderful response from life. Will overcoming lack of will, attracts. She made the effort and attracted the result.

Keywords: Work Issue, Resources (physical),

Erin Brockovich Makes Exhaustive Physical Effort, and Attracts Ultimate Results for Her Clients

Erin Brockovich, an impoverished young mother of two children worked at a law firm. Working on an extraordinary case, she had to gather hundreds of signatures in order to win a case against a giant utility corporation in California whose pollution was causing hundreds of people in Hinckley California to be very ill.

She pursued her goal despite the fact that she herself was experiencing severe illness. Despite these obstacles, she managed to marshal every fiber in her being and made the ultimate, exhaustive effort to achieve her goal.

When she was done, she went into a restaurant, and in a state of near collapse, she was greeted by a man who told her he had access to the key to case documents that she was championing. As a result of this information, she was able to win a titanic, several hundred million dollar legal case for her clients.

Because she made the exhaustive effort to the nth degree, life returned the favor in the form of an individual who provided the incriminating evidence that secured the biggest victory of its kind in history.

Keywords: Work Issue, Resources (physical), Integrity

The First Order

Several years ago, GuruSoftware, the company I founded in the mid 1990s, launched a new software application for business users. Though we put considerable time and effort into developing the product, after several months we had nothing to show for it. The fact was that our target audience was simply not responding. I then figured that since we had not yet secured a single order, *any* effort to improve the product would attract positive results.

Therefore, the first thing I did was reorganize the software's manual for greater consistency and clarity. Then I adjusted several parts of the application itself to make it more accessible for the user. Finally, because I now understood the program that much better, I developed several new features, which were then integrated into the software's existing components. Through that effort, I was able to improve, standardize, coordinate, and integrate the product -- providing more simplicity, utility, and power for the user.

The next day I turned on my computer as I do every morning. But then when I went to our company's web site, I discovered that we had secured our *first order* for the product! At first, I sat there stunned at this most unexpected development, but then I quickly understood what brought it about.

Comments:

Because I made the effort to organize and systematize the software, life responded with the product's first order. By streamlining, clarifying, coordinating, and integrating the application, a concentration of energy was generated that quickly aligned with and attracted the object of my desire.

Keywords: Work Issue, Resources (physical), Business, Product,

Mental Effort to Create New Category of Ideas Attracts Corresponding Response

Periodically it is my task to categorize the thousands of thoughts in the knowledge base area of Growth Online: a web site dedicated to personal growth that I founded in 1997. Well one day I was gathering together a number of these ideas for a *new* category I was developing. Essentially, I would sift through the knowledge base area, look for a trend, and compile them into the newly formed category. Once I complete that task, I would normally upload the content to our web server so that the thousands of people worldwide who visit the site daily can have access to the information. However, in this instance, I decided that before uploading, I would check my email for any messages. After I opened my Outlook application, I noticed that I received a single message in my inbox. It turned out to be from a Growth Online reader who was inquiring about a particular subject matter. When I examined it a little closer, I was astonished to see that it was on the very subject I had just created a category for!

To appreciate why this was astonishing, consider the following facts. First, there are hundreds, perhaps thousands of topics addressed at Growth Online. Thus the chance of receiving a response on any

particular subject, like this one, is extremely low. (I only receive a few emails for Growth Online per day.) Second, the inquiry was on a subject that did not even exist at the site, since I had not uploaded it yet. Third, the response was on the very topic I was *about* to upload. And finally, the reader's message was the *only* email I received when I opened my Outlook email program just before uploading that information. The chances of any one of these things happening are extremely remote -- perhaps one in ten thousand. The chance of *all four* happening simultaneously is off the charts. For all intents and purposes, it was an impossibility. Yet it occurred.

When you make the effort to organize information in a creative and dynamic new way, life responds with startling results along the very same line.

Keywords: Resources (physical), Work Issue

Clarifying Dense Metaphysical Concepts

Over the years, it has been one of my tasks as an educator to take difficult ideas and present them in ways that are easy for others to understand. I have performed this function countless times -- not only for the thousands of students who have attended my training classes, but for the hundreds of thousands of readers who have read my articles at Growth Online. Of course, in order to offer such pre-digested knowledge to others, the concepts have to be clear to me in the first place. That has not always been the easiest of chores -- especially when it involves turning arcane technical jargon or dense philosophical arguments into simple, easy-to-understand concepts. What has been particularly striking, however, is that nearly every time I exercise my mind in this way, a powerful response follows.

For example, one time I was straining to understand a complex metaphysical concept. After considerable effort, however, I still could not grasp the underlying principle. Then I tried to break it into smaller components; but the divisions I developed were still incoherent. After racking my brain, I finally gave up, hoping that a clearer understanding would come on its own if I forgot the matter.

The next morning, when I opened my email program, I saw a message from my spiritual teacher. After reading a portion of his remarks, I soon realized that he had written to me on the *very subject* I had been struggling with the previous evening! It was remarkable not only because he had no idea I was thinking of that topic, but because out of the *hundreds*, if not *thousands* of subjects we have discussed over the years, he happened to pick the one I had been struggling with. Perhaps even more striking was the fact that the email contained not merely a few paragraphs on the subject, but an *entire paper* on it -- with extensive *detailed analysis!*

When I thought about it, I realized that my efforts to organize a dense metaphysical concept into a series of newly developed precepts triggered this remarkable life response event. The response from my teacher not only clarified the overall issue, but through his extensive paper, illuminated in painstaking detail all the salient points. In the end, because I made a small effort at organizing knowledge, life responded with a torrent of information on that very subject. It was for me a breathtaking moment: an instance of pure magic.

Keywords: Instructor, Teacher

Great Attempt to Solve a Problem Attracts Solution to a Different Issue

Trying to solve a difficulty or challenge reveals unexpected new possibilities, often fulfilling aspirations we may have forgotten.

Further comment: Example: A man was struggling a bit to overcome a technical hurdle in building a web site. He pushed forward despite the obstacles. While trying to solve the problem, he suddenly discovered how to do something he did not expect to accomplish with his current software and knowledge. He thus fulfilled his forgotten aspiration to include these very features.

Comment:

It is the life response power of intention and effort and positive attitude (not being disturbed by the problem).

Keywords: Work Issue, Accomplishment/Success

Mary Kay's Heart and Soul Power of Belief in Selling

When Mary Kay Ash was a young housewife, Ida Blake — a book salesperson, stood at her door selling the Child Psychology series. A mother could look up any problem in the index, and find a related story with a good moral to read to her child. Mary thought these books were the best she had ever seen. However, she could not afford buying them.

Ida made an offer that if Mary could sell 10 set of books, she would give her 1 set free. Mary was enthusiastic about the deal and believed she could sell.

Mary spent much of that evening on the telephone calling up lot of friends, telling them about the best books she had ever seen. Her enthusiasm was such that without even showing the books to anyone, she was able to sell 10 sets — in a single evening!

When Ida, came the next morning she exclaimed "This is incredible. I've never seen anything like this" and gave Mary the promised set of books. Ida also offered Mary a sales job in her company. Mary accepted the offer. She went on to sell \$25,000 worth of books during the first nine months, making her one of the company's top salespeople. Mary BELIEVED in what she sold. She later started her own company Mary Kay cosmetics in 1963 which is a \$2.6 billion corporation today. The key to her phenomenal success was her belief that she could sell ANYTHING.

Comment:

WHEN YOU BELIEVE IN WHAT YOU SELL — HEART AND SOUL — OTHERS ARE BOUND TO FEEL THE SAME WAY!

Keywords: Accomplishment/Success, Sales, Business, Money/Finance

Token Effort

Token Effort to Improve Things Attracts

If you make a small token effort to overcome a seemingly insurmountable problem, life will soon reward you by presenting a relatively easy solution to the entire matter.

A friend asked me to retrieve a very difficult to get at important device held in storage. For months we discussed ways to dislodge it from its location, and then have it shipped back and returned. Then one day I took it upon myself to make an effort to retrieve the item, even if I had to climb over heavy, difficult to move boxes and other furniture-based obstacles. After making a small, yet strenuous effort, I soon realized that I could get to the desired item much more easily than I had thought. And so I was able to quickly retrieve it and then return it via airlines to my friend who was ecstatic when she received her beloved sewing device. Months of anxiety on her part had now come to an end due to one small token effort on the part of her friend.

Keywords: Machinery, Airplane

Token Initiative/Do What You Can Attracts

One powerful method of attracting good fortune (i.e. Life Response) is that in any difficult situation, including a hopeless one, look around, think about it and DO WHAT YOU CAN, even the smallest thing. It can open up vast opportunities you would never have dreamed of.

A man had just lost his entire business and his home on top of that. He was living at a friend's house who was away for a while. The man did not know what to do with his life. One thing he thought of however, was to look for a job in the paper for a sales position. ANY sales position!

To his surprise, several weeks later he secured a job for an Energy Conservation company nearby to sell energy saving products. Soon after he was made sales manager for that division, and thereby organized a team of sales people to do what he had done before. While on the job he helped develop a spreadsheet program that calculated energy savings for the client if they purchased his team's products. He enjoyed this and as a result he took an interest in the personal computer, a fledgling technology at the time. Several months later, he became a computer sales person, which kicked off a 30 year career in that field that he practices till this day.

By doing what he could in that original desperate situation, by making that token gesture to seek sales employment of any sort, his entire world quickly changed! It was an overwhelming response from life due to a small token initiative for improvement.

Keywords: Employment, Sales, Business, Career

Subtle Means of Overcoming Delay

Often we wait around for people to do the things they promised. The human approach is to be anxious and do nothing. This only delays things further. The better approach is to take any actions that you can, which will attract positive condition.

A property owner promised that a kitchen stove would be fixed. The tenant waited for several days, but nothing happened. Then the tenant changed his thinking and decided to use what was available. Exactly as he was completing this, the property owner called and said he was sending over the person to fix another major problem that also had been delayed. By doing what he could the tenant attracted the positive result within 1 minute of completing his action. Life responds to taking action where we can, which tends to overcome delays of time.

Keywords: Owner, Home Appliances

Affecting the World Along the Web of Life

Recently I have been exploring the idea that life in the universe is connected in Oneness through a series of 'threads' along what I call the 'Web of Life.' If you shift your consciousness to the positive in a given area of your being, you impact elements, people, circumstance along that particular thread(s), indicating the interconnectedness and Oneness of all existence in the cosmos.

To show you what I mean, the last week or so I have begun a major new e-commerce initiative. My decision was based on a need to explore new opportunities to expand our revenue base, since our current offerings were slowed by the global financial meltdown and the ensuing economic malaise. Well, just at the peak of launching this new initiative, I opened my web browser and read in the New York Times headlines that the US economy experienced its biggest gain in 6 years, expanding at nearly a 6% rate.

When you stay positive, express your own individuality despite current conditions, when you take an initiative to move yourself beyond the current circumstance, etc., life has a way of responding in your favor, as it did when I heard the wonderful news of the economy's bounding expansion. In particular, elements along a related thread of life are impacted, and come back to you in the form of sudden good fortune, whether direct or indirect. In this case, the response of business and commerce at the collective level mirrored by initiative at the local one.

This dynamic shows the power we have within ourselves to affect the world around us. That in turn gives added support to our own efforts to lift ourselves higher. In that way, all of the world is connected and responsive to each and every thing, seen and unseen.

Let me add one or two other points about this incident. I not only had focus and intention in this undertaking, but I also offered the initiative to the Higher Power. In my case, I offered the entire matter to the spiritual Force; for myself, it is the Divine Mother. This insures that the conditions of life around you are set right, and creates additional causal power beyond my intentions and efforts that tend to reverberate throughout the universe. Hence, the powerful response from the collective in the forms of great economic news.

Moreover, I did not just offer my overall effort to the Higher Power in one instance, but rather I decided to make the entire undertaking an experiment in consciousness. I.e. I decided that the key to the entire enterprise is not my knowledge of how to form and run a business, or my unique market prowess, or whether the market is ready for our products, but making the whole enterprise an experiment of self-offering to the Divine, letting its Force and Power determine all outcome. In other words, my personality and skill sets was to be second, the spiritual Force first.

This desire to make an undertaking an experiment in consciousness, Karmayogi calls a 'token project.' In my case, I am no longer relying on my own energy, intensity, and will as the driving forces for success, but rather I am deferring to the Higher Power to set all the conditions right, enabling the market to respond on its own. It is a 'token' effort because if I understand the inner rules in this single project, I can use it as a model and apply the same inner laws and power to any other, making my whole life's work one of miraculous success and accomplishment.

In summary then, the inner self-consecrated effort, along with will, focus, determination, and positive attitude released powerful energies that moved along the web of life and returned powerful positive conditions that elicited the sudden and most unexpected good news from the collective. Each and every one of us has the power to do the same, if only we learn to use the marvelous Inner Levers that can move life.

Keywords: Business, Product, Money/Finance, Economics

Token Effort Brings Great Results

If you make a small token effort to overcome a seemingly insurmountable problem, life will soon reward you by presenting a relatively easy solution to the entire matter.

A friend asked me to retrieve a very difficult to get at important device held in storage. For months we discussed ways to dislodge it from its location, and then have it shipped back and returned. Then one day I took it upon myself to make an effort to retrieve the item, even if I had to climb over heavy, difficult to move boxes and other furniture-based obstacles.

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Keywords: Machinery, Airplane

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Taking an Action

Governor's Strength Attracts Response from Mother Nature

One recent discovery is that when human intention shifts from weakness to strength in relationship to the physical environment, it can attract the sudden cooperation of Mother Nature.

Here's a recent true-life example:

California has been suffering through its greatest drought in hundreds of years. It was now past the rainy season, and well into the six-month dry period. The Governor had recently ordered cutbacks in water distribution for all regions, but in the months that followed many did not cooperate, as reservoirs dried up and there was virtually no snow-pack in the high mountains.

He then got tough and ordered very specific cuts for every town in the state. This not only got the attention of all municipalities, but suddenly during this onset of the dry season rain started coming down profusely! Even the mountains were unprecedentedly covered with snow in this dry, warm, very sunny part of the year; an almost unheard of phenomenon. People were startled by Mother Nature's sudden change in course.

And yet very few if anyone perceived the deeper causality that was at work instigated by the Governor's strong, bold actions.

Keywords: State/Province, Weather, Resources (physical)

Token Initiative/Do What You Can Attracts

One powerful method of attracting good fortune (i.e. Life Response) is that in any difficult situation, including a hopeless one, look around, think about it and DO WHAT YOU CAN, even the smallest thing. It can open up vast opportunities you would never have dreamed of.

A man had just lost his entire business and his home on top of that. He was living at a friend's house who was away for a while. The man did not know what to do with his life. One thing he thought of however, was to look for a job in the paper for a sales position. ANY sales position!

To his surprise, several weeks later he secured a job for an Energy Conservation company nearby to sell energy saving products. Soon after he was made sales manager for that division, and thereby organized a team of sales people to do what he had done before. While on the job he helped develop a spreadsheet program that calculated energy savings for the client if they purchased his team's products. He enjoyed this and as a result he took an interest in the personal computer, a fledgling technology at the time. Several months later, he became a computer sales person, which kicked off a 30 year career in that field that he practices till this day.

By doing what he could in that original desperate situation, by making that token gesture to seek sales employment of any sort, his entire world quickly changed! It was an overwhelming response from life due to a small token initiative for improvement.

Keywords: Business, Sales, Career, Employment

Power of Decision and Action That Attracts

When you have a problem and then overcome your hesitancy to take action to solve it, not only will you move things along in a positive way, but information can suddenly arise that reveals that you do not have that problem in the first place! This is particularly true if you first offered the issue to the spiritual Force. The changed attitude, the decision, the action, and the consecrated act in tandem can overcome what seemingly was a fact.

A man had a serious physical problem, but he was hesitant to act on solving it. He waited for "time to heal," but it got worse. Then one morning he changed his attitude, made a decision to act and made that effort, offering the matter to the Divine Mother. When he arrived at the medical facility, he found out that his self-diagnosis was faulty, and he actually had a much lesser problem, which was a great relief. He also unexpectedly learned of other health programs that seemed just right for his future physical needs.

Keywords: Health/Well-being,

Coordinated Serious Effort to Solve Computer Problem

Making a serious effort to solve a problem rather than let it slide can quickly evoke an unexpected opportunity for its resolution. It is especially the case when people agree to move ahead and resolve it together.

A woman was having problems with her computer. There were apparent software issues that had been plaguing the machine for several days. She wanted to improve things and asked her friend for help. Though he was preoccupied for several moments, he then absorbed himself in her problem. He thought about the situation and the issues involved from several angles.

After a short while she mentioned that the computer was trying to shut down, which troubled and perplexed him. When he went over to look at the screen, he saw that it was actually the operating software installing fresh new system software on its own. Now the problems would self-correct, a solution coming from the software itself! It was a pleasant and most unexpected surprise!

When several people get serious about trying to solve a problem, rather than let it drift or complain about it, life can quickly cooperate with that harmonic effort.

Keywords: Resources (physical), Relationship, Miracle, Computer

Subtle Means of Overcoming Delay

Often we wait around for people to do the things they promised. The human approach is to be anxious and do nothing. This only delays things further. The better approach is to take any actions that you can, which will attract positive condition.

A property owner promised that a kitchen stove would be fixed. The tenant waited for several days, but nothing happened. Then the tenant changed his thinking and decided to use what was available. Exactly as he was completing this, the property owner called and said he was sending over the person to fix another major problem that also had been delayed. By doing what he could the tenant attracted the positive result within 1 minute of completing his action. Life responds to taking action where we can, which tends to overcome delays of time.

Keywords: Owner, Home Appliances

Life Response Power of Eliminating a Dominating Negative Influence

Life has shown that the elimination of a single dominating negative influence can open the flood gates of enormous success --even for an otherwise mediocre organization.

A US baseball team had a certain level of success, but never won a championship title in the years since their beautiful, new ballpark opened. Its star player was a great batsman, perhaps the greatest home run hitter in the history of the sport.

However he and others became mired in an epic drug scandal that tarnished the sport, the league, and the nation. After he left the organization, the team quickly fell to the bottom in the standings. But then

within a year, and with a number of new castoff players it acquired, the team suddenly leaped over 25 other teams to the very top and won the World Series, garnering its first title in over 50 years!

How could this happen? When the underlying wanting influence was eliminated, the subtle energies shifted, opening the floodgates, enabling the team to leap to the title - even with a group of mediocre has-beens. Their level of play, enthusiasm, and camaraderie was unprecedented in their careers, as they rode a wave of unbridled positive energy to the pinnacles of success.

That is the Life Response power of expurgating a dominating wanting influence in an organization. The response is overwhelmingly positive.

That being the case, what is the single dictating negative influence in the organizations we are part of; or for that matter in our own lives and self?

Further Comment: We see this same essential dynamic in the critically acclaimed recent American film *Moneyball* based on true events from the early 2000s. As soon as the general manager removed a disturbing influence player, the entire team turned around and went on the biggest winning streak in modern baseball history. The GM had garnered both the insight to see the disturbing figure and the strength to stand up to him. What he did not quite see is how he set in motion a startling set of positive events not only for his own team, but the entire sport at large. Together with high values against money taint and an innovative, technology driven method of determining talent, he changed the course of baseball history. This coming from an unknown executive for a franchise that was leaning heavily on hard times.

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Road Not Taken Episode

One day not too long ago, I decided to break one such routine. On this occasion, I decided not to walk through a large hilly park that overlooks San Francisco bay, which would have deposited me in the touristy Fisherman's Wharf area. Instead of climbing through that elevated park with its lovely view of the Golden Gate, I decided to explore the three long piers known collectively as the Fort Mason Center. These edifices, left over from Civil War days, are now divided into dozens of sections -- including headquarters for renowned dancing and theater troupes, offices for environmental and global movements, various California cuisine restaurants, and other interesting and unusual facilities. It has become a kind of mecca for the cutting edge, and the sometimes far out.

The first place I stopped at Fort Mason Center was a store that was dedicated to presenting the concept of time -- in particular, to showcasing a number of magnificent, unusually large timepieces. For example, prominently displayed was a 10-foot computerized clock that was created to be accurate for up 10,000 years. It, like others on display, consisted of an astonishing array of gears and other moving parts.

At the time, I was the only one in the center, aside from the host. As I walked around the facility, I could hear soft, ethereal-like music playing in the background, which added to the already mystical atmosphere of the museum. Other than presenting these marvelous futuristic devices, the intent of the facility (longnow.org) was to capture the feeling of time itself -- or perhaps the *timelessness* of time. In fact, throughout the facility were posted a number of elaborate statements describing the nature of time -- including how we interact with it, what it really is, and others. There were also a number of books prominently displayed for sale on the subject. The entire experience was not only fascinating and thought provoking, but haunting and serene.

When I left the center, the guide asked me if I had any questions. However, finding myself in trancelike state, I could barely answer. As I exited the facility, I felt myself moving from the timeless like quality of that place back into time -- i.e. into ordinary life. I then looked around to get my bearings, and continued on my walk. Not a minute later, I came upon San Francisco's most famous and venerable New Age restaurant, Greens. Now over 25 years old, it is recognized as the home of the vegetarian movement in America, and one of the pioneer restaurants in the use of locally grown produce in the preparation of its meals. This very large restaurant has a spectacular view of the Golden Gate and environs, and is one of the main gathering places for the intelligentsia of San Francisco and Silicon Valley.

When I walked into the facility to see how things had changed, I saw that it pretty much looked the same; except it was a bit more modern, and the people were younger. As I contemplated entering the enormous main dining area, a man standing a few steps above me suddenly interrupted and called down in my direction. "Excuse me sir," he said to me, "do you have the time?"

Indeed, I was bowled over by the question, when you consider considering where I had just been! I then quickly responded that it was 2pm. Then I looked at my watch once more and called out that it was actually five minutes to 2. (I guess I felt compelled to be accurate since I had just been in a place dedicated to the specificity of time!) Shaking my head and smiling at this extraordinary little response from life, I then headed out of the restaurant. As I looked around, I could still feel that sense of timelessness and peace enveloping me.

Now in the bright light of the day, I noticed that I could walk completely around the 300-meter pier, which would in effect deposit me at the bay's edge. And so I did just that, discovering one of the most spectacular views I had ever seen in this city of many such views. Also, I noticed that the weather was somewhat unusual, as it was overcast directly above me, yet the entire bay -- with its shimmering hills and mountains in the distance -- was crystal-like, bathed in brilliant sunshine. The contrast was at once breathtaking and surreal, which was for me yet another response on this startling little "road not taken" adventure. As I stood there all alone at the end of the pier with its magnificent view, I felt the wonder and magic of life compressed into a single moment.

After that stirring, almost cosmic-like experience, I headed back inland to explore the other two piers. In fact, I was really looking for a special place that I believed was located somewhere in the third. A moment later, I then came upon the bookstore that I was looking for: one that I had visited once before nearly a decade earlier.

When I looked around the large facility, it looked at once familiar, yet somehow different. As I am want to do, I then immediately headed over to peruse the books on spirituality and religion. This time however, after rummaging through the shelves, I found nothing that caught my fancy. Slightly disappointed, and

without much energy to peruse the plethora of other bookshelves, I decided to leave the facility. However, just before I exited the front door, I noticed a section of books prominently displayed that were marked down to half price. Immediately, I found an interesting book that I thought a friend of mine would enjoy. Then something very special happened. I found a book on the subject of how to write spiritual books, and, in particular, how to submit them to literary agents. In fact, the book contained a listing of a number of agents -- with explicit, detailed information about each. I found this utterly astounding because in the last several weeks I had been constantly thinking about how to find an agent and publishing house for my new book! Now in one fell swoop, all my prayers were answered! In fact, as I walked out of the store, it occurred to me that this book could turn out to be the most important discovery of my life!

Like shifting away from a negative attitude, changing or overcoming a habit tends to attract instances of sudden good fortune. When I decided to get out of my dull walking routine and try something different, I was set on a journey that unfolded like a dream -- with unexpected occurrences, mystical like experiences, and infinite-like results.

Keywords: Resources (physical), State/Province, History, City

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Energy

Musical Chairs

Last night I attended a lavish Christmas Gala at the huge, Victorian-style Claremont Hotel overlooking San Francisco Bay. Into the large ballroom were packed 250 people sitting at 30 tables. At the front was a raised stage where a live band provided the evening's musical entertainment. Periodically, expensive prizes were handed out to lucky winners in the organization.

At one point, people were invited to come up to the front of the hall and play a game of Musical Chairs. A dozen or so chairs were then set next to one another, alternating in direction. Various participants were called up and asked to participate. In essence, they would march around the chairs when the music started, and then jump into the nearest available one when it stopped several seconds later. Each time a round was completed, one chair would be taken out. There was always one more participant than available chairs, causing someone to be forced out in each round.

Before the action began, however, the host, trying to rally the participants, enthusiastically asked them "Are you ready to win?!?," or words to that effect. Spontaneously all of them raised their hands over their heads and cried out "yes!" That is, save one individual.

When I saw that this young woman refrained from responding to the boisterous call, I felt that it was an indicator that she should win. And so the game began, and round and round people walked, and when the music stopped, they piled into one of the available chairs. After two iterations, I saw that the young woman was still in the fray. And after five rounds, she was still in there. A few minutes later, there was only one chair left, and two participants; one being the young woman, the other a well-dressed young man. When the music started, I noticed that the man was acting demonstrably and moving in an exotic way suggesting he was suave, relaxed, and had the situation under control. The young woman however remained calm and focused. When the music then stopped, both of them drove into the one available chair. But as it turned out, each had taken up half the seat, and as a result, it ended in a tie! However, the game leader indicated that they had to do it again in order to generate a winner.

And so again the music started, then it suddenly stopped, and two remaining participants drove into the one available chair. However, this time, the young woman swiftly moved in and took a seat in the chair, and was crowned the victor!

I must say I was quietly overjoyed that my pick had won Musical Chairs. Not because I won a bet with myself, or because I have some gift of prophecy and can look into the future, but because in that episode I understood a principle of life. If you conserve your energies, you are bound to attract the very best of conditions; in this case, the best chance to win the game. Because the young woman did not react boisterously and self-congratulatory when compelled to let out a shout by the host, she conserved her energies, which led me to believe that she had the best chance to secure the victory. When she did, it not only reaffirmed a powerful law of life, but it expressed through an exciting and thoroughly enjoyable life response outcome!

Keywords: Sports, Society

Overcoming Fatigue Attracts More Work

A man was very weary and tired. During that time, work got cancelled. He finally began to get more sleep, and began to recover his energies somewhat. Corresponding to the level of rest, he got more work. Even work that had been previously cancelled by his weariness was recovered.

Keywords: Health/Well-being, Work Issue

Low Energy Funeral Causes Computer to Fail

An individual went to a funeral. When he returned his computer crashed. Even when he later wrote of this incident to another his air conditioner began to smoke.

Comment: Some types of activities create low energy for participants, draining things around it; such as in this case the computer, the air conditioner.

Keywords: Resources (physical), Machinery

VITAL

VITAL/EMOTIONAL Expressions of Life Response

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It is where our emotional energies express, including our-

- Sensations and Reactions
- Needs, Wants, Desires
- Emotions and Feelings
- Attitudes toward others, ourselves, life, and work

The Vital is also where we have Interactions and associations with others; where our life energies intersect and interact.

We will see that when we express our vital energies in a negative way, we evoke instances of sudden ill-fortune, whereas if we overcome any negative expressions, we attract instances of sudden good fortune. E.g. if we are angry with someone or are jealous of another's success, we can attract sudden ill-fortune. On the other hand, if we consciously rid ourselves of that negative attitude, we can attract positive conditions very quickly to us; often instantaneously.

Attitude toward Others

Overcoming Disdainful Attitude towards Client's Staffer Attracts Overwhelmingly

Bill, the owner of a \$300,000 manufacturing company hated only one person in the world. His enemy happened to be the purchasing officer of Bill's largest customer.

Though he felt ample justification for his dislike, one day Bill decided to reverse it. During the next one year, the sales of Bill's company rose to \$1.2 million, almost entirely due to increased business from that one customer.

What happened is that Bill changes his attitude, and in turn life changed his career!

Keywords: Relationship, Hate, Sales, Money/Finance

Overcoming a Negative Attitude toward Someone Attracts Money

The president of a software company was fretting about a contract he was negotiating with a client. He felt he was being pushed too hard, which caused other negative feelings to well up inside him toward different people at that client company. Suddenly he realized that having this attitude was not helpful. He immediately blocked these resentful negative feelings and thoughts.

A few moments later he received a check in the mail for a large sum of money. It turned out that it was a payment for an invoice that had been overdue for six months, the longest overdue of any invoice the company ever had.

Keywords: Hate, Money/Finance, Work Issue

Manager Changes Rude Attitude, Which Attracts Good Fortune

"In our unit there was a supervisor whom I felt was indifferent, insubordinate and had to be bridled. I was looking for an opportunity to pin him down. The time came and I dismissed him mercilessly. Within two days of his dismissal, there was a major breakdown in one of the machines. The supplier of the machine had sent their engineers. They struggled for 7 days and could do very little to set right the machine. I was thoroughly disgusted. I started examining my attitudes on several matters during the last 10 days.

It struck to me that whenever I am able to dominate, my attitude is to dominate. I could dominate the supervisor and dismiss him mercilessly. But in the case of the machine, I could not afford to throw it and replace it with a new machine so I was tolerating it. I understood that I have to change my attitude. I called back the supervisor, felt sorry for my rude action and requested him to continue in the company. He felt very happy, the machine was fixed soon thereafter. Within a month this supervisor got a good job in a government undertaking on a higher salary and parted with me happily. Since then there was no serious trouble with any of the machines."

Keywords: Hate, Work Issue, Relationship, Machinery, Authority

Complete, 180 Degree Turnaround

One day recently, a contact of mine who I had been giving advice to told me about an episode involving a close friend of his. It turns out, my contact's acquaintance worked for a manufacturing group in India in a technical position. The friend is supposedly an emotional person, and had been upset because he was not appreciated by his superiors. He was constantly complaining that he was not getting his due recognition, and therefore had been threatening to resign from the company.

Fortunately, the cooler head of my contact prevailed when he convinced his friend to take a day off to consider the matter further. He also asked him to shift his attitude from hostility and bitterness to having positive thoughts and feelings towards his superiors and the organization as a whole.

Well it turned out that the very next day, my contact learned that his friend had suddenly and most unexpectedly received a bonus of 4.85 Laks (~2000 US dollars, a substantial sum in India) from the company! It was a stunning development, and a sure sign of the phenomenon of life response at work. Equally remarkable was the fact that he garnered the sum during the current world economic crisis when salaries were being decreased and people laid off.

When I read the story, I commented to my contact that neutralizing a negative attitude will always evoke a positive response. Moreover, if one goes a step further and turns negativity into *positive goodwill*, as the friend did here, then the response can be overwhelming.

Several weeks later, I received another note indicating that there was an update to the story. My contact wrote that he implored his friend to continue his inner effort of inner goodwill towards his manager, the CEO, and the organization; and once again, which the friend again took it up in full. The friend then called the contact back to tell him that another miracle had taken place. It turns out that he was suddenly and most unexpectedly asked by the CEO of the company to make a major presentation. Not only was it successful, but it was very much appreciated by his manager. Thus, he had now made a complete, 180 degree turnaround from bitterness and feeling underappreciated to garnering full recognition by his superiors!

In this case, we see how one individual showed inner courage by following the sage advice of his friend, thereby turning around a negative situation to *its complete opposite*. That same power is of course available to each of us. All we have to do is determine where we are expressing a wanting attitude, and then make an effort to neutralize it, or better yet turn it into its opposite. When we do, we too will experience a miraculous-like outcome. Moreover, if we take to this approach on a regular basis, miracles will be our constant companion.

Keep in mind that the solution to the overwhelming majority of problems we encounter is *inward*, not outward. When we shift our emotions away from insecurity, ranker, and bitterness, we align with and attract the most positive of conditions. And if we go a step further and turn those feelings into their complete opposite – e.g. from resentment to active, positive good will -- then we attract conditions that simply overwhelm, as was the case of the friend who saw his deepest aspirations in his work life fulfilled.

Keywords: Work Issue, Manager, Hate, Money/Finance

Reversals of Attitudes That Attract

In Garry Jacobs' novel 'The Book' a key character Anya felt deep anguish and resentment toward her professor, with whom she had been out of touch for a long time. After ruminating on the idea that her current outer problems -- the negative attitudes of the people around her -- were the result of the negative attitudes she harbored toward her professor, she suddenly out of the blue received a call from him in which complemented her as being the most brilliant student he ever had, as well as offering her a very significant new project for her fledgling company.

That is the life response power of reversing from Resentfulness to Goodwill and even Gratitude. Good or great fortune follows.

Keywords: Relationship, Hate, Professor, Student, Business

Reversing Negative Attitude toward Professor

I would like to share an experience of Life Response of that of my daughter. I heard from her that one of her prof. who is an Italian shares his journals, books only with Italian students and more so ever converses only in their language in the midst of other foreign students. I immediately compared him with Mrs. Sonia Gandhi and her political history in India and remarked about Italians' nature. Later I heard

from her that the same prof. has graded her Fail Marks on his subject. On hearing this I told her to change her opinion about him and to probe herself of the mistakes she committed during her meetings with him. The very same evening she informed that her grades have been changed from fail to pass by the head of the department.

Comment: Excellent advice from mother to daughter about a wrong attitude expressed and how its reversal cancelled an existing negative condition turning it into a positive. Congratulations all around!

Keywords: Professor, Student, Nation, Politics, Education

Evoking the Darkness and the Light

The other day I had a memorable experience that was filled with irony. It was a life response of the highest order; one that was not only a continuation of a pattern of previous responses, but one which touched me and the recipient dearly. It was also one that brought out both the darkness and the light in life; literally and figuratively. Let me explain.

For nearly a decade, I have been attending meetings of MPUG, the Microsoft Project User Group in San Francisco. Held at the Microsoft district headquarters on Market Street, the gatherings have always been lively affairs in which we watched interesting and informative demonstrations, at the end of which prizes were handed out to lucky winners. It turns out that over the last several years, I had the good fortune of not only winning several of the biggest prizes, but often knew in advance which prize I would win, and at what point I would win it. In other words, I was able to predict a life response event before it occurred. I was able to accomplish that inner feat because on those occasions I had the subtle sense of how life was unfolding, and perceived how life seemed to be moving towards certain outcomes, including the disbursement of certain prizes at specific moments.

Just as startling was the fact that in the course of the last several meetings I won the exact same prize from amongst many. Moreover, in each situation, I proceeded to give the prize away to someone else who had need for it, since I had little use for that product myself. In other words, because I knew that life tends to repeat, and because I sensed the subtle unfolding of circumstance on those particular occasions, I sensed in advance that I was going to win that precise prize, at what point it would occur, and if I did, knew I would probably give it away. It is with that background that I would like narrate the events of our latest meeting.

When I arrived at the Microsoft district headquarters this time, I noticed that there had been some significant changes. Now the quarterly meeting was being held on the other side of the building. This indicated to me on some level that changes were the order of the day.

As usual, I arrived a little early that evening, and instantly saw our host and main speaker talking to several members gathered around in a group. As a result, I held back from bursting on the scene, and waited in the large break room to gather and prepare myself for the upcoming meeting. A while later, I summoned up the courage and entered the presentation room. Immediately, on entering the room, I was very surprised to see an associate of mine, who I had not seen at these gathering for a several years, and who also was the chapter's previous president. Let us call this individual "J." I was surprised not only because I hadn't seen him at meetings for a long while, but he was the one individual I had a somewhat poor relationship with among the members. For example, in the past, we would clash on my participation and involvement, or lack thereof, in helping run the meetings; and also had difference of opinions about the quality of certain presenters. Most telling of all was that he had a conservative political and social bent and was not afraid to let me know about it. In any case, our past relationship was dicey at best, and yet there he was, the first person I met when I entered the large room to start this latest gathering of MPUG.

I should also point out that J and I had a common friend and associate, namely M, who was not only the chapter head who led every meeting, including this one, but was also about to make the two major presentations that evening. It is also true that I referred a half million dollars' worth of business to M, which was a powerful response from life I have described elsewhere. Now as I pondered the current dynamic, I wondered if J would have such a harsh opinion of me since I had created the largest client for his friend's business in its decade long history.

With these thoughts circling in my mind, M, as head of the chapter and host, began the meeting and proceeded to give the first of his two presentations. After he was done, I drifted to the back of the room where the refreshments were. A minute or so later, my occasional detractor and former head of the chapter J arrived there as well. I then commented how very effective M's presentation was, and then went on to say that I thought that with such excellent presentation skills, he could indeed become mayor of a renown local town; something M indicated a passion for in the past. I then added that I would vote for him no matter what his political persuasion. To that J shot back with words to the effect that he would only vote for M if he had a conservative agenda, burst off, and returned to his seat, leaving me a bit stunned at his abrasiveness. Now as I sat there, I thought of our past experiences, as well as this latest brusque retort. My mind then focused on the current economic environment, and realized that like others, he still had not learned the foolishness of the laissez-faire view that had almost brought down the world economy. With that little flash of irritation, I quietly let out a charge of emotional and mental energy.

A moment later, just after the Microsoft rep that was in charge of logistics for the meeting had begun striking up a conversation with me about the smoothness of the meeting so far, the lights suddenly went out in the entire large room! Not only were we all now in the dark, but M, who was getting ready for his next presentation, could not easily see what he was doing. Immediately I understood that my flash of irritation had precipitated a negative response in the form of complete darkness,

Perceiving this, I decided from that point forward to withdraw any harsh feelings and emotions toward J, and instead foster cordial and good relations whenever possible. A moment later, M began his second presentation, as the viewers, except the overhead presentation, watched in the dark. Fortunately, the lights came back on not one minute into M's speech, indicating that he was never discouraged by the darkness, so quickly attracted the restoration of the lights.

M's second and very effective presentation ended an hour later, and now the prizes were being given out. I then recalled many of the astonishing events in the past involving the disbursements of these rewards; experiences I have documented in other essays. Once again, in this situation, all and everything seemed possible.

As the gift-giving proceeded, I saw a thick, valuable book on the table in front of the room. It turned out to be the same book that I had won on two or three previous occasions! It was now but one of 10 prizes to be given out. Those past experiences were remarkable, and yet there I was once again confronted with the possibility that it could occur a third consecutive time!

And so the prize-giving proceeded. This time however, my name was not selected for any of the first eight prizes. Still two prizes remained; that same valuable purple technical book, plus an online software application with a \$3000 value. M's helper then shuffled the remaining ballots to determine who would win the thick technical volume. At that moment, I once again felt the world disappear, while having the presence of mind to perceive that the same book come to me again. When M then called out my name as the winner, I was stunned, bemused, and ecstatic all in the same moment. When he then proceeded to hand over the book to me, I instinctively did what I had done on those previous two occasions when I predicted and won that same prize: I simply offered it to someone who could use it since I had limited use for it. I then called out and asked who in the group could use it. Immediately, the woman who was sitting right behind me said she did. I agreed, and M handed her the book. I then saw this as yet a third manifestation of what had occurred in the previous two meetings. Each time I serendipitously won that same book, I not only handed it off to another person, but it was given to the person I had struck up a conversation with previous to the evening's presentations. On each occasion, I had shed my shyness, and took an interest in the particular person sitting next to me, engaging in conversation about why they were there, their needs in terms of the technology, and so forth. And in each meeting, it was the person who I had made contact with, sitting next to or just behind me, who called out that they wanted and had a need for the book when I offered it. It was yet another startling dimension to these events.

But there was more to be one more turn in these events. Because I had handed off the book prize, M now put me back in the queue with the remaining contestants for the biggest and final prize; the \$3k 1-year subscription to a highly specialized online software application. When he then drew from the lot, I subtly felt a kind of whiteness, with everything going blank. M then announced the winner of the grand prize, and it turned out to be none other than myself! In that wondrous moment, I had the presence of mind to perceive that because I gave my previous prize to a person who needed it, I was put back in the cue, and then was put in position to attract the much bigger one.

I then stood up, both shock and bemused to receive the prize, while fully realizing the inner workings of the situation. How could I ever explain this dynamic to anyone! Then as I stood there and pondered the nature of the prize, I realized once again that I really had no need for it despite its great monetary value. And so once again I called out to the group and offered it to anyone who could use it.

What occurred next was one of the most astonishing moments ever. When I offered the grand prize to the group, a person just in front of me turned around and indicated that he could really use it. It turned out to be none other than my nemesis J! Stunned, I agreed that I would hand over the prize to him.

I then sat down in utter wonder at what had just transpired. In fact, over the next several moments, J stared at me with a very special look that seemed to be a wellspring of gratitude. It was so strong and heartfelt that it started to feel my own heart. Here was my one periodic adversary in the group, perhaps my only one in business in years, with an expression on his face that seemed to say "Are you really giving this to me? And is it really you whom I am receiving it from?" And in those moments when our eyes locked, I saw the welling up of emotion in his eyes.

As we see in this incident, when we change an attitude from one of irritation and hostility to one of goodwill and harmony, life quickly moves in our favor, life's conditions shift to the positive enabling an enemy to become a grateful ally; cancelling the effect of past difficulties and tensions in a single instance. When I shifted from a flash of irritation that earlier had literally and figuratively evoked the Darkness to one of hope for hoped for goodwill, I set loose a vibration that had attracted the Light that expressed as a revelatory experience. It was truly one of the most memorable moments and delightful experiences of my life.

Keywords: Hate, Relationship, Media, Companies, Communications

Overcoming Irritation (and using Spirit) Attracts Sale

"It was the end of a month where that day was the last day to complete that particular month's sales targets. As usual no kind customer is interested to sign for our Bank's product. I was browsing ky.net and reading the lines from an anbar on anger, the lines catching was, often we construe irritation as anger etc." The very same moment our dear Branch Manager called. If the call comes from him, usually it will be for firing if it is end of month. I picked the phone without moving my eyes from the forum. What a blessing. He gave me a clean deal to go and complete an application to complete that month target. It is a surprise because he never makes his staff job easy".

I happily reached the destination. Before I go to meet a client I will scan both the official and general details. The client was a leading American Project Director of a very big construction firm, so I planned my presentation very precise as it is out of my experience I learnt that, American managers don't like to waste both their time and ours. They also like precise presentations rather than lengthy ones. He came to the point after initial talk, no need for presentation. Our B.M has already given the stuff through mail.

I was delighted because it is very tuff to convince American clients. He added I don't like someone to fill the application form and I am signing. I will do myself, you guide me column by column. Everything went on fine. When the column on SSN number came his face turned blank. That column is very mandatory as it is an American bank. He said on to the face I am sorry. The SSN number reveals the whole life history of mine. If it is mandatory let me finish here. I am not interested in signing up for the product.

I felt like tearing my Branch Manager into pieces because before meeting an American client it is the concerned Bank staff's duty to clearly explain there is a column on SSN number. And moreover it was a very long drive in peak summer. Added to that the day was the last day for submission of apps to fetch that month incentive. Everything came to my mind at once and my irritation towards my B.M and the person sitting before me was to the peak. *Immediately I remembered the lines from forum before I left my office that my long drive and peak heat is turned as irritation towards the manager.*

I realised how can I assume myself, that my B.M should communicate the point on ssn number, I am the person who is at last scheduled to meet him and it is my duty.so I said sorry to Mother and Appa and started calling Appa and mother inside.

There was an immediate blush on his face questioning me "Are you the wife of this person after glancing my business card, because it is my experience that all construction companies managers here knows my husband as he is in the group of deciding major government tenders". I tiredly replied yes cursing my husband what's the use of being his wife? The American Manager wanted me to wait a few seconds outside. Immediately he convinced his secretary to apply for our product. Thanks divine secretary is not American. Then Divine blessed me through him in the form of complete list of his project sites staff's contact numbers.

Keywords: Work Issue, Manager, Communications, Spouse

Negativity Vanishes

Jean complained that her husband was constantly speaking in negative ways that disturbed her and made every situation a little bit worse. IRES (Romance Eternal's free expert system) showed her how to identify the inner keys in her own attitudes that encouraged her partner's negativity. When Jean pressed those keys, her partner's behavior changed miraculously, even though he had no idea what she was doing.

Keywords: Relationship, Spouse, Contradiction, Miraculous/Miraculousness

Untitled

Shedding an obsession about another's alleged wanting behavior, skill, attitude, knowledge etc. causes one to quickly experience the opposite quality from that individual.

Eg a man thought that a colleague of his did not respond to the issue at end, going off on wild, non-related tangents. He began to obsess about this one night, but then caught himself and said to himself "enough is enough; I will not obsess about this anymore!" When he then read the most recent statement of the colleague, he realized it was perfectly in accord with the issue at hand. In fact, it took the issue to a much deeper level!

Keywords: Work Issue, Relationship, Peace of Mind

How Blaming Can Evoke Negative Life Response

There is a variation to blaming another person or party that is quite fascinating. It is that when you blame another as the cause of a problem, it turns out that we ourselves were the ones who instigated the difficulty in the first place!

E.g. an order taker was supposed to fill an order for a customer. However, he either neglected to do so or was not unaware that it was his duty. As a result the order got delayed, and had to be filled by another worker. The order taker then became upset with that worker because the order taker now needed help from the worker at the cash register since more customers had now arrived, and the worker was not readily available.

In essence, the order taker had created the situation that caused him to be irritated.

Comment:

Thus, it always best to withhold blaming others for problems that arise, and see if we had any hand in the matter. If we did, we should ascribe blame to ourselves. It is in essence a way to take responsibility for a problem, rather than blame others, conditions, etc.

Keywords: Work Issue, Order, Service

A Merchant's Incredible Shipping Story

Hi Roy and fellow members! I have an interesting life response experience from just the other day that is, without a doubt, a result of consecration and my very definite decision to let go of a destructive emotion. It's not a huge incident, but it is a bit of a story, and something I want to share, nonetheless.

Okay, last week a small package did not get picked up from my mailbox, which had the "Red Flag" up - thereby signaling that I had mail for our rural mail carrier. (Usually it does, but a new substitute was learning the route)

The next morning, I took that small package (about 8 ounces, and already labeled with appropriate postage), where, to my dismay, a clerk who is known for excruciatingly slow service was standing.

Typically, I try to avoid going in for counter service if this particular clerk is there, because he acts as though he is absent-minded, talking at length with people about non job-related topics when the line is backing up.

He also states his opinions very decidedly, and is often unbending, insisting on his statements being fact.

Nonetheless, he is generally a very pleasant person too! So, this can make for a somewhat frustrating experience - it's not as though anyone could "dislike" the person - but things can sometimes be frustrating.

In the last year, I had become more and more critical of this service, and had truly tried to avoid being served if he is there. I could actually "feel" my stomach begin to churn when I saw him, and I was physically aware that I had negative feelings about the situation (I did try consecrating, but my efforts were weak!).

When I went in, he began examining the packages (I had brought a few more that I had to mail), and looking at the tiny one, he had a curious look on his face - perhaps it was the date, which was from more than a day before. I said, "Oh, that was in the mailbox but didn't get picked up."

Instantly, he began saying that there had been no obligation by the carrier to pick up the package, and that I had to "schedule" pickup, and that if not scheduled ahead of time, it is merely a "courtesy" that the mail gets picked up at our box.

I could feel my anger and frustration rising, since I know that in this case, there IS no "scheduling" pickup since to do so, at least one package must be "Priority" (we've been at this for a long time as eBay sellers, so we were aware of the rules). I said, "No, actually, we did not have to schedule it because it was small, INSIDE the mailbox - just like where we place our outgoing bills - and the flag was up."

He disagreed again. I said, "So, then, if this is true, what is the point of the 'red flag' on the box? The carrier does NOT have to pick up mail if he or she sees that up?"

Again, he insisted that there was never any obligation on behalf of carriers to pick up the mail, and he would not stop. He was almost laughing at me. I felt my ire rise higher than I have felt in many years - I'm pretty hard to "rile up" these days. Finally, because I could feel the anger starting to rise, I just said, "Whatever (name)... whatever you say..." and left.

I could not understand my anger. I consecrated and meditated, but all I could think of was "he is SUCH a jerk!" (and similar negative thoughts).

When I arrived home, I set upon finding the documentation that would prove that he was wrong. I did find the documentation, right in a postal service manual, proving that it is, in fact, a requirement of the contracted carriers to pick up mail if there is a red flag up (unless it seriously interferes with their ability to deliver mail - and this was not one of those times).

I still found myself feeling angry. I decided NOT to bring the documentation to the post office - especially feeling the way I did.

Now, I don't like feeling angry. It bugs me. I'm non-productive and frankly, anger doesn't become me. So I kept consecrating in a half-hearted way, but still feeling angry about the clerk...

But things got worse.

That very night, we received a complaint from a customer in California, saying that we sent her the wrong item. She said we sent her two "junk" books instead of the actual item she ordered. Concerned, we went through our labels, and looked at everything that went out when her package was sent, and because we aren't selling much right now, only 2 packages were even sent that day - and no one was sent any books.

We did all our due diligence, and began to think she was scamming us. We couldn't figure out how she could possibly say she received 2 books when the actual package we had sent her was verified as being less than 10 ounces.

I began to put 2+2 together - I began to feel that my unrelenting anger was "plugging up the works" in other parts of our life.

So, I sat down, and quietly called to Mother, and consecrated more diligently. This time, I affirmed that the same power that created and sustains me also created and sustains not only the mail clerk, but also this displeased customer. I consecrated the clerk to Mother, while asking to be forgiven for my anger and frustration since he is, in fact, also a son of the Divine. I consecrated the customer in California in the same way.

I consecrated everything I could think of for an hour!

Suddenly, I felt my anger with the clerk lift. I mean - 100%. It was just gone! I felt a certain peace I hadn't felt before.

So, I decided that when I bring the documentation into the post office, I'll do so when it feels "right," and when it isn't in retaliation. I may not bring it at all. I just decided to "let it be" for now, and just give it some time. I just kept consecrating and affirming our essential oneness.

Then, the craziest thing happened! In checking the emails a few hours later, the customer in California wrote - apologizing - and saying that she found the item we sent, and that she had made an honest mistake, and that she had closed the complaint!

Of course, we wrote to her immediately, saying that we were grateful that she had found the item, and that we ALL make mistakes. No hard feelings, and we hoped her other order would be straightened out quickly.

Anyway, that's my story of the day!

Comment:

In this wonderful experience of Kathy the process was very clear. She saw the connection between one area of her life that was negative and the problems she was having with another. When she recognized that correlation, wished to change her behavior, and consecrated the matter, she received a startling response from life.

Very often in our lives we will be attracting negative circumstance due to the fact that we are acting negatively ourselves in another area of our lives. Seeing connection of one area to a seemingly unrelated other area is a sign of a widening consciousness. Knowing what to do about it and seeing the magnificent result that ensues is the topper!

Keywords: Work Issue, Resources (physical), Relationship, Communications

Irritation in the Photo Line

I and a dozen others were in a line waiting for our photo to be taken for our driver's license at the state offices. A few minutes into the wait, there was a slowdown up front due to the fact that a woman was trying to help her autistic son stand and smile properly for the picture. It turned out that the picture had to be retaken three or four times because the young man was not responding quite normally and the mother insisted he do things correctly, which he did accomplish in the end. As a result, the line was stalled for a good five minutes.

Upon completion of this episode a man behind me complained to me that the woman should have given the autistic child more slack and allowed him to be himself, even if it meant being imperfectly photographed. While there was merit to his claim, it was also true that he was unaware of the fact that his own irritation was attracting the continued delay in the line.

We do not see that we perpetuate the difficulties around us by taking to irritable or other negative moods and attitudes. A careful observation of the world around us will reveal these and other subtle life truths.

Keywords: Hate, Children, Parents, Society

Wrong Predictions Due To Ill-Will

Subconscious ill-will can cause one to make misstatements or otherwise engage in errors related to that party.

Example: A highly respected technology commentator and media personality had harbored a long term grudge against a major tech company for not inviting him to their major rollout events. Though he continued to use their products and admired the technology involved, over a period of time he made a number of predictions about the company that turned out to be absolutely false. Being a good and self-reflective man, he even professed shame about his mis-statements on the air. Because he harbored subconscious ill-will toward the company, he developed negative urges that took shape in the form of wrong predications about that firm. Had he been more conscious of his ill-will and shed it, life would not have presented him with the opportunities to make his erroneous assertions.

Keywords: Hate, Companies

Insensitivity Leads To Problems at the Check-Out Counter

I was making a purchase at the X computer store. The lady who was ringing me up was explaining to a trainee how to write up the order, use the register, process the credit card, etc. She was explaining the steps for processing the order to him as she processed my order. At one point, she said among the many steps, "and then return the credit card to the customer." At that point I said jokingly to the trainee, "yes that is an important one!" He looked at me blankly, without a smile, trying to absorb all the steps he was being told.

A half hour later I returned to the store to pick up the second part of my order. This time he was the checkout person, as the woman watched him work. He haltingly processed the order. Then he put my credit card through the swiper, but something went wrong. The receipt and the card were jammed; the card and receipt could not be taken out! The woman called for help, and a superior came over, and he tried to loosen the jammed items. He also failed. (At that point it was clear to me that I was the source of the problem; my snide remark about the importance of returning the card had come back to haunt me.) I even told the woman that I was the cause of the problem. She looked at me with a sort of blank smile. I said it was really true, even as I thought maybe I shouldn't say that either. All the while I was calm and cheerful. A third person was called over on the intercom, when suddenly the paper and card came loose, and the problem was over.

A small footnote. I was overcharged slightly on one of the two items I was billed for.

Comment:

The moral of the story? In an inner consciousness one never would have made such a comment, even a little jest. Sarcasm brings negative response. Sensitivity to the trainee's situation is another thing that was missing. The smallest impulse can make life respond. A poor attitude, habit, a foolish impulse, the unguarded expenditure of energy and wasteful speech. Even as I made a mistake, it was clear what was

happening. Perhaps if I had consecrated the event as it was negatively unfolding perhaps more positive things could have taken place, even reversing in some illogical manner the earlier faux pas.

It might be worth discussing why the energy build up shows itself a certain way when you purchase something, such as the earlier episode where I purchased the cartridge which led to a positive response or a synchronicity to another; where that time I held my tongue about complaining about high prices of cartridges. Certainly this relates to poor money consciousness as well.

Keywords: Money/Finance, Resources (physical), Communications, Service

The Sublime Result of Turning an Attitude Positive

The other day I was driving along down the highway, when I turned on my radio. I tuned into a show that gives career advice, which is on every weekend. I listen to the program on occasion, admiring the host's insights into many matters, but sometimes being put off by a certain line of thought he occasionally drifts into.

This time as I began to listen to the show, I caught myself and decided not to indulge my annoyance with his occasional outbursts, and remain still in my feelings. Within a few seconds, he began to speak of matters I had never heard from him before, including the power of self-givingness, of not trying to force your ideas on others, the importance of listening, and so forth. I was utterly astonished that he would say such things, for he had never expressed such sentiments before when I was listening

I was once again privy to the life response power of controlling a wanting attitude. At the point we withdrew an annoyance or misgiving, positive conditions suddenly present themselves. Not only does it come in ways in ways you would never have imagined, but a sweet richness envelops your person and you are left with the thought that life would be infinitely sublime if you took to such efforts all of the time.

Keywords: Media, Career, Vehicles (auto, etc.)

Life Response and Ego (2 examples)

Example of Taking to Ego -- I love cooking and serving others with different dishes. I was preparing a very simple dish after my marriage. My mother in law was interfering with the preparation at the start. My ego was to the peak that it did not allow to accept the suggestion and the taste of the dish carried the soreness of my Ego. After she returned to India when I tried the same dish with her suggestion the taste was wonderful.

Example of Moving Away from Ego -- Amidst a busy meeting, office boy was peeping to tell something. The Ego of the managers was blocking to hear his suggestion. But the Branch Manager used to mingle with even the last labourer. He listened to him and the suggestion was to keep a brochure highlighting the product in short with contact numbers in the particular company staff's car wipers. The results were unbelievable. In the suggestion column almost all the persons who have applied for the product have ticked that they know the product from the brochures kept in car.

In Consciousness, if we watch ourselves, if we are egoistic towards someone, we will be living in a separate world full of unreal predictions. If we take a transformation to change in, the outside world will respond through this transformation in tremendous way.

Keywords: Relationship, Manager, Subordinates, Product, Vehicles (auto, etc.)

Overcoming Long-term Resentment toward Another, Even Wishing for the Best Attracts Overwhelming, Creative Result

A man was cheated by his cousin 20 years back, by which he lost all his rights over the properties he was about to inherit. Though he is well off now, he has always had a grudge and for a very long time he used to fume whenever he would think of that, and even went so far as to say that he should have killed him.

Last week when school final results came, when the whole of that Indian state received very good marks and passing percentages, the cousin's sons failed to pass. The man upon learning of this was so happy feeling that his "curse" brought the result, as that boy was normally more than average.

After a moment, he suddenly started thinking to himself that what has the poor boy have to do with the things the father has done. "Why am I like this," he wondered; "after all, Life who has given me more than what I had lost. Now I pray the boy should pass when they re-total the scores."

After a week when he was visiting a bank where he applied a loan for a project, the man met another person who applied for a similar project. They then engaged in further discussion about the possibility of collaborating in their undertaking. At one point when the man was learning the background of this person, he found that he was the relative of the person who cheated him 20 years back!

He also learned that investments that his cousins had gotten from his family and elsewhere turned out to be four times than what the cousin thought he would get. Plus his son had received good marks when the re-totalling took place!

The man then thought to himself that when we change our attitude, extraordinary things happen!

Comment:

This astonishing story indeed shows the power of reversing a long-term negative attitude, here an intense resentment even to the point of hoping for that best for those persons, thereby attracting startling good fortune toward that individual, as well as others' around him.

By shifting from ill-will, a negative attitude, to goodwill, we open up the floodgates of positive developments in life for others, as well as ourselves.

Keywords: Relationship, Hate, Money/Finance, Student

Broadcaster Broadcasts Ill-Will toward Company that Attracts Negative Conditions for Show at the Studio [missing]

Comment:

This was a classic case of life responding negatively to negative attitude.

Because the host called out "I hate X!", the company providing his company's audio and video internet connection, everything started going wrong for his guests with their connections to the show.

The end result was the loss of an intelligent and influential guest, a poor connection for another one, as well as other issues.

It was clear that the show in general had gotten off on the wrong foot!

Keywords: Media, Hate, Companies

Individual's Irritation with Another Exacerbates the Delay

"I and a dozen others were in a line waiting for our photo to be taken for our driver's license at the state offices. A few minutes into the wait, there was a slowdown up front due to the fact that a woman was trying to help her autistic son stand and smile properly for the picture. It turned out that the picture had

to be retaken three or four times because the young man was not responding quite normally and the mother insisted he do things correctly, which he did accomplish in the end. As a result, the line was stalled for a good five minutes.

Upon completion of this episode a man behind me complained to me that the woman should have given the autistic child more slack and allowed him to be himself, even if it meant being imperfectly photographed. While there was merit to his claim, it was also true that he was unaware of the fact that his own irritation toward the woman and her son was attracting the continued delay in the line.”

Comment:

We do not see that we perpetuate the difficulties around us by taking to anger, hostility, irritability and other negative feelings and attitudes. A careful observation of the world around us will reveal these and other subtle life truths.

Keywords: Hate, Children, Parents, Society

Interrupting Another Attracts Negatively

Just as the negative attitude of hostility and irritation can attract the negative, so can as simple thing as interrupting another person in mid-sentence.

It is another example of an ego movement that cuts us off from the right flow of life, thereby attracting the negative.

Here's an example:

Eg a woman on a hybrid radio/tv show prevented the host from fully expressing the wonderful experience he had on his recent trip to Scandinavia.

Five minutes later when she began her presentation to the international viewing audience, she realizes that the service she was demonstrating did not include important features, causing her to become upset while on the air.

By interrupting another, she quickly attracted the negative back to her own person.

Keywords: Media, Service, Product

Expansive View of Labor Shortage in India Attracts Workers

When there was an acute labour problem for a business owner in India, including high attrition rates for workers he had trained, he was bitter.

To compensate he thought he would have to pay more, or keep retain part of the worker's wages, or delay their certification, or other draconian methods. He was obviously not happy with the situation.

However rather than continue with his negative attitude and grudge toward the labor situation, the owner was asked by a consultant to give it up that view and instead look at things in from a more expansive perspective.

Specifically, the consultant asked the owner to consider the fact that he was having this labour problem because his country India was beginning to prosper, and he should therefore he share in that good feeling, instead of retaining the negative attitude.

The consultant also added that if he took that perspective, good things would happen. As a result, the owner changed his view, and held it deeply inside.

Not long after this incident, the owner found himself in a situation where he was able to obtain already fully trained workers. Plus for the first time his firm was given the opportunity to engage in an environmental project that enabled the business to expand into vast new areas.

Comment:

Because the owner shifted away from a negative attitude from the external condition of the rising labor shortage and higher labor costs, and instead embraced the needs and changes in society, life responded and offered him an enormous opportunity at that very same societal level.

Keywords: Hate, Subordinates, Owner, Society, Nation

Attitude toward Self, Life

Overcoming Negative Attitudes Attract

Life responds with sudden good fortune when we raise our consciousness to a higher level. E.g., when we overcome a negative or a limited attitude, emotion, or feeling, life tends to quickly respond in our favor. Here's a true life example:

A man's young son died in an auto accident and his wife left him. For a long time, he was morose and sad. As a result, life around him essentially remained static and unchanged. Then however, something special occurred. When he made the inner effort to get out of his psychological malaise, he met with a string of positive circumstance -- including his first encounters with his wife to be, as well individuals who would be instrumental in the dramatic change and success in a new-found career.

In other words, when you overcome a limited attitude or emotion, such as sadness, depression, anger, bitterness, etc. life cooperates from all quarters. That is the power of shifting our inner condition to the positive.

Keywords: Relationship, Parents, Family, Vehicles (auto, etc.)

Negative Turned Into Enjoyable Positive by Switch in Attitude

"This week I had a potentially rather difficult situation with a client. Everything seemed to go wrong in anticipation of the meeting. I could go into the details. Furthermore on the way there for the first time a colossal traffic jam was there the northern part of San Francisco Bay. At one point I decided to remain totally positive. When I met the man, who seemed unorganized and difficult via emails, I met one of the nicest individuals I have ever met, had very pleasant conversations with him, etc. It was a total delight! A complete turnaround of my initial view. Also when I arrived the place looked a bit run-down and I thought they were impoverished. I later found out that the owner was a very wealthy venture capitalist who had put money into this secret company where they were developing a breakthrough treatment for the symptom of diabetes. I met him and talked with him at length. My poverty view was overcome into a wealth view as a result of my changing to a positive attitude."

Comment:

Transformation at physical atmosphere by transformation of attitude. View negative as neutral precipitates positive results. Do not assume qualities of another.

Keywords: Traffic, Money/Finance, Medicine

A Whale of a Story (Predicting Life Response)

Yesterday I had a rare opportunity to predict a life response before it happened. I was with my friend in the hills above the ocean in Palos Verdes, California in the Los Angeles area. It has a spectacular view from the top, and this time of years many are gathered to engage in whale watching.

My friend asked me to look out for whales, which I did, though I enjoyed hiking about the area even more. At one point a family from another country asked me to take a photo of them, which I did, and then they called out that just behind them they saw a whale emerge spouting water. I barely saw it. So over the next five or ten minutes I intently looked for a whale to emerge. Then I saw the sea glisten in a rectangular area, a spout of water emerge, and saw the dark area that was the whale, with it then descending into the water with its magnificent tail showing.

When I went back and greeted my friend she was deeply disappointed that she had not seen any whales. I then briefly thought about the issue, and said to her, "if you change your attitude away from disappointment to a positive feeling, you will instantly see a whale."

My friend then took my advice and calmed herself. About one minute later there was a magnificent glistening of the sea, a perpetual spray of water emerging from the surface, and the whale then emerging with dramatic flair. The spouting continued unabated for quite a while providing us with a magnificent show. We were so excited that even the whale watchers stationed there with their super lenses on their cameras heard us and pointed their devices in that direction to see the whale we had sighted. Needless to say my friend was ecstatic to no end.

I too was so happy to predict a response from life, and watch it occur in all its glory. It was another reminder that when you shift your attitude from the negative to the positive, the magnificence of the world instantly unfolds before you.

Keywords: City, Relationship, Family, Happiness

Response of Life to Resolution to Change One's Attitudes

"Just the other day I decided to be positive in my attitudes for the rest of my life, holding down certain specific negative ones, like anger, irritation, sarcasm, and several others."

Today I received a response to this resolution, as the individual owing me the largest sum of money in my life called for the first time after months of my trying to reach him. Though he has not yet paid, the fact that he has come forward and acknowledged his tardiness (and a sincere desire to pay soon) is a response to my aspiration. If I fulfill that resolution, he will pay in full, and then some.

Comment:

Garry helped me see the connection between my aspiration and M of SE's call.

Keywords: Hate, Money/Finance,

The 1000% Solution

Ever since I purchased my new computer with Windows Vista a year ago, I have been very pleased with its performance. There has been one little quirk however. Every time I start up the computer, it creates a new version of the printer driver through a series of dialogue boxes that I have to click my way through. It was not only an annoyance that occurred every time the system loaded, but it would cause me to have to pick the right driver before I printed any document from the computer.

It turns out that I purchased this printer several months before I purchased my new Vista-based computer. Since Vista generally works best with new hardware and software built for it, the fact that I had these quirks with the pre-Vista printer was not surprising. Still I managed to muddle my way through over the past year. Recently however I decided that it was time to eliminate these minor but annoying quirks by purchasing a new printer that would be fully compatible with Vista.

At the same time there was another situation going on. It turns out that I refer potential project management software clients to a local technology company in my area. They are a fine organization with great expertise and goodwill, but are generally lax in making their payments. It is not that they are unwilling to pay, but they seem to be unable to keep their records up to date. Plus, they seem to have problems communicating necessary information to the right person. In any case, it is always up to me to remind them of the money they owe me. This even after we recently had a lunch meeting where they told me about a new system they were implementing to tackle this very problem! Well it turns out that they owed me a relatively small sum of around \$350-\$400.

Now back to the printer situation. Recently I made the decision to purchase the new Vista-compatible printer from Amazon, and unload my older printer. I expected the new printer to arrive in about a week to 10 days, but instead it arrived sooner. In fact, when I came home from some chores last night, I was surprised to see the printer delivered at my doorstep. And so that night, though late, I decided to install the printer. After unpacking the box and setting up the hardware, I had serious trouble installing the software. When I ran it from my CD-player, it made a terrible whirring sound, and then five minutes into the installation, it came up with a fatal error message. I restarted and tried again, and it failed once more. That meant that I had to call technical support late into the evening to resolve the problem.

When I spoke with the woman there, it did not seem very promising, as she seemed to be merely following a script. As I was tired, I thought to myself: "Oh the HP printers just don't work right with Vista, as do many other things." In anguish I even said this to her at one point. Fortunately, she did not react to my cry in the dark, and calmly continued with her work. Skeptical and anguished, I decided at one point to give up all my negative attitudes about the matter, and surrender to her capacity to resolve the problem. She then had me download the software over the Web and install it. Though it took a while, it worked flawlessly. Not too long after, the printer also worked perfectly. Plus, I now had none of those irritating dialogue boxes at startup that plagued me for the past year, nor any of the printing issues related to having multiple drivers. I clearly saw how my reversal from the negative to a right attitude had attracted these positive conditions.

The next morning I got up and then checked my email. It was a message from the company I make referrals to; the one I described above. It was a note from the president, who told me that everyone there had been busy and only now had they gotten around to paying the bill they owed me. That was encouraging. However, when I examined the amount more closely, I saw that it was not for \$350-\$400, but it was for \$3540! I.e. 10 times the original amount! I wondered what was could have caused this, and then saw that the work I had referred them for one of the largest companies in the US had unexpectedly increased tremendously in the last several months!

Instantly I understood the real cause of this extraordinary response. I saw that the vast increase in the amount was directly related to my change of attitude the night before; when I calmed myself, shed my angst and cynicism, and surrendered to the capacity of the technical support person. By shifting from doubt to faith, life responded not only by easily resolving my printer problem, but by attracting a payment the next morning that was 10 times the amount I expected. Life not only fulfilled my aspiration for payment, but exceeded it by 1000%!

Keywords: Resources (physical), Work Issue, Money/Finance

Becoming One with the Field in Baggar Vance

Not only can we as individuals create greater harmony with others, but we can create greater harmony with Life.

"The Legend of Bagger Vance" is a simple but powerful sporting tale that reveals very important truths about work success, including how we can overcome our adversarial relationship with life and turn it into one of harmony

In one scene we see how Juna moves from being estranged from life, from being caught up with his anguish and ego, and reverses that to being in harmony with the needs of the moment; in this case to make the right gold shots that will take him out of his lower attitude and behavior.

He is asked to become One with the Field of Life by his teacher, Baggar Vance.

Till that point Jonah been failing. He was so focused on his ego and how the other players were so far ahead of him, and the bitterness he felt inside and a mindless urge to catch up. He was out of touch with the needs of Life.

But then he changed his viewpoint and felt a oneness with the field – the physical field as well as the psychological or spiritual one – and made the great shot that would take him to the top.

Keywords: Literature, Hate, Relationship, Teacher

Untitled

Embracing the truth that you were reluctant to accept suddenly makes you an instrument for revealing truth of a related party.

E.g. a woman finally came to terms with the truth of her relationship with a man. As a result, she soon discovers that she has now through her actions opened up the doors to new revealed truth for a close friend of hers.

Keywords: Relationship

A Reluctance Overcome on the El Camino Real

We were driving one of California's longest streets -- it goes on for many dozens of miles -- in search of an IHOP restaurant. We knew we would have to drive through one or more connected towns before we found one of the eateries. Besides I had just purchased a new car and we were stretching our wings on this glorious near-70 degree with perfectly-clear-blue-skies January day.

And yet after several minutes we could not find what we were after. An endless procession of retail stores and offices passed us by, and still no IHOP. We went on this way for a good twenty minutes. Surely there should have been *one* of these outlets along the ten or fifteen miles we traversed on this well-known commercial artery. There was also another problem; I was almost out of gas. On top of that, we were getting very hungry.

And so I thought I would push on for several more miles and see if luck would finally come our way. Meanwhile the gas gauge was moving towards absolute empty. Though we looked and looked, we still could not find an IHOP. Then I thought to myself that I should focus on getting the gas. And so I made an inner commitment to immediately find a filling station; and not concern myself with our lunch. Within ten seconds of making that decision, both my friend and I cried out at the top of our voice. "It's an IHOP!" as we both gestured in the direction of the restaurant that now was right in front of us!

Needless to say we pulled in and had our dinner. Thereafter, I filled the car with gas. During our lunch I commented that life had suddenly responded to my decision to purchase the gas. As soon as I overcame my reluctance to do so, the IHOP suddenly appeared, as if out of nowhere. It is but one more example that if you give up a wanting attitude -- in this case a reluctance to do what is necessary -- good fortune will suddenly come your way. This is one principle of the miraculous-like phenomenon of "life response."

Keywords: Vehicles (auto, etc.), State/Province

Reluctance Overcome Attracts

As soon as you give up your reluctance, the world opens up.

Example: A man was reluctant to address what he thought was a minor request from his business friend, as he felt the other person was not seeing the bigger picture. After seeing that his own perspective was not penetrating the mind of his business friend, he gave up his reluctance, took the other person's point of view, and accepted in full the associate's request. As a result of working on that task, the man now clearly saw a way forward for their future collaboration on a great major project in the life of both.

Keywords: Communications, Relationship, Taking Another's View, Work Issue

Effect of Taking to Truth in Ordinary and Spiritual Life

Whenever you accept the truth about yourself, you move from the ego to the cosmic plane, causing life to suddenly respond in your favor. You see this dynamic in fine literature, film, and, of course, real life.

For example, one man came to grips with his past, and was immediately catapulted to political victory when all seemed to point to imminent defeat. Likewise, a woman who was ashamed to reveal her current circumstances came forward, which was immediately followed by an unexpected round of good fortune for her as well. It is life responding to our embracing of the truth, which opens us to infinite possibilities.

In essence, at that cosmic plane, we enjoy a divine Reality where all exists in perfect Truth, Consciousness, and Oneness. (The Divine is in fact nothing but embodiment of ultimate Truth.)

We can see examples of movements towards truth and their corresponding life response effect at two levels; of ordinary life and of Divine life. Both bring titanic results; the latter unprecedented at the causal plane.

For example, in *Pride and Prejudice*-

--Darcy accepts the truth of his prideful nature, makes an effort to change it, and is suddenly "rewarded" with the elopement, where he demonstrates his noble character to Eliza, opening the door to their marriage, and his greatest happiness in life.

--Eliza near the end of the story overcomes her limited view and comes to grips with the truth of her family's foolish ways, which quickly attracts Darcy with his 2nd proposal, which she accepts, bringing her great happiness and her family's financial security.

--Mr. Bennet earlier accepted the truth of his irresponsibility in rearing his five daughters, which instantly attracts the end of the elopement saving his family from disgrace and financial ruin.

In each case an individual moved from the local plane of ego to the cosmic one of truth, which evokes powerful response from life.

We can take the very same approach in our own lives. Change an aspect of our being, such as a wanting attitude towards others or life, and good fortune will rush to our person.

And yet for some of us there is much more. For those who have come to the Spirit, when they take to embracing the truth of a matter and also offer that discovery to the spiritual Force, they attract Causal (i.e. unprecedented, life changing) results. It can also have the effect of permanently changing that defect in our nature, which means we have embarked on a path of spiritual evolution and transformation.

Keywords: Relationship, Politics, Family, Happiness

Turning a Problem into a Vast Opportunity

Last week I relearned an important lesson of life. If you approach a perceived negative situation in the right spirit, you can unleash a powerful positive opportunity. Here is the story:

After the recent Palestinian-Israeli flare up with Hamas, I was beginning to feel far less sympathy for the latter. Though no supporter of terrorism, I felt that Israel was once more expressing their insincerity by fighting rather than negotiating when they had the opportunity to do so in the quiet period before. Though I have seen the same pattern over the years, this time I was perhaps a little too troubled by the situation.

That day, my company received an inquiry about one of the primary services we offer. The party was interested in seeing a demo of our online training application. In response, we sent her a link so the organization could review it for three working days. Though she was pleased with my response, she asked that the term be extended several days because they do not work on Friday and Saturday in Israel. Understanding the issue, I agreed to the extension. I also now understood something else: the subtle connection between my previous inner emotional outburst about the Palestinian situation and the sudden arrival of an email message from this representative of an Israeli company. It struck me as the type of synchronicity and a confluence of events I had experienced a hundred times before, but this time with a somewhat negative edge to it.

Several days later, she sent another email with her verdict about the demo she went through. She indicated that though she admired its features, especially the depth and breadth of content, she had some serious reservations, especially the fact that the text was riddled with typos, and that many of the graphics were muddled and hard to read. As a result, now I really saw the connection between my earlier emotional outburst and this criticism from a potential customer in Israel! In fact, when I looked at her signature stamp, I realized that she was a *technical writer* for the company's IT department -- not the normal person who contacts us about purchasing our training. In essence, her comments were not only a direct punch in the gut, but came from someone who ordinarily spends her time examining such issues. In other words, I had attracted the perfect person to criticize our product!

The question then was what would be my reaction to this direct assault. Being human, my first inclination was to lash out at the criticism. I thought, well if she didn't like the product, she should have just rejected it, and avoided criticism. Fortunately, I gained control of my egotistic, self-justifying line of reasoning, and began to take a more rational approach. I then reasoned that since I had already seen the connection between the locale of this company and my earlier inner emotional outburst, I needed to reverse my attitude and open myself up to the truth of her words. Besides there was still an opportunity to sell her the product if we made the changes she suggested.

So I took a deep breath, pushed aside my earlier combative approach, and seriously considered the validity of her recommendations. After perusing our site in search of problems, and seeing the awful truth in her criticism, I immediately began to take up her suggestions. And so over the course of the next several days, I made considerable changes to the text of the site -- correcting grammar, punctuation, and typos, while inquiring into ways to deliver better on-screen graphics. In fact, I threw myself into the work, and after a short while, realized that I was enjoying the effort!

Before delivering the punch line, let me give you one more piece of information. The product I have been referring to is an online software training application that we have developed for Microsoft's project management system. For the last five years, my company has been focusing on it exclusively. Well, after I completed the above three-day effort, I received a solitary email in my Inbox. It was from an individual at a company offering its own online project management software. They were interested in having our firm do training and consulting on their online product throughout our region. At first, I balked at the idea, because the product appeared somewhat flimsy compared to the robust Microsoft offering. But then when I saw a demo, I was stunned how powerful, full-featured, integrated, and easy to use it was. It was using breakthrough technology that in many ways now surpassed Microsoft's offering!

Now suddenly my business was presented with the largest opportunity for new services in a decade. I clearly saw the potential now to double or triple my earnings. And it all came about because rather than react to a negative situation (her detailed analysis of all that was wrong with our current product), I held my feelings in check, and did all that she suggested. The result is that I attracted perhaps our best long-term opportunity in years.

When we shift our attitude in a negative situation to the positive, we harness an awesome power. In essence, we use the energy of the negative, reverse its polarity, and then align with and attract the very best of conditions. Or, as in this case, evoke the biggest business opening in years. Of course, you too can do the same in similar situations in your own life.

Keywords: Nation, Conflict, Product, Communications, Business

Overcoming Limiting Thought, Belief in Social Superstition Attracts Positive Results

Can you make the mighty life respond to your fragile thought?

Years ago, I visited my friend's furniture shop. It was a small one in busy area. But there was no activity. The friend was relaxing at busy hour.

I asked him, "Hi, what happened?"

He said, "Oh, don't you know this is the unlucky lunar month of the year? This city is full of people of this particular religion. They hate this month. They will buy new furniture only next month..."

I asked him, "Excellent. Then why don't you close the shop and declare holiday for a month? Perhaps secretly you think some unorthodox customers may come. Why don't you strengthen your mind with positive ideas that you can sell? "

He laughed, "I have been in this business for many years. I know the trend. But, as I respect your ideas, I will try to change my views." He kept silent for some time. Perhaps he was trying to break his old idea.

After a few minutes, we started to have coffee. Then a gentleman, a father from The Salvation Army, came. "We have to open our new premises tomorrow. But our supplier has informed us he could not deliver furniture. Please help us. I will pay the entire amount in advance." He placed a very big order and paid the money on the spot.

My friend was very happy. He appreciated the power of right attitude and the instant beneficial life response.

But he did not stop there. He thought, "Perhaps tomorrow, a Buddhist may come and place an order." He started to await people of other religions.

None came. He was disappointed.

Will someone convince him that his expectation was the culprit and produced negative life response?

Keywords: Money/Finance, Sales, Business

An Actor's Confession of How Reluctance Overcome Brings Good Fortune

A month or two ago, I watched the fine little American film 'The Visitor,' about a solemn, inhibited economics professor whose life opens up when his apartment is occupied by an immigrant couple while he is away. Richard Jenkins plays the professor with rare beauty and subtlety. Well, yesterday I turned on my car radio and I found myself listening to an NPR interview with the same actor.

At one point in the interview, Jenkins agreed with the host and admitted that he is also inhibited and restrained in real life. He then went on to reveal that whenever his wife asks him to go somewhere new or non-routine, he is reluctant. But then -- and this is what really caught my attention -- whenever he changes his mind and goes out, he invariably has a wonderful time! That every time he gives up his reluctance and takes up the invitation, circumstances unfold in ways he never would have imagined! This revelation from a public figure on a national radio hit me like a small thunderbolt, for I have frequently had this same experience.

When we give up what we are hesitant or reluctant to do, life responds positively to that inner psychological change. When we make this not too subtle shift, we shed wanting energies, and thereby move from the local to the universal plane, where we move into alignment with corresponding positive conditions. As a result, life that we feared or were otherwise unwilling to confront becomes the vehicle for intense joy and delight. It is one of the deepest secrets and yet one of simplest manifestations of the phenomenon of Life Response.

Keywords: Media, Relationship, Spouse, Professor

Acceding To the Truth Attracts Overwhelming Good Fortune in Downton Abbey

One powerful principle of life response is that when you accept, embrace, and communicate the truth instead of holding onto it out of fear or other negative emotion, life will suddenly open up and present you with overwhelming good fortune. Here's an example from film:

Downton Abbey is a British TV series set in the fictional Yorkshire country estate depicting the lives of the aristocratic Crawley family and their servants in the post-Edwardian era. As we pass through the 5th season, there are two daughters of Lord and Lady Grantham Crawley -- Mary and Edith. Edith has had a romantic relationship with a distinguished newspaper editor which produced a child Marigold, though the editor never got to see his daughter as he disappeared and was then reportedly killed in Germany. Though

the child was put up for adoption in order to avoid scandal for the Crawley family, Edith eventually gained custody of the child, brought her to Downton Abbey to live, though several members of the Crawley family did not know the child was Edith's.

It turns out that Lord Grantham eventually discovered that the little girl was Edith's, though he did not mention that fact to her. It also turns out that about the same time Lord Grantham was having health problems and therefore checked with a doctor to investigate about the issue. Several days later Lord Grantham confessed to his concerned wife with that he likely had Angina, and therefore was at risk of having a heart attack.

Now fearful for the end of his life, Lord Grantham decided to talk to his daughter Edith about her daughter Marigold. And so that evening Lord Grantham came into his daughter's room and confessed to her that he knew that Marigold was her daughter, and, more importantly, that he fully accepted the little girl into the Crawley family. As a result of his gesture, Edith was ecstatically happy.

Most interestingly, a day or so later, Lord Grantham reported to his family that he had gone to the doctor again for further tests, and discovered that he did not have Angina at all, but merely had an ulcer. Now all he had to do was eat modestly and he would be fine. It was a tremendous relief for himself and his wife.

Can we not say that as a result of being fully truthful with his daughter about his knowledge of the situation while fully accepting his granddaughter into the family, life responded and altered the conditions of his health?

When we give up our fears, and face the truth, admitting it as necessary, not only will we feel an inner relief, but life response with good or great fortune in the same or an entirely different area. When Lord Grantham gave up his fears and confided with his daughter about his true feelings, life responded and literally gave him a new lease on life. We can do the same in our lives by not holding on to our fears and admit to ourselves and to others that which is truly true.

Keywords: Media, Relationship, Family, Health/Well-being

A Life Response Bounce

This week I had an important class at a big client. When I arrived there, the class was cancelled due to scheduling mistakes the client made. (I was still rewarded with payment). They said they would reschedule for another time (which I would also be compensated for). I didn't know when and for sure that they would reschedule.

So today I was going through a section of our web site on the topic of "life response" where I describe how by overcoming social convention one can make life respond. It was the instance where I describe how I overcame the social convention/belief that there was little work to do in the Christmas/New Year's "off-season" for trainers (which is a "given" in the business), and, as a result, got a big response for big work. Well just as I am reading this life response principle and incident, I get a call from the client I mentioned earlier, and we reschedule the work. It happened instantaneous to the completion of (only slightly) modifying the wording somewhat of the info from the web site.

So I thought. Now that is interesting. I certainly didn't do anything big here. Is this a kind of "bounce" effect, where merely coming back to that same point about overcoming the social convention which itself resulted in a life response months triggers the "bounce" of a new life response.

Then I wondered if merely reading this idea created the bounce (though I didn't think of its lesson hardly), or was it the slight correction of the idea that I made. Or is this bounce phenomenon a form of grace, or a kind of residual force that lurks behind once created, and which can be re-triggered by some sort of revisiting of it.

Comments:

-Thinking about life response can attract it.

-Karmayogi said every one of your observations is true!

"Or is this bounce phenomenon a form of grace, or a kind of residual force that lurks behind once created, and which can be re-triggered by some sort of revisiting of it." (MSS) Yes

(Karmayogi) ... the subliminal is always in awe of the Divine, and when it is saturated with gratitude behind the surface "forgetfulness" then life becomes supramentalized. As you have noticed, there are all kinds of levels of response, based on attitudes, understanding, motives etc. which go up in an ascending order. *The highest levels of response come when we are full of gratitude.*

Keywords: Money/Finance, Service, Instructor

Consecrating a Wanting Attitude, Emotion Evokes Positive Results for the Collective

People around the world travel through many transit flights with little kids. But I faced a very worst problem of booking in a cheap transit flight which reaches this gulf country destination, because of the goodwill of a relative.

My kid was very small and I had the worst flying experience through the transit destination alone with him. My kid became tiered and the top comedy was even though the destination I land is a capital of a very big country there is no direct flights to chennai.so every time I land to and fro to Chennai, the first thing which comes to my mind is the long drive to the other part of this country's airport or the transit flight from here, which makes us tiered both mentally and physically.

Then I thought in my profession we drive to project sites within the country which consumes a whole day. That time I happily do, because of the love towards my profession, or at times thinking of the incentives. So I thought to shift my negative attention from long journey to that of cheer. For other people this may seem as a comedy, but people who know Appa and his principles will understand the shift and its results. I started calling, consecrating the worry on this happily to Appa and Divine and read any book by him throughout my journey. And to my surprise last year there was a wonderful news in paper, that this country's national airline is starting its direct flights to Chennai. And as of now there are 2 to 3 Airlines which operates direct flights to Chennai from here.

I was astonished at the shift of negative attention to positive and the fruitful results thereof.

Comments:

This is an excellent example of the life response effect of consecrating a wanting attitude and emotion. Moreover, as the matter related to the collective, it created a positive response for it -- i.e. you performed a great (inner) deed for the community!

Keywords: Airplane, Children, City

Change of Poor Attitude toward Toy Enables Recovery of Stolen Object

An old friend sent a lot of toys here from Canada for all the children here. There were toys for the three brother's children. When A's wife saw the large red truck which was meant for R's 5 year old son, she said she wanted it for her one year baby, even though the baby had received a few nice gifts herself. A's wife and B asked R's wife if they could have it for the baby, and R's wife readily agreed, saying her son had many such toys. In the meantime, the boy had been told he had received a red truck, but later he was told that it had been given to the baby.

Two days before this, A's electric drill (which he had bought in Holland) had been stolen. When he asked C why it was stolen, as it was a precious thing to him, C said something in the house here must be stolen property. C asked A to see if he could find out. When questioned about the gifts for the children, C discovered that the red truck had been kept back from R's son through desire of A's wife. Immediately C said that the truck had been "misappropriated" or 'stolen' and it should be returned to the boy. A explained to his wife (who protested vehemently at first and tried to deny that she had even asked for it) and forced her to give the truck to the boy. She later thought a lot about it and decided she had been

definitely wrong in her attitude. Within a day, A's drill was recovered from the house of the boy who had stolen it, through a friend. The drill was returned safely to A.

Comment:

-There is an inner outer correspondence between a negative event and an aspect of one's self. The stolen drill reflects on a negative inner quality of A's wife.

-We can also say there is a negative life response between A's attitude toward the truck and the resulting stolen drill, even if the drill was stolen first! At the subtle level time is subjective, and can therefore ultimately be effected in the past, present, and future.

- When A's wife changes attitude toward the truck, there is a positive life response, and the stolen item is returned.

Keywords: Children, Resources (physical), Honesty

Attitude toward Self, Life Negative Responses

Individual's Irritation Attracts Power Outage

I was in a meeting last week with 2 members of our company. We were trying to increase efficiency in the purchasing dept. As the buyer suggested that he had too much work to do all that was necessary in a day, the other more senior staff member suggested that perhaps more manpower was needed. This suggestion appalled me as I was sure that this was not really the problem and it was uncharacteristic of this senior man to suggest such a remedy normally; particularly when we were working on systematic solutions that seemed to me much more of what was really needed. As this solution was being mentioned I reacted without thinking and said it was out of the question and that it was not the proper solution. Quite uncharacteristic of me to respond so forcefully and quickly. At the instant I did so there was a power failure (very unusual in North America). It came back almost immediately. I am unclear as to the message in the response.

Keywords: Resources (physical), Nation, Work Issue

Small Desire Leads To Malfunction Of Elevator

S and I are preparing recently to move to another apartment across our complex. Yesterday I was waiting for her to retrieve her binoculars before heading out on a day trip. I heard a very appealing song on the radio. I was anxious for her to hear it because she likes the artist. However, she was delayed. I became anxious with a ridiculous amount of intensity, similar to an uncontrollable sexual impulse or waiting impatiently for a light to change when you have to get somewhere soon. She finally arrived as the song was ending. As she arrived she pointed to the sign that said that our elevator was suddenly out of order, which would make it much harder for us to move our stuff. When she came into the car I said it was my fault, and tried to explain to her why. I consecrated the foolishness thereafter. The elevator was restored.

Comment:

Even the smallest negative thoughts and feelings have reverberations.

It's a great illustration of small acts and consequences which occur every moment.

Keywords: Resources (physical), Relationship, Media, Vehicles (auto, etc.)

Response to Negative Attitudes, Feelings

If you intensely express a negative attitude or feeling, it is likely that soon after one or more small or significant things will go wrong.

Eg in *Pride and Prejudice* Eliza Bennett is bitterly disappointed that Mr. Wickham has not come to the party, as he is someone she has a crush on. As a result everything after at the gathering goes wrong for her. Her sister's miserable playing and singling becomes unbearable for those gathered, Mr. Collins her cousin acts foolishly in front of important people, and others. The evening thus becomes a complete disaster for Eliza. Had she calmed herself and held in check her feelings of disappointment, many of these things could have been avoided. Her uncontrolled vital attitude of anguish had unloosed these negative events.

In another case a woman was jealous that her rival won a cherished prize at a Christmas party for her company. Not two minutes after, she learned of some disturbing news about her son.

Keywords: Literature, Relationship

Signs Along the Way

Today I brought in my car for a bi-annual oil change. When I arrived, the person in front of me had lost his wallet and was frantically searching for it. The fact that he was before me, I found significant, but how?

I then had some lunch at McDonald's. I then returned, but before I retrieved my car, I went into a Long's Drugs to purchase some fruit and nuts for my salads. I saw two different products next to one another. Both were marked 2 for \$4. When I went to pay for it, the checkout person said that the one I selected was not on sale. I know it was because it was marked so. In fact, both the products were marked so. The cashier then spoke to a stocking employee who ran it through her handheld computer and it indicated it was not on sale. It was clear then the big label next to the product I purchased indicating 2 for \$4 should not have been there. I informed the cashier on the way out that the item was marked wrong, after she gave me my money back. (I did not buy the item.)

When I went to pick up my car, I was surprised that they charged \$79 instead of \$29 for the oil change. I asked why. He said it was due to the fact that I agreed to synthetic oil. I assumed synthetic was the lower grade and thus \$29, but I was misinformed! I forgot that the last time I was there I purchased the higher grade, i.e. synthetic oil for the oil change. So he was right. He saw my past transaction and assumed I would understand. I just didn't remember, however. I then told them they should explain clearly the difference each time we purchase it, for after all we only come twice a year. (I was making a practical suggestion, yet somehow an anguished one.)

At each point, I saw the connection to the other events. To the man who was there with the wallet before me when I checked in to get the oil change one hour earlier; to the problem with the purchase of fruit and nuts for my salad five minutes earlier. And also the fact that the day before I went through precisely the same situation at another location when I went to purchase a candy bar. I.e. marked as cheaper, but not in the computer as such!

As I walked out of the Quality Tune-up, I felt emotion, yet I tried to keep calm. I was relaxed soon after. In the past, I would have been three times as mad as I was after making the \$79 payment for the oil change. Now I have the mental knowledge of the flow of life to get too riled up. Besides, I took responsibility for everything under the assumption that the outer is a reflection to the outer.

I started to write up this entire affair. Within one minute, I got a call for a potentially very lucrative business arrangement involving project management. My reasonably rational approach to the situation attracted. I held back blaming, and the response came. The energy could have been dissipated, but it still

remained. A phone call of an old business associate suddenly came out of the blue with a great opportunity.

PS Consecration (i.e. offering the matter to the Spirit beforehand) and inner status of living in the depths and therefore calm could have eliminated all of the problems to begin with, indicating the scope of my further growth.

Update to the story: Just a few hours after this story occurred, I looked in one of my kitchen closets and found a bag of nuts/fruits that my roommate had just purchased! It was the only new thing in the closet!

Keywords: Vehicles (auto, etc.), Business, Household, Quality

Negative Life Response in Literature and Film

We normally think of the phenomenon of "Life Response" as instances of sudden good fortune precipitated by taking to higher levels of consciousness. While this is true, it can occur negatively as well; i.e. life can respond in ways that are deleterious to our being based on our wanting inner or outer behavior.

We can observe this darker side of the phenomenon in several ways: including its occurrences in our own lives, as well as the lives of others. However, it is often easier to see this dynamic at work in literature or film, as we are able to follow the flow of events, and perceive the subtle ways life responds to the thoughts, feelings, and actions of the characters. If we do, not only can we learn from such experiences, but we can use that knowledge to avoid those very same wanting behaviors that elicit negative outcomes in our own lives.

With that in mind, here are several examples of negative life response I have garnered from works of literature and contemporary film, which in some cases were later redeemed by taking to higher consciousness that cancelled the negative and attracted a positive outcome.

- In *Pride and Prejudice*, Darcy's wealthy, aristocratic, and anachronistic aunt, Lady Catherine tries to block his engagement to Eliza Bennet. However, it has the opposite effect, as Darcy finds out through his aunt that Eliza still cares for him! This emboldens Darcy to meet with Eliza again, where he finds out that she still loves him, causing him to propose, which she more than gladly accepts. For Lady Catherine, the result is a completely negative response from life due to her closed-mindedness (she did not want her nephew marrying someone from a lower social class), and her meddling in their relationship. Of course, for Darcy and Eliza it is a fortuitous outcome!
- In that same work, *Pride and Prejudice*, Eliza Bennet has an unfortunate crush on Mr. Wickham, a scoundrel if ever there was one. In one episode, she is miffed that he has not shown up at a festive gathering of the townspeople. Her anger and frustration is immediately reflected in life around her, as her sister plays an intolerable amount of ill-suited music for the ensemble, and her family members gathered there act rowdy and uncouth-like, embarrassing Eliza to no end. It is all a negative response to her anger, frustration, and disappointment.
- In one of Jane Austin's other novels, *Emma*, the main character (Emma) engages in a series of match making efforts that prove disastrous. Each time she tries to meddle in others' affairs by matching people up in relationship, it results in negative consequences. Though she is warned of this fact by the man she comes to adore, she does not listen, until the fiasco rises to a crescendo of absurdity. The resulting calamity is a negative response to her meddling actions, much of which can be traced to her inability or unwillingness to have romantic relationships of her own. Interestingly, when she gives up matchmaking, she quickly discovers that her best friend is the man she adores, and as it turns out also adores her. As a result, they fall fully in love and are married. (This final outcome is in effect a reversal of the earlier negative response, through her positive attitude, behavior, and action that attracts the overwhelming positive.)
- In *Gone with the Wind*, Rhett and Scarlett are so at odds with one another. It gets so bad that it leads to downright hate. At the peak of their hostility, their beloved young daughter is killed in a riding accident. It is a negative response to their intense, dark feelings and emotions toward one another.

- In one scene in the film *Seabiscuit* -- based on a true story about an underdog racehorse that electrifies America with its successes during the Great Depression of the 1930s -- we watch as Red, Seabiscuit's future jockey, is angry and bitter because his parents have not contacted him over the years, which reinforces his bitterness about his continual failure as a rider and boxer. Immediately after, things falls apart when he has a disastrous race at Tanforan. There is also a similar incident where he becomes embroiled in a whipping contest with another jockey during a race, which causes Red to lose focus, opening the door for another horse's victory. It is a bitter defeat. Once again, his negative attitudes and feelings -- in this case intense anger and hostility toward his fellow jockey -- attracted a decidedly negative outcome.
- In *Master and Commander: Far Side of the World*, the English Captain refuses to listen to his crew, including his first mate who feels he is fanatical in taking a dangerous initiative in pursuing the enemy French ship. As a result of his inflexibility and obstinate attitude, the crew attracts a near tragedy when the Captain's first mate and best friend almost dies in an accident aboard ship. It is a negative response to the Captain's fanaticism and unwillingness to listen to rational arguments. Shattered by the incident, the Captain perceives his wanting ways, and returns the ship to the Galapagos Islands so his friend and first mate can recover. (There is a happy ending to the story however. As a result of the Captain's shift of attitude and action, the very same best friend/first mate who has now recovered and gone on a field trip to collect plant and animal specimens on the island, ends up spotting the very ship they after on the other side, docked on-shore in a very vulnerable position! The crew then immediately sets sail aboard, traverse the island, and destroy the vulnerable, much larger French enemy vessel, fulfilling their entire military mission. In other words, because the Captain changed reversed his attitude and action, they attracted the enemy from out of nowhere, and succeeded beyond their wildest dreams. It was a complete reversal from the previous negative life response outcome to a glorious positive one -- for the Captain, his crew, and his country.

As in the case of the Captain, we too are capable of observing a negative outcome, discovering the correspondence in our being, and reversing it, thereby attracting positive conditions in its place.

Another example of that powerful dynamic occurs for Mr. Bennet in *Pride and Prejudice*. At one point in the story, the terrible elopement takes place in which the youngest Bennet daughter Lydia takes off with the scoundrel Wickham. As a result, Mr. Bennet is in mortal fear that due to the brewing scandal his family will be financially and socially ostracized. In essence, the elopement was a negative response because he was not serious about rearing his children, allowing his wildest daughter to bring shame. However, Mr. Bennet comes to recognize his fault, and makes an inner commitment to be fully involved in the future rearing of his daughters. As a result of making that decision, life suddenly returns the favor, when the elopement is very quickly cancelled, when his reckless daughter is compelled to marry Wickham, thus avoiding a scandal, and saving Mr. Bennet and his family from financial and social ruin. Thus, out of the extreme negative situation (which he attracted though his wanting attitudes), Mr. Bennet reversed himself and attracted a startling positive outcome.

We too can do the same by taking responsibility when any negative outcome comes our way. When we then shift our attitudes to the positive, the negative conditions will quickly evaporate, while attracting overwhelming positive ones in its place.

Keywords: Media, Hate, Relationship, Family

Attitude toward Work

Energized Instructor

When you take on your current work with great enthusiasm, interest, and perfection, another project you have been working on, including a great one, may suddenly be elevated to unimagined heights.

Example: though it was in one sense a small, insignificant class, an instructor decided to put his all into it. He then expended an enormous amount of energy, making sure the students received all necessary information, and with great clarity. The next morning on examining his email he discovered that one of the books he had written suddenly and most unexpectedly received a very favorable review at an international news site; the first major critique of that work since its publication.

Keywords: Work Issue, Instructor, Students

Customer Service and Co-Operation

Life response of harmony and ill will/ rudeness / non co-operation:

I'm working in factory, where we execute buyer's orders. The orders (PO) will be routed thru merchandising team in Head office. We have 2 teams. TEAM A and B.

Team B is so friendly, so me and my team is cooperative with them. Our relationship is so harmonious. But my MD is not having so much faith with this team

Team A is so rude, dominant, always showing authority, putting mails in a very orderly manner. So I don't get along with them very well. I always fight with them thru mails. As soon as any new order of this team comes in my mail, my first reaction was irritation and angry because of their way of putting mails. But my MD has more faith with this team

The response of life

Team B orders are pouring, volume of orders is unimaginable, higher than ever for the past 2 seasons, all input materials are coming in time without delay, their samples are sent to buyer in time, prodn is moving smoothly.

Team A orders are cancelled mostly in the next upcoming season, materials are rejected / delayed in the current season. It is a big loss for the company. It will affect all of us in future

I feel that Team A orders got rejected / reduced /cancelled because of My reaction / irritation / non co-operation with them cancelling all grace (orders)

I'm trying to reverse my attitude thru past consecration.

Let Mother act in me to reverse the situation

All in each, each in all. So by changing my rudeness, authority, ordering manner, Team A can change their behaviour

As Appa said, "There is some work to be done inside"

Keywords: Work Issue, Order, Sales, Products, Money/Finance

From Reluctance to Acceptance to the Pinnacles of Success

Reluctance is indicative of a wanting attitude, rooted deep in our physical nature which does not want to change. It also has a mental component that does not want to embrace a new idea or possibility, even if it is true. In that way, our reluctance to do, act, or embrace keeps us in stasis -- often sending us reeling

backwards. However, if we catch ourselves and overcome a recalcitrant attitude, embracing in full the matter or possibility at hand, life tends to quickly move in our favor, as the following episode demonstrates.

One day recently, I was preparing to do some work for a client of mine in the Sacramento area. The representative of the firm requested that I perform several functions in the upcoming class that were not part of the normal curriculum. I agreed to do them in principle, but when it came to prepare for the class, I was just a tad hesitant to take those extra preparatory steps. The main issue was that I wasn't sure if in the class itself I would have the time to do those extras and still cover the standards course topics.

Just after waking the next morning, I thought about the issue, and decided on two courses of action. First, I resolved that I wouldn't worry myself sick about the matter since it was not really a big deal. Second, I took a step into the light and concluded that I would simply do what the client asked for, no matter what the demands on my time were, taking it as a kind of "adventure into the unknown." With that more enlightened attitude, I took up the day's activities.

When I got around to the preparatory work for the client, I simply did it, even enjoying it somewhat. Then after a few moments, at an unusual hour in the morning, I received a most unexpected call. It was from a potential new client overseas who was eager to pay for one of our online software applications, but was unable to do so through our standard payment procedures. I then made arrangements for a different method of payment for them. When I then hung up the phone, it dawned on me what really happened.

I realized the first "demanding" client would pay me \$1000 for a day's worth of work, which involved a considerable amount of time and energy in conducting the class, including the extra features requested. The second client, who contacted me by phone out of the blue after doing the preparation for the other, also would pay me \$1000 -- only it required virtually *no effort* of my part, as all they needed was the URL address to our online service.

In other words, because I shifted from reluctance and embraced the details required for a more difficult, time-consuming physical work, I instantly evoked another client for the very same \$1000 amount, but which required hardly any work at all! I was reminded once again that when we give up our truculent attitude and embrace the givens before us, no matter how difficult or challenging, life immediately returns the favor. The result comes from out of nowhere in the form of more money, better paying work, an unexpected large sale, a new opportunity, ease of effort, and so forth. Or, as in this case above, in various combinations of these.

If we were to step back and observe what goes on in the course of our day, we would discover several instances where we were reluctant to embrace the current needs and conditions of life. Sometimes our hesitancy is justified, but too often, it is simply the result of the resistance of our vital/emotional nature that does not want to change or embrace the demands of the Now. The interesting thing, however, is that if we make that extra effort and go beyond our restricted attitude, life will quickly bring us luck. Sometimes what comes can literally change the course of our lives -- such as a sudden boost in our career, a golden opportunity appearing out of nowhere, or even the beginnings of a life-long romance.

When we shift from hesitancy to acceptance, we open the portals of possibility -- quickly aligning with the most positive of conditions. Moreover, each time you make that attitudinal transition, you build up a new level of strength that compels you to practice it more often. As a result, your existence becomes a never-ending unfolding of the miraculous, as you continually attract the infinite potentials of life to the here and now.

Keywords: Work Issue, Money/Finance, Order, Service

Chart Comes to Woman

One of the nurses upstairs called for a chart. The computer showed that the chart was still upstairs. This meant that I had to go upstairs to look all over the place for the chart, which is something I don't usually do and get frustrated when I do it. Well, this time I resigned myself to going upstairs to search for this chart. As I was going out the door from my department, there was a cart there holding several charts. I turned the first one over and it was the chart I was just about to go find!!!

Comment:

She has overcome a reluctance, a limiting attitude, and a limiting habit all in one stroke to enable this wonderful response from life. Will overcoming lack of will, attracts.

Keywords: Work Issue

The Response that Changed My Life

Life Response is the phenomenon that occurs when an individual alters his consciousness on some way, and as a result, sudden good fortune descends on that person. E.g., as a result of overcoming a negative attitude, an ongoing problem suddenly disappears, or a golden opportunity suddenly and most unexpectedly presents itself. It occurs quite often in people's lives, though we are normally unaware of its occurrence. The key however is to invoke it *consciously* so that we are able to elicit these miraculous-like results *on demand*. We can evoke life response in this way by first developing an understanding of its subtle workings, and then by applying the right inner and outer behaviors that tend to attract these miraculous-like results. Sometimes the response that comes alters the very course of our lives, as I believe the following incident will attest to.

By December 1974, I had graduated Syracuse University and was living with my parents in New York City. After working as part of a group of four housepainters, who also happened to be close friends, I headed west to California by van. When I settled into the San Francisco Bay area, I was free, but as yet unable to sustain myself due to lack of work. The truth is I made little effort to secure that work, since I was enjoying my freedom too much!

Soon thereafter, I met a woman there with whom I got involved. I drove back to New York, and from there flew to Brussels, Belgium where I met up with her. Together we then went on a wild bus excursion across the continent, from Amsterdam to Athens. After enjoying Athens and having a mystical experience at the Acropolis, my friend informed me that she planned to continue on to the Middle East in order to visit Egypt and Israel. However, realizing that I had strayed too far off the path, I informed her that I could go no further. And so in a dramatic scene worthy of a romantic film, we said our tearful goodbyes and separated at the Athens airport. From there I flew on to Geneva, Switzerland and then across the Atlantic to New York.

A year earlier, I had intended to go to the Graduate School of Journalism in Berkeley when I first ventured to California months earlier, but on arrival there, I decided not to attend. Nor, did I take to *working* in order support myself, as mentioned before. Therefore, I floundered on my visit stay in California. This time, however, as I mulled over my future from my parents' home in New York, I was determined that if I returned to California, I would make a serious go of it -- i.e. I would *seriously seek out and secure work to sustain myself*.

As it turned out, a friend of my family had moved to California years before, and now was a very wealthy businessman in Southern California. From New York, I called this gentleman by phone, and he offered me a job at one of his giant Lumber City retail outlets in the San Fernando Valley in Los Angeles. And so once again, I headed across country, this time by Greyhound bus, and arrived once more in California. (I accumulated a lot of road mileage during these years!)

Before I headed south to Los Angeles, I met up with old friends in San Francisco, and stayed at their home for several months. During that time, I painted the large house we all lived in, and then I used the money I earned to purchase a used car. With a means of transportation, I then drove down to Los Angeles with a friend to work at one of the Lumber City outlets run by the (previously alluded to) wealthy friend of my parents. After several months, I settled in and worked every day -- driving from my Santa Monica beach home to the inland valley suburb where my outdoor retail job was located.

One day I decided to drive to an area not far from downtown LA, and visit the "East West Center", a sort of mini ashram dedicated to a blending of eastern and western spirituality and culture. That day I met a woman there who told me of people living in the nearby San Fernando Valley who were importing gift items from the Sri Aurobindo Ashram in Pondicherry India. I had a keen interest in the sage and seer's

teachings for several years and was looking to find an outlet to pursue them in the LA area. I hoped that the East-West Center would serve that purpose, which was the reason I visited that place that day. However, I was also looking to blend my spiritual interests with real *work* experience. I.e. I wanted my work to be an application of -- an extension of -- the spiritual knowledge I had begun to embrace. Thus, when I learned of the potential opportunity of working with the devotees who lived in the Valley, I was eager to meet them.

Shortly thereafter, I set up an appointment and visited their home. It did not take but a few moments to see that there was a powerful connection between us. Realizing our great mutual interest, we quickly arranged that I would begin selling their products by going door to door at appropriate retail outlets in the LA region. It was not only fun and invigorating being outdoors in the warm, golden sunshine during the winter months, but financially and spiritually rewarding as well. Most importantly, I had now established an *entirely new direction in my life*.

As it turned out, I would continue selling and working with these same individuals in a variety of capacities for the next 30 years. In fact, Growth Online itself began as a collaborative effort that was a direct outgrowth of that relationship.

And so it was on that day so long ago in Los Angeles that I made the connection with the people at Mother's Service Society that changed the course of my life. That relationship not only aided me in my spiritual pursuits, but also provided me with a practical outlet by which I could apply these inner principles. In that way, I had finally melded together two cornerstones of my life -- spirit and work -- creating a new unity of purpose.

However, none of this would have happened if I hadn't made one critical decision. It was when I decided to *seriously work*. When in New York and later in San Francisco I *committed to working* at my parents friend's Lumber City outlet in Los Angeles, I set in motion events that changed the course of my life. It created the vast opening that allowed me to come in contact with the Aurobindo followers in the San Fernando Valley. That inner and outer commitment to hard work attracted the fulfillment of my heart's desire. Or to put it another way, overcoming my poor attitude toward work brought me my very life's purpose.

In fact, everything that has happened to me over the next 30 years -- the sales company I built in the San Francisco Bay Area, the computer training and consulting company I founded there (Guru! Software), the birth and development of Growth Online, the books I have written on Life Response and other subjects -- all emerged from that fateful time in December 1975 when I decided to seriously work, which attracted the individuals who would shape my life.

Keywords: Career, Airport, Employment, State/Province, Work Issue

Computer Sales Story

Many years ago I was working at a computer store, and was asked by my boss to work a second consecutive weekend, after having already worked the weekdays. At that time I was at the bottom of the barrel compared to my peers and I was unwilling to accept my boss's requests since I felt so exhausted and that it was asking too much of me

However, later on when I considered my low monthly sales, my mediocre income, and my wanting attitude, I changed my mind and decided to come in that second consecutive weekend.

When I did, within five minutes of entering the store, a man who I thought looked like someone who would never buy anything approached him and after several minutes ended up making the biggest purchase of my sales career.

In fact that sale jettisoned me to #1 among his peers, and I would go on to have the biggest monthly sales in the history of the four store chains' operation.

It also led to the biggest pay check of my career, not to mention a reward and celebration for his accomplishment from the entire organization at the Christmas party.

Keywords: Career, Work Issue, Money/Finance, Sales

Overcoming Negative Attitude about Work Environment Attracts

A man was concerned about his business as he wasn't getting the orders he usually received. He then began reading negative news about his area of business and before long he had convinced myself that everything was a disaster and it would only get worse!

So he meditated - and then focused and said to himself 'My business is incredibly successful, money and opportunities constantly flow in'.

He then further focused on an excellent review his business got in the local newspaper, and other positive aspects of his work.

Within minutes of concluding this approach, he felt so much better.

Later that afternoon he received an email telling him how amazing his service was, and thereafter three orders came in at once!

He didn't ask for benefits in words - but the Universe clearly 'heard' his shift in consciousness - and quickly gave him what he was secretly after.

Comment:

That is the Life Response power of shifting away from negative attitudes toward work, that in turn *instantaneously* attracted positive conditions.

Keywords: Work Issue, Business, Order

Businessperson Overcomes Limited View, Becomes Expansive, and Sales Takes Off

A businessperson wanted to expand his business. He developed a plan to do so, and focused only on the US market, while others suggested the market could be wider than that. However, after six months of his approach he was having no success.

He then switched his view and began selling his wares globally, as was suggested earlier but which he had shunned.

From that point his business took off and he far exceeded his sales goals.

Comment:

By shifting his attitude to a more expansive view of the market, life responded with good fortune, fulfilling his aspirations and then some.

Keywords: Work Issue, Business, Nation, Sales

Steve Jobs (overcoming "hell freezes over" with iTunes for Windows)

Steve Jobs of Apple said it would be "before hell freezes over" that he would allow the PC with Windows to run iTunes and thus give access to the Apple iPod music player.

But then he switched views, which immediately increased the market 20 times, and led to all of Apple's enormous successes since then. This was arguably the single event that saved Apple and propelled it to the stars after Jobs' return to the company.

Comments:

By shifting his attitude in work from contrition to a wider market, he changed the course of business history.

Keywords: Work Issue, Business, Accomplishment/Success

Larry the Salesperson and Going after Big Client

A salesperson named Larry was intimidated about meeting a very large customer. He felt that the effort was a waste of time since he believed the company was too large to penetrate. As a result, he was unable to secure that or any other sale with the large client.

However, a number of months later, he changed his attitude about working with such large accounts. The very next day, he was stunned when out of the blue that very same large customer, who earlier turned him down, placed a huge order!

Comments:

Overcoming his limited view and attitude that he could not secure larger customers attracted a sudden, overwhelming positive result!

Keywords: Sales, Work Issue, Money/Finance, Order

Overcoming Limiting Thought, Belief in Social Superstition Attracts Positive Results

Can you make the mighty life respond to your fragile thought?

Years ago, I visited my friend's furniture shop. It was a small one in busy area. But there was no activity. The friend was relaxing at busy hour.

I asked him, "Hi, what happened?"

He said, "Oh, don't you know this is the unlucky lunar month of the year? This city is full of people of this particular religion. They hate this month. They will buy new furniture only next month..."

I asked him, "Excellent. Then why don't you close the shop and declare holiday for a month? Perhaps secretly you think some unorthodox customers may come. Why don't you strengthen your mind with positive ideas that you can sell? "

He laughed, "I have been in this business for many years. I know the trend. But, as I respect your ideas, I will try to change my views." He kept silent for some time. Perhaps he was trying to break his old idea.

After a few minutes, we started to have coffee. Then a gentleman, a father from The Salvation Army, came. "We have to open our new premises tomorrow. But our supplier has informed us he could not deliver furniture. Please help us. I will pay the entire amount in advance." He placed a very big order and paid the money on the spot.

My friend was very happy. He appreciated the power of right attitude and the instant beneficial life response.

But he did not stop there. He thought, "Perhaps tomorrow, a Buddhist may come and place an order." He started to await people of other religions.

None came. He was disappointed.

Will someone convince him that his expectation was the culprit and produced negative life response?

Keywords: Money/Finance, Sales, Business

Making the Full, Exhaustive Effort Attracts

One of the more interesting principles of life is that when you make the full, exhaustive effort to accomplish a work, life takes up where you left off and completes it for you on its own.

For example, one individual made an all-out effort to organize dense training materials. When he put the last ounce of energy, he suddenly realized that the three chapters remaining had already been done before. In another case, that same individual made an all-out effort with other materials, and then soon received a call that he didn't have to cover the remainder of the course. That is the power of making the exhaustive effort in any undertaking.

In yet another example a woman had to gather hundreds of signatures in order to win a case. She did so despite a pretty severe illness. Despite these obstacles, every fiber in her being was driven to achieve her goal. When she was done, she went into a restaurant, and in a state of near collapse, she was greeted by a man who told her he knew the key to the legal case she was championing. As a result of this information, she was able to win a titanic, several hundred million dollar legal case for her clients. Because she made the exhaustive effort to the nth degree, life returned the favor in the form of an individual who provided the incriminating evidence that secured the biggest victory of its kind in history.

Keywords: Work Issue, Accomplishment/Success

Perfection in Business Cards

Patricia was a salesperson for a printing company. Her goal was to give the very best service to all customers. Her most memorable sales came when an insurance agent came for new business cards.

Patricia decided that the customer's card should be one that no one would ever want to throw away or bury in a drawer. Her experience as a typesetter helped her understand styles, graphics, printing methods and paper types and she did her best for the cards. The insurance agent was so pleased with her design that he brought two of his fellow agents the next week to get similar cards.

Two weeks later the insurance company's regional manager wanted to see her. He ordered new cards for all his agents (257!) in a five-state region. As a result, Patricia gets 2,000 orders of these cards each year.

Patricia focused completely on giving her best to the customer.

Keywords: Sales, Service, Money/Finance, Order

TV's Hosts' Blame of Another Corresponds to His Same Behavior

There are also instances where the blame you cast on another corresponds to something parallel in your long-term behavior. Eg you are outraged that a company is taking advantage of people, you may find that you have over time taken advantage of that same company in a very different way

A tv show host and pundit was outraged that a company was selling low cost computers with software in it that culled personal information from the user for advertising purposes, even though he was eagerly, somewhat greedily waiting to receive a free smartphone from that very same company!

Keywords: Integrity, Media, Contradiction

Generally Positive Attitude

Power of Positive Attitude in *City of Joy*

Perhaps the most powerful way to evoke sudden good fortune is to shift your attitude from the negative to the positive. If you have a wanting attitude towards others, life, or your own self, and then reverse it, benefit will quickly come your way. Often it comes in an instant.

It turns out there is another way to evoke powerful life response through one's attitude. It is by maintaining a generally positive one. If for example, you are straining to accomplish something in your life, and yet you maintain a positive attitude that things will work out fine; that you will succeed, bringing a solid confidence to your efforts, life will conspire and give you all that you wished for and more.

There is a wonderful example of this life principle and dynamic in the American film *City of Joy*, which is set in India. In the story, Hasari Pal, an Indian farmer, arrives in Calcutta with his family, desperately seeking work. Lost in the teeming masses as they move about the city streets, Hasari is not only frantically looking for shelter, but is hoping to find any type of work to support his family.

At one point, Hasari is alone with one of his three children, and in a tender and inspiring moment one of them asks if he will ever find work. Hasari responds that he is fully confident he will find employment soon, despite what looks like a desperate situation. Quickly a series of dramatic events transpire, the end result of which is that within 24 hours he finds employment as a cart driver (a "human horse"), which gives him a source of employment for years to come, fulfilling his earlier wish and then some.

It turns out that Hasari's employment not only takes him off the street -- providing a comfortable place to live for his family -- but enable him to save for his daughter's dowry, who will marry into greater fortune for the family. In addition, through his job he is put in position to help overcome the wickedness of the local mafia boss and his cronies who dominate that part of the city, including the cab company he works for.

In other words, Hasari's focused intention in a desperate situation married to an enormously positive attitude attracts a result within a day that changes his life forever, affecting not only himself but the collectives he is part of. That is the power of taking to and maintaining a generally positive attitude towards the conditions one encounters. Life then instantly moves in favor, overcoming obstacles, while fulfilling your fondest dreams.

There are countless examples where a generally positive attitude attracted positive circumstance. Here are several:

- One female business owner when confronted with difficulties or challenging situations, tended to take a positive, optimistic, calm, and forgiving view of things, which continually attracted their quick resolution, as well as unexpected, sudden surges in sales.
- An individual who had deep admiration and positive attitude for the Indian people, and was always happy to speak with them through call centers constantly had positive experiences where the technical issues quickly disappeared.
- A young English girl, who had the tendency to see everything in a positive light, not only charmed the stodgy, grumpy, and cynical around her, but through her positive attitude and influence, caused their lives to quickly turn around for the better.
- A man at a family gathering did not give into others who were mocking a young woman's looks he once dated, attracting her sudden arrival as a now beautiful grown woman, which had the effect of causing another woman the man desperately loved to suddenly fall in love with him, which culminated in their happy marriage.

It is one thing to overcome one's own negative attitudes, and thereby attract sudden good fortune, it is another to maintain a positive attitude and do the same. In fact, each moment is an occasion for us to remain positive, cheerful, and confident, which will evoke the most positive results from the field of life. It is the miracle of "Life Response" in action.

Keywords: Media, Family, Employment

Positive, Expansive Attitude Secures the Job

A professional woman I know of in Europe hoped to secure a new job. At the same time, she needed to purchase an expensive new computer. Because she had to deal with both issues simultaneously, she found herself in a pressure-filled situation. And yet she had a unique ability to maintain her poise and retain a positive attitude in these sorts of circumstance.

And so the first thing she decided to do was apply for the job; which she then followed up by purchasing the computer. Well almost *immediately* after buying the machine, she received word that she had secured the job she was after.

Comments:

Because her *attitudes were positive and expansive* -- boldly taking up the challenge without complaint in a difficult situation -- life instantly cooperated, bringing her precisely what she had hoped for.

Keywords: Employment, Resources (physical)

Negative Turned Into Enjoyable Positive by Switch in Attitude

"This week I had a potentially rather difficult situation with a client. Everything seemed to go wrong in anticipation of the meeting. I could go into the details. Furthermore on the way there for the first time a colossal traffic jam was there the northern part of San Francisco Bay. At one point I decided to remain totally positive. When I met the man, who seemed unorganized and difficult via emails, I met one of the nicest individuals I have ever met, had very pleasant conversations with him, etc. It was a total delight! A complete turnaround of my initial view. Also when I arrived the place looked a bit run-down and I thought they were impoverished. I later found out that the owner was a very wealthy venture capitalist who had put money into this secret company where they were developing a breakthrough treatment for the symptom of diabetes. I met him and talked with him at length. My poverty view was overcome into a wealth view as a result of my changing to a positive attitude."

Comment:

Transformation at physical atmosphere by transformation of attitude. View negative as neutral precipitates positive results. Do not assume qualities of another.

Keywords: Traffic, Money/Finance, Medicine

Dan in Real Life

Life presents us with many challenges, some of which arise through negative circumstance. In particular, it can be quite difficult to remain positive when the social atmosphere is wanting -- e.g. if people around us are behaving in ways that are detrimental or even harmful. And yet those who are able to maintain the right outlook in these circumstances, who are immune to and do not participate in the negative social activity, gain an interesting power over life, as they tend to quickly attract positive conditions. Let me illustrate with a film I watched the other day.

In *Dan in Real Life*, Dan Burns is a newspaper advice columnist, a widower, and a father of three daughters in the New Jersey suburbs. One day Dan and his children take a trip to the Rhode Island home of his parents for their annual family get together. After they arrive at the large house, situated on a bluff overlooking the bay, Dan takes some time off and goes to a local bookstore. There he meets a woman

named Marie who mistakes Dan for an employee. He then proceeds to gather up several books for her, and in the process, hits it off with her. Suddenly love blossoms.

When Dan arrives back at the house, he lets his family know that he has found a potentially very special person. They are thrilled to hear this since it has been three years since he lost his wife. However, a short while later, his brother's new girlfriend arrives on the scene, and it turns out to be none other than Marie! She too was on her way to the family get together when she met Dan at the bookstore.

There then begins a tense situation in which his brother and Marie are somewhat romantically interacting at the home, even as Dan is now has fallen in love with her. After several days, the situation becomes unbearable for both. Because he appears so miserable, Dan's mother suggests that he call up a local girl on a blind date and ask her to come to the gathering. When the rest of the group learns that she is coming, they recall that she was a physically unattractive young girl, and so they begin mocking her for being an ugly duckling. At one point, they go as far as to launch into a rollicking, impromptu sing-along in which poke fun of "miss piggy face." All except Dan, that is.

A few minutes later, so-called "piggy face" arrives at the house, and shockingly turns out to be a beautiful woman. Immediately, Dan and she are physically attracted to one another. As a result, Marie becomes very jealous, which has the further effect of turning the emerging, partial love she felt for Dan into a full-blown blossoming of her emotions. This in turn compels her to truly seek out the relationship with him, once she breaks off with his brother. In the end, Dan and Marie fall deeply love and are blissfully married.

The moral of the story? Because Dan did not give into and participate in the mocking sing-along of his soon to be arriving date "piggy face," he attracted instead a beautiful woman. Furthermore, her arrival compelled Marie, the woman he loved, to commit to a relationship, which culminated in their marriage. That is the power of remaining positive in a negative situation -- in this case, in the face of social pressure to act falsely. The effect is that this person, the exception in the crowd, is propelled to the heights through complete emotional fulfillment. When we follow our own positive instincts and do not give into the social imperative of the herd, we release positive energies that attract the very best of conditions. In that way, we develop "true individuality," which tends to lure the infinite potentials of life in our direction.

Keywords: Media, Family, Children, Love, Relationship

Power of Belief to Become Anything One Wants Comes True

In 1968, Greg left his house with a trunk containing all his belongings and \$47. For the first time in his life, he was poor. *Instead of taking stock of what he didn't have, he focused on one overriding thought. "From this day forward, I can be anything I want to be." This was his self-conception and attitude.*

Three and a half weeks later, he got a low-level job quarterbacking an ice cream parlor. A friend's father was president of the nearby bank. It didn't take long for Greg to go over to the bank, sell himself to the father, get into the banking business, and later into his own multimillion-dollar sales organization.

Selling more than 100 loans a month for borrowers in Albuquerque, New Mexico, Greg Frost is one of the most successful loan agents in the United States. He closes one in every 11 loans for people buying existing homes, giving him a 9% share of the existing market. Greg Frost is believed to be the first loan agent to generate a \$1,000,000 annual commission as a mortgage broker.

Keywords: Career, Vehicles (auto, etc.), Wealth, Money/Finance

The Life of Spiritual Adventure that Attracts

The overwhelming majority of the time life is routine – i.e. what we do and what comes to us is what is expected. Other times, life suddenly descends on us and offers up the unexpected, -- often taking the form of sudden good fortune. The latter tends to occur in response to our efforts to meet life's challenges, or by taking life by the horns and living it to the full. Here is a recent real life case in point:

One man I know of had not left California for 30 years -- save for two relatively short driving vacation trips across the western United States. For this individual then, the state of California had essentially become his entire nation!

One day recently, he was asked to fly down to San Diego in the southern part of the state near the Mexican border to perform some work for a client there. In the three previous decades, he had never once ventured further south – in California, or anywhere else -- than the Los Angeles area. He was therefore both excited about the trip, and concerned about his ability to navigate this new area.

When he arrived from San Diego on a flight from San Francisco, he discovered a very pleasing landscape, including a beautiful, warm coastline, soaring mountains, and a growing downtown skyline. Though he struggled at first to get his bearings, he was in the end able to navigate the freeway system and make his way to the client, who had their offices in a spectacular valley town north of the city. In the next several days, our friend successfully completed his work, while still having time to explore the coastal region and its sun-splashed beauty. After three days, he returned to his residence in the San Francisco area, with both new insight and an abundance of new energy.

Shortly after he arrived back at his home base, something peculiar happened -- his computer began to die. After very four very productive years of use, the computer suddenly and most unexpectedly ceased functioning. Since his entire business – ne, his whole *life* - was contained on the machine, he was shocked by this sudden turn of events. He felt overwhelmed by the fact that without a computer, he was not only out of touch with the world, but all of the documents and programs he needed to get through the day were no longer available. Add the fact that this individual's profession was in the computer/software field, and that a major vacation to Hawaii loomed on the horizon – his first travels outside of the United States in 33 years (!) – you could imagine why he suddenly felt the weight of the world on his shoulders!

And yet despite this impossible, pressure-filled situation, our friend was able to conjure up the right attitude. Specifically, he viewed the turn of events as part of one great adventure that begun when he first embarked on his trip to San Diego, and was now continuing through these latest difficult unfoldings. He sensed that there was a purpose in what was occurring: that life was somehow trying to push things forward, and that he was willing to be a full participant in this latest adventure. It was with that attitude that he tackled the current problem of the expiring computer.

In the next several days, he did everything he could to get the machine up and running. However, for each step forward, he seemed to go two steps back. For example, he bought a new large external monitor because the built in one on his laptop had failed, only to discover that it distorted the screen, making all the web sites he created over the last decade unrecognizable. Because his old computer had so many connections with other add-on devices, and had so many wires running in and out of it, that when he changed one part, other parts would begin to fail. When the situation became intolerable, and his very lifestyle and businesses came into jeopardy, our friend perceived that a new approach was in order: that he go out and purchase a new machine.

That morning he arrived at the electronics mega store to purchase the computer. There he saw one that he liked, and a moment later a young man came up to help him. Our friend noticed that the salesperson had a soft and quiet nature. He then proceeded to tell the salesperson which machine he was interested, after which the clerk walked over to the giant metal cage to see if the item was in stock. Our friend, now desperate for any good news after days of incessant trouble, took the only course of action he knew: he opened himself up to the spiritual Force, and with great intensity offered the entire situation to the Higher Power.

After a considerable delay, the salesperson finally returned from his search. But would he have the computer that our friend wanted? It turns out that the salesperson was indeed holding a computer, but it was not the one our friend wanted. Instead, the salesperson found a different one that contained a microprocessor that was nearly double the speed of other one -- *and* at a lower price! At that moment, our friend knew that the Higher Power had surely worked on his behalf. Thereafter, he felt grateful to the spirit that helped bring about this stunning turn of events.

When our friend arrived back at the office, he unpacked the machine and turned it on. He was instantly dazzled at how beautiful the screen image looked; how quickly the software loaded; and how many astonishing new features were already built in. He was particularly amazed that he could easily connect to the Internet through a wireless connection. One after another, he discovered new features that he was

certain would make his life easier. As each new feature revealed itself, he felt as if he were on a magic carpet ride -- taken on a journey that transcended his experiences using his old, outdated machine.

Dazzled by these state of the art features, not only did he truly recognize how utterly out of date his old computer was, but now he saw that its death knell was actually a blessing in disguise; one that ushered in the wondrous new computer before him. He perceived that the failure of his old computer was no failure at all, but an opening to vast possibilities that arrived in the form of the new machine!

Keywords: Work Issue, State/Province, Resources (physical), Service

Psychological Strength

Power of Psychological Strength That Attracts – Case Study

One man we know of developed and handed in some content for a project that was getting under way. He did not know yet what the evaluator thought of it. It was the content provider's very first submission for the project. In fact, the very first submission among all the content providers!

When discussing other matters with this same evaluator, our content provider friend was asked by the evaluator if he (the evaluator) should pursue a certain course of action with a new client. The content provider felt a little uncomfortable discussing this subject as it involved serious personal issues. However, he overcame his hesitation, welled up the psychological strength, and stated his opinion on the matter.

One minute after doing so, the evaluator told him that by the way the content he had provided earlier to kick off the project was wonderful! The content provider was naturally thrilled to hear this news!

He also understood that because he earlier overcame his hesitation to discuss a tense issue and acted from strength by giving his asked for opinion on the matter, he attracted the wonderful news about the content from the evaluator. As a result the project had now gotten off to a tremendous start!

We see that when we overcome our hesitation and weakness and exercise our fortitude and inner strength, we attract the infinite potentials of life.

Keywords: Resources (physical), Products

Avoidance Harmony vs. True Harmony

Often we take to avoiding situations, such as meeting with other in order to create more harmony with them. But this is not True Harmony but avoidance harmony.

I have seen this problem myself up front in dealing with perspective partners for new ventures. It is easy to step back from disharmony and avoid it. It is better still to find the inner limitation in one's self and change it, or discover the related inner change necessary that matches another's' negativity. Either way, we develop the inner strength to move to the resolution of the contradiction.

Also taking this tact will enable life to respond. E.g. when I returned to the sessions after several months of reluctance due to strain and disharmony I was shocked to see how far life had progressed. It was like a hyper jump from what I expected; and something told me that my higher conscious return was synchronous and in alignment with it. My inner shift to true harmony rather than avoidance harmony attracted tremendous results.

Keywords: Relationship

Governor's Strength Attracts Response from Mother Nature

One recent discovery is that when human intention shifts from weakness to strength in relationship to the physical environment, it can attract the sudden cooperation of Mother Nature.

Here's a recent true-life example:

California has been suffering through its greatest drought in hundreds of years. It was now past the rainy season, and well into the six-month dry period. The Governor had recently ordered cutbacks in water distribution for all regions, but in the months that followed many did not cooperate, as reservoirs dried up and there was virtually no snow-pack in the high mountains.

He then got tough and ordered very specific cuts for every town in the state. This not only got the attention of all municipalities, but suddenly during this onset of the dry season rain started coming down profusely! Even the mountains were unprecedentedly covered with snow in this dry, warm, very sunny

part of the year; an almost unheard of phenomenon. People were startled by Mother Nature's sudden change in course.

And yet very few if anyone perceived the deeper causality that was at work instigated by the Governor's strong, bold actions.

Keywords: State/Province, Weather, Resources (physical)

Life Response Power of Eliminating a Dominating Negative Influence

Life has shown that the elimination of a single dominating negative influence can open the flood gates of enormous success --even for an otherwise mediocre organization.

A US baseball team had a certain level of success, but never won a championship title in the years since their beautiful, new ballpark opened. Its star player was a great batsman, perhaps the greatest home run hitter in the history of the sport.

However he and others became mired in an epic drug scandal that tarnished the sport, the league, and the nation. After he left the organization, the team quickly fell to the bottom in the standings. But then within a year, and with a number of new castoff players it acquired, the team suddenly leaped over 25 other teams to the very top and won the World Series, garnering its first title in over 50 years!

How could this happen? When the underlying wanting influence was eliminated, the subtle energies shifted, opening the floodgates, enabling the team to leap to the title - even with a group of mediocre has-beens. Their level of play, enthusiasm, and camaraderie was unprecedented in their careers, as they rode a wave of unbridled positive energy to the pinnacles of success.

That is the Life Response power of expurgating a dominating wanting influence in an organization. The response is overwhelmingly positive.

That being the case, what is the single dictating negative influence in the organizations we are part of; or for that matter in our own lives and self?

Further Comment: We see this same essential dynamic in the critically acclaimed recent American film *Moneyball* based on true events from the early 2000s. As soon as the general manager removed a disturbing influence player, the entire team turned around and went on the biggest winning streak in modern baseball history. The GM had garnered both the insight to see the disturbing figure and the strength to stand up to him. What he did not quite see is how he set in motion a startling set of positive events not only for his own team, but the entire sport at large. Together with high values against money taint and an innovative, technology driven method of determining talent, he changed the course of baseball history. This coming from an unknown executive for a franchise that was leaning heavily on hard times.

Keywords: Sports, Organizations, Nation, Media, Manager

Startling Simultaneity on a Working Contract

A consultant friend of mine had been working for a contractor providing management advice for the client, including the development of a plan for its future expansion. However, the consultant had not asked for any payment in return for his efforts. One day he decided that this was no longer feasible and prepared a contract where he would receive a monthly stipend of \$500 for his efforts.

At the very instant he completed the contract and was prepared to tell the contractor of his new financial arrangement, the consultant received a call. It was the contractor, who proceeded to explain that he was writing checks for his vendors and employees and thought that it is only right to start paying the consultant for his business. He decided that \$500 a month was a proper figure. So on the phone call the contractor informed the consultant that he would like to implement this new arrangement.

The consultant was dumbfounded! The contractor had decided to take an initiative that exactly matched his own, even though the contractor had no idea the consultant was doing the same, or even interested in wanting to work on a payment basis! In other words, they were exactly in alignment on their intention though neither knew the other had any intention in moving in that direction whatsoever. Plus the amount was exactly the same! Not to mention that the incoming call from the contractor came at precisely the moment the consultant finished writing up the contract.

How could this amazing confluence of events have happened? When two people are deeply on the same wavelength in their normal interactions, such astonishing synchronistic events are made possible. From another perspective we know that many of our thoughts originate elsewhere, and that we are often expressing the thoughts of others, even though we think it is our own. In that way each side was picking up the thought waves of the other. As a result of these inner cause, two parties aligned in a way that seems utterly impossible, but actually did happen. A perfect confluence of objectives in space and time had taken place, all emanating from within.

One other point. From the side of the consultant, it was the very best thing for him to ask for payment. He was at a point in his life where he could not afford to work gratis. And so when he made an effort of psychological strength to ask for payment, he attracted that very thing instantaneously from the contractor.

And what of the contractor? We can only imagine that the contractor was expressing a higher value to compensate someone deserved of it, rather than continue to accept the consultant working on his business for free. His concern for the consultant attracted the fact that the consultant had actually wanted the same arrangement, though now the consultant hardly needed to the compensation as it was already a done deal!

Keywords: Relationship, Work Issue, Business, Money/Finance, Synchronicity, Psychological Strength, Values

Eowyn's Strength Attracts in 'Lord of the Rings'

Life responds to any reversal from weakness or neutrality to psychological strength. One instance of it not only can bring good fortune, such as the sudden elimination of a six-month back pain or a beloved partner finally confessing her love to you, but in the right situation can alter the very course of one's life. The response can go further still and affect the outcome of challenging events for a collective of individuals, such as a family, a community, or a nation. We see a powerful instance of this in the 'The Two Towers,' the second installment of the epic film 'The Lord of the Rings' based on the book by J. R. R. Tolkien.

In the story, a band of individuals from a variety of strange and exotic kingdoms have banded together to return to the fires of evil Mordor "the one Ring that rules them all" to bring stability and peace to Middle Earth. At one point, the dozen or so members of the fellowship are forced to divide into three companies after their mystical leader Gandalf apparently dies in the Mines of Moria.

Meanwhile, the soldiers of the evil kingdom of Mordor are moving swiftly across Middle Earth, pillaging the lands to gain control of the entire world. And yet one great kingdom stands in the way of their victory. It is the land of Rohan. Unfortunately, a dark force has taken over King Théoden's spirit, leaving him listless; looking and acting like a corpse overseeing his sullen, desperate people. Meanwhile, at court he is controlled and mentally and physically abused by the poisonous suggestions of his steward, Gríma Wormtongue, secretly in the service of the Dark Lord.

To make matters worse, the King's only son Théodred has fallen victim to the Orcs, left mortally wounded in an ambush. Now the king's gentle and beautiful niece Eowyn walks the halls of the Great Hall as events continue to deteriorate for the peace loving peoples of Middle Earth. Then at one point, the devious Wormtongue makes a romantic advance on her. Though she is taken in for a moment, Eowyn recovers, remembers what he is, and casts him aside in outrage and disgust. Though he had all the power of the kingdom, and lurked as a threat to her life if she did not give in to his advances, she demonstrates great psychological strength to do what was right, and casts him aside.

Walking out the front door of the Great Hall and observing the spectacular valley around her, she realizes that she and her people are indeed in a dire predicament. A few seconds later, three men appear in the distance. It turns out to be one of the three parties of the Fellowship, followed by the great wizard Gandalf the White. They enter the hall, greet the moribund King Theoden, and Gandalf draws out the dark spirit that has overtaken him. In a matter of moments, the king is returned to his old vigorous and brave self. As a result, he decides to have his army join the battle against the evil forces. In a short period, his forces and others prevail over the dark lord that threatened Middle Earth.

From the perspective of Eowyn, one small gesture of psychological strength against the romantic advances of the awful Wormtongue not only instantly attracts great help in the form of the three fellowship members, but they resuscitate the king, who now had the wherewithal to raise an army against the dark forces. As a result, he and other kingdoms are victorious over the armies of evil, thereby ensuring the future good future of Middle Earth.

This may be a fable, but it is very true to life. One small gesture of inner strength at the right moment in a critical situation can attract circumstance that not only changes the course of one's own life, but that of the collective one is part of -- whether one's family, the community, the nation, or even the world itself. Moreover, if there is both psychological strength and an adherence to truth in the act, as there was the case here with Eowyn, then great inner power is generated that attracts extraordinarily positive circumstance for one's self and the world around us.

Keywords: Media, Relationship

Decision of Strength Attracts Love in 'The Apartment'

Normally, we believe that if we make an effort in a particular area, we will elicit results that will lead to success in that domain. For example, if I seek a mate, practically speaking I need to make an effort to find her and woo her, which will hopefully secure her love. Never does it occur to us that if we make the right crossroad decision change in a related area, that we will attract the object of our desire; in this case, the one we adore.

In the 1960s film 'The Apartment,' C. C. Baxter is a lonely office drone working for an insurance company in New York City. As it turns, four different company managers take turns commandeering his apartment for the purpose of engaging in extramarital liaisons. Unhappy with the situation, but unwilling to challenge them directly, Baxter juggles their conflicting demands while hoping to catch the eye of fetching elevator operator Miss Fran Kubelik. Meanwhile the neighbors, a medical doctor and his wife, assume Baxter is a "good time Charlie" who gets a different woman drunk every night. Baxter accepts their criticism rather than reveal the truth.

One day, he meets with personnel director Mr. Sheldrake, who has gotten wind of this situation. However, rather than denounce it, he asks Baxter for the key so he can be the fifth user of his apartment! As a result, Baxter gets a promotion with his own office. Sometime later, Baxter realizes that Sheldrake is carrying on with Fran, the woman he loves, using his apartment to continue their affair. He also knows that Fran is being used by Sheldrake, for he will never divorce his wife and marry her, which is a pattern he has followed with a number of previous female victims.

One day, Fran takes an overdose of pills at Baxter's apartment after a rendezvous with Sheldrake, who she realizes will never commit to her. As a result, Baxter frantically seeks out the doctor living next door, and the two of them resuscitate Fran. Even after she is returned to full health, Fran still cannot give up her love for Sheldrake. Feeling humiliated, Baxter now realizes that winning over Fran is a hopeless case.

After this near suicide, Sheldrake callously asks Baxter for the key to his apartment so he can once again meet with Fran. However, this time -- despite now having been raised to a high-level position -- Baxter asserts himself by refusing. Even though he knows he will be fired, he exercises his strength and walks out on Sheldrake and, therefore, his job. A while later, he offers to pay the doctor for the services rendered for saving Fran, which is a small but powerful act of generosity. Finally, Baxter decides to give up his own apartment that has been royally abused.

Resigned to celebrate New Year's Eve by himself, Baxter opens a bottle of champagne, but then hears a knock on the door. It is Fran, who tells him that she has left Sheldrake, though she holds back from revealing that she learned that Baxter had stood up to him and left the company. Baxter then invites her in, and they play cards together as they have done in the past, resuming their friendship. Baxter then confesses his love for her, and Fran in her own way reciprocates those feelings.

What is the inner message here? It is this: because Baxter overcame his usual weakness and stood strong against his hypocritical and abusive boss, life responded with the sudden appearance of Fran from out of nowhere, igniting their romance, and fulfilling his deepest aspiration in life.

In life, we are often confronted by crossroad decisions. When we make the right one, we attract conditions that are favorable to us in a related area. In Baxter's case, he chose strength over weakness, which attracted Fran and her love from seemingly out of nowhere. It was not his effort to woo her that won her over, but his right choice in a related domain.

We can also examine this dynamic in a proactive way. If there is something we really want, we can look around and examine the conditions in related areas. There we should determine if there are important choices to be made. If we identify it and choose in the right direction, not only will we bring about positive results in that immediate area, but we are likely attract sudden good fortune in another. It can be a new promotion, an opportunity of a lifetime, or the love of one's life.

Keywords: Media, Boss, Conflict, Love

False Social Condemnation of Harry Potter

In the fourth episode, *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*, we see the falsehood of society at work, when he is mistakenly ostracized by the student body for being picked to represent his school in an international tournament held there. The student body believe that Harry has somehow allowed himself to be selected in order to elevate himself for his own greater glory, when in fact he had no hand in the selection. Despite their condemnation, he persists and lives out his truth and performs in the tournament.

We even see a humorous life response in the course of these events. His best friend joins the herd and rebukes him as well. However, just before a ball is to be held at the school, the friend receives what he believes to be an effeminate-looking coat that his parents have sent him to wear at the dance. That causes him great embarrassment, since he must wear it in front of all of his peers at the ball. It is a negative response to his irresponsibility in joining the student body's ostracizing of the innocent Harry Potter. His social condemnation of Harry attracts the coat which in turn brings social condemnation of others upon him.

Harry meanwhile continues to live out a life of psychological and physical courage, showing that he is a true personality and individual, unfettered by the false accusations of those around him.

Keywords: Media, Society, Student

Bill Gets To Heart of Matter with Potential Client

Bill, a man trying to put together a huge deal in the construction business was not getting results to a proposal he made of a higher up in the prospective financial client.

After trying different approaches, he decided to find out what was really going on. He was not afraid to upset the apple cart as he realized now that he had nothing to lose. When he made the call to Bob an important, but lesser higher up, Neil was there, who then explained that the entire matter had been held up because of his own actions. By getting at the matter and calling Bob, Bill had attracted Neil being there at that very moment who explained the cause of the six month delay in that company getting back to Bill.

Comments:

It's an example of strength and determination to get at the heart of the matter, and not let things drift any further.

Keywords: Business, Work Issue

Summoning Strength to Tell Another the Truth

One man we know of developed and handed in some content for a project that was getting under way. He did not know yet what the evaluator thought of it. It was the content provider's very first submission for the project. In fact, the very first submission among all the content providers!

When discussing other matters with this same evaluator, our content provider friend was asked by the evaluator if he (the evaluator) should pursue a certain course of action with a new client. The content provider felt a little uncomfortable discussing this subject as it involved serious personal issues. However, he overcame his hesitation, welled up the psychological strength, and stated his opinion on the matter.

One minute after doing so, the evaluator told him that by the way the content he had provided earlier to kick off the project was wonderful! The content provider was naturally thrilled to hear this news!

He also understood that because he earlier overcame his hesitation to discuss a tense issue and acted from strength by giving his asked for opinion on the matter, he attracted the wonderful news about the content from the evaluator. As a result the project had now gotten off to a tremendous start!

Comments:

We see that when we overcome our hesitation and weakness and exercise our fortitude and inner strength, we attract the infinite potentials of life.

Keywords: Resources (physical), Products

Overcoming a Disturbing Influence in Organization

In the powerful American baseball film of last year 'Money Ball' based on true life events the team was doing very poorly. The manager of the players was not prone to fire people, as he had a somewhat soft heart. However, he saw that one staffer was rebellious and a clear trouble maker to many. He garnered the inner strength and then released the player. Now Life took over and the team suddenly soared near to the championship level! That is the power of an organization ridding itself of one problem worker. He can be at any level, subordinate, peer, or boss.

Comments:

Eliminate one key negative element or party creating mischief or otherwise blocking harmony in a struggling organization, and fortunes will quickly turn around.

Keywords: Media, Manager, Sports

Standing up to a Partner

Over the years, I have been privy to a number of situations where a shift to inner strength precipitated a powerful response. These incidents crossed a wide spectrum of life -- from the sports world to the world of politics and business. For example, in *sports* I have seen instances where a weak coach was forced to take a tough stand that not only resolved an immediate problem, but quickly attracted other positive results --

such as the sudden availability of a talented player or the unexpected decline of a competitor. Likewise, I have seen situations where *public leaders* were forced to marshal new levels of psychological strength that not resolved a current dilemma, but attracted positive outcomes, such as the freeing up of moribund legislation, unexpected revenues flowing into state coffers, and the sudden allegiance of a bitter rival. I have also seen the same phenomenon in *business*, where executives changed their ways and made tough decisions that attracted a sudden burst in sales, or an unexpected financial windfall, or the sudden loyalty of previously indifferent staff.

For example, several years ago, I learned of a life response incident involving a business friend of mine who ran a \$17 million chain of audio-video stores in Canada. It turns out that he once had a partner who was difficult, outspoken, and crude. Though my friend -- the "good" partner -- was conscientious, well mannered, and intelligent, he lacked a certain toughness and strength that his partner had. In fact, my friend often cowered before his difficult and tough-minded colleague.

One day, our friend realized that what he himself lacked, the partner had in spades: an innate ability to stand up to adversity, and when necessary, take control. As a result, my friend decided that he too would like to have these qualities. And so in the days that followed, he began to examine his own character to determine how he could change. Eventually, he identified several strength-related personal attributes that were wanting, and then made a personal commitment to overcome them. In fact, the very first decision he made was to stand up to his partner! As a result of that courageous act, not only did his colleague stop his abusive behavior, but he began to cower before our once-weak friend! In addition, a *burst* of positive news followed, including a sudden increase in the enthusiasm of the staff, as well as an unexpected *surge* in company sales.

As we see, when we shift from weakness to psychological strength, not only do we create practical positive results, but we attract powerful life response ones as well. When I shed my weakness and stood up to my agent in the compensation debacle, not only was the uncertainty surrounding the project resolved, but a six-month neck pain suddenly disappeared. Likewise, when our business friend stood up to his difficult partner, not only did it put a break on his cohort's abusive behavior, but it energized the staff and attracted a sudden and most unexpected spike in revenues. That is exactly what happens when you take to greater psychological strength. Positive conditions immediately rush in!

Keywords: Relationship, Contradiction, Business

Strength that Brought Relief

One day many years ago, my company GuruSoftware was contacted to look into the feasibility of developing a software application for one of America's leading technology companies. The individual who called me was not a representative of that large firm, but rather an agent from a smaller company who served as an intermediary for the project. The idea was that GuruSoftware would build the program for the agent company, who would then resell it to that multi-national corporation, as well as any other organization who might be interested.

When I first met with the agent to discuss the project, I let her know that though we were eager to proceed, the database language that GuruSoftware ordinarily developed its applications in might not be suitable. Because of this uncertainty, we decided that the best way to proceed was to first build a prototype to determine if our tool was the right one. Once we developed the model, we would test it at the client's site to determine if we were on the right track. If so, we would then create the actual full-blown application. With little else said on the matter, we began to carry out the plan.

Though it took considerable time and effort on our part, over the next several months GuruSoftware began developing the prototype. At one point, however, I decided that before going any further, we should test what we had created to see if we were moving in the right direction. And so several weeks later, I made the one-hour drive to the company's corporate headquarters in Silicon Valley to make my presentation. When I arrived, I was met by one of the representatives of the firm who escorted me to the location in the building where I would perform the test.

Though I was able to explain the benefits and features of the program to her, I was unfortunately unable to demonstrate it in a live environment. The problem was that they failed to provide me with a proper work area to demonstrate and test the application. Though the contact later indicated that she appreciated the work and effort GuruSoftware had put in, I had the not so subtle feeling that things were just not right.

Though we continued to work on the model application for several more months, it gradually dawned on me that the project had gotten out of control. After all, we had spent so much time and effort building something that might not even work -- *and* we were not being compensated for our efforts. After considerable hand wringing, I finally decided to take a stand. My feeling was that we should at least receive some remuneration for the great amount of time and effort we put in. And so I called the agent who was the intermediary on the project and arranged for a meeting at her office.

Unfortunately, when I presented my proposal several days later, she immediately launched into an emotional tirade, claiming that we had never agreed on *any* compensation for the development work. She insisted that she had simply agreed that GuruSoftware would build a prototype to determine if a real product was feasible -- and that was all there was to it! When I then questioned her on this point, she stormed around the room, shouting that I had some nerve to come in now and demand compensation! I had obviously touched a nerve.

After a very pregnant pause, I again reiterated that we had put in *months'* worth of good faith effort, yet had nothing to show for it. I then explained that things could go on indefinitely this way, but that we did not have unlimited resources. With her emotions now searing, she emphatically restated her position.

It was obvious that we had reached an impasse. In fact, the room was so charged with electricity that I could feel myself shaking. A moment later, when we resumed our "discussion," we simply restated our entrenched positions. Unfortunately, the conversation degenerated further when accusations were made on both sides about one another's integrity and ethical behavior. At that point, we had clearly reached bottom.

Though we found ourselves at a nasty little impasse, I was still determined to arrive at a conclusion about the project, since the well-being of my company was at stake. Though I made a foolish verbal agreement -- or rather, *non*-agreement -- months earlier, I also knew that I needed to resolve the current stalemate if GuruSoftware was going to continue working on the job.

So I gathered up my strength, took a deep breath, and told her straight away that if we were to continue, we needed to be compensated in some way. Not unexpectedly, she refused to back down from her position. And so a moment later, I took another deep breath, stood up, and left her office without an agreement -- which meant, in essence, that not only would we receive no payment for our past efforts, but we would no longer be working on the project in the future.

As I walked out onto the street still shaken from the passion and emotions of that meeting, I was now resigned to the fact that the project we had worked on so assiduously for all these months had now come to an end.

Then it happened. As I sat in my car and began to focus on other matters, I noticed something unusual. I realized that the extreme neck pain I had been suffering from for the past six months had suddenly disappeared! I sat there stunned that the ceaseless throbbing that had hounded me for so long -- even before this project began -- had now completely vanished. As a result, I felt a wonderful physical ease -- an almost blissful feeling in my neck and body now that I was relieved of the persistent pain.

It then dawned on me that this sudden and most marvelous turn of events had come as a response to my effort to resolve the compensation issue. Rather than allow that intolerable situation to continue, I summoned up the strength and courage to confront it head on. Because I stood up to the other party and demanded payment, not only did I clarify the future direction of the project, but I elicited a response that *instantaneously* relieved a six-month neck pain. That is the life response power of shifting from psychological weakness to strength.

Keywords: Products, Service, Work Issue, Money/Finance, Health/Well-being

Over Anticipating/Expecting

Associates' Anticipating Outcomes Cancels Them

There are a few shadings of this phenomenon, one of which has to do with verbalizing a potential outcome. We have seen it is best to avoid saying a thing will happen before it does.

In one case I know of over the course of several months an associate of mine continually verbalized that such and such a thing would definitely happen, especially regarding securing potential clients. E.g. he would guarantee that we would secure certain clients, or certain contracts would be signed, or that people would love the products or everyone would accept our approach, etc. And each time he made the claim soon after that potential client would fail to materialize. In fact, the more intensely he guaranteed it, the more quickly it cancelled the possibility.

Keywords: Business, Service

Guaranteeing an Outcome by Sportscaster Leads to Big Fall

When people are attached to a potential outcome and carried away on a wave of emotion, they tend to lose control, and verbally predict what is going to happen, overwhelmed by their desires for it to happen.

We see this in all facets of life; especially in sports. It happens for the fans. It even can happen to a sportscaster in his work. Here's something I experienced along these lines several years ago

A while ago was listening to a sports talk show as I was driving. One of the listeners called in and said that the local team should not concern itself with winning the division title, from which it could then move onto the championship, but should aim for the championship now. In my mind, the team was up and coming, but was still weak in several areas. When I heard the listener's comment, I smiled and questioned his fair-weather outlook, considering the obvious limitations of the team. I saw that the squad was up and coming, but not ready to achieve such lofty goals.

Well as it turned out immediately thereafter, the team went into a free fall. Worse still, it didn't even make the playoffs; let alone a championship. In fact, it fell to near the bottom of its own division.

Comment:

One lesson here is that expectation delays or cancels. I.e. when an opportunity arises, and one expects things to happen, the prospect tends to dissipate or disappear.

A related lesson is that when one is in a weak position and there is an upward movement toward greater success, expecting too much will drop you right down to the bottom, like in a game of chutes and ladders.

Keywords: Sports, Accomplishment/Success

The Gift Card (Negative Response to Selfishness)

[A friend forwarded this life response incident.]

"I just experienced what could be a negative life response. It was not for me, but another co-worker.

As you know, in the past the doctors here at the cancer center where I work give everyone a Macy's gift card for Christmas. Well, almost every day for the past week my co-worker has kept asking "when are we getting our gift card from Macy's?" I told her that I didn't know, and that we will have to wait and see.

Well, last night just after this person went home, we received an e-mail from Human Resources stating that the cancer center doctors have donated to the Red Cross instead because there have been so many disasters there these past few years."

Comments:

Her expectation and anticipation cancelled the possibility of a positive outcome.

Keywords: Resources (Physical), Doctor

Premature Expression

Premature Expression Before Complete

If we do not restrain ourselves from certain actions we can attract negative response. E.g. speaking about matters that are virtually but not fully complete can delay or block their completion.

A money transaction was well under way, but was still undergoing final processing. Unfortunately, it was unnecessarily discussed before completion, which negatively attracted glitches in the system like returned emails and such.

Comment:

It's always best to keep words and discussion to a minimum when things are nearly completion. That silence creates the best conditions for things to proceed without delay or interference.

Keywords: Money/Finance

Impatience, Anxiousness

Small Desire Leads To Malfunction Of Elevator

S and I are preparing recently to move to another apartment across our complex. Yesterday I was waiting for her to retrieve her binoculars before heading out on a day trip. I heard a very appealing song on the radio. I was anxious for her to hear it because she likes the artist. However, she was delayed. I became anxious with a ridiculous amount of intensity, similar to an uncontrollable sexual impulse or waiting impatiently for a light to change when you have to get somewhere soon. She finally arrived as the song was ending. As she arrived she pointed to the sign that said that our elevator was suddenly out of order, which would make it much harder for us to move our stuff. When she came into the car I said it was my fault, and tried to explain to her why. I consecrated the foolishness thereafter. The elevator was restored.

Comment:

Even the smallest negative thoughts and feelings have reverberations.

It's a great illustration of small acts and consequences which occur every moment.

Keywords: Resources (physical), Relationship, Media, Vehicles (auto, etc.)

Leader's Impatience Cancels and Delays the Meeting

A man was eager to online meeting on a project he was leading. The online chats included several key participants. The project was huge and he was impatient to hold more meetings despite the fact that others had become tired, sick, or were otherwise falling out. One participant rightly suggested that some time should pass so the group could recoup its energies. Only a few days later however he insisted on having another meeting, and so it took place, despite the fact that several question his decisions (though it was not communicated to him).

About half way through the meeting, it was discovered that the person who was to lead the core part of the agenda was now suddenly unavailable due to an electrical outage. As a result, the remainder of the meeting was cancelled and rescheduled for a later date.

Comment:

The leader's impatience had attracted conditions that forced the cancellation and rescheduling of the meeting. The principle is that impatience delays, or even cancels an opportunity.

Keywords: Communications, Health/Well-Being, Work Issue

Negative Response to Colorful Paintings

In one sense, it is not the details that determine the success of an activity, but the attitudes and behaviors we bring to bear. When they are positive, we attract good fortune in relation to the details, and are elated. When they are negative, we attract the opposite, and are disappointed.

Example: A man wanted to show a friend a website of an artist group who create very creative and colorful contemporary paintings. When he asked her to view it, she was busy with another matter. However, the man insisted, and she came over and reviewed it on his PC. The man was sure his friend would like the site, as the paintings were colorful, creative, created by fine artist like herself. However, after viewing a few of the works, she was anxious to get back to her own work. When the man insisted that she see some more, she reluctantly complied.

A few minutes after, they engaged in conversation about the site, and he mentioned how lovely the paintings were. However, his friend responded that she felt all of the paintings were of a similar kind, which very much surprised the man, as he thought there were a wide variety of styles. In fact, the entire interaction in which she expressed her views on the matter turned out to a big disappointment.

Because he asserted his need to show her the paintings despite the fact she was busy with other chores, he attracted a series of negative responses from her that sorely disappointed. It was not the details (i.e. the quality of the site or the paintings or the artists) that was the problem, but the way he initiated the communication. Had he been more sensitive to his friend's needs, and been more patient to show the site, he might have elicited very different results, including the possibility that his friend might have admired every bit of the online presentation, and indicated that there indeed was "a wide variety of beautiful art"!

Keywords: Communications, Resources (Physical)

Over Celebration after Success

Negative Response from Over-Celebrating

When an individual or collective (such as a team) cannot hold the energy of recent success and allows it to spill over through intense vital celebration, immediately thereafter things go downhill for that person or group.

Example: A baseball team (San Francisco Giants) had won a game in the last inning and were celebrating wildly. The player who caused it, began to take off his outer garment in celebration and let out some wild gestures of celebration. (The player was the best player on the team over the course of several months. Also the team was leading all others in both league leagues in terms of victories.) From that point forward they lost a number of games in a row, dampening their spirit and perhaps making them just a bit more humble.

Keywords: Sports, Accomplishment/Success

Untitled

It's best to avoid gleefully celebrating a very recent achievement as it's liable to quickly become undone. Eg today after a very busy session a new customer told the food server that she handled the avalanche of work very well. She then gleefully told her superior that this man had praised her for the work she had earlier done. When she then handed the customer his drink, he looked at it and said that it was topped with the wrong materials. His entire drink now had to be remade from scratch. It would have been best for the server to have kept her earlier achievement to herself. Because she didn't, life quickly responded negatively in kind.

Keywords: Service, Accomplishment/Success

Intentioned Planning, Good Will Enabled Loan & Attracted One Bigger Loan than Anticipated

It was 1978 and I worked in an incense unit. Often there was a shortage of money, and when that occurred, we started cleaning to attract money, and it always worked. But this time I really needed a lot to keep the unit running and prevent temporarily closing due to lack of materials. So this time I thought of planning and good will to do the trick. I was not into planning and worked by the day. I took a sheet of paper and started adding up all the money I needed to keep the unit open. It came to 75.000 rupees, which was a huge amount. I put all my good will and happiness behind the attempt. The same day I heard that the businessman who tried to help us with money, was sending his man to the bank with a request for 50.000 rupees. When I heard the news I did not accept the 50 thousand and kept my trust in the 75 thousand very happily.

Then the story came. 'Our' man came to the bank and asked for the 50.000. The bankman went and came back and said: we are going to give 75.000. Our man took the money and proceeded to the door, but he heard a commotion behind him and looked back. There was a heated discussion going on between the bankman and his manager. Later we heard that the request for 50.000 rupees was turned down by the bank.

When the news of 75.000 reached me I literally jumped with joy and felt on top of the world. The next news was that when the money was deposited in our bank, the bank took 43.000 rupees because we were overdrawn. Then 15.000 went for wages and At the end there was 7.500 rupees left and the tapestry unit needed 5.000 for wool to prevent closing. So I was left with 2.500 rupees, just enough to clear one perfume bill, which could keep the unit working for a few days. I had a great laugh and thought it was one of the funniest things I had ever experienced. I had not realised that that there are more needs in the world around me than my own. It was a great lesson.

By the way, we got the next bill of perfumes also cleared after a few days and the unit did not close down once.

Keywords: Work Issue, Money/Finance, Resources (Physical)

Over-Celebrating an Accomplishment Can Undo It

Then there are cases where success does come about as normal, but where we over-celebrate the fact, which cause the achievement of the thing to be completely undone!

Here's a true story involving a staffer at a restaurant.

After a very busy session a new customer told the food server that she handled the avalanche of work at the restaurant very well. She then gleefully told her superior that this man had praised her for the work she had earlier done. When she then handed the customer his drink, he looked at it and said that it was topped with the wrong materials. His entire drink now had to be remade from scratch.

Comment:

It would have been best for the server to have kept her earlier achievement to herself. Because she didn't, life quickly responded negatively in kind

Keywords: Service, Accomplishment/Success

Interference

Difficulty of Securing the Job in the Big Organization

"My friend's cousin wanted a job in a particular company. He rejected all offers from lots of good companies. Finally after 6 months he got job in same firm he aspired for, but the post was mediocre. He is happy anyway. I'm unable to explain the life response, but I kind of understand anyway...But so sad that he forgets Mother many times, after receiving from Mother." [Comment: It is very interesting. I would need to know the psyche of the person, and therefore know if he should have taken what came earlier.]

"In his final semester in college the students normally do a project in an organization pertaining to the subject they study, and they submit a dissertation. He asked me to help in finding an organization where he can do his project. He said it can be even a tiny office. I tried to put a word thru my friends to get him in an office. I got the response for him in {big organization}, one of India's largest technical solutions provider. They told me they can accommodate him for 3 months.

He completed the project successfully. Then in campus selections, he couldn't make in any. He and his mom told me/us that he would like to work only in **{big organization}**, Not anywhere else. I got him a job in previous office I worked that is also good one. But he wanted only in **{big organization}**,. In desperation he was even willing to bribe anyone in **{big organization}**, and get a job. But no one was willing to take the bribe I suppose. My friend who is his cousin tried to tell him several times to take help only from The Mother. And accept what She gives. But he couldn't ask or accept (he is a Mother devotee). He attended 4 to 5 times interview in same organization in various cities, but everywhere they didn't want to take him.

I tried to help by talking to the HR of **{big organization}**, who I know. But the resume he submitted has wrong details, so it was rejected. I couldn't help any further. He was jealous of his younger brother who got a plum job in another huge organization, and was hurting him it seems. The younger brother fully trusted Mother and was actually praying for him that he should also land up in a good job.

After 6 months, (his level of desperation was so high almost 100%) in newspaper **{big organization}** sought candidates for nontechnical posts. He applied, this time he got it.

I know him from childhood, but I don't know his psyche or much about him."

Comment

-The story is now much clearer. It is striking to me how he got the first job at a *large* organization, whereas he could not get the second job at any large organization for 6 months since he and his mother *demand*ed such. When we interject our desires over the flow of events Mother/the Force provides, life moves out of kilter, and there is suffering. Also trying to help someone in this state by your talking to HR only backfires as we saw in his rejection thereafter in the wrong details of his resume. His jealousy of his brother's plum job is also indicative of his attitude. Complete desperation will often invoke a positive response from life, as it did in his case when he finally secured the job. Life pushes us to the physical extreme to overcome our vital insistency and other wrong attitudes.

These are amongst the things you subtly sensed when you said, "I'm unable to explain the life response, but I kind of understand anyway."

Keywords: Employment, Career, Organizations

Good Intentions Backfire

Proactive meddling in another's situation, however well-intentioned, pales in comparison with the right outcomes generated by detaching from or consecrating the issue in the first place.

Example: A friend of mine befriended a younger couple. The young man was a talented musician and was appreciated by others. He told my friend that he had recently been offered a huge opportunity in a foreign country to perform, and believed it was the answer to his prayers.

My friend however was cautious and was concerned that he might be being bamboozled. He narrated his thoughts and feelings to the musician's girlfriend, hoping she would caution her boyfriend. However, it turned out that the musician did not appreciate the advice and reasserted that he had the higher consciousness behind him and would pursue the opportunity.

Had my friend remained detached from the situation or consecrated it, the outcome might have been more to his liking. Meddling in the affairs of others, no matter how well-intentioned, can attract unintended consequences.

Sarcasm, Cynicism

Insensitivity Leads To Problems at the Check-Out Counter

I was making a purchase at the X computer store. The lady who was ringing me up was explaining to a trainee how to write up the order, use the register, process the credit card, etc. She was explaining the steps for processing the order to him as she processed my order. At one point, she said among the many steps, "and then return the credit card to the customer." At that point I said jokingly to the trainee, "yes that is an important one!" He looked at me blankly, without a smile, trying to absorb all the steps he was being told.

A half hour later I returned to the store to pick up the second part of my order. This time he was the checkout person, as the woman watched him work. He haltingly processed the order. Then he put my credit card through the swiper, but something went wrong. The receipt and the card were jammed; the card and receipt could not be taken out! The woman called for help, and a superior came over, and he tried to loosen the jammed items. He also failed. (At that point it was clear to me that I was the source of the problem; my snide remark about the importance of returning the card had come back to haunt me.) I even told the woman that I was the cause of the problem. She looked at me with a sort of blank smile. I said it was really true, even as I thought maybe I shouldn't say that either. All the while I was calm and cheerful. A third person was called over on the intercom, when suddenly the paper and card came loose, and the problem was over.

A small footnote. I was overcharged slightly on one of the two items I was billed for.

Comment:

The moral of the story? In an inner consciousness one never would have made such a comment, even a little jest. Sarcasm brings negative response. Sensitivity to the trainee's situation is another thing that was missing. The smallest impulse can make life respond. A poor attitude, habit, a foolish impulse, the unguarded expenditure of energy and wasteful speech. Even as I made a mistake, it was clear what was happening. Perhaps if I had consecrated the event as it was negatively unfolding perhaps more positive things could have taken place, even reversing in some illogical manner the earlier faux pas.

It might be worth discussing why the energy build up shows itself a certain way when you purchase something, such as the earlier episode where I purchased the cartridge which led to a positive response or a synchronicity to another; where that time I held my tongue about complaining about high prices of cartridges. Certainly this relates to poor money consciousness as well.

Keywords: Money/Finance, Resources (physical), Communications, Service

Opinions

Opinions are Like Daggers

Often we expend a lot of energy expressing our opinions. It is similar to expressing our thoughts with too many words. But it's actually even worse, as our emotional energies are vested in that expression. Worse yet it is often filled with prejudices, distortions, misinformation, and misunderstandings of all sorts. And just like speaking too loud or too much, verbally expressing our opinions will invariably attract negative conditions.

An instructor one morning decided to express his strong opinions on a matter with a student who arrived before the rest of the class. An hour or two later, everything began to go wrong in the class and it was mainly sparked by problems related to this particular student. Life had responded negatively through the person that the instructor's unbridled opinions were directed towards. He learned a good lesson from that day onward.

Comment:

There is an aphorism that says "opinions flows in the subtle plane like needles." It's always best to withhold our opinions, even though it is irresistible to express them. If you see the negative life response results that follow, you will want to keep them to yourselves. When you see that keeping them to yourself attracts the very best conditions, you will want to restrain expression of your opinions in future.

Keywords: Instructor, Student

Ego

From the Liberty of Ego to the Infinite Power of Self-Restraint

One of life's blessings is that we are endowed with full freedom to act. Thus, Human Choice, not fate, nor karma can ultimately determine events. Yet if we were to look closely, we would see that three quarters of our actions are based on ego movements; on initiatives that are wholly self-serving. Sri Karmayogi calls this the "Liberty of ego." We have the freedom of choice to determine the outcomes of life, but we abuse it through self-absorbed initiatives based on urge, compulsion, or other willful action that are self-aggrandizing. These in turn do not garner life's cooperation, but their opposite, attracting negative conditions back to us. Yet if in these instances we simply restrained ourselves and held back our action, life would constantly conspire in our favor.

In Jane Austin's *Pride and Prejudice*, like most great literature, we see several examples of this phenomenon. One is Mrs. Gardner's restraint in speaking to Eliza about Darcy at a particularly sensitive moment. Rather than raise the issue, she shows sensitivity and refrains from expressing her thoughts in deference to Eliza's difficult relationship with Darcy. She in essence avoids an ego movement, moving outward to embrace the concerns and interests of another person. As a result, life supports her non-initiative when soon after Darcy and Eliza come to an understanding, fall in love and marry -- bringing great happiness to the couple, while energizing both families to no end. Life has responded to Mrs. Gardener's non-egoistic restraint.

On the other hand, Eliza's mother Mrs. Bennet has no personal control; is constantly acting from self-interest and self-concern. Because she lacks restraint, her unflagging initiating and meddling continually backfires on her and her family. If only she stood back, looked outward from within, and restrained herself, life would have quickly brought her everything she hoped for -- including the marriage of her daughters to prosperous young bachelors, and without the travail and pain the family was forced to suffer through. Instead, her ego-oriented initiatives almost lead to its ruination.

It turns out that she is just an exaggerated version of every one of us. We too subconsciously engage in acts that serve our ego. If we could catch ourselves and suspend such actions, we would conserve energy, which would in turn attract positive conditions.

Practically speaking, each time we feel the urge to send a note, or forward a picture, or speak to a friend or colleague, we should ask ourselves whether this is a wholesome, fully positive activity, or is it being undertaken to tickle our ego; for the purpose of self-aggrandizement? E.g., are we tacitly seeking the approval of others? Are we hastily reacting and trying to assert our opinion? Are we looking to express our contempt for another in a backhanded way? Are we selfishly trying to gain benefit? And so forth, ad infinitum. If ego, self-aggrandizement, and selfishness is in any way behind our intention, we should refrain from acting. We will avoid the negative, while attracting the very best of conditions.

When we restrain ourselves this way, we build up positive energies that align with the very best corresponding conditions in the world. We essentially move from the local, ego plane to the universal, where our hopes and dreams are fulfilled. Considering that three quarters of our actions consciously or unconsciously issue from the ego motive, it would be well worth examining every action we take to determine whether or not our intent is wholesome. If we avoid initiating when ego is present, we can avoid difficulties, while attracting startling positive results.

Ultimately, we can move toward the elimination of ego itself. That takes resolve, usually reserved for those who are on willing to follow a path of conscious evolution -- i.e. yoga in the East. To dissolve ego, one begins by moving away from the surface of life, where our consciousness is separative, and find a still and silent soul space within. From there our intentions tend to be in harmony with the world outside ourselves. From there, there is little need to initiate or take action, as what we aspire for tends to rapidly come to fruition.

Keywords: Literature, Relationship, Integrity

Ego Movement Attracts Difficulty; Cancels Further Success

A man was on a major quiz show on American television. He had just answered the first half dozen or so questions correctly, and had earned \$30,000. So far the questions had been easy to hard, yet fortunately he had knowledge in all of the areas addressed. The host then asked the contestant if he would like to hold his check, a question the host had asked before and which the contestant refused. This time the guest accepted, and admired the check. The next question, which would ordinarily not be too much more difficult than the previous question, turned out to be one outside of the guest's knowledge area. The guest didn't give the proper response, and was at that point eliminated from the show.

Comment: Negative Life Response. Example of how a negative ego movement can attract negative circumstance to life

Keywords: Money/Finance, Media

Untitled

When on the path, at the point you express pridefulness, life tend to take the object away.

Example: a man has some very spectacular and beautiful photos of his home town that he has lived in for a very long while. He hesitates to show them as he does not want to seem too proud, in this case of his community. He then gives in and presents it, especially when he comments on the photos. Two months later he discover that he has to move out of his beloved town and live elsewhere after 30 wonderful years there! Humility always works best in these situations, even if it means that you keep that which you cherish to yourself.

Keywords: Resources (Physical)

The Humiliation of Henry Ford

(negative life response)

The great, enormously successful car builder Henry Ford was in the latter part of his career brought to trial by a Chicago newspaper who claimed that he was an ignorant individual, an anarchist, a fraud, and therefore completely undeserving of the universal adulation heaped upon him.

When he was asked while on the stand a series of questions about history, world events, and other matters, he failed miserably in his responses, thereby becoming the butt of jokes around the world. Eg he actually thought the American Revolution took place in 1814 instead of 1776. Many other commonly known facts he was also unable to account for. Now rather than being considered a genius of the age of mass production in America, he was looked upon by many as an ignorant farmer who reached the pinnacles of success through luck and manipulation of the public.

How could this great man ever have been put in this situation? The answer is quite simple when you consider what he had done before that ordeal. It turns out that he had often had fits of pride and ego, to the detriment of many around him, especially his son Edsel. His ego had become legend among those near him and because of that life responded negatively in kind through a famous trial in which he was utterly humiliated. It was Nature's way of restoring the balance of forces that had moved out of equilibrium through his frequent egotistical attitude born of his vast success.

Keywords: Relationship, Business, History, Career, Media, Ignorance, Ego

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Keywords: Business, Career, Work Issue, Money/Finance, Behavior

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When you withdraw taking an action that props up your ego, that which you desired tends to occur shortly after. E.g. an individual wanted to broadcast that a friend of his had a successful meeting at a prestigious conference. To do that, he had to add some additional information about his friend to the post. It had in essence elevated the man's ego to point out the success of a close acquaintance. Realizing the ego-related principle involved, he withdrew the added information. Twenty minutes later a new entry was broadcast by the organization with his friend prominently featured!

Keywords: Communications, Accomplishment/Success

Book Review Surprise

If we observe ourselves closely, we will see that our Ego constantly takes control of us during the course of our day. Our obligation then is to catch it each time it presents itself and then suppress it, which will enable us to maintain harmonic relationships with others and life, as well as avoid negative life response consequences. The other benefit of suppressing our ego movements is that it can instantaneously attract positive conditions. Here's a recent example:

A man was thinking about his communications with a fellow business associate. In particular, he dwelt on the response he received to an email he sent to that colleague. Thinking about the content, the man got a little irritated, believing that the associate was restating the obvious. He then began to rationalize his viewpoint to such a degree that his higher self came to the fore, enabling him to recognize that his Ego was getting the best of him. Now clearly perceiving that fact, the man stopped his egoistic thoughts in its tracks, and as a result, his mind resumed its normal quieter state.

When he then opened his email to begin his work day, he saw a message from a journalist that the book he had written about a famous spiritual sage had been favorably reviewed; the first such response since he had published the work.

In other words, by catching an Ego movement and halting it in its tracks, the man instantaneously attracted a ray of good fortune from out of nowhere.

Keywords: Communications, Relationship

Money/Finances

Man Overcomes Reluctance to Write Checks, Which Attracts Money

A programmer very low in cash was unwilling to write out any checks for his recurring bills until he received the money he had been waiting days and days for. He went ahead and updated his accounting program and wrote out the checks anyway (though he didn't send them because he didn't want to create additional problems). Ten minutes later he went to get his mailbox, and discovered the check he had yearned for.

Keywords: Work Issue, Money/Finance

Man's Integrity, Attitude Reversal in Transaction Attracts Overdue Money

In a departmental store while I was paying to the cashier I noticed that the currency I was giving was a torn one but fixed by a transparent adhesive tape. I had other good currency. But my attitude was that if the cashier accepts the currency let me part with it. The cashier accepted it.

After returning home when I reexamined my attitude, I felt ashamed of myself and felt very guilty for my conduct. I at once rushed back to the departmental store and explained to the cashier that I had deliberately passed a torn currency to him and that I wanted to replace it with a good currency profusely apologized for my petty mentality.

Back home I received a long overdue payment from a client of mine who was avoiding the payment."

Comment: Shows how changing an attitude (vital) about money (mostly vital) can attract money (mostly vital).

Keywords: Money/Finance, Honesty, Integrity

Openness Attracts the Accomplishment of a \$1000 Goal

"Hi! I hope this story fits the bill - I *think* this was a life response... I believe it may well be, especially since considerable consecration is involved.

This summer - June-July - I embarked on an experiment to see if we could manifest \$1,000 through consecration and opening to the Divine without any expectation as to HOW it could possibly happen. Every day, in meditation, I would outline my general state of affairs, and open to and ask the Divine to help me dissolve any limiting thoughts and behaviors.

I explained that I was seeking to help my finances by \$1,000, but did not know how to earn it in enough time. I offered up all my existing business activities, acknowledging that while perhaps these were vehicles for greater earnings, I was remaining open to any additional avenues the Divine might determine to be a good fit for my needs that I might not yet be aware of.

Every time I felt myself grow afraid of looming financial issues, I would stop, and offer the fear and thoughts to the Divine. I also asked the Mother to assist in helping me to open to the Force, and trust in the Divine goodness and abundance.

I did this nearly all the time - then just allowed myself to observe what was going on around me without judging. I continued tending to my websites and other marketing activities.

Then, about 3 weeks into this, my husband and I were at a yard sale. I had tired of the yard sales by this time of the day, and remained in the car. He soon came back with an old, musty electric guitar that he had picked up for about \$50. I was unexcited, but consecrated that attitude immediately, and resolved to

remain open minded and encouraging about this purchase since my husband was pretty excited about it - he said he just had a good feeling about it.

We got home, and upon further study, discovered it was a 1966 Fender Mustang guitar in its original case. We spent a little money getting it cleaned and restrung. A little more research indicated it was no longer its original color, but somewhat collectible, nonetheless.

We did a nice write-up on it, and subsequently put it up for auction.

Can you guess what this guitar brought at auction one week later?

If you guessed \$1,000 - you were wrong. It brought \$1,011!

We were extremely grateful for this - and believe that part of this is the non-attachment as to HOW we were going to find or otherwise manifest the \$1,000 that we needed.

This small exercise has truly increased my faith - and even better - I'm feeling more energetic, knowing that things truly are ok. More energy is also meaning that I am accomplishing more.

Consecration is now a constant activity for me."

Comments:

Many factors that led to the response are indicated here, including Intention, Consecration, Detachment, Non-irritation, Equality of Being, Cleanliness, and a Token Act. The key however was: "I was unexcited, but consecrated that attitude immediately, and *resolved to remain open minded and encouraging* about this purchase since my husband was pretty excited about it - he said he just had a good feeling about it." This directly created the opening.

Keywords: Money/Finance, Resources (physical), Sales

Gratitude toward Money Coming In

When money comes in, first feel gratitude -- toward its source, what earned it, etc. -- and only then consider how to spend it. Otherwise, a financial arrear may suddenly appear.

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Long Delayed Funds are Secured through Multi-Pronged Life Response Powers

I thought why not check the status of a bill that is well overdue. Rather than wait to be informed of the result - i.e. what the customer had lately intended to do or was doing on the matter -- I decided to take action and see what has actually transpired through my bank account, since the client has not responded to me in the way I had hoped.

As I was checking my account, I decided that I will open to the spiritual Force. In this particular case, as the very moment rolled around, I was a little afraid that the response I had hoped for would not come through my consecrated effort, and therefore I would lose a tiny bit of faith. Then I controlled my doubt, blocked out everything else, and held deeply within my thought of the Divine Mother. I was then informed over the phone that the long-delayed funds has suddenly arrived.

Comment:

Multiple life response powers were at play here. An attitude of strength over weakness; of action over inaction; of collecting money that are due; of consecration; of no fear over fear; of faith over no faith are all life response powers in tandem that attracted the result.

Keywords: Money/Finance

Aspiration for Right Attitude to Attract Money Does So

I thought about the idea of how difficult it is to shift from the work we like to do, e.g. writing or organizing or performing our normally perceived important tasks -- vs. something one might not be so eager to do, such as emptying the dishwasher. I thought that our ability to accept the givens of life is based on our attitudes about such things. When we have the right attitude, we tend to do that work energetically and joyfully.

Then I wondered how one can get to this state of right attitude of doing what life puts before you, no matter how small, or seemingly less important it seems relative to what we were doing earlier. I.e. I was wondering what my condition should be so that I have the right attitude, and more easily make the transition from an important thing to the perceived lesser one.

I once again remembered Sri Aurobindo's claim that when we live in the depths of our being, from a deeper poise within, we tend to be One with the world around us -- i.e. we have the wherewithal to perceive the multiplicity of things occurring in the environment, and we are more in tune with the needs and interests of others. I thought I could apply this principle and approach to doing the things we are reluctant to take on. I.e. if we are centered in a deeper poise, it will be much easier to shift from one task to another, no matter what their perceived relative importance. I did not actually apply this approach at that moment, but merely thought about it.

A minute later, I checked my computer and from out of nowhere I received an order equal to a 1/3 of my \$ remunerations for the entire month. It was a stunning development for me. Then I saw the connection between my aspiration to discover what it is I can do to more permanently overcome the attitude of reluctance, and the instantaneous response of life through the unexpected arrival of large sum of money. *It was an aspiration to formulate a way to change an attitude to enable money and success.* It was also the realization of the key that would make it happen – an inner poise. It had many of the attributes that attract in one. That *combination* created a great power to attract the money results.

Keywords: Money/Finance, Order, Sales

Man Overcomes Little Past Success in Acquiring Money; Attracts Highest Paying Work

A man wondered why no matter how hard he tried that he never really became prosperous. He then thought back on his life to his early 20's and remembered how idealistic he was; how he really wanted to write about the new changes in the world, and otherwise educate others to new developments and possibilities. He later became an instructor who taught others, and he edited a web site where he explained new age ideas for personal and social growth.

Up to that time he never became prosperous because gaining wealth was never critical to his life. He could, of course, change course and could make prosperity a central driving force in his life if he truly wished to do so. It's his choice.

So the man decided he wanted to really become more prosperous. Within a few days he got work from a number of sources that paid triple or more what he normally receives in his daily rate.

Keywords: Career, Wealth, Instructor, Money/Finance

Cosmic Accounting

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Keywords: Students, Companies, Money/Finance

Power of Accepting Another's Point Of View on Money

If you are having a disagreement on the status of what is owed, and you completely withdraw insistence, even taking the other person's viewpoint in full, very soon after you are likely to receive word from the other party that your perspective was the true one, and you will benefit.

An instructor had an amicable exchange with his referral agent on a significant bit of money he was owed. The issue was examined from various sides, and the exchange went back and forth. The consultant then told himself that he was not going to press the matter further, he would not insist; in fact he would accept the agent's position as the true one. The next day he received an email from the agent who said that the consultant's view was in fact the correct one, and the important money due was being sent and would arrive soon.

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Call Center Miracle

Sri Karmayogi says every act, article, object, material, word, has "jeevan" (soul-like consciousness) - and they remember everything we do to them, and give an appropriate response at the appropriate time.

Example:

Few years back one of my friend- who is resident of a town Thirupur, a faraway place from Chennai – planned to open call centre for some service provider –but for some reason dropped the plan. The place for the call centre was booked long before that, and so it was lying idle for about eight months. As he asked another friend-in Chennai- to look after the place once in a while –the Chennai friend asked his office-maid to visit that place-which is about two KM from his office- once or twice a week and clean it-and paid telephone electricity bills etc.

After some time my Thirupur friend vacated the place-as he felt the outsourcing business would no more be feasible. Now-after a year or so-when the Chennai friend needed an office for his new venture-and we both went looking for one.

We had a shock of the lifetime when the broker took us to the same office space which my Chennai friend looked after once-at much cheaper rentals than he expected and fully furnished with no extras cost.

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Romance

Attracting Romantic Love Out of Nowhere

Is it possible to attract a romantic partner from out of thin air? I believe it is. The conditions are that (1) you have a real desire for a romance relationship, and (2) you are able to discover a corresponding wanting element in your being and reverse it. As a result, the man or woman of your dreams can emerge from out of nowhere.

In the German romantic comedy, *Mostly Martha*, Martha Klein is a workaholic chef, single-mindedly obsessed with the perfection of her culinary creations. After her boss, restaurant-owner Frida, catches her arguing with a pair of customers over the quality of her cooking, Martha is ordered to see a therapist to try to work out her control issues and poor interpersonal relationships. Meanwhile, Martha's sister, perhaps her only connection to a world outside of her job, dies in a car accident, leaving Martha in charge of her niece, the sullen and broody Lina.

Martha finds it extremely difficult to emotionally bond with Lina, demonstrating her psychological problems. Martha's world is then further turned upside down when the owner of the restaurant hires fun-loving and unorthodox Mario as a sous-chef to replace one of the workers there. Along the way, Mario challenges Martha's defenses and bonds with Lina, who begins to accompany Martha to work.

Martha begins to relax and open up to the possibility of a romantic relationship with Mario. However, after a second romantic interlude, it seems her psyche just cannot handle that possibility, and she in essence forces Mario out of her life.

One day after Lina tried to run away to Italy to visit her true father, Martha has an emotional catharsis and deeply bonds with the young girl. At that very instant, Mario knocks on her door, rekindling their relationship, which soon leads to their happy marriage.

What happened was that at the very moment the standoffish, obsessive, compulsive Martha gives into her feelings toward the young girl, the man of her dreams appears at her door, leading to the marriage and happy life that was unavailable to her until that point. By overcoming a deep-seated wanting attitude, life responded and brought the man of her dreams to her doorstep, when the relationship seemed all but over. That is the power we evoke when there is an aspiration for romance matched by a reversal of a limiting part of our being. Life immediately moves on our behalf, attracting the man or woman of our dreams out of thin air.

Here are several other examples of this dynamic:

- A mean-spirited retired military officer shifts to goodness by helping a young friend in a trial, and suddenly attracts the woman of his dreams on the way out of the courtroom.
- A man who is deeply in love with a woman is unable to win her over. But when he stands up to an abusive boss, from out of nowhere she immediately appears at his doorstep, confessing her love.
- A man in love with a woman is unable to win her over in full. However, when he refuses to give in and mock another woman when the entire group gathered at a reception does so, he attracts someone who causes the woman whom he adores to suddenly show great interest in him, leading to their marriage.
- When a man who has had a number of failed relationships finally gives up and works hard to earn a living, he attracts the most romantic relationship of his life.
- A man changes his arrogant and haughty ways, and suddenly finds out that the woman he adores who has rejected him in the past, now wants him, leading to their romance, marriage, and his greatest happiness and fulfillment in life.
- A woman, surrendering to the truth, finally acknowledges the questionable behavior of her family, attracting a wealthy man out of nowhere, leading to their marriage, their deep fulfillment, and vast prosperity for her family that had been teetering on failure.

In each case, an individual had an aspiration for romance, plus made a decisive change in their attitude that attracted their dream partner literally from out of nowhere. That being the case, ask yourself this: Do you aspire for romance? And if so, what key wanting attitude about yourself, life, or work needs to be changed? If you make that adjustment, life can reward you with the most fulfilling romantic relationship of your life.

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MENTAL

MENTAL Expressions of Life Response

Whereas the Physical material plane of our being includes our physical body, its movements, the objects in the world, etc. and the Vital planes of our being includes our sensations, emotions, feelings, attitudes, including our interactions with others and life, the mental plane of our being are the movements of the mind, including perceiving things, gathering of sense data, understanding of things, engaging in the act of rational thought, etc.

In this module we will focus how certain mental movements, behaviors can evoke positive response from life. Among them are-

- Focusing on a Matter or Thing
- Having Intention and Will for Something to Come About
- Making a Decision
- Focusing On a Particular Matter
- Personal Values and Beliefs
- Power of Values to Attract
- Organizing Knowledge at a Higher Level
- Planning
- Decision Making
- Engaging In Rational Thought
- Probing More Deeply into Things

Interest in a Thing

"An Interest in a thing, matter, etc. attracts startling results, including more of it from seemingly out of nowhere"

How Life Responds to Focus, Interest, and Aspiration

Every day I have one or more "life response" experiences -- i.e. startling instances of sudden good fortune. Sometimes the miraculous-like result comes because I had earlier opened to the spiritual Force, while other times it comes because I had earlier reversed a wanting attitude or habit. Just as often, it comes as a result of taking an interest in a matter or focusing on a thing, or having an intense desire and aspiration for something to come about. It is the last three -- interest, focus, and intention -- that I would like to concentrate on here.

One day recently while surfing the Internet, I learned about Google's new initiative Google.org that has been established for investing in worthy global and regional causes. One such cause is called 'RechargeIT,' in which Prius and other high-mileage automobiles are modified to collect the sun's energy through solar power modules mounted on its roof, enabling the car to extend its mileage capacity. This unusual technology enables the car to get 100 miles to the gallon, while becoming an energy *giver* to the electric grid, rather than a taker -- reversing the normal relationship between vehicle and society. As it turns out, solar energy is an area I have had a deep interest in for quite some time, beginning decades ago when I first researched the subject at Temple University for an article I was writing for a major youth-oriented magazine. To see a major innovative company like Google getting behind an innovative initiative like RechargeIT is in one sense the fulfillment of a long-time personal dream. I was therefore thrilled when I watched a Google YouTube video on the subject.

Then something interesting happened. When I got up from that energizing experience, I looked outside my office window. Across the way, there is usually a series of cars parked in parallel formation in front of a number of businesses. However, this time I noticed that there was only one solitary car parked there. It was a shiny new red Toyota Prius!

Such miraculous-like experiences happen to me with considerable frequency -- perhaps 3- 10 times a day. And those are just the ones I notice. As I mentioned earlier, these startling life response results normally comes as a result of offering an activity to the Spirit, or shifting from a wanting attitude to a positive one. Yet other times they come as a result of focusing on a subject or taking an interest in a matter. The Prius incident I just described is a case in point. When I focused my interest on Google.org's initiative to retrofit Prius car's with solar collectors that feed rather than take from the energy grid, life conspired to present me another iteration of it in the form of a sole bright red Prius parked in an area normally packed with vehicles.

If that is an example of life response through mental focus and interest, then, then what about a life response that comes as a result of our aspiration and desire for something to come about? It turns out that a close friend of mine had one just the other day; mirroring similar experiences I have had many times along the way.

In this instance, it turns out that my friend was listening to a local radio show. In a particular daily segment, the host plays songs in alphabetical order. That is, the first day he plays songs that begin with A, the next day the B tunes, and so on. On that particular day, he was going through the G selections. In fact, when my friend tuned in, they were playing 'Goodbye Yellow Brick Road,' a song from the 1970s by singer-songwriter Elton John. As a result, she realized that she had missed the Beach Boys song 'Good Vibrations,' also from that era, which disappointed her. Later that day she settled down to watch a movie. About half way into the middle of it, she realized that they were playing 'Good Vibrations!' Out of the millions of songs in the world, it was this one that had come up! Then later on, she settled in to watch the finale of the 3rd season of the ultra-popular TV series 'Lost'. In the episode, a man sacrifices himself for the welfare of his compatriots on the island. To do that, he taps in a code into a power system. As it turned out the code was based on the notes of the song -- you guessed it -- 'Good Vibrations!'

When we focus on a thing, take an interest in a matter, or desire for something to come about, life tends to conspire with our thoughts and emotions by attracting iterations of it. Very often, what comes is pleasing to us and brings substantial benefit -- material or psychological. That benefit is proportional with our desire for something tangible to come about. The more intensely we want something, the more likely we receive back substantive and beneficial results. When it comes in the form of a life response, we are utterly dazzled.

The other day my friend was attending a three-day workshop where she was required to travel daily over 50 miles round trip in the pouring rain. I wanted to tell her that rather than make the commute back and forth in the downpour, and particularly at night, that she should try to stay overnight somewhere. Unfortunately, at the time, I was ill and could not communicate with her; plus, I did not have the phone where the affair was taking place. Well wouldn't you know it, shortly after I received a call from her informing me that someone had invited her to stay over at their home! I had not even conveyed my intent to my friend and yet she informed me that she was going to do the very thing I had hoped for. That is the power we have to attract the very things we yearn for without the need for any outer action. It is the inherent power we have to move life outside ourselves from within.

In the end, what will make these possibilities real to us is to have these sorts of experience ourselves. Once we begin having them, we will see that they are a real phenomenon of life, and therefore we will look out for them in the future. We will also begin to develop the subtle sense to know how to invoke them on demand.

For nearly a week recently, I wanted to inform a new client that the training session we had planned would require more than the normal 7 hours to complete in order to accommodate all of the items on the agenda. I felt that it needed to be longer, although I could probably make do with the current allotted time if I had to. I did not raise the issue with the client. Suddenly the next day, I received word from her that she felt that the hours need to be extended a bit, and didn't I agree with that idea! I nearly fell over as I saw that she had read my mind; or rather she had picked up my vibration of intention. She had responded to my aspiration, though I had never expressed it to her in any way. It also demonstrates the power that silence generates. That when we withhold a thought from expression, it causes others to speak it out. It is a magic-like power that I call "Silent Will."

And so another 24 hour period had come to an end with a blizzard of life response events, too numerous to enumerate here. Once again, I was reminded of the power we generate from within by focusing and taking an interest in a matter, or aspiring intently for something to come about. It was further demonstration of the subtle power we have within to attract the infinite potential of life to the here and now.

Keywords: Media, Vehicles (auto, etc.), Communications

An Interest in a Topic Invokes Responses about that Topic

"I have seen it also in our devotee friend N the industrialist. He does have an urge for the prosperity and development of the country though secondary to his own selfish business interests and social aspirations. A few years ago, he uncharacteristically expressed a sincere and intense interest in popularizing new ideas in the country for bio-fuels and took steps to act on it in his own life as well as enthusiastically speak about it to others. I saw over a period of two years the ideas he passionately embraced for the country gaining national recognition and becoming official public policy, though perhaps no one would trace their origin to him. Here also, Mother is at work, since he is a devotee with real faith in A and Her and his idealism is what he learned from A. *[After writing this message to you, I opened the newspaper and read two relevant articles. One regarding sanction of \$300 million by Govt of India for bio fuels. The other a multi-billion dollar program for bio-fuels being promoted in UK. This is a real instance of what you are referring to.]*"

Comment:

The author's interest in the subject attracted the response. Plus, the power of the success of the item and its relationship to the Force/Mother, and that relationship to the author keeps responses circulating.

Keywords: Media, Nation

Interest in Street's Development Attracts Story of Its *Actual* Development

I had walked down Columbus Avenues for the first time in many years. It is the urban street between downtown San Francisco and Fisherman's Wharf, a huge and very popular tourist destination. As I walked up Columbus from the wharf to downtown, I admired its many cafes, and thought that this is a wonderful street (located in North Beach). I had never really thought about the street in this way; i.e. in terms of its current amenities, and its even greater potential for development.

The next day in the local paper I saw an article about how for the first time in 35 years business and public officials want to make Columbus Avenues more of a destination and stopping place, rather than just a by-way to get to Fisherman's Wharf from downtown. I had never seen an article on Columbus Avenue development before. It was also the first and main article in the paper!

Comment:

When you take a decided interest in thing, life responds with something related to it.

A thought: Perhaps the Force can move into the background of your being, supporting such responses as this one, even you haven't consciously consecrated in that moment. It would be worth discussing further.

Keywords: City, History

The Power of Intention on the Eve of the iPhone

When we focus our minds on a thing, we are generally unaware that we have set in motion a process in which knowledge and circumstance related to that object will suddenly come back to us, entering our field of awareness from seemingly out of nowhere. These sudden, unexpected echoes or reverberations of what we originally perceived are truly a miracle to behold -- an experience of an instance of the phenomenon of "life response."

Recently one evening, I woke in the middle of the night and thought about possible solutions to a technical problem I had been grappling with. Since my mind was now fully engaged, I thought about other matters as well. One subject that came up was the pending release of the Apple iPhone. The thought I had was that this was indeed a monumental undertaking -- where everything needed to go just right to insure its success in the marketplace. It occurred to me that this was especially true in three areas. First, the device needed to function as advertised for the user. Second, the actual purchasing of the device through phone centers and other outlets, -- where accounts and multi-year contracts were established -- needed to go smoothly. And third, people needed to know how to use the product once they purchased it.

I felt confident that the first two areas would work out reasonably well, but I had questions about the third. Yes, I thought, it was an Apple product, which is generally easier to use than the technology of competitors, but this was still a powerful integrated device with many sophisticated features. Would people know how to use it right out of the box after purchasing it? Apple, as well as their competitors, have rarely included training with their products, but instead require the user to fend for themselves by purchasing a book on the subject, or go to a training class, or use on-line training of sorts if available. How then was Apple going to provide user help with its fledgling, yet sophisticated iPhone product?

The next morning I turned on my computer, and then went to Apple's site. Normally on the startup page, there is information about new products -- such as new models of computers released, an ad about an operating system upgrade, or a presentation about a new technology breakthrough -- such as the iPod, or even the iPhone. Well to my surprise on the start page for the entire site was an invitation to watch a 20-

minute video on how to use the iPhone! There in front of me was a huge graphic imploring the audience to watch this video in preparation for purchasing the device so that users would be up and running from day one!

This was an astonishing development because just the night before I had thought of this very issue. In decades of watching Apple and their site, I had never once seen the subject of training presented so prominently -- whether in anticipation of a pending product or even after its release. Training was normally addressed on the back pages of their enormous site. In addition, I had not seen a *single* article in the technology-oriented press on the subject of learning to use the iPhone in the run up to its release. And yet there in front of me, the morning after I had thought about the matter, was an ad imploring the world to watch a 20-minute video on their upcoming, new product! It was a startling experience, which appeared to be a direct response to my previous night's keen interest in the subject.

Wherever we put our focus on something, it tends to quickly come back to us in the form of related information, striking us as nothing less than miraculous. Hence its moniker of "life response." E.g. one thinks about a subject, and ten minutes later, newscasters are discussing that very topic on TV -- when in fact that person has never *once* seen that subject discussed in 40 years of television viewing! What occurred is that life responded to one's focus and interest in a matter with related knowledge, information, and circumstance. Sometimes, the response comes as more *information* on the subject; other times it also brings practical *benefit*, such as it did in the iPhone episode.

Keywords: Resources (physical), Products, Media, Companies

Creating an Endless Stream of Interest-Induced Response

If you take a serious interest in something, you tend to quickly attract more information about it from out of nowhere. If you then take an interest in the miraculous-like iteration result, you will tend to suddenly attract yet another response directly related to it! And so on ad infinitum.

In this way, on any subject or matter, you can attract an endless stream of knowledge or other useful result related to it, without having to take any outer action.

Example: A man associated with an individual who had a very unusual quality. It was a fascinating and interesting experience for him. When he then left that individual and turned on the radio of his car he immediately heard discussion about a person who had this exact same unusual quality. The chance of that happening seemed one in a million.

But there was more. The next day he told a friend about this startling response. When he then pulled out of his driveway in his car, the first person he saw once again had this same very unusual quality!

He thought that the chances of this triple happening were a hundred million to one. Instead it was one to one to one!

He understood that through continued interest in a matter and its responses one can continue to evoke response on that issue ad infinitum.

Keywords: Relationship, Media, Character, Interest, Coincidence

"Tech" Incident

Today upon waking I thought of the fact that my father went to a technical high school in the 1940s. In fact, it was called "Brooklyn Tech," a startling name to me considering it is from the 1940s and how the term "tech" is so widely used today. I had not thought of this fact ever in my life.

I then started thinking about the importance of technical schools, especially in higher education. When I then got out of bed, started up my computer, and opened the New York Times online, there was at the top of the first and main page a huge picture of students entering their school with the following caption:

"Dante de Blasio towered over his schoolmates on the first day of his senior year at Brooklyn Technical High School, in Fort Greene." (The article then goes on to explain the importance of higher technical education.)

The coincidence of "Brooklyn Tech" suddenly showing up on the cover of the NY Times was astonishing. And yet at the same time I was reminded for perhaps the thousandth time that when you think of something - a matter, concept, person, organization, etc. - with great interest and enthusiasm, the universe sends you more of it very quickly.

Even on the cover of the New York Times!

Keywords: Parents, Education, Media

Piano Synchronicity and the Power of Intention

A long-time friend of mine who was staying with his elderly parents decided that he wanted to take up the piano after many years of guitar and other music playing. He would start from scratch. His strategy was to pick out 10 songs he was familiar with and then try to figure it out on the piano.

At the residence there was a recreation area where others could come in and play the instrument, though the piano itself was hardly ever used, especially during this particular season of the year.

Just as the man dedicated himself to learning the first song on the instrument, giving up all hesitation and taking an action, a couple walked into the condo music room and b-lined it straight for the piano where he was sitting. No one hardly ever came to this area, yet right at the moment he decided to practice the composition the couple arrived. When the man asked the woman (who was approximately the same age) why she marched over to the piano, she said with smiling enthusiasm that she'd just finished her 5th piano lesson and was excited about learning to play more of the piano when she retires from work shortly!

The man was startled at these turn of events; that just as he was making this new beginning to learn the piano someone else had come over who also had decided to take up the piano and had now progressed to her 5th lesson.

When you truly focus your interest and attention on doing something, life has a funny way of cooperating with that intent and bringing forces and forms that substantiate your intention. The man's intention, including his decision and action to get started, was mirrored by woman suddenly arriving with virtually the same intent; and doing so synchronously to a place at a piano that was nearly always abandoned. That is the power of giving up all hesitation, fixing your intention, and acting on it. Life cooperates with corresponding positive conditions. An abandoned piano suddenly attracts more users in a joyous occasion of synchronicity among the parties.

Keywords: Life Response, Resources (physical), Relationship, Intention

A Startling Experience Up On the Roof

For a month now I have been thinking about writing a book on the Character of Life, which would be a superset of what I have written on the phenomenon of Life Response. I probably wouldn't get to it for a year or more, but I have been going through various arguments and principles in my mind when I have the chance.

Well the other day I pulled into a parking garage in downtown Walnut Creek a shopping mecca in the eastern part of the San Francisco Bay Area. As I parked there on the roof with its delightful 360 degree view of the surrounding hills and mountains, I heard an old tape of Alan Watts being broadcast by KPFA, the progressive Berkeley radio station.

I was happy to hear his voice again and always enjoyed his presentation when in my 20s and 30s. While expecting something on subjects such Zen Buddhism, non-dualism, and similar, he instead began by going into a profound discussion on the nature of the Reality (Brahman), our essential Ignorance born of

creation, the law of contradiction, how we know only the part rather than the whole, and so forth; a precise echo of Sri Aurobindo's universal principles that I had been grappling with in anticipation of developing my new book.

I sat there astonished as he masterfully gave me a summary of what had very recently been on my mind. It was almost as if he were saying, "Roy I know you have been thinking about these issues recently, so let me succinctly sum them up for you in 20 minutes!"

I sat there dumbstruck; moved with great emotion and gratitude of a very special gift that had come to me.

There is one other part to the story. Today I drove back to the same garage, remembering what had transpired the work before. Again, I turned on the radio, and there was Alan Watts once more! This time in a commercial for the same set of tapes the earlier speech was drawn from, while commenting that we are each looking out on creation through the Divine's eyes through our own small aperture, or words to that effect. In essence, the response had repeated in that very same place; and now with a single point of wisdom that went beyond all others. Moreover, the principle of repeating acts demonstrated here was a key principle of Character of Life that had been on my mind of late.

Today I realized that it is one thing to attract response by focusing and giving attention to an idea or an undertaking like the writing of a book. It is another to attract when those ideas are Divine in nature. The results are then miraculous in the most wonderful sense.

Keywords: City, Media

Ascending the Steps in the City

[The following is a little experience I had about 7 years ago, but only recently rediscovered.]

The other day I had an interesting experience. I was walking in the city and was approaching an area where you walk up two dozen steps in an opening in a concrete wall that takes you from the street at the first level to another street that crosses over it. It is a little unusual and hard to explain, though I had climbed this fascinating walkway many times in the past on the way to retrieve my car.

On this particular day I began walking up the steps as usual. Often when I ascend this dark passageway I like to chant "Om," as the sound reverberates off the walls and throughout this tubular like structure. I also feel that as I ascend I am calling the universe into my being.

This time however, I did something a little different. Just before I reached the passageway, I thought about Karmayogi's comments on how evolution has occurred on earth through the progression of one type of society or stage after another. So this time as I ascended, I thought of each of these one by one in their natural progression.

And so I climbed the first few steps and said to myself, "Spirit was born in India." Then I climbed several more steps while thinking, "Mind was then born in Greece." Then I continued upwards I thought, "Rome brought law and organization." As I traversed a few more steps, I thought, "Europe brought Mind into science, business, and art." Then as I approached the top, I said "America discovered freedom for all and practical organization of material well-being for the masses."

When I reached the final steps, I stopped to catch my breath. I then hesitated for the next thought, and then remembered and said to myself, "and now India has taken America's material well-being and is applying it through Spirit, completing the circle."

As I finished that happy thought, I climbed the final step, and then came out into the light of day. Immediately, on the bright street, I saw an individual pass me by. She was a well-dressed, prosperous Indian woman in a sari! And she was only person on the street in a busy high-end residential district!

I was simultaneously startled, shaken, and thrilled as I realized that I had suddenly manifest my last thought about India! That is, Indian prosperity in an American setting was realized right before my eyes!

But it was more than a wonderful experience. It was also a clear life response to the intensity of my focused thoughts, as well a confirmation of the insights of my spiritual teacher.

Keywords: Teacher, City, Current Events

Commitment to Endeavor Attracts Associate at Foot of World Famous Businessperson

Act 1:

For the past several years I have worked with several Project Server consulting organizations in Southern California and the Bay Area. A company calls me for Project Server services and I refer it to these experts for implementation. (I have nowhere near the skills and experiences to provide this service myself.) Though I have met with only limited success in such collaborations, the opportunities for new success are on the rise.

Locally I have been working with MR and his company in Berkeley, SA, for Bay Area Project Server installations, consulting, and training. (An installation at a company can run from 5-\$50,000 or more in consulting fees.) I met M at the S.F. branch of the main project users group where we collaborated on a Project skill contest at one of the meetings. (He, in essence, came to me. I.e. he was assigned to my group in the contest.) I found him utterly brilliant and insightful within his domain. His is perhaps the best Project Server consulting company in the Bay Area if not California or the US. (One time we rode the BART subway together after a meeting and engaged in a lengthy and powerful discussion.)

Act 2:

A new version of Project Server (and Windows and Office and Project) will be released towards the end of this year. Last week Microsoft held its week-long annual meeting of partners in Seattle to show Project 12, Project Server 12, and Visio 12. The keynote was hosted by Steve Ballmer, the CEO of Microsoft. He introduced the presenters who showed the various new features of the product. After that, he and two other presenters sat on chairs in front of the huge audience and engaged in a question and answer period. I know this to be true because this morning I watched the video of the presentation.*

The first person stepped to the microphone and introduced himself. It was MR of SA, the president of the company I have started to collaborate with!!! I nearly fell off my chair watching it! I had no idea he had gone up Seattle for the conference!

I watched this video because I was eager to know about the future direction of Project and Project Server, so I can plan for upgrading Guru! Software's online training in Project Server later in the year.

It also turns out that I have been sending emails back and forth to MR in the last few days (!) -- though I had no idea he had been in Seattle the previous week (until I saw the video this morning). We have been discussing methods to improve future collaboration. This dialogue, my watching of the video, etc. were activities I engaged in as part of my plan to attract paying Project work (training, consulting, referrals, etc.).

In the end, my interest in moving in this direction had created an association with a business associate who was talking to arguably one of the two most powerful businesspeople on earth -- Steve Ballmer of Microsoft. I took it as a sign of infinite potential on the way to becoming infinite reality.

Keywords: Business, Relationship, Companies

Wonderful Incident at MacDonald's

At the MacDonald's restaurant near my home they tend to play American music from the 1960s and 70s in the background. As you enjoy your meal, you are reminded of times gone by. One day I was quietly having my dinner reading the inserted entertainment section for the upcoming weekend. At one point, I listened to a song that struck me as slightly insipid, though tuneful. I noticed that the background harmony was being sung by famed American balladeer Johnny Mathis.

I then flashed back to my early youth when I had heard an extraordinarily well produced album of songs sung by Mr. Mathis. I remember the songs having a deep emotional impact on me at the time. Now as I heard this tune recorded somewhat later, I felt slightly incensed that he could have fallen into to merely singing background vocal of a second rate song. How sad it was that people could not hear the extraordinary tunes he had sung on that album. One of the songs was entitled "Wonderful, Wonderful."

After expressing a bit of indignation, I returned to my newspaper. I then proceeded to turn the page of the entertainment section, and there lo and behold right in front of me was a full page picture of Mr. Mathis! He was staring back at me with a bright smile and piercing eyes, as if to say, yes, indeed life is magical, and here is another instance for you to savor.

After getting over the shock, bemusement, and wonder, I realized that I had imply experienced a "life response." Life had suddenly presented me with an instance of good fortune as a result of some change of consciousness within myself. In this case, it was taking a decided *interest* in a thing; i.e. this newer song vs. his old great tunes. When you do so, life tends to suddenly bring you results related to the subject from literally out of nowhere. You are experiencing an instance of life response. What happens is that through the intensity, you become connected with objects and individuals outside yourself that are in alignment with your interests and intensions within. Hence the sudden appearance of the full page advertisement for Mr. Mathis' coming appearance at a major California resort.

I am currently writing a book on this subject of Life Response. There I have identified a plethora of instances of this miraculous-like phenomenon of life. I also indicate its various causes -- such as a decided change in attitude, efforts at higher levels of cleanliness and orderliness, and, of course, as in this case, a decided interest in a thing, or even more powerfully an aspiration and decision to achieve, acquire, or connect with something. There are a number of other ways to produce that effect, including various movements of the Spirit.

To have the experience even once can change one's entire perspective on life forever. One sits there dazed, and after a while can only call out in wonder and amazement, or sing out as Mr. Mathis once did, "It's wonderful, wonderful; oh so wonderful my love!"

Keywords: Media, Current Events

Interest in Article Attracts Song

I was having a meaty burrito in Jack in the Box (of Lafayette). I pulled out that famous metropolitan newspaper the Contra Costa Times, while eating and listening to the overhead 70's/80's music. I saw an article that said something like "Baby Boomers to Live to 100 in Higher Numbers by 2050." (600,000 octogenarians by then vs. ~6,000 now). I then read through the article with some interest.

I then focused in on the song that was playing overhead. It was the pop song "Find 100 Ways." Over and over, he said "100."

This is very similar to the incident in MacDonald's when I took an interest in Johnny Mathis article in newspaper, and then heard his song playing there.

Comments:

Focus and interest on a matter attracts related media of it.

Keywords: Media, Quantity

A Startling Experience at the Cinema

The other day I went to see the new American film 'The Curious Case of Benjamin Button.' It is about a man who is born as an infant with the wrinkled body of an old man. As he 'matures' over time, his physical body grows ever younger, even as he develops psychologically inside. At the end his life, he will

die as a fully aware *infant*. Watching the transformation he undergoes throughout his life is a rather startling experience. Having said that, now let me tell you about what happened before the movie started playing.

I was sitting in the darkness with my friend, watching a series of advertisements go by on the screen. In fact, they repeated ad nauseam until we were familiar with nearly every nuance. It turns out, we had arrived a little too early, and the on-screen film quiz continued in an endless loop.

Finally, there was a change from the quiz to a series of public announcements, such as the need to keep one's cell phones off, the opportunity to purchase refreshments in the lobby, etc. etc. Then an advertisement for the theater itself came up. It was something I had seen before in other locations. In essence, a woman on screen was presenting the idea that companies could rent out the theater to hold local meetings, or even broadcast it around the world to interested viewers.

As I watched the familiar ad, I leaned back and whispered to my friend half-jokingly, "And now presenting The Miraculous Phenomenon of Life Response!" (a reference to the subject of the book I have just written). We both laughed at the outrageous idea of renting the theater for a worldwide presentation, and then watched the ad continue.

Our smiles however suddenly turned to utter amazement when the ad stopped and a new one came up announcing the imminent release of a new film, "Beyond the Secret." We were stunned because the film is in essence the very same thing as Life Response, which I had just jokingly referred to!

We sat there startled at this one in a billion "coincidence", and could not help from crying out in amazement. Not only was it a startling synchronicity, but proof of the very principles that Life Response and The Secret represent! It not only revealed the principle involved, but also the infinite potential to utilize it.

It was certainly one of the most dramatic life responses I had ever experienced, and perhaps the most startling synchronicity I had ever shared simultaneously with another individual. It turned out to be an occasion of pure delight -- not unlike the film we were about to watch.

Keywords: Media, Current Events

Double Synchronicity at the Apple Store

It is my ongoing and quite constant experience that whatever my mind intently focuses on, quickly and startlingly returns to me in new forms. I'll give you the most recent example:

While at a busy, state-of-the-art outdoor shopping area in Emeryville, California, I walked into an Apple store and had a lively conversation with a young rep, discussing all sorts of technical issues. At the end of the discussion, I recalled that I used to have a friend working at the store, though after all this time I doubted she still was there. And so I asked the rep if he knew of her, and he told me he did. Moreover, he mentioned that she still worked there, which really surprised me. I then went to the back of the store to see if she was there, but I did not find her.

I then left the Apple store in this modern indoor/ outdoor complex, walked to a book store and spent some time there, and then began to return to the parking lot at the other side of the complex. Suddenly the friend that I longed to see appeared right before my eyes! And amidst a busy shopping area, the only person coming in my direction! I happily greeted her and we had a brief discussion.

On the way back to the parking area, I wanted to capture the startling synchronicity that just took place. As I was about to type in the story about the rep and the friend, I suddenly saw the Apple store rep all alone across the street at a stop light coming from the opposite direction! I was flabbergasted that he was there, and the way he was coming from the other way around. It was as if Life choreographed the whole scene for my amazement!

At this point I knew I had experienced a double simultaneity or synchronicity, demonstrating the startling life response power of focusing your attention on something or someone. When you do, you get more of

it, often in the most unusual ways. And not only can it bring new forms of it to you, but it can also vibrate out in another direction and happen again and again.

Keywords: State/Province, Current Events

Focusing On Something Intensely Attracts More of It

When you intensely focus your thoughts on a matter, more of it comes streaming back to you, often in the form of unexpected new developments.

An instructor intensely discussed a media technology he had used for years with several of his students. He hadn't thought of the item in months; plus there had been little technological advances on it in a very long time. The next morning when he opened his favorite tech news site, he was astonished to see this little-reported technology as the lead story, and how it was about to take a huge technological advance for the user!

Keywords: Instructor, Student, Media

Synchronicity at the Airport Terminal

One principle of life response that we have seen quite often is that when you intensely focus on a matter you can attract further iterations of it. That also applies to recollecting significant events of your past. Here's a recent example:

I was in the terminal of the Oakland, California airport terminal that many Silicon Valley people use. When I passed the first gate, I thought I recognized a man around my age who was a well-known technology pundit and reporter. I did not greet him, and instead continued to walk through the busy terminal.

For some reason I imagined having a conversation with him. In the vision I told him about several very interesting things that happened to me during the decades in the tech field, including life response type situations. The high point was my narrative to him about how I came within two feet of handing Karmayogi's booklet 'Consciousness Approach to Business Management' to Steve Jobs of Apple. I briefly explained this experience to the tech reporter in my mind.

However realizing that I was in a busy terminal with people coming rapidly from the other direction, I cut off the fantasy. Well it turned out that the very instant I did so, I looked up and saw a man who looked practically identical to Steve Jobs!

I was startled and amazed, though I have had such experiences many times before. Still this experience was a wonder to behold, and as I walked on I felt like I was practically walking on air.

Keywords: Airport, State/Province, Current Events

Buddha's Way Out of the Darkness

Perhaps the greatest conception of Reality ever devised by Man began in India thousands of years ago. While religion took root in the Middle East, it was in India that a course was blazed to know the true nature of the infinite Reality/Spirit and the process by which the universe emerged from a divine Source.

In the earliest years, the Indians of the ancient Vedic period worshipped natural forces as a means of communing with the one Infinite consciousness. In essence, they perceived the ultimate Reality through the instrument of material forces and Gods. Sophisticated thinking and refined emotions had not yet developed, and so their relationship with Spirit was predominantly physical. Many years passed, and Mind began to develop, allowing for a profounder conception of the Reality beyond this world. This is the era of the spiritual explorations of the Indian mystics known as the Rishis. Through their higher mental and

spiritual power, they were able to conceive of and commune with an ultimate Being and Consciousness, losing themselves in the pleasure of their transcendent experiences. They collectively communed with and realized an Ultimate Existence as no group had done before.

And yet despite these vast spiritual successes, humanity was not yet satisfied with these experiences, for it still had still not grappled with the greatest of human dilemmas: the cause of strife and suffering in the world. And so around 2600 years ago, Buddha's great mission began when he set out to discover and resolve the reason for pain and death. Which brings me to a startling experience I had the other day.

On New Year's, I went for a little drive to relax and air myself out. For some reason, I ended up on the 30-mile long busy thoroughfare known as the 'El Camino Real,' which traverses two dozen towns on the San Francisco peninsula. It is a street of commerce and business that seems to go on forever.

At one point, as I "floated" down the endless wide boulevard in my car, a rather existential feeling came over me. I thought about the difficulties, stresses, and failures of life, as well as the reality and finality of physical death. I then thought about how important Buddha was in addressing these issues. Then one by one, I thought through the essence of His teachings. I recalled that after being raised in a sheltered existence as a prince, he discovered that there was suffering outside his palace. He then came to understand the impermanence of things; that not only was life itself ephemeral because it comes to an end, but all apparently good things that come to us are easily taken away -- whether wealth, material objects, our mate, our children, family, friends, and so forth. He then realized that it was our attachment to these transitory phenomena that was the cause of our suffering. Our attachment to that which is temporary and ephemeral was the root of all pain and strife in the world.

Continuing these intense thoughts and feelings, I then recalled that Buddha devised a way out of the dilemma. That if we could still our thoughts, feelings, and passions, we would come to a state of serenity, release our attachment, and thereby free ourselves from the pain of impermanence. In fact, we would move to its opposite; to an intense pleasure and bliss that is beyond anything in this world. Gautama Buddha called this state "Nirvana," and realized it full in his being.

As each of these thoughts came to mind, I felt it with great intensity. They reached a crescendo when I realized that Buddha had worked out a way to loosen the knot of the world. Then finally, after five minutes, the experience stopped. I then once more became conscious of life around me, as I continued to drive/float down the long and winding commercial boulevard.

When I then focused my gaze ahead, I immediately noticed a banner hanging down from a light pole that I was just passing under. When I craned my neck to look a little closer, I saw that it was advertisement for an upcoming art event, and in the center of it was a large picture of the head of a great golden Buddha with a beatific smile. I was thunderstruck. I then beamed in amazement that this object had appeared above me at the very instant I commenced my intense inner experience of His way out of suffering.

The response pierced my being, and I cried out in wonder. The intensity of my thoughts and feelings on this subject had attracted an emanation of one individual who dared to address humanity's most compelling issue. There above me was the visage of the man who discovered a Stillness and Being within, forging a new path out of the Darkness.

Keywords: Current Events, City, Vehicles (auto, etc.)

Focusing On Something Attracts More of It Instantaneously

Life is subtle, but we miss the profound connections that it is constantly presenting to us in the course of our day. One dimension of that subtlety is that life is always responding to the things we are focused on with additional related information from seemingly out of nowhere.

E.g. in the communication program Skype, the names of ongoing friends who have come online for the program pop-up in a corner of my screen, even when the program is not open. I only have about a dozen Skype contacts, so the pop-up does not occur very often. Moreover, most of these people whose names pop-up I have not been in direct contact with for a long while, and had no plans to contact them for now.

Meanwhile throughout the day I work in various other software programs on the computer. Well it turns out that as soon as I enter some information in these other programs and really focus on that task, a person instantly pops in Skype up who is very closely related to the very specific work I am currently engaged in! They have no idea I am doing this work. It just spontaneously occurs on its own.

E.g. I enter the Excel application for the first time in a long time and out of the blue my friend who I have not spoken to in months suddenly pops up in Skype for the first time in a long time. I then realize that this individual was very much interested in learning Excel from me. Hence I attract them at that very moment.

Or I am focusing on the importance of business values as I develop a PowerPoint presentation, and the person who wrote eloquently on the subject many years ago suddenly appears as a Skype pop-up in the lower right corner of my screen instantaneous to my having the biggest inspiration of the day on that subject. No one else pops up but him during this time.

This extraordinary subtle synchronous dynamic happens with an instantaneous precision, down to the second, and occurs perhaps 10 times a day. (And that includes only the times I am conscious enough to realize it.)

It shows that all is connected in space and time; that we have powerful relationships with certain people, ideas, events that interconnect and are associative in the non-material world. This subtle dimension of life that most of us miss completely is often referred to as "synchronicity" in popular parlance. It is in fact a particular form of synchronicity that we refer to as "parallelism."

Life bringing more information to the things we are currently focused on -- in the form of Skype pop-ups from the exact related person; sudden out of the blue phone calls from such a person; related content in newspapers, magazines and in the news related to the topic focused on; etc. -- are very common experiences of those who have the inner wherewithal and vision to perceive them.

Keywords: Communications, Relationship

A Woman's Birth Date

I just had the strangest life response. At work I have to go through the dictations that come through every day for various reasons. This morning while going through them, I was thinking that I haven't come across anyone that had the same birthday as me. Well, just a few minutes ago I was going through a dictation and noticed that this person was only a year older than me. It was after I had closed it to outpatient evaluation another dictation that I noticed that this person HAD the same birthday as me and that he was one year older than me, not only that his name was Armando! A version of my dad's name!

Comment:

Very powerful response, indicating the power of intention, of an interest in a thing. Of course, her father was also responsible for her birth, i.e. the day of the birth!

Keywords: Family, Relationship

Untitled

A small life response just happened! Almost from 1 O' Clock PM today on wards, I had a very genuine feeling of having a cake piece (I am sorry). It was so genuine that I even thought of having a white cream cake with a red cherry above. But I was busy after that in my educational Institute but now by 5 O' Clock, Mr Joji, our level 5 student of business management came with exactly similar piece of cake which I thought with a red cherry telling that "Sir it's my Birthday". I had just now completed eating it...Tasty indeed! Thank you Mother.

Keywords: Student

Intention, Aspiration

Power of Intention Attracts

One truth of life is that our level of intention to accomplish something is key to bringing it about. A corollary principle is that when we take our intention to a higher level, feeling it with great intensity, life tends to quickly fulfill or even surpass that which we hoped to achieve.

For example, one man in evaluating a situation felt that if he could relax his staff and train them in a new skill, they could become productive employees. This was his aspiration and intention. Well, right after that he suddenly realized that he had something common with the students that would enable them to better work together in the future. This newfound awareness came as a response from life to his intention to improve things. Because he wanted it to happen, life presented him with the opportunity for its realization. In his mind, he now suddenly intuitivized the solution to the whole problem.

This is an example of a life response solution that appears as an idea in response to one's intention. Very often the response from life appears on the outside.

For example, one man was desperate to succeed and was willing to do anything to bring that about. He was even willing to take on the most menial of jobs. When he did, he suddenly attracted someone from out of nowhere who gave him the opportunity to fulfill his lifelong dream. Because he so intensely wanted to succeed and was willing to do anything to make it happen, he quickly attracted the vehicle that fulfilled his deepest aspiration.

Keywords: Student, Work Issue, Employment

How Life Responds to Focus, Interest, and Aspiration

Every day I have one or more "life response" experiences -- i.e. startling instances of sudden good fortune. Sometimes the miraculous-like result comes because I had earlier opened to the spiritual Force, while other times it comes because I had earlier reversed a wanting attitude or habit. Just as often, it comes as a result of taking an interest in a matter or focusing on a thing, or having an intense desire and aspiration for something to come about. It is the last three -- interest, focus, and intention -- that I would like to concentrate on here.

One day recently while surfing the Internet, I learned about Google's new initiative Google.org that has been established for investing in worthy global and regional causes. One such cause is called 'RechargeIT,' in which Prius and other high-mileage automobiles are modified to collect the sun's energy through solar power modules mounted on its roof, enabling the car to extend its mileage capacity. This unusual technology enables the car to get 100 miles to the gallon, while becoming an energy *giver* to the electric grid, rather than a taker -- reversing the normal relationship between vehicle and society. As it turns out, solar energy is an area I have had a deep interest in for quite some time, beginning decades ago when I first researched the subject at Temple University for an article I was writing for a major youth-oriented magazine. To see a major innovative company like Google getting behind an innovative initiative like RechargeIT is in one sense the fulfillment of a long-time personal dream. I was therefore thrilled when I watched a Google YouTube video on the subject.

Then something interesting happened. When I got up from that energizing experience, I looked outside my office window. Across the way, there is usually a series of cars parked in parallel formation in front of a number of businesses. However, this time I noticed that there was only one solitary car parked there. It was a shiny new red Toyota Prius!

Such miraculous-like experiences happen to me with considerable frequency -- perhaps 3- 10 times a day. And those are just the ones I notice. As I mentioned earlier, these startling life response results normally comes as a result of offering an activity to the Spirit, or shifting from a wanting attitude to a positive one. Yet other times they come as a result of focusing on a subject or taking an interest in a matter. The Prius incident I just described is a case in point. When I focused my interest on Google.org's initiative to retrofit Prius car's with solar collectors that feed rather than take from the energy grid, life conspired to present

me another iteration of it in the form of a sole bright red Prius parked in an area normally packed with vehicles.

If that is an example of life response through mental focus and interest, then, then what about a life response that comes as a result of our aspiration and desire for something to come about? It turns out that a close friend of mine had one just the other day; mirroring similar experiences I have had many times along the way.

In this instance, it turns out that my friend was listening to a local radio show. In a particular daily segment, the host plays songs in alphabetical order. That is, the first day he plays songs that begin with A, the next day the B tunes, and so on. On that particular day, he was going through the G selections. In fact, when my friend tuned in, they were playing 'Goodbye Yellow Brick Road,' a song from the 1970s by singer-songwriter Elton John. As a result, she realized that she had missed the Beach Boys song 'Good Vibrations,' also from that era, which disappointed her. Later that day she settled down to watch a movie. About half way into the middle of it, she realized that they were playing 'Good Vibrations!' Out of the millions of songs in the world, it was this one that had come up! Then later on, she settled in to watch the finale of the 3rd season of the ultra-popular TV series 'Lost'. In the episode, a man sacrifices himself for the welfare of his compatriots on the island. To do that, he taps in a code into a power system. As it turned out the code was based on the notes of the song -- you guessed it -- 'Good Vibrations!'

When we focus on a thing, take an interest in a matter, or desire for something to come about, life tends to conspire with our thoughts and emotions by attracting iterations of it. Very often, what comes is pleasing to us and brings substantial benefit -- material or psychological. That benefit is proportional with our desire for something tangible to come about. The more intensely we want something, the more likely we receive back substantive and beneficial results. When it comes in the form of a life response, we are utterly dazzled.

The other day my friend was attending a three-day workshop where she was required to travel daily over 50 miles round trip in the pouring rain. I wanted to tell her that rather than make the commute back and forth in the downpour, and particularly at night, that she should try to stay overnight somewhere. Unfortunately, at the time, I was ill and could not communicate with her; plus, I did not have the phone where the affair was taking place. Well wouldn't you know it, shortly after I received a call from her informing me that someone had invited her to stay over at their home! I had not even conveyed my intent to my friend and yet she informed me that she was going to do the very thing I had hoped for. That is the power we have to attract the very things we yearn for without the need for any outer action. It is the inherent power we have to move life outside ourselves from within.

In the end, what will make these possibilities real to us is to have these sorts of experience ourselves. Once we begin having them, we will see that they are a real phenomenon of life, and therefore we will look out for them in the future. We will also begin to develop the subtle sense to know how to invoke them on demand.

For nearly a week recently, I wanted to inform a new client that the training session we had planned would require more than the normal 7 hours to complete in order to accommodate all of the items on the agenda. I felt that it needed to be longer, although I could probably make do with the current allotted time if I had to. I did not raise the issue with the client. Suddenly the next day, I received word from her that she felt that the hours need to be extended a bit, and didn't I agree with that idea! I nearly fell over as I saw that she had read my mind; or rather she had picked up my vibration of intention. She had responded to my aspiration, though I had never expressed it to her in any way. It also demonstrates the power that silence generates. That when we withhold a thought from expression, it causes others to speak it out. It is a magic-like power that I call "Silent Will."

And so another 24 hour period had come to an end with a blizzard of life response events, too numerous to enumerate here. Once again, I was reminded of the power we generate from within by focusing and taking an interest in a matter, or aspiring intently for something to come about. It was further demonstration of the subtle power we have within to attract the infinite potential of life to the here and now.

Keywords: Media, Vehicles (auto, etc.), Communications

Great Intention Attracts What Is Desired

"Often we were short of cash. Money was never sure to come to pay the wages or raw materials, but I took it as my responsibility never to send people home because we could not pay them. In one way or another we could avert this possibility for a long time, but one day the problem became real serious. There was no money to take the perfume materials from the godown of the transport company and closure of the unit was imminent.

I asked the office whether any cash was in sight and they said that the company that exported the incense on our behalf was going to the bank. But chances were very slim, since that company had overdrawn heavily, but would give it a try for our sake. I talked to myself and said it was time to practice the principle of mind over matter. I calculated that I needed 75.000 rupees and put it in my head that that was the amount that should come. News came that the bank would give 50.000 rupees. I did not waver from my commitment to 75.000. That afternoon the bank gave 75.000 rupees. The person who would collect the money came to the bank and asked for the 50.000 rupees. The bank employee said: 'no, we will give 75.000 rupees'."

Comment: Shows Power of strength of intention.

Keywords: Work Issue, Money/Finance, Products

Individual's Effort, Interest, Overcoming Limiting Attitude Attracts Professional to Complete Job

It is winter. We do not use swimming pool till September. That does not mean I need not clean it. But, I am lazy. I allowed the pool to become dirty and dusty.

Today morning I felt very bad about it and decided to do what I could. Though I do not know much about cleaning the pool, I thought of pouring in chlorine granules and some other chemicals. I spent some time in organising the activity.

Then a man came and told, "The landlord wanted to clean the pool professionally. He had asked me to do this long back. But, I am able to come only today." This professional cleaner started to clean the pool with his machines.

Keywords: Weather, Machinery

Double House Sale

We really needed to move house, to find somewhere quiet and peaceful. My wife drew a picture, to include everything from no neighbours/woods/streams....everything we wanted. We affirmed this image every day and when we decided to sell, we would only move to exactly the right place. A few weeks later we saw the place we wanted and the owners said they would only sell to us and would wait for us to sell our house. Then these owners rang us up and said they wanted to look at our house!!!!!! And guess what?... they bought our house and we bought theirs....with very little money changing hands. This was a stunning from of manifestation, because we got everything we wanted.....and they got just the house they needed.

Comments:

This a magnificent response, showing the power of focus and intention. It also shows how the urge to accomplish something compels life to respond. The life response drawing power of visualization is also there, as is the unswerving determination to stay with the plan. A double life response ensued. Congratulations!

The process of creation is to envision that which we want to achieve, to really want it, to organize the details, and to execute our plan with consummate skills and right attitude. It was all there in this case, and so life responded!

Keywords: Property, Spouse, Household, Sales

Intention about Overcoming Time Attracts Article on It

Today evening I went to a meeting which was in turn a planning meeting for a well-known spiritual guest H.H. Ravi Shankar.

All people were asked to meet at particular time for the planning meet, but only scanty people attended apart from the organisers, and the meeting was already beyond the schedule by one and half hrs., I just asked the organisers whether the participants are allowed to ask any questions to the Pujya Ravishankar, for I wanted to pose a question viz., How to overcome time and live beyond time? Keeping aside the affair with organisers and after the meeting I came back home and opened my mail there I find your bi-weekly topic "Becoming the Master of Time". I was almost taken back and surprised to see your article and so surprised that I could not resist myself from sending this mail to the group.

Comment:

It is very striking synchronicity and response from life. You wanted to know how to overcome time, i.e. that was your intention, and you came into alignment with what I wrote which was about the overcoming of time.

Keywords: Current Events, Teacher

The Laptop and the Job

"There was the experiences of a friend I was staying with (she for example told me some time ago she was needing a job, even sort of desperately needing, but she also wanted to buy a laptop because she needed a laptop anyway for her "own" work although she in fact did not really have the money, she had to borrow the money, of course she had been considering that she first could wait... for the job that she so first had to find a job..., but then somehow she decided to buy the laptop anyway with borrowed money and then I guess this was the 'life response'..., a job came her way just immediately after she had bought the laptop and with the salary earned already she had been able to pay back the laptop lo!"

Comment:

She wanted a laptop intensely. She also wanted a job genuinely so she could work and pay for it. Here attitude was expansive and trusting in life, rather than shrinking and feeling she may not be able to pay for her purchase later. But it was also responsible, genuine. She was not one who wanted the laptop and not the job, or did not really care whether she paid her bills. She wanted both intensely. They are positive and harmonious and mutually consistent impulses. The commitment to buy the laptop increased her aspiration and commitment (intensity of urge) about getting the job.

Therefore doing, making the purchase brought the job.

Summary: she was positive, expansive, trusting, responsible and determined.

Keywords: Employment, Resources (Physical)

Tom (the Horse Trainer's) Deep Aspiration for the Success of Seabiscuit Attracts Red

Early on after Tom meets Seabiscuit, he says that the horse has spirit, and if it could be calmed down and trained, it could become a legitimate racehorse. Thus, he has an aspiration and intention for it to come about. Right after that, Tom comes upon Red, where he sees how he and the horse share something in common -- an intensity of spirit, which would enable them to work together. This serendipitous event is an immediate response to Tom's earlier desire and intention to turn Seabiscuit into a legitimate racehorse. Because he wanted it to happen, life presented him with the opportunity for its realization. When we want something bad enough, life tends to take over and creates conditions for its occurrence. It is one of the great secrets and expressions of the character of life.

There is another instance of this phenomenon involving Red. As we just saw, at one point, he is desperate for work -- willing to do anything to keep going. Though his boss does not put him in a race, he asks Red to hot walk one of the older, slower horses. A few moments after Red begins that chore, Tom walks up to him and sees him for the first time, and their destinies are altered forever. It is through Tom that Red will meet up with Seabiscuit. In sum, because Red so intensely wanted to succeed, he quickly attracted the very vehicle -- Tom (and therefore Seabiscuit) -- that would fulfill his aspiration and intention.

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We see this same law at work in the same episode from Tom's point of view. Just before that same event, Tom is commenting to Charles about a horse they are watching. He says that in racing "it is not just the speed, but the heart." He tells Charles that you want a horse that is not afraid to compete; who wants to fight to win. Immediately after that, Tom sees Red for the first time, working tending that older, slower horse. It is a response from life to Tom's focused remarks, interest, and aspiration for the type of horse he wants. Red will be the jockey who rides the very type of horse Tom had in mind. Thus, Red's appearance is the response from life to Tom's deep-seated aspiration and intention. (In fact, we could say that this is a double life response; or better yet that their individual intentions were clearly in alignment with one another, bringing a life response for both sides.)

Finally, in an earlier episode still, we see how Charles after arriving at the Mexican track shows a deep interest in getting into the horse racing business. Soon after he sets out to purchase several horses, he meets with Tom who is stroking a horse he had earlier saved. Tom tells him that everything has a purpose and is worth saving, which moves Charles, and thereafter they strike up a friendship. That relationship will bring great success for Charles through Seabiscuit. In essence, because Charles had a deep interest and intention getting into horseracing and purchase horses for that purpose, he quickly attracted the man, Tom, who would enable it to happen.

Keywords: Media, Work Issue, Boss, Business

Mary Kay's Heart and Soul Power of Belief in Selling

When Mary Kay Ash was a young housewife, Ida Blake — a book salesperson, stood at her door selling the Child Psychology series. A mother could look up any problem in the index, and find a related story with a good moral to read to her child. Mary thought these books were the best she had ever seen. However, she could not afford buying them.

Ida made an offer that if Mary could sell 10 set of books, she would give her 1 set free. Mary was enthusiastic about the deal and believed she could sell.

Mary spent much of that evening on the telephone calling up lot of friends, telling them about the best books she had ever seen. Her enthusiasm was such that without even showing the books to anyone, she was able to sell 10 sets — in a single evening!

When Ida, came the next morning she exclaimed "This is incredible. I've never seen anything like this" and gave Mary the promised set of books. Ida also offered Mary a sales job in her company. Mary accepted the offer. She went on to sell \$25,000 worth of books during the first nine months, making her one of the company's top salespeople. Mary BELIEVED in what she sold. She later started her own

company Mary Kay cosmetics in 1963 which is a \$2.6 billion corporation today. The key to her phenomenal success was her belief that she could sell ANYTHING.

Comment:

WHEN YOU BELIEVE IN WHAT YOU SELL — HEART AND SOUL — OTHERS ARE BOUND TO FEEL THE SAME WAY!

Keywords: Accomplishment/Success, Sales, Business, Money/Finance

The Response that Changed My Life

Life Response is the phenomenon that occurs when an individual alters his consciousness on some way, and as a result, sudden good fortune descends on that person. E.g., as a result of overcoming a negative attitude, an ongoing problem suddenly disappears, or a golden opportunity suddenly and most unexpectedly presents itself. It occurs quite often in people's lives, though we are normally unaware of its occurrence. The key however is to invoke it *consciously* so that we are able to elicit these miraculous-like results *on demand*. We can evoke life response in this way by first developing an understanding of its subtle workings, and then by applying the right inner and outer behaviors that tend to attract these miraculous-like results. Sometimes the response that comes alters the very course of our lives, as I believe the following incident will attest to.

By December 1974, I had graduated Syracuse University and was living with my parents in New York City. After working as part of a group of four housepainters, who also happened to be close friends, I headed west to California by van. When I settled into the San Francisco Bay area, I was free, but as yet unable to sustain myself due to lack of work. The truth is I made little effort to secure that work, since I was enjoying my freedom too much!

Soon thereafter, I met a woman there with whom I got involved. I drove back to New York, and from there flew to Brussels, Belgium where I met up with her. Together we then went on a wild bus excursion across the continent, from Amsterdam to Athens. After enjoying Athens and having a mystical experience at the Acropolis, my friend informed me that she planned to continue on to the Middle East in order to visit Egypt and Israel. However, realizing that I had strayed too far off the path, I informed her that I could go no further. And so in a dramatic scene worthy of a romantic film, we said our tearful goodbyes and separated at the Athens airport. From there I flew on to Geneva, Switzerland and then across the Atlantic to New York.

A year earlier, I had intended to go to the Graduate School of Journalism in Berkeley when I first ventured to California months earlier, but on arrival there, I decided not to attend. Nor, did I take to *working* in order support myself, as mentioned before. Therefore, I floundered on my visit stay in California. This time, however, as I mulled over my future from my parents' home in New York, I was determined that if I returned to California, I would make a serious go of it -- i.e. I would *seriously seek out and secure work to sustain myself*.

As it turned out, a friend of my family had moved to California years before, and now was a very wealthy businessman in Southern California. From New York, I called this gentleman by phone, and he offered me a job at one of his giant Lumber City retail outlets in the San Fernando Valley in Los Angeles. And so once again, I headed across country, this time by Greyhound bus, and arrived once more in California. (I accumulated a lot of road mileage during these years!)

Before I headed south to Los Angeles, I met up with old friends in San Francisco, and stayed at their home for several months. During that time, I painted the large house we all lived in, and then I used the money I earned to purchase a used car. With a means of transportation, I then drove down to Los Angeles with a friend to work at one of the Lumber City outlets run by the (previously alluded to) wealthy friend of my parents. After several months, I settled in and worked every day -- driving from my Santa Monica beach home to the inland valley suburb where my outdoor retail job was located.

One day I decided to drive to an area not far from downtown LA, and visit the "East West Center", a sort of mini ashram dedicated to a blending of eastern and western spirituality and culture. That day I met a

woman there who told me of people living in the nearby San Fernando Valley who were importing gift items from the Sri Aurobindo Ashram in Pondicherry India. I had a keen interest in the sage and seer's teachings for several years and was looking to find an outlet to pursue them in the LA area. I hoped that the East-West Center would serve that purpose, which was the reason I visited that place that day. However, I was also looking to blend my spiritual interests with real *work* experience. I.e. I wanted my work to be an application of -- an extension of -- the spiritual knowledge I had begun to embrace. Thus, when I learned of the potential opportunity of working with the devotees who lived in the Valley, I was eager to meet them.

Shortly thereafter, I set up an appointment and visited their home. It did not take but a few moments to see that there was a powerful connection between us. Realizing our great mutual interest, we quickly arranged that I would begin selling their products by going door to door at appropriate retail outlets in the LA region. It was not only fun and invigorating being outdoors in the warm, golden sunshine during the winter months, but financially and spiritually rewarding as well. Most importantly, I had now established an *entirely new direction in my life*.

As it turned out, I would continue selling and working with these same individuals in a variety of capacities for the next 30 years. In fact, Growth Online itself began as a collaborative effort that was a direct outgrowth of that relationship.

And so it was on that day so long ago in Los Angeles that I made the connection with the people at Mother's Service Society that changed the course of my life. That relationship not only aided me in my spiritual pursuits, but also provided me with a practical outlet by which I could apply these inner principles. In that way, I had finally melded together two cornerstones of my life -- spirit and work -- creating a new unity of purpose.

However, none of this would have happened if I hadn't made one critical decision. It was when I decided to *seriously work*. When in New York and later in San Francisco I *committed to working* at my parents friend's Lumber City outlet in Los Angeles, I set in motion events that changed the course of my life. It created the vast opening that allowed me to come in contact with the Aurobindo followers in the San Fernando Valley. That inner and outer commitment to hard work attracted the fulfillment of my heart's desire. Or to put it another way, overcoming my poor attitude toward work brought me my very life's purpose.

In fact, everything that has happened to me over the next 30 years -- the sales company I built in the San Francisco Bay Area, the computer training and consulting company I founded there (Guru! Software), the birth and development of Growth Online, the books I have written on Life Response and other subjects -- all emerged from that fateful time in December 1975 when I decided to seriously work, which attracted the individuals who would shape my life.

Keywords: Career, Airport, Employment, State/Province, Work Issue

Interpretation of Dreams

Many individuals over the years have attempted to interpret dreams -- from Freud and other members of the psychology community to the oracles of the ancient past. Some have even had the inner, spiritual insight to understand the relationship between the symbolic world of dreams and the real one. Carl Jung was one. Sri Aurobindo, the Indian sage and seer took it to a completely new level.

Recently a friend of mine had a fascinating dream, which I would like to share with you. I would also like to tell you about what happened after she forwarded her experience to me, and my attempt to understand its true meaning. Here it is:

"I had a most interesting dream this morning. You and I were walking up a paved road on a hill in the country and we came across a group of people who were looking and pointing across a grassy field to a tall bare tree. At first, we didn't know what was going on, so we both looked in the direction that the people were pointing at. Sitting at the top of the bare tree was a very big bird. It looked like a very light brown eagle about three feet tall. So I took out my camera to zoom in and take a photo and noticed you took out a camera also. As I aimed the camera toward the bird, it took off flying towards us. I felt that I

did manage to take a few pictures of the bird as it flew overhead. As the eagle flew above, it turned in the sky right over our heads, and as it passed us, a couple of feathers fell from it. One was very small that moved away from us to the left, and the other came down just at my feet. As I picked it up, I saw it was a tail feather about 7 inches long and it had the same striped colouring as the eagle. I then said to you "wow, I feel blessed!" Then I woke up."

A little while later, my friend added the following: "What was interesting was that the smaller feather blew away from me, but the large tail feather fell right at my feet! I remember in the dream that when I picked the feather up I looked at you and you had the most beautiful smile on your face, like you knew that I had been blessed by having the feather land directly at my feet!"

After reading her wonderful experience, I wanted to understand the dream from a deeper perspective. Then a moment later, I thought of Sri Aurobindo and his work *Letters on Yoga*. There in three volumes of ~1000 pages each, he describes in hundreds of letters to his disciples the various approaches and methods of his Integral Yoga – i.e. his path of conscious evolution and transformation. I recalled that in one of the books there is a section of his interpretations of visions and symbols, including dreams.

When I went into my closet where my personal books are stored, I immediately saw the three volumes. I then wondered which one to select, for I had forgotten which one had the section on visions and symbols. I then arbitrarily picked one of the three books. I then opened it at random, and opened right to the section of letters on Visions and Symbols! Then I started scanning the page that I opened, and realized that I had come right to several of the Master's comments on the meaning of *trees* in dreams -- the very topic my friend had written me about! Then I looked at the very next sentence and it was on *birds*! In particular, *large* birds! Then on the very next line, there was a comment on the interpretation of a dream involving both birds and trees! It was too much to believe.

Somehow, I had found the precise entry I was looking for across three volumes, dozens of sections, and thousands of entries in that one split second when I opened that volume at random.

I then sent that last comment of Sri Aurobindo's to my friend. It read as follows: "A bird is a very frequent symbol of the soul, and the tree is the standing image of the universe – The Tree of Life."

The next day after this episode, my friend was rummaging through one of her storage closets, and found an old feather she had collected several years ago. It turned out to be almost exactly like the feather in her dream -- in both size and color.

It was another indomitable moment in a series of extraordinary experiences related to her dream. The one parting thought I had was this: Her dream was so powerful that it resonated with that place in Sri Aurobindo's letters where it was interpreted, which I was able to instantaneously connect with through my aspiration to understand. I was also reminded of Sri Aurobindo's extraordinary insight into every dimension of the psychological and spiritual life, including the subtlest interpretations of every form of human vision and dream.

Keywords: Current Events, Teacher

The House for Sale

We have had a small 2-bedroom house we've been renting to tenants in a nearby town for about 3 years. We (meaning me, John, his brother and wife) had originally purchased the house for relatives to live in; however, they had decided to go elsewhere. This particular town is - and has been - experiencing a dark depression both economically and spiritually (the spiritual part is my opinion based on observation) for many years. Thus, houses are amongst some of the least expensive we've ever seen. This is also a town where houses are known to sit on the market for an unbearably long time.

Nonetheless, this was a nice little house on a pretty lot, in a relatively nice neighborhood. When we purchased the house, we put it under John's and my name, since it was - at that time - easy to get funding, and I had steady work outside the home.

Well, as mentioned, the folks we bought it for went elsewhere, so we decided to rent it out. The real estate market - while it may be less than optimal elsewhere is nothing short of disastrous in this particular

town. To give you an example, the town barely has 10,331 people (2000 census data) - and there are approx 140 homes for sale. Many of these homes are nice enough - in any other town, they'd probably be worth \$200,000 and up. In this town, you can purchase it for scarcely \$100,000 (of course, like anywhere, there are lovely homes there as well). Other buildings for sale are dilapidated tenement buildings that were originally built for mill workers at the early part of the last century. The nice little house we purchased cost approx \$54,000!

The first tenants we had left town, owing us rental funds we shall never recover. We then had new tenants - neither of whom had jobs, but they had government and other funds that enabled them to pay. Unfortunately, the female partner has a young 16-year old son who vandalized the upstairs to the tune of \$4,000. After these tenants left (and they have been repaying us in monthly instalments to the best of their abilities), we realized that we needed to get rid of this house.

While John & his brother spent nearly 10 weeks of unpaid work in the house working to fix the damage and update it (as builders, they figured they might as well "go for it" and just do as many renovations as they could afford), we all began to realize that if we could sell it, it would be in everyone's best interest - including mine, since the house is in my name, and I no longer had a steady income. I silently decided that I wanted this liability off my credit report.

I began to consecrate this matter in earnest. In my daily meditations, I outline my situation - and I take full responsibility for what has happened in my life. In this case, I know full well that my own actions were those that originally signed on the dotted line of the mortgage. Daily, I ask the Divine Force to help dissolve the debts I have incurred, and to otherwise help dissolve other limiting actions and behaviors I have enabled.

Right about when we decided to put the house on the market, I acknowledged in my meditations that for some, the real estate market appears gloomy. I would continually state, "But You do know the perfect person for whom this little house would be a treasure. I do not know who this is, but I know that You do!" I also ask Mother to assist in my opening to the Divine at every step of the way.

I felt very calm about all of this, because I could honestly feel my connection with God getting stronger as a result of all this spiritual work I have been concentrating on.

Meanwhile, as John and his brother were working in the house, they began reaffirming that, yes, there was definitely someone out there - either a single person or a couple who just wanted a small, easy-to-heat and easy-to-maintain home of their own. This went on for a month or more.

We listed the house at the beginning of September - and within 1 week, we had an offer on the house. This, in the midst of one of the most depressed regions I have seen in this state, where almost no one gets offers this quickly!

Furthermore, the person was not even from the area, but had decided to retire up north, and needed a small, easy-to-heat and easy-to-maintain home.

It gets better - this person was 100% approved for all financing! This is amazing! And even more amazing is that this person is financing 100% of the costs (no down payment!), AND the appraisal came back perfectly. It turns out that there is quite a bit of energy out there that is "pulling" for this region to restabilize, and people want folks to invest there if possible.

We are waiting for just a couple more things to finalize, and are scheduled to close on this property early in November. We will make enough to completely dissolve the debt, and put close to \$10,000 back in the coffers. I realize that there is no true financial profit involved in this sale considering what it has cost over the last year or so - but the little bit we do receive will certainly help lighten the load as we work towards other goals.

I would be remiss if I didn't publicly give my gratitude to the Divine and The Mother, whose presence I believe is truly helping me to open more and more to the workings of God.

Comments:

Great experience that shows a number of the source causes of Life Response. In the incident we see-

- The power of consecration.
- Consecrated with earnestness and focus gives greater power to action of Force.
- Taking full responsibility for situation allows one to move from the local to universal domain.
- Having faith beyond a gloomy market opens up vast possibilities.
- Faith spreading to others who gave support adds energy.
- Intention was great, which concentrated force into power.
- Followed the process of creation from vision to manifestation gathers the force and turns it into a living reality.
- Consecrated effort created dynamic, creative outcomes. (causal power of Force)
- Social atmosphere for region to stabilize adds hidden social power.

Addendum:

The final kicker was the day we actually closed on the house (which was 11/7). It turns out that the guy who bought the house *was actually born 4 doors up, on the very same street!* Amazing! And just when we were doing the renovations (beginning in July sometime), he was just beginning to feel like he wanted to "go home" and buy a place in his hometown after having been away for 40 years!

Comments:

One of the things I have come to realize about Life Response is that it doesn't necessarily come upon us all at once. It happens in steps, with the two parties gradually aligning with one another as we saw in Kathy's example here. In the famous episode in Jane Austin's *Pride and Prejudice* where Eliza and Darcy meet near the pond -- a life response to her changing her view of him and enabling her to marry him and become wealthy -- we see that she and him were doing things in higher consciousness earlier that were gradually bringing them closer together. E.g. she earlier started to change her attitudes somewhat toward Darcy, causing him (or aligning with his decision) to cancel the remainder of his trip to London, which soon after enabled him to meet her at the pond, sealing the fate of their relationship. The two sides over time moved into alignment until that time when the big response took place.

Keywords: Money/Finance, Resources (physical), Sales, Family, Household, Property

Through Her Aspiration Individual Enables Environmental Response That Changes the Weather

"My room in my office is always hot and being a low-level officer I am not entitled for an air condition in my office. That particular day, I was feeling very hot and unable to concentrate on my work. When I entered my Officer's AC room, I felt so comfortable and my mind immediately compared AC with Truth Consciousness since I have read that Truth Consciousness is a feeling of chillness. I thought maybe I don't deserve an AC since I am too far from truth consciousness. But, surprisingly, the weather changed, it became dark and started raining. My room was filled with cold breeze and I felt so comfortable again.

I don't understand that though I am still far from truth consciousness, what made the weather change immediately to make me comfortable. I took it as Mother's Grace."

Comment:

Perhaps we can say the aspiration for truth consciousness (mixed in with a humbleness of one's relative position to it) was a movement toward that consciousness, which is an invocation of the Force, as Mother, which enabled a causal life response. A deep *aspiration* when connected to Mother, can effect social, environmental, and global situations, as when one individual intensely aspired for the end of the California energy crisis through Mother's Force, which came about.

Sri Aurobindo says that we have forgotten that we are not only an individual being, who can find his individual Self, but a universal being who can find his universal Self. I assume that just as we can change our immediate outer world from the inner movements, we can change the environment, things going on in society, on earth, in the universe as well, through an intense aspiration directed to the truth consciousness. It is powerful and perhaps startling for one to have such experiences. It is a whole new domain of life response, making one aware of our ability to marshal our vast inner resources to affect the non-personal world outside us.

Also causal response not only brings subtle material results from out of nowhere as life response, but also brings spiritual results of life response, invoking spiritual attributes like peace, truth, bliss, harmony, etc. Perhaps the cool comfort of ease felt was a manifestation of such spiritual attributes.

Keywords: Weather, Machinery

Roses Only!!!!

We have come across so many experiences, wherein we have experienced Mother's miracles. We never connected those incidents with "LIFE RESPONSE."

After reading APPA SRI KARMAYOGI'S books, and Roy Sir's beautiful explanations for Life Response, I am slowly going to the past to see where all I have experienced life response in my life.

It is like opening a book which I had gone through so many times in the past, but now with life response principle it is opening the door to a new world.

During Darshan days our devotees arrange Mother Symbol with flowers.

Few years back our devotees wanted to do the symbol arrangement with only Roses for the New Year for which we need around 250 to 300 roses of the same color.

To get stalk flowers in large quantities in the same colour is very difficult especially during Christmas and New Year eve.

Instead of believing in the non-availability of the roses during the peak time our devotees started consecrating to The Mother a week before the New Year.

On December 31st early morning our devotees went to the wholesale flower shop to buy flowers.

They went inside a big hall where the flowers were displayed.

What to say....

Tears of joy filled their eyes...

The sales girl said:

"Today only Roses are available!!!!!!!!!"

Abundance of Roses.

What else to say..

If this is she The Mother

Of whom the world has heard wonder no more at any happy change!!!

Thank you Mother!

Thank you APPA!

Thank you Roy Sir!

Keywords: Sales, Service

Comment: A combination of Intention and Faith in the Force evokes the extraordinary response.

Attracting Romantic Love Out of Nowhere

Is it possible to attract a romantic partner from out of thin air? I believe it is. The conditions are that (1) you have a real desire for a romance relationship, and (2) you are able to discover a corresponding wanting element in your being and reverse it. As a result, the man or woman of your dreams can emerge from out of nowhere.

In the German romantic comedy, *Mostly Martha*, Martha Klein is a workaholic chef, single-mindedly obsessed with the perfection of her culinary creations. After her boss, restaurant-owner Frida, catches her arguing with a pair of customers over the quality of her cooking, Martha is ordered to see a therapist to try to work out her control issues and poor interpersonal relationships. Meanwhile, Martha's sister, perhaps her only connection to a world outside of her job, dies in a car accident, leaving Martha in charge of her niece, the sullen and broody Lina.

Martha finds it extremely difficult to emotionally bond with Lina, demonstrating her psychological problems. Martha's world is then further turned upside down when the owner of the restaurant hires fun-loving and unorthodox Mario as a sous-chef to replace one of the workers there. Along the way, Mario challenges Martha's defenses and bonds with Lina, who begins to accompany Martha to work.

Martha begins to relax and open up to the possibility of a romantic relationship with Mario. However, after a second romantic interlude, it seems her psyche just cannot handle that possibility, and she in essence forces Mario out of her life.

One day after Lina tried to run away to Italy to visit her true father, Martha has an emotional catharsis and deeply bonds with the young girl. At that very instant, Mario knocks on her door, rekindling their relationship, which soon leads to their happy marriage.

What happened was that at the very moment the standoffish, obsessive, compulsive Martha gives into her feelings toward the young girl, the man of her dreams appears at her door, leading to the marriage and happy life that was unavailable to her until that point. By overcoming a deep-seated wanting attitude, life responded and brought the man of her dreams to her doorstep, when the relationship seemed all but over. That is the power we evoke when there is an *aspiration* for romance matched by a reversal of a limiting part of our being. Life immediately moves on our behalf, attracting the man or woman of our dreams out of thin air.

Here are several other examples of this dynamic:

- A mean-spirited retired military officer shifts to goodness by helping a young friend in a trial, and suddenly attracts the woman of his dreams on the way out of the courtroom.
- A man who is deeply in love with a woman is unable to win her over. But when he stands up to an abusive boss, from out of nowhere she immediately appears at his doorstep, confessing her love.
- A man in love with a woman is unable to win her over in full. However, when he refuses to give in and mock another woman when the entire group gathered at a reception does so, he attracts someone who causes the woman whom he adores to suddenly show great interest in him, leading to their marriage.
- When a man who has had a number of failed relationships finally gives up and works hard to earn a living, he attracts the most romantic relationship of his life.
- A man changes his arrogant and haughty ways, and suddenly finds out that the woman he adores who has rejected him in the past, now wants him, leading to their romance, marriage, and his greatest happiness and fulfillment in life.
- A woman, surrendering to the truth, finally acknowledges the questionable behavior of her family, attracting a wealthy man out of nowhere, leading to their marriage, their deep fulfillment, and vast prosperity for her family that had been teetering on failure.

In each case, an individual had an aspiration for romance, plus made a decisive change in their attitude that attracted their dream partner literally from out of nowhere. That being the case, ask yourself this: Do

you aspire for romance? And if so, what key wanting attitude about yourself, life, or work needs to be changed? If you make that adjustment, life can reward you with the most fulfilling romantic relationship of your life.

Keywords: Media, Boss, Relationship

Man Evokes Woman to Show He Can Evoke a Response

One day my spiritual teacher suggested that I try to evoke a life response on demand. I thought about it, but did not know how to proceed. Several hours later, I found myself walking along the bay in San Francisco, and it occurred to me that I could take up my teacher's challenge of evoking a response on demand. How would I do this?

As I looked around, I saw many young people walking, running, and casually conversing along the long, sunny way. I then thought that in the course of my life, I as a male always had to initiate meetings or discussions with a female. I thought why not reverse that and have someone come to me.

Five minutes later, I forgot my intention. I noticed an attractive woman of my age coming in my direction, who then proceeded to look at the information on an outdoor kiosk. I also had the same idea in mind. When I then walked over in that direction, we began to comment to one another about the contents. A few minutes later, we were engaged in a lively conversation. We then proceeded to walk together and continued our discussion for the remainder of the afternoon. It would turn out to be the only such encounter I have had with a member of the opposite sex in over two decades.

It later occurred to me that I had evoked this woman out of nowhere. That she was the embodiment of my conscious intention to evoke a response. That within five minutes of remembering my teacher's invitation, I had evoked a response on demand. It brought me concrete proof of the vast power we have within ourselves to shape our lives; to evoke the outer life through our conscious choice within.

Keywords: City, Relationship

Effort to Consecrate Attracts Message re: Consecration

I had begun my day of endless consecration [based on an agreement I made with S to do this throughout the day'. I have consecrated at least six times so far, and it is still early morning. I look at my email. I receive many messages. The first one I see chronologically is from S, and it says "Yes consecration is powerful, since universal power or Divine takes over..." There is little else to say.

Comment:

Here is where the power of intention crosses the power of consecration.

Keywords: Relationship

Aspiration for Right Attitude to Attract Money Does So

I thought about the idea of how difficult it is to shift from the work we like to do, e.g. writing or organizing or performing our normally perceived important tasks -- vs. something one might not be so eager to do, such as emptying the dishwasher. I thought that our ability to accept the givens of life is based on our attitudes about such things. When we have the right attitude, we tend to do that work energetically and joyfully.

Then I wondered how one can get to this state of right attitude of doing what life puts before you, no matter how small, or seemingly less important it seems relative to what we were doing earlier. I.e. I was

wondering what my condition should be so that I have the right attitude, and more easily make the transition from an important thing to the perceived lesser one.

I once again remembered Sri Aurobindo's claim that when we live in the depths of our being, from a deeper poise within, we tend to be One with the world around us -- i.e. we have the wherewithal to perceive the multiplicity of things occurring in the environment, and we are more in tune with the needs and interests of others. I thought I could apply this principle and approach to doing the things we are reluctant to take on. I.e. if we are centered in a deeper poise, it will be much easier to shift from one task to another, no matter what their perceived relative importance. I did not actually apply this approach at that moment, but merely thought about it.

A minute later, I checked my computer and from out of nowhere I received an order equal to a 1/3 of my \$ remunerations for the entire month. It was a stunning development for me. Then I saw the connection between my aspiration to discover what it is I can do to more permanently overcome the attitude of reluctance, and the instantaneous response of life through the unexpected arrival of large sum of money. *It was an aspiration to formulate a way to change an attitude to enable money and success.* It was also the realization of the key that would make it happen – an inner poise. It had many of the attributes that attract in one. That *combination* created a great power to attract the money results.

Keywords: Money/Finance, Order, Sales

Note about Wanting to Learn New Truths Attracts Man Who Wishes for that on His Great Adventure

I had sent out an email to my Growth Online subscribers of a new inspirational thought I had written that morning. In it I contend that we all have a few set opinions in an area of life, and keep it in a locked box, rarely opening it to scrutinize the veracity of its truth. In other words, I was saying we needed to discover the truths beyond what we already know in a matter.* At the instant I was sending that message to my readers, I received an email in which I was asked to send personal information by an individual who was embarking on a great adventure by personal mini plane across the country to discover the true meaning America, and wanted me to be one of the individuals he meets with along the way.

In other words, the thing I had advocated – to open the black box and discover the truths beyond our own beliefs – this man had sought to do on a monumental journey. My interest in opening to the wider truths attracted a man to do just that; and who wanted me to participate in that undertaking.

Keywords: Current Events, Nation

Flight of Fancy

Intention is such an important topic because nearly everything that happens in our lives is a product of it. Moreover, our aspiration and intent expresses across a wide spectrum of human activity: from a mild interest in a subject to an intense desire for something to come about. And yet what makes intention so compelling is that life will respond to it no matter what level it is expressed. Whether we show a passing interest in a matter, or passionately aspire for something to come about, a life response result of some form is bound to follow. For example, here is a little incident that shows how life can respond to a mere flight of fancy.

One day I was walking along a rapidly changing district of San Francisco's waterfront. The area had once been the site of the city's once bustling seaport, but had now fallen into disrepair after it moved across the bay to the booming Port of Oakland. In recent years, however, city officials had decided to convert the abandoned area into a new office and residential complex. The ambitious effort to develop the 'Mission Bay' project bore its first fruit when the University of California at San Francisco (UCSF) -- an institution known for breakthroughs in biotechnology and other medical research -- moved a large part of its campus there. Now, after decades of planning, and with a series of gleaming office and residential towers dotting the landscape, this large urban development was finally taking shape.

On this particular day, I was taking my usual long walk along the bay. Then as I passed the complex, I noticed in the distance that one of the new buildings stood empty. I knew this was the case because months earlier I had read about it in the local press. Now, as I looked out at the impressive new structure gleaming in the distance, I could not fathom why it had not attracted a single tenant. After all, it was not only a handsome building, with a lovely pale-green glass exterior, but it was also located in a choice location. Moreover, as my eyes swept along the wide expanse of Mission Bay, I noticed that virtually every other building built was fully occupied.

Then for some reason, I went off on what one might call a flight of fancy. I imagined that if I owned a large company, I would be very eager to transfer my staff to this strategically located building. That way, the workforce would not only work at an attractive campus with pleasing views of the bay, but they would also be located a short distance from the bustling downtown area, with all of its amenities. In other words, by moving here, my company would enjoy the best of both worlds – i.e. separation from the busy downtown area, yet with easy access to it.

When this peculiar, but energizing vision finally passed, I turned away from the complex and continued my jaunt around the waterfront. Hours later, when I drove back to my office located 20 miles to the east, I sat down at my computer to check the latest news on the web. Within one minute, I noticed a story that a famous company headquartered in San Francisco -- The Gap -- had just decided to move a number of staff members out of its central downtown headquarters and into an unoccupied new building on the edge of town. Out of curiosity, I wondered which building it was. On further inquiry, I discovered that it was, in fact, the very one I had earlier daydreamed about! Apparently, the Gap -- who were actually the owners of the building -- had tried and failed to sublease it to tenants in the past, and now had decided to occupy it themselves. I had to shake my head and laugh at this dramatic little response from life.

As we see, when we take an interest in a subject or issue, a level of intention takes shape, which generates a pulse of energy that aligns with and attracts corresponding elements back to our person. Even if our intention is merely a passing fancy -- as it was in this case -- life will still respond with more information, knowledge, or potentiality related to that original matter.

Keywords: City, Hobby, Companies, Owner

Direction in Life

Commitment to Endeavor Attracts Associate at Foot of World Famous Businessperson

Act 1:

For the past several years I have worked with several Project Server consulting organizations in Southern California and the Bay Area. A company calls me for Project Server services and I refer it to these experts for implementation. (I have nowhere near the skills and experiences to provide this service myself.) Though I have met with only limited success in such collaborations, the opportunities for new success are on the rise.

Locally I have been working with MR and his company in Berkeley, SA, for Bay Area Project Server installations, consulting, and training. (An installation at a company can run from 5-\$50,000 or more in consulting fees.) I met M at the S.F. branch of the main project users group where we collaborated on a Project skill contest at one of the meetings. (He, in essence, came to me. I.e. he was assigned to my group in the contest.) I found him utterly brilliant and insightful within his domain. His is perhaps the best Project Server consulting company in the Bay Area if not California or the US. (One time we rode the BART subway together after a meeting and engaged in a lengthy and powerful discussion.)

Act 2:

A new version of Project Server (and Windows and Office and Project) will be released towards the end of this year. Last week Microsoft held its week-long annual meeting of partners in Seattle to show Project 12, Project Server 12, and Visio 12. The keynote was hosted by Steve Ballmer, the CEO of Microsoft. He introduced the presenters who showed the various new features of the product. After that, he and two other presenters sat on chairs in front of the huge audience and engaged in a question and answer period. I know this to be true because this morning I watched the video of the presentation.*

The first person stepped to the microphone and introduced himself. It was MR of SA, the president of the company I have started to collaborate with!!! I nearly fell off my chair watching it! I had no idea he had gone up Seattle for the conference!

I watched this video because I was eager to know about the future direction of Project and Project Server, so I can plan for upgrading Guru! Software's online training in Project Server later in the year.

It also turns out that I have been sending emails back and forth to MR in the last few days (!) -- though I had no idea he had been in Seattle the previous week (until I saw the video this morning). We have been discussing methods to improve future collaboration. This dialogue, my watching of the video, etc. were activities I engaged in as part of my plan to attract paying Project work (training, consulting, referrals, etc.).

In the end, my interest in moving in this direction had created an association with a business associate who was talking to arguably one of the two most powerful businesspeople on earth -- Steve Ballmer of Microsoft. I took it as a sign of infinite potential on the way to becoming infinite reality.

Keywords: Business, Relationship, Companies

The Laptop and the Job

“There was the experiences of a friend I was staying with (she for example told me some time ago she was needing a job, even sort of desperately needing, but she also wanted to buy a laptop because she needed a laptop anyway for her "own" work although she in fact did not really have the money, she had to borrow the money, of course she had been considering that she first could wait... for the job that she so first had to find a job..., but then somehow she decided to buy the laptop anyway with borrowed money and then I guess this was the 'life response'..., a job came her way just immediately after she had bought the laptop and with the salary earned already she had been able to pay back the laptop lo!”

Comment:

She wanted a laptop intensely. She also wanted a job genuinely so she could work and pay for it. Here attitude was expansive and trusting in life, rather than shrinking and feeling she may not be able to pay for her purchase later. But it was also responsible, genuine. She was not one who wanted the laptop and not the job, or did not really care whether she paid her bills. She wanted both intensely. They are positive and harmonious and mutually consistent impulses. The commitment to buy the laptop increased her aspiration and commitment (intensity of urge) about getting the job.

Therefore doing, making the purchase brought the job.

Summary: she was positive, expansive, trusting, responsible and determined.

Keywords: Employment, Resources (Physical)

Moving the World from Without and from Within

The pioneer westerner seeks outer action to change the course of life, away from disaster and suffering. He seeks ending nuclear proliferation, environmental degradation, disease, poverty, etc. He is a man of outer action. The eastern pioneer -- i.e. the yogi -- seeks to change himself within, causing corresponding life on the outside to instantly change. He is a man of inner, soul-based action.

Churchill rallied the people at the retreat at Dunkirk, a masterly outer action that saved the world. Meanwhile Sri Aurobindo from within invoked the fog there that shrouded the forces and saved humanity. Even His force was behind the ascent of Churchill to lead the world in battle against the Nazi oppressors, only to withdraw it when the prime minister resumed his colonialist activities. Once again, we see the outer man of the west and the inner man of the east in action having an equal power over the outer reality; with each seeing the world from their unique vantage points.

We too can follow in their footsteps and change the outer world through these two entirely different approaches. Which one we choose or how we integrate them together in our own lives depends on our mind's intention and the deep aspiration of our soul.

Keywords: Politics, Accomplishment/Success

Power of Organizing That Attracts

When you take several moments and plan out what is to occur and then consecrate it, the work happens dramatically quicker and with more creative action from life than one would have imagined.

E.g. I briefly planned how I would go about organizing some new case studies for my 7-day presentation on life response. I also consecrated the matter, offering it to the spiritual Force What I originally thought would take perhaps 3 or 4 sessions of perhaps one hour each, occurred in less than a half hour. Matching that swiftness was a sense of JOY of how each thing dovetailed with the next!

Aided by engaging the Force, we see the power of rational Mind to organize and thereby create energizing and deeply satisfying results that overcome space and time.

Keywords: Work Issue

Subconscious Will and Direction

The Great Linkup

The Influence of the subconscious, conscious, and superconscious in serendipitous events

Our conscious self is what we are aware of. What we are unaware of for the most part is our subconscious, as well as the superconscious. One power of the subconscious is that it can cause you to move in a certain direction without our conscious mind perceiving its influence. Sometimes the subconscious influence can compel you to take action, to go to places that can change your life forever. Here's one example of this phenomenon whose outcome changed the course of my own life.

One day in the fall of 1975 while living on the beach in Santa Monica in Los Angeles, I decided to go to the East West Center near downtown LA. There I hoped to meet other people who were associated with Sri Aurobindo and the Mother, just as I had done in San Francisco, where I had lived before.

When I arrived at the center, I was greeted by a young woman named Trudy. It turns out she was the disciple and helper of Dr. Judith Tyberg, the founder of the East West Center, and perhaps the world's leading scholar and authority on Sanskrit. Now well into her 70s, she was missioned to open a center in California by the Mother herself many years before. The goal was to propagate the integration of eastern and western culture and spirituality in a fresh environment of discovery.

After entering the center that day, Trudy showed me around. Then I discussed my own situation. I had moved down to LA from the SF Bay Area, and was working in a huge lumber yard chain outlet, which was run by friends of my parents. Though I was taken on with the possibility of one day running one of these outlets, or even being involved in top management of the large retail chain, I was not happy there. Nor was I happy merely painting houses, as I had done earlier. Somehow something inside me wanted to connect my association with Sri Aurobindo and the Mother with my life's work and career, in whatever field that entailed.

I am not sure to what degree I revealed my inner secrets, but at one point Trudy mentioned that there were people in the nearby San Fernando Valley who were seeking individuals to help them in their work exporting products from the Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Auroville, and elsewhere. When I heard this, I was really taken aback. I had not come to the center to find employment, even work related to Sri Aurobindo and the Mother, but there it was. An opportunity presented itself to me that was synchronous to my arrival on that day.

A short while later, I met with the principles of the little company in the valley, -- Mere Cie -- saw the wonderful products they were importing, and agreed to begin as a salesperson. Equally compelling was the fact that the proprietors were fully committed to practicing the spiritual disciplines advocated by Sri Aurobindo and the Mother through the details of their work. I was astonished by this development, and it gladdened my heart to no end.

As it would turn out, I would continue selling for the import company for several years, and then formed my own company in the San Francisco Bay Area to do the same. Perhaps more significantly still, I maintained and expanded by intellectual and spiritual relationship with the founders of the organization till this day. I would then go on to establish Growth Online and write several books based on the teachings of the founder of Mere Cie's spiritual teacher, Sri Karmayogi. In every way, shape, and form I had found a work that had married my deepest beliefs to a practical means of expression through work. My entire life had been changed because I made that short trek to the East West Center that day, and it has remained that way ever since.

But let us stop for a moment and consider why I went to the East West Center on that beautiful Southern California day in the first place. Surely my conscious being was not expecting to find a significant work related to my aspirations of consciousness. And yet my subconscious did. Somehow my subconscious being "knew" what was available at the East West Center at that point in time, compelling me to go there and seek out and discover my fortune. Though my conscious mind was aware of little, my subliminal subconscious being had seen into the future, knew what this opportunity was, percolated the idea into my conscious mind to go there, which I then did on that auspicious and fortuitous day.

Normally we consider such outcomes as serendipitous or just plain luck. However, there are endless examples where people were guided by the intuition of their subconscious, and that turned out to be a great or the single great propitious moment in their lives.

For example, there are a number of scenes in Jane Austin's *Pride and Prejudice* where people show up at just the right time for a great thing to occur. When "the elopement" in the story took place, the fabulously wealthy Mr. Darcy suddenly appears on the scene to save the day, which he does; in effect proving

himself and showing that he had changed, which further kindled Eliza's love, leading to their happy marriage, and the removal of financial threat to her family.

Each of us have experienced such moments in our lives, where we did something or arrived on the scene that brought great benefit, even though it was not the intent of our conscious mind. Sri Aurobindo says that there is a subliminal being that sits on the edge of the subconscious, and it receives signals from the superconscient that exists in a state of consciousness beyond space and time. When an idea of the subliminal part of the subconscious rises to our surface awareness, it comes in forms of helpfulness, whether as a message not to do a certain thing that could be harmful to one's self or others, or more positively, an influence and urge to move in a particular direction in order to elicit a beneficial outcome. We may not know the outcome, or even the circumstance we are going to encounter, but the subconscious does. Being in touch with the cosmic consciousness that is beyond time -- that includes past, present, and future in its temporal understanding -- it informs us of that which will be helpful; or as in Mr. Darcy's and my case, monumentally so.

Finally, there is one other aspect of this dynamic. It can be summarized with the expression "it takes two to tango." I.e. I could never had this synchronous opportunity if the other party, in this case my friends from the San Fernando Valley, hadn't been offering the job. Therefore at some level, their intention and my own were linked. They had made the effort to publicize the opportunity, which included mentioning it to people at East West Center, which was synchronous with my deepest aspirations. My subconscious being had created the bridge that aligned two aspirations; theirs for a worker; mine, for the work. From their side, their subconscious being was compelled to advertise the opportunity at the center as it knew of my arrival there one day.

If this is the case, then we must also include the space itself where the two sides aligned and connected. The East West Center was established by Dr. Tyberg as a result of the influence of the Mother to do so. In that sense, the Mother and Her consciousness, working through Dr. Tyberg brought Mere Cie and I together.

Then the real bridge was the Superconscient, which held the truth that both of our subconsciouses would embrace, which was received by and then percolated up from the subconscious to our conscious minds. For myself it came as an inclination to go to that center on that auspicious day; for Mere Cie to advertise a job opening there.

In other words, the outcome was ultimately the result of a Universal and Transcendent Will that expressed as a movement and power that our beings connected with. Which means that the source of our success was nothing less than an Idea originating in the Mind of God.

Keywords: Career, Professor, Sales, Business, Literature

Focusing On One Particular Thing

"To focus on a thing is to lock onto it to the exclusion of all other matters."

Life Response Power of Clarity & Focus

As you clarify in your mind that which you want to achieve, focusing on the specifics to be attained, life suddenly brings forward corresponding opportunities for that to manifest.

E.g. an individual now more clearly realized he wanted to do a certain level of web development for his associates and partners, he now found a teaching tool that made that possibility far easier. In the past when he had searched for such a tool, it was hard to find or did not quite live up to his expectations. Now that he had greater clarity of the end goal, what he needed suddenly presented itself with equal clarity and specificity.

Keywords: Instructor, Subordinates

Forces Moving Together to Create a Powerful Response from Life

A number of years ago my spiritual teacher Sri Karmayogi explained how certain forces, action, and events move in parallel, and thereby relate to a common response from life. Specifically, he wrote:

"In any [life response] event that precipitates, there is a prime mover supported by several subordinate forces. Neither of them by themselves can precipitate the event. When both are present in their combined strength, they precipitate the event."

Though I understood it in theory, I never really fully grasped this principle before, and therefore did not quite address the issue in my book ('The Miraculous Phenomenon of Life Response'). That is until a series of experiences I had today. Here is what happened:

For months now I have been developing a new business enterprise. After an initial spurt, the work seemed to slow down, and as a result, I wondered where things were headed next. The web site we built was fine, but how to follow-up that effort seemed unclear. Today, however, I suddenly uncovered an entirely new approach for marketing our products, which is likely going to be the next great push in our overall market campaign. Though the opportunity seemed to come out of nowhere, and it did, I saw three separate actions from three different people that precipitated this powerful life response outcome, substantiating the theory above.

First, I myself started getting serious about the state of my business, [that is truly focused on it] and therefore today went through some training materials and videos on the web to upgrade my skills and improve my documentation. This showed that at some level I was determined to attract the market; something I had been somewhat lax in of late. More dramatically, this morning I finally received a cost report via email from an associate of mine that gave my new company a clear indication of our future sales expense rates. This was crucial to understanding the profitability of our endeavor. After reviewing it, there indeed seemed to be tremendous and lucrative potential. Finally, another business associate of mine decided to seriously clean up her work area, which in the past has always attracted sudden good fortune soon after.

Well it turns out that the confluence of these three changes in consciousness is what attracted the dramatic new marketing opportunity that suddenly presented itself this morning. It was a confirmation of my teacher's insight that when several forces move -- in this case through three physical actions of three individuals that had a will and determination behind them -- their combined strength can precipitate a powerful response from life. Because our separate yet related efforts were so strong and concentrated in

time, we released powerful energies that aligned with powerful positive conditions that attracted a result that had the potential to change the course of our business lives.

It was a confirmation of a life response principle I long had understood in theory, but now saw dramatically unfolding before my eyes.

Keywords: Teacher, Business, Work Issue

Shifting Our Time Perspective and the Response of Life

The other day I drove to nearby Palo Alto, home of Stanford University and the surrounding wealthy community in the heart of Silicon Valley. My plan that afternoon was to get hands on experience with the iPhone, which had been released the day before. After a wonderful experience using the device, I exited the store and sauntered up lovely University Avenue, a tree-lined street adorned with dozens of shops, ranging from boutiques and cafes to bookstores and technology centers. As I walked up the boulevard, I felt quite happy and relaxed. Adding to the lovely atmosphere was the perfect, cloudless, mild weather that graces the region this time of the year.

In the back of my mind, I thought about the idea of obtaining some form of sweet -- perhaps a candy bar. And yet I was enjoying my slow amble up the avenue too much to want to disturb matters. A few minutes later, I thought about the fact that I had 30 minutes or so remaining in my parking slot, which still gave me enough time to continue my leisurely walk. And so I continued happily on my way.

Then at one point, I realized that though I had walked a ways, I had still not yet found an outlet for the candy bar I was after, which in turn caused slight consternation. It was at that point that I decided not to waste any more time, and instead focused on finding a store that had the object of my desire. Not a second later, I looked up and saw a large Walgreen's outlet directly in front of me. It was precisely the store I was looking for, since it had the greatest variety of candy in the entire area! I was amazed that as soon as I thought of doing something about my situation, the store immediately appeared in my line of sight! In fact, out of dozens of stores in the area, it was the *only* one that my eyes fixed upon when I lifted my head! And so without hesitation, I quickly headed over to the store and found what I was looking for. In fact, I was so excited about the subtle 'life response' experience that I just had that I also purchased a small pad and some fancy pencils in order to capture the event that just transpired!

In essence, what happened was that when I changed my perspective about *time*, life instantly responded with sudden good fortune. When I shifted from allowing time to *leisurely* go by to focusing on creating results *as soon as possible*, the store instantly appeared before me. By changing my intention about time -- i.e. to create quick results -- I attracted a result that itself abridged time, as the store suddenly came to my attention.

Keywords: City, Resources (physical)

Making a Decision/Human Choice

The Choice That Aligns Us with the Luck of Our Lives

"-Looking back on their flourishing career, anyone can locate an event, a choice, an idea that had set them on this course of luck.

-Often we see impossible circumstances converge to confer a great favour on us. At that moment, *our choice decides*.

-In such cases if one tries to know all the attending circumstances, it will be amazing how the entire Life has conspired to deliver Luck to us. We may have accepted it or not, but the fact remains that life was at pains to do it." (Sri Karmayogi)

Examples:

-In 1974 I decided not to continue travelling through Europe and on to Egypt, and instead made the decision to return to America and focus on earning through a paying job of which I was given an opportunity. As a result of taking that division and action, I met the people who would change the course of my life, and continue to do so.

-In 2003 Steve Jobs decided to allow the iPod to run on iTunes for Windows, a far faster market, and something said he would never do (the "Hell Freezes Over" episode). As a result, the iPod sales suddenly boomed, which led directly to the iPhone, ushering Apple into vast, unprecedented success, changing the course of Technology and even world history. .

-In the 1980s Premier Michael Gorbachev decided to change the direction of the Soviet system via Glasnost and Perestroika to improve the faltering nation, and instead the entire system came crashing down, bringing about the end of the world threatening Cold War.

-In Pride and Prejudice, Mr. Darcy decided to take personal responsibility to catch the duplicitous Mr. Wickham in the elopement episode, and quickly attracted his marriage to the love of his life, Eliza Bennett, a fulfillment of everything he had dreamed of.

Keywords: Career, Sales, Companies, Politics, Literature

Power of Decision and Action That Attracts

When you have a problem and then overcome your hesitancy to take action to solve it, not only will you move things along in a positive way, but information can suddenly arise that reveals that you do not have that problem in the first place! This is particularly true if you first offered the issue to the spiritual Force. The changed attitude, the decision, the action, and the consecrated act in tandem can overcome what seemingly was a fact.

A man had a serious physical problem, but he was hesitant to act on solving it. He waited for "time to heal," but it got worse. Then one morning he changed his attitude, *made a decision* to act and made that effort, offering the matter to the Divine Mother. When he arrived at the medical facility, he found out that his self-diagnosis was faulty, and he actually had a much lesser problem, which was a great relief. He also unexpectedly learned of other health programs that seemed just right for his future physical needs.

Keywords: Health/Well-Being

Untitled

At each point where you have a choice and choose in the higher consciousness direction, life cooperates and sends you forward as in chutes and ladders.

Eg a man had a choice whether to update a somewhat frivolous app. If he did, it would use precious bandwidth that others were sharing. He decided to update other smaller apps but not this one. After the others updated, he soon discovered that somehow the big frivolous one updated as well, saving time and effort for himself and the parties involved. By making the right, higher consciousness cross-road decision, life instantly cooperated in everyone's favor.

Keywords: Resources (physical)

Life Response Power of Making a Decision (California Rains)

A mere decision (without even taking action) for something to be accomplished can evoke the extraordinary has been my experience. This again happened today:

Over the last month I had positive results in guiding the weather patterns into California, evoking rain storms, thereby overcoming the worst of the great drought and more. However, I was unable to generate results further south in my new hometown. The whole area remained bone dry.

Today I noticed that while a big storm could once again pound the north, a smaller amount was headed our way in the south. It seemed so small, and there seemed little hope here. Then I said "enough is enough" and finally aspired for serious rain to come here in Southern California.

A few minutes later I turned on the radio and the announcer indicated that in fact a very big storm was headed our way in the south and would arrive a few hours. This was utterly astonishing because it was contrary to what I perceived.

No matter I thought. What was truly important was that it occurred, plus I realized that the mere DECISION to want significant rain in my area was enough to instantly evoke a tremendous response from life. It seemed nothing less than a miracle.

It was in fact yet another example of the extraordinary, instantaneous, infinitely creative life response power of making a decision about something one desires to accomplish; especially if one was previously hesitant, unwilling, or unaware of the possibility.

Keywords: State/Province, Weather, Media

Life Response Power of Intense Inner Commitment

A deeply held commitment and decision for something to occur has a great power to manifest, even if not outwardly acted upon.

Eg a man was looking for housing in a new area of the state, and had great difficulty securing the type he wanted. It looked like his family would have to separate for all to accommodate his need for a comfortable and inexpensive place to live. However, he was committed above all things that the family would stay together, and not break up. He made that inner decision with great emotion and fortitude.

A short time later without taking any outer action the man unexpectedly received word that he had secured a home where the entire family could live together at an affordable rate. It did not seem possible that things would break in this direction, but it did. That is the power of making an intense inner commitment and decision for something to come about. Life responds in short order, fulfilling one's dreams.

Keywords: Household, Family

Man Overcomes Reluctance to Write Checks, Which Attracts Money

A programmer very low in cash was unwilling to write out any checks for his recurring bills until he received the money he had been waiting days and days for. He went ahead and updated his accounting program and wrote out the checks anyway (though he didn't send them because he didn't want to create additional problems). Ten minutes later he went to get his mailbox, and discovered the check he had yearned for.

Keywords: Work Issue, Money/Finance

Man Overcomes Little Past Success in Acquiring Money; Attracts Highest Paying Work

A man wondered why no matter how hard he tried that he never really became prosperous. He then thought back on his life to his early 20's and remembered how idealistic he was; how he really wanted to write about the new changes in the world, and otherwise educate others to new developments and possibilities. He later became an instructor who taught others, and he edited a web site where he explained new age ideas for personal and social growth.

Up to that time he never became prosperous because gaining wealth was never critical to his life. He could, of course, change course and could make prosperity a central driving force in his life if he truly wished to do so. It's his choice.

So the man decided he wanted to really become more prosperous. Within a few days he got work from a number of sources that paid triple or more what he normally receives in his daily rate.

Keywords: Career, Wealth, Instructor, Money/Finance

A Reluctance Overcome on the El Camino Real

We were driving one of California's longest streets -- it goes on for many dozens of miles -- in search of an IHOP restaurant. We knew we would have to drive through one or more connected towns before we found one of the eateries. Besides I had just purchased a new car and we were stretching our wings on this glorious near-70 degree with perfectly-clear-blue-skies January day.

And yet after several minutes we could not find what we were after. An endless procession of retail stores and offices passed us by, and still no IHOP. We went on this way for a good twenty minutes. Surely there should have been *one* of these outlets along the ten or fifteen miles we traversed on this well-known commercial artery. There was also another problem; I was almost out of gas. On top of that, we were getting very hungry.

And so I thought I would push on for several more miles and see if luck would finally come our way. Meanwhile the gas gauge was moving towards absolute empty. Though we looked and looked, we still could not find an IHOP. Then I thought to myself that I should focus on getting the gas. And so I made an inner commitment to immediately find a filling station; and not concern myself with our lunch. Within ten seconds of making that decision, both my friend and I cried out at the top of our voice. "It's an IHOP!" as we both gestured in the direction of the restaurant that now was right in front of us!

Needless to say we pulled in and had our dinner. Thereafter, I filled the car with gas. During our lunch I commented that life had suddenly responded to my decision to purchase the gas. As soon as I overcame my reluctance to do so, the IHOP suddenly appeared, as if out of nowhere. It is but one more example that if you give up a wanting attitude -- in this case a reluctance to do what is necessary -- good fortune will suddenly come your way. This is one principle of the miraculous-like phenomenon of "life response."

Keywords: Vehicles (auto, etc.), State/Province

Power of Belief to Become Anything One Wants Comes True

In 1968, Greg left his house with a trunk containing all his belongings and \$47. For the first time in his life, he was poor. *Instead of taking stock of what he didn't have, he focused on one overriding thought. "From this day forward, I can be anything I want to be." This was his self-conception and attitude.*

Three and a half weeks later, he got a low-level job quarterbacking an ice cream parlor. A friend's father was president of the nearby bank. It didn't take long for Greg to go over to the bank, sell himself to the father, get into the banking business, and later into his own multimillion-dollar sales organization.

Selling more than 100 loans a month for borrowers in Albuquerque, New Mexico, Greg Frost is one of the most successful loan agents in the United States. He closes one in every 11 loans for people buying existing homes, giving him a 9% share of the existing market. Greg Frost is believed to be the first loan agent to generate a \$1,000,000 annual commission as a mortgage broker.

Keywords: Career, Vehicles (auto, etc.), Wealth, Money/Finance

Rational Thinking

Conflict with Neighbor Overcome Attracts Considerable Benefits

After getting lots of interest in the concept of Life Response, I revisit my old experiences which brings wonder if I think from this angle.

My neighbor was separating his house pipe lines and our pipe lines were intersecting theirs which was originally laid by Housing corporation that has built it.

In this case neighbor sent me a notice that he is going to cut our line and we need to take appropriate action.

I did not have money or necessity to do that as we never had any problem with pipe lines.

On receiving his written notice, my family became emotional and burst with anger a usual reaction.

I also got angry but thought on how to respond than reaction.

I wrote a friendly letter, saying that we did not do anything which had made them separate the lines, original builder has done it.

How we could be held responsible and cursed for the same? Secondly, I wrote, I do not see any necessity to spend money on this as it was not any way hindrance to me or him.

Thirdly, I said cutting lines is illegal and I need to resort to legal help if done but expressed my sincere desire to continue friendship openly in writing (in a friendly letter and not a notice).

Magic 1- he became totally different and became cordial and also I later came to know that someone had given wrong image about us to him which he actually believed.

Magic 2 - the person who gave wrong image - could not digest this and started became jittery about her behavior and started becoming friendly to my mother

Here before I responded, I prayed to mother and wrote this friendly letter - so changing reaction to response and move towards converting enmity to friendship gave wonderful response.

Does this make it clear that our good intentions bring good life response to us??

Followed by these, I was also into another surprise that I got a new job which was very rewarding and changed my life totally which I was trying for almost 6 months and it was dragging until then.

Comments:

Amongst other this episode shows-

- equality of being
- pleasant manner, good will
- psychological strength
- reasoned arguments*
- thinking for one's self (not family driven)
- Mother's power

Keywords: Conflict, Household, Relationship

Mental Solution to Political Dilemma Attracts Symbol of Solution

I was sitting at a table in a fast food restaurant. There I was reading in the newspaper a review of the new book 'Why Israel Lost' by Richard Ben Cramer. In an accompanying interview, he argues that the ascent of the religious leadership and influence has usurped the vision of the founding fathers of the country, who were sectarian and socialist. At the end, he is asked what can be done. He is ambivalent. He indicates on the one hand that the religious influence must subside, yet on the other he explains that Judaism is the pillar of modern humanism, is the source of monotheism, etc. etc. Therefore such religion cannot be and perhaps should not be extracted. He was in essence expressing a dilemma. I thought about it for a moment, and then realized that the answer was to move from religion to Spirit. A second after having this thought I turned my head to the left, looked out the window, and saw two Indian women getting out of a car right in front of me. (Spirit has been embodied in my life in the ancient wisdom of India.) Their sudden appearance seemed to be a confirmation of my thought. It was a striking incident. An indicator perhaps.

Keywords: Politics, Media, Conflict

Detachment and Calm Attracts the Deal's Successful Outcome

After about a month in this new business I had yet to get my first lease signed. The tension was mounting, especially with fellow rookies righting orders left and right like it was child's play; and here I had yet to make even one sale!

I feared that I had made a drastic and horrible mistake in entering this business with no salary. I have received next to nothing in the way of guidance in this fiercely competitive business where all agents vie for the same "good" listings. My resentment, frustration and bitterness towards my manager and fellow agents was and sometimes is palpable.

At last, I thought I had found a high end prospect that would actually rent from me if I sincerely found her the right apartment according to her criteria ("has to have a big oven"). Alas, I hit pay dirt and found a great listing on our database! So, with excitement and [anticipation](#) I [hurried](#) to preview the unit so I could then show it to her and make my first sale! In my [haste](#) to get to the apartment I decided to eat a sandwich while trotting to get the apartment. As I increased my stride, I bit into my sandwich and a crown on my front tooth loosened and fell into my hand and then dropped into an unreachable crevice in the sidewalk. Oy! Here it is, the end of the pay period, I have a "real" prospect and my front tooth falls into the abyss! I found a rusty hanger on 56th Street and 2nd Avenue and began scraping away at the pavement hunting for my crown with people sidestepping the weirdo digging into filthy cement. How pathetic a figure I cast! "How can I meet clients looking like Alfred E Newman?" I moaned. "How can I afford to pay for a new crown?" "Just when things started to look bright, woe is me" etc, etc, etc.

And then, the ultimate self questioning...'Is God telling me to quit this work for good or is he saying press on through the adversity?' I frankly did not know the right answer. I was not in a good way. There was however, a quiet part of me witnessing this tragi-comedy play out. [Very good](#). So, I decided to go back to the office in my toothless state anyway and not call it quits and go home for the day. In fact, when I returned to the office I tried to put my woes aside for the moment, called the prospect, and explained enthusiastically what a great apartment I found for her. She said it was not what she really wanted for what she wanted to spend. [A revelation](#). She was sure there was something better "out there". I realized at that moment that I was "chasing" a prospect that had no real urgency to move and was just shopping me for the proverbial needle in a haystack deal of the century. Because I was in a detached state of mind I clearly communicated that she might be better served by working with another agent and I would keep her in mind if I found something in her budget that met her criteria, and wished her good luck. [Good](#). It was actually liberating to let her go. I was still emotionally in turmoil though. In fact, immediately after ending my call with her, I met a "walk-in" interested in renting an apartment (the only walk-in I have to this day ever greeted) and I gave it away because I was so unhinged and self-conscious about my looks. Believe me I beat myself up about giving away the "gift". I left for home, [quieted down](#) and contemplated the meaning of all that had occurred and what to do. The very next day a real sincere person called me which resulted in my first deal. [Magnificent response to quieting down and self contemplation and analysis](#). For what it is worth, he is an [Indian](#) financial analyst and a nice man who allowed me to assist him in finding him the perfect apartment at a great price in his preferred location. I co-brokered the deal with an Indian realtor who [gently](#) guided me through the process of closing. This occurred during the past

holiday when nobody else was available to help me through the process of my first deal. Both the client and agent were very **patient** with me and I am grateful. **Your reversal attracted these spiritual-like elements (an Indian; gentleness and patience from others.)**

I did get a new crown for my tooth which is an even better match than the original crown and only now can I begin to see the humor in this little drama and that life goes on. I can go on and on but I will stop here.

Keywords: Business, Work Issue, Money/Finance, Communications

Limits of Surface, Input of Senses

Mistake of the "Practical Ignorance"

It is said that we should not assume anything to be the case until we know the truth of things, i.e. the facts. Otherwise we will seem foolish for having rushed to judgement. It is one expression of our "practical ignorance."

A man saw his friend interact with a group of people ten yards away. Based on recent serious events he assumed she was discussing these circumstances with certain members of that party. However, when she returned, she presented a completely different narrative. It was not the serious problem she had been discussing, but rather she had a pleasant interaction with a new individual who would become our neighbor.

Our mind is not calm and patient enough to wait on the truth of things. Instead we defer to the faulty and superficial input of the senses including the visual and auditory; or too heavily lean on the logic of the past that our mind projects into the future. Mind being brittle in this way, one tends to be error-prone and mistaken in one's conclusions. A higher consciousness and deeper poise needs to take its place to eliminate such common mental errors.

In his metaphysical tome *The Life Divine*, Sri Aurobindo tells us that this sort of condition is the result of our inherent "Practical Ignorance" born of creation. It is but the first of 7 great forms of Ignorance that Man is ensconced in. And yet He tells us that through an evolution in consciousness we can shed all forms of Ignorance, come to an Integral Knowledge of the true Truths of life, enabling our highest consciousness and divinity to emerge.

Keywords: Ignorance, Literature, Mind, Communications

Problem Solving

Sugar Dispenser: (Life Response Power of Getting at Source of Problem)

Just by making the extra mental effort to understand the source of a problem can cause it to suddenly disappear.

This dynamic can occur for the most mundane acts all the way up to the greatest problems in one's life.

Eg a man was trying to fill a dispenser with more sugar. However, he could not get the cover to come off. He tried and tried with ever-increasing force, but to no avail. He then took the dispenser and looked at it in the light near a window. He noticed that it might have been closed the wrong way. He saw that the cover was attached in an uneven fashion. He thought he might now have to make a mighty effort to open it. But then when he gave it a very mild twist, it suddenly came open! He was baffled as he hardly exerted any force, even though he did not unscrew it any differently than before.

His mental effort to further understand the cause put him in alignment with the easiest angle to open the jar. This dynamic is true at any level of life, from the tiniest act to the greatest difficulty in one's life.

Keywords: Home Appliances, Resources (physical)

Roots of the Problem

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The Subtle Solution

Reality is presenting its Truth every day, every moment, for every problem; however it is hard to notice because it is very subtle. During any problem, those who ignore or walk away loses the opportunity of learning the knowledge behind it. Those who approach the problem with anxiety, frustration and expectation, complicates the issue further. *Those who look into the problem with calmness and aspiration to solve it, but consecrating the problem to the Divine accomplish it by attaining the knowledge by intuition or somehow.*

Example: In our company during annual maintenance activities, our mechanical team faced critical issue with opening particular piece of equipment for quite a few years. We used to employ contractors who uses special tools like bolt tensioners to loosen/tighten the bolts of that equipment. We faced issues with bolts/nuts got stuck and as a result we had to try various other means to loosen the bolts. However, that had resulted in various other issues like damaging the bolt thread, bolt hole thread, damage nuts, need to re-machine and so forth. Overall, this had caused us additional maintenance cost, schedule delay, production outage and so forth. This was going on for few years. We had implemented number of practices and procedures in order to resolve that issue in the meantime, yet none had able to solve the issues totally.

Last year, during the maintenance activity the solution came by itself, perceived by the two engineers worked closely with that activity. They perceived that from out of nowhere (like intuition) on one fine late evening. When that method was validated and proved successful during the recent maintenance activities last month, everybody was amazed how subtle the solution was, how we all had missed and didn't understand that for so many years. All the years of agony, frustration, and disappointment had vanished in a fraction of second and as a result we managed to complete all the activities in a remarkable timeline.

I was aware of the problem but didn't fully understand how the new method or the solution worked initially. As a result, I went on to inspect the tools personally, studied on internet and finally felt happy that I had learnt something which I had not fully understood before. On the same day itself, I got an inquiry from my colleague about some of the mechanical valves that came back from service. I went on to personally check all those items. During the process of checking, all of a sudden, life indicated the root cause behind another piece of instrument which we were facing issues for quite few years as well! After that finding, I was flabbergasted. When we take efforts to learn about an issue sincerely, life responds to return that favour by indicating the solution for other similar problem. Every problem contains in it the subtle solution!

Keywords: Work Issue, Resources (physical), Machinery

Giving Useful Information to Another Leads to Life Responding With Useful Information to Initiator

One day in midnight, I had severe shooting pain (cramp) in my leg. I couldn't even move my position. I started for calling the Mother and the pain went away. Even though, I am taking vitamins, three, four times I had the same experience. Every time I review this matter to the Mother.

One of my colleagues had tooth ache and I suggested water therapy. The very next day, I received a gift of book from my friend who is a doctor. In that book, explained the reason of cramp and suggested a new method of oil gagle recommended by a Russian doctor.

Comment: Helping another with physical ailment attracts corresponding cures for one's own physical ailment. (Taking to Mother also had an effect which I cannot gauge.)

Keywords: Doctor, Health/Well-being

Decision Making

My Daughter's Nappies

You can discover the power of such processes only when you apply them to your day to day affairs. The more banal the affair is, the more will be the knowledge you gain. As anxiety and fear of using a new method will be absent in such cases, you will be able to understand the process clearly as events unfold. Overtime you will gain confidence and be ready to apply it to 'big' events.

Big or small, the process is the same.

A few days ago I travelled with my wife and two- year old daughter. We were staying in an air-conditioned hotel room. My daughter was asleep. My wife said, "I think she will wet the bed in a few minutes. I have brought only one set of extra dress for her. It is better to make her wear nappies. It is already 11.30 pm. Where can we get nappies at this time? "

I called the receptionist to enquire about the nearby shops. He said, "I don't think any shop would be kept open at this time. If you don't mind walking a kilometer and if you are lucky, you can find a medical shop near the Railway Station. That shop closes by 12 pm."

I thanked him and thought about the issue for a moment. There was a clear need for the nappies. My wife and I wanted to make my daughter feel comfortable. *I was ready to walk a kilometer happily. The inner factors were positive. I had money to buy the product and knew that I could definitely get them in the medical shop. Outer factors were also positive. I was in Quadrant I.* So, positive outcome was assured. The result should come without a hitch immediately.

But, it would take 30 minutes for me to get the nappies.

Would my daughter wait for 30 minutes? Would the Decision Making Tool work?

When I was climbing down the stairs, my cousin whom I had not met for years was climbing up. After a brief exchange of words, I told him. "I am in a hurry. My daughter urgently needs nappies. I will meet you tomorrow at your room. "

He showed a carry bag and said. "Oh, just now I bought a big pack of nappies for my son from the medical shop near the Railway Station. I was the last customer. Tell me, how many pieces do you need now?"

Keywords: Family, Children, Resources (physical)

Cosmic Accounting

Whenever we move our consciousness to a higher level, life responds to that effort. Whether it involves a small or great matter, sudden good fortune will arrive in response to any movement to the positive.

Today I had my eyes examined for the first time in seven years at Lenscrafters. Like going to the dentist, people do not normally look forward to such events, unless they are compelled to do so -- i.e. when life forces one to change through difficulty, pain, or some other compulsion.

On this occasion, I wanted to pay for service rendered half by credit card and the half through my debit (i.e. bank) card. In essence, I did not want to run up my credit card more than I had to. As it turned out, I was unable to make this arrangement, instead paying \$300 via credit and the remaining \$100 through debit.

A half hour or so later after returning to my office (with my eyes still dilated and as a result my vision still blurred), I went to my American Express account to see if I could make a compensating payment to offset the extra amount I paid using that credit card at Lenscrafters. Unfortunately, when I tried to access the account, it was unavailable. I took it simply as a sign that my desire to make an additional payment to

compensate for overuse of my credit card was not necessary; i.e. demanded by life. And so I forgot the matter.

However, when I then went to my mailbox, I found an unusual letter. It was from the state informing me that I had some unclaimed money due, which required additional identification papers on my part. As you might have guessed, the amount was virtually the same as the amount I wanted to pay on my credit card account! Life in essence compensated me for my aspiration to draw down on credit card payments by "sending me the balance." It would turn out to be the only other money related matter that came to me by mail or otherwise that day.

As we see, life will respond to any shift in consciousness to the positive; even the most subtle of changes. Because I felt it was the right thing to not overextend my credit card and pay half of Lenscrafters bill via debit card, life itself made up the difference. In essence, by taking a higher order decision based on a practical value, I aligned with conditions that brought the transaction back into balance. Thus, through some cosmic-like accounting, the equilibrium of life was reestablished.

Keywords: Health/Well-Being, Resources (physical), Money/Finance

Probing into Things

Bill Gets To Heart of Matter with Potential Client

Bill, a man trying to put together a huge deal in the construction business was not getting results to a proposal he made of a higher up in the prospective financial client.

After trying different approaches, he decided to find out what was really going on. He was not afraid to upset the apple cart as he realized now that he had nothing to lose. When he made the call to Bob an important, but lesser higher up, Neil was there, who then explained that the entire matter had been held up because of his own actions. By getting at the matter and calling Bob, Bill had attracted Neil being there at that very moment who explained the cause of the six month delay in that company getting back to Bill.

Comments:

It's an example of strength and determination to get at the heart of the matter, and not let things drift any further.

Keywords: Business, Work Issue

Engineer Directed To Look At Fundamental Issue Involved

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Keywords: Work Issue, Machinery

Organizing Information

Mental Organization of Site Statistics Doubles Income

Today I made an effort to see which web pages are most popular at Growth Online and then update the page that lists the most popular articles at the site. I had to cross-reference several sets of data to do this. It involved a level of thought on my part involving organization, categorization, prioritization, etc.

When I then went to see how my Google Ad Sense income was -- which gives a payback for adds on your web page -- I found out that in the last 48 hours it suddenly doubled. This after months of more or less being at the same level.

The principle is this: when you organize anything at a higher level, life immediately responds.

"Ironically" I was at the same time also working on the chapter in my Life Response book on the chapter on 'Organization'; in particular, in the section where I discuss how when you mentally organize facts and knowledge into concepts or other ordered information, life immediately responds!

(By the way, in that situation, life normally only responds with more knowledge to the mental effort is an intellectual pursuit. However, since Growth Online has a small income component, life responded to that as well. I.e. at the vital plane involving money -- instead of just at the mental plane of mere information and knowledge.)

Keywords: Money/Finance, Work Issue

The Triple Response of Organizing the Subject Matter of Cosmic Determination and Free Will

"I had just spent part of the past few days substantially reorganizing the section of Growth Online on the topic of the 'Determination of the Absolute and our Free will to Collaborate with it.' (E.g., one statement is that within the determination of the Absolute, we have free will.) I had also better summarized the corresponding chapter from Sri Aurobindo's 'The Life Divine' on Cosmic Determinants at my SA and Mother site, which I used for organizing the previously mentioned section.

And so today, the first working day of the New Year (Jan. 2, 2007), I see an extensive article in the front page of the New York Times web site on the topic of whether we have Free Will, addressing some of the very issues I had considered and organized the previous two days.

Then as I look at the article and 'turn the page' online I think about how this article was a response to my own effort. At that very instance, I see the mention of someone from *San Francisco* (my area) who has been doing some thinking on this matter, which is another response.

This is also a response to the fact that I had been working a good deal of the morning on the chapter on Intention in the Life Response book, specifically about how taking an interest in a subject matter, attracts.

In this way, it was at least a triple life response.

Comments:

Some thoughts:

-When you focus on a topic, life immediately responds with information related to that topic.

-*When you organize any body of knowledge, life responds to that effort.*

-When it is a mental endeavor you have focused on, what comes back is also mental.

-Perhaps the best life response occurs at the material level. This is mere mental (though the knowledge can move people to think, will, and act).

-When you write on life response or a life response related topic (as on Intention), you get an immediate response related to that area.

-Organizing His teachings has a power that reverberates, enabling life response.

-Life response itself is an indicator that within the determination of the Absolute, there is free will to collaborate with it.

-Also, when we engage in free will that collaborate with the determination of the Absolute, a positive life response results.

Keywords: Media, City

The First Order

Several years ago, GuruSoftware, the company I founded in the mid 1990s, launched a new software application for business users. Though we put considerable time and effort into developing the product, after several months we had nothing to show for it. The fact was that our target audience was simply not responding. I then figured that since we had not yet secured a single order, *any* effort to improve the product would attract positive results.

Therefore, the first thing I did was reorganize the software's manual for greater consistency and clarity. Then I adjusted several parts of the application itself to make it more accessible for the user. Finally, because I now understood the program that much better, I developed several new features, which were then integrated into the software's existing components. Through that effort, I was able to improve, standardize, coordinate, and integrate the product -- providing more simplicity, utility, and power for the user.

The next day I turned on my computer as I do every morning. But then when I went to our company's web site, I discovered that we had secured our *first order* for the product! At first, I sat there stunned at this most unexpected development, but then I quickly understood what brought it about.

Comments:

Because I made the effort to organize and systematize the software, life responded with the product's first order. By streamlining, clarifying, coordinating, and integrating the application, a concentration of energy was generated that quickly aligned with and attracted the object of my desire.

Keywords: Work Issue, Resources (physical), Business, Product

Mental Effort to Create New Category of Ideas Attracts Corresponding Response

Periodically it is my task to categorize the thousands of thoughts in the knowledge base area of Growth Online: a web site dedicated to personal growth that I founded in 1997. Well one day I was gathering together a number of these ideas for a *new* category I was developing. Essentially, I would sift through the knowledge base area, look for a trend, and compile them into the newly formed category. Once I complete that task, I would normally upload the content to our web server so that the thousands of people worldwide who visit the site daily can have access to the information. However, in this instance, I decided that before uploading, I would check my email for any messages. After I opened my Outlook application, I noticed that I received a single message in my inbox. It turned out to be from a Growth Online reader who was inquiring about a particular subject matter. When I examined it a little closer, I was astonished to see that it was on the very subject I had just created a category for!

To appreciate why this was astonishing, consider the following facts. First, there are hundreds, perhaps thousands of topics addressed at Growth Online. Thus the chance of receiving a response on any particular subject, like this one, is extremely low. (I only receive a few emails for Growth Online per day.)

Second, the inquiry was on a subject that did not even exist at the site, since I had not uploaded it yet. Third, the response was on the very topic I was *about* to upload. And finally, the reader's message was the *only* email I received when I opened my Outlook email program just before uploading that information. The chances of any one of these things happening are extremely remote -- perhaps one in ten thousand. The chance of *all four* happening simultaneously is off the charts. For all intents and purposes, it was an impossibility. Yet it occurred.

When you make the effort to organize information in a creative and dynamic new way, life responds with startling results along the very same line.

Keywords: Resources (physical), Work Issue

Clarifying Dense Metaphysical Concepts

Over the years, it has been one of my tasks as an educator to take difficult ideas and present them in ways that are easy for others to understand. I have performed this function countless times -- not only for the thousands of students who have attended my training classes, but for the hundreds of thousands of readers who have read my articles at Growth Online. Of course, in order to offer such pre-digested knowledge to others, the concepts have to be clear to me in the first place. That has not always been the easiest of chores -- especially when it involves turning arcane technical jargon or dense philosophical arguments into simple, easy-to-understand concepts. What has been particularly striking, however, is that nearly every time I exercise my mind in this way, a powerful response follows.

For example, one time I was straining to understand a complex metaphysical concept. After considerable effort, however, I still could not grasp the underlying principle. Then I tried to break it into smaller components; but the divisions I developed were still incoherent. After racking my brain, I finally gave up, hoping that a clearer understanding would come on its own if I forgot the matter.

The next morning, when I opened my email program, I saw a message from my spiritual teacher. After reading a portion of his remarks, I soon realized that he had written to me on the *very subject* I had been struggling with the previous evening! It was remarkable not only because he had no idea I was thinking of that topic, but because out of the *hundreds*, if not *thousands* of subjects we have discussed over the years, he happened to pick the one I had been struggling with. Perhaps even more striking was the fact that the email contained not merely a few paragraphs on the subject, but an *entire paper* on it -- with extensive *detailed analysis!*

When I thought about it, I realized that my efforts to organize a dense metaphysical concept into a series of newly developed precepts triggered this remarkable life response event. The response from my teacher not only clarified the overall issue, but through his extensive paper, illuminated in painstaking detail all the salient points. In the end, because I made a small effort at organizing knowledge, life responded with a torrent of information on that very subject. It was for me a breathtaking moment: an instance of pure magic.

Keywords: Instructor, Teacher

Power of Organization

From Discord to Harmony at Chrysler

When Iacocca joined Chrysler, the company had all the pieces in place, but they were not working together with one another.

Production was not speaking with engineering, engineering was not listening to what sales tried to tell them the customers wanted.

Management and workers were completely at odds.

Talented middle managers were stifled by a top heavy bureaucracy of executives out of touch with the front lines.

As a result in spite of its enormous resources and technological competence, the entire company-a \$12 billion operation-came to the brink of bankruptcy.

But then Iacocca broke down the barriers that divided divisions, departments and levels of the organization from one another, opened up communication, streamlined and accelerated new model development activity, and put in the systems needed for effective coordination and control of the giant company.

These measures not only saved Chrysler and returned it to profitability, they also provided it with the organization it needed to more than double in size over the next five years.

The company went on to quickly become the most profitable company in the car industry.

Through greater coordination and integration of the parts of Chrysler, a new level of Harmony was created that had the power to attract the very best conditions.

By enabling all the parts to work efficiently and in unison, Chrysler would establish the level of Harmony that enabled it to experience one of the greatest turnaround in corporate history.

Keywords: Conflict, Contradiction, Communications, Money/Finance, Organizations, Wealth

Personal, Societal Values

Untitled

I am taking "Business Ethics" for my students this academic year and I was going through a study guide from IAM UK. It was so interesting and was offering me some new insights in the field of ethics. I started comparing it with the Values of Business put forth by Garry Jacobs and Inner Outer Correspondence view by Roy Posner and it had given me a kind of silence this morning. I was really seeing at least for a moment the importance of ethics and its connectivity with the sustainability of a firm. I came out of my thoughts with a call from Vinay, a Bangalore based person whom I had done a business some 6 months back and was yet to make a payment., which I never asked. I was exactly understanding the concept of prompt payments as a Value for progress and sustainability through my readings and the moment I realised the concept in depth for my class to students, Mr Vinay offered me Rs 25,000/- (just now).

Keywords: Students, Companies, Money/Finance

Power of Being True and Having Strength in Attracting Positive Reactions Even From the Opposition

In the book Lady Anna by Trollope, Anna and Daniel are true to each other and show great strength in their love despite enormous pressures by those motivated by money interests and privilege to prevent them from being together, which includes her mother's desire to regain her lost position. While in trial the opposing attorney is the Solicitor General. The following life response is noted:

It seems that the truth (true to themselves in their justified beliefs and actions) of Daniel and Anna are mirrored by the extraordinary dedication to truth of the Countess's and Anna's opposing (!) attorney, the Solicitor General. Even as Daniel, and especially Anna remain true to their convictions under great pressure from virtually everyone around her, it seems to be mirrored by the dedication to truth by the Solicitor General in court; e.g. when he readily agrees with the justice due to the Countess and Lady Anna, and though he doesn't bring it up in court (which would stir the audience which he also wishes to avoid), to Daniel's rights to love. In addition, the same mirror effect can be seen in their and his strength.

Comments: Karmayogi commented that this interpretation of the mirroring is correct and the insight about the Solicitor General is also right.

Keywords: Love, Relationship, Contradiction

Right Decision Evokes Life Response

Happened a year back:

Payments are getting delayed now days from almost all clients owing to decline in exports and general electricity problem prevailing in all industrial areas. Even blue chip companies are asking for 60 to 90 days credit-whereas I have to get materials on 100% D.D. This is constantly keeping me in financial crunch and tense. I had to honour a cheque last week. Somebody suggested taking the "tipping" route to the Finance Managers to get the payments at the earliest. As all payments, rentals, instalments, salaries - were so important to be honoured - to keep my name "as prompt payer" I also followed what others have done, tipped ...got payments and felt happy that I kept my word.

In the process I went back - to corrupt practices - lost opportunity to evolve as well as going away from Mother.

But next time when same thing happened after few months. *I resisted the temptation to do that – particularly in a curiosity to see what happens if we stick to principle than "good name / reputation" of keeping the words, paying in right time, etc.*

The day came, nothing happened and the cheque got bounced. I am writing it easily now with a smile. But that day was most torturous one emotionally, feeling desolated, dejected and humiliated. I even felt as if everybody is speaking about me and about my default to the point of not coming outside, completely shattering inside, even losing faith on "Mother" and Her ways.

I got money next day-took D.D and met the G.M. of that company - In course of conversation he found my erudition and introduced me to a marketing person to make use of me for the new product they are going to introduce for premium sector –for which they need a distributor who is cogent and pertinent. This is an international company –and normally appointment with G.M –finance will not be given for any vendors unless it is an utmost necessity not to say about appointment with the product manager from whom I got many practical tips on technical aspects and opening up a new opportunity in business that I never knew that exists. Now my turn over is two times the last year.

Keywords: Business, Money/Finance, Companies, Honesty

Response to Appreciating a New Social Value

When you appreciate a higher value and policy of an organization in society such as a business, that benefit suddenly comes to you out of nowhere and at just the right time.

I had heard on the radio that the phone companies had switched from nickel and diming the public for overage charges on their data plans, and now simply gave unlimited coverage. I saw this as a higher social value and benefit. Moreover the commentator said they even warn the user if he is approaching such overages where they do exist.

Well wouldn't you know it but one hour later I received a sms message from my service provider indicating I was approaching my overage, something I do not recall ever receiving before in years of use!

Coincidence? Or rather the result of appreciating a new value in society, that has now turned around and descended into my person as real benefit.

Keywords: Media, Communications, Service, Society

Overcoming Limiting Attitude, Having Strength Regarding Software Purchase Attracts Positive Life Response

A few years ago, when I bought my first computer, I decided to load it with all the best software in the world. I spent a few dollars (less than \$100) and got all the high priced software programs. Some well-wishers happily gave pirated software for free. Generous souls!

Then I needed a corporate database program. As I could not get a pirated version, I paid thousands of dollars and bought it. What a waste! It was totally useless for my purpose. On the other hand I was using pirated programs actively.

I thought," Perhaps, what I had to pay for pirated programs, has been taken away in the form of price for corporate database. *I will not be a pirate anymore!*" I deleted all the pirated softwares and cancelled the corporate database license.

I figured out that I needed only three programs, an operating system, an office suite and an accounting package. Though, I was not in a financially comfortable position then, I paid the full price and bought the original softwares.

Later, I got a business plan for software development. I was not able to afford high priced development tools. And, I refused to work with pirated softwares.

A few days later, a friend asked me to take up software resale business along with development. I accepted the idea and became a software reseller.

The next day, I received a welcome package from the distributor, with the message that I could buy all the software at less than 10% of the original price for my internal use and demo purpose.

I could not believe it. I contacted the distributor to check whether it was a mistake. No! I could use the dealer softwares for my own use without any restrictions!

I bought all the original tools I needed, for the price I paid for pirated softwares!

Keywords: Work Issue, Money/Finance, Products, Media

Rising to Higher Values of Society Attracts Corresponding Opportunity at That Level

(part 1)I am giving a synopsis of what happened from September 2012.

I am in labour intensive field in which I need many semi-skilled or skilled in protective coatings. It was very difficult to get labour for physical intensive works. What we got for Rs. 200-300 per day two years before that, is now Rs. 700-800 + transport a day. Even for that wages it was difficult to get. Even if I train some recruits-they will join another company after some time sending me back to square.

At that time as per Your advice I started taking a higher view that prosperity of India growing, that at an average monthly income of 18000-20000 we don't get labour means that they have opportunity elsewhere which shows that the prosperity is descending on India. Before that I was looking for correspondence and past consecration of similar opportunism in me, selfishness and exploitation and not showing gratitude to anything or to anything that helped me to grow.

At next level - I tried to overcome my ill will towards those who left or towards those who employed them and overcome meanness and cleverness not holding their payments by paying properly in time, not exploiting the work hours, ESI, PF, Insurance needed as per statutory norms, not hiding any technical quality aspects from workers skill set etc.,

Still for me it was not an accomplishment as all this were of based on a system of evolution executed by mind. But also some were inside it is not fully changed so every time any adverse or negative thought comes I consciously change it to the view that - By training and sending them out to others I am serving India and serving for its prosperity.

At that point probably in May 2013 I got a call from set of labours with a trained supervisor – all trained abroad – for such protective coatings. Now I got already trained labour team who provided some new ideas for optimum utilization of resources.

Not to leave at this point –(still once in a while I get a thought what happens if this team goes – but constantly I brushed aside that not allowing it to get it into my mind) I was thinking of how to take this consciousness forward. I tried to do the best in projects where this team is employed particularly in ETP and STP with the mind that I am serving people for recycling.

(part 2)

In May 2014 I got a call from TWAD board for certain protective coating work in Darmapuri and I quoted for the same. As You know usually all government tenders - whatever be the technical specification – will have favoritism and L1 method. So I didn't have much hope on that. It is Hogenakkal Integrated Water Supply project.

It has one part as - Fluorosis Mitigation Project. This is aimed at providing potable Water Supply to Dharmapuri and Krishnagiri Districts in Tamil Nadu, which comprises of 3 Municipalities, 17 Town Panchayat and 6,755 rural habitations in 18 Panchayat Unions which has the property of mitigating the fluorosis. Due to the consumption of fluoride contaminated water in this area over a prolonged period, people in the above two Districts are suffering from Skeletal Fluorosis, dental Fluorosis, non-skeletal manifestation or combination of the above. Central Public Health and Environmental Engineering Organization (CPHEEO) and world health Organisation (WHO) has advised for treated water supply to

counter that and it is funded by A Consortium comprising of M/s. Nippon Koei Co. Ltd. Japan , M/s AECOM, Metcalf Eddy, Hong, through Tamilnadu water supply and Drainage board. (TWAD).

When I explained about its coating method to the labours, they said they have already done this abroad and so the sampling came out well. After many negotiations with many contractors this has been offered to us – and initial trial order for one treatment plant for Rs. 25 lakhs not taking into consideration, the L1 rule.

Now I am part of a welfare scheme that serves many Indians particularly the health aspect.

Comment (by Roy Posner): As you had risen to the caring about the higher wages for the Indian workers reflecting your caring also about the emerging prosperity of the nation, which is a higher social attitude and value, life gave you the opportunity to partake in a great social-related project taking you into new areas of opportunity and success. What a wonderful life response tying together the individual and the universal!

Keywords: Work Issue, Business, Subordinates, Nation, Companies

Giant Miracles in a Name

The San Francisco Giants baseball team recently won two world championships in 3 years. It was a victory of consciousness, particularly of unity, that unfolded through astonishing, miraculous-like series of events. I have referred to it in several posts.

One thing I neglected to mention that adds to their startling feat of harmony is this: In the second championship season they secured a new player named "Cabrerra," who quickly became the leading batter on the team. In fact, he was leading the entire league. However in the midst of his great success it was revealed he was taking drugs. Immediately he was suspended by the league. However in the playoffs he was eligible to play again. Not to disturb the harmony and the goodness of the team, the Giants did not take him back. Now handicapped without that excellent batter, the Giants carried on.

In the playoffs they were continuously in deep trouble, yet miraculously in each series came back from the edge of collapse. In the final series, on the final at bat for the other team, that player struck out giving San Francisco the world championship. The name of the player who struck out? Cabrerra! No, not the player who was suspended, but another player with the very same name. It was a subtle hint from life that the Giants did the right thing in consciousness to keep up the inner harmony above all else by not bringing back the reckless player. It was another powerful life response reminder of the subtle, yet startling ways life unfolds.

Keywords: Sports, Accomplishment/Success

Business Values of the Company's Service and Essence

An exceptional personal value expressed in the right situation can attract overwhelming results. Two brothers owned a music recording concern. The first brother Crosby deeply believed in the studio and the services it was providing. The second brother Adam wanted to sell the company for a high price he was offered because his family expenses were piling up. However, the first brother Crosby *expressing values of the Essence of the relatively new firm* refused to sell. Suddenly out of nowhere his estranged girlfriend who he was once engaged to return to him, proposed and they were then married. Crosby's higher values toward the studio attracted the girlfriend who had broken his heart, but which was now mended, and then some!

Keywords: Business, Service, Relationship

Concern for the Best Needs of the Customer Attracts Overwhelmingly

Paul Roos was a technical sales representative for a well-known computer company. A customer wanted to buy an HP product for a particular application. Paul knew that the HP product would not work well with the application. Paul refused to sell the customer what he wanted by convincing him that it would not solve his problem. Finally, when the customer asked what he should buy, Paul took his competitor's catalog off the shelf and took 15 minutes to select a product that would meet his needs. The customer finally bought the product from his competitor.

The customer came to Paul after a few months with 100 times more sales value than the first "lost" opportunity.

Comment: Paul wanted his customer to get the best solution for his problem. Thus, he focused on the needs of the customer, not what he had to sell, and attracted an astonishing result far beyond his initial intent.

Keywords: Sales, Service, Integrity

Looking at Financial Needs from Customer's Point of View

Maxine Goldstein was a financial representative for Home Fed Bank of San Diego. One Friday evening, when he was about to lock the doors, a new customer walked up to his desk and said he needed to open a checking account. Maxine went about gathering the necessary data and filling out the required forms.

Suddenly he realized, he never asked the customer why he wanted a checking account or how much money he was planning to deposit.

At that point, Maxine stopped what he was doing and approached the customer. He asked the customer a lot of open-ended questions. It turned out that the checking account was to be used as a holding account for the down payment on a new home. The customer would need the money within a month, so he couldn't invest in a CD. The amount? Mere \$40,000! Maxine could hardly believe he was planning to put that much money in a checking account at only 5% interest.

Maxine told him about a high-yielding money market account that they offered. With check-writing ability and the convenience of telephone transfers and ATM access, the customer could have best of both worlds. The customer was thrilled.

Maxine had done more than just sell him something. He had really filled the customer's "need" by taking the customer's point of view for the problem. It so happened, the customer sold his home for a lot more than he had anticipated and when he had an extra \$50,000 to invest, whom do you think he called?

Keywords: Service, Integrity, Work Issue, Money/Finance

Being Fortright Quickly Attracts Purchased Book

The author of a book suggested that another person download a copy of his work. He told the purchaser that the book was not the final edition, but a preview edition. The purchaser understood this. He told the purchaser that the book would take up to 10 days to arrive. He further informed the purchaser that the book cover for the book he purchased was not the same as the latest edition; that the font text size was smaller and a bit difficult to read than the later edition, and so forth. He did this so the purchaser would be forewarned and not be disappointed.

The next day the purchaser informed the author that the book had suddenly arrived -- not 10 days later, but only 2! Because the author was forthright with the purchaser, the book came much earlier than expected, pleasing the purchaser to no end!

Comment:

The episode indicates that *being forthright and honest* has the power to attract positive conditions and overcome the limits of time.

Keywords: Honesty, Integrity,

Value of Honesty/Integrity Attracts Marvelous Results for Government Agency, Private Beneficiaries

A young Indian woman narrated this story to us:

"I was working in a company whose business was executing government contractual jobs, in what is predominantly noted for corrupt practices and compromising qualities.

But I wanted instead to follow the higher, spiritual principle and was therefore reluctant to follow the regular "govt contractor procedure" for executing the jobs. Instead I concentrated on giving quality by other cost cutting measures as best as I knew.

Life responded and within few months gave abundant projects to the company in the private sector-particularly for foreign clients who expect perfection in execution of the details as well as transparency in their dealings. These abundant jobs caused the company for whom I worked to concentrate on government, and completely abstain from doing those kind of jobs in the Chennai branch for which I was the manager.

(On the other hand the company's Coimbatore branch continued to depend on "such job and those type of methods" where their belief was on the normal social way of engaging in transactions.")"

Comments:

Because the woman applied higher values of non-corruption and integrity, not only did the company attract a plethora of new work, but did so from the private sector, which created a golden new opportunity for the organization. One woman taking to a higher value had such a profound collective effect.

Keywords: Honesty, Integrity, Work Issue, Companies

Beauty and the Beast

For a month now I have been watching the 1987 TV series *Beauty and the Beast*, 25 years since first seeing it. I was reminded of the spiritual values in the series that is equivalent in its own way to the people I know who have gathered around Appa's teachings, Mother, et al. They too called the leader "Father" in the series.

As I have been approaching the last handful of episodes, I wondered what the series would be like if they remade it now. I also had anticipated that I would be finished viewing the current episodes by about the first week in October. I had really been enjoying the show, especially after the first 10 episodes of Season 1, and the intensity has been building up. *The deep, heartfelt values of the community* and deep abiding love of the principles has warmed me on many occasions. I was regretting to see it end.

However today I opened my Apple TV on my television and discovered something astounding. On October 11th, a new *Beauty and the Beast* series was scheduled to be aired around the world (something I had no idea they were making), and with the same basic characters and plot arrangement! Almost to the day I expected to complete the old series, a new series had suddenly appeared out of nowhere and was presenting its first episode precisely when I was completing the old one!

Apparently *my identity and deep affection for the values and community* had created a level of focus and intensity that evoked a new show to my person. Now that's the way to create a remake!

Keywords: Media, Society

Small Order Blossoms into Vast Orders Over Time

When an unknown customer called from a neighboring state and placed a \$150 order, the sales manager of a flooring company decided to treat this tiny order by an unknown customer as if it had been placed by the biggest & most important customer the company ever had. The company laid out the red carpet and delivered super service to the customer. The manager's actions didn't make sense to his staff, since they spent much more on the order than they made. But one thing led to another. The customer was so pleased, he spoke to another company and that company placed orders with the flooring company for more than \$5 million over the next few years.

Keywords: Order, Service, Manager, Money/Finance

Refraining from Acting Dishonestly by Cheating on Exam Attracts Good Fortune

A young Indian woman we know was in college and was about to take a test for admission to a company. It turns out that her fellow students *knew the answers to the test in advance*, which would have substantially increased her chances for admittance if she went down that path.

However, she decided *not* to get the answers from her friends because she *valued honesty*.

As it turned out, when the day of the test arrived, the class *was cancelled*, making the test a moot point.

And yet what was *truly* remarkable was that soon after these events she was *accepted at that very same company*, something she *never realistically thought would happen!*

Comments:

As we see, when we *refrain* from acting *dishonestly*, life conspires to bring us good fortune, including the fulfillment of our heart's desire, such as securing the job of our dreams.

Keywords: Honesty, Integrity, Employment

Beyond Price and Money to Helping Customer

A Florida entrepreneur ready to invest \$30,000 in a human resource company contacted George, a business and market researcher, for information on the company's general business area, competition, and potential income projections.

Instead of quoting a price for the work, George was enthusiastic to help the prospect as he was familiar with that particular area. Over the next few hours, George did a quick data search, made a few phone calls to friends in the industry, and called back the prospect with the specific information he needed.

The prospect was so impressed with George's findings, he closed a deal with George for future contracts.

Because George completely forgot about quoting the price to the customer and *focused on how he could help the customer get a solution*, he attracted a result that was beneficial to himself and the client.

Keywords: Service, Business, Work Issue, Money/Finance

The Honeymoon Gambler

Where would you take your wife for honeymoon if you had been in love with that girl for more than 10 years and then got married to her? The Alps in Switzerland? The blue lagoon of Fiji? The beautiful lake Taupo in New Zealand?

I took my wife to a casino in Las Vegas - The capital of chance games!

When your wallet is full of cash, mind is arrogant with stupidity and you are ready to give an arm and a leg to prove to your newlywed wife that she has just married the most intelligent man in the world, what else will you do?

A few years before my marriage I had learnt something similar to (and better than) the method advocated by The Secret. I believed truly that I could conquer the world - if not the Universe - with that wonderful method. I was so unconscious that I did not realize that all chance games were associated with negative forces, and even a casual, fleeting encounter with such forces would bring us great difficulties in different areas of life.

My wife knew something about this method. When I told her that we were going to visit a casino, she was upset. She suggested that there were better places to visit. But I promised her that I should spend \$5 only, just to have the fun of playing a chance game. My wife refused to play any games but accompanied so that her beloved husband was not hurt.

The game dice rolled. I applied my method. I made \$15 with an investment of \$5. The game wheels rolled. The game machines started to spit out coins. The cling, cling sound of the coins, the sound of falling money was the finest music I had ever heard in my life. My winnings grew into \$20, \$100 and then \$1000. All the time I was using my special spiritual method.

Then I decided to go for a killing. I wanted to bet all the money I had with me in the game in which I thought I was in full control.

My wife started to argue with me and asked me to stop the nonsense at once. She said, "This is the way the negative forces work. They give you small winnings in the beginning in order to destroy you in a big way." I was not in a mood to listen to her advice. However to make her happy, I told her, "You look beautiful. I am in a happy mood. May I take a photograph of you? Please stand next to that roulette table." She obliged.

The moment my camera flashed, two big bouncers - security guards - each weighing more than 300 pounds, suddenly appeared before me and snatched the camera from my hands, pulled me forcibly away from the game floor and pushed me into a special room.

No one was allowed to take photographs in sensitive areas. It was a legally punishable offence. And I had just violated the privacy law.

My wife came running behind me and we begged the investigator for mercy. After a few minutes of tough talking, the investigator destroyed the film roll and returned the camera. He warned me that he should not see my face again in the casino, or face disastrous consequences that would extend for a life time. With that warning he threw me physically out of the casino.

Now I realize that the Divine Intervention had saved me from a big loss and a deadly habit. It took several years for me to remove my feelings, thoughts and attitudes towards chance games.

I have shared my personal experience that involved a secret method and chance games. Please draw your own conclusion.

Comments:

1. Your method worked because you had total faith in it. When you say Divine Intervention saved you from a big loss, it could also be said that the universe responded to your wife's strong emotion of anxiety, concern and goodwill. Her strong conviction and feeling that your action would lead to trouble evoked a response from the universe. Because she was disturbed and the harmony between you was disturbed by your disagreement, the response of the universe came through a disturbance too. But it accomplished the purpose of making you stop gambling.

2. The question still remains why all gamblers who are sure of winning do not win. This relates to the nature of gambling as an activity. The Secret is a method for human accomplishment by aspiring intensely and acting inwardly in a totally positive manner. The gambler who is compelled by greed, impatience, desperation, boredom, loneliness or a psychological complex cannot follow the method of The Secret, because that method depends on aspiration, unwavering faith, cheerfulness, patience, etc. The gambler looks for a windfall. The practitioner of The Secret seeks to manifest his aspiration as reality. In thought the distinction appears very slight. In practice, the difference in vibration, attitude, consciousness is very great.

Keywords: Money/Finance, Spouse, Wealth

Insights into the Indian Epic Film 'LAGAAN'

Intro

Lagaan (Land Tax) is a 2001 Indian epic musical sports drama film. The film is set in the Victorian period of India's colonial British Raj and revolves around the peasants from a barren village who are oppressed by high taxes imposed by their rulers. They attempt to persuade the British officers to reduce the taxes because of poor agricultural production. Instead, a wager is offered: If their village team beats a British team in a game of cricket, their taxes for three years would be cancelled. After accepting this wager, the villagers face the arduous task of learning an alien game and playing for a result that will change their village's destiny.

Plot

Lagaan takes place in the small village of Champaner, during the height of the British Empire in India in 1893. Captain Andrew Russell, the commanding officer of the Champaner cantonment, has imposed high taxes ("lagaan") on people from the local villages which they are unable to pay due to a prolonged drought. Led by Bhuvan, the villagers beg Raja Puran Singh to help them. He tells them that much to his regret, he is also bound by British law.

It is after their visit to the Raja that the people of the village first witness a cricket match. Bhuvan mocks the game and gets into a fight with one of the British officers. Taking an instant dislike to Bhuvan, Captain Russell offers to cancel the taxes of the whole province for three years if the villagers can beat his men in a game of cricket. If the villagers lose, however, they will have to pay three times the amount of their normal taxes. Bhuvan accepts this wager on the behalf of all villages without their consent. When the other villagers find out about the bet, they are furious with Bhuvan. He argues that it is important for everyone to fight against British rule.

Bhuvan thus begins to prepare the villagers for the match. He initially finds only five people willing to join the team. One by one he convinces others to join. He is aided in his efforts by Captain Russell's sister Elizabeth who feels that her brother has mistreated the people in the villages. As she teaches them the rules of the game, she falls in love with Bhuvan, much to the anguish of Gauri who is also in love with him. After Bhuvan reassures Gauri of his feelings for her, the woodcutter Lakha becomes enraged as he is also in love with Gauri. In an attempt to discredit Bhuvan, Lakha offers himself as a spy for Russell and joins the villager's team in order to destroy it.

Eventually, as the villagers realise that winning equals freedom, and as a few of them are insulted by the British, they join the team. Still short one player, Bhuvan also invites an untouchable, Kachra, who can bowl leg spin. The villagers, conditioned by longterm prejudice against untouchables, refuse to play if Kachra joins the team. Bhuvan chastises the villagers, leading them to accept Kachra.

The second half of the film focuses on the match itself. On the first day, Captain Russell wins the toss and elects to bat, giving the British officers a strong start. Bhuvan brings Kachra into the match only to find that Kachra has lost his ability to spin the ball. In addition, as part of his agreement with Russell, Lakha deliberately drops many catches. During the evening, however, Elizabeth sees Lakha meeting with her brother. She races to the village and informs Bhuvan of Lakha's deception. Rather than allow the villagers to kill him, Bhuvan offers Lakha the chance to redeem himself.

The next day as part of his promise to Bhuvan, Lakha takes a diving one-handed catch. However the British score almost 300 runs, losing only three wickets by the lunch break. Kachra is brought back to bowl and takes a hat-trick which sparks the British batting collapse. The villagers soon start their innings. Bhuvan and Deva (a Sikh, who has played cricket earlier when he was a British sepoy) give their team a solid start. Deva misses out on his half-century when a straight-drive from Bhuvan ricochets off the bowler's hand onto the stumps at the non-striker's end, while Deva was backing up too far. When Lakha comes on to bat, he is hit by a bouncer on his head, and he falls on to his stumps. Other batsmen get out trying to score a boundary off each delivery. Ismail (Raj Zutshi), a good batsman, retires hurt as he is hit on his leg. The villager's team ends the day with 4 batsmen out of action with barely a third of the required runs on board.

On the third and final day, Bhuvan passes his century, while most of the later wickets fall. Ismail returns to bat with the help of a runner and passes his half-century, reducing the required runs to a gettable total. The game comes down to the last over with Kachra on strike. With one ball remaining and the team down 5 runs, Kachra knocks the ball a short distance, managing only a single. However, the umpire signals no ball and Bhuvan returns to bat, and swings extremely hard at the next ball. Captain Russell backpedals and catches the ball, leading him to believe the British team has won. However, Russell caught the ball beyond the boundary which gives 6 runs, and the win, to Bhuvan's team. At that moment, the drought ends as a rainstorm erupts.

Bhuvan's defeat of the British team leads to the disbanding of the humiliated cantonment. In addition, Russell is forced to pay the taxes for the whole province and is transferred to Central Africa. After realising that Bhuvan loves Gauri, Elizabeth returns to London. Heartbroken, she remains unmarried for the rest of her life. Bhuvan marries Gauri.

(Thanks to Wikipedia for this summation)

Lessons Observed

-When you take to Truth -- i.e. the right thing to do in a situation, -- you attract the very best of conditions. That Truth prevails over all obstacles. (Bhuvan was completely dedicated to the truth that the Britishers were acting in falsehood and it was absolutely wrong to follow that mandate, and therefore he should do anything in his power to overcome it. Following that Truth in his consciousness he and his fellow players prevailed.)

-The power of Unity overcomes any obstacle. (The story was about Bhuvan winning over others to his side. When they embraced his beliefs, which were the true Truth of things, a powerful unity was enabled that generated massive amount of positive energy and a tremendous Will that that prevailed despite extraordinary obstacles.)

-In a conflict or contest between two sides, a new, higher level of Unity on one side tends to attract disunity or other forms of discord from the other. (As one or more points where the Indian group adopted a new player, by overcoming prejudice or seeing into new possibilities, it created a higher unity, which was matched by a breakdown of unity on the British side, especially when the British higher up leaders questioned the foolish actions of Captain Russell.)

-Truth and Unity together form an irresistible power. (Bhuvan gave them the Truth which they were convinced of, and they then developed a unity of purpose that together became an irresistible power that prevailed.)

-When you widen the scope of benefit to embrace a wider collective beyond your own, you tend to attract support from some party of that broader domain from out of nowhere, enabling the expanded aspiration to manifest. (Bhuvan wanted the non-paying of double tax not just to his village, but to the entire area. A while later they attracted the best cricketer on their team who was a Sikh who came from that wider area outside the village)

-Intensity of Will amongst a unified group motivated by high values overcomes the opposing force. (This is a comprehensive statement about the meaning and events of the film.)

-Only Her Force can overcome a hopeless situation. (Desperate at the end, they called to Lord Krishna, and all miraculously worked out; which in our terms as devotees of the Mother is Her supramental power that we can open to that create extraordinary outcomes, including when things seem hopeless,)

-(which leads to one final statement) What can surpass unity of purpose, intensity of will, highest of values, and faith in the spiritual Force (consecrated effort) in accomplishing a goal among a group of individuals?

Keywords: Media, Authority, Sports, Integrity, Honesty, Accomplishment/Success

Moving to the Universal Plane Affecting a Much Vaster Collective

I would like to share an experience.

Once, I was asked to give an opinion on a Tax Matter by an employee's Co-operative Society. The background was that the society was enjoying Income Tax Deduction for the income they were earning all the previous years. Some amendment in the section excluded certain types of Co-operative Banks from enjoying this IT deduction for their Income and hence has to pay tax which may affect the dividend percentage being received by all the Employees who are the members of the Society. Since the Society is offering Loans and collecting Deposits from its members, they were of the understanding that the amendment will hold good for them and hence they were very upset.

The Special Officer of that particular Society took some special interest in getting an Opinion. She approached me and explained the situation. There are around 3000 such societies and there are more than 1,000,000 (One Million) employees who were benefited earlier and the amendment would affect the Dividend income of all the one million employees. To add that Lady Special Officer's request, there was a strong recommendation for a favorable opinion from my wife who was too worried at the loss of the Members of these 3000 societies

Considering the emotions of the One Million members spread over these 3000 societies, I started reading the amendment. All of a sudden I got a flash that the excluding amendment was only meant the Co-operative Banks and not the Co-operative Credit Societies since they have referred the Banking Regulations Act in the picture. I went ahead with the provisions of Banking Regulations Act and gave them an opinion against the understanding of all the department Officials and Audit Director's Opinion.

Seeing the opinion, The Audit Director referred the opinion to the Chief Commissioner of Income Tax, Chennai. The Chief Commissioner approved the opinion and added a disclaimer by saying that this opinion is right, but we cannot say whether a particular society can claim the deduction without seeing their income source and so on.

The Audit Director issued an order by saying that after obtaining an opinion from Chartered Accountants in this effect, the deduction can be claimed and provision need not be made in the Accounts.

For the original Opinion, even though, they were ready to pay Rs 7,500/=, I charged only Rs 1,000 with a service attitude.

But by seeing the order of Audit Director, all the societies were relieved of their pressure of facing their members in General Body meeting, came in queue to my office and got opinions by providing their accounts. All societies in Chennai came to me.

The opinion given was taken more than 3000 photocopies and were sent to each such society all over Tamil Nadu.

That year for a small work, with an approach of benefiting some million people, I got more than six to seven lakhs. The income continued for next three to four years and on top of it, I was included by the Department as one of the members in their Wage Revision Committee of Employees Co-op Societies last year.

I do not know whether I have surrendered this to Mother. But surely I called Mother to give a solution to these one million employees. I understand she was pleased to serve them all and to me. Otherwise she

would not have given such a downpour of income for more than three years for a half a day's original effort. (NR)

Keywords: Service, Work Issue, Integrity

Negativity in Relation to Values

Negative Response to Panelist's Questionable Value

A young, intelligent woman on a talk show indicated that once hackers had broken into an entertainment company, the press had a right to reveal any of the hacked company's secrets to the public; a dubious conclusion on her part.

Well it turned out that right after making that remark she had trouble staying on the air due to technical problems, mainly caused by her husband who was playing video games, disturbing the speed of connection. In fact the discussion amongst the panel members went on about the particular game he was playing, instead of the issues at hand, thoroughly embarrassing the woman on the air in front of thousands of people.

Because she had taken an *ethically dubious position* about the company that was hacked, believing it was fine to reveal private matters publicly, life returned the favor by embarrassing her publicly on the air with gossip that threatened to ruin her marriage, as she jokingly put it. It was a classic case of a negative response of life to a low attitude and value.

Keywords: Media, Spouse, Conflict

Negative Response to Abandoning One's Highest Values

Abandoning the positive high personal, business, or societal values that got you where you are tends to attract disaster.

Examples:

-A sports team dedicated to teamwork, state of the art execution, and catching the progressive way -- thereby winning title after title -- resorts to machismo attitude, hiring players who advocate such, lack of concern for the community that helped it succeed, leading to failure in big games, the onset of acute losses, continuous embarrassment in the press by the foolish deeds of its players, and the loss of coherence and faith in themselves.

-The largest department store chain in the world famous for trusting in its customers as well as utilizing latest resources and technologies, maintains the trusting value, but abandons seeking new methods of offering its products, as it gets fixated on the old ways, which leads to its ongoing path toward imminent collapse.

Keywords: Sports, Society, Service, Business

Dishonesty Attracts the Negative in Film *Win Win*

"Dishonesty attracts an ever-widening circle of problems."

We see this dynamic of negative life response to dishonesty very clearly in the recent acclaimed American farce film *Win Win*.

In the story, a small-town New Providence, New Jersey attorney Mike Flaherty moonlights as a wrestling coach and struggles to keep his practice solvent, while shielding his wife Jackie and their two young girls from the extent of the problem. When his court-appointed client Leo Poplar, who is suffering from early dementia, turns out to have no locatable relatives, Mike persuades a judge to appoint him as guardian, for which he will receive a stipend of \$1500/month. It is pure dishonesty because Leo should have been left in his own home, and the attorney Mike has seen a way to take advantage of the situation to garner the \$1500 a month in order to keep his practice and his family financially afloat.

However, soon after a series of problems arise.

When the elderly Leo's troubled teenage grandson Kyle shows up looking to live with him, Mike and Jackie let Kyle stay with them, as Mike has moved Leo to a senior care facility. They discover that Kyle is a talented wrestler, and enroll him at Mike's high school, where he can resume his education and wrestle on Mike's awful, losing team, helping to make them viable contenders in their league.

This "everyone benefits" setup (in the mind of Mike; hence the ironic title of the film "Win Win") is disrupted when Kyle's mother Cindy shows up, fresh out of rehab. Cindy attempts to gain custody of her father and her son, and with them her father's substantial estate.

When Kyle learns that Mike had originally promised to keep Leo in his home but has instead moved him to a nursing home, the boy rightfully rejects Mike as a money-seeking opportunist no better than his mother.

Realizing the mistake of his earlier actions, and seeking instead to do what's best for both Leo and Kyle, Mike offers Kyle's mother Cindy the monthly \$1500 he had desperately and dishonestly secured for in an stipend in exchange for leaving them in his care. Mike and Jackie take Kyle into their home permanently and return Leo to his, with Mike instead taking a bartending job to address his financial problems.

Here we see how dishonesty attracts an ever-widening circle of problems. When the truth comes out, the individual who was dishonest is forced to change his actions, but not before creating much unintended suffering for others.

Interestingly, Mike had been almost angel-like in his career, helping those who were underprivileged and otherwise having problems in society. Yet even he lied to keep his own financial position secure, which shows that the best of us can take to dishonesty to placate our Ego, instead of taking right actions that could have attracted the positive and elevated our position in life.

A Reader Comments: Don't we all face with the choice at every moment to take either path! It takes constant consciousness to take the right path as to the perceived or justified "right" path!

Keywords: Media, Sports, Relationship,

Dishonesty and Deception Leads to Negative Life Response

There was an attorney whose practice was faltering, and he was desperate to shield his family from the problem. One day the attorney convinces a judge that the court should make him the guardian of his client who is suffering from dementia, and thereby receive a stipend of \$1500 a month. It is pure dishonesty because the attorney should have been left in his own home, and instead has found a way to take advantage of the situation to garner the \$1500 a month in order to keep his practice and his family financially afloat.

However after that, one problem after another arises for the lawyer. Suddenly the client's daughter shows up and wants custody of her father, the lawyer's client, including his substantial estate. Also the woman's son gets wind of the lawyer's deception with his grandfather. And so forth, as the attorney attracts an ever-widening circle of problems.

When the truth comes out, the attorney is forced to change his actions, but not before creating much unintended suffering for others. Though he lied to keep his own financial position secure, life turned around and revealed his false actions, quadrupling the problems he now had in his life. If he had

considered an alternate approach to dishonesty and deception, he could have solved his problem without creating so much additional misery for others and himself.

Keywords: Lawyer, Work Issue

Negative Events for 49ers Conspire

Here is a little episode I perceived in the sports world that shows synchronicity.

The San Francisco 49ers were bought by the sister of the famous owner Eddie DeBartolo. He won championships, but then served brief time in prison for improprieties. Since that time, the team has completely deteriorated. There is a struggle over whether the team will build a new stadium near Candlestick (now Monster Park) or in Silicon Valley, down highway 101. The owners are conservative, intransigent, and uncommunicative.

Meanwhile they drafted a great college player as first-string quarterback and a new defensive-oriented coach. (Keep in mind that the 49ers are famous for their innovative offense under Bill Walsh.) The quarterback has failed miserably, and the coach who was admired for his high moral values has been even worse. Several months ago, the quarterback had a serious injury, and was replaced by a veteran, who is long past his prime. Yesterday he was knocked out and had a concussion, forcing the 49ers to use their 3rd string quarterback. The team has reached bottom from every conceivable angle. But then there was more. There was word yesterday that a fan fell from the upper stands at Monster Park and died. (I never heard of such a thing there before.) I mention this latter incident to show how it is indicative of the former, i.e. all that preceded it. (It is one example of the type of synchronicity of events that occur in the public that you asked about a month ago for your book.)

Comment:

-It is a deterioration of values once held dear by the organization that led to their great previous success. It also shows how life waxes and wanes when the values are not able to be sustained.

-Very striking. If the whole issue is studied over the past 25 years, it will reveal all of life. GJ

Keywords: City, Sports, Integrity

TV's Hosts' Blame of Another Corresponds to His Same Behavior

There are also instances where the blame you cast on another corresponds to something parallel in your long-term behavior. Eg you are outraged that a company is taking advantage of people, you may find that you have over time taken advantage of that same company in a very different way

A tv show host and pundit was outraged that a company was selling low cost computers with software in it that culled personal information from the user for advertising purposes, even though he was eagerly, somewhat greedily waiting to receive a free smartphone from that very same company!

Keywords: Integrity, Media, Contradiction

Process of Creation (The Complete Act)

“An act is complete when there the vision of what should be done, the will to execute it, and the carrying of it out through right attitudes, high values, and great skills. Life then responds overwhelmingly to the act that is complete. It is the Process of Creation in a nutshell.”

Process of Creation in the Smallest Act --Taking Out the Garbage

Yesterday I was leaving in the early morning to go to a training session for a client. It was still dark. My hands were filled with my somewhat heavy briefcase, as well as large garbage bag and an empty cereal box. I approached the garbage dumpster realizing that I had to negotiate opening the door to the room, and then open up the large cover for the dumpster itself. However, I did not want to put anything down, because the floor is dirty there. If I rushed the situation I would probably bang things around, or clumsily get through it, with the chance of dropping everything or injuring myself slightly.

I decided rather than thoughtlessly doing it I would use mind. I stopped and thought of that which I wanted to accomplish, which was to get the garbage in the dumpster in a harmonious way. I also had the will to do it the right way. In my plan I quickly came up with the idea that I could open the top of the dumpster and still hold onto the garbage without having to first putting everything down on the floor. I devised that I would use my arm or elbow to gently prop open the top, so that I could get the opening which I could broaden so that I had the opening to deposit the bag and cereal box. This was my plan, the organization of the details. I then proceeded to execute it through physical and mental skills to carry out the plan. It worked smoothly.

Also I noticed that the garbage bin had bags in it in an orderly way, which was somewhat unusual, and perhaps reflected my approach. (The contents of the garbage bin itself was orderly!) In any case I was able to drop the bag in easily, though it was done carefully.

A moment later I realized how an idea that I had the will to see come about was organized with a plan that was executed through skilled execution that ended in results. I wanted to write it all down on the spot, but it was too early, dark, and I was not ready for such a thing this early in the morning; and so I decided if it were important I would note the event down at a later time.

Comment:

In terms of the life response the proper execution of the plan to get the bag in the bin was in the gross/material plane. The orderliness of the bags in the bin I noticed was a subtle response; i.e. from the subtle plane. On the continuum of c,p,s, there was the conception, perception, and sensation in executing the act.

Also, to the idea that *even the smallest act can follow the process of creation*, there was in my mind more than conception (a mental understanding), but also some perception (i.e. a feeling of its reality). I'm not sure if there was sensation (i.e. it is totally physically real to me). It was close.

I noted that if I had consecrated the act, there may have been causal response; i.e. the response would be even greater, and there would also have been an experience of spiritual power such as peace, or light, or deep knowledge, or truth, or spiritual bliss.

Bottom Line: Mental formulation of following the process of creation leads to positive response from life; results as substance to the original intent.

Keywords: Instructor, Resources (physical)

The House for Sale

We have had a small 2-bedroom house we've been renting to tenants in a nearby town for about 3 years. We (meaning me, John, his brother and wife) had originally purchased the house for relatives to live in; however, they had decided to go elsewhere. This particular town is - and has been - experiencing a dark depression both economically and spiritually (the spiritual part is my opinion based on observation) for many years. Thus, houses are amongst some of the least expensive we've ever seen. This is also a town where houses are known to sit on the market for an unbearably long time.

Nonetheless, this was a nice little house on a pretty lot, in a relatively nice neighborhood. When we purchased the house, we put it under John's and my name, since it was - at that time - easy to get funding, and I had steady work outside the home.

Well, as mentioned, the folks we bought it for went elsewhere, so we decided to rent it out. The real estate market - while it may be less than optimal elsewhere is nothing short of disastrous in this particular town. To give you an example, the town barely has 10,331 people (2000 census data) - and there are approx 140 homes for sale. Many of these homes are nice enough - in any other town, they'd probably be worth \$200,000 and up. In this town, you can purchase it for scarcely \$100,000 (of course, like anywhere, there are lovely homes there as well). Other buildings for sale are dilapidated tenement buildings that were originally built for mill workers at the early part of the last century. The nice little house we purchased cost approx \$54,000!

The first tenants we had left town, owing us rental funds we shall never recover. We then had new tenants - neither of whom had jobs, but they had government and other funds that enabled them to pay. Unfortunately, the female partner has a young 16-year old son who vandalized the upstairs to the tune of \$4,000. After these tenants left (and they have been repaying us in monthly instalments to the best of their abilities), we realized that we needed to get rid of this house.

While John & his brother spent nearly 10 weeks of unpaid work in the house working to fix the damage and update it (as builders, they figured they might as well "go for it" and just do as many renovations as they could afford), we all began to realize that if we could sell it, it would be in everyone's best interest - including mine, since the house is in my name, and I no longer had a steady income. I silently decided that I wanted this liability off my credit report.

I began to consecrate this matter in earnest. In my daily meditations, I outline my situation - and I take full responsibility for what has happened in my life. In this case, I know full well that my own actions were those that originally signed on the dotted line of the mortgage. Daily, I ask the Divine Force to help dissolve the debts I have incurred, and to otherwise help dissolve other limiting actions and behaviors I have enabled.

Right about when we decided to put the house on the market, I acknowledged in my meditations that for some, the real estate market appears gloomy. I would continually state, "But You do know the perfect person for whom this little house would be a treasure. I do not know who this is, but I know that You do!" I also ask Mother to assist in my opening to the Divine at every step of the way.

I felt very calm about all of this, because I could honestly feel my connection with God getting stronger as a result of all this spiritual work I have been concentrating on.

Meanwhile, as John and his brother were working in the house, they began reaffirming that, yes, there was definitely someone out there - either a single person or a couple who just wanted a small, easy-to-heat and easy-to-maintain home of their own. This went on for a month or more.

We listed the house at the beginning of September - and within 1 week, we had an offer on the house. This, in the midst of one of the most depressed regions I have seen in this state, where almost no one gets offers this quickly!

Furthermore, the person was not even from the area, but had decided to retire up north, and needed a small, easy-to-heat and easy-to-maintain home.

It gets better - this person was 100% approved for all financing! This is amazing! And even more amazing is that this person is financing 100% of the costs (no down payment!), AND the appraisal came back perfectly. It turns out that there is quite a bit of energy out there that is "pulling" for this region to restabilize, and people want folks to invest there if possible.

We are waiting for just a couple more things to finalize, and are scheduled to close on this property early in November. We will make enough to completely dissolve the debt, and put close to \$10,000 back in the coffers. I realize that there is no true financial profit involved in this sale considering what it has cost over the last year or so - but the little bit we do receive will certainly help lighten the load as we work towards other goals.

I would be remiss if I didn't publicly give my gratitude to the Divine and The Mother, whose presence I believe is truly helping me to open more and more to the workings of God.

Comments:

Great experience that shows a number of the source causes of Life Response. In the incident we see-

- The power of consecration.
- Consecrated with earnestness and focus gives greater power to action of Force.
- Taking full responsibility for situation allows one to move from the local to universal domain.
- Having faith beyond a gloomy market opens up vast possibilities.
- Faith spreading to others who gave support adds energy.
- Intention was great, which concentrated force into power.
- Followed the process of creation from vision to manifestation gathers the force and turns it into a living reality.*
- Consecrated effort created dynamic, creative outcomes. (causal power of Force)
- Social atmosphere for region to stabilize adds hidden social power.

Addendum:

The final kicker was the day we actually closed on the house (which was 11/7). It turns out that the guy who bought the house *was actually born 4 doors up, on the very same street!* Amazing! And just when we were doing the renovations (beginning in July sometime), he was just beginning to feel like he wanted to "go home" and buy a place in his hometown after having been away for 40 years!

Comments:

One of the things I have come to realize about Life Response is that it doesn't necessarily come upon us all at once. It happens in steps, with the two parties gradually aligning with one another as we saw in Kathy's example here. In the famous episode in Jane Austin's *Pride and Prejudice* where Eliza and Darcy meet near the pond -- a life response to her changing her view of him and enabling her to marry him and become wealthy -- we see that she and him were doing things in higher consciousness earlier that were gradually bringing them closer together. E.g. she earlier started to change her attitudes somewhat toward Darcy, causing him (or aligning with his decision) to cancel the remainder of his trip to London, which soon after enabled him to meet her at the pond, sealing the fate of their relationship. The two sides over time moved into alignment until that time when the big response took place.

Keywords: Money/Finance, Resources (physical), Sales, Family, Household, Property

Life Responds to Task Breakdown, Sequence, and Focus

The other day I was on my way out of a mega bookstore after reading a few articles and looking at a book I was considering purchasing. However, before leaving the store, I needed to put back a magazine and book to their original locations. Normally, I would just go ahead and do that quite unconsciously, without distinguishing each of the steps involved. This time however, I decided to think about each thing I had to do, and what order to do them in. In other words, I was breaking down the Whole of the act into its constituent parts, meticulously focusing on each, and then carrying them out.

With my mini-plan in mind, I then rode down the escalator with the intention of first returning the book, and then taking care of the magazine. Interestingly, when I came to the plethora of book shelves, I immediately saw a duplicate of the orange book I was holding in my hand. This was startling to me since there were thousands of books in the area, yet this one stood out amongst all as if a light were shining on it, guiding me to the precise place to return my own volume. I then quickly returned my book to its exact location.

A few moments later, I reflected on the event, and soon understand the principle behind the startling outcome. Because I broke down a normally unconscious act into its constituent components, focusing and devising a sequence to accomplish each, I attracted a result that overcame space and time. Through a small effort of mental organization, I instantly found and overcame space, since my wandering to find the right location was reduced to zero; and did so in a matter of seconds, thereby also overcoming time. As a result, my effort for that step was reduced to practically nothing.

When we organize that which we have to do in our minds, carry it out willfully and enthusiastically with skill and right attitude, life immediately responds in our favor. Through conscious organization of Mind, both space and time are overcome. Also, what we thought *limited* in potential reverses and become *limitless* in result. In essence, by conceiving, organizing, and executing in this way, we have created a 'Complete Act;' one that tends to draw powerful results from life in little or no time at all.

We can follow that same procedure as we go about our day's business by breaking down any task at hand into its constituent parts, strategizing the best approach, sequencing it, and then carrying it out with enthusiasm, skill, and positive attitude. As a result, life will quickly cooperate; often from the most unexpected quarters. It is one of the secrets of great accomplishment in life.

Keywords: Accomplishment/Success

Mother Replaces Decision and Action in the Complete Act Attracting Needed Work

In the difficult times, like now getting new orders is like getting boon from God. Suddenly couple of months back, it became stand still, and I was seriously worried. My reserves were depleting and I did not know what to do.

I had planned for an alternative way to mobilize funds if necessary through loans or selling a small flat I hold, which I have rented it out currently, though I live in another house I own.

Sentimentally feeling little bad as it was my first purchase

I surrendered my request to mother and kept quiet and calm thinking that there shall be a way else it is MOTHER'S will that I must sell my small flat.

Suddenly there was an inflow of order and which met my next couple of my months' financial needs.

I don't have words to say except saying Thanks to mother.

Comments:

Congratulations on a wonderful experience!

When a wanting, sentimental attitude is released and replaced with calm, and the infinity of Mother is then evoked, there is a vast power enjoined that rapidly aligns one with corresponding positive conditions. This dual action of moving to Being and bringing in Force is unfailing in its power to evoke the miraculous.

There is actually a third element in this story. An intention and aspiration for improvement (of improved business) which lurked in the background, which was then fulfilled through the final results. That added to the positive energy that led to the final outcome.

We can thus see Appa's COMPLETE ACT in action. An aspiration for improvement, a strategy for its implementation (organization), right attitudes enjoyed, and decision and action (both replaced here by calling to Mother, rendering them unnecessary). Life responded in powerful fashion. The only limitation to INFINITY breaking out is then the consciousness of the instrument.

Keywords: Money/Finance, Business, Sales

Perfection in Work

Consultant's Effort of Perfection Rewarded In an Unexpected Way

A management consultant and businessman was putting the finishing touches on a proposal that was to be sent out to a number of prospective decision makers. He had made a great effort in developing the proposal and accompanying brochure, gathering information from various sources, and doing everything he could to make things just right; in other words, to perfect it.

Now the moment arrived when he was going to email this proposal in which he sought backing for a very innovative software system his associate had developed. He then clicked his computer mouse and out went the message along with the detailed proposal document to a host of important decision makers.

Interestingly, at the very INSTANT he clicked the mouse, he also received an email message from a client. When he reviewed the contents he realized that he had been contracted to do consulting work at a considerable fee every month with that organization. It was an incredible moment, as he needed the funding to sustain himself, plus it was an opportunity to engage in some interesting management consulting work.

Though the click of the mouse did not to garner the specific results he hoped for from the intended audience (the decision makers for the software program), it did simultaneously attract an overwhelmingly positive result from an entirely different area.

What was the underlying cause of this synchronistic outcome? Because the consultant made the full effort to perfect the proposal and brochure, life responded instantaneously with a great opportunity and result.

This episode indicates that when you make the full, persevering, relenting effort to make a thing perfect, life responds out of all proportion. And often in the most extraordinary ways!

Keywords: Work Issue, Business

Perfection in Business Cards

Patricia was a salesperson for a printing company. Her goal was to give the very best service to all customers. Her most memorable sales came when an insurance agent came for new business cards.

Patricia decided that the customer's card should be one that no one would ever want to throw away or bury in a drawer. Her experience as a typesetter helped her understand styles, graphics, printing methods and paper types and she did her best for the cards. The insurance agent was so pleased with her design that he brought two of his fellow agents the next week to get similar cards.

Two weeks later the insurance company's regional manager wanted to see her. He ordered new cards for all his agents (257!) in a five-state region. As a result, Patricia gets 2,000 orders of these cards each year.

Patricia focused completely on giving her best to the customer.

Keywords: Sales, Service, Money/Finance, Order

HEART

HEART CENTER Expressions of Life Response

If the vital plane of our being includes our emotions and feelings, then what is the Heart Center, which sounds pretty similar? Actually the Heart center is the plane of our higher emotions and feelings. It is where we have our deepest, almost spiritual-like feelings towards others and the world.

Whereas the vital is the center of so many of our negative attitudes, Heart Center is the center of deep, spiritual like emotions the including -

- Our capacity to give others greater personal Attention
- Acts of Goodness towards others
- Feeling genuine Goodwill toward others
- Feeling Gratitude toward others and life
- Showing real affection towards others
- Being Generous of spirit towards others
- Being humble and Self-Giving

And like other factors we have considered, when we take to these Heart center aspects we tend to attract good fortune. Actually for these it is often GREAT fortune! We'll now take a tour of real world experiences involving Heart center qualities and the stunning positive life response results they attract.

Attention to People

Giving Attention to Workers Through Training Attracts Doubling of Output and Sales

"I was overseeing a small unit engaged in the manufacturing of general purpose welding electrodes. The unit employed 10 workers. Most of them were from a nearby village and had a minimum level of education. That is, they could sign their name, but they could barely read and write.

The packing operation in the unit involved sealing cartons and boxes with adhesive tapes, and then strapping them with nylon tape. These operations were done manually by the workers.

I noticed at one point in their work that there was no uniformity in their application of the tapes. So I talked to the staff and taught them how to strap in a uniform manner. I also made the effort to show them how beautiful their work was when they did it correctly.

To help them in their efforts, I made a template that they could emulate -- marking the position and level of tape/strap on the boxes. After some time, the workers developed the skill and experience to do proper packing without the aid of the template. Soon after, they were very happy when they received compliments about their packing from our distributors.

This has had the effect of energizing the company so much that not only are the workers constantly beaming, but now the *machinery* has suddenly started yielding results double its rated capacity!

In addition, the market has responded in a similar manner. Without any publicity or advertising effort on our part, our sales have unexpectedly *doubled* from their previous level!

And in one final surprise, a bank came forward out of nowhere and extended additional funds to support our growth!"

Comment:

When you give others attention, not only are practical results generated -- such as the development of a new skill, or an uptick in energy and enthusiasm -- but extraordinary life response ones as well, such as machinery unfathomably outputting at double their rated capacity, or a sudden explosion in sales, or financial supporting arising out of nowhere.

Keywords: Machinery, Resources (Physical), Work Issue, Subordinates

New Design for Web Site is Influenced by Others in the Subtle Plane

[This is a note by the "designer" in response to someone's comment that the new interface for Growth Online looks excellent.]

There is an interesting little story behind this development. At least I thought so.

Last week I flew down to LA and did a MS Project class at a web-creation marketing company that has clients like GE and Microsoft. It was a gorgeous, clear day after the previous night's rain, and from the office building in West LA you had a magnificent view of the whole western part of the city, which has really changed. I thought a few times about how we went to visit your parents company in Westwood area once or twice all those years ago.

In any case, the class began raggedly, as we could not get their computers going right, people were late or never arrived, etc. It was somewhat typical of these fast-changing companies filled with 20 year old programmers. Despite the problems, I was in a positive frame of mind and adapted. In fact, I just went into demo mode (instead of the usual hands for every student, which we were unable to do), and the class unfolded precisely as they hoped -- addressing all of the issues on their minds. The flights back and forth were serene despite windy weather, and I edited the section on Organization in the Life Response book, which was inwardly and outwardly extremely rewarding.

The next day when I looked at my music site, I immediately had a vision of what it should look like, which I proceeded to create. I felt that the vision and the execution came as a *vibration from the web-design people into my consciousness as a kind of return favour (i.e. life response) to how I adjusted to their conditions the previous morning*. Their skill became my skill -- as I have very little design skill of my own - - leading to the change in the music site which I then transferred to Growth Online. To me it was like "automatic writing," except here it was automatic *designing*. Anyway, it's just my theory!

Keywords: Instructor, Student, Work Issue, Airplane

Goodwill

Goodwill Power

When you inwardly feel and project best of luck and goodwill toward someone engaged in an activity or undertaking, unexpected good fortune will quickly descend on that person. Plus you too will partake in that joy.

E.g. a man wished that a woman have the best of times at an activity she had sorely missed for a number of months. When she arrived back, the man discovered that the woman had unexpectedly secured a very important art-related machine that she had been yearning to use for a very long time. And now he too was able to share in her joy.

Keywords: Relationship

Untitled

Ok, I HAD to pop in here today and post this...

Last week, I mentioned in response to Roy's "Goodwill Broadcasting" post (dated May 30th 2012) that I had spent a good deal of time sending goodwill and visualizing the people I know in an "swirl" of joy and happiness.

There is one young person in our lives who had been experiencing some pain in the past year. One of my prayers and visualizations on this particular evening involved her. I kept "seeing" her smiling and joyful, and also saying to us that she was moving forward. I had not visualized any SPECIFIC activity or intent - just the joy and happiness - however that would come.

So, here is an interesting update.

This young person JUST called me 1/2 ago to tell me that she desired an evening to come visit with us to talk - she missed us and hadn't seen us lately. As we were making plans for the upcoming visit, she mentioned to me that "just this past week" an idea came to her, and she had made the decision to continue her education.

She had been made aware of an excellent college degree program through online university courses connected with her church. This is with a very highly regarded university here in the US, and she can earn her bachelor's degree through it.

She told me that she was extremely excited about this - and because the program is primarily online (with the exception of once-weekly in-person classes that are manageable for her), she can pursue this easily from where she currently lives.

In addition, her family is supportive and encouraging - as is her church. Her mood is decidedly upbeat, and there is a hope and faith in her voice that we have not heard in a long time.

As she told me this, and as she also informed me of her decision to improve her own thoughts and feelings with regard to her situation, I had chills. She said that she realized that she had been focusing on the pain for a long time, but that she had made the decision to focus on moving forward in her life.

This is surely a Divine Response! I told her that I would be mentioning this incident to people in a Spiritual Community (you guys!) that I belong to, and she had no problem with that. ☺ Hopefully this inspires someone to practice this Goodwill Broadcasting as well!

I certainly hope I'll have additional things to report as well.

Have a great day everyone!

Keywords: Relationship, Family, Student

'Goodwill Broadcasting' Attracts Overwhelming Results

"One recent morning I sat down and concentrated in order to generate an attitude of goodwill to specific people I knew, and to aspects of work or life that I was directly related to. As it turned out, during that day I received back a series of reports of good news that related to the very things I had been concentrating on -- as well other aspects of work I had put aside because of lack of time. Here are the details:

I had been concentrating on the health of a friend who had developed diabetes, and whose ailment I felt responsibility for because of my attitude, and the pressure I had placed upon him in work. Later in the day, I received word that his blood sugar levels had declined almost back to normal following treatment.

I had also been sending goodwill to a client company I was working with, and praying that their revenues should increase. As it turned out, during the day, they closed a good-sized order that had earlier been in doubt.

But there was still more. The previous day I had asked a marketing manager at the company about the progress on a proposed collaboration with another company that could generate big dividends for my client. The manager had said he had not made any progress on the proposal for the last six weeks. During the day of my concentration, however, he reported that the other company had suddenly contacted him and proposed flying into our city for the first meeting within five days' time.

There was also the senior manager of the company's Bangalore branch office, who had been badly demotivated by the harsh words and treatment he received from the company's Chief Financial Officer, which had in effect caused local morale to suffer. I concentrated on sending him goodwill as well, so that he could recover his usually cheerful, enthusiastic disposition. During the day, his assistant reported that the senior manager's mood was back to normal for the first time in a month!

I had also been praying that rain should come to drought-stricken Madras (India), where drinking water is in short supply. That day it rained heavily.

Beyond these responses, there were two encouraging responses to my efforts of concentration concerning projects I had not been thinking about, but were high on my list of work to be accomplished. In the first case, I found myself seated on the plane exactly across the aisle from the head of a non-profit organization I had met nine years before. During the flight, he introduced himself and expressed serious interest in a development project that we wanted to promote but had not found the right agency for. It turned out that his agency would be the ideal candidate.

In the other case, a newspaper headline carried information that another project we had worked on to promote for the past year may now have been received by the concerned parties."

Comment:

If we can well up genuine positive feelings towards an individual, and then "broadcast" it through the air, it can generate extraordinary results for the recipient.

Keywords: Health/Well-being, Manager, Weather, Airplane, Media

Goodwill and the Force Attract Marvelous Results

After reading posts by MR. Roy Posner about possessiveness, talking /thinking negative about someone, non reaction, calling mother, etc., I had a really wonderful, blessed day today.

Today client was visiting our factory since all our samples got rejected, shipment is not exported, lead to profit loss for the company

In the morning, while driving from home to train station, have given lift to one girl, who usually comes in the same train. Have done the same in the past but my attitude was 'wow I'm so great, helping others' But today my attitude was I should make her happy. (If someone helps voluntarily, we will be very happy right).

In the train, I shared the seat with one of the co-passenger (again with same attitude, I should make this person feel happy)

I usually get ready to get down before my station comes and stand near the way so that easily get down, without giving the space for anyone. But today I have not done that. Others were getting down before me

As soon as reached the factory, power cut in EB, generator was out of order. But I have not spoken / thought negative about the maintenance team and EB. Surrendered the situation to mother with stillness inside

Final result: 1.meeting with client was successful, 99 %of the samples passed. 2. Filled with energy /joy the whole day 3. Everyone around me was also very happy 4. One of my subordinate who never smiles, was smiling happily today.

Thank u Roy sir for sharing the posts, so we all evolve in our consciousness.

I am sending the deep gratitude to u for sharing the book Life Response with us.

Keywords: Work Issue, Products, Vehicles (auto, etc.), Train, Happiness

Complete, 180 Degree Turnaround

One day recently, a contact of mine who I had been giving advice to told me about an episode involving a close friend of his. It turns out, my contact's acquaintance worked for a manufacturing group in India in a technical position. The friend is supposedly an emotional person, and had been upset because he was not appreciated by his superiors. He was constantly complaining that he was not getting his due recognition, and therefore had been threatening to resign from the company.

Fortunately, the cooler head of my contact prevailed when he convinced his friend to take a day off to consider the matter further. He also asked him to shift his attitude from hostility and bitterness to having positive thoughts and feelings towards his superiors and the organization as a whole.

Well it turned out that the very next day, my contact learned that his friend had suddenly and most unexpectedly received a bonus of 4.85 Laks (~2000 US dollars, a substantial sum in India) from the company! It was a stunning development, and a sure sign of the phenomenon of life response at work. Equally remarkable was the fact that he garnered the sum during the current world economic crisis when salaries were being decreased and people laid off.

When I read the story, I commented to my contact that neutralizing a negative attitude will always evoke a positive response. Moreover, if one goes a step further and turns negativity into *positive goodwill*, as the friend did here, then the response can be overwhelming.

Several weeks later, I received another note indicating that there was an update to the story. My contact wrote that he implored his friend to continue his inner effort of inner goodwill towards his manager, the CEO, and the organization; and once again, which the friend again took it up in full. The friend then called the contact back to tell him that another miracle had taken place. It turns out that he was suddenly and most unexpectedly asked by the CEO of the company to make a major presentation. Not only was it successful, but it was very much appreciated by his manager. Thus, he had now made a complete, 180 degree turnaround from bitterness and feeling underappreciated to garnering full recognition by his superiors!

In this case, we see how one individual showed inner courage by following the sage advice of his friend, thereby turning around a negative situation to *its complete opposite*. That same power is of course available to each of us. All we have to do is determine where we are expressing a wanting attitude, and then make an effort to neutralize it, or better yet turn it into its opposite. When we do, we too will

experience a miraculous-like outcome. Moreover, if we take to this approach on a regular basis, miracles will be our constant companion.

Keep in mind that the solution to the overwhelming majority of problems we encounter is *inward*, not outward. When we shift our emotions away from insecurity, ranker, and bitterness, we align with and attract the most positive of conditions. And if we go a step further and turn those feelings into their complete opposite – e.g. from resentment to active, positive good will -- then we attract conditions that simply overwhelm, as was the case of the friend who saw his deepest aspirations in his work life fulfilled.

Keywords: Work Issue, Manager, Hate, Money/Finance

Conflict with Neighbor Overcome Attracts Considerable Benefits

After getting lots of interest in the concept of Life Response, I revisit my old experiences which brings wonder if I think from this angle.

My neighbor was separating his house pipe lines and our pipe lines were intersecting theirs which was originally laid by Housing corporation that has built it.

In this case neighbor sent me a notice that he is going to cut our line and we need to take appropriate action.

I did not have money or necessity to do that as we never had any problem with pipe lines.

On receiving his written notice, my family became emotional and burst with anger a usual reaction.

I also got angry but thought on how to respond than reaction.

I wrote a friendly letter, saying that we did not do anything which had made them separate the lines, original builder has done it.

How we could be held responsible and cursed for the same? Secondly, I wrote, I do not see any necessity to spend money on this as it was not any way hindrance to me or him.

Thirdly, I said cutting lines is illegal and I need to resort to legal help if done but expressed my sincere desire to continue friendship openly in writing (in a friendly letter and not a notice).

Magic 1- he became totally different and became cordial and also I later came to know that someone had given wrong image about us to him which he actually believed.

Magic 2 - the person who gave wrong image - could not digest this and started became jittery about her behavior and started becoming friendly to my mother

Here before I responded, I prayed to mother and wrote this friendly letter - so changing reaction to response and move towards converting enmity to friendship gave wonderful response.

Does this make it clear that our good intentions bring good life response to us??

Followed by these, I was also into another surprise that I got a new job which was very rewarding and changed my life totally which I was trying for almost 6 months and it was dragging until then.

Comments:

Amongst other this episode shows-

- equality of being
- pleasant manner, good will
- psychological strength
- reasoned arguments*
- thinking for one's self (not family driven)

-Mother's power

Keywords: Conflict, Household, Relationship

The Power of Goodness in Arden Forest

Goodness and goodwill are deeply admirable traits for they enrich the lives of others, while eliciting extraordinary positive response back to the initiator. If it occurs in a time and place where there is a positive atmosphere, the response from life can be overwhelming. With such munificent attitudes within such a positive environment, the harshest enemy can reverse himself and melt into the Light.

In fact, we see these very circumstance in Shakespeare's beloved comedy and meditation on love, 'As You Like It.' In the story, Frederick has usurped the duchy in France from his elder brother, Duke Senior, who is exiled to a place known as the 'Forest of Arden.'

It turns out that the exiled Duke Senior is a gentle, mild, and good man who responds to his plight and that of his followers with calm and philosophic stoicism, rather than hatred or despair. In exile, he accompanied by four other lords who follow Senior Duke to the forest out of loyalty. On numerous occasions, he demonstrates his goodness, generosity, and goodwill to those around him, including new arrivals who arrive in the forest.

Rather than the difficult and harsh life with tension and conflict one might expect from the followers, so many things go right for the exiled party. Because of Senior Duke's munificent character, and the subtle, lilting, joyful atmosphere that issues from it, life conspires to bring about a series of fortunate events. For example, the Duke's daughter Rosalyn -- a famed and cherished Shakespearean character -- quickly finds romance and then marries. Even the daughter of the evil Fredrick leaves his kingdom and finds love in Arden Forest -- to a man who has abandoned Fredrick's heinous conspiracy against Duke Senior! In fact, we witness a breakout of infatuation and mutual attraction among the lovers in that place, culminating in the marriage of four couples!

In addition, Fredrick's plot to destroy the party holed up in the forest is thwarted, as the positive, energized atmosphere gives strength to the forces that oppose it. Finally, Fredrick himself has a powerful spiritual conversion, which relieves him of his malice, while handing his kingdom back to the magnanimous and good Duke Senior. In summary, the overriding positive atmosphere of self-givingness, gentleness, and camaraderie serve to attract a plethora of positive results for the party, including four marriages to eight main characters, the astonishing conversion of Senior Duke's enemy brother, and his return as leader in his beloved homeland. It demonstrates the enormous positive energy and power that goodness has over life.

One other point about Fredrick's conversion should be mentioned. In this situation, his negative was not so much neutralized and negated by others, but reversed *within himself*. I.e. with no initiative and action on the part of Duke Senior's side, Fredrick underwent a startling conversion and saw the Light. Such instances of evil turning good on its own are very rare in life. In fact, it occurs nowhere else in Shakespeare. In his stories, negative individuals are sometimes victorious; other times are subdued or consumed. But never do they convert from the negative to the positive on their own -- i.e. seeing the light of Truth beyond their ignorance, falsehood, and evil. And yet in 'As You Like It,' that is precisely what happens.

In the final analysis, we too are capable of demonstrating our goodness and goodwill towards others. And we too can generate a positive atmosphere through that effort. As a result, not only will our warmth and affection energize others, but through that self-giving effort, we will quickly attract powerful positive conditions. If that is the case, then why not try this approach today? Focus yourself on the needs and concerns of others the next several times you interact. Then observe as your relationships improve, as emotional sweetness takes hold, and as positive conditions suddenly arise out of nowhere -- as they did for Senior Duke and his followers in Arden Forest.

Keywords: Literature, Relationship

Individual's Feelings toward People Corresponds with World Events

One man saw a group of Philippine immigrants coming out of a church in San Francisco, and in that moment felt a great good will for them, because they had come to the US, made something of themselves, had a solid identity, etc. A few hours later he heard that the dictator Ferdinand Marcos who had run the Philippines for years had been deposed that day, and a new order came into being on the form of Corizone Aquino.

Keywords: City, Politics

Changing from Feeling Unrecognized to Expressing Goodwill Attracts Powerful Reversal at Work

I would like to narrate the following experience of one of my close friend and share how positive brings positive any time and at all times

One of my friend works with a major manufacturing group of India and is a technical person.

He quite often becomes emotional and says his co does not recognise his efforts and always use to say he is not getting his dues.

I use to refer to Appa's sayings and Bhawan's writings and tell him that Life will never fail to reward and if you have really delivered world class work then surely you will receive what you are really worth

Recently he went to the extent of resigning his job, but I was sure he is more emotional and I read him like a glass because he is more or less like me.

I have learnt lessons from becoming emotional and taking hasty decisions of quitting jobs and told my friend that I don't feel it is necessary for him to resign based on some strange incidents at office 😊 and told him to take a day off and send all positive thoughts to his colleagues and company which he did and I was also keen to notice the results of life response here.

Next day he was given a bonus of 4.85 Lakhs for his performance and also he got an increase which he did not expect this year where there is an economic crisis across the world.

Comment:

Reversing a negative attitude will surely evoke positive response from the environment, and very quickly. In this incident, this individual went a step further and welled up and then broadcast goodwill and feelings to colleagues and the company, which has an overwhelming power to attract the miraculous, either for the target recipient or the benefactor (i.e. one's self), or both.

In continuation of my friends experience, I told him to continue feeling good with his organisation and managers and CEO.

What a miracle

He called me yesterday and told that he was called to make a presentation by his CEO and got his appreciations and he was well respected in his CO and it is a 360 degree change in few days.

From a person who wanted to quit to a person happy about his co in less than 10 days - power of thoughts....

LIFE RESPONDS to those WHO RESPOND POSITIVELY

Comments: Instead of wanting recognition, he reversed the polarity and gave those in the company positive feelings and energy. No such expression goes unrewarded through startling life response results. In this case, he received the opportunity where he could perform good works and in return receive the longed for recognition (earlier doing so attracted a substantial raise.) It does not come until we reverse an attitude from a need to acquire something from others -- a "demand" -- to self-forgetfulness and inwardly-projected goodwill.

Keywords: Work Issue, Manager, Hate, Money/Finance

Business Referral Story

A while back, I had the good fortune to attend a meeting of managers and consultants at Microsoft's downtown regional headquarters in San Francisco, where the focus was on their project management software. I had been to this gathering numerous times before and enjoyed every meeting.

On this particular occasion, I knew that a representative of a company I had been referring business to wanted to talk to me about a business issue. While I expected some results from referrals I had sent to the company, the report he handed me indicated that I had in fact generated staggering amount of revenues for the firm, and as a result I had earned huge referral fees in return.

In fact, it would turn out to be largest one-day financial windfall of my life! In one fell swoop, I earned well over \$20,000, when in the past my biggest referral fee payday had been ~\$3500. Though I expected perhaps something similar this time, instead I garnered a 7 times the amount! I was completely dumbfounded; actually in mild shock.

What happened?

For over a month, I was unable to figure out what I had done to attract this startling amount. I knew it wasn't mere chance or dumb luck, because I don't believe in such things. Nor did I believe it happened because of something obvious or outward I had done recently. Though I am normally able to make an association between an outer result -- especially as startling one -- and the inner cause that precipitated it, in this case, I could find no obvious clues. That is, until a friend of mine helped me see the light.

It turns out that over the past several years, I have had a number of conversations with the *owner* of the firm -- dating back to before we had a business relationship. On those occasions, I expressed my admiration for his exceptional technical skills and knowledge, as well as his winning demeanor. In response, he would offer his genuine thanks and appreciation for my insights. This went on every few months for several years.

But what my other friend helped me realize was that my persistent goodwill towards the owner returned to me in the form of that huge referral fee!

Comment:

As we see, when we express our heartfelt goodwill towards others, life responds with marvelous conditions. And if our concern, good intentions, and benevolence are unwavering and constant, then we can attract *unprecedented* results, as we saw in this episode.

Keywords: Business, Companies, City, Money/Finance

Overcoming Long-term Resentment toward Another, Even Wishing for the Best Attracts Overwhelming, Creative Result

A man was cheated by his cousin 20 years back, by which he lost all his rights over the properties he was about to inherit. Though he is well off now, he has always had a grudge and for a very long time he used to fume whenever he would think of that, and even went so far as to say that he should have killed him.

Last week when school final results came, when the whole of that Indian state received very good marks and passing percentages, the cousin's sons failed to pass. The man upon learning of this was so happy feeling that his "curse" brought the result, as that boy was normally more than average.

After a moment, he suddenly started thinking to himself that what has the poor boy have to do with the things the father has done. "Why am I like this," he wondered; "after all, Life who has given me more than what I had lost. Now I pray the boy should pass when they re-total the scores."

After a week when he was visiting a bank where he applied a loan for a project, the man met another person who applied for a similar project. They then engaged in further discussion about the possibility of collaborating in their undertaking. At one point when the man was learning the background of this person, he found that he was the relative of the person who cheated him 20 years back!

He also learned that investments that his cousins had gotten from his family and elsewhere turned out to be four times than what the cousin thought he would get. Plus his son had received good marks when the re-totalling took place!

The man then thought to himself that when we change our attitude, extraordinary things happen!

Comment:

This astonishing story indeed shows the power of reversing a long-term negative attitude, here an intense resentment even to the point of hoping for that best for those persons, thereby attracting startling good fortune toward that individual, as well as others' around him.

By *shifting from ill-will, a negative attitude, to goodwill*, we open up the floodgates of positive developments in life for others, as well as ourselves.

Keywords: Relationship, Hate, Money/Finance, Student

Shift from Bother toward Individual to Goodwill

There has been a very important project I have been working on. The key moment had been delayed and delayed. It looked like things were still moving in that direction. Recently I felt occasional twinges of bother about the views of one of the principles. Not related to the delays, but simply due to certain ego movements on my part. (I ordinarily feel very positive towards him.) Finally, this morning I caught it, I said enough, and replaced it with goodwill. Several hours later I was surprised to find out that the undertaking had suddenly launched. After many weeks, the delay was finally over! Goodwill had evoked good fortune for him and other interested parties, including myself.

Keywords: Relationship, Work Issue

Overcoming Power Outage through Inner Effort + Connection to Positive Person of Goodwill

On Sunday Jan 1st I was walking back to A's house and he called to inform me the power has gone out 15 minutes earlier. I reached his house 3 minutes later and we sat in the dark for 90 minutes. It is ironic since we have a big generator that can run all the electricals plus four or five ACs and all the houses around had power. Only ours was dark. Turns out the fault was with the generator and it was preventing the normal current from coming in! Being Sunday, and that too the 1st, I was doubtful about getting any assistance. I sat with A. We spoke some and concentrated a lot but there was no response. Then A asked me to call another devotee named V who is in a town 100 miles away but is very close to A. I reached her on the phone and informed her of the power failure. She expressed her regret and understood A is asking her to do something. After saying goodbye and before I could even hand up the phone, the power came back on.

A philosophized that when you take an exhaustive effort to move life inwardly through concentration and are unable to get a result, if you seek assistance from a positive person of goodwill, their support can bring the result. It did.

Keywords: Household, Home Appliances, Machinery

Goodness, Generosity, Self-Givingness

The Old House

Here is a life response experience a devotee recently referred to me.

"I would like to share my life response experience. My father in law who is in India wished us to receive from him a property for investment purposes. But my husband and I didn't like that previously-built, old house. For one, we realized that the home's worth was not going to be much of an investment. And yet we were both being pressured to buy it.

Though the house didn't seem like much of an investment, my father is in his 80s, and so I told my husband that money is not everything in the world. If buying the house would make him happier in his old age, then that was fine for us. At least we would get the chance to make him happy. That was my exact statement.

We thought of calling them to India the next morning. But after 30 minutes we received a call from India and the message was that they had dropped the plan. They decided to go with our own wishes, and therefore told us not to bother ourselves any more about it anymore. As you can imagine I was shocked by this development.

Though response is always playing a very big role in life, this was the very first time I noticed a life response; mainly because of your writings and postings. At the time my husband hesitated to take the house, I made that decision whole heartedly without having a trace of frustration. And life responded for us!

It was truly amazing. I couldn't believe how the results turned out to be favorable for us. Thanks much for your guidance."

Comment: The response was due to your act of Goodness, taken on the elder man's behalf, which built inner positive energies that attracted these fortunate conditions back to you. Also because you took other person's point of view, instead of holding onto your own despite the validity of your argument (valuelessness of the old house), you attracted that which you wanted in the first place (not having to take the house).

Keywords: Property, Family, Spouse

Concern for the Best Needs of the Customer Attracts Overwhelmingly

Paul Roos was a technical sales representative for a well-known computer company. A customer wanted to buy an HP product for a particular application. Paul knew that the HP product would not work well with the application. Paul refused to sell the customer what he wanted by convincing him that it would not solve his problem. Finally, when the customer asked what he should buy, Paul took his competitor's catalog off the shelf and took 15 minutes to select a product that would meet his needs. The customer finally bought the product from his competitor.

The customer came to Paul after a few months with 100 times more sales value than the first "lost" opportunity.

Comment: Paul wanted his customer to get the best solution for his problem. Thus, he focused on the needs of the customer, not what he had to sell, and attracted an astonishing result far beyond his initial intent.

Keywords: Sales, Service, Integrity

A Happy Man

(Non-ego attracts reduction in work effort)

When you shift from selfishness to self-givingness, substituting another's precious time for your own, life cooperates, facilitating the conditions of your own life.

I was working on a project of organizing complex material into a more readable whole. It was a work that was taking somewhat longer than I anticipated, and in fact seemed to have no end. At one point I left the office to take a drive, but a friend of mine also needed to use the car. However, because I felt the need to air myself out, I stuck to my guns. As I began the drive, I realized that I was acting egotistically and selfishly, and so cut it short from several hours to a half hour, and also brought back a treat for my friend.

When I then resumed work on the knowledge organization project, I suddenly realized that the important phase I was now engaged in was going MUCH FASTER than I had anticipated. In essence, I reversed from being overwhelmed by the never-ending quality of the work to a situation where time was cut by 90%!

When you shift from your own ego needs to that of the needs of others, life returns the favor, and creates positive conditions, including the facilitation of time. Because I reduced my re-energizing time in order to accommodate my friend, life radically reduced the time for my own precious project to be complete.

Keywords: Relationship, Work Issue

Self-giving Gestures Produces Results Down the Line

Every good act lies dormant for years to come back with same attitude and intensity. In the meantime all intermediate positive happenings were taken as Mother's response for that value. But I think it is life's gift for being with Mother. But Mother acts in appropriate moment with same stamp to remind that. It is my assumption other join to correct that if any.

Few years back wrote this incident in a forum. The gist is this: When my competitor who is there for more than a decade, feared my entry into the field started a price war. *Once I tried to save him from a huge loss by revealing a product secret in spite warning from well-wishers.* The Truth in my act touched his Spirit -after which he never competed wherever I quoted and after some period we even started deciding whom to take which project which increased our profitability.

After some time I lost touch with him as industrial flooring scenario is dull due to slow down and so I concentrated more on other form of business. After two years or so - few days back I was called for a company to do similar type of work. While entering my details in the entry register I saw that person's name, probably inspecting that site yesterday. I called him before going inside, to ask whether he is interested / quoted for this site. He warned me not to get caught in that site as the quality is very poor and they have just hidden to escape our general visual inspection. He came to know that as he met one of his friend inside the factory and so he is not quoting for the same.

I went inside and asked to sign a check list on inspection on quality of concrete which they refused and I came back sitting the same as reason.

If I calculate the loss I would have incurred had I agreed in usual terms - it is almost equal to the loss I prevented recurring to him few years back.

Keywords: Resources (physical), Integrity

Self-Giving Confluence

Make a special effort to help someone else, and quickly thereafter you may receive an unexpected positive response from someone who has just helped you. (It's the life response version of "one good turn deserves another.")

A man overcame his reluctance and made an effort to explore the possibilities for creating a new web site for a friend. Immediately after making that extra effort for her, he received an email from an associate who had now reported that he had completed the voluntary work he had done for the man, but much sooner than the man expected!

It was a startling confluence of the man's self-giving effort with his friend and the self-giving associate's sooner-than-expected completion of the voluntary work. It was Life Response phenomenon in action.

Keywords: Life Response, Effort, Self-giving, Computer

Plants Respond for the Care

A very close family friend cum Mother Devotee while going with family overseas on vacation mentioned to me that there aren't any close friends near their place who can take care of their plants. My wife and I said that since their house was quite far from our place, we would be glad to do so weekly once and at the same time clean the photos of The Mother.

We went every week for almost a month in their absence to water the plants as well as clean the photos of The Mother.

My friend returned after a month and thanked us. Within a couple of months he mentioned that he had got a job in the UK and he had to sell his house at the earliest. Based on this he made me the power of attorney for the sale deed. In addition he gifted us with the Jasmine flower with the pot which we had watered in his absence. We were moved by this gesture and at the same time I am wondering now whether my friend's house and the Jasmine plant are expressing the Life Response which only Roy Sir can explain

Comment: A giving, good will gesture – even as small as taking care of someone else's plants – can reverberate positively to the beneficiary, as well as the giver/benefactor. Keeping a thing clean, especially a picture of the Mother can have vast life response effects as well; in ways that would astound as in this episode; as in case of being made the power of attorney on the deed.

Keywords: Resources (physical), Household, Plants, Service

Life Response Power of Generosity

Acts of true generosity have the capacity to attract extraordinary positive conditions from life.

-One woman loaned a desperate boy a small amount of money and shortly after her long-lost beloved brother of 40 years suddenly appeared at her doorstep.

-A young golfer won a major tournament and offered his winnings to his loyal caddy, and suddenly attracted his estranged father who now for the first time in his life accepted the boy's profession and career.

-A women who wrote on culinary matters selflessly allowed her co-writers to be listed before her on the cover of their new book, and soon after she rose to become the most famous culinary figure in the world, while the others were forgotten.

Keywords: Relationship, Money/Finance, Subordinates

On Generosity & Life Response

For an ungenerous man, every act of generosity brings a wonderful surprise.

Example: Say you are a person who does not normally consider others when making a purchase; or is tightfisted about spending on another, as you tend to be preoccupied with your own needs. Now after a friend has expressed her desire for something simple she would like to have, you realize that this is an opportune moment to change your ways.

So you seek to purchase what she desires. You even come to realize that it might be an expensive purchase. And yet when you find the item, you discover it is actually on sale and costs far less than

expected! In fact, there is even one available for yourself at very little additional charge! Life has in essence responded to your shift from self-absorption and tight-fistedness to self-givingness and generosity evoking an unexpected, wondrous response for both.

In fact, every time this individual thinks and acts this way, he will receive startling results from the field of life, as he has moved from the local domain of self-absorption and ego to the universal one of self-givingness.

By the way, this phenomenon is not just for conditions where people are tight-fisted, but for any situation where one overcomes a negative attitude and feel and/or acts in the opposite way - such as jealousy, pride, unwillingness, anger, insularity, sloth, tardiness, lack of cleanliness and orderliness, etc. etc. Through this "reversal of consciousness," life will instantly respond and bring good fortune to all the parties involved.

Keywords: Sales, Relationship, Resources (physical)

The Guitars

"A student of mine A of Chennai wanted to buy a Fender Strat Electric guitar and asked me to find out the price which I came to know was very much above his budget...

Watching him play the guitar in the U tube and Fb impressed me so much that

I observed that he has a wonderful style and potential...

I decided to give my Fender Strat to him as a gift and informed him accordingly.

He was so happy that he became emotional and started crying with joy...

I remembered The Mother's saying "The happiness you give makes you more happy than the happiness you receive."

To my surprise a couple of days back V, another student of mine bumped in to M and gifted me a CORT CUSTOMIZED guitar with my name in it !!!!!

What else can I think of this other than Mother's Grace and Life Response?

Comment:

Self-givingness, in this case in the form of generosity, always attracts things back to the giver in equal or greater amount. That is one of your strong suits and deep-seated values that has given you much success in your field.

Keywords: Student, Resources (physical)

Acceptance of Others, Self-Givingness Attracts

It is a truth of life that embracing the needs and wants of others attracts good fortune. In particular, when we are self-giving to other individuals, not only do we experience a new level of happiness and joy, but lady luck tends to follow. E.g. if rather than criticize another's action, you accept and understand that person's plight in full, life quickly respond in one's favor.

A sports figure had gotten embroiled in a physical altercation with his competition, which caused him to lose focus. As a result he ended up being defeated in the match. However, rather than scold him in the aftermath, the owner of the organization remained calm and accepted the situation. In fact, the owner went a step further and tried to understand the source of his problem. In particular, he sensed an overall level of anger in the athlete and therefore asked him why he was so angry. That in turn compelled the athlete to consider his own inner condition in life.

The next day he told the owner about his lack of money, and asked him for a loan, which the owner was more than happy to oblige. As a result of now feeling better emotionally and psychologically, the athlete suddenly attained the first great athletic victory of his life, which also had the effect of finally establishing himself as a champion in his field.

As we see, because the owner accepted the athlete's plight rather than criticize him, because he was generous, life not only brought victory and a new solid footing of success for the athlete, but brought the owner great success as well.

Such gestures of care, concern, acceptance and generosity are indicators of the power of self-givingness in life. When we give to others rather than take, when we accept them rather than scold, when we act out of our high concern and compassion rather than through the foggy lens of our own ego, not only will the other person be uplifted and energized, but powerful positive conditions are likely to come our way as well.

Keywords: Sports, Owner, Money/Finance

Generosity of Spirit in Julie and Julia

The 2009 American comedy-drama *Julie and Julia* depicts events in the life of chef Julia Child in the early years of her culinary career in the 1950s through 60s. This is set in contrast to the life of Julie Powell in the 2000s, who aspires to cook all 524 recipes from Child's cookbook during a single year, a challenge she described on her popular blog.

At the high point in the story, Julia Child discovers that her book of French recipes will be published by a large publisher, setting the stage for her illustrious career. Her book would go on to be one of the bestsellers of all time in that genre, and she would become the most famous chef and culinary teacher in the world through her TV series.

After watching the highly entertaining and breezy film of these true life events, I wondered what propelled Julia to the heights; i.e. what brought about the great response from life when her book was accepted by a major publisher? I then thought back to an earlier scene in the film. It is the one where she is gathered around a table with her two co-authors to discuss the future of the book that was now rounding into shape and ready for a publisher and sponsor.

In the gathering, the three women sat around a table and discussed the manner in which they would be listed on the cover of the book. One of the women was bitter and complained that the third (not Julia) would be listed prominently with the others since she had contributed so little to the writing. Julia however was more than conciliatory and was willing to have the third woman listed equally with the other two despite her limited literary effort. In fact, when this third person during the discussion revealed that she had just gotten a divorce, Julia instantly shifted the discussion, as she was more concerned with this issue than the order of or how prominently their names would be displayed. When pressed on the matter by the bitter woman, Julia noted that she did not give a fig about the matter and would be perfectly happy if all three names were listed equally.

It has been my experience any act of goodness comes back to that person in one form or another. Some refer to this as the 'Law of Karma;' others, like myself call it a Life response; i.e. an instance of sudden good fortune due to expression of higher consciousness by that individual. Because Julia was so generous and self-giving when it came to the prominence of the names on the book, life rewarded her with a contract from one of the world's great book publishers, setting her on a road of fame and fortune that she never would have imagined. When we honestly and spontaneously give of ourselves to others, showing deep concern interest in their concerns, life returns the favor with goo, or in the case of Julia, great fortune.

The great spiritual personality known as The Mother said that generosity is to find one's own satisfaction in the satisfaction of others. It is to forget one's own self and share in the happiness and joy of other's experiences. Moreover, that spontaneous act of goodness and solicitude not only brings joy to both parties, but evokes powerful response from life; often changing the very course of one's life.

Keywords: Media, Relationship, Wealth

The Power of Goodness in Arden Forest

Goodness and goodwill are deeply admirable traits for they enrich the lives of others, while eliciting extraordinary positive response back to the initiator. If it occurs in a time and place where there is a positive atmosphere, the response from life can be overwhelming. With such munificent attitudes within such a positive environment, the harshest enemy can reverse himself and melt into the Light.

In fact, we see these very circumstance in Shakespeare's beloved comedy and meditation on love, 'As You Like It.' In the story, Frederick has usurped the duchy in France from his elder brother, Duke Senior, who is exiled to a place known as the 'Forest of Arden.'

It turns out that the exiled Duke Senior is a gentle, mild, and good man who responds to his plight and that of his followers with calm and philosophic stoicism, rather than hatred or despair. In exile, he accompanied by four other lords who follow Senior Duke to the forest out of loyalty. On numerous occasions, he demonstrates his goodness, generosity, and goodwill to those around him, including new arrivals who arrive in the forest.

Rather than the difficult and harsh life with tension and conflict one might expect from the followers, so many things go right for the exiled party. Because of Senior Duke's munificent character, and the subtle, liling, joyful atmosphere that issues from it, life conspires to bring about a series of fortunate events. For example, the Duke's daughter Rosalyn -- a famed and cherished Shakespearean character -- quickly finds romance and then marries. Even the daughter of the evil Fredrick leaves his kingdom and finds love in Arden Forest -- to a man who has abandoned Fredrick's heinous conspiracy against Duke Senior! In fact, we witness a breakout of infatuation and mutual attraction among the lovers in that place, culminating in the marriage of four couples!

In addition, Fredrick's plot to destroy the party holed up in the forest is thwarted, as the positive, energized atmosphere gives strength to the forces that oppose it. Finally, Fredrick himself has a powerful spiritual conversion, which relieves him of his malice, while handing his kingdom back to the magnanimous and good Duke Senior. In summary, the overriding positive atmosphere of self-givingness, gentleness, and camaraderie serve to attract a plethora of positive results for the party, including four marriages to eight main characters, the astonishing conversion of Senior Duke's enemy brother, and his return as leader in his beloved homeland. It demonstrates the enormous positive energy and power that goodness has over life.

One other point about Fredrick's conversion should be mentioned. In this situation, his negative was not so much neutralized and negated by others, but reversed *within himself*. I.e. with no initiative and action on the part of Duke Senior's side, Fredrick underwent a startling conversion and saw the Light. Such instances of evil turning good on its own are very rare in life. In fact, it occurs nowhere else in Shakespeare. In his stories, negative individuals are sometimes victorious; other times are subdued or consumed. But never do they convert from the negative to the positive on their own -- i.e. seeing the light of Truth beyond their ignorance, falsehood, and evil. And yet in 'As You Like It,' that is precisely what happens.

In the final analysis, we too are capable of demonstrating our goodness and goodwill towards others. And we too can generate a positive atmosphere through that effort. As a result, not only will our warmth and affection energize others, but through that self-giving effort, we will quickly attract powerful positive conditions. If that is the case, then why not try this approach today? Focus yourself on the needs and concerns of others the next several times you interact. Then observe as your relationships improve, as emotional sweetness takes hold, and as positive conditions suddenly arise out of nowhere -- as they did for Senior Duke and his followers in Arden Forest.

Keywords: Literature, Relationship

Breaking a Money Backlog through Self-Givingness

Self-givingness can express in a number of ways. Generosity, whether through one's inner intention or in a physical gesture in life, is an important one. It not only brings positive results to the recipient, including a relationship partner, but to yourself as well. In fact, I had that very experience the other day.

For over a month, money had been piling up for me. Not in what was owed, but in what was due to me. One unpaid amount was for \$13k+, another for 5k+, a third for 1k. With every passing day, the receivables were accumulating, while my bank balance was dropping rapidly toward zero. During that time, I hoped and prayed that money would come, but nothing came of it. In fact, each time things seemed to move forward, circumstance would intervene and payments would get delayed. It almost seemed insidious!

Then in the middle of night, I woke up and thought that instead of focusing on myself, I wanted to secure this money because my relationship partner needed it. I sensed that shifting from *my* needs for the money to *her* concerns might help the situation. The next morning I went to my online bank statement and was startled to see that the money backlog had finally been broken! An amount due from my ever-increasing receivables had finally been paid; the first major inflow of money in a month! That sum would turn out to benefit both of us.

In this case, I clearly understood that by moving from ego and self, i.e. my needs, to the concerns and desires of another, in this case my partner, I was able to attract positive circumstances for both of us. It was another indicator how inward-oriented self-givingness has a great power to attract positive conditions from life – giving support, strength, and sustenance to our long-term relationships.

Keywords: Business, Money/Finance, Relationship

Self-Givingness Attracts Love in 'Scent of a Woman'

Life Response (sudden good fortune) has many subtle rules, nuances, and peculiarities. One example of the latter is that if you shift your consciousness to the positive in one area of your life, you will often experience a response in a very different one. For example, when you finally get the courage to stand up to an abusive boss, life rewards you when a previously non-responding woman you have been wooing suddenly appears at your doorstep ready to begin a serious relationship. This ability to attract from one domain by reversing our consciousness in another is a fascinating aspect of life response. Here is another example from a film I watched recently.

In 'Scent of a Woman,' Charlie Simms is a student at a private preparatory school who comes from a poor family. To earn the money for his flight home for Christmas, Charlie takes a job looking after retired U.S. Army officer Lieutenant Colonel Frank Slade, a cantankerous middle-aged man who is now blind, alcoholic, eccentric, and difficult to get along with.

Charlie is distracted by a very big problem he is having at school. Three students have played a prank on the school's headmaster, Mr. Trask, by placing a balloon filled with plaster and bearing a profane image above his expensive car, which was presented to him by the school's board of trustees. Trask then pops the balloon, causing the contents to rain down on him and his car in front of the entire school. Only Charlie and another classmate, George knows the identity of the culprits, as they had seen them setting the booby trap the previous night. However, both of them refuse to reveal the culprits' names. After threatening both with expulsion, Trask tries to bribe Charlie by assuring him admission to Harvard if he names those who committed the prank. Charlie still tells him nothing, but is warned that he must or suffer the consequences for being a "cover-up artist."

When Charlie originally took the job, he was told that he would only have to stay with Colonel Slade at his niece's home and look after him. However, Slade had actually planned a visit to New York, and therefore enlists Charlie's help on the trip. He takes a room at the Waldorf-Astoria. During dinner, Slade reveals the real purpose for the trip: to eat at an expensive restaurant, stay at a luxury hotel, see his big brother, make love to a beautiful woman, and then commit suicide.

Charlie learns how Slade lost his sight by foolishly juggling hand grenades while drunk. Slade's crude behavior at dinner further alienates his brother and other relatives. Later, the blind Colonel tangos with a girl whose perfume captivates him. He drives a Ferrari with a very nervous Charlie in the passenger seat. Slade tricks Charlie into leaving the hotel room to buy him a cigar, but a suspicious Charlie comes back to find Slade ready to commit suicide with his gun. After a few tense minutes, Charlie is able to stop Slade from killing himself.

By this point, Charlie has become very loyal to the Colonel. Charlie becomes the sole person to stand by Slade, and defend him against the Colonel's own family. Charlie's loyalty is not lost on Slade, as Slade offers him advice numerous times and even comes to see him as a true friend. In their intimate discussions, the Colonel reveals that more than anything in his life he would like a good woman.

Charlie eventually returns to school, where George, is about to reveal the names of the students involved in the incident. Trask conducts a courtroom-like assembly of the student body and the Disciplinary Committee. He questions George, who with the help of his influential father is able to weasel out of the jam by claiming to be only partially certain of the culprits' identity, suggesting that Charlie might have had a better view than he did. Charlie then refuses to give the students' names, and is about to be expelled when Colonel Slade surprisingly enters and delivers a compelling speech on his behalf, revealing that Charlie had been offered a bribe to inform on the other students. Slade then wins over the students and the committee. The students who played the prank on Trask are placed on disciplinary probation, George is given no recognition, and Charlie is exonerated.

Now here is the part of the story that I would like to direct your attention. As Charlie and Slade walk outside of the school, a beautiful middle-aged woman walks up and congratulates them on their effort. Slade though blind is dazzled by her beauty and intelligence. He indicates that he would like to see her, which she seems to desire as well. In fact, she seems to be everything he had (earlier) dreamed of. Slade then returns home. No longer bitter, he seems to have a new look on life, a new young friend in Charlie, and the real possibility of befriending the woman of his dreams.

In this story, a broken man changes his attitude through deep friendship with a student. He then offers his services when the young man is about to be condemned in front of the student body. That act of self-givingness instantly attracts the woman he so deeply yearns for now in his life. As we see, when we shift our consciousness to the positive in one area of our lives, we often attract positive conditions in another. If for example we have a deep aspiration to love someone and then act in another domain in a positive way -- through an act of self-givingness, or greater psychological strength, or higher attitudes, etc. -- life instantly fulfils that deep, original aspiration. When Slade attracted the lovely, sensitive, and intelligent woman at the conclusion of the story, it was the final outcome in a process that began when he expressed his deep aspiration for such a person, and then self-gave of himself in another arena, helping a young friend avoid a catastrophe.

We too can utilize this approach, if we are first clear about what we want, look around and overcome a glaring limitation in our being in any area of our lives -- whether a poor attitude, ego and selfishness, poor organization, weak effort, lacking psychological strength, etc. Life will then reward our efforts by bringing the object of our desire, whatever that is, to our doorstep.

(Thanks to Wikipedia for their film summary.)

Keywords: Media, Student, Relationship

'Witness for the Prosecution'

There is a wonderful scene in the film *Witness for the Prosecution* that shows how selfless and self-givingness can evoke the miraculous.

Sir Wilfred Robarts, a master barrister and an elder man in ill health, takes Leonard Vole on as a client over the protestations of his nurse. Vole is accused of murdering Mrs. French, a rich, older woman who had become enamored of Vole, going so far as to make him the main beneficiary of her will. Thus, strong circumstantial evidence all pointed to Vole as the killer.

When Sir Wilfred speaks with Vole's German wife Christine, he finds her rather cold and self-possessed, but she does provide an alibi for Vole's innocence. Therefore, Sir Wilfred is greatly surprised when she is unexpectedly called as a witness for the prosecution. On the stand, she testifies that Vole admitted to her that he had killed Mrs. French, and that her conscience now forced her to finally come forth and tell the truth.

As a result, Vole is likely to be found guilty and sent to the gallows. And yet Sir Wilfred, loyal to the end, presses on despite the futility of the situation, and despite his rapidly deteriorating health. At one point, someone asks him if it is worth pursuing the case any further because it could jeopardize his life. He answers that the life of his client is more important than his own life, and he will do everything he can to pursue the truth.

Not a few seconds after he makes that remark, he receives a phone call. It is from a mysterious woman who says she can produce shocking new evidence that will lead to the reversal of the case, which is in fact what occurs.

From a consciousness point of view, the phone call and presence of this woman is something more. It is a direct and immediate response from life to Sir Wilfred for having placed the life of someone else above his own. It is an astonishing act of self-sacrifice for which he is instantaneously rewarded with information that suddenly reverses the evidence and wins him the case.

This is no clever ploy on the part of the writer to create dramatic effect, but is precisely how life works. When we take to selfless and self-giving behavior, life *immediately* starts working on our behalf. Negative situations dissipate, unthought of opportunities arise, and other forms of sudden good fortune come our way. It is in essence the phenomenon of "Life Response" in action. When we change our inner condition, life outside instantly responds in kind.

Keywords: Media, Integrity, Lawyer

Life Response Power of Self-Givingness

Life response is the phenomenon where sudden good fortune descends on a person due to an elevation of consciousness. It can come from a change in attitude, an intense aspiration for a thing to be achieved, to a decision, and to an action. One other way sudden good fortune comes is through acts of kindness, generosity, and goodness. We can sum them up as "self-givingness."

The other day I attended a meeting where people were gathered to watch a presentation. Sitting next to me was an individual who like me was eager to learn new things from the speaker. At one point, my neighbor turned over several leaflet pages to their blank side. I thought this indicated that he wanted to take some notes. I then wondered if he even had a pen to write with, since there was none present. A few moments later, he pulled out a tiny, thin pen from his Swiss Army Knife. It seemed a rather anemic writing utensil. I then offered him to use one of my pens, which he gladly and appreciatively accepted.

At the end of the presentation, gifts were handed out to lucky winners. Interestingly, the man next to me to whom I gave the pen won one of the larger prizes. Then astonishingly the next person counterclockwise to him at the table won the next prize. (There were a number of tables, mind you.) Then utter astoundingly the next person sitting counterclockwise still won the following prize! Now, I was the only one left at the table. As they were drawing, the astonished participants in the room were looking at me as the logical next person to win the prize! And wouldn't you know it, that is exactly what took place! *And* it turned out to be an expensive gift that I needed for my work!

From the standpoint of life response, an inner cause creates an outer effect. The cause on this case was my concern for the person next to me and his lack of writing utensil. When I observed his situation and extended myself by offering a pen, I performed a very small act of generosity that precipitated the astounding series of events that followed; breaking all odds. That is the life response power we generate when we practice self-giving behavior.

Here's another example I witnessed recently. In the film 'The Savages', we watch as a son and daughter care for their elder ill father who has Parkinson's. They (the Savage children) are both struggling artists,

who have yet to make a breakthrough in their creative fields. The son is a writer, the daughter a struggling playwright. As it turns out the son is satisfied that they have put their father into a nursing home for care. The daughter however is not happy with this dismal arrangement, and seeks something better. Along the way, she discovers a much nicer home in a rural area. She then makes the journey to find out about it and apply for her father's transfer there. Most interestingly, however, is that when she arrives home, she receives a package in the mail with word that she has been given a very large grant from the government. It provides her with the money by which she produces her very first play – on Broadway no less. From rehearsals, it seems it is going to be a big success.

In this instance, we see how an unsuccessful woman on the verge of poverty with no work in site is catapulted to a completely new life. Her act of generosity of seeking out better conditions for her father has attracted an overwhelming response in the form of the grant that provided the funds by which she would change the course of her career. It is the overwhelming life response power generated by sweet acts of self-givingness.

Keywords: Media, Health/Well-being, Service, Resources (physical)

Acts of Goodness Instantaneously Attract

There are several key factors that attract luck in our lives -- one of which are acts of goodness. When one engages in selfless and self-giving behavior, life tends to respond with overwhelming good fortune to our person. In each of three novels by author Jane Austen, an act of goodness changes the life of the heroine forever through the institution of marriage.

Near the end of *Pride and Prejudice*, Eliza Bennett shows her gratitude to Fitzwilliam Darcy for the effort he made in saving her family's reputation. He in turn most unexpectedly responds with a proposal of marriage, when she thought her family's behavior had disgusted him and he therefore no longer had any interest in her. They are thus happily married, and as a result her family come into a huge fortune.

In *Sense and Sensibility*, Elinor Dashwood showed an act of kindness very early on in the story by relieving a servant girl of unnecessary work that instantaneously attracts Edward Ferrars for the first time out of nowhere -- not two feet from her (!) -- who would later marry her.

In *Persuasion*, Anne Elliot shows deep empathy for Captain Harville's love for his beloved wife whom he must return to on occasion after long, one year commissions at sea, which instantly attracts a completely unexpected love letter from Captain Frederick Wentworth, which leads to their sudden engagement and marriage. Again, she thought he had no interest in her anymore.

In each case, a profound act of gratitude, kindness, and empathy -- three forms of goodness -- attract a powerful response that instantly turns the entire story -- leading to the joyous outcome of marriage for each of the heroines.

Life for us in the real world is precisely the same. When we look out at life through the eyes of others, sudden good fortune moves in our direction, as we now have shifted from the limited plane of ego to the universal plane, where our deepest aspirations are instantaneously fulfilled.

Keywords: Literature, Love, Happiness, Relationship

Completing the Giving Of Gift for Selfless Reason Attracts More Work

Last year I watched a science fiction film *DC with S*. She loved it; it left me somewhat indifferent, though I admired its story somewhat, and technical its effects. America's most famous film critic RE made it his movie of the year for 1998, though few others agreed.

As I was shopping a month ago for Christmas presents, I happened to see that *DC* was available in DVD format. Remembering that S really liked the movie, I got her this new DVD version. My thought at the time is to get her what *she* might enjoy as a present, not what I want.

The other day we finally watched the movie together, nearly a month after Christmas. I watched in silently, without comment (as I am too often ready to blurt out my comments much to her consternation). This time I enjoyed it much more, and saw its intricacy of plot married to its undeniable technical achievement. Though I wouldn't say I loved it this time, I still liked it much more than last time.

When I went to get my email a few minutes thereafter, I saw an entry from a client I hadn't heard from for over a year, asking me to do two high paying Microsoft Project training classes in Fresno. I immediately noted the connection between the watching of the movie and the abundant new work. Giving up one's prejudices and expressing it, overcoming one's stinginess and being more giving to others, and truly culminating the giving of the present by the actual *watching* of the movie, amongst others, enables the response to occur.

Comment:

-Turning selflessness from selfishness, greediness (especially from one so inclined to the negative) attracts positive response.

-Moving from desire of what one wants to absence of such desire is another way of saying this in this situation.

-The response waits for the completion. (In this case it also required the actual watching of the film for the process related to the buying the gift to be complete.)

-The physical act that is rooted in change attracts an instant positive response. This parallels the fact that only when [in the novel *Pride and Prejudice*] Eliza SAW Darcy's estate (i.e. *physically was there and saw it*), did she see the opportunity and reality of a marriage to Darcy, which was to be her great benefit (response) in life

-The power of controlling Speech (silence, reduced speech, or soft speech depending on the circumstance) attracts money and other positive things from life.

Keywords: Media, Relationship, Money/Finance

Parallelism in Time & Other Qualities in a Life Response Event

"Hi G, I just had a life response of a type I have never seen before. In brief, I had just completed putting something together for a client that I will be meeting today at 1pm. To be honest, *it is above and beyond what is required*, but I think it will be very helpful. Immediately after completing this, I looked in my Inbox and found the lone email you see below. What was startling was the fact that she also had to get to a meeting with a client by 1pm!! I have never seen this type of time-precise life response before. Have you?

Comments:

(We also see a parallelism in trying to be helpful (self-givingness in work). I also typed up my materials quickly in time for today's class, which corresponds to her urgency.)

The parallelism is shown in terms of time, urgency, intensity, self-giving behavior, etc. This is a real eye-opener; a new dimension of life response for me. Not merely parallel planes, but parallel values, even indicators of parallel aspects related spiritual principles (timelessness, Oneness, Love, etc.). -R

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(email:)

Hi R, I am a personal life coach and am writing you to request permission to copy your values list, with your credits, and use it in my intake packets of questionnaires and other materials to send to clients. I found your list of values by typing in personal values on the web and found it quite thorough and a perfect sized list. I do much work around values with my clients and your list would remind them of values they may not have considered they have. This would be a valuable help to them and to me. Thank you for your consideration in this. I have a client today at 1 p.m. and would appreciate the opportunity to give her the list either today or tomorrow. A quick response from you would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely, LP"

Response: Going above and beyond for the client attracted the response.

Keywords: Service, Communications

Power of Focusing on the Fulfillment of the Client

A wise associate friend of mine had made the following claim:

"Doing any act for the sake of the ego causes tension, opens us to pain. ... Do the work for the sake of others and discover the joy in each act. Self-giving converts effort into joy."

So today before engaging in a small consulting contract over the phone, I offered a prayer to the Divine Mother that the customer should derive great benefit from the service. I sensed real sincerity behind my aspiration, which is not always fully the case.

Though challenging and full of twists and turns, the two hour session was very engaging, and the issues were resolved through creative, dynamic solutions. There was also real collaboration amongst the participants.

In other words, as a result of focusing on the fulfillment of others, the session became FRESH, ENERGIZING and JOYFUL for me, and SUCCESSFUL for the client, just as my associate friend indicated. At each point, life seemed to respond with a new possibility and corresponding right solution that enabled these wonderful outcomes.

Keywords: Service, Business, Work Issue

Gratitude

Power of Gratitude

I was faced with a situation of either registering my new company in my home state which would involve an \$800 fee, or register in another state across the country at a much lesser fee.

I thought about the matter and recalled that my own state (California) had recently given me great benefit through free medical treatment. In fact the possibility of that benefit seemed to come out of nowhere.

As I thought about these recent events involving my state, I felt deep, emotional gratitude welling up inside me. I then said to my business partner that I would rather pay the \$800 and register in my home state than take the other option. (It also turned out that the amount of the fee was coincidentally the same amount I saved through medical treatment through California medical, which got my attention.)

Well after a brief discussion, several minutes later my partner suggested that I would not have to register as a corporation at all, but could register as a non-profit instead; and do in my home state which would not only cost next to nothing, but would be a very valuable improvement on the way I originally conceived registering my new organization. I was very happy about this new prospect, as it gave an entirely different perspective and purpose to the new company in terms of its values.

A short while later I realized that as a result of my deep feeling of gratitude towards my home state -- for recent benefit, including my willingness to incur the corresponding fee, -- a vibration went out that aligned me with a new opportunity for registering my organization. I was once again reminded of the enormous spiritual power of gratitude; not only to experience its delight, but its divine-like capacity to quickly attract unexpected good fortune.

Keywords: Business, State/Province, Integrity

Eliza's Gratitude in Pride and Prejudice - 1

Pride and Prejudice is in essence the story of how one man, Mr. Darcy, a member of the aristocracy, is compelled to change his proud nature in order to win the heart of the woman he loves, Eliza Bennet.

At this particular very late juncture in the tale, an elopement episode involving one of Eliza's sisters that threatened to ruin her family has passed, and, fortunately, has done no serious harm. However, in the wake of that near-disaster, Mr. Darcy unexpectedly visits Eliza to discuss matters. Let's see what happens next.

When Darcy arrives, he and Eliza take a stroll along a path outside the Bennet home. It is on this walk that the two finally have a chance to express their thoughts and feelings about recent events. It is clear from Darcy's demeanor that he is still very much in love with Eliza. Just below the surface, he yearns to express the deep affection he still feels. Likewise, Eliza also has strong feelings welling up inside her. Though they are both eager to share their thoughts, it is Eliza who speaks first.

She begins by expressing her heartfelt gratitude to Darcy for having saved her family from scandal and financial ruin by playing the critical role in resolving the elopement episode. He was the one who found the scoundrel Wickham and forced him to marry Eliza's impetuous younger sister Lydia, ending the potentially devastating scandal.

In fact, through that difficult ordeal, Eliza has come to understand several other painful truths about herself and her family. First, she realizes the deception that was perpetrated by the handsome, yet duplicitous rogue Mr. Wickham. Not only was she duped into believing he cared for her, but he also ran off with her wild younger sister, instigating the scandal. She was also now aware that Wickham had engaged in several other deceitful and harmful acts in the past, including his earlier attempt to elope with Darcy's younger sister, taking advantage of her considerable family wealth.

Secondly, Eliza also has come to understand the vulgar behavior of her own family members -- particularly the brazen actions of her youngest sister Lydia, as well as the boorish conduct of her mother, Mrs. Bennet. With that in mind, Eliza confesses to Darcy that he had expressed these sentiments all along, but that she had only come to appreciate their truth lately.

Then it is Darcy's turn to speak. He begins by acknowledging Eliza's candidness, as well as her heartfelt gratitude. A minute later, he reiterates the deep longing he has felt all along, and then asks for her hand in marriage. However, unlike his first proposal, this time Eliza gladly and joyfully accepts his offer -- bringing her ultimate fulfillment, and catapulting her family to the next strata of wealth and social status.

Comment: If we examine this incident from Eliza's perspective, we clearly see that her heartfelt thanks and appreciation of Darcy's noble effort instantly attracted his proposal of marriage. When she expressed her sincere gratitude, she moved into alignment with Darcy's own desires for marriage, precipitating the greatest boon of her life.

It should be pointed out that Darcy's proposal was a most unexpected and shocking turn for Eliza because she had given up all hope that he was still interested in her. In Eliza's mind, her family's crude behavior and the recent scandal-plagued events had destroyed any interest he might have had for her, and therefore his current visit was a mere formality. And yet when she went ahead and expressed her gratitude for all he had done, he instantly returned the favor through his startling and most unexpected proposal of marriage.

Keywords: Literature, Relationship, Love, Family

Untitled

When I was coming back from work, reading article of life response. Suddenly came to my mind that nowadays we are not facing power cut problem in Tamil nadu. I thought we, Tamil nadu people, are not showing any gratefulness, No praise for the concern govt /persons for giving power. After reaching home, suddenly power failure in home after a very long time. I silently gone within me for the cause. Suddenly remembered I have not thanked mother for solving the power problem. Felt ashamed.. thanked mother. Same second, power has come.

Comment:

Wonderful reversal from complaining about others' lack of gratitude to overcoming one's own complaint that evokes instantaneous response for the collective.

Keywords: State/Province, Contradiction, Resources (physical)

Foal lost, then found...

(from 'The Secret' site)

By Marie B. from Northern California

My younger son, a teenager, is smitten with horses. He, like my other sons, has always been given a horse that I have purchased or raised. After showing his mare at horse shows and taking her on trail rides and camping, we decided it was a good time to produce a foal with her. He chose a stallion, we paid the stud fee, paid for the vet care, mare care while she was at the stallion's facility. We paid the registry the \$400 to sweepstakes nominate the foal in utero.

My son spent the gestation time of 11 months anxiously waiting for his foal. He made plans as to names and how he would raise it. About 10 days before she was due to foal, she started pouring milk, which was not normal. While my son was out of town for the weekend, his mare delivered a dead foal. We were all

heartbroken. It was a perfect chestnut filly, with a small blaze face, a hind white sock. She would have been 1/2 Egyptian Arabian, and the other half Fadjur and Sidi-Brahim breeding.

We buried the foal, and when my son returned we tried to console him. He understood, this is the risk taken when breeding animals. Life happens. Unbeknownst to him, I had purchased the book, *The Secret*. I saw that maybe, this was the answer. I became grateful that our mare was all right. I saw that the future will bring him another foal. About a month later, something happened that astounded me. I received a call from a lady who I had trained a couple of horses for years ago. I hadn't spoken to her in a year or two. She asked me if I would be interested in purchasing a filly from her at a reduced price, much less than what it was valued at. I didn't really even ask many questions, I explained that I really couldn't afford any price at this time. I was sorry but, I would pass the word that she had this filly for sale. About a week later, she insisted I come see her. It was 5 hours away, but my husband and I made the trip. As I approached the barn I felt happy. Then I rounded the corner and saw the filly. She was exactly what we had lost, only a year older. Chestnut with the same white markings! Her sire was Egyptian Arabian, her Dam was a Fadjur Sidi-Brahim cross, and she was sweepstakes!

Then an astounding thing happened. My husband and I had already decided that we just could not afford to purchase a horse. We had hauled a horse down to that area and were fully intentioned to haul an empty trailer back home. The lady had tears in her eyes, she said, "just take her. I will give her to you." We were astounded! This was a \$10,000 horse. Worth every penny

We had not told this lady what had happened. She had no idea that we had lost our filly. She just wanted this filly to go to a loving home, where she would be used. Shown and ridden. She told me that I had always been honest and good hearted in my horse business and my life. She said, "Just look at this as your reward."

So this coming weekend, my son is going to show his new filly in her first show. She is loving and gentle and beautiful!

Life will send to you what you need. Always look forward.

Comment:

It is the power of gratitude in life that evokes powerful life response. The teenager's mother offering gratitude that the mare survived the death of the foal brought her exactly the 'same' horse free.

Keywords: Love, Sales, Service

Gratitude toward Former Firm Attracts Benefit to One and Friend

I would like to present one small Life Response of higher attitude.

I am currently working in Bangalore SAP Labs; they provide free food everyday during lunch and dinner. One day I (Ganesh) and my colleague Kishore were having dinner and the conversation between us followed.

Me - the food today is extremely good - Long Live SAP

Kishore - Yeah!! Absolutely... What about you're previous companies Ganesh??

Me - It was nostalgia when I think about Hexaware!! I too had excellent time in Hexaware.

Kishore - When I think about Hexaware I am really getting annoyed!!!!

Me- Why??

Kishore- I have invested heavily in Hexaware shares but now the prices have come down so much to appx Rs 20 from Rs 32(Cost Price). I strongly think you have brought the luck while coming out of Hexaware...

Only bcz you resigned the prices have come down!!(Humorously) hahahaha!!!!

Me- Hmmm!! But I should thank Hexaware and The Divine Mother for giving me an opportunity for me to sale up in my career...I really thank Hexaware for that!!!

The day got over we returned to our place... The next day when we met, Kishore came to me with lots of excitement and told me that

"Ganesh!! You know one miracle has happened! Yesterday only we were discussing about Hexaware and today only for 30 mins the share price of Hexaware raised up to 100% ie Rs 39 and I sold all the share and got Rs 1300 profit. I couldn't believe this event in my Life and I came to thank you from bottom of my Heart"

I was so happy and told about The Divine Mother and some memorable experiences and asked him to send some offerings to MSS. Then he also agreed and offered 10 % of the profit as offerings (Rs 130/-).

This event happened on Tuesday.

I went to Chennai on Saturday (of same week). I am shocked and amused with gratitude!! What happened was I got a cheque of Rs 6300/- as Bonus or some special allowance from Hexaware dated on the same day when share price was raised to 100%.

This is the power of gratitude.

Keywords: Companies, Money/Finance, Wealth, Communications

Spiritual Gratitude by Opening to Mother Attracts Huge Sale

One of our MSS Office staff was taking dictation from me in the office room in the ground floor of MSS building. There is a big photo of Mother in the adjacent hall. I was giving the dictation as well as looking at the Photo of Mother in the hall. Suddenly it occurred to me that I should thank the Mother everyday for giving such dedicated and cooperative staff members who write letters, take dictation, do typesetting on the computer, make phone calls, go to the bank and do shopping for me. They do all this with pleasure and not as mere duty.

The office has been removed to a short distance from MSS building to what we call guest house. Still they come willingly when I call unmindful of the midday heat. There are three of them, two ladies and one man. They are senthamizh, Srividya and Nicholas and they are a real asset to MSS.

When this intense feeling of gratitude to Mother arose in my heart the phone rang and a center gave me a bathi order worth more than 12000 rupees. I was amazed by the coincidence between my feeling of gratitude and the immediate arrival of luck. I shared my joy with srividya and told her that Mother has given me immediate luck for simply feeling that I should say thanks to her for giving me such good staff. It was only a feeling. It is not something I have implemented for even a few days as yet. Just the thought that I should say daily thanks to Mother has moved luck towards me immediately.

When Karmayogi says that gratitude is a powerful vibration that can bring immediate and concrete results it is no mere principle. It is fully true and it delivers instantly.

Keywords: Relationship, Money/Finance, Service, Organizations

Gratitude that Paid the Invoice

One day after completing a training class for a client, I handed a staff member an invoice so she could find out when I would be paid. As I patiently waited for an answer, I figured it would likely take 30 days to process the bill, which is common in business. In the meantime, I had stuck up a conversation with one of the people who attended my class. At one point in the discussion, I expressed my admiration for the work Microsoft had done in the past: in particular, how the company consistently went the extra mile to insure that each new iteration of its software was backwardly compatible. That in turn has helped customers bring their older, "legacy" data forward into the newer, more dynamic environment. I then went on to express my sincere gratitude to Microsoft for having performed this great service for society.

Well, at the very instant I finished that sentence, the individual appeared on the scene with word about my invoice. However, instead of being given a future date for remuneration, I was paid by check on the spot! In addition, it was for an amount that exceeded my expectations.

Comment:

To put it simply, it was life responding to my expression of gratitude to a company that has brought so much benefit to myself and the world.

Keywords: Instructor, Work Issue, Money/Finance

Power of Gratitude

3 days back , suddenly I remembered how I got engineering seat in ANNA UNIVERSITY in 1991 & thanked Mother for all the incidents related .Today I got my MBA certificate from IGNOU which was due for some time.

1. I got the form for anna university, when I was returning from pody after completing JIPMER entrance exam

The bus which we travelled was crowded, I was accompanied by my uncle. My uncle college was traveling in the same bus. HE only got the form for me (those years, there was no net form. We have to go to Chennai personally to get the form).since we don't have money to go to Chennai, he told us that he will get one form. I don't know how GOD has sent him in the same bus.

2. After a month, result was announced. I didn't get selected in any college. But I made up my mind to study & appear for re-exam. But my father didn't leave his faith. He told he believe in GOD, still something will happen. Finally I got a call letter from Anna University for counselling Miracle didn't end here

3. Since we have start to immediately, we could not book the ticket. But we got seats to travel

4. During those years, system was different, if we don't select any course during counselling, we will be dropped from the list. While in counselling, there were only 7 seats left out. I was the 7th in line. 5 seats were filled. 2 seats left over are mining and textile engineering. In mining, girls are not allowed to select.

The boy before me selected mining, so I was given textile. But if he had chosen textile, I wouldn't have studied engineering at all.

All those incidents are like a movie when I rewind my life.

Thanking mother for all the grace

Thanks for allowing me to share this

Keywords: Education, Career, Student

Comment: Gratitude to the Spirit Brings extraordinary results.

SPIRITUAL

SPIRITUAL Expressions of Life Response

Spirit can be described as the ineffable quality of reality that transcends our normal experience of reality yet is the source of it. It also serves as a means of developing and elevating our own consciousness.

There are a number of poises or expressions of the spirit. One is "Silent Witness." It is where we silently observe the world without judgment. We just "are," are yet are in tune with all things around and within us. Also, when we are silent witness to the world around us, there is also stillness in all parts of our being; in our emotions, thoughts, and actions. As result, life can respond out of all proportion to such inner movements of spirit.

Another poise of spirit is the experience of some form of transcendence. It is where we open ourselves to something greater than ourselves; to some cosmic source; some spiritual force and power that helps us establish a higher consciousness within ourselves, while altering the conditions around us for the better through the life response phenomenon.

Among the Spirit-oriented methods that evoke life response are: All told, among the Spirit-oriented methods that evoke response (positively or negatively) are:

- Reaction; Equality of Being Attracts
- Life Response Power of Non-Complaining
- Not Blaming Others Attracts
- Taking Responsibility Attracts
- Power of Restraint Attracts Positively
- Not Asserting, Self-Justifying Attracts Positively
- Power of Acceptance
- Over-Anticipation, Expectation Cancels the Outcome
- Over-Celebrating an Accomplishment Can Undo It
- The Power of Inner Silence
- "Silent Will" Power
- Power of Ignoring, Forgetting a Problem
- Soft, Reduced Speech Attracts
- Power of Deep Listening
- Taking Another's Point of View Attracts
- Infinite Power of Harmony Attracts
- Consecration to the Force Attracts Overwhelmingly

Non-Reaction

Power of Silence and Non-reaction in Face of Husband's Scolding Attracts His Success

My husband is working at Tirupur branch and daily he goes from here, Erode to Tirupur by train. The rule is he has to get transfer after 5 years and he also requested for transfer after completing it last month, but it was delaying for some reason. Daily he comes home and starts to find some faults and we all get irritated and also thought what if he gets transfer here and scolds so much and the thought intensified everyday. Though my mind says not to think negatively, when he starts to scold or murmur, I lose control over myself. But the last week fully, I was busy hearing the online discussions on Pride and Prejudice by Mr. Garry Sir and calmed myself. It so happened that my husband, to our surprise minimised scolding or we just neglected him. And on last Saturday evening, he was told by the higher officers that his transfer order to Erode has been sanctioned and we are all very happy about it.

Garry Sir's discussions on P&P in terms of The Life Divine based on Appa's profound, breakthrough insights is generating vast richness and power, creating a calming atmosphere that stills all who come in contact with it, including your own mind, your husband's, and his dynamic success. It even calms and returns the electric current to normal. It is a striking, new method of evoking Mother and her Force.

Keywords: Spouse, Train, Contradiction

Not Reacting to Negative of Customer Opens Door to Vast Opportunity

Mark started his career as an account manager for Software Spectrum. He was responsible for closing multi-year, third-party software contracts, and he had just taken over the U.S Bancorp account as a client. During a meeting, two managers from U.S Bancorp told Mark in no uncertain tones that Spectrum was U.S Bancorp's worst vendor. Till then, Spectrum had only earned 10% of U.S Bancorp's software business, about \$100,000.

Learning of his client's serious dissatisfaction, Mark did not react. He decided instead to reverse the situation in the coming year.

Over the next several months, Mark did extensive internal research and conducted personal interviews to discover what his clients expected from their business relationship. He asked lots of questions about their challenges & goals for the coming year. As he got to know the client better, he always asked how he might be able to help each person with his job. Within 9 months of consistent face-to-face communication, the attitude of the U.S Bancorp's officials towards Spectrum completely changed. They said that Spectrum had become one of the best companies they worked with in the software field.

Comment:

By not reacting to the negative feedback given by the customer, Mark converted the objection into an opportunity to build trust with the customer

Keywords: Career, Manager, Work Issue, Service, Integrity

Non-Reaction in the Face of Anger Wins Over Customer

One Friday evening, Betsy received a call from her most important customer. The customer sounded upset over a discrepancy in his invoice. Betsy was calm and replied "I am sorry about the discrepancy. I will check into this and get back to you tomorrow."

The customer continued shouting at Betsy. Betsy did not lose her calm and promised the customer that she would surely resolve his problem the next day after collecting the relevant information to rectify the error. Betsy took responsibility for the situation. She prepared and gathered all the invoices related to the discrepancy.

Early next morning, she visited the customer and met him in a cheerful manner without showing any traces of having been scolded by him. The customer immediately reversed his anger and was very happy at the end of their meeting.

Betsy had not just solved the customer's problem but she went on to become one of the customer's favorite salespersons.

Comment:

By not reacting to the customer's anger, taking responsibility, and doing what was necessary she developed a strong long term business relationship with this customer.

Keywords: Work Issue, Sales, Service

Inner Detachment from a News Story

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Keywords: Media

Cleaning Up the Mess

If you do not react and remain still and patient when a problematic situation arises, it will get resolved by life on its own, and in the most interesting way.

A man who shared garbage disposal bins with his neighbors saw that his was overflowing with junk due to the slovenly ways of the neighbor's daughter. Rather than get upset about the mess, he remained very calm, still, and patient.

About an hour later the girl's mother came out and strongly scolded her daughter about the mess she made and ordered her to clean things up immediately, which she did. The daughter was even aided by a friend who suddenly appeared on the scene. Just like that the entire matter was resolved. The man did not have to lift a finger. In fact, he had practically forgotten the matter until he heard the mother speak out so vociferously.

That is how life responds when we practice non-reaction. It not only does so quickly in its own time, but in the most interesting of ways.

Keywords: Peace of Mind

Non-Reaction to Newspaper Article Contents Attracts

If you refrain from reacting to another individual's obviously uniformed and distorted viewpoint, you often discover a short time after that this individual comes around and expresses changed views that are much more in accordance with your own.

Eg a newspaper journalist had consistently shown bias against a certain region of the state and country in his articles. A reader of the online paper read the obviously incorrect assertions in the article, but was able to keep his emotions intact and also avoided responding with a comment. He just smiled and moved on to other matters.

Several weeks later that same author presented a new article where he greatly admired that very same region he had earlier disparaged. By being still in the heart and mind, the reader attracted the author coming around to his point of view. It is the Life Response power of "Non-reaction" in action.

Keywords: Media, State/Province

Saving a Precious Life

Remaining calm and equal, i.e. not reacting in the face of life's difficulties -- whether financial pressure, the defection of a client, or serious illness in the family -- is a powerful way of reversing these situations. Because this is such a striking technique, I would like to share with you another story: one that is so touching and heartfelt that you can hardly believe it took place. An Indian associate of ours narrates his startling tale.

We have our business unit in a space that we rent out from another party. One day the owner of our rented space picked an argument with our own manager -- apparently without good reason. As a result of the dispute, the owner threatened to terminate our lease for the space we were renting. As it turned out, I was away during the time these events were transpiring.

Naturally, all of the workers, including my manager, were agitated -- so much so, that they wanted me to take appropriate legal action against the owner of the space. However, I decided not to react to the intensity of the situation, and, instead, decided to remain calm and composed. In fact, I told the workers, as well as the manager to stay calm as well, and to concentrate instead on their work. I myself continued to function in a normal fashion as if nothing had happened.

Several days later, the owner of the rented space unexpectedly came up to me in tears. He said that his two-year-old grandson had a heart problem, and he wanted me to suggest a hospital where the child could be treated. Through my doctor friends, I was able to suggest a hospital in Madras [i.e. Chennai, India]. The child was then taken there.

After examination, the doctors revealed that the child had a hole in his heart, and that he had to be operated on immediately. The operation was going to cost around two lacs of rupees [~5000 US dollars]. Unfortunately, the owner did not have two-pennies to pay for this very expensive operation. However, I then talked to a bank manager and arranged financing from the bank. The loan was secured based solely on my personal guarantee. The bank also took an agreement from the owner that he would not evict my company on any grounds for the next five years. The child was saved.

Comment:

The key to this extraordinary episode occurred when our friend decided not to get agitated when the owner threatened to evict his people.

It was further advanced when he asked his staff not to react as well.

As a result of that calm and equal response, life gave him the opportunity to save the child of the very person who threatened to do him and his company harm.

It is a true-life story of untold beauty, emotional intensity, and spiritual-like irony that shows the unimaginable ways life responds to equality of being in the face of great difficulty

Keywords: Business, Property, Owner, Peace of Mind, Health/Well-being

Conflict with Neighbor Overcome Attracts Considerable Benefits

After getting lots of interest in the concept of Life Response, I revisit my old experiences which brings wonder if I think from this angle.

My neighbor was separating his house pipe lines and our pipe lines were intersecting theirs which was originally laid by Housing corporation that has built it.

In this case neighbor sent me a notice that he is going to cut our line and we need to take appropriate action.

I did not have money or necessity to do that as we never had any problem with pipe lines.

On receiving his written notice, my family became emotional and burst with anger a usual reaction.

I also got angry but thought on how to respond than reaction.

I wrote a friendly letter, saying that we did not do anything which had made them separate the lines, original builder has done it.

How we could be held responsible and cursed for the same? Secondly, I wrote, I do not see any necessity to spend money on this as it was not any way hindrance to me or him.

Thirdly, I said cutting lines is illegal and I need to resort to legal help if done but expressed my sincere desire to continue friendship openly in writing (in a friendly letter and not a notice).

Magic 1- he became totally different and became cordial and also I later came to know that someone had given wrong image about us to him which he actually believed.

Magic 2 - the person who gave wrong image - could not digest this and started became jittery about her behavior and started becoming friendly to my mother

Here before I responded, I prayed to mother and wrote this friendly letter - so changing reaction to response and move towards converting enmity to friendship gave wonderful response.

Does this make it clear that our good intentions bring good life response to us??

Followed by these, I was also into another surprise that I got a new job which was very rewarding and changed my life totally which I was trying for almost 6 months and it was dragging until then.

Remaining Calm, Equal Neutralizes Difficult Problem

"While going through a financial crisis, I was planning my budget very carefully. Certain people, one of them unreasonably, presented me with extra bills of Rs 35,000, a big blow to my shoestring budget. Some people also faced with these higher charges protested. I thought I would let it pass as these guys were basically good guys. When payment came due, one of my clients paid me exactly Rs 35,000 extra."

Comment:

Equality is the indifference of reaction to what appears enjoyable or unenjoyable, good or bad, fortune or problematic. It is quite powerfully demonstrated in this incident.

Keywords: Money/Finance

Detachment from Problem Attracts

Received an email from our marketing department explaining why they hadn't started a very important campaign for me (short staffed illness etc.) and that it would probably be July at the earliest to start the campaign now. I accepted this without judgement, frustration, anger etc. and sent them a nice email back explaining that I understood.

Within 1 hour I received an email from my business development manager asking if I could do a financial surgery for a group of NHS workers (these usually result in home visits and financial planning) this is a full day event! I of course said yes! This is life response in action.

Comment:

Yes, non-reaction and equality of being in the face of difficulty - two forms of detachment - are very powerful, and can evoke powerful positive response in their wake. Congratulations!

Keywords: Work Issue, Manager

Faith in Mother Turns a Negative Situation into a Positive and Favorable Situation

While waiting for train after office hours, it was announced that train will be late by half an hour. But immediately I have decided not to believe the announcement, MOTHER can change anything and engaged in my tab. Suddenly realising the train is arriving in platform in time.

Keywords: Train

Overcoming Irritation (and using Spirit) Attracts Sale

"It was the end of a month where that day was the last day to complete that particular month's sales targets. As usual no kind customer is interested to sign for our Bank's product. I was browsing ky.net and reading the lines from an anbar on anger, the lines catching was, often we construe irritation as anger etc." The very same moment our dear Branch Manager called. If the call comes from him, usually it will be for firing if it is end of month. I picked the phone without moving my eyes from the forum. What a blessing. He gave me a clean deal to go and complete an application to complete that month target. It is a surprise because he never makes his staff job easy".

I happily reached the destination. Before I go to meet a client I will scan both the official and general details. The client was a leading American Project Director of a very big construction firm, so I planned my presentation very precise as it is out of my experience I learnt that, American managers don't like to waste both their time and ours. They also like precise presentations rather than lengthy ones. He came to the point after initial talk, no need for presentation. Our B.M has already given the stuff through mail.

I was delighted because it is very tuff to convince American clients. He added I don't like someone to fill the application form and I am signing. I will do myself, you guide me column by column. Everything went on fine. When the column on SSN number came his face turned blank. That column is very mandatory as it is an American bank. He said on to the face I am sorry. The SSN number reveals the whole life history of mine. If it is mandatory let me finish here. I am not interested in signing up for the product.

I felt like tearing my Branch Manager into pieces because before meeting an American client it is the concerned Bank staff's duty to clearly explain there is a column on SSN number. And moreover it was a very long drive in peak summer. Added to that the day was the last day for submission of apps to fetch that month incentive. Everything came to my mind at once and my irritation towards my B.M and the person sitting before me was to the peak. *Immediately I remembered the lines from forum before I left my office that my long drive and peak heat is turned as irritation towards the manager.*

I realised how can I assume myself, that my B.M should communicate the point on ssn number, I am the person who is at last scheduled to meet him and it is my duty.so I said sorry to Mother and Appa and started calling Appa and mother inside.

There was an immediate blush on his face questioning me "Are you the wife of this person after glancing my business card, because it is my experience that all construction companies managers here knows my husband as he is in the group of deciding major government tenders". I tiredly replied yes cursing my

husband what's the use of being his wife? The American Manager wanted me to wait a few seconds outside. Immediately he convinced his secretary to apply for our product. Thanks divine secretary is not American. Then Divine blessed me through him in the form of complete list of his project sites staff's contact numbers.

Keywords: Work Issue, Manager, Communications, Spouse

Non-Complaining

The Very Messy Work Area

Normally, when one spouse wants another to change a particular behavior, it comes in the form of a complaint. The trouble with that approach is that though there may be a short-term positive result (and even that is doubtful), longer term, the desired effect is unlikely to come about. In fact, the situation is likely to worsen.

And so today with this in my mind, I decided not to complain about my partner's very messy workspace that had been like that for nearly a week. Instead, I decided to simply ignore the situation. Later in the day, however, I was startled to discover that my friend completely cleaned up the mess, without a word from my lips. She then confided in me that she did so because she was tired of looking at it. Or to put it another way, when I *stopped* caring about the situation, *she started to*. *It was another powerful little reminder of the life response power of non-complaining and self-restraint.*

Keywords: Spouse, Conflict, Relationship

Sue's Story and My Non-Complaint (as business situation)

One common form of complaint is towards another individual we are familiar with. However if instead of complaining to the person, we withhold complaint, we can attract startling results.

About three months ago, I learned that my partner had been paying exorbitantly high interest rates on her bank credit cards and suggested that she contact the banks to negotiate lower rates. Unfortunately, she never took up my advice; in part, because she is not the type who would take such aggressive actions. This was not the only problem she had working with her credit cards. The bigger problem was that as a result of her lack of organization, she has had no obvious way to know when the cards were due, and followed a haphazard approach to paying the bills. Not unexpectedly, the card and other financial companies were always calling at the worst time, and sending notices by mail, which in turn raised her interest rates.

Several months ago, I asked IRES how to deal with my partner's lack of personal organization. In particular, I wondered what I could do that would encourage her to improve housekeeping-including things strewn about and paperwork clutter that prevents her from paying her accounts in a regular and timely manner. I decided to follow some of IRES's strategies for improving harmony, including not complaining, not trying to change my partner, not bullying and not reacting. I felt my initial efforts went well, with a few small setbacks along the way.

Without any further prodding on my part, last week, my partner suddenly decided to call one of the banks. Later she told me that she had worked out an agreement where she would make one, single payment against all her cards to this bank and they would then process the amounts to the individual cards for her. This single payment approach was the perfect solution for her, who for years had problems paying her cards and meeting other large financial obligations on time!

Comment:

Afterwards I realized that my decision to stop complaining and trying to change her had prompted her to do something I had been unsuccessfully urging her to do for months.

Keywords: Relationship, Money/Finance

Complain By Another to One's Self Mirrors of One's Complaint to Another

Let's go one step further when it comes to complaining about things, including people. It involves a sort of reverse situation where others have complained about you! Put simply if you want to know why another person has complained or otherwise presented something negative about you, consider the fact that you might have earlier done the same or similar thing to someone else!

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Keywords: Relationship, Contradiction

Negative Opinion Attracts Negatively

When you virulently express a negative opinion, complaining about a matter, that negativity tends to quickly spread.

A woman in a large book store vociferously expressed that she did not like escalators, only elevators. As a result within 5 seconds of saying that she noticed that the escalator was not working - for anyone!

Keywords: Hate, Resources (physical)

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From Criticism to Praise Attracts In the Wipers Times

A simple shift from condemning someone to praising them can instantly attract career-changing circumstance.

An officer heading a troop of soldiers during WWI was about to criticize another high ranking official for his sarcasm. Instead he praised his insightful mind and nature. Within five seconds of making that remark, he was informed that a printing press had been found that would enable him to put out a humorous journal that would entertain many of the English soldiers of WWI who were stuck in their cold, muddy trenches, risking death from the enemy.

Keywords: History, Authority, Conflict

Taking Responsibility

For One's Past Mistakes

Mr. Darcy Take's Responsibility In Elopement Episode

In *Pride and Prejudice* Mr. Darcy took responsibility for the elopement, as he felt responsible for the negative actions of his childhood friend Mr. Wickham. As a result he found he couple, paid for the marriage, and ended up thereby winning over the heart of his beloved Eliza Bennet leading to their marriage, fulfilling his deepest desires in life.

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Comment:

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Taking Responsibility in Film 12 O'clock High

In 1949, former U.S. Army Air Force officer Harvey Stovall is vacationing in Great Britain when he spots a familiar Toby Jug in an antique shop window and is told that it came from Archbury, where Stovall served with the 918th Bomb Group during World War II. Convinced that it is the same jug, he buys it and journeys to the now abandoned airfield.

Stovall then remembers the events of 1942, having recently arrived and been thrown into action, the 918th has gained the reputation of a "hard luck group" suffering from poor morale. One reason is the strategy of daylight precision bombing of German targets and the corresponding losses to anti-aircraft fire and enemy aircraft. In addition, their commander, Colonel Keith Davenport, has become too close to his men to instill adequate discipline. When he is ordered to fly a mission at low altitude to increase accuracy, Davenport rushes to headquarters and confronts his friend, Brigadier General Frank Savage, the Assistant Chief of Staff for Operations. His behavior prompts Savage to go to the commanding general of VIII Bomber Command and tell him that that he feels Davenport may not be fit to command. Following a disastrous mission in which the 918th loses seven bombers, Pritchard relieves Davenport of command and the 918th is given to Savage.

The pilots were exhausted and demoralized. Savage replaced another leader, who was a good man, but not strong, who coddled the men too much. Savage developed strong discipline, which helped. However, they were still only begrudgingly following him because of his authority, not because they liked and respected him.

Rather than complain about the situation, he took responsibility by personally going on the mission with the men that broke rank with the rest of the bomber squadrons, which though "seriously against the rules" turned out to be a great success. He put himself in harm's way in order to gain their respect, rather than continue to just discipline them. Though he expected little, after that event all the men went from disrespecting him to respecting him overnight. He was shocked that they had all at once responded to his actions.

Comment:

Through a combination of taking personal responsibility by putting himself in harm's way, and taking to psychological strength and toughness, life unexpectedly responded in his favor. The pilots most unexpectedly and suddenly went from disrespecting him to respecting him overnight.

It is very much what Darcy did when he didn't blame or complain, but personally took responsibility to end the elopement in *Pride and Prejudice*. He won over Eliza Bennett just as Savage won the admiration of his pilots.

Keywords: Media, History, Integrity, Authority

Taking Responsibility in an Alleged Money Theft Attracts Vast Financial Gain

On the 9th of this month I discovered to my shock that a cash amount of 4400/= was missing from my handbag. I searched in other places where I keep cash and found it was not there anywhere. The only conclusion I could come to was that it was stolen. It was within my power to line up all the people working here at MSS such as Office staff, drivers, the cook and servant ladies etc and interrogate them and ask them to promise in Mother's name that they have not stolen the money.

I chose not to do that and accept the blame entirely on myself believing that I must have left the door of my house open (my house is right opposite MSS Office) for 5 or 10 minutes and must have gone to the ground floor of MSS building and in that gap somebody has entered and stolen the money. If I have left the door open the fault is clearly mine and negligence has invited theft and I cannot go around suspecting this or that person.

I spoke to my father about the possible theft of money and he said "you are a person who very often leaves yr door open while you come here. If so the fault is clearly yours and take this loss as life's lesson for you to be more careful in the future and do not go about interrogating people." I agreed and kept quiet.

On Monday the 11th morning our company accountant came and met me and told me "yr brother has raised yr salary by two and half times and for this month we are giving yr extra income as cash and from next month onward it will be given as cheque". I was surprised beyond measure as I had never asked him to raise my salary and he was not aware of this theft incident either" I took this as Mother's reward for keeping my calm and accepting the blame on myself alone and refraining from accusing the people working here.

Had I reacted and interrogated all the people working here it is very much possible that my brother who is in charge of our family business may never have been inspired to raise my salary believing that my other sources of income are quite enough for me to carry on.

Comment:

A powerful story of taking responsibility, which tends to still irritation and create balance, and thereby attract extraordinary positive results.

Keywords: Money/Finance, Contradiction

Not Blaming, Taking Responsibility in Pride and Prejudice

So we are starting to see that you can learn to take responsibility in many situations where you could have opted for complaining or blame. When life bears down on us and exerts pressures, we can respond by taking responsibility or by issuing complaint or laying blame. Those who take responsibility rather than complain or blame other parties or conditions grow as individuals, and set the stage for positive response from life. On the other hand, those who complain or blame others tend to attract further negative consequences in their lives. Also keep in mind that the more intense the situation, and the more you restraint from complaint or blame, the more powerful the positive life response results

Here is an example from a famous novel

In Jane Austin's novel *Pride and Prejudice* a scandal is unfolding when one of the Bennet sisters elopes with the duplicitous Mr. Wickham. Mr. Darcy was Wickham's boyhood friend, and knows his duplicitous ways, yet does not warn the Bennets family of Wickham's ways. When Wickham elopes with one of the Bennet sisters, Mr. Darcy does not blame Wickham, even though he is thoroughly deserved of blame, but takes personal responsibility, and makes an all-out effort to rectify the problem. When he does it turns out extremely well, as life cooperates with his effort.

Comment:

By taking responsibility instead of blaming, life cooperated with his efforts, and he prevents the scandal. Not only that, but as a result of his efforts Darcy wins the heart of the woman he loves, Eliza Bennet. There was nothing he wanted more in life. Because he took responsibility in a very intense situation, life responded in overwhelming fashion, changing the very course of his life.

Keywords: Literature, Integrity, Love

For Other People's Problems

Taking Responsibility, Considering Ideas in Mind, And Goodwill to Others Reverses Cancelled Policy, Enabling Government Concession

In my office, once one of the Govt. concession was cancelled due to new policy introduced in that dept. I tried to revive the concession in so many ways. I took the full responsibility for the cancellation and started to review the issue in my mind.

One fine morning I got information from one of my friend working in the same dept. about fresh policy of this programme. (A life response to taking responsibility and to using the power of mind to consider issues.) Immediately, I sent an application for the concession. At that time, my servant maid tried to exchange foreign currency and voluntarily I offered help to save her paying more commission for exchange of money. When I handed over the currency to my friend, within 15 minutes I received an order of concession from the Govt. dept. (A continuation of the previous life response, and to the helping servant maid.)

When I tried to save a person for spending more money, the Life responded me to spend less money through concession.

In this issue, if this order didn't recd. before 31st May, my concern has to pay double the rate from IST June. But the Life responded me in correct time.

Comment:

-Positive attitudes toward others will surely bring positive life responses, very soon or later.

-One's interest for improvement (i.e. the concessions) is a personal value that also plays a great role, and attracts.

-Life at any moment in time can be said to be in a state of equilibrium, i.e. "smooth." Also, in any situation there is a Prime Mover force (i.e. circumstance) and secondary forces at work. When more positive energy is brought to the situation, the equilibrium is disturbed, there is a ripple effect away from the smooth, and a positive life response occurs. Mages situations are fine examples of this at work.

Keywords: Work Issue, Money/Finance, Integrity

Non-Insistence, Self-Justification

The Gift Card (Negative Response to Selfishness)

[A friend forwarded this life response incident.]

"I just experienced what could be a negative life response. It was not for me, but another co-worker.

As you know, in the past the doctors here at the cancer center where I work give everyone a Macy's gift card for Christmas. Well, almost every day for the past week my co-worker has kept asking "when are we getting our gift card from Macy's?" I told her that I didn't know, and that we will have to wait and see.

Well, last night just after this person went home, we received an e-mail from Human Resources stating that the cancer center doctors have donated to the Red Cross instead because there have been so many disasters there these past few years."

Comments:

Yes, her attitudes and that of the doctors were diametrically opposite. They sought to help; she demanded what was not hers to insist on. They did a positive good, which she experienced negatively as a response to her wanting intention. When our attitudes are selfish, we tend to attract the opposite, especially if there is a corresponding force that we are aligned with that is moving in the opposite direction.

Keywords: Resources (Physical), Doctor

Non-Insistence Attracts

Withholding insistence of one's position compels an uncooperative party to cooperate with one's intent.

An instructor was not receiving the attention of three advanced students in the class who were preoccupied with other matters. Though he started to get annoyed, he quickly caught himself, knowing it was not the right, higher consciousness approach. He then went a step further and cleared all insistence from his thoughts. When he returned to the class several moments later, he was stunned to find all three students fully immersed in their classroom assignments.

Keywords: Instructor, Student

Untitled

When you give up your insistence on how to solve a problem, life responds and brings you unexpected good or great fortune.

Example: A woman ran a café that was in her family for generations. Now it was failing. She was distraught to no end. Someone who loved her offered her money. At first she absolutely refused it and him. At the very moment she finally gave in and accepted him and the funds, she got a call in which she learned about whereabouts of her long lost nephews.

Keywords: Business, Money/Finance, Family

Power of Accepting Another's Point Of View on Money

If you are having a disagreement on the status of what is owed, and you completely withdraw insistence, even taking the other person's viewpoint in full, very soon after you are likely to receive word from the other party that your perspective was the true one, and you will benefit.

An instructor had an amicable exchange with his referral agent on a significant bit of money he was owed. The issue was examined from various sides, and the exchange went back and forth. The consultant then told himself that he was not going to press the matter further, he would not insist; in fact he would accept the agent's position as the true one. The next day he received an email from the agent who said that the consultant's view was in fact the correct one, and the important money due was being sent and would arrive soon.

Keywords: Money/Finance, Instructor

Negative Response to Colorful Paintings

In one sense, it is not the details that determine the success of an activity, but the attitudes and behaviors we bring to bear. When they are positive, we attract good fortune in relation to the details, and are elated. When they are negative, we attract the opposite, and are disappointed.

Example: A man wanted to show a friend a website of an artist group who create very creative and colorful contemporary paintings. When he asked her to view it, she was busy with another matter. However, the man insisted, and she came over and reviewed it on his PC. The man was sure his friend would like the site, as the paintings were colorful, creative, created by fine artists like herself. However, after viewing a few of the works, she was anxious to get back to her own work. When the man insisted that she see some more, she reluctantly complied.

A few minutes after, they engaged in conversation about the site, and he mentioned how lovely the paintings were. However, his friend responded that she felt all of the paintings were of a similar kind, which very much surprised the man, as he thought there were a wide variety of styles. In fact, the entire interaction in which she expressed her views on the matter turned out to be a big disappointment.

Because he asserted his need to show her the paintings despite the fact she was busy with other chores, he attracted a series of negative responses from her that sorely disappointed. It was not the details (i.e. the quality of the site or the paintings or the artists) that was the problem, but the way he initiated the communication. Had he been more sensitive to his friend's needs, and been more patient to show the site, he might have elicited very different results, including the possibility that his friend might have admired every bit of the online presentation, and indicated that there indeed was "a wide variety of beautiful art"!

Keywords: Communications, Resources (Physical)

Non-Insistence and a Computer Surprise

Whenever possible, do not insist on your suggestion. Instead state your case, be patient, and let it go. If the other party comes around to your position, life will respond and things will tend to work out for the best.

Example: A man suggested to his colleague that she upgrade to a new version of the computer's operating system software. She reacted with some degree of irritation. Recognizing the situation, the man withdrew his emotions and forgot the matter entirely. A couple of days later, the colleague came around and was now eager to install that very same software. When she did, it all worked out splendidly!

Keywords: Computer, Reaction, Relationship

Withholding Self-Justification

If you feel emotionally that you have to justify your argument, best to pull back from expressing it. When you do, sometime thereafter the other party may well very appreciate your position and more, much to your surprise.

Example: A man sent his partner information. In that he thought would be valuable, though it was slightly off topic. The partner then sent a note back in which he was not taken with what he received. The first man thought that it was simply a misunderstanding, and desired to inform his partner of the fact with further details. Instead he held back. The next morning his partner sent a note back in which he said that the (original) content was the most profound thing he had ever read in his life.

Keywords: Communications, Relationship

Equality of Being

Equality of Being vs Detachment

"Equality of Being" and "Detachment" are very similar, but not exactly the same as we mean it. Equality of being refers more to being calm in a difficult situation or the same in a very positive one. Detachment is separating yourself from a problem in thought; almost forgetting it, enabling life to work on its own for you and resolve the problem, or similar.

Remaining Calm, Equal Neutralizes Difficult Problem

"While going through a financial crisis, I was planning my budget very carefully. Certain people, one of them unreasonably, presented me with extra bills of Rs 35,000, a big blow to my shoestring budget. Some people also faced with these higher charges protested. I thought I would let it pass as these guys were basically good guys. When payment came due, one of my clients paid me exactly Rs 35,000 extra."

Comment:

Equality is the indifference of reaction to what appears enjoyable or unenjoyable, good or bad, fortune or problematic. It is quite powerfully demonstrated in this incident.

Keywords: Money/Finance

Detachment from Problem Attracts

Received an email from our marketing department explaining why they hadn't started a very important campaign for me (short staffed illness etc.) and that it would probably be July at the earliest to start the campaign now. I accepted this without judgement, frustration, anger etc. and sent them a nice email back explaining that I understood.

Within 1 hour I received an email from my business development manager asking if I could do a financial surgery for a group of NHS workers (these usually result in home visits and financial planning) this is a full day event! I of course said yes! This is life response in action.

Comment:

Yes, non-reaction and equality of being in the face of difficulty - two forms of detachment - are very powerful, and can evoke powerful positive response in their wake. Congratulations!

Keywords: Work Issue, Manager

Powerful Real Estate Sales Stories -2

Recently, I told two prospects I had spent hours showing apartments I would get back to them with important info by a particular day. They promised to stay in communication but did not return call. No big deal. In this biz you get stood up lots. However, on the very day I said that I would get back to them, I saw them sitting and as I entered a Subway in a remote part of Queens; they sat directly opposite from me and did not notice me at all! This time I did say hello and they almost turned white. I could not help

but say, "I promised I would get back to you on this day, didn't I?" I did this with good humor and no ill will at all.

Similarly, I "materialize" to others as if by pre-arrangement with such exquisite timing that I can finish their next sentence before they even recognize my existence. [Wonderful experience and insight. You are living timelessness in time; spacelessness in space.](#) Interesting, eh?

For my part, this apartment rental job is pushing every button of uncooked Karma seeds I can think of. I frequently work 7 days a week. I feel more consistently energized than I have in years! [Great to hear.](#) I am confronting primordial Kenny feelings of inferiority, jealousy, confusion, stupidity, disorganization, anger, anxiety, futility, fear, hopelessness....and other assorted phantoms.

What a great yoga

Comment: Looked at negative in a positive way. Equality of Being and Detachment when they did not get back to you.

Calm in 60 Day Invoice Situation

Several years ago, my training and consulting company GuruSoftware secured an important contract from a renowned global technology company. Unfortunately, their "fame" was due in part to the questionable activities of several former executives. However, because these individuals were no longer with the firm, and because we were dealing directly with a well-regarded Silicon Valley *subsidiary* of the company, we were more than happy to take on the contract. In fact, when I first arrived at their headquarters to begin our initial discussions, I was quite impressed by the intelligence and openness of the individual who served as my liaison.

Several weeks later, I completed the work and billed the customer as usual. The basic agreement was that they would pay upon completion of the job, which normally meant we would receive payment immediately or latest within several weeks. Several days later, however, I had a change of heart and decided to be a bit more aggressive in dealing with the client. Because I was concerned about the alleged past impropriety of the parent company, I thought it prudent to contact their accounting department to clarify the payment terms and procedures.

Interestingly, when I brought up the due date, I was told by the representative that it would take *60 days* to pay! Given that our normal policy is for much quicker terms for this type of work, I was somewhat shocked. In fact, their payment terms struck me as rather excessive, considering that we not only completed the work in good faith, but we had put together a solution for the company on short notice. In addition, in the back of my mind, I was still thinking about the alleged impropriety of the parent company, which raised suspicions -- valid or not -- in my mind.

After several moments of hand wringing, I gathered my wits and started thinking rationally about the situation. Reminding myself of the "consciousness approach" to business that I have been practicing for 25 years, I began to shift my perspective from one of anxiety, trepidation, and suspicion to one of equanimity and calm. "If this large invoice takes 60 days to be paid, then, so be it," I told myself. "If this is what is meant to be, I should accept things as they are, and that's all there is to it." In essence, I was determined not to let this unexpected, challenging development get the best of me.

And so a few moments later, my emotions settled down and I slowly began to feel like my old self again. In fact, at one point I not only felt calm and relaxed, but a feeling of serenity washed over me.

When the next morning rolled around, I received a surprise call from the same representative. Surprisingly, she asked me if there was another way her company could pay other than by check. Taken aback, I feebly replied that check was the only way we accept payment. There was no response on the other end.

Finding myself in a quandary, I began to grasp for other solutions. Then a moment later, it occurred to me that one of our other products -- our Internet-based online project management tool -- is purchased by customers via credit card over the web; so why not allow her to do the same in this situation. I then told

her that though this was not our normal procedure, I could make an exception and allow her to pay this way. She then said that she would look into the matter and get back to me.

Though this was a very important situation, I decided to put the entire matter out of my mind. For one, I thought that it was unlikely that a large company with well-defined bill payment procedures would take up my offer; and two, as a consciousness-aspiring individual, I just didn't want to be disturbed by the matter.

Well, the next day when I looked in my email inbox, low and behold, I discovered that the company had gone ahead and paid the bill in full! I was equally stunned that they had taken up my suggestion and used our online billing system to pay. As I sat there dazed, it occurred to me that a critical invoice that was supposed to take sixty-plus days for payment was settled in *two!*

Comment:

On reflection, I clearly understood that my shift from agitation to calm in the face of a difficult situation not only attracted the representative's initial inquiry about alternate ways to pay, but also evoked the payment of the invoice by credit card the very next day. By remaining relaxed and equal in the face of troubling circumstance, conditions were reversed, and a magnificent response came in its place.

Over the years, I have had many opportunities to practice "equality of being" when difficulties and challenging situations presented themselves. And each time life responded with startling positive conditions, I would feel an intense joy and elation in the experience.

Keywords: Business, Work Issue, Money/Finance, Peace of Mind

Life Responds (and Repeats) At Mo's In 'The Book'

In Garry Jacobs' profound epic novel 'The Book' a mystical tome appeared at various moments in time where significant revolutionary events were taking place in the world, each of which, in effect, bringing greater good to humanity.

As the story progressed "the Book" reached Dan when he visited Moe's Book store in Berkeley, California. It was a Life Response to his Inner Aspiration and Equality of Being in his demeanor when he encountered a difficult situation - in this case, the project rejection letter from NASA.

Dan then happened to visit the same location several years later, when the same sort of situation, involving the inner and outer, took place. From the outer perspective, it appeared the Book was lost. Yet he maintained his calmness and Equality of Being inside. His Inner Aspiration convinced him that the Book would not leave him until it finished the work. And so it did not.

As a response from life, the Book miraculously came to him in both situations. It was also proof of the profound principle that life tends to repeat with similar situations, including the same sorts of outcomes.

Keywords: Miraculous/Miraculousness, Literature, Inner-Outer Correspondence, Equality of Being

Louis Pasteur and the Power of Inner Equality

There is a wonderful moment in the 1935 film *The Story of Louis Pasteur* that I doubt hardly a critic would notice. It is an expression of the miraculous-like phenomenon of "life response" -- i.e. the spontaneous arrival of sudden good fortune. In particular, it is an example of how taking to calm and equality in the face of great difficulty can elicit powerful positive response from the world around us.

In the incident in the film, the famous scientist Louis Pasteur has been trying to discover a cure for hydrophobia -- i.e. rabies -- that ordinarily comes through a bite or contact from a rapid infected animal. It is Pasteur's belief that if he gives a mild dose of the disease to an animal, it will build up a resistance to it when it actually does have the illness. This is the approach Pasteur develops to cure rabies and other

infectious diseases. I.e. give the sick patient a mild form of the disease, and the body will spontaneously generate a resistance to it, which will push out the illness when it enters the system.

In this particular episode in the story, Pasteur believes he has a cure for hydrophobia/rabies, but many are skeptical. In fact, one key member of the scientific establishment, Dr. Charbonnet of the French Academy, is so sure that his cure is wrong that when in Pasteur's lab he grabs a syringe filled with a dense concentration of the virus and injects it into his arm! Pasteur is mortified, as he believes that Charbonnet has sealed his own fate. Not only was it not intended in such concentrated doses, but it was meant only for sickly individuals.

As it turns out, Charbonnet not only survives the inoculation, but the next day seems perfectly fine! In fact, after 30 days he shows no signs of the disease. While Pasteur is baffled by this outcome, Charbonnet flaunts the fact by parading around the Parisian scientific community, as well as high society circles, proudly pointing out how healthy he is. At one point, he boasts that the more he takes of the allegedly lethal serum, the healthier he feels! As a result of his public posturing, Pasteur's image is greatly tarnished in both scientific circles and amongst the general public.

One day an associate friend of his rushes into Pasteur's home to notify the great chemist that he has been made a mockery of throughout the country. Pasteur however *does not react at all* to this news. A moment later, however, his wife Marie has the thought that perhaps the dosage the doctor took was of an *old* batch, and therefore had no potency to affect him. Pasteur then rushes into his office to test out the hypothesis, which he then verifies to be true. A second later, it occurs to him that that he could give infected animals with the disease a low dosage of the serum and then gradually increases the dosage, thereby creating immunity without killing them. The idea has sprung into his mind like a revelation.

What does this story then teach us? From the point of view of life response – i.e. the onset of sudden good fortune due to changes in our consciousness -- it is rather straightforward. Because Pasteur did *not* respond emotionally to word of his public humiliation, his wife Marie came forward and made her statement about the old serum, which set in motion events that led one of medicine's greatest discoveries. It is an illustration of how *inner calm and equality* in the face of negative circumstance attracts powerful positive conditions from the world around us.

Keywords: Media, Accomplishment/Success, Contradiction, Peace of Mind, Medicine

Right Thought Arising from Within at Time of Anger Leads to Powerful Results

Yesterday an incident happened which I feel I can relate to this. We were planning to go to our Aunty's house. We were to be in her house by 6p.m. I was cooking and somehow I couldn't finish the work. My Husband did not say anything but from his face I understood that he is angry and I slowly started, the why he is angry and the conversation went and finally ended into a burst of words. While I was talking I knew I am cancelling the Mother's environment in my house. But the vital was very strong at that moment. When we were going by bus to her house I suddenly remembered Mother's words "Be calm in face of adversity". And to my surprise I slowly lost attachment to the fight, words exchanged and finally something told me that this fight, anger has some reason behind. Usually we don't quarrel much but when it occurs rarely it will continue for 2 days. But the second my mind started to think of mother and her soothing words everything inside me changed. And when we went to my Aunty's house I was surprised as the topic of our discussion was about anger and anger management. Now I knew the reason behind our fight. Because if it had not happened I will not accept that I have anger within me and blame only the other person is angry.

Comment:

-From the inner being rises positive influences, such as the memory of Mother's words. It is right thought coming from deep inside, from the Inner Guide; i.e. the subliminal mind or even the mental psychic. It is subtle positive influence coming to the surface at the right moment, plus the thought itself is saturated with Mother's special wisdom and power.

We also see Mind here or rather subliminal Mind not only Guiding, but overcoming the influence of the lower nature, i.e. an intense vital attitude and vibration.

It led to right understanding that evoked a further episode in which long term perspective for catching anger became a real possibility.

-Perhaps this right thought of Mother's was already there to large degree in the more surface conscious mind.

-Thought arising from subconscious subliminal Mind or the conscious Mind can dominate the vital and physical, especially if one perceives its utility.

-One can also perceive the incident as Mother coming to the rescue at the right moment because of one's long term commitment to Her.

-I don't believe these perspectives are mutually exclusive.

Keywords: Spouse, Conflict, Family

Around the World with Phileas Fogg

There are many keys to accomplishment in life. Vision, organization, and drive are several. Another is the capacity to be calm and equal in the face of difficult circumstances. One false step and one can fall down the latter to success. If however, we maintain the right balance in those situations, not only will we make the best of negative conditions, but life will tend to cooperate and, *on its own right*, right the wrong. It is the phenomenon of life response in action. You remain steady when life threatens to spiral out of control, and life rights itself as if by magic. Though it seems miraculous-like, it actually happens all of the time, just out of our "field of vision." For one famous character in fiction, that inner poise of equality attracted overwhelming good fortune -- just at a time when all seemed hopeless and doomed to failure.

In his novel *Around the World in 80 Days*, Jules Verne describes the wonderful adventures of Phileas Fogg and his traveling companions. In the story, Fogg has placed a wager of 40,000 pounds that he can travel around the world in 80 days. Though his adventures will provide him with astonishing experiences that take him to distant and exotic land, his central focus and all-consuming effort is directed toward winning the wager. In addition to his single-mindedness of purpose, several other personal qualities will prove invaluable to Fogg in pursuing his lofty goal.

One of those is the fact that Fogg is an eminently *disciplined* man -- both in his emotions and in his thoughts. He has the innate capacity to accept every difficulty and ordeal that comes his way in a calm and detached manner. No matter how problematic or even absurd the circumstances, Fogg's emotions are always tranquil and calm, as if he were detached from the intensity of every situation. And yet, interestingly his mind is always fully engaged in the issue at hand -- enabling him to rationally and most logically deal with any and all circumstance. In addition, his creative capacities border on genius, as he is able to meld a native intelligence and a broad knowledge of the physical workings of life with insights and intuitive-like inspirations that help him solve nearly every problem.

These qualities are further enhanced by his essential kind nature -- which can be seen in the goodwill that he consistently demonstrates toward his fellow travelers, as well as the people he meets along the way. That helps help him win the respect of others at critical moments on his journey, especially important when he and his comrades face imminent danger. He also exhibits other notable faculties -- including his ability to remain silent without speaking, unless situations dictate that he do so. Together with his utter punctuality and masterful planning and organizing capacities, Phileas Fogg is the very embodiment of stability, rationality, and equality -- making him the perfect candidate to accomplish his ambitious goals.

And yet, this is an adventure story that Verne is determined to infuse with a variety of life's exigencies. And so it turns out that at about the time Fogg first embarks on his journey, the Bank of England is robbed. Moreover, the robber himself steps forward and maliciously matches Fogg's physical description to the thief, which causes the high-level official, Mr. Fix, to believe that Fogg's wager is a pretense to elude authorities in Britain. Fix then attempts to arrest Fogg in England, but when he fails to do so is forced instead to follow him on his travels around the world.

Though Fogg has astonishing encounters in Brindisi, Suez, Bombay, Calcutta, Hong Kong, Yokohama, San Francisco, New York and Liverpool, he still has to arrive back in London before noon on the 80th day to win the wager. Though on his trip he discovers that he has been accused of thievery, he brushes it aside and instead focuses all of his energies towards winning the wager. Along the way, he utilizes his uncanny creativity, ingenuity, and scientific know-how to solve every problem that crosses his path.

However, when he finally arrives in Britain on the very last leg of the trip, he is arrested by the authorities for robbing the Bank of England. Though he manages to escape from prison, he soon realizes that he is 5 minutes too late to win the contest. However, life then responds in his favor when he discovers that he and his party have actually arrived in Britain *one day early!* Because he had traveled *east* from England in circling the globe, he and his party had actually *gained* a day when they returned 79, not 80 days later!

Phileas Fogg's utter calm and equality in the face of extremely difficult circumstances attracted a magnificent response from life that provided him with his greatest moment of glory and success. It is an indicator that life on the outside responds to one's inner efforts or capacities of higher consciousness. Maintaining a poise of inner calm and equality is one method that enables that miraculous-like dynamic. It is in essence a spiritual-like quality that tends to overcome the negative, while attracting the infinite potentials of life.

Keywords: Literature, Accomplishment/Success, Contradiction, Peace of Mind

A Great Project Rapidly Moves Forward

I have been involved in a great project that is a once in a lifetime endeavor. I was participating intently and contributed a lot over the last several months. Then I got a little too involved, becoming tired, sometimes assertive and slightly argumentative. I decided at that point to withdraw from the discussion for several weeks. One of my partners then informed me that our schedule for implementation had now suddenly moved from several years to a few months! I was thrilled. Time and space had been overcome because I decided to withhold my thoughts and feelings. By withdrawing, I allowed more positive energy to build up to help others come up with the idea of putting things on a fast-track. When I learned of the new development, I was very gratified, even as I sensed my role in it. In this case then, it was a combination of shift in attitude, i.e. away from the negative, as well as withdrawing active involvement, or we can say initiating and intending, which brought things to a greater stillness which attracted very positive conditions. (Perhaps I will write this incident up as a separate discussion sometime.)

Keywords: Communications, Relationship, Work Issue

Saving a Precious Life

Remaining calm and equal, i.e. not reacting in the face of life's difficulties -- whether financial pressure, the defection of a client, or serious illness in the family -- is a powerful way of reversing these situations. Because this is such a striking technique, I would like to share with you another story: one that is so touching and heartfelt that you can hardly believe it took place. An Indian associate of ours narrates his startling tale.

We have our business unit in a space that we rent out from another party. One day the owner of our rented space picked an argument with our own manager -- apparently without good reason. As a result of the dispute, the owner threatened to terminate our lease for the space we were renting. As it turned out, I was away during the time these events were transpiring.

Naturally, all of the workers, including my manager, were agitated -- so much so, that they wanted me to take appropriate legal action against the owner of the space. However, I decided not to react to the intensity of the situation, and, instead, decided to remain calm and composed. In fact, I told the workers, as well as the manager to stay calm as well, and to concentrate instead on their work. I myself continued to function in a normal fashion as if nothing had happened.

Several days later, the owner of the rented space unexpectedly came up to me in tears. He said that his two-year-old grandson had a heart problem, and he wanted me to suggest a hospital where the child could be treated. Through my doctor friends, I was able to suggest a hospital in Madras [i.e. Chennai, India]. The child was then taken there.

After examination, the doctors revealed that the child had a hole in his heart, and that he had to be operated on immediately. The operation was going to cost around two lacs of rupees [~5000 US dollars]. Unfortunately, the owner did not have two-pennies to pay for this very expensive operation. However, I then talked to a bank manager and arranged financing from the bank. The loan was secured based solely on my personal guarantee. The bank also took an agreement from the owner that he would not evict my company on any grounds for the next five years. The child was saved.

Comment:

The key to this extraordinary episode occurred when our friend decided not to get agitated when the owner threatened to evict his people.

It was further advanced when he asked his staff not to react as well.

As a result of that calm and equal response, life gave him the opportunity to save the child of the very person who threatened to do him and his company harm.

It is a true-life story of untold beauty, emotional intensity, and spiritual-like irony that shows the unimaginable ways life responds to equality of being in the face of great difficulty

Keywords: Business, Property, Owner, Peace of Mind, Health/Well-being

Detachment

The Phone

When you consecrate a challenging situation and do not interfere with pressing thoughts of how you would like things to be, or express your comments and opinions along the way, and just remain as still as possible in the mind, you are taken on a magic carpet ride of unfolding and are deposited on the other side with startling, beneficial results in hand.

Here's the recent experience that precipitated this thought:

My phone had not been functioning properly now for several months. When I then called a creditor of mine to make an overdue payment and she could not hear me on the other line, I felt enough is enough and felt compelled to bring the phone into the local Apple center for repair. And so my friend and I headed off to the big shopping center about twenty minute drive away. Before I entered the facility I decided to consecrate the entire matter; offering the issue to the Divine Mother, and also made a pledge to myself to keep all my thoughts and mental activity at bay, as my spiritual teacher had recently advised.

When I entered the Apple store I was greeted by a friendly individual, who escorted me to the Genius Bar, where they fix Apple-related hardware and software. When I sat down I reminded myself of the pledge I had made not to think about potential outcomes, keep my mind free of all thoughts, and let events and outcomes occur as they may. In other words, I was determined to remain as still as possible.

It turns out that I had made a reservation earlier via my PC and had arrived a few minutes early for my appointment. At almost precisely the arranged time a tech person stood before me with a bright smile. She proceeded to ask me questions about the phone's deficiencies. What was most remarkable however was the fact that she seemed to deeply care about the problem as well as myself to the point that I felt a deep inner, almost soul-like connection. This I had never experienced before from a service rep or similar. It was a sure sign that the consecration and the pledge for inner mental stillness were beginning to work their magic.

After doing extensive tests on the phone the tech indicated that the results were somewhat inconclusive, though it was highly likely that the phone had a defective antenna. She then told me that I could have a NEW phone of a higher end model at a nominal charge to replace it! That was naturally great news; yet even then I held back all thoughts to celebrate or anticipate; keeping my energies steady. She then escorted me to the next rep who skillfully facilitated the next set of fixes, and then that person handed me off to another who was even more remarkable in his skill and dexterity of copying the info, apps, et al from the old phone to the new phone; who then handed me off to yet another person who completed the paperwork and other phone settings in a way that amazed.

At each step I resisted friendly banter, kept my glee at bay, and as a result, each support person executed their work to near perfection. As I was handed off from one person to another, things happened faster and faster; yet matched with an ever-increasing perfection. All I had to do was control the energy inside me, and all would unfold miraculous-like.

As this was going on, I thought that my friend who accompanied me must have been wondering why I had taken so long. And yet at the very instant I finished up with the last rep and received my new, latest model phone, my friend appeared instantaneously in the entranceway. In other words, after sitting on a sofa about 100 yards away for almost an hour she arrived at precisely the moment I was leaving, creating a magnificent synchronicity and a topper to all of the wonderful events that had just taken place.

In the end, because I had consecrated the problem to the Mother and planned and executed the firm decision to keep all thinking and expectations at bay, I was taken on a wonderful magic carpet ride of success. Instead of complication there was smoothness and perfection; instead of anxiety and worry about the outcome, happiness and joy permeated every step.

And best of all, my first new smartphone in three years was now in hand!

Keywords: Resources (physical), Service, Happiness

Detachment and Calm Attracts the Deal's Successful Outcome

After about a month in this new business I had yet to get my first lease signed. The tension was mounting, especially with fellow rookies righting orders left and right like it was child's play; and here I had yet to make even one sale!

I feared that I had made a drastic and horrible mistake in entering this business with no salary. I have received next to nothing in the way of guidance in this fiercely competitive business where all agents vie for the same "good" listings. My resentment, frustration and bitterness towards my manager and fellow agents was and sometimes is palpable.

At last, I thought I had found a high end prospect that would actually rent from me if I sincerely found her the right apartment according to her criteria ("has to have a big oven"). Alas, I hit pay dirt and found a great listing on our database! So, with excitement and [anticipation I hurried](#) to preview the unit so I could then show it to her and make my first sale! In my [haste](#) to get to the apartment I decided to eat a sandwich while trotting to get the apartment. As I increased my stride, I bit into my sandwich and a crown on my front tooth loosened and fell into my hand and then dropped into an unreachable crevice in the sidewalk. Oy! Here it is, the end of the pay period, I have a "real" prospect and my front tooth falls into the abyss! I found a rusty hanger on 56th Street and 2nd Avenue and began scraping away at the pavement hunting for my crown with people sidestepping the weirdo digging into filthy cement. How pathetic a figure I cast! "How can I meet clients looking like Alfred E Newman?" I moaned. "How can I afford to pay for a new crown?" "Just when things started to look bright, woe is me" etc, etc, etc.

And then, the ultimate self questioning... 'Is God telling me to quit this work for good or is he saying press on through the adversity?' I frankly did not know the right answer. I was not in a good way. There was however, a quiet part of me witnessing this tragi-comedy play out. [Very good](#). So, I decided to go back to the office in my toothless state anyway and not call it quits and go home for the day. In fact, when I returned to the office I tried to put my woes aside for the moment, called the prospect, and explained enthusiastically what a great apartment I found for her. She said it was not what she really wanted for what she wanted to spend. [A revelation](#). She was sure there was something better "out there". I realized at that moment that I was "chasing" a prospect that had no real urgency to move and was just shopping me for the proverbial needle in a haystack deal of the century. Because I was in a detached state of mind I clearly communicated that she might be better served by working with another agent and I would keep her in mind if I found something in her budget that met her criteria, and wished her good luck. [Good](#). It was actually liberating to let her go. I was still emotionally in turmoil though. In fact, immediately after ending my call with her, I met a "walk-in" interested in renting an apartment (the only walk-in I have to this day ever greeted) and I gave it away because I was so unhinged and self-conscious about my looks. Believe me I beat myself up about giving away the "gift". I left for home, [quieted down](#) and contemplated the meaning of all that had occurred and what to do. The very next day a real sincere person called me which resulted in my first deal. [Magnificent response to quieting down and self contemplation and analysis](#). For what it is worth, he is an [Indian](#) financial analyst and a nice man who allowed me to assist him in finding him the perfect apartment at a great price in his preferred location. I co-brokered the deal with an Indian realtor who [gently](#) guided me through the process of closing. This occurred during the past holiday when nobody else was available to help me through the process of my first deal. Both the client and agent were very [patient](#) with me and I am grateful. [Your reversal attracted these spiritual-like elements \(an Indian; gentleness and patience from others.\)](#)

I did get a new crown for my tooth which is an even better match than the original crown and only now can I begin to see the humor in this little drama and that life goes on. I can go on and on but I will stop here.

Keywords: Business, Work Issue, Money/Finance, Communications

Cosmic Accounting

Whenever we move our consciousness to a higher level, life responds to that effort. Whether it involves a small or great matter, sudden good fortune will arrive in response to any movement to the positive.

Today I had my eyes examined for the first time in seven years at Lenscrafters. Like going to the dentist, people do not normally look forward to such events, unless they are compelled to do so -- i.e. when life forces one to change through difficulty, pain, or some other compulsion.

On this occasion, I wanted to pay for service rendered half by credit card and the half through my debit (i.e. bank) card. In essence, I did not want to run up my credit card more than I had to. As it turned out, I was unable to make this arrangement, instead paying \$300 via credit and the remaining \$100 through debit.

A half hour or so later after returning to my office (with my eyes still dilated and as a result my vision still blurred), I went to my American Express account to see if I could make a compensating payment to offset the extra amount I paid using that credit card at Lenscrafters. Unfortunately, when I tried to access the account, it was unavailable. I took it simply as a sign that my desire to make an additional payment to compensate for overuse of my credit card was not necessary; i.e. demanded by life. And so I forgot the matter.

However, when I then went to my mailbox, I found an unusual letter. It was from the state informing me that I had some unclaimed money due, which required additional identification papers on my part. As you might have guessed, the amount was virtually the same as the amount I wanted to pay on my credit card account! Life in essence compensated me for my aspiration to draw down on credit card payments by "sending me the balance." It would turn out to be the only other money related matter that came to me by mail or otherwise that day.

As we see, life will respond to any shift in consciousness to the positive; even the most subtle of changes. Because I felt it was the right thing to not overextend my credit card and pay half of Lenscrafters bill via debit card, life itself made up the difference. In essence, by taking a higher order decision based on a practical value, I aligned with conditions that brought the transaction back into balance. Thus, through some cosmic-like accounting, the equilibrium of life was reestablished.

Keywords: Health/Well-Being, Resources (physical), Money/Finance

The Waitress (Money Focus Repels Money)

There was very good, self-giving waitress who noticed that every time she was nice to people she got low tips, but when she was not so nice she got high tips!

She came to the conclusion that it's best to be mean or indifferent to people.

Actually the deeper truth was that she was possessive of tips. When she was nice to people she expected to get big tips. And when she didn't, she got upset. On the other hand, when she was indifferent to customers, she didn't care about tips and therefore got more!

The key for her was not to think about tips at all, which would almost certainly cause tips to come pouring in. It is a subtle principle of life, often referred to as "detachment."

Naturally this principle applies to each of us when it comes to money - in our work and elsewhere.

Keywords: Work Issue, Service

Giving Up Attachment to Property Attracted Startling Results for Family

My elder brother not to give me any share in that property. Practically he was possessing & none other in my family. Neither my eldest brother, nor me, nor my sisters. We all were burning. I left my native place, secured a job in a paper mill & settled, leaving all my connection with my lawyer brother.

2006, I left my job, started my business. My only daughter is married & was on family way. Her delivery may be at any time, I was in one place, my wife went to assist & take care of my pregnant daughter. We did not have any funds. It was the most trying time.

One day I remembered my wife telling me Appa's words, that I should give up my hold on that property, (although legally not a penny was from that.) I made a strong resolution in front of Mother at our house, that I give up all my rights on that property, all hold on that & not only that, I will completely forget my legality & will happily release my title in favour of my lawyer brother. This I told only my wife, not my pregnant daughter. To our entire surprise, a week later my lawyer brother's son, he himself a Supreme Court lawyer, conveyed that he will buy the property & pay money for other shareholders, my sisters etc., & a legal release deed can be effected on that in 15 days. Oh, it is nothing but a great miracle in our life!! *The moment I gave up willingly, happily my hold, the knot unwhirled.* Such a life response we never expected & I conveyed Appa also, so also Mr. Asokan & my very close friend Mr. NM.

When I shifted my attitude of holding the attachment on the property & willingly made up my mind not only I got the share but my entire family members got. Otherwise it is almost impossible to get from my lawyer brother.

This is a miraculous life response, the credit of that goes only to Appa & to you, Sir. Otherwise these things will not happen.

Similarly I have some miracles by the Grace of Mother & the reversal & parallel psychology advocated by Mr. NM. I lost my money & belongings in Chennai Railway Station. It was stolen. After 10 months I got the money.

Keywords: Property, Family, Money/Finance, Lawyer

Life & Goals

Hi everyone ... I am recently experiencing 'positive Life Response' when I decelerate my life speed and when my thinking and planning is replaced by 'letting go' and trust. Perfect life opportunities emerge out of nothing and show me my new direction in Life (first step). I feel in this state that life force (my unique destiny) can flow through me without resistance. And this brings up the question if 'setting up goals' without knowing one's potential (aptitude, passion, talent, etc.), vision and purpose is wasting time.

Keywords: Career

An Experience at the County Courthouse

I had an experience the other day that verifies that the supramental power Sri Aurobindo uncovered, (otherwise known as "the spiritual Force,") evokes astonishing, unprecedented life movements. Moreover, it unfolds through a perfect melding and fusion of two elements -- Knowledge and Will -- two powers that it turns out enabled the supramental truth consciousness to create the universe from a Divine Source.

What happened was that the other day I had to appear at the local county courthouse. Though the matter was quite involved and a bit unnerving, I consecrated the event fully -- offering it to the spiritual force, i.e. supramental power. In addition, I stopped all thinking about the procedures I was about to go through, keeping my mind completely blank. Even though the issues I was about to tackle were involved and even intense, I cleared my mind of all thoughts and surrendered everything to the divine Mother.

Over the next several minutes, I began to experience an astonishing sequence of events. One by one, every decision I made proved to be the correct one; in every moment I seemed to be in the right place; at each point that thing fell perfectly into place. Life was cooperating at every turn, with an astonishing precision.

It was if I were on a magic carpet that was carrying me through a sequence of events that perfectly dovetailed with another. It was if I had no mind of my own, and all necessary knowledge was provided for me as I was carried from point to point.

This was NOT human life I was experiencing. This was some future type of human existence that Sri Aurobindo called "Supramental Life."

In essence, through my consecrated effort and the stilling of my thoughts, the Force replaced my own Will, while also providing the Knowledge when understanding was needed. These two, Knowledge and Will, were indistinguishable from one another in my consciousness. At each moment there was the Will to go to the next point as well as the Knowledge of how to do it. They had been become fused in my experience, as I was their servant and instrument. I was thereby taken out of time, overcoming space, and experiencing life outside the bounds of normal causality.

A while later when I sat down in the courtroom, I was simply overwhelmed. Even as I contemplated the astonishing events that had just occurred (and were still occurring), I felt a deep peace envelop me. As I sat there waiting for the proceedings to begin, I in a trance-like stillness that was accompanied by a gentle blissfulness. I could not imagine life any more harmonious and perfect.

Keywords:

Restraint

Definition

The method of Restraint is withholding one's self from rushing out to take an initiative, with the subtle knowledge and awareness that doing so will avoid negative consequences.

Restraint from Meeting with Friend Attracts Conference's Enormous Success

An associate of mine was about to participate in an important conference in a nearby city. Normally he travels throughout the world to give his presentation, but this time he happened to be participating in a gathering nearby.

I had not met with him in over a year and could have easily been overeager to see him. Though he emailed me and left his hotel information, I held back and practiced restraint, since there really was no other compelling reason for our getting together. In light of additional time constraints and other factors I thought this was the best approach. Plus I felt this could lead to positive consequences.

A week or so later my colleague informed me that the conference had gone exceedingly well; far beyond his expectations. He energetically told me that he had met a number of very interesting and influential people who were deeply sympathetic to his own aspirations in his field. He went on to tell me about other marvelous and most unexpected developments at the conference.

In retrospect I felt that my restraint helped evoke these wonderful results, reminding me once again of its extraordinary life response power.

Keywords: Accomplishment/Success

Restraint's Accomplishment Attracting Power

The more you restrain yourself and hold back the expression of built-up energy, the more it strengthens and attracts more benefit, including greater accomplishment in a work.

E.g. an individual who is too eager to put out some material he has been working on or feels too much of an urge to express what they have so far accomplished on a project can instead silently hold communication of it inside. As a result one attracts good fortune -- such as more and higher-value work, the earlier completion of a work, or the work taking on new dimensions that are beneficial to all parties involved. That is the power of not broadcasting a work too eagerly, and instead practicing restraint by holding it inside and build up accomplishment attracting power.

Keywords: Accomplishment/Success

Negative Response to Colorful Paintings

In one sense, it is not the details that determine the success of an activity, but the attitudes and behaviors we bring to bear. When they are positive, we attract good fortune in relation to the details, and are elated. When they are negative, we attract the opposite, and are disappointed.

Example: A man wanted to show a friend a website of an artist group who create very creative and colorful contemporary paintings. When he asked her to view it, she was busy with another matter. However, the man insisted, and she came over and reviewed it on his PC. The man was sure his friend would like the site, as the paintings were colorful, creative, created by fine artist like herself. However,

after viewing a few of the works, she was anxious to get back to her own work. When the man insisted that she see some more, she reluctantly complied.

A few minutes after, they engaged in conversation about the site, and he mentioned how lovely the paintings were. However, his friend responded that she felt all of the paintings were of a similar kind, which very much surprised the man, as he thought there were a wide variety of styles. In fact, the entire interaction in which she expressed her views on the matter turned out to a big disappointment.

Because he asserted his need to show her the paintings despite the fact she was busy with other chores, he attracted a series of negative responses from her that sorely disappointed. It was not the details (i.e. the quality of the site or the paintings or the artists) that was the problem, but the way he initiated the communication. Had he been more sensitive to his friend's needs, and been more patient to show the site, he might have elicited very different results, including the possibility that his friend might have admired every bit of the online presentation, and indicated that there indeed was "a wide variety of beautiful art"!

Keywords: Communications, Resources (Physical)

Unusual Impatience & Restraint Incident

Two men were waiting on a long line for their important travel documents to be processed. The first man's number was next, and he was very eager to be called. However, the more eager he became, the longer the delay continued.

Another man standing next to him observed and understood this inner-outer dynamic involving this impatient individual. He could have told the first man to give up his impatience, and thereby unblock the negative energy that was keeping his number from being called out, but he exercised restraint and kept it to himself.

Suddenly, the first man's number got called. It came as a result of the second man's understanding of the wrong attitude of the first, plus his restraint in not saying anything about the matter.

The first man now happily was served, while the second man smiled an inner smile to himself.

Keywords: Relationship

The Results of Non-Initiating Events

Two recent life responses:

1. Recently, i have been getting the feeling, that, either my work is getting repetitive, or maybe am getting too comfortable with the work, am doing, since I had been working in a project, for quite some time now. As a result, i wished to explore other areas, and learn something new, and felt this could also be the right time, as our company had introduced new technologies recently. I had an urge to talk to the department head about this. But, i strongly refrained from doing so, as life's initiative is always the best, when compared to our own initiative. So, i suppressed my urge to go and talk to them. And just a couple of weeks back, i came back from holiday, and on the first day of joining work, the department head, came and told me that he had a surprise for me, and that he had put me into a new project, that uses the new technologies, that i was eager to learn of.

I really thank Mother for giving me this wonderful opportunity.

2. I had a strong wish to see a movie, which had been released recently. Part 1 of this movie, was released, when i was in school, and since i liked it very much, i wanted to see the new version of it as well. I was thinking of asking my friends to see if they would like to go for the movie, but for some reason, i refrained from taking the initiative. The very next day, one of my friends sent a message, asking, if we could go and watch this movie.

I was very happy, and realised the power of Life Response.

Also, what I did notice was, when the thought of watching the movie occurred to me, it was just a simple thought, without any questions or doubts, or negative feelings. It was just a simple thought of wanting to watch a movie.

This made me realize the power of a simple and positive thought.

Let us all thank Mother for giving us this wonderful power of Life Response, which can perform miracles in our daily lives.

And, thank you so much Roy Posner Sir, for guiding us, through every day of our life.

Keywords: Work Issue, Boss, Media

Verbalizing Negatives of The Past

One of the more remarkable phenomena I have noticed (and experienced) over the years is that if you reminisce about a negative circumstance from the past, there is a good chance it will instantly start happening again! Therefore it is always best to avoid going down that road, and hold back speaking, feeling, and thinking about negative experiences from times gone by.

It was in fact that very approach that I practiced a week ago when on line at the motor vehicle bureau for registering my driver's license. There was a bright fellow who was in line next to me who reminisced how bad things were at the DMV in decades past. However, I caught myself and did not pursue that line of thinking, knowing that if I did, the line would soon come to a screeching halt or related! So I held my tongue, and the rest of the activity continued on as it had before – very well!

PS I have later revealed that for this person things went poorly in the processing, and at one point he even got in a tiff with someone up ahead for moving too slow.

Keywords: Vehicles (auto, etc.) Peace of Mind

Withholding Criticism Brings Praise

Withdraw a criticism of another, and soon after that person will unexpectedly praise an achievement of yours.

Example: A man was discussing issues with his business partner through messaging on the Internet. The partner said something that the man found indicative of the partner's overreaching and overexpecting tendency. Rather than comment back on that with criticism, he restrained himself and remained silent on the issue. Five minutes later the man most unexpectedly received a message from the partner that he had really liked the man's new personal web site. It was something the man had tried to have the partner view before, though it had not quite happened.

What the man longed to happen, - acknowledgement if not praise for the site, - occurred miraculous-like in this situation. Refraining from criticism of another brought back its opposite - praise - in the other direction>

Non-reaction to another's remarks, intensities, etc. enables such startling symmetric reversals.

Keywords: Communications, Restraint, Internet, Miraculous/Miraculousness

Withholding Self-Justification

If you feel emotionally that you have to justify your argument, best to pull back from expressing it. When you do, sometime thereafter the other party may well very appreciate your position and more, much to your surprise.

Example: A man sent his partner information. In that he thought would be valuable, though it was slightly off topic. The partner then sent a note back in which he was not taken with what he received. The first man thought that it was simply a misunderstanding, and desired to inform his partner of the fact with further details. Instead he held back. The next morning his partner sent a note back in which he said that the (original) content was the most profound thing he had ever read in his life.

Keywords: Communications, Relationship

Powerful Real Estate Sales Stories -3

The NY Subway system seems to be where I do my time travelling. This may seem strange but I would not exaggerate this. You know how when you meet a new person you have some "business" to conduct and they appear and keep on re-appearing? Sure you do. The unique thing that I have been experiencing is that when the reappearance occurs, I AM ENTIRELY INVISIBLE to the other person until I call attention to my presence. *Very interesting. When there is something in common, positive or negative, it happens this way. Being invisible from the negative person is a result of your inner "advantage."* This phenomenon happens often! While I can clearly trace my steps in a logical chronology I can tell from the STUNNED reaction on the other person(s) face that when they physically see me, it is not only the coincidence that blows their mind, it is like I have just materialized out of thin air like a Star Trek "beam me down"!

Case in point: A client of mine recently *fibbed (see above)* and said that he had a business meeting to attend, when in reality he in fact was meeting with another realtor. Well, at some random time and subway stop I walked onto the subway and there Mr. Prospect was talking about his meeting with a friend about his having met with agent x and how he would prefer to spend his money on a big screen tv rather than a broker commission. I was literally 3 feet away from him and he did not see me at all. I made no attempt to hide and was thinking of making some sarcastic remark about big screen TVs. I was tempted to blow his mind and call him on his lie, but opted to say nothing. *Restraint is VERY admirable! Maybe life responded in your favor to this in some way thereafter.* I just witnessed the little play unfold and de-trained. I must impress upon you that the odds of this incident occurring in NYC must be several million to one. **That's exactly how these things work. Inner connections between things are not limited by space and time.**

Keywords: Train, Relationship, Business

Untitled

When you withdraw taking an action that props up your ego, that which you desired tends to occur shortly after. E.g. an individual wanted to broadcast that a friend of his had a successful meeting at a prestigious conference. To do that, he had to add some additional information about his friend to the post. It had in essence elevated the man's ego to point out the success of a close acquaintance. Realizing the ego-related principle involved, he withdrew the added information. Twenty minutes later a new entry was broadcast by the organization with his friend prominently featured!

Keywords: Communications, Accomplishment/Success

Restraint from Initiating Evokes a Life Response Outcome

If you withhold initiating an action towards another party, they will in turn initiate a very positive action back towards you related to the original or another matter.

E.g. in the past I had a relation with a company that did not end in success. However, recently I had a new design that I thought they could make a beautiful object out of. This time however, I restrained myself and did not forward the design to him because (a) I remembered that things did not work out in the past, and (b) I recalled that initiating tends not to work out (whereas Life initiating works out better).

The next day I saw an entry in a discussion forum where this same individual responded very enthusiastically to a post I had recently made, something he had never done over the course of half a decade, even though I had made hundreds of such posts before!

By not initiating to an individual in an area, that individual quickly responded positively in a wholly different area. It is a profound truth of life we can all learn from.

Keywords: Communications, Business

Withheld Response to Article Attracts News that Substantiates an Earlier View

I realize that a person of higher consciousness moves the world from within instead of outwardly. E.g., we don't have to respond to an article to create change, but move to neutrality or move inward to do it, which will attract positive circumstances to us. Case in point:

I have contacted a web site that favors the construction of new tall buildings and is callous to the idea that there might be seismic concerns because they are too tall. Once I sent an email and got a somewhat return, (mainly because my energies were too passionate against his point of view.)

Now a new article was written on another subject. I have strong suggestions for the writer, but I decided to withhold them with the idea that I can better affect the world by withholding my thought (or better yet by other spirit-oriented movements within). Here I simply do not send the email.

Less than a minute after taking that position, I see an article in the paper that indicates that the very high-rises I was concerned about several months earlier were now being questioned as well by state agencies as to their seismic safety! No one had done this before. My decision not to act in the one case – with the idea that that I could move life through silence or even spirit -- attracted a result that supported part of my earlier contention that I thought had merit.

Keywords: Communications, Property, State/Province

The Life Response Power of Restraint

One of the challenges of life is to know when to take a physical initiative, and when to hold back. Interestingly, when we restrain ourselves from taking outward action, we can attract results that are as great or greater than taking a physical initiative. Here is an example:

Recently I have been involved in the development of several online expert systems. One involves romance, another sales, a third, personal growth. It is the culmination of many years of research into the subtle workings of life that was begun by the multi-dimensional, spiritual genius Sri Karmayogi. In the early days of developing one of those systems, I had taken the initiative to read a book that contained highly relevant information for our project. A second stage was to organize all of my underlines, highlights, and notes so that the content could be used as the project moved forward. However, rather than take an outer, physical initiative, I decided to restrain myself and hold back. At that time, I sensed that doing so might attract positive results.

Well just after making this decision, I received a very unexpected note from the lead content developer who asked me to forward the name of the very book in question so he could use it for the system. Needless to say, I was stunned by this turn of events! *I then realized that my earlier aspiration had come true, manifesting from the outside. That because I held back from taking further action, my associate came forward and essentially took up the work I intended to do myself. That is the life response power of restraint in life.*

Normally, we believe that taking an outer action creates results. Of course, that is true. However, there is also a more subtle knowledge that non-action can also attract great benefit when applied in the right situation. Knowing the difference is to develop a great capacity and power over life.

It turns out that there is a spiritual principle behind this inner approach to accomplishment. Those who have come to spirit have recognized certain common experiences of consciousness -- including profound insight and Knowledge; a feeling of Oneness with others and the world; a dynamic, Creative urge; an inner swelling and feeling of Love; the experience of utter Joy and Delight, and several others. And yet behind these spiritual movements, there is another power -- not of action and movement -- bit of silence and stillness. It is the spiritual experience of 'Silent Witness.'

Consider the theory of creation. A universe of visible and invisible forms and forces took shape from a timeless, spaceless Being. And yet behind this unfolding there is a stability rooted in stillness and silence, standing back and observing Its creation. This silent, still Being is in fact the source of that which is created. It thus has a power to act and create, as well as to be silent, still, and hold back. It is the Creator's power of cosmic Action and of restraint as Silent Witness.

Well, it turns out that this same capacity is available to us. Through an inner poise of stillness and calm, we can silently observe the world, becoming still witness to life's current conditions. From there, we will know whether to act or to hold back. Because we are silent observer of the world, we develop the best instincts, enabling us to make right decisions that have the very best outcomes. In fact, they often come in the form of sudden good fortune -- i.e. life response -- which is what happened when I stood back and decided not to act, attracting my friend's own initiative and action.

Keywords: Communications, Work Issue

Withholding Communication of Design Attracts Positive Result in Another Area

Action based on ego is always worth restraining one's self from. It's also often best not to take action when things in the past have not worked out well. It's best to hold it within, which can have a power to attract positive outcomes.

For example, a man had a business relationship with a company in the past that unfortunately did not end in success. Now he had a new design that he thought they could make a beautiful object out of. This time, however, remembering that things hadn't worked out in the past, he restrained himself and did not forward the design to the contact.

The next day he saw an entry in a discussion forum where this same individual responded very enthusiastically to a post he had recently made, something he had never done over the course of half a decade, even though he had made hundreds of such posts before!

Comment:

By not initiating to an individual in that one area, that individual quickly responded positively in a wholly different area. It is another example of the life response power of restraining one's action

Keywords: Communications, Business

Restraining from Talking about Opportunity Attracts It

Recently, I had been getting the feeling that either my work is getting repetitive, or maybe am getting too comfortable with the work. As a result, I wished to explore other areas, and learn something new.

I also felt this could also be the right time, as our company had introduced new technologies recently.

And so I had an urge to talk to the department head about this.

But, instead of going ahead with the idea, I strongly restrained myself from doing so, suppressing my urge to go and talk to him.

Well it turns out that when I came back from holiday a few weeks ago, on the very first day of returning to work, the department head came and told me that he had a surprise for me; that he had placed me in a new project that uses the new technologies; one that I was eager to learn about!"

Comment:

As we see again, when we restrain ourselves from taking action, here based on a feeling or something we want, life can fulfill our deepest aspirations.

This is a form of restraint called "Silent Will." That is if you withhold communicating your desire, it builds up a power for it to be realized.

Keywords: Work Issue, Boss

Holding Back Assertion Attracts Startling Result

A man sent his partner information that he thought would be valuable, though it was slightly off topic. The partner then sent a note back in which he was not taken with what he received. The first man thought that it was simply a misunderstanding, and desired to inform his partner of the fact with further details. Instead he held back. The next morning his partner sent a note back in which he said that the (original) content was the most profound thing he had ever read in his life.

So whenever you feel that urge to justify yourself, to re-assert yourself, hold back. If you do, you can attract the unbelievable!

Keywords:

Taking Another's Point Of View

Taking the Other Person's Point of View and Life Response

One of the most extraordinary principles of Life Response is that when we give up our own view of things - - however much correct -- and embrace the other person's position -- however much in error or at odds with our own perception -- life responds out of all proportion. This mind twisting truth is no mere concept, but a lived experience that conscious individuals have had throughout time.

Taking the other person's point of view is to take the view of Life, of the deeper and wider truth of things that also has the benefit of attracting good fortune to your person. If e.g. you accept the view of a creditor you owe money rather than assert your own argument (even if correct!), good fortune will quickly come back to you -- whether the relief of long-term physical pain, or the sudden emergence of work and income when they were practically non-existent, or other forms of benefit.

To take the view of another is to connect with the universal truth of things, to a consciousness that has integral knowledge of all sides of a matter. It is, to use Sri Aurobindo's term, the "supramental" perspective that has a great power to attract: to bring the universe, others, and the best of circumstance to your doorstep.

Here is an illustration of this principle:

A few years back, several colleagues and I collaborated online on a potential expert system for the Internet. While some of us had developed a deep knowledge of human consciousness over the years, a new partner in the group had not yet had such experiences. Interestingly, when we tried to communicate some of those insights to our friend, it did not stick.

Sometime later our new partner contacted me asking for help in developing an initial round of introductory materials for the planned expert system site. But in order to respond, first I needed to know what the purpose of the expert system was in the first place; including what benefits users would derive from using it. Since we had not come to any consensus in months of discussion with other members, coming up with an introductory statement for the site seemed premature.

However, rather than focus on our differences and the "logic" of the situation, I decided to try something different and simply embrace his point of view. In other words, I was ready to do whatever he requested; no questions asked.

And so, not only did I accept in full his apparently limited conception of the system, but I agreed to develop materials for the site reflecting that view.

When we later had our first follow-up discussion, interesting things started happening. First, he boldly suggested that I include several of my own articles at our introductory site. This was a total surprise and delight for me because I had not expected to use this content for this reduced site. And besides, I did not think my colleague had read any of my articles!

Then when it came to reviewing the materials he asked me to put together, there was another surprise. In it I had included a powerful life principle that I did not believe he understood, or would ever make the effort to comprehend, as that was not his nature. And yet startlingly and most unexpectedly we had a very stimulating discussion on that very subject, which left me a bit dazed. In fact, he now saw the overwhelming benefit of the principle, to the point where he was expressing unbridled, gushing enthusiasm for the idea!

Listening to his response, I was dumbstruck by his interest and passion. After all, this was not the sort of feature he seemed able grasp in the past; and now he had suddenly become its advocate and champion! Needless to say, I was startled by the turn of events.

As it turned out, the group would go on to develop a series of powerful online programs, including the consciousness-oriented TenfoldSales.com for sales professionals and RomanceEternal.org for human relationships; applications that likely would have not been developed if my colleague hadn't been drawn in.

Reflecting on the incident, it became clear that because I opened to his conception of things, instead of fixating on my own, life opened up in ways I never would have imagined. By shedding my own perspective and embracing in full his point of view, I entered a wider sphere of existence from which I elicited good fortune for myself, my associate, and the entire team.

Thus in a supreme bit irony, through this “pretzel logic of the Infinite” of acceding to another’s truth over my own, I was able to attract the very things I had hoped for. That is the staggering power of taking to and fully embracing another’s point of view!

Keywords: Works Issue, Relationship, Communications

Untitled

When you are confronted with doing what you want vs. doing what another person wants, and you defer to them, they will surprisingly bring you benefit that is most unexpected, such as what you initially desired!

It's a very common experience. Two people approach the refrigerator to interact with it. One wants to get something. Another wants to put something away. The first person viewed the second as an intrusion from completing his task. He then catches himself and completely withdrew his intention, allowing the other person to proceed. After she finishes, she then hands something to him. It is precisely the things that he was after! He is completely surprised by her gift! It is the joy of a life response received by shifting from ego to non-ego, from selfishness to selflessness.

Keywords: Home Appliances

The Old House

Here is a life response experience a devotee recently referred to me.

“I would like to share my life response experience. My father in law who is in India wished us to receive from him a property for investment purposes. But my husband and I didn’t like that previously-built, old house. For one, we realized that the home’s worth was not going to be much of an investment. And yet we were both being pressured to buy it.

Though the house didn’t seem like much of an investment, my father is in his 80s, and so I told my husband that money is not everything in the world. If buying the house would make him happier in his old age, then that was fine for us. At least we would get the chance to make him happy. That was my exact statement.

We thought of calling them to India the next morning. But after 30 minutes we received a call from India and the message was that they had dropped the plan. They decided to go with our own wishes, and therefore told us not to bother ourselves any more about it anymore. As you can imagine I was shocked by this development.

Though response is always playing a very big role in life, this was the very first time I noticed a life response; mainly because of your writings and postings. At the time my husband hesitated to take the house, I made that decision whole heartedly without having a trace of frustration. And life responded for us!

It was truly amazing. I couldn't believe how the results turned out to be favorable for us. Thanks much for your guidance.”

Comment: The response was due to your act of Goodness, taken on the elder man’s behalf, which built inner positive energies that attracted these fortunate conditions back to you. Also because you took other person's point of view, instead of holding onto your own despite the validity of your argument (valuelessness of the old house), you attracted that which you wanted in the first place (not having to take the house).

Keywords: Property, Family, Spouse

Tuna Can Response

It's best to turn your complaining and assertion of your position to one of accepting the other person's point of view; even going so far as to feel gratitude toward the other person for what they have done on your behalf. When you do, there is a reasonably good chance that what bothered you materially will be found to have never existed in the first place!

A man was complaining to his wife that the tuna he was about to open from a can was not solid but mushy. The title on the can was "Chunk Light." He insisted that she should purchase ones that just said "Chunk" without the Light. She said it doesn't make a difference, that the others were more expensive, etc. Then at one point he decided to shift away from his complaint and position, and feel grateful for the fact that she made the purchase in the first place. When he then opened the can he discovered that the tuna was all solid! -- even though it was called Chunk Light. By shifting his consciousness, what he perceived to be materially a fact actually never was to begin with.

Keywords: Spouse, Communications

Taking Another's Point Of View Attracts Success

If you switch from your position to the other person's point of view, while remaining still inside, everything tends to go right thereafter.

Eg rather than take the same approach to shopping for new clothes, you recall in the back of your mind your friend's suggestion to shop at a particular store. When you take her advice and go there, remaining still and calm at each point, everywhere you turn you find just what you were looking for, and more. You feel like you have experienced the miraculous.

Keywords: Relationship

Power of Accepting Another's Point Of View on Money

If you are having a disagreement on the status of what is owed, and you completely withdraw insistence, even taking the other person's viewpoint in full, very soon after you are likely to receive word from the other party that your perspective was the true one, and you will benefit.

An instructor had an amicable exchange with his referral agent on a significant bit of money he was owed. The issue was examined from various sides, and the exchange went back and forth. The consultant then told himself that he was not going to press the matter further, he would not insist; in fact he would accept the agent's position as the true one. The next day he received an email from the agent who said that the consultant's view was in fact the correct one, and the important money due was being sent and would arrive soon.

Keywords: Money/Finance, Instructor

Manager Accepts Landlords Point of View

An organization shifted back to its old office. Before moving in, the manager of the organization asked for the garage area which is dirt and grass to be paved for his car. The landlord said he had already paid the contractor but due to dispute it was not done and he cannot pay another Rs 3000 to get it done. The manager hired workers to clean up the dirt area as best they could at his own expense on Saturday

afternoon and resigned himself to accept the situation. Monday morning he found the garage had been paved. When he exhausted his effort and removed all demand or expectation, life responded.

Keywords: Communications, Relationship, Manager

Taking the Other Person's Point of View

One of the most extraordinary principles of life is that the best way to convince another of your position on a matter is to take theirs! This mind twisting truth is no mere concept, but a lived experience that conscious individuals have had over time. Here is a recent illustration:

Over the last six months, colleagues and I have had discussions about a potential expert system for the Internet. While several of us had developed a knowledge of human consciousness over the years, a newer partner had not yet had such experiences. Interestingly, when we tried to communicate that knowledge to our friend, it did not stick.

Recently that partner contacted me asking for help in developing an initial round of introductory materials for the site. In order to express ourselves, we first needed to know what the purpose of the expert system site was, as well include the benefits users would derive from using it. Since we had not come to a consensus on what this was over the past half year, coming up with that introductory statement for the public seemed to require us to revisit that exhaustive process again, something I was not looking forward to.

However, rather than focus on our difference, I decided to simply embrace the mini project. In particular, I decided that rather than worry about revisiting an unresolved issue, I would simply take up whatever my colleague had in mind. Not only did I accept his apparent lesser conception of the system, but the materials I would develop would reflect that view. Thus, my strategy was not to impose my own position, but to embrace my partner's in full.

When we then had our first collaborative discussion, interesting things quickly started happening. First, he suggested that I include several of my articles at this introductory site. Though I struggled at first to come up with something appropriate, I finally thought of a relevant article. Then I developed a small summary of the theme for the article, indicating how this principle would be incorporated in our future expert system. But what was most remarkable was that the partner and I began to have a very stimulating discussion about that subject. In fact, he began to see the overwhelming benefit of the principle to the point where he was expressing unbridled, gushing enthusiasm for the idea! Listening to his response, I was dumbstruck by his interest and passion. After all, this was the sort of feature he seemed unable grasp in the past; and now he had suddenly become its advocate and champion! Needless to say, I was startled by this turn of events.

Reflecting on the incident, it was clear that because I was opened to *his* conception of the system, I opened the doors of possibility that enabled him to begin to embrace an important part of mine. By taking the other person's point of view, I opened the doors to a wider sphere, attracting good fortune for myself *and* my associate. By moving away from ego, including the need to impose, I attracted that which I was unable to garner before -- his full interest and enthusiasm on a once elusive principle. Through this pretzel logic of the Infinite, I had begun to overcome a conundrum and problem of the past, while opening the door further to an exciting and creative future.

Finally, when we take another person's point of view, we are not only doing the right thing, but we are engaging in a spiritual act, as we-

- shut down the mind and open to Truth that lies beyond our narrow perception.
- recognize that in every truth, the opposite is also true.
- move from our own separateness and distance from the other person to harmony with that individual.
- value the welfare of another above and beyond our own.

Deep knowledge, truth, harmony, oneness, and self-givingness are various expressions of the spirit that comes from embracing another's viewpoint. Moreover, when we make that harmonic effort, miraculous-like conditions suddenly blossom, reflecting the phenomenon of "life response" in action.

Keywords: Work Issue, Relationship, Communications

Untitled

When you give up your insistence on how to solve a problem, life responds and brings you unexpected good or great fortune.

Example: A woman ran a café that was in her family for generations. Now it was failing. She was distraught to no end. Someone who loved her offered her money. At first she absolutely refused it and him. At the very moment she finally gave in and accepted him and the funds, she got a call in which she learned about whereabouts of her long lost nephews.

Keywords: Business, Money/Finance, Family

Willingness to Make Small Correction Opens Up the World

A swallowing of ego and willingness to correct the slightest mistake suggested by another can open up an entire new world of possibility.

A partner suggested that a small error was there in the training materials of a workshop the other partner had developed. The second partner took umbrage that the first partner was focusing on a minutia as opposed to the overall presentation. Still he pushed the troubled feeling aside, did not give it voice, and went ahead and made the small change anyway. Suddenly a moment later for the first time the two were considering working together to market the entire 7-day workshop!

Thus we see that the small, even an apparent negative small, taken in the right light can open to the door to the very large. In other words, the micro is an opening to the macro when embraced in the right way. Why is this so? The tiny is great because it is one with everything else. From the perspective of the highest consciousness there is no distinction between the small and the large, the micro and the macro. Pull the string on the tiny, such as embracing it rather than being hostile towards it - and the universe will quickly open up!

Keywords: Ego, Work Issue, Business, Product, Agreeable/Agreeability

From Reluctance to Acceptance to the Pinnacles of Success

Reluctance is indicative of a wanting attitude, rooted deep in our physical nature which does not want to change. It also has a mental component that does not want to embrace a new idea or possibility, even if it is true. In that way, our reluctance to do, act, or embrace keeps us in stasis -- often sending us reeling backwards. However, if we catch ourselves and overcome a recalcitrant attitude, embracing in full the matter or possibility at hand, life tends to quickly move in our favor, as the following episode demonstrates.

One day recently, I was preparing to do some work for a client of mine in the Sacramento area. The representative of the firm requested that I perform several functions in the upcoming class that were not part of the normal curriculum. I agreed to do them in principle, but when it came to prepare for the class, I was just a tad hesitant to take those extra preparatory steps. The main issue was that I wasn't sure if in the class itself I would have the time to do those extras and still cover the standards course topics.

Just after waking the next morning, I thought about the issue, and decided on two courses of action. First, I resolved that I wouldn't worry myself sick about the matter since it was not really a big deal. Second, I

took a step into the light and concluded that I would simply do what the client asked for, no matter what the demands on my time were, taking it as a kind of "adventure into the unknown." With that more enlightened attitude, I took up the day's activities.

When I got around to the preparatory work for the client, I simply did it, even enjoying it somewhat. Then after a few moments, at an unusual hour in the morning, I received a most unexpected call. It was from a potential new client overseas who was eager to pay for one of our online software applications, but was unable to do so through our standard payment procedures. I then made arrangements for a different method of payment for them. When I then hung up the phone, it dawned on me what really happened.

I realized the first "demanding" client would pay me \$1000 for a day's worth of work, which involved a considerable amount of time and energy in conducting the class, including the extra features requested. The second client, who contacted me by phone out of the blue after doing the preparation for the other, also would pay me \$1000 -- only it required virtually *no effort* of my part, as all they needed was the URL address to our online service.

In other words, because I shifted from reluctance and embraced the details required for a more difficult, time-consuming physical work, I instantly evoked another client for the very same \$1000 amount, but which required hardly any work at all! I was reminded once again that when we give up our truculent attitude and embrace the givens before us, no matter how difficult or challenging, life immediately returns the favor. The result comes from out of nowhere in the form of more money, better paying work, an unexpected large sale, a new opportunity, ease of effort, and so forth. Or, as in this case above, in various combinations of these.

If we were to step back and observe what goes on in the course of our day, we would discover several instances where we were reluctant to embrace the current needs and conditions of life. Sometimes our hesitancy is justified, but too often, it is simply the result of the resistance of our vital/emotional nature that does not want to change or embrace the demands of the Now. The interesting thing, however, is that if we make that extra effort and go beyond our restricted attitude, life will quickly bring us luck. Sometimes what comes can literally change the course of our lives -- such as a sudden boost in our career, a golden opportunity appearing out of nowhere, or even the beginnings of a life-long romance.

When we shift from hesitancy to acceptance, we open the portals of possibility -- quickly aligning with the most positive of conditions. Moreover, each time you make that attitudinal transition, you build up a new level of strength that compels you to practice it more often. As a result, your existence becomes a never-ending unfolding of the miraculous, as you continually attract the infinite potentials of life to the here and now.

Keywords: Work Issue, Money/Finance, Order, Service

Obey the Master

To obey the immediate MASTER, whoever he is and whatever the consequences is a spiritual value that hastens the best final result. (Sri Karmayogi)

Comment: In WWII as depicted in *Bridge Over the River Kwai*, after first resisting him the English colonel obeyed the ruthless Japanese colonel in charge of the prisoner of war camp, and with his men built a magnificent bridge across the river. The English soldiers made the bridge perfect, as the English colonel valued duty and its perfection. Soon after the bridge was blown up by the prisoners, leading to the downfall of the Japanese there. That is how life works. Obeying the immediate master -- positive or negative -- has this extraordinary positive consequence of hastening the best final results. It is perhaps a form of taking the other person's point of view, no matter what, which will bring about your most cherished desires through Life's confounding, yet astonishing logic.

Keywords: History, Teacher, Accomplishment/Success

Change to Interest In Another Changes Tone of Conversation from Strain to the Very Positive Between Two Associates

"I met a fellow trainer and programmer in the book store. In the past when I would meet him in a coffee shop before my classes at LBL he would be busy working on his new book on Excel spreadsheet functions. I always felt that I was being somewhat aggressive in my conversation, and as a result he had a slight hesitancy of wanting to continue the conversation. This seemed to be due to both his business with his book, but more due to my aggressive conversation.

Yesterday I saw the same pattern in our discussion. After a while something in me said "enough!" So I shifted from speaking on the current subject from my point of view, to an effort of trying to bring out his overall interest in the subject at hand. In particular I wondered what motivated him in the area we are discussing (which was the writing of books). So I raised the issue, which he then responded to with a serious enthusiasm. After a few moments I noticed he kept coming towards me with great animation and energy. I was astonished at how quickly things had turned around; almost a complete reversal! (I was almost backing off myself!)

Then I was able to relate his explanation of his perspective of the point we were discussing to something from my own experience. He acknowledged my perspective with enthusiasm, further raising the energy of the conversation. Thus our relationship had gone from the slight strains of the past to an energized, give and take, mutually satisfying conversation. It was a great moment for me."

Comments:

- Responses are instantaneous to change of attitudes.
- A practical understanding that people respond when you show concern for them, including their point of view, interests.
- It is a response at the gross/material plane in that the results was there, right before one's eyes. Though it is subtle too in that vibrations of thought and emotion are brought out in another.
- Concern for another also enables one's own happiness.
- It is a practical skill of life.

Keywords: Relationship, Communications

Engineer Directed To Look At Fundamental Issue Involved

We often seek the solution to a problem by merely trying to reverse the effects, but we are better off examining the deeper causes and finding solutions there.

E.g. an engineer ran into a serious problem in the system and tried to solve it from there. But a person of greater wisdom suggested that they look into the fundamental cause of the problem, which he provided. Though the engineer could not see into the cause as clearly as the wise man did, it made the engineer see a practical solution based on that deeper causality. The engineer made the necessary adjustments and the problem was instantly solved.

Keywords: Work Issue, Machinery

Accepting Another's Perspective Of Leaving To Another Area Attracts

"My working visa was coming to an end and *I desperately did not want to return to Australia* after living in London for two years. I was convinced that I would have more of a chance launching a music career in London.

My friend convinced me to release my resistance to leaving and I'm glad that I did because my life has changed significantly as a result.

After years of unhappily working in corporate communications in Australia and London, I auditioned and was accepted into a Bachelor of Music in Jazz Performance back home in Brisbane.

I am now a jazz singer performing regularly as well as teaching singing and piano- my dream job! I have also just been invited as a guest singer at a prestigious concert in Osaka, which will be taking place in March. All expenses paid.

I love my life back home in Australia and look forward to travelling back to London for gigs."

This is such a powerful way to evoke sudden good fortune!

Keywords: Career, Work Issue, Nation

Mini Examples of the Life Response Power of Taking the Other Person's Point Of View

-A man who has the lowest sales in the organization is asked to work several weekends beyond his five day week, but does not respond well to the request. When he relents and accepts his boss's viewpoint and works that second consecutive weekend shift, now 14 days in a row, he attracts the biggest sale of his life, catapulting him to the top of his peers in monthly sales, and changing the course of his career.

-A man's computer had stopped working, which put his work at great jeopardy. At first he tried to fix it on his own, avoiding the suggestions of another. He finally gave in and listened to her advice, and suddenly finds the flier that explains how to open the system and alter the battery. Immediately his difficult problem is solved.

-A woman who for years only worked short term assignments and as a result had little savings refused to take on a small job, as she saw no point in it. She then changes her point of view and fully accedes to her friend's advice, and goes to that one-day job. As a result, life responds in the days that follow as she attracts a series of long-term positions, giving her security and financial stability, something her friend deeply believed could happen.

-A man who did not like such work finally gave in and takes up an offer from a friend of his parents to work in one of his chain stores, after years of just stumbling from one painting job to another. Several weeks after starting the job, he meets with several people who change the course of his life and career.

Keywords: Sales, Work Issue, Boss, Employment, Career

Obeying the Person in Higher Position Attracts

To obey the immediate MASTER, whoever he is and whatever the consequences is a spiritual value that hastens the best final result. (Sri Karmayogi)

Comment: In WWII as depicted in Bridge Over On the River Kwai, after first resisting him the English colonel obeyed the ruthless Japanese colonel in charge of the prisoner of war camp, and with his men built a magnificent bridge across the river. The English soldiers made the bridge perfect, as the English colonel valued duty and ...its perfection. Soon after the bridge was blown up by the prisoners, leading to the downfall of the Japanese there. That is how life works. Obeying the immediate master -- positive or negative -- has this extraordinary positive consequence of hastening the best final results. It is perhaps a form of taking the other person's point of view, no matter what, which will bring about your most cherished desires through Life's confounding, yet astonishing logic.

Keywords: History, Teacher, Accomplishment/Success

Untitled

If a difference of opinion arises with another and you consecrate the matter while taking the other person's point of view, the other person will tend to suddenly take your position, which will benefit you with absolute precision down to the smallest detail, to the penny, etc.

A man had been staying at a motel for three weeks, and had no difficulties in making payments for each night. Now the boss appeared, and he seemed to want to raise the rate. The man felt an impending confrontation with the boss. The man then caught himself, consecrated the matter offering it to the spiritual Force, and also decided to take the boss's point of view no matter what. Instantly the boss gave the same rate that the man had been charged previously down to the penny, and exhibited a softness in his manner that he ordinarily did not demonstrate.

Keywords: Money/Finance, Boss

Deep Listening

Doubling Sales Output by Listening Instead of Interrupting

In any course on personal growth, developing listening skills and empathy are near the top. There is an irresistible urge to interrupt another when they are speaking and substitute your own thoughts. There are others who simply do not listen even if they have nothing to add. Whether of commission or omission, not listening to another indicates the rule of our unconsciousness. And yet if we shift from interruption or indifference to true listening, where we care about and are interested in what another is saying, we can attract the miraculous.

Bill was the top performing salesman in a leading chain of home entertainment stores. His knowledge of audio and video systems excelled all his colleagues. He delighted customers with a capacity for clear and interesting explanations, and exuded a polite confidence that quickly won over customers (even those with a healthy distrust of salespeople). No wonder he topped the list of salespeople month after month.

In spite of his remarkable abilities, Bill's sales manager observed one cardinal defect. He did not know how to listen. Whenever a customer began explaining his needs, Bill's keen intelligence quickly anticipated what the customer was going to say and tried to spare customers the time and effort by finishing sentences for them. Many customers were surprised by his insight, some were startled, a few were annoyed, but everyone admired Bill's capacity.

One day Bill's sales manager asked him to make a change in his mode of delivery. "Every time a customer starts speaking, I want you to listen without interruption until he finishes what he has to say and then hold your breath and count to three, so the customer has an opportunity to start speaking again."

Bill reluctantly consented and practiced the new technique for a week. At the end of the week, his sales manager reported that Bill had doubled his normal sales output. That's the power of NOT INTERRUPTING!

Keywords: Communications, Sales, Manager

Not Thinking About Problem

Forget About It!

If you are bothered by a problem, simply forgetting the issue and withdrawing any anxiety about it can cause the matter to self-correct.

A man was frustrated that he couldn't get his virus protection and backup programs to work in tandem. He had to turn one off to enable the other to work. After various attempts to solve the problem, including calls to tech support, he put aside the entire matter. A week or so later the problem self corrected and the two programs were now working in perfect sync.

In another situation, an individual was trying to make contact via phone to the Indian visa office in San Francisco. He had to wait a half hour or more to get through each time he called over the course of a month. The situation had now reached the point of absurdity as many other issues tied to that office had also failed the man. Seeing that after consecrating the matter, it still remained problematic, he decided to forget the matter completely. A week later he contacted that office twice and in both instances was INSTANTLY connected, without a minute delay. Plus the underlying mystery of what was causing the delay in the processing of the visa was discovered.

In both cases forgetting and withdrawing emotional angst attracted the resolution of the problem on its own.

Keywords: Work Issue, Nation

Subtle Inner Power Over the Outer Physical

The subtle - which includes the realm of our emotions, thoughts, and spirit - have progressively more power over physical reality than our mere physical actions.

E.g. an individual tried and tried and could not get the software on her computer to work; frustrating her to no end. She then realized the error of her ways (i.e. negative attitude) and trying to force things, in which case she decided to completely give up and forget about it. Out of the blue and less than ten seconds later she discovered the way to make the software work. She tried it out and it did!

It is the subtle inner power we possess over the outer physical life.

Keywords: Work Issue, Resources (physical)

Verbalizing Negatives of The Past

One of the more remarkable phenomena I have noticed (and experienced) over the years is that if you reminisce about a negative circumstance from the past, there is a good chance it will instantly start happening again! Therefore it is always best to avoid going down that road, and hold back speaking, feeling, and thinking about negative experiences from times gone by.

It was in fact that very approach that I practiced a week ago when on line at the motor vehicle bureau for registering my driver's license. There was a bright fellow who was in line next to me who reminisced how bad things were at the DMV in decades past. However, I caught myself and did not pursue that line of thinking, knowing that if I did, the line would soon come to a screeching halt or related! So I held my tongue, and the rest of the activity continued on as it had before - very well!

PS I have later revealed that for this person things went poorly in the processing, and at one point he even got in a tiff with someone up ahead for moving too slow.

Keywords: Vehicles (auto, etc.) Peace of Mind

Untitled

I was about to take a final session on Promotional techniques to our students on the next day first hour and when I started preparing notes for my session , I noticed that no more copies of the books by Philip Kotler are available at the school., referring it was very important for my preparations. I was in trouble but forgot to offer it consciously to Mother as other works were there at the office. But a deep craving for a copy of the Book was there subconsciously for hours. By 3 PM, two visitors came to my office, they were from Pearson Publishing, an appointment fixed a week before. By then, I was totally forgotten about the Kotlers book, until they offered me three sample copies of book at the end of our conversation, One on Knowledge management, other on People in Organisation and the third one Philip Kotler's Marketing Management Copies. I thanked them and immediately thought about the Life Response phenomenon. Thanked Mother as well.

Keywords: Instructor, Student

Detachment that Overcomes Delay

One of my favorite strategies to take when things appear to be in limbo -- such as when an order is pending, or an important shipment is on its way, or an invoice is not yet paid -- is to shift my attention *away* from it and bury myself in something else, particularly when it involves hard work. Invariably, when I do, the thing delayed or held in suspension is suddenly unleashed. In fact, not only does it manifest as a sudden positive response, but just before it happened, it had all but been forgotten!

That is precisely what occurred the other day when I was waiting on a payment so I could send a link to a client to start using our web-based software application. Rather than worry about the matter, I simply lost myself in an important research project. When I had tried several times to find out the status of the payment, there was no tracking information available. But after I buried myself in the research work, and then later casually checked the status again, I learned that it was moving to fruition.

Now I saw that as a result of my *inattention* to the problem, by focusing on another matter, I was able to attract the payment that previously had been in limbo. Then there was a further development. Though the payment was now clearly in transit, would it actually arrive? After all, there was reason to be skeptical since it had been delayed several times, and anything could still happen. However, once again, rather than worry about the important payment, I buried myself in another work. This time it wasn't the research work, but the cleaning of my bathroom floor! And so I cleared out the room, gathered together the best cleaning utensils and materials, and scraped and scrubbed in ways I had not done in that room in years. Specifically, my goal was to clean out the accumulated grit that had gathered in the recesses of the bathroom tiles, requiring considerable physical effort on my part.

After completing the strenuous task, I collapsed back onto my couch, feeling both exhaustion and a sense of accomplishment. Then a few moments later, I heard a knock at the door. I knew just who it was. It was the FedEx delivery person with the longed for, often delayed payment. And yet when I examined the time, I realized that it had come an hour earlier than expected, indicating that the physical effort of cleaning the bathroom not only attracted the payments' arrival, but caused it to come earlier than what was indicated on the online tracking system. That struck me as a further indicator of luck.

When we shift our focus away from worrying about an issue or matter, and instead put our energies elsewhere -- e.g. by making a full, even exhaustive effort in another direction -- positive conditions quickly move in our direction. More often than not, the thing we had hoped, but then put aside is suddenly realized.

Just as focusing on an illness can intensify it, so too worrying about a matter tends to delay it. Yet focusing on something very much the opposite, such as hard work in an entirely different domain not only overcome our negative emotions, but attract positive conditions. For years, I have used this approach to overcome anxiety, worry, and delay about a matter; and in nearly every instance, it has worked its magic!

Keywords: Work Issue, Money/Finance

Detachment Attracts Solution to Problem with New TV

These are all wonderful stories related to withdrawing or otherwise altering our attention to attract results

The other day, I had another one.

I had purchased a new High Def 42" LCD TV. It worked fine; expect many of the cable stations were not coming in. The first technician examined the situation and said he had to come back, speak to the manager about new wiring, which might be complicated, and do the wiring as needed. He also offered a simpler, but temporary solution. At the 2nd session, the technician did not come as scheduled, but a different person arrived, surprising me. He then told me he would NOT meet with the manager to determine wiring requirements in the complex. I was tempted to but did not insist he speak to the manager as planned by the earlier tech. Also, he was also exceedingly young, almost a boy. I then wondered if he was really competent.

As he worked on the system, I decided to forget about the matter, putting full trust in the outcome. (I did not consciously consecrate it to Mother, or if I did, very slightly.) A half hour later, he comes into my room and informs me it is all done. I wondered, how could that have happened? He then told me that the new, state-of-the-art cable box I had earlier received from the cable company was not receiving the signal properly, and so he put an older model in, which worked! In other words, the cable wires were not the problem at all. It was the cable box that received the signal.

I took it as a perfect solution, involving a minimum of work, negating any further concern about the issue. Stillness and detachment had won the day!

Keywords: Resources (physical)

Reduced, Soft Speech

Company Takes to Silence and Dramatically Turns Things Around

One 39-year-old wealthy American businessperson I knew of lost all 60 of his employees and was preparing to file for bankruptcy. However, through the suggestion of a relative, he and others in the organization took to speaking in a softer, quiet voice. As a result, within two years, the owner was in a financial position to retire for life.

Comment:

There is a power in the speech we express through our voice. Our vocalizations originate in our vital/life center, and thus carries a life-power and energy. If we speak too loudly or too much, these energies are squandered, which tends to attract corresponding negative results from life. However, if we *conserve* our energies through lower volume, soft speech and reduced speech - or, better yet, by completely remaining silent - the energies are fortified and strengthened, which tends to attract sudden and abundant good fortune from the world around us.

Keywords: Business, Money/Finance

Silent Will

Withholding Expression about Security Issue Attracts Its Resolution

I spoke to someone who was concerned about the security of a program we were developing. I assured him that we would address that issue, and put in security at many levels of the application. He was convinced in part.

I then wanted to convey this issue to my partner in the project. We had not discussed this issue before in any way. However, I decided to forego communicating my concern. The next morning I received an email in which he described a new dimension of the program that delighted me. But what was extraordinary was how in the new storyline he sent, he included important points about the security of the user.

By withholding expression of my concern, he picked it up in the atmosphere, which compelled him to express it in his new document. Or to put in another way, by refraining from physically initiating through an email, his interests and mine aligned, which I then experienced as a life response outcome. It is one form of the principle of "Silent Will."

Comments:

Non-initiating, Silent Will

Keywords: Communications, Work Issue

Silent Will Draws Payment Advance

When I got a big project-for which in this difficult times I felt will be difficult to arrange for finance or even bank guarantee-as my bank asks for 200% collateral security. I may ask for advance from the client-which will be only meager-compared to what I need. Generally, in my field there is no practice of giving any advance, as these are performance products.

So I consciously practiced silent will-not to ask for any advance. After two days, I got a call from the company with a cheque for 70% of the order value. The reason said was that-as it was year-end, they have to exhaust the fund earmarked for that -which covered all my material costs, consumables and labour.-and completed the project not spending even a paise from my pocket.

Comment:

He held back making a demand for an advance for client for money to start project – i.e. Silent Will -- and instead attracted an unusual situation where the client needed to disperse funds, which turned into the advance he was looking for.

Keywords: Money/Finance

Restraining from Talking about Opportunity Attracts It

Recently, I had been getting the feeling that either my work is getting repetitive, or maybe am getting too comfortable with the work. As a result, I wished to explore other areas, and learn something new.

I also felt this could also be the right time, as our company had introduced new technologies recently.

And so I had an urge to talk to the department head about this.

But, instead of going ahead with the idea, I strongly restrained myself from doing so, suppressing my urge to go and talk to him.

Well it turns out that when I came back from holiday a few weeks ago, on the very first day of returning to work, the department head came and told me that he had a surprise for me; that he had placed me in a new project that uses the new technologies; one that I was eager to learn about!"

Comment:

As we see again, when we restrain ourselves from taking action, here based on a feeling or something we want, life can fulfill our deepest aspirations.

This is a form of restraint called "Silent Will." That is if you withhold communicating your desire, it builds up a power for it to be realized.

Keywords: Work Issue, Boss

Repeating a Life Response for the Collective

One of the interesting aspects things about Life Response is that once you have had the experience, you can repeat it at that same level. I.e. if you identify the inner behavior that precipitated it the first time around -- such as a shift in attitude -- you can go to the well again, repeating that higher consciousness movement and attracting an equal, if not more powerful response from life. In this way, your life can be a never-ending series of sudden good fortune moments -- propelling you to the pinnacles of success, while moving you swiftly along a path of personal progress and evolution. Let me illustrate with a recent example.

As you may know from a previous entry, I was able to marshal the spiritual Force to overcome a dire situation in Northern California. What happened was that last spring an unusual lightning storm hit the area, setting off thousands of fires throughout the region. After weeks of non-stop firestorm on the hills and mountains, the skies began to turn an ominous red-gray color in the major metropolitan areas like San Francisco and Sacramento. Worse still, people were beginning to feel physical effects to the point that there was concern that hundreds or even thousands of people could become seriously ill or die from the ever-increasing toxic poisoning. As a result, I called to the spiritual Force with the hope that the Higher Power could bring relief. As it turned out, the next morning I looked out the window and noticed that the air had completely cleared, when a most unexpected weather front moved in overnight. As a result, seventy-five percent of the smoke disappeared in a 12-hour period, and the remainder dissipated over the next several days, never to return.

Though a looming catastrophic situation had been averted, I did not rest on my laurels for I understood that the normal fire season was yet to begin. In fact, being a long time resident of the state, I knew that the infamous Santa Ana winds were due to let loose in early October, which was the usual period it makes its appearance. Knowing that we had the driest conditions in the region in 20 years, making the area a potential tinderbox, I considered what I could do inwardly to avoid what could turn out to be the most dangerous fire season in modern Northern California history. Such a conflagration would make the fires of the previous spring seem like a walk in the park.

As the Santa Ana period approached in late September, I closely watched for the appearance of any high winds. One day I noticed that wind velocity had reached 20 miles per hour with some higher gusts. Though not the 50+ mph of Santa Ana, I became concerned, and so began to "consecrate" the situation just as I had done the previous spring. Not long after, I checked the weather map and noticed that an unusual early October shower was heading our way. When it passed through the region, the ground was nicely soaked, but I was still aware that the Santa Anas could rise up any day and cause havoc. But you know what; in the days and weeks ahead, the so-called 'devil winds' never arrived! For the first time in 30 years of observing weather in the region, the powerful gusts with the power to ignite and destroy thousands of homes and businesses throughout the area, never showed itself.

Then something equally remarkable took place. Instead of the gradual transition to the rainy season, two weeks after the normal Santa Ana period, it suddenly began raining hard, and did so for several days. It was in fact the earliest start to the rainy season I had ever experienced here, and would turn out to be the final insurance policy that dampened any chance of an inferno breaking out in this part of the state.

Once again, life had responded to an inner initiative to affect the collective. I was both relieved that a dire situation was avoided, as well as reminded of the awesome power we have to affect the conditions of life around us -- including those that affect a wide swath of the community. Finally, I was reminded of the infinite power of the spiritual Force to alter the world outside ourselves -- a power that according to the Mother is ever increasing, descending deeper into the earth's atmosphere.

One final point: At several points along the way, I was tempted to tell others of the progress I was making to alter the Santa Ana threat. However, I controlled myself, and never revealed a thing, including the arrival of that very first modest dampening rain. I knew that if I "spilled the beans" and told people of my success so far, everything would come undone -- i.e. the Santa Anas and their destruction would return and wreak its usual destruction. And so I held back from discussing my inner effort with anyone until the danger was past. (The principle is straightforward: until a positive development fully comes about, it is best not to discuss or get too excited about it, otherwise it will get cancelled.)

Now as I look around at what were parched hillsides only a few weeks ago, I see new greenery sprouting everywhere. This unusually early California rainy season has been most gratifying for me, as it has come about a month and a half ahead of schedule.

Keywords: State/Province, Weather

Withheld Response to Article Attracts News that Substantiates an Earlier View

I realize that a person of higher consciousness moves the world inward not outward. E.g., we don't have to respond to an article to create change, but move to neutrality or move inward to do it, which will attract positive circumstances to us. Case in point:

I have contacted a web site that favors the construction of new tall buildings and is callous to the idea that there might be seismic concerns because they are too tall. Once I sent an email and got a somewhat return, (mainly because my energies were too passionate against his point of view.)

Now a new article was written on another subject. I have strong suggestions for the writer, but I decided to withhold them with the idea that I can better affect the world by withholding my thought (or better yet by other spirit-oriented movements within). Here I simply do not send the email.

Less than a minute after taking that position, I see an article in the paper that indicates that the very high-rises I was concerned about several months earlier were now being questioned as well by state agencies as to their seismic safety! No one had done this before. My decision not to act in the one case -- with the idea that that I could move life through silence or even spirit -- attracted a result that supported part of my earlier contention that I thought had merit.

The moral is when you change your attitude from verbalizing, or otherwise forcing yourself on life to one of silence, neutrality, et al life responds. The key was that the wanting insistent attitude was shed. It is also an instance of Silent Will, of withholding a thought that enables others to express what one believes (even though here it was for a previous matter).

Keywords: Communications, Property, State/Province

Miracle Meetings through the Power of Spirit

Ordinarily when a meeting is about to take place, we prepare ourselves in a variety of ways. We review our notes, consider our agenda, think about potential problems and issues that may arise, and so forth. Little do we consider our ability to prepare *inwardly*, through an elevation of consciousness; and by making that effort, evoke powerful response from life.

Over the last six months, I have been involved in what can only be called a project of a lifetime. Associates and I have been developing strategies and action plans for creating an expert system for personal growth. It is ambitious in scope and entails many dimensions of life. In the development of the

project, a number of us have been meeting online using the Skype internet-based phone system to conduct our worldwide conference calls. The technology is marvellous; but the subject of our undertaking is far more astounding still.

I personally have been involved in a number of the discussions, though I went through a period where I dropped out of the conversation. During that time, I felt that my expertise would be better served elsewhere. However, when I rejoined the group six weeks later, the members told me that I had come in at an auspicious moment; just when things were moving from the theoretical to the practical application stage. Shaken a bit by the timely arrival, something in me said, "Wouldn't it be great if every time I came to this group conference call, something unexpected and positive like this would occur?"

And so I thought of various approaches to bringing the power of consciousness to bear on the upcoming meetings. I then thought of a powerful method that had worked for me in the past. Before coming together, *I imagined the spiritual Force enveloping and descending on the participants. In addition, I would keep my own thoughts at bay and my agenda to myself when we connect.*

The first time I used this inner, spirit-oriented approach, I was stunned when in the first minute I was informed that a decision had been made to move ahead and build the first module of the system. I was dazed because I did not believe this would happen for months, perhaps years. But there it was, rapidly moving to fruition from seemingly out of nowhere. Thus, my first attempt to evoke the future into the present had succeeded.

I then applied the inner technique a second time, and in that call, I learned that our founder had asked us to immediately develop a new, never discussed module for the system. I was again astonished, as this project seemed to come out of nowhere. And yet there it was, ready for our input so we could rapidly move it quickly to fruition. I am happy to report that this module – RomanceEternal -- was released to the public on February 21, 2009.

This spirit showering, non-agenda approach produced powerful, miraculous-like results at least three times during that week. By holding back all thoughts and conceptions, and using the spiritual Force, life created unexpected, new conditions where there was nothing like it before. It as if you were a real estate developer had envisioned a complex of buildings to be built. You knew you would need to secure funding, gain permits, and execute a comprehensive project plan that would unfold over time. Except the next day when you visit the site, you notice that construction has already begun! You call out, "How is it possible? We have not even begun the permit process; nor have we hired anyone to build the buildings!" It is even more than this because the project *itself* came unexpectedly out of the blue, advancing our cause to the nth degree.

From these episodes, we see the power of using the active and passive dimension of spirit. When we shower others with spiritual grace and remain still inside, keeping our agenda at bay, what unfolds will be startling in the extreme -- as the infinite will replace the current limited reality before us (the finite), and the future will manifest in the present.

I welcome you to try this method in your own work and home life, and see if you too can evoke the miraculous.

Keywords: Communications

Silence

Mental Silence

Untitled

By remaining as silent as possible in a conversation with another when there is much to say on both sides tends to attract unexpected good fortune for both parties.

Example: A man was having a conversation with his partner. Things recently hadn't been exceptionally bright, so when he heard the partner drone on about minor circumstance that produced little results, he became somewhat restless. However, since this was a period where he was committed to practicing mental silence, he reversed course and simply listened without reactive thought or judgment.

Suddenly the partner mentioned a positive new development, and then another and another! Good news came in solid waves of accomplishment from the lips of the partner. As a result, the conversation turned around and was now filled with energy, especially when a new dimension to their work was revealed, exciting them both to no end.

What started out as humdrum continuation of an uneventful and even somewhat down time turned into one of great enthusiasm and joy about the future. That is the power of taking to mental Silence. It can turn dullness to ecstasy of higher accomplishment.

Keywords: Relationship, Communications

The Power of Mental Silence

Silence also has Life response power. When we take to greater mental silence, life responds in astonishing ways.

- Solutions present themselves out of nowhere
- Life condition improve
- Problems disappear
- Etc.

One evening several years ago, I was on my way home from a 2-day presentation I had given in San Francisco. Because it was rush hour, the train was stuffed with people, making it uncomfortable for everyone, including myself -- especially since my legs now ached from several days of standing in front of an audience. In addition, I sensed a particularly negative vibration in the train that seemed to add to the strain.

A minute later, my "inner guide" suggested a different approach. Rather than bother with the turbulence on the outside, why not empty my mind of all thoughts. And so I relaxed, closed my eyes, and let the world disappear. In a few moments, all thinking stopped and I found myself staring into a block of white emptiness. It was a most relaxing and soothing meditative experience that lasted five or ten minutes.

When we arrived at the next station, there was an announcement that a less crowded train was two minutes behind. When I heard the message, I quickly got up, exited the train, and waited on the platform for it to arrive. Interestingly, I noticed that when my own crowded train pulled away, few of the other passengers had taken up the conductor's offer -- meaning that I was practically all alone in the station. It was an eerie yet wonderful feeling, as there was now so much quiet and empty space around me.

Several minutes later, the next train arrived as advertised. I then hopped on board, looked around, and noticed that it was almost empty -- an extremely rare occurrence during the rush hour. I then found a comfortable seat and enjoyed a wonderfully relaxing commute home.

Comment:

In this episode, life on the outside quickly responded to my inner effort of mental silence. When I decided to stop thinking about the congestion and negative atmosphere -- wiping all thoughts from my mind through a meditative effort -- life quickly responded when an announcement was made of a far less crowded train behind. You could say that the emptiness of thoughts in my mind attracted a train that was itself empty. In any case, it turned out to be the perfect antidote to a very tense and difficult situation!

Keywords: Train, City

Life & Goals

Hi everyone ... I am recently experiencing 'positive Life Response' when I decelerate my life speed and when my thinking and planning is replaced by 'letting go' and trust. Perfect life opportunities emerge out of nothing and show me my new direction in Life (first step). I feel in this state that life force (my unique destiny) can flow through me without resistance. And this brings up the question if 'setting up goals' without knowing one's potential (aptitude, passion, talent, etc.), vision and purpose is wasting time.

Keywords: Career

An Experience at the County Courthouse

I had an experience the other day that verifies that the supramental power Sri Aurobindo uncovered, (otherwise known as "the spiritual Force,") evokes astonishing, unprecedented life movements. Moreover, it unfolds through a perfect melding and fusion of two elements -- Knowledge and Will -- two powers that it turns out enabled the supramental truth consciousness to create the universe from a Divine Source.

What happened was that the other day I had to appear at the local county courthouse. Though the matter was quite involved and a bit unnerving, I consecrated the event fully -- offering it to the spiritual force, i.e. supramental power. In addition, I stopped all thinking about the procedures I was about to go through, keeping my mind completely blank. Even though the issues I was about to tackle were involved and even intense, I cleared my mind of all thoughts and surrendered everything to the divine Mother.

Over the next several minutes, I began to experience an astonishing sequence of events. One by one, every decision I made proved to be the correct one; in every moment I seemed to be in the right place; at each point that thing fell perfectly into place. Life was cooperating at every turn, with an astonishing precision.

It was if I were on a magic carpet that was carrying me through a sequence of events that perfectly dovetailed with another. It was if I had no mind of my own, and all necessary knowledge was provided for me as I was carried from point to point.

This was NOT human life I was experiencing. This was some future type of human existence that Sri Aurobindo called "Supramental Life."

In essence, through my consecrated effort and the stilling of my thoughts, the Force replaced my own Will, while also providing the Knowledge when understanding was needed. These two, Knowledge and Will, were indistinguishable from one another in my consciousness. At each moment there was the Will to go to the next point as well as the Knowledge of how to do it. They had been become fused in my experience, as I was their servant and instrument. I was thereby taken out of time, overcoming space, and experiencing life outside the bounds of normal causality.

A while later when I sat down in the courtroom, I was simply overwhelmed. Even as I contemplated the astonishing events that had just occurred (and were still occurring), I felt a deep peace envelop me. As I sat there waiting for the proceedings to begin, I in a trance-like stillness that was accompanied by a gentle blissfulness. I could not imagine life any more harmonious and perfect.

Keywords:

Serenity, Calm

Around the World with Phileas Fogg

There are many keys to accomplishment in life. Vision, organization, and drive are several. Another is the capacity to be calm and equal in the face of difficult circumstances. One false step and one can fall down the latter to success. If however, we maintain the right balance in those situations, not only will we make the best of negative conditions, but life will tend to cooperate and, *on its own right*, right the wrong. It is the phenomenon of life response in action. You remain steady when life threatens to spiral out of control, and life rights itself as if by magic. Though it seems miraculous-like, it actually happens all of the time, just out of our "field of vision." For one famous character in fiction, that inner poise of equality attracted overwhelming good fortune -- just at a time when all seemed hopeless and doomed to failure.

In his novel *Around the World in 80 Days*, Jules Verne describes the wonderful adventures of Phileas Fogg and his traveling companions. In the story, Fogg has placed a wager of 40,000 pounds that he can travel around the world in 80 days. Though his adventures will provide him with astonishing experiences that take him to distant and exotic land, his central focus and all-consuming effort is directed toward winning the wager. In addition to his single-mindedness of purpose, several other personal qualities will prove invaluable to Fogg in pursuing his lofty goal.

One of those is the fact that Fogg is an eminently *disciplined* man -- both in his emotions and in his thoughts. He has the innate capacity to accept every difficulty and ordeal that comes his way in a calm and detached manner. No matter how problematic or even absurd the circumstances, Fogg's emotions are always tranquil and calm, as if he were detached from the intensity of every situation. And yet, interestingly his mind is always fully engaged in the issue at hand -- enabling him to rationally and most logically deal with any and all circumstance. In addition, his creative capacities border on genius, as he is able to meld a native intelligence and a broad knowledge of the physical workings of life with insights and intuitive-like inspirations that help him solve nearly every problem.

These qualities are further enhanced by his essential kind nature -- which can be seen in the goodwill that he consistently demonstrates toward his fellow travelers, as well as the people he meets along the way. That helps help him win the respect of others at critical moments on his journey, especially important when he and his comrades face imminent danger. He also exhibits other notable faculties -- including his ability to remain silent without speaking, unless situations dictate that he do so. Together with his utter punctuality and masterful planning and organizing capacities, Phileas Fogg is the very embodiment of stability, rationality, and equality -- making him the perfect candidate to accomplish his ambitious goals.

And yet, this is an adventure story that Verne is determined to infuse with a variety of life's exigencies. And so it turns out that at about the time Fogg first embarks on his journey, the Bank of England is robbed. Moreover, the robber himself steps forward and maliciously matches Fogg's physical description to the thief, which causes the high-level official, Mr. Fix, to believe that Fogg's wager is a pretense to elude authorities in Britain. Fix then attempts to arrest Fogg in England, but when he fails to do so is forced instead to follow him on his travels around the world.

Though Fogg has astonishing encounters in Brindisi, Suez, Bombay, Calcutta, Hong Kong, Yokohama, San Francisco, New York and Liverpool, he still has to arrive back in London before noon on the 80th day to win the wager. Though on his trip he discovers that he has been accused of thievery, he brushes it aside and instead focuses all of his energies towards winning the wager. Along the way, he utilizes his uncanny creativity, ingenuity, and scientific know-how to solve every problem that crosses his path.

However, when he finally arrives in Britain on the very last leg of the trip, he is arrested by the authorities for robbing the Bank of England. Though he manages to escape from prison, he soon realizes that he is 5 minutes too late to win the contest. However, life then responds in his favor when he discovers that he and his party have actually arrived in Britain *one day early!* Because he had traveled *east* from England in circling the globe, he and his party had actually *gained* a day when they returned 79, not 80 days later!

Phileas Fogg's utter calm and equality in the face of extremely difficult circumstances attracted a magnificent response from life that provided him with his greatest moment of glory and success. It is an indicator that life on the outside responds to one's inner efforts or capacities of higher consciousness.

Maintaining a poise of inner calm and equality is one method that enables that miraculous-like dynamic. It is in essence a spiritual-like quality that tends to overcome the negative, while attracting the infinite potentials of life.

Keywords: Literature, Accomplishment/Success, Contradiction, Peace of Mind

Embracing Uncertainty

Embracing Change in Training Class Attracts

Over the years we have seen that fully cooperating with the Unexpected can evoke startling positive conditions. Here is a recent personal experience of mine that demonstrates this truth of life.

I was conducting a training session in a conference room for 14 participants at a Logistics company in the port city of Long Beach, California. Things were moving along quite smoothly.

But then towards the end of the session out of the blue a higher up suddenly arrived on the scene and suggested altering the direction of the instruction. Though initially put off by the radical change in the agenda, I soon went along with and embraced this very different direction of things.

Despite my earlier fears and misgivings, suddenly everything started moving to a higher level. There was more energy and enthusiasm among the students; more involvement and participation; and more practical accomplishment at each step of the way. By the end of the session, nearly everyone was practically dancing on air!

The class had risen to a much higher level because I had given up my trepidations about the unknown, cooperated fully with the change in the flow of events, and as a result life responded, as we were carried on a wave of great success!

Keywords: Instructor, Agreeable/Agreeability, Work Issue

Revisiting Negatives of the Past

Verbalizing Negatives of The Past

One of the more remarkable phenomena I have noticed (and experienced) over the years is that if you reminisce about a negative circumstance from the past, there is a good chance it will instantly start happening again! Therefore it is always best to avoid going down that road, and hold back speaking, feeling, and thinking about negative experiences from times gone by.

It was in fact that very approach that I practiced a week ago when on line at the motor vehicle bureau for registering my driver's license. There was a bright fellow who was in line next to me who reminisced how bad things were at the DMV in decades past. However, I caught myself and did not pursue that line of thinking, knowing that if I did, the line would soon come to a screeching halt or related! So I held my tongue, and the rest of the activity continued on as it had before – very well!

PS I have later revealed that for this person things went poorly in the processing, and at one point he even got in a tiff with someone up ahead for moving too slow.

Keywords: Vehicles (auto, etc.) Peace of Mind

Big Life Lessons from a Big Tree Branch

One life principle that periodically presents itself is that one should avoid reminiscing about past mini-disasters; otherwise, new ones will suddenly descend on you.

Recent Example: A man reminisced with his friend about small negative experiences each had in their childhood. Both exchanged several stories about troubled events.

A little while later the man went for a drive. When he parked his car, another car - a craftsman's truck, - drove into an empty space just in front of his car and nearly banged into it. When the worker got out of his car, he grimaced as his wrist suddenly hurt.

The first man then walked around the block for some exercise. When he returned near his parking space on the street, he saw that a gigantic tree overhead had collapsed and fallen on the three cars behind his! He was very lucky that the huge eucalyptus tree branch didn't destroy his own vehicle.

There are two points to note here. One is that a small event will indicate a much larger one to come. When the worker man nearly knocked into the first man's car and then indicated pain in his wrist, it was an indication of the big tree collapse to come.

Second, as mentioned at the outset, blithely discussing earlier disasters invariably attacks more of them soon after.

One other point: Had the first man recognized the situation from an inner perspective and consecrated the near collision of the worker's car into his, the tree falling incident never would have happened.

Keywords: Subtle Sign(s), Vehicles (auto, etc.), Communications, Atmosphere

Intuition

The Winning Car Model

There are over 50 makes of automobiles, with perhaps 20 models in each class, accounting for over 1000 choices of vehicles for sale. The quantity may be far greater.

Today I was driving my car on the way to the bank. I was listening to the latest news report on the radio. The broadcaster mentioned that Consumer Reports had picked its top choices for best cars of the year. For a second, I expected him to mention one of the cars that usually won this award. I then thought of my car, the one I was driving at the time, which had been perceived as a relatively low priced car, but with exceptional value. I slightly laughed and thought maybe it could win -- a doubtful thing since it was only a modest car. And yet for a split second I almost hoped.

The announcer then said that for the first time in history a Korean car had won the award. He said it was the Hyundai Elantra. Yes, it was the very car I was driving.

From the calm poise of that moment, I seemed to have wished into existence the future. I was astounded, but somehow not surprised. The outer reality just felt like a reflection of my inner condition in that moment.

Several minutes later, I realized that both of the cars in my household are that model!

Comment:

This response was very different because I almost anticipated what was going to happen. Sensing the arrival of the response (without actually thinking it) is something different for me. It was both a charming and powerful experience. It brought a big smile to my face.

Keywords: Media, Vehicles (auto, etc.), Quantity

Spiritual Interests Expand

Power of Life Response Book

This morning I went to the UPS offices to have my manuscript for the LR book boxed and shipped to the agent I mentioned previously. The clerk there – and older woman – asked me what the book was about. When people ask me this, sometimes I am at a loss for words. And so I hesitated for just a few seconds. Perceiving my hesitancy, she then said, “Is it a secret?” I thought about that for an instant, and then said. “It is *The Secret*.” (I meant it in the broadest sense.) Unexpectedly, she then said words to the effect. “Oh, I know about ‘The Secret’” -- as in the book and video! I was stunned into amazement -- this time truly not knowing know what to say!

There was more, however. She then proceeded to put her two hands around the box, as if to say that she was drawing energy and power from it!

At that point, I was speechless, not knowing whether to laugh or cry for joy.

To think that a moment before I believed I was interacting with a kindly older woman whose consciousness was miles away from the issues addressed in the book that was in the box she was handling for me.

Comment:

Discussions, focusing on Life response, the Secret not only brings out response, brings out the unexpected that confounds our minds, our previous perceptions and beliefs.

Keywords: Resources (Physical), Products,

A Startling Experience Up On the Roof

For a month now I have been thinking about writing a book on the Character of Life, which would be a superset of what I have written on the phenomenon of Life Response. I probably wouldn't get to it for a year or more, but I have been going through various arguments and principles in my mind when I have the chance.

Well the other day I pulled into a parking garage in downtown Walnut Creek a shopping mecca in the eastern part of the San Francisco Bay Area. As I parked there on the roof with its delightful 360 degree view of the surrounding hills and mountains, I heard an old tape of Alan Watts being broadcast by KPFA, the progressive Berkeley radio station.

I was happy to hear his voice again and always enjoyed his presentation when in my 20s and 30s. While expecting something on subjects such Zen Buddhism, non-dualism, and similar, he instead began by going into a profound discussion on the nature of the Reality (Brahman), our essential Ignorance born of creation, the law of contradiction, how we know only the part rather than the whole, and so forth; a precise echo of Sri Aurobindo's universal principles that I had been grappling with in anticipation of developing my new book.

I sat there astonished as he masterfully gave me a summary of what had very recently been on my mind. It was almost as if he were saying, “Roy I know you have been thinking about these issues recently, so let me succinctly sum them up for you in 20 minutes!”

I sat there dumbstruck; moved with great emotion and gratitude of a very special gift that had come to me.

There is one other part to the story. Today I drove back to the same garage, remembering what had transpired the work before. Again, I turned on the radio, and there was Alan Watts once more! This time in a commercial for the same set of tapes the earlier speech was drawn from, while commenting that we

are each looking out on creation through the Divine's eyes through our own small aperture, or words to that effect. In essence, the response had repeated in that very same place; and now with a single point of wisdom that went beyond all others. Moreover, the principle of repeating acts demonstrated here was a key principle of Character of Life that had been on my mind of late.

Today I realized that it is one thing to attract response by focusing and giving attention to an idea or an undertaking like the writing of a book. It is another to attract when those ideas are Divine in nature. The results are then miraculous in the most wonderful sense.

Keywords: City, Media

Consecration

For an Upcoming Event

Startling Consecrated Visit to the Doctor's Office

Consecration attracts the very best conditions in terms of space and time, including the unexpected arrival, joyful, helpful people to a challenging situation. Here's what reminded me of this notion once more:

Today I went to visit the doctor for some routine lab work. Well before that I consecrated the event in the hope all would work out for the best. When I arrived a bit early for the appointment I was a bit surprised that the office waiting room was all filled up, plus the people there seemed a bit amiss. I sat down knowing they were all ahead of me, and that the wait could be a half hour or more. A small part of my might have thought that a consecrated effort wouldn't have created such a condition. Still I remained still and happy.

Not a minute or two a minute later a smiling medical assistant burst out of the door and informed me that I was up next! I was a bit startled, yet quite willing. I then went in, leaving the other patients behind. It seemed no less than a miracle.

But there was more. When I arrived in the lab room the technician was beaming and full of enthusiasm. Here the vibe was completely positive, joyful, filled with good will. For a second, I thought she might have been putting on a show for worried or sickened patients, but that wasn't the case at all. Her demeanor was another manifestation of the consecration effect.

Half hour waits turning into one minute; joy-filled workers in a normally gloomy environment. It was as if I were on a magic carpet ride sweeping forward. That was further proven by the fact that the lab test took only two or three minutes, and I was zoomed out of the office and onto the street before I knew it! I was stunned by all of these events, so rapid fire one after another, leaving me in a state of quiet ecstasy. After all, so many positive responses in such a short period for one consecrated event!

Keywords: Doctor, Happiness

Power of Organizing That Attracts

When you take several moments and plan out what is to occur and then consecrate it, the work happens dramatically quicker and with more creative action from life than one would have imagined.

E.g. I briefly planned how I would go about organizing some new case studies for my 7-day presentation on life response. I also consecrated the matter, offering it to the spiritual Force. What I originally thought would take perhaps 3 or 4 sessions of perhaps one hour each, occurred in less than a half hour. Matching that swiftness was a sense of JOY of how each thing dovetailed with the next!

Aided by engaging the Force, we see the power of rational Mind to organize and thereby create energizing and deeply satisfying results that overcome space and time.

Keywords: Work Issue

The DMV: Another Magical Moment through Mother

The other day I experienced something I have seen many times before as a result of consecrating an act to the Mother and Her Force.

Just before I arrived at the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) in Long Beach, California to renew my driver's license I consecrated the activity, offering it to the Divine Mother. When I arrived at the first line,

it moved well compared to past experiences I have had at various DMV offices over the decades. Then I came to the second area where a hundred or more people were gathered and were waiting for their number to be called so they could go to one of the twelve booths where an agent would process their driver-related applications and renewals.

When I had arrived in the room, instead of sitting down in one of the many dozens of attached plastic chairs, I simply remained standing and leaned against one of the tables near the front. I then noticed that the numbers were counting down quickly and that within five or ten minutes I would be sent to one of the twelve agents spread out in a wide expanse before me. When the automated response system called out my number, it also indicated which booth to go to. The voice said that I should go to booth 12. It turns out that I was standing EXACTLY in front of booth 12, not a foot to the left or right! I was perfectly aligned with the booth, and I did not have to move more than three feet to get there, compared to the myriad of possibilities of having to walk over to one of the other eleven other booths that were set along the twenty yard-wide corridor.

I was startled at how life had given me this perfect Efficiency in space and time – though not surprised, because this was a familiar occurrence in my life.

I then walked the several feet to the booth and handed over the paperwork. The woman behind the window smiled, and was uncommonly friendly and helpful. The processing then went very quickly. As these events unfurled, I knew that all of this was due to my consecration to Mother a few minutes earlier.

It turns out that I have experienced this precise dynamic on a number of occasions after consecrating the activity. Often it involved being on a shopping check-out line where I had to wait for a number to be called. In these cases, I am informed that a space has opened, and it turns out to be EXACTLY in front of me, not a step to the left or right, even if there are 50 other booths I could have been sent to down a lengthy walkway.

This is Mother's special touch, as her Force creates the greatest efficiency in terms of space, time, causality, reality. It is another example of Her supramental power of Instantaneous Miraculousness – aka Life Response in action.

Keywords: Vehicles (auto, etc.)

Sending Light Again with Higher Consciousness Evokes Response

I am a vendor of a leading mobile phone manufacturing company. By virtue of that, I got an enquiry form another upcoming project, about whether I can execute their work also. The technology suggested by them is new to India. The principle company of that technology is in UK.

It is has licensed one Singapore firm to execute such jobs in entire Asia Pacific-and they are reluctant to bye-pass that. The Project manager introduced me to the Singapore Company and a meeting was arranged. I was thinking of a joint venture and sent Mother based on that. But the representative of Singapore firm refused joint venture and instead just want me to execute the job on subcontract basis.

The estimate of the of work is actually 5 times of my this year's annual turnover and even doing a sub contract will give me an earning of double of this year's profit-in a matter of six months.

I have stopped doing labour based sub contract jobs a year back-and now I do only turnkey jobs. I hesitated doing such job again –because life's principle is that- it calls us to older ways-in job, in character, in personality-by giving more rewards and there starts the abyss.

After the meeting I wondered what went wrong and what brought me such an idea-in spite of sending Mother / sending light. I discussed this with Mr. Garry and he suggested that the clue will be there in first five or ten minutes of the discussion. Though everything seems to normal business talks the most intriguing was the word uttered by him, "I don't believe Indians" – and his related experience in the past. I tried to find out the corresponding attitude in me- and to my astonishment I found that I have a similar grudge towards one certain state's labour force and I never employ labour from that state.

Immediately I tried to change that attitude and appointed a person of that state as supervisor whose application was pending with me. I said sorry to Mother and resend the Her light to eradicate the

misconception about Indians in his mind –irrespective whether I get this project or not-which is praying for higher consciousness.

Next day the miracle is that that the project promoter themselves approached the principle company in UK to supply the technology to them and be executed by me as they are comfortable with me. The parent company also agreed for that as they need such kind of big reference in this part of world –eventually the Singapore person got eliminated from the tender and the deal now is directly between the promoter and me.

Comment:

When we send light, Mother's Force, etc. before a meeting we can see the result in the first five minutes. If the results are limited or negative even, we can see a corresponding element in our being. If we reverse that and send light again the results will be wonderful as life will respond.

Another way of saying this is that the Power's effectivity is only as great as the instrument that receives it. It is true when you consecrate anything, if you are the subject of someone else sending Light or goodwill, and other such high consciousness evocations.

Keywords: Business, Companies, Money/Finance, Contradiction

Miracle Meetings through the Power of Spirit

Ordinarily when a meeting is about to take place, we prepare ourselves in a variety of ways. We review our notes, consider our agenda, think about potential problems and issues that may arise, and so forth. Little do we consider our ability to prepare *inwardly*, through an elevation of consciousness; and by making that effort, evoke powerful response from life.

Over the last six months, I have been involved in what can only be called a project of a lifetime. Associates and I have been developing strategies and action plans for creating an expert system for personal growth. It is ambitious in scope and entails many dimensions of life. In the development of the project, a number of us have been meeting online using the Skype internet-based phone system to conduct our worldwide conference calls. The technology is marvellous; but the subject of our undertaking is far more astounding still.

I personally have been involved in a number of the discussions, though I went through a period where I dropped out of the conversation. During that time, I felt that my expertise would be better served elsewhere. However, when I rejoined the group six weeks later, the members told me that I had come in at an auspicious moment; just when things were moving from the theoretical to the practical application stage. Shaken a bit by the timely arrival, something in me said, "Wouldn't it be great if every time I came to this group conference call, something unexpected and positive like this would occur?"

And so I thought of various approaches to bringing the power of consciousness to bear on the upcoming meetings. I then thought of a powerful method that had worked for me in the past. Before coming together, *I imagined the spiritual Force enveloping and descending on the participants. In addition, I would keep my own thoughts at bay and my agenda to myself when we connect.*

The first time I used this inner, spirit-oriented approach, I was stunned when in the first minute I was informed that a decision had been made to move ahead and build the first module of the system. I was dazed because I did not believe this would happen for months, perhaps years. But there it was, rapidly moving to fruition from seemingly out of nowhere. Thus, my first attempt to evoke the future into the present had succeeded.

I then applied the inner technique a second time, and in that call, I learned that our founder had asked us to immediately develop a new, never discussed module for the system. I was again astonished, as this project seemed to come out of nowhere. And yet there it was, ready for our input so we could rapidly move it quickly to fruition. I am happy to report that this module – RomanceEternal -- was released to the public on February 21, 2009.

This spirit showering, non-agenda approach produced powerful, miraculous-like results at least three times during that week. By holding back all thoughts and conceptions, and using the spiritual Force, life created unexpected, new conditions where there was nothing like it before. It as if you were a real estate developer had envisioned a complex of buildings to be built. You knew you would need to secure funding, gain permits, and execute a comprehensive project plan that would unfold over time. Except the next day when you visit the site, you notice that construction has already begun! You call out, "How is it possible? We have not even begun the permit process; nor have we hired anyone to build the buildings!" It is even more than this because the project *itself* came unexpectedly out of the blue, advancing our cause to the nth degree.

From these episodes, we see the power of using the active and passive dimension of spirit. When we shower others with spiritual grace and remain still inside, keeping our agenda at bay, what unfolds will be startling in the extreme -- as the infinite will replace the current limited reality before us (the finite), and the future will manifest in the present.

I welcome you to try this method in your own work and home life, and see if you too can evoke the miraculous.

Keywords: Communications

The Phone

When you consecrate a challenging situation and do not interfere with pressing thoughts of how you would like things to be, or express your comments and opinions along the way, and just remain as still as possible in the mind, you are taken on a magic carpet ride of unfolding and are deposited on the other side with startling, beneficial results in hand.

Here's the recent experience that precipitated this thought:

My phone had not been functioning properly now for several months. When I then called a creditor of mine to make an overdue payment and she could not hear me on the other line, I felt enough is enough and felt compelled to bring the phone into the local Apple center for repair. And so my friend and I headed off to the big shopping center about twenty minute drive away. Before I entered the facility I decided to consecrate the entire matter; offering the issue to the Divine Mother, and also made a pledge to myself to keep all my thoughts and mental activity at bay, as my spiritual teacher had recently advised.

When I entered the Apple store I was greeted by a friendly individual, who escorted me to the Genius Bar, where they fix Apple-related hardware and software. When I sat down I reminded myself of the pledge I had made not to think about potential outcomes, keep my mind free of all thoughts, and let events and outcomes occur as they may. In other words, I was determined to remain as still as possible.

It turns out that I had made a reservation earlier via my PC and had arrived a few minutes early for my appointment. At almost precisely the arranged time a tech person stood before me with a bright smile. She proceeded to ask me questions about the phone's deficiencies. What was most remarkable however was the fact that she seemed to deeply care about the problem as well as myself to the point that I felt a deep inner, almost soul-like connection. This I had never experienced before from a service rep or similar. It was a sure sign that the consecration and the pledge for inner mental stillness were beginning to work their magic.

After doing extensive tests on the phone the tech indicated that the results were somewhat inconclusive, though it was highly likely that the phone had a defective antenna. She then told me that I could have a NEW phone of a higher end model at a nominal charge to replace it! That was naturally great news; yet even then I held back all thoughts to celebrate or anticipate; keeping my energies steady. She then escorted me to the next rep who skillfully facilitated the next set of fixes, and then that person handed me off to another who was even more remarkable in his skill and dexterity of copying the info, apps, et al from the old phone to the new phone; who then handed me off to yet another person who completed the paperwork and other phone settings in a way that amazed.

At each step I resisted friendly banter, kept my glee at bay, and as a result, each support person executed their work to near perfection. As I was handed off from one person to another, things happened faster and faster; yet matched with an ever-increasing perfection. All I had to do was control the energy inside me, and all would unfold miraculous-like.

As this was going on, I thought that my friend who accompanied me must have been wondering why I had taken so long. And yet at the very instant I finished up with the last rep and received my new, latest model phone, my friend appeared instantaneously in the entranceway. In other words, after sitting on a sofa about 100 yards away for almost an hour she arrived at precisely the moment I was leaving, creating a magnificent synchronicity and a topper to all of the wonderful events that had just taken place.

In the end, because I had consecrated the problem to the Mother and planned and executed the firm decision to keep all thinking and expectations at bay, I was taken on a wonderful magic carpet ride of success. Instead of complication there was smoothness and perfection; instead of anxiety and worry about the outcome, happiness and joy permeated every step.

And best of all, my first new smartphone in three years was now in hand!

Keywords: Resources (physical), Service, Happiness

An Experience at the County Courthouse

I had an experience the other day that verifies that the supramental power Sri Aurobindo uncovered, (otherwise known as "the spiritual Force,") evokes astonishing, unprecedented life movements. Moreover, it unfolds through a perfect melding and fusion of two elements -- Knowledge and Will -- two powers that it turns out enabled the supramental truth consciousness to create the universe from a Divine Source.

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Keywords:

Multiple Responses from Multiple Sources

Today I began to take up the new round of Pride and Prejudice as discussed earlier. I consecrated beforehand. I watched the 1st video this morning, and made extensive notes, including a number of life responses I observed. It is also the next day after a class in which I got perhaps my highest rating ever for a group so large. Also I cleaned difficult to reach areas of my bath this morning. Finally, I also went through some training materials that normally I feel a small reluctance to take up right away. Just after this, I go to the mail and received a large check that I had been waiting for, along with MSS's book Sri Aravindam that was sent me.

Comment:

It is hard to say which invoked what response. In any case one can see that there can be a multiple response from multiple sources of the response; or multiple from 1 source, or one response from many sources.

Both J and I received MSS book as life responses. He called Mother through the day in his work, I consecrated the P&P initiative (including an attempt to observe life responses in the story.)

Keywords: Literature, Resources (physical)

The Medical Procedure

I needed to have a vein in my leg treated - a relatively simple and common condition. This condition never occurred until I was down south, in Florida (I live in New Hampshire for most of the year).

Before I even developed this pain in my leg, I happened to notice a sign for a "Vein Clinic" nearby where I am staying.

Why this sign caught my eye more than 2 weeks ago is something I don't understand. Nonetheless, I thought, "How interesting that there would be someone who specialized in vein conditions."

I forgot about it until a few days later when I had a sudden pain and inflammation in my leg. I did a little research on the internet, and to my surprise, *THIS VERY SAME particular office's website came up at the top of my search.*

Curious, *I consecrated this to Mother* (the Divine...whatever one wants to label this), and called the clinic. They saw me immediately, and once examined, a specialized laser treatment was recommended.

Well, as I was consecrating this entire matter this week, the thought occurred to me that this particular doctor is especially gifted! In my conversations with him during this small procedure this morning, I learned that he came to the US from India, and had always wanted to be a surgeon. He discovered this specialty, and he dove into it 100%.

He gets up in the morning, excited about his work. I thanked him from the bottom of my heart for having shared his expertise with me, [Gratitude] and I told him how grateful I am that he has the gift of healing - and that I am the grateful beneficiary today.

He actually smiled a huge smile and thanked ME! Roy, I had to actually contain *the joy I felt in receiving this procedure!* I know that may sound nuts, but I truly felt it.

I might also add that although I was prescribed a sedative for this procedure, it turns out that I did not need it. I feel quite sure that my calm and confident thoughts about this were due to consecrating the entire matter throughout this last week.

Because I realized that the doctor and I were created from the same Source, we were connected, and I knew I was in good hands.

As he finished the procedure I further consecrated the joy I felt to the Divine Mother, and left the clinic feeling as though I, too, brought value to the clinic and staff.

It's kind of difficult to articulate all this - but, for some reason I feel compelled to share it. :) (Kathy T)

Comment:

MAGNIFICENT ALL-AROUND! Amongst others, here we see the influence of Consecration, Predecessor Events, Goodwill, Gratitude, Life Unfolding Perfectly, Calm, Confidence, Faith, Joy, Consecrating Joy, Positive Attitude, Synchronicity, and Life Response.

Keywords: Health/Well-being, Doctor

For Upcoming Day

Opening to Spiritual Force Unfold Events Favorably

I offer the day's activities to Mother in my morning prayer.

Today while coming back from office, just realized the train was going to reach my destination 12 minutes earlier, which never happened previously.

Immediately I got a call from my vehicle dealer that My EMI ECS form for my bike is returned from bank since signature is not matching, so I have to visit her office and sign a new ECS form, otherwise bank will put a fine for EMI return (kind of cheque bounce back), also she informed me that office will be closed by 7.30 pm, but she can give the form to someone who will be there till 7.45 pm.

Without any struggle (all signals are green while driving to their office), I reached there, signed the form.

How sweet Mother made the events favorably so I could reach dealer office in time, saved my time, money.

Keywords: Train, Vehicles (auto, etc.)

Daily Consecration Doubles, Triples Sales in Recent Years

I am a new guy and I have visit growth on line for a year, I think I have got a lot of positive life responds out of it. The most extreme is I consecrate my work every day before I go to work for the past month or so, and I doubled or tripled my sale in than the last few years..... and on top of that some of my old clients that has left me for whatever reasons have come back, one of them was from 16 years ago! She said she was upset with me but she always likes my work, now she is back! And she even bring her family and friend to me. What I did is to tried change my attitude from inside and consecrate my wish to improve my career, at first...I didn't know who to consecrate to, I was just consecrate to the all there is great spirit, until I read about the Mother

Comment:

A phenomenal example of the power of continuous consecration that brings the infinite into the finite.

Keywords: Work Issue, Career, Sales

In Relation to an Intention, Aspiration

Openness Attracts the Accomplishment of a \$1000 Goal

"Hi! I hope this story fits the bill - I *think* this was a life response... I believe it may well be, especially since considerable consecration is involved.

This summer - June-July - I embarked on an experiment to see if we could manifest \$1,000 through consecration and opening to the Divine without any expectation as to HOW it could possibly happen. Every day, in meditation, I would outline my general state of affairs, and open to and ask the Divine to help me dissolve any limiting thoughts and behaviors.

I explained that I was seeking to help my finances by \$1,000, but did not know how to earn it in enough time. I offered up all my existing business activities, acknowledging that while perhaps these were vehicles for greater earnings, I was remaining open to any additional avenues the Divine might determine to be a good fit for my needs that I might not yet be aware of.

Every time I felt myself grow afraid of looming financial issues, I would stop, and offer the fear and thoughts to the Divine. I also asked the Mother to assist in helping me to open to the Force, and trust in the Divine goodness and abundance.

I did this nearly all the time - then just allowed myself to observe what was going on around me without judging. I continued tending to my websites and other marketing activities.

Then, about 3 weeks into this, my husband and I were at a yard sale. I had tired of the yard sales by this time of the day, and remained in the car. He soon came back with an old, musty electric guitar that he had picked up for about \$50. I was unexcited, but consecrated that attitude immediately, and resolved to remain open minded and encouraging about this purchase since my husband was pretty excited about it - he said he just had a good feeling about it.

We got home, and upon further study, discovered it was a 1966 Fender Mustang guitar in its original case. We spent a little money getting it cleaned and restrung. A little more research indicated it was no longer its original color, but somewhat collectible, nonetheless.

We did a nice write-up on it, and subsequently put it up for auction.

Can you guess what this guitar brought at auction one week later?

If you guessed \$1,000 - you were wrong. It brought \$1,011!

We were extremely grateful for this - and believe that part of this is the non-attachment as to HOW we were going to find or otherwise manifest the \$1,000 that we needed.

This small exercise has truly increased my faith - and even better - I'm feeling more energetic, knowing that things truly are ok. More energy is also meaning that I am accomplishing more.

Consecration is now a constant activity for me."

Comments:

Many factors that led to the response are indicated here, including Intention, Consecration, Detachment, Non-irritation, Equality of being, Cleanliness, and a Token Act. The key however was: "I was unexcited, but consecrated that attitude immediately, and *resolved to remain open minded and encouraging* about this purchase since my husband was pretty excited about it - he said he just had a good feeling about it." This directly created the opening.

Keywords: Money/Finance, Resources (physical), Sales

Through Her Aspiration Individual Enables Environmental Response That Changes the Weather

"My room in my office is always hot and being a low-level officer I am not entitled for an air condition in my office. That particular day, I was feeling very hot and unable to concentrate on my work. When I entered my Officer's AC room, I felt so comfortable and my mind immediately compared AC with Truth Consciousness since I have read that Truth Consciousness is a feeling of chillness. I thought maybe I don't deserve an AC since I am too far from truth consciousness. But, surprisingly, the weather changed, it became dark and started raining. My room was filled with cold breeze and I felt so comfortable again.

I don't understand that though I am still far from truth consciousness, what made the weather change immediately to make me comfortable. I took it as Mother's Grace."

Comment:

Perhaps we can say the aspiration for truth consciousness (mixed in with a humbleness of one's relative position to it) was a movement toward that consciousness, which is an invocation of the Force, as Mother, which enabled a causal life response. A deep *aspiration* when connected to Mother, can effect social, environmental, and global situations, as when one individual intensely aspired for the end of the California energy crisis through Mother's Force, which came about.

Sri Aurobindo says that we have forgotten that we are not only an individual being, who can find his individual Self, but a universal being who can find his universal Self. I assume that just as we can change our immediate outer world from the inner movements, we can change the environment, things going on in society, on earth, in the universe as well, through an intense aspiration directed to the truth consciousness. It is powerful and perhaps startling for one to have such experiences. It is a whole new domain of life response, making one aware of our ability to marshal our vast inner resources to affect the non-personal world outside us.

Also causal response not only brings subtle material results from out of nowhere as life response, but also brings spiritual results of life response, invoking spiritual attributes like peace, truth, bliss, harmony, etc. Perhaps the cool comfort of ease felt was a manifestation of such spiritual attributes.

Keywords: Weather, Machinery

Roses Only!!!!

We have come across so many experiences, wherein we have experienced Mother's miracles. We never connected those incidents with "LIFE RESPONSE."

After reading APPA SRI KARMAYOGI'S books, and Roy Sir's beautiful explanations for Life Response, I am slowly going to the past to see where all I have experienced life response in my life.

It is like opening a book which I had gone through so many times in the past, but now with life response principle it is opening the door to a new world.

During Darshan days our devotees arrange Mother Symbol with flowers.

Few years back our devotees wanted to do the symbol arrangement with only Roses for the New Year for which we need around 250 to 300 roses of the same color.

To get stalk flowers in large quantities in the same colour is very difficult especially during Christmas and New Year eve.

Instead of believing in the non-availability of the roses during the peak time our devotees started consecrating to The Mother a week before the New Year.

On December 31st early morning our devotees went to the wholesale flower shop to buy flowers.

They went inside a big hall where the flowers were displayed.

What to say....

Tears of joy filled their eyes...

The sales girl said:

"Today only Roses are available!!!!!!!!!"

Abundance of Roses.

What else to say..

If this is she The Mother

Of whom the world has heard wonder no more at any happy change!!!

Thank you Mother!

Thank you APPA!

Thank you Roy Sir!

Keywords: Sales, Service

Comment: A combination of Intention and Faith in the Force evokes the extraordinary response

Spiritual Aspiration

Book Arrives After Changing His Attitude Concerning His Spiritual Discipline

I am working hard on an initiative at work, and it was suggested to me that I try to increase my calling of Mother during the day to as much as 100%. This seemed a tall order to me but I decided to give it my best.

One of the first people I met on entering the company was a man who had informed me that he was moving to Auroville. I am in Canada and this is not a common occurrence, in fact it was a first! I took it as an endorsement of my effort for the day. The day proceeded and I succeeded in remembering Mother for perhaps 65% of the day. I was a little disappointed with my effort, and received a further let down at the end of the day when I visited my father and found him not at his best.

I arrived home and felt that I was let down by not having any sign of my efforts. As I changed for dinner I realized that Mother can act at any time and that I should change my attitude and pick myself up. I went down to the kitchen and my wife announced that a package had arrived from India. This is news of great excitement for me and is a rare occurrence. I was thrilled to open a copy of MSS's book, "Sri Aravindam" [Sri Aurobindo, who was the partner of the Mother], I felt that Mother had responded to me directly after my changed attitude, and She had arrived right on my doorstep!

Comment:

A causal response, as this one is, is usually accompanied by a spiritual quality (peace, harmony, health, etc.); in this case Knowledge (that is contained in the book). Book on SA has great insight and knowledge in it into the deepest ideas of SA. The fact that these ideas arrive, as well as the depth of these ideas is matched by the depth of the commitment to remember the higher power. I feel there is much more to this but I am unable to explain it. Perhaps someone else can.

Keywords: Work Issue, Nation

To Aid One's Direction in Life

Opening to Higher Force, To Mother Attracts Person Who Offers Job for Person Who Did Not Know Her Direction

Over the years, I have seen Mother's Grace working wonders in my life, but never as explicit and unexpected like what happened now.

I am a final year student of Architecture and I was talking to Mother just the previous day about my future plans and how an uncertainty seems to cloud over my immediate professional life. I was having dilemmas and confusions as to what exactly life has in store for me. I prayed to Her and asked Her to show me some sign, a glimmer that would lighten my heart and help me continue with a clearer perspective of life.

And when I continued my work the next day, printing certain drawings of a project I had currently undertaken, something surprising and delightful happened. A French architect who had come to the same place to print his drawings, chanced to see my work. He enquired about my studies, college and my future plans of professional practice. He started to describe the kind of work he undertakes, his current projects and general views about the profession. And lo! He spoke about his latest plan to start his branch office in Bangalore and asked me if I would be interested in joining him after I finish college. He even gave me his card and promised he would call to fix an appointment to discuss this. And even more unbelievable is the choice of place – I had always wanted to work in Bangalore, which I hadn't even mentioned to Mother in my prayers! This really shook me and I immediately thanked Mother for her invincible power and strengthened my faith in Her.

Comments:

-Life response to the Force, Mother is a "causal" life response, which is reflected by its tendency to perfect, one of a kind physical-vital-mental outcomes, as well as its added *spiritual* benefits such as Peace, Knowledge, Bliss, (and as in this case, greater Faith.).

-Also causal responses (Mother) give results that reflect one's deepest wants, including wants buried deep down that one has forgotten.

-Life responds at the causal plane to one's inner spiritual intensity

-Life responds to one's efforts, doing of works.

Keywords: Student, Education, Employment

To Make a Thought, Idea or Strategy Work

Power of Consecrating Thought of Benefit of Others

Study 1:

This person- whose main business is manufacture of carton/packing boxes and to some extent he sells dyes and pigments that caters to spurious segment.-who is also Mother Devotee to some extent. When he came to me for a suggestion I just said what Appa said about this problem and asked to follow some values thinking that this will bring prosperity in his main business. And then I consecrated the thought to follow up and wished him good luck.

I am seeing the developments as follows:

On seeing the result of values he started using that in his pigment business and stopped adulteration to cater to the spurious segment and started marketing it genuinely. Now- within six months or so- his pigment business has crossed the turnover of his decade old carton box business. When I planned for improvement in box business- consecrating the thought to Mother gave improvement and prosperity in unexpected channel.

Study 2:

When this person in a casual chat said that in spite of being with Mother for a decade there is no marked improvement in his standard of life. I tried to explain his draw backs but immediately withdrew and consecrated the thoughts and wished him more receptivity. Within a week heard that he has lost his job for which he worked for about seven years - and I was bit annoyed about my "rasi". Immediately he got offers from many competitors with more than a double CTC. Now he says he never realized that such an opportunity exists and his skill in tool designing is much sought after.

Study3:

When one person said to me that he is going to buy a flat from one builder and their terms – I smelled something fishy-but could not express it in that happy occasion. So I just said keep all dealings in D.D

with proof and wished him problem less registering the document and consecrated the consequent thought to Mother. Prior to registration the builder insisted on cash transaction one to one basis and my friend casually asked whether he is authorized collect. That made that person to shout –“if you want buy the flat buy or else go”. His fury for a general question made my friend to smell the rat / think of the deal in detail and found that there were many discrepancies in flat promoters claim.

Later Mr. Gary said consecrating the act made the other person's false hood came out and surrender to truth.

Study 4

I had a chance to appoint a person who is from a village which is noted for organized robberies. When I saw his acumen and alertness in learning a job I wished the whole village have same transformation and consecrated the thought. One by one started leaving the profession of theft and robbery and joined elsewhere as labours feeling ashamed of their ancestors –and wants at least their next generation to be free of such remarks. I have 12 such persons working for me loyally for more than a year where attrition is much higher in this labour intensive field.

Comment:

Ramesh Sir has provided magnificent examples of how we can consecrate for the benefit of others. We see there the power of restraint (non-initiative), minimal advice, consecrating the advice, not acceding to their negative feelings, being patient in the unfolding, sensing the underlying vibration of the situation, aspiring for their receptivity to the Force, the importance of good will (i.e. truly wishing the best for others), an underlying expansiveness, and so forth.

Keywords: Employment, Business, Sales, Property

For Overcoming Problems, Difficulties

Detachment Power

We recently moved to a new home. Our first night there the bedroom door handle, which has those integrated locks that you activate by pushing the button on the knob, suddenly began to lock itself whenever the door was closed. This was a troublesome situation because it could only be opened from inside the room and if it closed accidentally with no one on the inside it would lock us out. I was frustrated and annoyed about this as it happened at the end of a long and tiring day of moving. We tried in vain to fix it, making every effort. Then I decided to offer the problem to my Guru, I mentally placed the whole situation at Gurudev's feet and released my attachment to the outcome. At the very moment I did this I heard my husband exclaim "oh it's working now". The lock started to function as normal from that moment.

Keywords: Property, Machinery, Spouse

Calm in Classroom

One day several years ago, I was conducting a training class -- one that was typical of dozens, if not hundreds I had done in the past. However, unlike my other courses, the morning session of this class had gone just horribly. Just about every imaginable problem cropped up: People were late; I consistently stumbled in my presentation; the students were argumentative; I became defensive; and so forth. It was, to put it mildly, the worst possible scenario for an instructor.

Because the class had gone so poorly that morning, I was not exactly looking forward to the afternoon session. Fortunately, however, I was able to catch myself and control my anxiety. I then made the inner, psychological effort to reverse the situation. And so I relaxed myself, focused my concentration inward,

and then “offered” the remainder of the class to the spiritual Force. I said something like this: “I don’t know what to do at this point, but I know that if I put the situation in your hands, things will go right. It has to!” I then returned to the class for the afternoon session, and carried out my instructional duties as usual.

Within a half hour or so, I discerned a considerable change in the tone of the class. One thing I noticed was that all of the students arrived on time after their lunch break -- an unusual occurrence based on previous experience. Second, I noticed how smoothly and effortlessly each of the lessons unfolded for me, as each section of my presentation dovetailed perfectly with the next, creating a lovely, harmonious rhythm. Third, I noticed that not only were the students now quiet and subdued, but they were entirely focused on learning -- a complete turnaround from the morning session. In fact, when I attempted to engage them in conversation, they were not only responsive, but friendly and warm. That in turn compelled me to express my own appreciation for their participation and contributions, which added to the positive dynamic. Finally, I noticed how free the session was from outside disturbance; allowing the class to run smoothly and without interruption.

In all my years of instruction, I had never seen such a turnaround. It was almost as if I had stepped out of training purgatory and entered instructional heaven. And I was able to bring about this stunning transition by opening to the spiritual Force.

Through an act of intense consecration, I turned an exceedingly disturbed and troubling situation into one of serenity, harmony, and focused energy. By opening to the Higher Power, I was able to bring life completely under control.

Comment:

In this case I open to the spiritual Force, i.e. consecrated in a difficult situation, and magnificently it got turned around

Keywords: Instructor, Student

Consecration Power to Overcome a Problem

Recently I had a very difficult, complex, and seemingly intractable problem trying to sync my technology devices. I tried everything I knew to resolve it. Finally, today after trying one more time I gave up and asked the Mother for Her help. Five minutes later a screen suddenly popped up with information that helped me realize that I had faulty data in the system. It was as if She brought it up just for me to see. Now realizing what the problem could be I changed a bit of information (overriding an outdated email address in the log in) and the entire system suddenly began to work! Not only that, but another related intractable problem I had a week ago got resolved! Once again I had witnessed the astonishing power of Mother and Her Force to quickly overcome the impossible.

Keywords: Resources (physical)

Faith in Mother Turns a Negative Situation into a Positive and Favorable Situation

While waiting for train after office hours, it was announced that train will be late by half an hour. But immediately I have decided not to believe the announcement, MOTHER can change anything and engaged in my tab. Suddenly realising the train is arriving in platform in time.

Keywords: Train

The Training Class

Consecration is calling to the supramental Force, which is Unity consciousness. I.e. wherever there is separation, harmony, oneness, unity is evoked through the consecrated act.

For example, many years ago I was conducting a training class. The morning session was chaotic, even conflictive. During the lunch break I called to Mother intensely. Then in the afternoon session with that same group a profound stillness suddenly came over that room. A sense of harmony and well-being permeated all. The chaos of the morning session was gone and forgotten, as if it never happened. Harmony reigned supreme.

Keywords: Instructor, Student

Overcoming Computer Problem through Spirit

I was struggling with our PC at Mirra for the past 30 min, and it could not be started at all. I tried all possibilities using the recovery procedures with my little knowledge, but it was in vain.... I then tried calling our PC Technician but his line was busy and never returned my call... My stupid brain never commanded me to call the Spirit, the Divine Mother.

Just a few minutes ago I realized that core spiritual method, and called Mother by closing my eyes and chanted the mantra "If this she....." I recited the mantra about 5 times. When I then opened my eyes, I saw the PC with Mother looking at me in the Desktop background which was now reset!

Keywords: Resources (physical)

Untitled

If a difference of opinion arises with another and you consecrate the matter while taking the other person's point of view, the other person will tend to suddenly take your position, which will benefit you with absolute precision down to the smallest detail, to the penny, etc.

A man had been staying at a motel for three weeks, and had no difficulties in making payments for each night. Now the boss appeared, and he seemed to want to raise the rate. The man felt an impending confrontation with the boss. The man then caught himself, consecrated the matter offering it to the spiritual Force, and also decided to take the boss's point of view no matter what. Instantly the boss gave the same rate that the man had been charged previously down to the penny, and exhibited a softness in his manner that he ordinarily did not demonstrate.

Keywords: Money/Finance, Boss

Mother and Son's Prayers Overcomes His Deputation and Skin Problem

One such devotee has approached the Centre recently with a prayer to the Divine Mother to save her son from a terrible depression that he was suffering. Her son who is employed in a software company was terribly upset because his deputation to US has been delayed unduly by his officers though he is recognized to be a hardworking and intelligent worker among the higher officials. Of late he has also been suffering from a skin disease for which he is yet to contact a doctor. The mother and the son are regular visitors to the Centre.

She was in utter despair and could not be consoled easily. She was finally advised that his skin disease might be due to his suppressed emotions and it was suggested that somebody should spend some time to speak to him so that he is able to ventilate his emotions regarding problems in office etc. Also she was told that this effort should be accompanied by prayers to the Divine Mother in the Centre by the mother and if possible by the son himself. The suggestions were accepted spontaneously by the devotee and both of them have started offering prayers to the Mother in the Centre.

On the Darshan day on 24.4.2008, the devotee was waiting to share the happy experience that her son's trip to US has been cleared by his officials and informed that he will be leaving to US in a week or two. Also his skin disease has been diagnosed by the doctor as a simple fungal allergy which has started healing by the medicines prescribed.

The lady could not believe that both of her problems have vanished miraculously and that too in a short span of time.

Instantaneous miraculousness is what Shri Karmayogi says to explain the working of the Mother's force. This has always been experienced by the devotees who visit the Mother's Centres with enormous faith and devotion.

Keywords: Family, Children, Health/Well-being, Employment

Individual Consecrates, Which Helps Her Find Something That Was Lost

"I used to make filter coffee as I do in India. Last week while I was about to make coffee, I found the filter missing. (I have a 19-month-old baby who used to take it away and put in his toy chest!). I didn't find in my baby's toy chest or in the dishwasher. I started calling the Mother (i.e. the Force) present in the filter, and felt I must take more care of my vessels. The next moment I got the filter from my dishpan! It was an instantaneous response. A used to say Mother (i.e. the Force) is there in everything. I felt the truth of this statement. "

Comment: Utilization of the Force to invoke a causal response.

Keywords: Children, Home Appliances

Long Delayed Funds are Secured through Multi-Pronged Life Response Powers

I thought why not check the status of a bill that is well overdue. Rather than wait to be informed of the result - i.e. what the customer had lately intended to do or was doing on the matter -- I decided to take action and see what has actually transpired through my bank account, since the client has not responded to me in the way I had hoped.

As I was checking my account, I decided that I will open to the spiritual Force. In this particular case, as the very moment rolled around, I was a little afraid that the response I had hoped for would not come through my consecrated effort, and therefore I would lose a tiny bit of faith. Then I controlled my doubt, blocked out everything else, and held deeply within my thought of the Divine Mother. I was then informed over the phone that the long-delayed funds has suddenly arrived.

Comment:

Multiple life response powers were at play here. An attitude of strength over weakness; of action over inaction; of collecting money that are due; of consecration; of no fear over fear; of faith over no faith are all life response powers in tandem that attracted the result.

Keywords: Money/Finance

Consecrated Bus Incident

A few years back this happened: Simple incident - since I want to tell u about consecration I'm saying this:

I waited for bus, bus came. I put my leg on step of bus, that time I felt this bus will break down. I ignored that thought and didn't offer to Divine. Then after few stops when the bus was full with people, the bus stopped. The conductor announced "Break-down". He signed every ticket so they can use in next bus.

I didn't get down, almost everyone got down. I called Mother and offered my initial feeling of break-down. Intensely called, didn't think about anything else.

Then the driver said something like lever problem something. Don't remember. A passenger said "If that is the problem I can fix that". And he did something in the bus. Bus started. And all passengers got back the bus again :)

Comment:

Calling Mother, consecrating in a difficult situation overcomes problem. Also self-awareness of when a consecration would have worked creates additional positive energy.

Keywords: Vehicles (auto, etc.)

MIRRAcle

A Mother devotee showed a photo of the Miracle flower to her nephew who was a horticulturist.

He said that he will try to get the flower for her.

One day somehow he managed to get the flower and handed it over to her. She brought the flower to our prayers and mentioned that her nephew who had brought the flower had some family problem resulting in a divorce due to a very serious situation.

When she came for the prayers she offered the flower to The Mother and mentioned about her nephew's family problem. We told her that since he has brought the Miracle flower, The Mother will definitely make a Miracle happen to him. This happened a couple of years ago.

Yesterday the Mother devotee mentioned that her nephew has withdrawn the divorce and the couple are happily living together

Keywords: Relationship, Family, Miracles, Mother

Super-Fast Computer Surprise

Just when things have virtually stopped functioning or are on the verge of collapse, and you consecrate and pray deeply for their return to how they were, things don't just revert back to their previous working state, but reach a new, extraordinary new level of functioning it had never attained before. It's a miracle of miracles.

Example: For the first time in the life of his four year old computer a man had serious technical issues, to the point where the system was hardly working at all. It seems like it could be the end of the line for the machine.

However, he and his friend consecrated deeply on the issue. He then had an inspiration and decided to unplug the router connected to the Internet. It was a dramatic step with unknown consequences. Several hours later he realized that not only was this computer running as well as before, but was actually running a double the speed it had ever functioned previously. He was overjoyed by the development. That things could shift from one extreme to the other. Not merely the resolution of a problem, but the attainment of a new level of performance that could not have been expected.

Keywords: Resources (physical), Miracle, Computer, Consecration

A Merchant's Incredible Shipping Story

Hi Roy and fellow members! I have an interesting life response experience from just the other day that is, without a doubt, a result of consecration and my very definite decision to let go of a destructive emotion. It's not a huge incident, but it is a bit of a story, and something I want to share, nonetheless.

Okay, last week a small package did not get picked up from my mailbox, which had the "Red Flag" up - thereby signaling that I had mail for our rural mail carrier. (Usually it does, but a new substitute was learning the route)

The next morning, I took that small package (about 8 ounces, and already labeled with appropriate postage), where, to my dismay, a clerk who is known for excruciatingly slow service was standing.

Typically, I try to avoid going in for counter service if this particular clerk is there, because he acts as though he is absent-minded, talking at length with people about non job-related topics when the line is backing up.

He also states his opinions very decidedly, and is often unbending, insisting on his statements being fact.

Nonetheless, he is generally a very pleasant person too! So, this can make for a somewhat frustrating experience - it's not as though anyone could "dislike" the person - but things can sometimes be frustrating.

In the last year, I had become more and more critical of this service, and had truly tried to avoid being served if he is there. I could actually "feel" my stomach begin to churn when I saw him, and I was physically aware that I had negative feelings about the situation (I did try consecrating, but my efforts were weak!).

When I went in, he began examining the packages (I had brought a few more that I had to mail), and looking at the tiny one, he had a curious look on his face - perhaps it was the date, which was from more than a day before. I said, "Oh, that was in the mailbox but didn't get picked up."

Instantly, he began saying that there had been no obligation by the carrier to pick up the package, and that I had to "schedule" pickup, and that if not scheduled ahead of time, it is merely a "courtesy" that the mail gets picked up at our box.

I could feel my anger and frustration rising, since I know that in this case, there IS no "scheduling" pickup since to do so, at least one package must be "Priority" (we've been at this for a long time as eBay sellers, so we were aware of the rules). I said, "No, actually, we did not have to schedule it because it was small, INSIDE the mailbox - just like where we place our outgoing bills - and the flag was up."

He disagreed again. I said, "So, then, if this is true, what is the point of the 'red flag' on the box? The carrier does NOT have to pick up mail if he or she sees that up?"

Again, he insisted that there was never any obligation on behalf of carriers to pick up the mail, and he would not stop. He was almost laughing at me. I felt my ire rise higher than I have felt in many years - I'm pretty hard to "rile up" these days. Finally, because I could feel the anger starting to rise, I just said, "Whatever (name)... whatever you say..." and left.

I could not understand my anger. I consecrated and meditated, but all I could think of was "he is SUCH a jerk!" (and similar negative thoughts).

When I arrived home, I set upon finding the documentation that would prove that he was wrong. I did find the documentation, right in a postal service manual, proving that it is, in fact, a requirement of the contracted carriers to pick up mail if there is a red flag up (unless it seriously interferes with their ability to deliver mail - and this was not one of those times).

I still found myself feeling angry. I decided NOT to bring the documentation to the post office - especially feeling the way I did.

Now, I don't like feeling angry. It bugs me. I'm non-productive and frankly, anger doesn't become me. So I kept consecrating in a half-hearted way, but still feeling angry about the clerk...

But things got worse.

That very night, we received a complaint from a customer in California, saying that we sent her the wrong item. She said we sent her two "junk" books instead of the actual item she ordered. Concerned, we went through our labels, and looked at everything that went out when her package was sent, and because we aren't selling much right now, only 2 packages were even sent that day - and no one was sent any books.

We did all our due diligence, and began to think she was scamming us. We couldn't figure out how she could possibly say she received 2 books when the actual package we had sent her was verified as being less than 10 ounces.

I began to put 2+2 together - I began to feel that my unrelenting anger was "plugging up the works" in other parts of our life.

So, I sat down, and quietly called to Mother, and consecrated more diligently. This time, I affirmed that the same power that created and sustains me also created and sustains not only the mail clerk, but also this displeased customer. I consecrated the clerk to Mother, while asking to be forgiven for my anger and frustration since he is, in fact, also a son of the Divine. I consecrated the customer in California in the same way.

I consecrated everything I could think of for an hour!

Suddenly, I felt my anger with the clerk lift. I mean - 100%. It was just gone! I felt a certain peace I hadn't felt before.

So, I decided that when I bring the documentation into the post office, I'll do so when it feels "right," and when it isn't in retaliation. I may not bring it at all. I just decided to "let it be" for now, and just give it some time. I just kept consecrating and affirming our essential oneness.

Then, the craziest thing happened! In checking the emails a few hours later, the customer in California wrote - apologizing - and saying that she found the item we sent, and that she had made an honest mistake, and that she had closed the complaint!

Of course, we wrote to her immediately, saying that we were grateful that she had found the item, and that we ALL make mistakes. No hard feelings, and we hoped her other order would be straightened out quickly.

Anyway, that's my story of the day!

Comment:

In this wonderful experience of Kathy the process was very clear. She saw the connection between one area of her life that was negative and the problems she was having with another. When she recognized that correlation, wished to change her behavior, and consecrated the matter, she received a startling response from life.

Very often in our lives we will be attracting negative circumstance due to the fact that we are acting negatively ourselves in another area of our lives. Seeing connection of one area to a seemingly unrelated other area is a sign of a widening consciousness. Knowing what to do about it and seeing the magnificent result that ensues is the topper!

Keywords: Work Issue, Resources (physical), Relationship, Communications

Untitled

Recently I met with a small accident, collision, In fact. With another car and we both went into a heated argument, he called the police and I turned immediately to Mother ...fixed mother in the cars, in him and to the expected police officer. The moment the police officers reached the spot, they initiated so strongly to solve the issue through dialogue ...and two enemies became good friends now and we are solving the matter through insurance companies. His is a brand new car. I really wanted to avoid police proceeding as

in my job I am very busy these days. My fear of police proceedings when turned to Faith in Mother brought immediate positive result and fetched a good friend!

Keywords: Conflict, Vehicles (auto, etc.)

The Wild West

A number of years ago, my company GuruSoftware was contracted to do some consulting work for a client in Fresno, California -- a fast-growing city in the heart of the agricultural region of the state. This particular firm was in the construction business; focused on developing government-sponsored housing for low-income families. My assignment was to conduct a 2-day seminar with the firm's supervisors on the best way to implement a new project planning system for the organization.

When I began my first day presentation, I was stunned when the discussion immediately turned contentious. While several members saw great benefit in the idea of implementing a project management system, others doubted it would do any good. Those in the latter group were skeptical for several reasons. First, they felt that the staff was already overburdened with work, and were therefore reluctant to take on additional tasks. Second, it was clear from their reactions that they felt threatened by the change.

And yet as a proponent of the system, it was my duty to explain to everyone -- including the naysayers -- that implementing the system would not only *reduce* their workload, but would make everyone more productive, which would translate as a happier, more stimulated, and higher paid staff. However, just as I was about to express that position, the conversation took *another* turn for the worse. In fact, at one point the debate became so heated that I thought several members were going to come to blows! In that environment, I was certainly not eager to express an opinion that favored one side over the other. With a rancorous dispute accelerating, I decided to withdraw my presentation for the time being, and simply watch from the sidelines.

Several minutes later when the conversation reached its acrimonious peak, a high-level manager in attendance interrupted the proceedings and demanded a cooling off period. In fact, I later discovered that it was his task to be the designated "sheriff" whenever this particular group gets together! Now I felt as if I were in an old American cowboy movie, where the rancorous farmers and ranchers were not only airing grievances and pointing fingers, but were on the verge of fisticuffs and worse! Considering that the ancestry of a number of the participants was from that very same western rural stock, I might not have been far off the mark!

As I looked around at the half-crazed gathering, it became abundantly clear that though I came to present a fresh approach to systematize the company's operations, there were still too many fissures needed filling. And so for the remainder of the session I decided to remain quiet, keep my distance, and let events take their own course.

I must say that when I left at the end of that raucous session, I felt pretty disappointed; not only because I was unable to present the materials I had worked hard to prepare, but because it now seemed likely that the remainder of the presentation would be cancelled.

Though I lay there in the dark that evening in my hotel room racking my brains for a solution, nothing came to mind. However, after an intense hour of tossing and turning, I suddenly came up with an idea. I then rolled over, turned on the light, and felt compelled to take action. Not an *outer* action, mind you, but an *inner* one, for at this point I decided to *consecrate* the entire affair.

I then centered myself and focused my concentration inward. I then narrated the details of my dilemma to the Higher Power, and ardently offered it up -- hoping above hope that the conundrum would be resolved. I also quietly reminded myself that I should accept in full whatever the Spirit brought my way.

After the inner drama of that moment, I had a moment of clarity that there would be a positive resolution to the situation. And so with a hopeful attitude and a lighter view of things, I drifted off into what seemed like a dreamless sleep.

When I arrived the next morning for the second day of my assignment, I noticed that many of the same people were in the room. Still feeling a bit shaky from the previous day, and not knowing what to expect

today, I nervously fumbled about in preparation for my opening statement. Fortunately, I reminded myself to stay calm, as well as to keep an open mind. In fact, just to make sure that the day turned out well, I again focused myself and then consecrated the remainder of the day's proceedings. I then slowly turned to face my audience, and began the next section of my prepared remarks.

After an hour or so, I sensed that things were now very different in that room: that the atmosphere was now calm and subdued, and that my presentation was moving along quite nicely. As I gazed around the conference table, I saw no hint of tension or strain, no indications of rancor or strife. Rather, the place seemed suffused with calm. I even felt a palpable peace that bordered on serenity. It was an astonishing reversal from the previous day's situation: a mirror image of the earlier conflict, reflecting now as harmony and peace. And it all came about because the previous evening and earlier that morning I offered the entire matter to the spiritual Force.

Keywords: Instructor, Service, Business, Work Issue, Conflict

The Subtle Solution

Reality is presenting its Truth every day, every moment, for every problem; however it is hard to notice because it is very subtle. During any problem, those who ignore or walk away loses the opportunity of learning the knowledge behind it. Those who approach the problem with anxiety, frustration and expectation, complicates the issue further. *Those who look into the problem with calmness and aspiration to solve it, but consecrating the problem to the Divine accomplish it by attaining the knowledge by intuition or somehow.*

Example: In our company during annual maintenance activities, our mechanical team faced critical issue with opening particular piece of equipment for quite a few years. We used to employ contractors who uses special tools like bolt tensioners to loosen/tighten the bolts of that equipment. We faced issues with bolts/nuts got stuck and as a result we had to try various other means to loosen the bolts. However, that had resulted in various other issues like damaging the bolt thread, bolt hole thread, damage nuts, need to re-machine and so forth. Overall, this had caused us additional maintenance cost, schedule delay, production outage and so forth. This was going on for few years. We had implemented number of practices and procedures in order to resolve that issue in the meantime, yet none had able to solve the issues totally.

Last year, during the maintenance activity the solution came by itself, perceived by the two engineers worked closely with that activity. They perceived that from out of nowhere (like intuition) on one fine late evening. When that method was validated and proved successful during the recent maintenance activities last month, everybody was amazed how subtle the solution was, how we all had missed and didn't understand that for so many years. All the years of agony, frustration, and disappointment had vanished in a fraction of second and as a result we managed to complete all the activities in a remarkable timeline.

I was aware of the problem but didn't fully understand how the new method or the solution worked initially. As a result, I went on to inspect the tools personally, studied on internet and finally felt happy that I had learnt something which I had not fully understood before. On the same day itself, I got an inquiry from my colleague about some of the mechanical valves that came back from service. I went on to personally check all those items. During the process of checking, all of a sudden, life indicated the root cause behind another piece of instrument which we were facing issues for quite few years as well! After that finding, I was flabbergasted. When we take efforts to learn about an issue sincerely, life responds to return that favour by indicating the solution for other similar problem. Every problem contains in it the subtle solution!

Keywords: Work Issue, Resources (physical), Machinery

Solving Boxes Dilemma (Reversing an Attitude through Faith in Consecration Attracts)

Today, we are expecting a group of people from our Corporate Office. This morning, I received 15 boxes of supplies in 15 different boxes. I called my "supervisor" and asked if I could have any help. I told me that I had to unpack the boxes and put them on the shelves, was that she could not get anyone to help me but maybe one person could help. The person that I would ask had just left the office and I was not sure when he would be back since he was on "rounds" searching for charts.

I started unpacking the boxes myself in a very irritated mood. I then realized that I should consecrate the chore. I offered it up to the Divine, which eased my irritation and gave me faith in something better. I then put everything away. There was another problem, what to do with the 15 empty boxes! I loaded a cart and brought a few of the boxes to the "Box Room". When I came back to get more boxes, there was a co-worker there and I asked him if he wanted some boxes. He took four of them. Another person came by and said "Boxes!" Is asked her if she wanted them, since I knew she was moving. She took the rest of the boxes off!

I have been in tough situations like this and have consecrated them, not always knowing what the outcome would be, but this time, I knew that if I did "Consecrate the effort" something would happen to make it all work out.

Comments:

Shifting from attitude and sensation of irritation to belief in good coming out of a consecrated effort attracted the results.

Keywords: Work Issue, Resources (physical), Quantity

Untitled

Few months back, I had decided to sit for a 3 day prayer at Mambalam center at Chennai. Before starting from Cochin, I called Vijaya mam and discussed about my decision. She agreed and suggested to start the prayer by 7 am sharp to 7 pm for three days. Normally the Parveen travel benz reaches by 6 am and my plan was, I can comfortably fresh myself and reach the center by 6 50 or 6 55 and can start my prayer as scheduled., That Prayer was for a crucial turn around in my life. But the bus reached Chennai by 6 50 am...I really rushed (like anything) and reached center by 8 am and submitted the flowers to Mother but noticed that the cell phone is missing. It was a shock for me not because of the money involved but the response involved just before starting my prayer which is for a vital issue in my life.

Vijaya madam came to me and I immediately told her that my cell phone is missing and I lost it in the autorikshaw and she replied that it is not a good sign as she know my problem and suggested me to pray for a while and calm down. I posed for a moment told her that "Madam, It will come back" and then turned to Mother's photo and prayed intensely this thing. "Mother, you know what I am undergoing, I am here to calm myself and receive your blessings (Thy Will (to?) be done) in my issue. To sit for that peacefully, Mother, my cell phone should be back., otherwise this issue will haunt me like anything and I will be worried or unsure about a perfect solution to my issue which I am here for." After that I was so sure that my cell phone will be come back.

Then it came to my mind that I kept in the backside seat. Normally, getting a cell phone lost in an autorikshaw in Chennai is a difficult task and almost impossible and mine I lost in the back seat and chances are further less. I continued my prayer and visualized that the man is calling me outside the center. The very situation happened after few minutes, when I heard " Siiiiir., Ungalode cell phone autovil irunthith". Your cell phone was there in the auto., I gave him 100 rupees and thanked him and Mother.

In this incident, I was so sure about the return of cell phone before starting my Prayer. Vijaya madam was so happy he was mentioning this to my of the devotees coming that day. The Power of the MSS center is that. And to my real issue, I got a complete solution. The solution which is not at all possible in all normal circumstances. "Mother...I am so lucky ..I have none other than you with me"

Keywords: Vehicles (auto, etc.), City, Resources (physical)

Lost Husband Found by Opening through Wife's Opening to the Mother

This is an experience of a roadside vendor which has really touched me and I wanted to share this with everyone.

That day at 1.45 p.m. the crowd in the Centre was minimal and suddenly one lady who introduced herself as a vendor came in with a crying and swollen face. Both she and her husband, according to her, were quite harmonious and hardworking and earning around Rs.1000/- a day. Due to some repair work which was going on the road, their business became dull and slowly they have started incurring loss. Due to unbearable pressure from people asking for the loans to be repaid, her husband one day has suddenly ran away and still not traceable. The lady was in a very bad state and consoling her impossible. I just asked her to sit before Mother and relax for some time. After half an hour or so, she could compose herself to a certain extent and after getting a blessing packet went home with a calm mind.

Then came news that around 3.00p.m. There was a call from her husband informing her about the place of his stay and he reached back home that night safely.

The next day both husband and wife came to the Centre. The lady was filled with gratitude and she was profusely thanking Mother for this miracle.

I just wondered the way Mother has worked and the result was seen within no time. I was remembering the words in the book of Appa 'Ellam Tharum Annai' that the force of The Mother equally acts on all problems in life, may that be big or small. Only in our view the problems are big and small, soluble and insoluble etc. The Divine Mother equally offers her Grace to everyone whether it is a small boy who has lost his marble, or a Minister who has lost his seat, or an ordinary lady who has lost her husband.

The above incident is a proof of the force of Mother actively at work in the meditation centres which readily offers solution for all the problems in everyone's life.

Keywords: Business, Relationship, Spouse

Released from Jury Duty through Consecration

Recently, a friend of mine was picked for jury duty. She did not know how long she would be performing this service: a day, several weeks, or even a month or more. The other day, when she first arrived, the 85+ potential witnesses, including her, were being interviewed to determine their suitability to be jurors. The first day passed and the issue of her selection did not come up. In fact, she had to wait four days before the two attorneys could evaluate her suitability. In the meantime, she continually called to the Force (in her case the Divine Mother) so that the best result would ensue. As the fourth of the witness interview days rolled around, there was the real possibility that she would be on duty for a full month. When you consider that these days conformed precisely to her vacation time off from work, you can understand her misgivings about the entire matter.

When that fourth day rolled around, my friend's name was finally called. The attorneys then proceeded to ask if she would be prejudiced against the accused one-way or the other. They then probed into whether she would be overly unfavorable toward the defendant perhaps because she had been a victim herself. It turns out that was precisely the case over 25 years ago to a similar crime. She was then interviewed privately, where she explained her situation and past history in detail. As a result, she was dismissed from all jury duty.

Because she called to the Force, It responded in its normal supra-creative way by evoking startling conditions that resolved the issue in my friend's favor. By opening and calling to the Spirit, It found just the right vehicle -- the correlation between the alleged crime being investigated and the precise victimhood my friend experienced all those years ago -- to relieve her from court duty. The Causal power of the Force knows no bounds, and is infinitely creative and helpful. It also connects past, present, and future into the Eternal Now. The results invariably come as incidents of instantaneous miraculousness.

Keywords: Lawyer, Contradiction

The House for Sale

We have had a small 2-bedroom house we've been renting to tenants in a nearby town for about 3 years. We (meaning me, John, his brother and wife) had originally purchased the house for relatives to live in; however, they had decided to go elsewhere. This particular town is - and has been - experiencing a dark depression both economically and spiritually (the spiritual part is my opinion based on observation) for many years. Thus, houses are amongst some of the least expensive we've ever seen. This is also a town where houses are known to sit on the market for an unbearably long time.

Nonetheless, this was a nice little house on a pretty lot, in a relatively nice neighborhood. When we purchased the house, we put it under John's and my name, since it was - at that time - easy to get funding, and I had steady work outside the home.

Well, as mentioned, the folks we bought it for went elsewhere, so we decided to rent it out. The real estate market - while it may be less than optimal elsewhere is nothing short of disastrous in this particular town. To give you an example, the town barely has 10,331 people (2000 census data) - and there are approx 140 homes for sale. Many of these homes are nice enough - in any other town, they'd probably be worth \$200,000 and up. In this town, you can purchase it for scarcely \$100,000 (of course, like anywhere, there are lovely homes there as well). Other buildings for sale are dilapidated tenement buildings that were originally built for mill workers at the early part of the last century. The nice little house we purchased cost approx \$54,000!

The first tenants we had left town, owing us rental funds we shall never recover. We then had new tenants - neither of whom had jobs, but they had government and other funds that enabled them to pay. Unfortunately, the female partner has a young 16-year old son who vandalized the upstairs to the tune of \$4,000. After these tenants left (and they have been repaying us in monthly instalments to the best of their abilities), we realized that we needed to get rid of this house.

While John & his brother spent nearly 10 weeks of unpaid work in the house working to fix the damage and update it (as builders, they figured they might as well "go for it" and just do as many renovations as they could afford), we all began to realize that if we could sell it, it would be in everyone's best interest - including mine, since the house is in my name, and I no longer had a steady income. I silently decided that I wanted this liability off my credit report.

I began to consecrate this matter in earnest. In my daily meditations, I outline my situation - and I take full responsibility for what has happened in my life. In this case, I know full well that my own actions were those that originally signed on the dotted line of the mortgage. Daily, I ask the Divine Force to help dissolve the debts I have incurred, and to otherwise help dissolve other limiting actions and behaviors I have enabled.

Right about when we decided to put the house on the market, I acknowledged in my meditations that for some, the real estate market appears gloomy. I would continually state, "But You do know the perfect person for whom this little house would be a treasure. I do not know who this is, but I know that You do!" I also ask Mother to assist in my opening to the Divine at every step of the way.

I felt very calm about all of this, because I could honestly feel my connection with God getting stronger as a result of all this spiritual work I have been concentrating on.

Meanwhile, as John and his brother were working in the house, they began reaffirming that, yes, there was definitely someone out there - either a single person or a couple who just wanted a small, easy-to-heat and easy-to-maintain home of their own. This went on for a month or more.

We listed the house at the beginning of September - and within 1 week, we had an offer on the house. This, in the midst of one of the most depressed regions I have seen in this state, where almost no one gets offers this quickly!

Furthermore, the person was not even from the area, but had decided to retire up north, and needed a small, easy-to-heat and easy-to-maintain home.

It gets better - this person was 100% approved for all financing! This is amazing! And even more amazing is that this person is financing 100% of the costs (no down payment!), AND the appraisal came back perfectly. It turns out that there is quite a bit of energy out there that is "pulling" for this region to restabilize, and people want folks to invest there if possible.

We are waiting for just a couple more things to finalize, and are scheduled to close on this property early in November. We will make enough to completely dissolve the debt, and put close to \$10,000 back in the coffers. I realize that there is no true financial profit involved in this sale considering what it has cost over the last year or so - but the little bit we do receive will certainly help lighten the load as we work towards other goals.

I would be remiss if I didn't publicly give my gratitude to the Divine and The Mother, whose presence I believe is truly helping me to open more and more to the workings of God.

Comments:

Great experience that shows a number of the source causes of Life Response. In the incident we see-

- The power of consecration.
- Consecrated with earnestness and focus gives greater power to action of Force.
- Taking full responsibility for situation allows one to move from the local to universal domain.
- Having faith beyond a gloomy market opens up vast possibilities.
- Faith spreading to others who gave support adds energy.
- Intention was great, which concentrated force into power.
- Followed the process of creation from vision to manifestation gathers the force and turns it into a living reality.
- Consecrated effort created dynamic, creative outcomes. (causal power of Force)
- Social atmosphere for region to stabilize adds hidden social power.

Addendum:

The final kicker was the day we actually closed on the house (which was 11/7). It turns out that the guy who bought the house *was actually born 4 doors up, on the very same street!* Amazing! And just when we were doing the renovations (beginning in July sometime), he was just beginning to feel like he wanted to "go home" and buy a place in his hometown after having been away for 40 years!

Comments:

One of the things I have come to realize about Life Response is that it doesn't necessarily come upon us all at once. It happens in steps, with the two parties gradually aligning with one another as we saw in Kathy's example here. In the famous episode in Jane Austin's *Pride and Prejudice* where Eliza and Darcy meet near the pond -- a life response to her changing her view of him and enabling her to marry him and become wealthy -- we see that she and him were doing things in higher consciousness earlier that were gradually bringing them closer together. E.g. she earlier started to change her attitudes somewhat toward Darcy, causing him (or aligning with his decision) to cancel the remainder of his trip to London, which soon after enabled him to meet her at the pond, sealing the fate of their relationship. The two sides over time moved into alignment until that time when the big response took place.

Keywords: Money/Finance, Resources (physical), Sales, Family, Household, Property

I saw Miracles and Mother in my life.....

Hi everybody, I am Suresh from Chennai. I had been a mother's devotee for the past 5 years. There had been a lot of miracles and experience which I had felt in these many years. But I was not matured enough to realize that it was mother who had made that.

Here is my real own personal experience which I would like to share with all of our members. It was January 1st 2008 I was employed in a company as HR executive. In my house my mother and all other relatives had decided to make get into a marriage relationship. I also said yes. So after all initial process, we had saw one girl and I also got engaged on March 2nd 2008. After that I had faced a number of problem and to my surprise a lost my job. Immediately after that my marriage was also stopped as the girl had another affair. I was baffled and I was helpless. I ran towards Mother and I asked her help. After that I was not getting any job and I went through all trying and troubling times (including criticism from all relatives). But I knew that Mother would not fail.

After 4 months of constant perseverance I got another good job in a very good company. With this job in hand, my people started their marriage proposal again. Again the problem started, the day before engagement the girl's house called us and said that they want stop with this alliance. Again it was stopped and following that I lost my job due to recession. People just imagine how an boy of age 26 could undergo so many problems within very short span of time... at last I surrendered myself to THE MOTHER and I said this problem should be solved and I don't know what mistake I am doing please be with me. After that immediately there was a marriage proposal from one of our relatives. They said they know a girl who is really very good. But I did not accept because I was sitting here without a job. But still girls house said they want only a very educated and good family background boy. Immediately, nothing came to my mind, Except MOTHER. I went and told about this alliance. I told mother that I don't how to go about it please help me out if this suits me, because I don't want to get again stopped. But to my surprise, she was also an MOTHER devotee and she came to me and said, please go ahead and will also pray to mother. On February 6th 2009 I got engaged with her and my marriage is fixed on 28th of May 2009. So by MOTHER'S grace of got a marriage proposal.

Now that I still got into a biggest problem "what was that" as I told you that I was sitting without a job, my urge was to get into any job before marriage. SO I started concentrating on that prayer, and to my surprise I got a job offer immediately and I joined on April 24th 2009.

SO now you all tell me dint I see mother now in my life?

Keywords: Employment, Relationship, Contradiction

Of Problem in Tandem with Positive Action

The Shutdown

Consecration of a problem works best when it is accompanied by taking any positive action you can to remedy the situation, while remaining very still in your emotions.

A couple apparently had their Internet service permanently shut off which they had been sharing with others nearby. It was a serious moment. However, they spontaneously consecrated the situation, offering the problem to the Divine Mother. They also remained quite calm considering the severity of the situation; plus they creatively thought about alternatives solutions and contacted the local supplier to find out what was possible. Five minutes later, they were astounded when the service came back on, and they were able to use the service just as before.

Keywords: Resources (physical)

Power of Being in Now

Today my car was blocked by another auto very early in the morning when people were asleep. Thus I could not get to a very important meeting. It looked grim. I put these thoughts aside, and took to what I

could do. There was a number to call that I saw, which I did. Suddenly the person blocking appeared from out of nowhere resolving the problem. I then turned on the radio in the car and the first word out of the announcer's mouth was "consecration." I was astonished and joy-filled. When you focus on the details of the Present, the Now and not worry about the past or future, miraculous-like conditions quickly presents themselves. Calm consecration aids the process.

Keywords: Vehicles (auto, etc.), Media

For Turning Negatives into Opportunities

Perceiving That Opportunities Can Emerge From the Negative Causes It to Happen In Software Incident

If you have a very difficult problem and take the right attitude about it, not only will that problem get solved, but other legacy problems that have been there for a while will also miraculous-like self-correct.

The other day I needed to upgrade my Microsoft Office software application from the 2010 to the 2013 version. In the middle of the installation the system froze. I tried to reinstall, but to no avail. Though I was not pleased with the situation, I remained steady. I even suspected some additional good could come out of this problematic situation. I then contacted Microsoft technical support, and spoke with someone who was very pleasant and supportive, but after two hours of trying also could not resolve the problem. The case was then forwarded to a higher-level expert there.

On a second call the next day, the tech took over my machine remotely and continued to try to resolve the problem. At one point they asked if I had the computer tuned recently as I had a number of issues with it. I said I hadn't, though I had noted to myself that the system ran slow on occasion, and occasionally froze.

At one point I consecrated the problem and also did my best to forget the issue, putting the entire matter fully in the technician's and the Divine's hands. A little while later I saw that the system was beginning to install properly. When it completed, I thanked the technician and began to use the upgraded software. It turns out that not only was the upgrade now running very well, but I also noticed that the entire computer was also running faster! When I explored further I saw that many software add-ins acquired along the way had been removed, one of several reasons why the systems now ran so much better!

I was startled by this turn of events but somehow not surprised as I knew of the wonders of the spiritual Force, as well as the power of not reacting to a negative situation. Actually there was more in this case, as I had consciously thought about the fact that additional positive outcomes can come out of a negative situation beyond resolving the immediate problem, which is precisely what happened when in essence I practically acquired a brand new computer!

Comment:

As we see if you can look at the difficulties that befall you as an opportunity lurking behind, life will return the favor and respond with good or great fortune.

It is true that this is not easy to do when a serious problem comes our way. However, if you can break through the worry and fear and perceive the possibility of a great positive, you will have the wherewithal to attract such startling outcomes.

Keywords: Resources (physical), Service

In Terms of Overcoming a Worry, Fear

Untitled

Another example of Life Response... This morning we have had more Snow including a Blizzard! I had to get my wife to work with a drive into the city centre, I told her that we would wait for the blizzard to ease off which it did and then make our way carefully to work. Whilst waiting I consecrated all worry of mishaps and disasters on the journey and asked the Divine to guide us safely there and me home. The main roads were not that good even on low levels but we travelled there with traffic lights on steep hills remaining on green so we didn't have to stop whilst going up them! We eventually arrived at the city centre and the gridlock that was apparent started to clear and flow in the direction that we were going in. We arrived safely at our destination passing abandoned cars and other mishaps. The journey home was even better totally stress free with hardly any traffic and clearer roads with teams of gritters working on them!

Keywords: Weather, Spouse, Traffic

Untitled

Here's a typical experience of mine pertaining to Life response and faith:

I am allergic to smoking and I am even scared to talk to people who smell of smoke since it may trigger my allergic rhinitis which will result to nonstop sneezing and runny nose for minimum half an hour! It happened on a sunny day in 1998 when I was sitting at the coffee shop (A Hawker Centre in Singapore)...

I chose a table where the other chairs were unoccupied. An elderly man was heading towards my table with a lighted cigarette in his hand... If I move immediately from my chair, I thought that the person may get offended and I can't ask him not to smoke !!!!! This is where I was calling The Mother deep in my heart to help me in this embarrassing situation telling that "I don't want to interrupt this man's fancy for smoking but at the same time my allergy also should not get triggered "..... Within a few minutes this man took the ash tray from my table, extinguished the cigarette (which had around 25% to be used) and to my surprise he waved at one of his pals who was seated a couple of tables away and went to him.

Keywords: Resources (Physical), Health/Well-being, City

In Terms of Overcoming an Anticipated Negative

Motel Room Miracle

A paraphrase of one principle I have learned over the years is "that which is reported as horrible, miraculously turns out quite fine after being consecrated." Here is a recent experience of mine that demonstrates this idea.

The reviews for a motel I was to stay at were about as poor as a lodging can receive. And that same horribleness was reported by a number of online sources. It seemed a daunting situation, but since the reservation was already made, I was determined to see it through. In addition, considering the situation, I remembered to consecrate the problem, offering it up to the Divine Mother and Her Force.

Well, after exhaustingly carrying up my luggage to the top floor, I opened the door to the room, looked around, and was startled to see how wonderful it looked! Fortune had it that the room had recently been completely revamped, and everything I needed was there, fresh and new! I was astonished by this remarkable turn of events. It was surely another miraculous instance of how Her Force can take the worst of situations and turn it into its opposite.

Keywords: Resources (physical)

To Prevent Negative from Repeating

Overcoming Repetition through the Power of the Spiritual Force

Sri Karmayogi describes one central principle of life is its tendency to repeat. He also indicates that such repetitions, particularly those of a negative kind, will cease when Man understands at a higher level; i.e. when he perceives something new that he did not know before relative to the issue at hand. Interestingly, there is a complementary method that can also achieve the same result and more. We can offer the situation to the spiritual Force, which will overcome the inertia to repeat, while attracting other powerful conditions.

To illustrate what I mean, I would like to narrate the following remarkable experience I had the other day.

Every two or three years I meet with a friend of mine whom I have known for a quarter of a century. This is a person who I worked with many years ago and over time has become a successful software developer. As a result, he now lives in a prosperous community nearby with his family. Whenever we get together, we meet for lunch at a local restaurant in my town in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Though the time for our meetings are normally 12 noon, I usually end up arriving just a touch early, sit at a table in the back, and face the front of the restaurant so I can wave him in my direction when he shows up. It turns out that every time we have our lunch get together, he arrives late -- usually 15-30 minutes. He then invariably apologizes profusely for his tardiness, since he is a well-mannered individual and has a soft, winning nature. For 25 years this pattern of lateness has repeated.

On this particular occasion I arrived a few minutes early, and instead of entering the restaurant, I decided to sit in my car in the parking lot until 12 noon arrived. As I sat there remembering the many times I met my friend here in the past, I also recalled how he always arrived late. In fact, it had become something of an ongoing joke between us. This time however, I decided to take a very different approach. I therefore closed my eyes and concentrated myself, and then offered the entire matter up to the Divine Mother, hoping for the best.

Well just as I was about to exit my car and enter the restaurant at 12, my cell phone rang. I saw that it was an incoming call from my friend. As I answered, I thought, "Here we go again! He's calling to tell me that he is delayed or that the meeting needed to be cancelled." He then proceeded to ask me if we were indeed supposed to meet today. "Oh boy, I thought, it's repeating once more." However, at the end of the short conversation, he said something startling. He told me that he was already in the restaurant, and was waiting for me at his table!

Somewhat shocked by the development, I got out of the car. Then I began to joyously laugh to myself as I realized that he did not know I was a mere 10-20 yards away from him in the parking lot. (The wonders of modern cell phones!) I now realized that I would be surprising him with my sudden arrival, since he likely thought I had not yet left home. Now practically dancing into the diner, I saw my friend standing and waving to me in the back, and scampered over to take my seat at the table he reserved.

When I sat down, I was filled with giddiness and awash in wonder. There were so many reasons! For one, it turned out that for the first time ever we were sitting on the exact *opposite* side of the restaurant we normally sat at. This struck me as very compelling. I also noticed that he was sitting at the opposite side of the table than before. That is, now he was facing front; where I always had that vantage point in the past. Add the fact that he had arrived on time after all of these years -- actually *before* me -- and it is no wonder that I was enthralled by the situation. It was obvious in that precious moment that life had completely turned around; both literally and figuratively.

As I sat there in a state of wonder, I understood clearly why this had all happened. Because I opened to the spiritual Force, to the Divine Mother before entering the diner, years of inertia-based repetition had come to an end. That Power evoked the very best conditions for all concerned.

There is one other interesting part to the story. After these developments, we then proceeded to have a fine meal and very stimulating conversation. In it my friend revealed that he had just gone through a very

trying episode, where he was caught in a great blizzard in New York City. He then described to me in great detail the unbelievable difficulties he encountered in dealing with the wicked weather. How he had been forced into going places and using modes of public transportation he was unfamiliar with as the weather created havoc with the situation. How he was forced to go to three different hospitals during those days to deal with three different family members who had suddenly taken ill. And so forth for the remainder of the time he was trapped in the city and could not make it back to California.

But what was really startling to me was that all of his adventures took place in the precise area of the city where I grew up; places and things I had not thought of in over 40 years since moving to California back then. In fact, he had practically retraced every haunt, transportation method (bus, subway, and taxi), and station I used to make my way back and forth to Manhattan as a youth. It was too much to believe to discover that out of a thousand locales in that gigantic metro area, my friend had been moving about in the very specific ones that I did in my youth. The precise bus; the precise train, the precise destination train station; even the precise neighborhood where I lived. It was a million to one shot that this could happen. And yet I knew that the miraculous coincidence he was narrating was but another result of my earlier effort at consecrating his previous lateness.

After narrating his gripping story, my friend revealed that he was considering writing a book on the subject, which would not only include the great adventure he just narrated, but related subjects on human trust and fear that he has observed for decades in the American landscape. Now after suggesting this possibility, his face became bright in a way I had not seen in years, if ever before. In fact, for the first time in decades, I sensed that he had a new purpose and direction in life.

As we see, when life repeats in the negative, we can overcome that repetition by taking to a new, higher understanding. My friend must have done just that, as he finally arrived at his appointment on time. From my side, I also saw that by evoking the Spiritual Force, I was able to attract a plethora of astonishing conditions, including the overcoming of the poor habit of my friend, as well as a number of other circumstances that bordered on the miraculous. It reminded me once again of how opening to the Spirit can have an immediate and vast impact on the Character of Life.

Keywords: Relationship, Vehicles (auto, etc.), City, State/Province

Overcoming Negative Repetition Attracts Overwhelmingly

Some of us may be familiar with the principle that life's acts tend to repeat over and over. Eg we will make the same foolish mistake periodically, or have the same disdainful boss repeatedly no matter where we work, or see the same disaster for a nation re-occurring over time, or we repeat the same dead habit of our own, or we move in the same foolish direction ad infinitum, etc.

It is the "physical consciousness;" the regressive, inertia-inducing part of our being that does not want to change, that assures the repetition of negative acts. However, introspection and self-analysis that identifies our repeating negative acts and then makes a sincere concerted effort to overcome them, will not only break this long-term dynamic, but opens the doors to enormous positive, even life-changing response from the world around us.

One man met an associate every few years at a restaurant. One thing that never failed was that his friend was always late. It happened at least half a dozen times over the years. However this time he said to himself that he did not want it to happen again. And so while sitting in his car in the restaurant's parking lot, he called to the Spirit and asked that his friend not be late this time. When the man walked into the building, he did not expect much of anything; yet when he looked into the distance of the large room, he saw his friend sitting there. It runs out that this time the man was late, not his friend! When he then sat down in amazement, the friend told him that he decided not to be late anymore. He also narrated some startling new developments in his life, each of which was miraculous-like.

Because the man sincerely wanted to stop the repetitions, and opened to the Force to make it happen, life completely turned around. The world had changed right before his eyes!

Keywords: Relationship, Vehicles (auto, etc.)

In a Problem the Force Knows the Future

The New Backup Program (The Force Knows the Future)

Mother, the Supramental Force always knows the arc of our future, and therefore we should trust in it when transitions are demanded of us in life, even forced on us.

I had an online computer backup program that I used for many years. It worked quite well. Then one day it began to falter somewhat; plus there were issues concerning its price. Thus somewhat reluctantly I was forced to adopt another program. I had no choice. I consecrated the matter to the Mother, and let it go as it may.

As it turned out, the new program worked quite well. But what was most interesting to me was the fact that whereas the backed up files of the old program had become a bit of a mess, the new program cleaned that up perfectly in its own backup. Though I had been grappling about other matters when the transition between the two programs was forced on me -- the fact that the older program was having troubles working problem, price issues, etc. -- Mother, the supramental Force knew that the transition was necessary to derive a more perfect backup. She had looked into the depth of the matter and through Her Force compelled a change whose benefit I would only understand in full once the transition was complete.

Keywords: Resources (physical)

Impact on the Collective

California Fires and the Response from Life

Approximately three weeks ago, a very small weather system passed over Northern California. It produced no rain, but much lightning, an extremely rare phenomenon in California (i.e. the lightning). As a result, over 500 fires were started in the Northern and Central part of the state. They raged for several weeks, and produced abundant smoke throughout the region. Every day the sky would turn brown and you could smell it day and night. It was very concentrated in the Central Valley of California, which sits between two mountain ranges with no easy outlet for such smoke. Every day during this 2-week period, the smoke would drift into the SF Bay Area where I live. In combination with an intense heat wave where the temperature went above 107, the physical atmosphere was turning poisonous. Even I was affected despite air conditioning and other attempted remedies.

Over 1 thousand square miles of California burned and the air was getting worse with every passing day. The chance of rain or another system moving through was virtually zero since this is the dry season in the region. At one point, I thought back to last year when California hit nearly 120 degrees for several days, including where I live. Over 300 people died and thousands more were taken ill. What is not generally known however is the fact that had the heat remained for another two days or so, thousands, maybe as many as ten thousand could have died. Fortunately, the weather cooled somewhat, averting the tragedy.

With this in mind, plus the fact that I was having headaches and felt I was slowly being poisoned by the air, and the fact that the skies were worsening and the fires were getting completely out of hand, one night before I went to sleep I felt an overwhelming aspiration for it all to end. I then explained to The Mother the situation in detail and with an intense prayer asked that the situation cease. I then fell asleep.

The next morning I opened the curtain and looked at the sky. I noticed that there were several small clouds very high up. I looked out the window from the other side and saw the same. I then thought that these are produced when a system passes through. But these were tiny clouds, and I wondered what good they would really do. Then as the morning progressed, I noticed that this was indeed an upper atmosphere disturbance (not unlike the earlier system that created the lightning strikes, but smaller and completely benign; i.e. a few tiny clouds but without the lightning). Then at one point, it was clear that

the sky was no longer brown, that in fact the normal deep blue of California returned for the first time in 2 weeks. Still I wondered if the Central Valley smoke would drift over and return; but it never happened.

It turns out that this virtually cloudless upper level weather disturbance front had miraculously cleared out all of California. A day or two later the 460 of the 500 fires were under control. The smoke had virtually disappeared. Life returned pretty much to normal.

The Divine Mother had altered the course of reality, and saved myself and countless others from what I believed was a looming catastrophe.

I am not sure what else to add, except I am infinitely grateful

Keywords: Weather, State/Province, Quantity

Man's Inner Effort Enables New Regulations to Spread To the Collective

We know that when there is a big problem and we give it due diligence while consecrating the matter, Mother will act and help us resolve it. In many cases, not only will that happen, but the result can spread to the collective, having that same effect on a number of people around us; even to the entire community.

A tenant noticed that his living complex had become filthy and overgrown due to the inattention of the manager of the property. However, rather than confront him, he narrated the information to the owner, and even picked up a bit of the litter as a token gesture. Several days later, it was clear the manager got the word, and people were brought in to help clean up the mess. The tenant was pleased with this outcome ... but there was more.

The very next day he opened the major newspaper for the region and saw a headline that indicated that the city the man lived in (Long Beach, California) had finally decided to consider instituting regulations for upkeep of all rental apartments by their owners, -- including electrical, plumbing, heat, trash, general upkeep, etc., -- something this city alone had been lax to do and wholly negligent in. Now suddenly there was a public outcry and movement in the community to institute these fundamental regulations; something hardly ever mentioned before.

Because the tenant had consecrated the problem, did not react negatively to the difficult situation, made use of the right channels, and even made a token gesture to clean up the mess, the solution spread from his own small living enclave to the city of half a million!

Keywords: Property, Owner, Manager

Untitled

Often when you try to overcome a problem by directing your concentration and the spiritual Force in that area, you get a solution from an entirely different one.

Example: A man worked inwardly to direct the weather patterns so his area would be relieved from the extremely harsh drought it was going through. It had some effect, and rains came into a certain segment of his state which was significant. Though it would help fill the reservoirs a bit, he also noticed that his hometown area was not getting any relief. Still he focused on that area where he had succeeded before. The next morning he discovered that in fact rains came in abundance to his home town, but from a completely DIFFERENT weather system giving significant relief for the first time in many months.

Keywords: Weather

Repeating a Life Response for the Collective

One of the interesting aspects things about Life Response is that once you have had the experience, you can repeat it at that same level. I.e. if you identify the inner behavior that precipitated it the first time around -- such as a shift in attitude -- you can go to the well again, repeating that higher consciousness

movement and attracting an equal, if not more powerful response from life. In this way, your life can be a never-ending series of sudden good fortune moments -- propelling you to the pinnacles of success, while moving you swiftly along a path of personal progress and evolution. Let me illustrate with a recent example.

As you may know from a previous entry, I was able to marshal the spiritual Force to overcome a dire situation in Northern California. What happened was that last spring an unusual lightning storm hit the area, setting off thousands of fires throughout the region. After weeks of non-stop firestorm on the hills and mountains, the skies began to turn an ominous red-gray color in the major metropolitan areas like San Francisco and Sacramento. Worse still, people were beginning to feel physical effects to the point that there was concern that hundreds or even thousands of people could become seriously ill or die from the ever-increasing toxic poisoning. As a result, I called to the spiritual Force with the hope that the Higher Power could bring relief. As it turned out, the next morning I looked out the window and noticed that the air had completely cleared, when a most unexpected weather front moved in overnight. As a result, seventy-five percent of the smoke disappeared in a 12-hour period, and the remainder dissipated over the next several days, never to return.

Though a looming catastrophic situation had been averted, I did not rest on my laurels for I understood that the normal fire season was yet to begin. In fact, being a long time resident of the state, I knew that the infamous Santa Ana winds were due to let loose in early October, which was the usual period it makes its appearance. Knowing that we had the driest conditions in the region in 20 years, making the area a potential tinderbox, I considered what I could do inwardly to avoid what could turn out to be the most dangerous fire season in modern Northern California history. Such a conflagration would make the fires of the previous spring seem like a walk in the park.

As the Santa Ana period approached in late September, I closely watched for the appearance of any high winds. One day I noticed that wind velocity had reached 20 miles per hour with some higher gusts. Though not the 50+ mph of Santa Ana, I became concerned, and so began to "consecrate" the situation just as I had done the previous spring. Not long after, I checked the weather map and noticed that an unusual early October shower was heading our way. When it passed through the region, the ground was nicely soaked, but I was still aware that the Santa Anas could rise up any day and cause havoc. But you know what; in the days and weeks ahead, the so-called 'devil winds' never arrived! For the first time in 30 years of observing weather in the region, the powerful gusts with the power to ignite and destroy thousands of homes and businesses throughout the area, never showed itself.

Then something equally remarkable took place. Instead of the gradual transition to the rainy season, two weeks after the normal Santa Ana period, it suddenly began raining hard, and did so for several days. It was in fact the earliest start to the rainy season I had ever experienced here, and would turn out to be the final insurance policy that dampened any chance of an inferno breaking out in this part of the state.

Once again, life had responded to an inner initiative to affect the collective. I was both relieved that a dire situation was avoided, as well as reminded of the awesome power we have to affect the conditions of life around us -- including those that affect a wide swath of the community. Finally, I was reminded of the infinite power of the spiritual Force to alter the world outside ourselves -- a power that according to the Mother is ever increasing, descending deeper into the earth's atmosphere.

One final point: At several points along the way, I was tempted to tell others of the progress I was making to alter the Santa Ana threat. However, I controlled myself, and never revealed a thing, including the arrival of that very first modest dampening rain. I knew that if I "spilled the beans" and told people of my success so far, everything would come undone -- i.e. the Santa Anas and their destruction would return and wreak its usual destruction. And so I held back from discussing my inner effort with anyone until the danger was past. (The principle is straightforward: until a positive development fully comes about, it is best not to discuss or get too excited about it, otherwise it will get cancelled.)

Now as I look around at what were parched hillsides only a few weeks ago, I see new greenery sprouting everywhere. This unusually early California rainy season has been most gratifying for me, as it has come about a month and a half ahead of schedule.

Keywords: Weather, State/Province

Untitled

When I was coming back from work, reading article of life response. Suddenly came to my mind that nowadays we are not facing power cut problem in Tamil nadu. I thought we, Tamil nadu people, are not showing any gratefulness, No praise for the concern govt /persons for giving power. After reaching home, suddenly power failure in home after a very long time. I silently gone within me for the cause. Suddenly remembered I have not thanked mother for solving the power problem. Felt ashamed.. thanked mother. Same second, power has come.

Comment:

Wonderful reversal from complaining about others' lack of gratitude to overcoming one's own complaint that evokes instantaneous response for the collective.

Keywords: State/Province, Contradiction, Resources (physical)

Untitled

I was doing my full time PhD with a scholarship in Taiwan couple of years back and that money was just sufficient for my stay and studies there. It was in the third year of my research and in the November month of 2009. My entire amount in the post office account there was over by 25th afternoon and I was so reluctant to ask my in laws, relatives or my friends, some amount of money to run a week. I was also in a dilemma whether to raise some money by taking a loan from the department. After two three hours of mental tensions, I switched over to Mother. My Prayer was intense and deep and ended in a meditation and subsequently to a sleep. I had a noodles packet, two eggs and a single packet of three in one tea in the night, my last available food stored. Next day morning, I was moving to college, but some message was coming strongly inside to check my Post Office account there. I was surprised to see 45,000 NT\$ available in my account which is 60,000 Indian rupees. I alarmed "Mother" and it was difficult to hide my tears from the public standing outside in the ATM counter, when I turned back after withdrawing some amount. . I went to the department and heard this thing. There was a meeting in the University headed by the President about a special payment to be made for students who had scored more than 75%, last week and the final decision and allocation of amount was done on 25th afternoon. My University is with more than 120 departments and more than 40,000 students and I was so sure that, around 10,000 students of them had received this much of amount. That means the money allocated that day was few crores!!!!

Comment:

This is a miraculous and magnificent life response for one's self as well as the wider collective due to deep and intense consecration. When one is near the edge, the necessary intensity is released. And when the Force evoked, it cannot help but respond to such an opening. The response essentially moves from the individual plane of ourselves, to the universal plane that is the collective of other people

Keywords: Education, Money/Finance

Consecration Creates Response Regarding Weather, Power, Which Is Beneficial To Many

A woman was bothered by the fact that though sunlight and air is natural and regular in life, rain in her area did not come on such a regular basis. She offered this problem of nature to the higher power. That day it rained very hard; so hard, that the power went out. When the woman then consecrated her complaining attitude about the irregular rain, the power immediately came back on.

Keywords: Weather

Consecrating a Wanting Attitude, Emotion Evokes Positive Results for the Collective

People around the world travel through many transit flights with little kids. But I faced a very worst problem of booking in a cheap transit flight which reaches this gulf country destination, because of the goodwill of a relative.

My kid was very small and I had the worst flying experience through the transit destination alone with him. My kid became tiered and the top comedy was even though the destination I land is a capital of a very big country there is no direct flights to chennai.so every time I land to and fro to Chennai, the first thing which comes to my mind is the long drive to the other part of this country's airport or the transit flight from here, which makes us tiered both mentally and physically.

Then I thought in my profession we drive to project sites within the country which consumes a whole day. That time I happily do, because of the love towards my profession, or at times thinking of the incentives. So I thought to shift my negative attention from long journey to that of cheer. For other people this may seem as a comedy, but people who know Appa and his principles will understand the shift and its results. I started calling, consecrating the worry on this happily to Appa and Divine and read any book by him throughout my journey. And to my surprise last year there was a wonderful news in paper, that this country's national airline is starting its direct flights to Chennai. And as of now there are 2 to 3 Airlines which operates direct flights to Chennai from here.

I was astonished at the shift of negative attention to positive and the fruitful results thereof.

Comments:

This is an excellent example of the life response effect of consecrating a wanting attitude and emotion. Moreover, as the matter related to the collective, it created a positive response for it -- i.e. you performed a great (inner) deed for the community!

Keywords: Airplane, Children, City

Moving the World from Without and from Within

The pioneer westerner seeks outer action to change the course of life, away from disaster and suffering. He seeks ending nuclear proliferation, environmental degradation, disease, poverty, etc. He is a man of outer action. The eastern pioneer -- i.e. the yogi -- seeks to change himself within, causing corresponding life on the outside to instantly change. He is a man of inner, soul-based action.

Churchill rallied the people at the retreat at Dunkirk, a masterly outer action that saved the world. Meanwhile Sri Aurobindo from within invoked the fog there that shrouded the forces and saved humanity. Even His force was behind the ascent of Churchill to lead the world in battle against the Nazi oppressors, only to withdraw it when the prime minister resumed his colonialist activities. Once again, we see the outer man of the west and the inner man of the east in action having an equal power over the outer reality; with each seeing the world from their unique vantage points.

We too can follow in their footsteps and change the outer world through these two entirely different approaches. Which one we choose or how we integrate them together in our own lives depends on our mind's intention and the deep aspiration of our soul.

Keywords: Politics, Accomplishment/Success

Recognition from the Universe

Over the years I have had some fascinating experiences in evoking powerful life response for the collective. Eg one involved altering the course of the weather in the state of California when it was in dire need of a change because of grave fire danger. My effort proved a success when the next day the weather inexplicably changed, saving the state from an accelerating catastrophe.

Recently I've had some interesting similar experiences in trying to overcome the severe drought currently being experienced in California by evoking rains when there were none in sight.

But now I'd like to tell you about an extraordinary experience that happened recently. A few days ago I visited a local McDonald's restaurant in Long Beach, California where I live and noticed when I walked through the front entrance that they were pulling out plants in what seemed like an attempt to re-landscape the area around the building.

This is at a time when I was taking deep interest in the severe drought that had overtaken the state. I have been thinking deeply about this issue, had some recent success in evoking rain as in the past, and just a few days later was happy when it was announced by the governor that there would be huge cutbacks in water use and wastage around the state in an attempt at conservation.

The day after the announcement and my visit to McDonald's I watched the national TV news about the governor's plan to radically reduce water outflows in the state. At one point in the video the announcer showed a McDonald's that was altering their landscaping from grass to succulents and such in order to save water. A few seconds later the announcer said "here is an example of what McDonald's is doing in Long Beach, California in trying to adapt to the governor's new order mandate."

When I looked closer at the video I noticed that that they were showing the very same McDonald's that I had had been in and walked across a few hours earlier! In fact, they were showing the very same workers altering the shrubbery that I saw only a few hours earlier!

To appreciate the enormity of this cosmic response, one needs to know that this was a live national news broadcast and that there are also nearly 10,000 McDonald's in the world of which 7000 are in the USA, and yet they managed to show the very one that I had just frequented!

It shows when you make an effort to help the collective - in this case taking deep interest in and trying to evoke rain during severe drought conditions - the collective responds and recognizes your inner contribution in the most astonishing way! You and your locale are broadcast to the world!

Keywords: Weather, Media

Thy Will Be Done, Not Mine: Faith in Her

Taking Our Faith to the Next Level

Real faith is not just to place one's trust in the Higher Power, but to accept the results in whatever shape and form it comes.

I had a recent experience that demonstrates this principle. In this episode, I was owed considerable money by a client. I originally assumed they would pay in 30 days, but then found out it would be more like 45-60. Though initially slightly bothered, I soon accepted the fact in my mind and emotions for the most part. Then a series of very strange incidents occurred.

On the 5th of the month, the client informed me that the check would be issued soon in a week or so. 10 days or so after, I inquired again since I had received nothing till that point. The client then told me that the check had in fact been sent the week before, and yet I had not received it in the mail. We agreed to see if it would arrive in the next few days, but still there was the same result.

Now it appeared that it had somehow had gotten lost in the mail. When I mentioned to the building complex manager that I may have lost an important check, she noted that there had recently been problems with the mail, likely because we now had a new post delivery person. At each point in these proceedings, I consecrated the effort, offering the matter to the Divine, as did my housemate, and made the effort to put it out of my mind, putting my focus elsewhere.

And yet after a number of more days, the check still did not arrive. I then told the client via email of the situation and she mentioned that she could do a stop payment and issue another check instead. But then she hesitated and said why not wait till the end of the work week to see if it would arrive by post. I agreed. All along, I subtly understood that the Divine has Its ways. I felt the resolution would occur on Its terms, not mine.

When the check still did not come, I emailed the client to tell her to do the stop payment and issue the new check she earlier suggested. However I got a response instead that she was out of the office for several days. It had somehow fit the pattern! I then called the office to let others know that I had emailed this person about the missing check, and I assumed that she would now send the new check.

Several days later, I had pretty much given up on anything particular occurring. Also, if a new check had been issued by her, it would still nor arrive for several days. But when I checked the mail on this particular day, there it was! (It turns out I arrived there just as the new mailman had placed the letter in my box.)

But then I suddenly realized that I had asked the client to do a stop payment on this check, so it was essentially worthless! I then decided to call her on the phone and tell her that the old check had finally arrived. She then told me that she never did the stop payment, meaning that the check I received was actually a good one. Moreover, she also told me that ANOTHER check for an ever bigger amount (that I suspected might also be somehow delayed) had arrived and would be sent to me that day!

Somehow, this all made perfect sense to me. In fact, I sensed all along that this confluence of the two checks might happen. I.e. I would receive the Net 30 check at the same time as the Net 60 one. I felt it was the Divine logic that transcended my own.

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Instructor's Spiritual Solution

If we rise to a challenging situation with calm and unshakable faith in the spiritual Force, the Mother, the results are bound to astonish.

A trainer had a very difficult situation in front of him. It involved a very critical client for whom he would provide materials for a series of training sessions. At first he panicked, working feverishly with all his skill to develop the content. However, he was still overwhelmed by the situation; as he had limited information and resources at his disposal. It was as if he had one hand tied behind his back.

Perceiving the enormity of the situation and the great pressure he was under, the instructor suddenly switched direction and decided to give up depending on his capacities and skills, and instead relied fully on the spirit; in his case the Divine Mother.

From that point on everything worked out perfectly! Not only the development of the all-important materials, but the magnificent unfolding of the class itself. He had travelled a road from confusion and pain to one of clarity and bliss.

Keywords: Instructor, Mother, Work Issue, Capacity, Skills

Faith in Mother Rather than Another Attracts Culminating Result

When my important file was moving in my office, one of my batchmate was very helpful. For almost a month, he was chasing my file and every department wherein the file has to be cleared, Mother had identified some or the other person who will be helping in clearing the file. When the final stage came and the file had to be signed by the highest official accepting the recommendations recorded by others, I was very confident that it will be easy for my friend to get the file cleared as the official is very well known to my friend.

As he was a high-ranking officer, my friend said that he will not speak over phone but will take the file personally the next day. All of a sudden, that night he fell ill severely. When I came to know about this, I was confused. *But within a second I could understand my fault that my faith has been shifted from Mother to my friend and that is the reason he was eliminated from the scene at the crucial moment.*

I worked all night trying to move from Mind to Spirit shifting my faith to The Mother and The Mother alone.

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when you do not know anyone there. I was blank out of surprise. *It was more surprising to note that for almost a month my friend could move the file from different departments using his influences, but for the last vital move, there was nobody except the Mother.*

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Taking Our Faith to the Next Level

Real faith is not just to place one's trust in the Higher Power, but to accept the results in whatever shape and form it comes.

I had a recent experience that demonstrates this principle. In this episode, I was owed considerable money by a client. I originally assumed they would pay in 30 days, but then found out it would be more like 45-60. Though initially slightly bothered, I soon accepted the fact in my mind and emotions for the most part. Then a series of very strange incidents occurred.

On the 5th of the month, the client informed me that the check would be issued soon in a week or so. 10 days or so after, I inquired again since I had received nothing till that point. The client then told me that the check had in fact been sent the week before, and yet I had not received it in the mail. We agreed to see if it would arrive in the next few days, but still there was the same result.

Now it appeared that it had somehow had gotten lost in the mail. When I mentioned to the building complex manager that I may have lost an important check, she noted that there had recently been problems with the mail, likely because we now had a new post delivery person. At each point in these proceedings, I consecrated the effort, offering the matter to the Divine, as did my housemate, and made the effort to put it out of my mind, putting my focus elsewhere.

And yet after a number of more days, the check still did not arrive. I then told the client via email of the situation and she mentioned that she could do a stop payment and issue another check instead. But then she hesitated and said why not wait till the end of the work week to see if it would arrive by post. I agreed. All along, I subtly understood that the Divine has Its ways. I felt the resolution would occur on Its terms, not mine.

When the check still did not come, I emailed the client to tell her to do the stop payment and issue the new check she earlier suggested. However I got a response instead that she was out of the office for several days. It had somehow fit the pattern! I then called the office to let others know that I had emailed this person about the missing check, and I assumed that she would now send the new check.

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"Past Consecration"

'Getting Down To Work' Incident that Overcame Past Negative Influence on Present

We have seen that you can overcome a current problem or establish the very best conditions for an upcoming activity through consecration. You can also consecrate a problem you had in the past that is still effecting your current situation, and see that negative influence quickly disappear.

Here's an example:

Several years ago, my company submitted a bid to provide software consulting services to a US Fortune 500 industrial firm, which was in the business of building air-pollution control devices for large road vehicles such as trucks and tractors. Unfortunately, at the time, we were unable to secure this lucrative contract. That was due to the fact that the company (a) had not budgeted the necessary funding for the project; and (b) seemed confused about whether they wanted to commit to it in the first place. As a

result, not only was our ability to garner the deal in question, but the forces affecting the decision were completely out of our hands.

However, much to my surprise, several months later the client contacted us again and asked us to resubmit a bid for the very same work. Because the opportunity was substantial, I personally drove several hundred miles to the California Central Valley town of Modesto to meet with my contact at their West Coast division headquarters.

Remembering the troubled history of the bid, I decided to consecrate the upcoming meeting while sitting in my car in the company's parking lot. In fact, this time, rather than perform my usual consecration before a major event, I decided instead to intensely consecrate the *past problems* associated with the project; including the specifics that prevented us from securing the contract the first time around. When I then got out of my car, entered the building, and met with the contact, he *immediately* offered me the contract sight unseen without further discussion! Though I was somewhat shocked by the development, I was somehow not surprised, as I had seen the power of the Force at work too many times in the past.

However, the story did not end there. To begin with, because the client was so eager to get the project under way, he asked me to start working on it immediately, at his office! I didn't remember that ever happening before. And so a few minutes later, I was led into another area, given a computer, and began developing a first draft of the application right on the spot. As I got the project underway in this most unexpected venue, I had to smile as I was reminded once again of the *creative and dynamic* power of the spiritual Force.

There was one other significant development. As I began to do the work, I was struck by how smoothly and effortlessly it all unfolded; as if there were a guiding hand directing me each step of the way. As a result, what normally would have taken *days* to complete, I accomplished in mere *hours*. In addition, I once again felt that inner richness, that palpable peace and well-being suffusing the atmosphere.

Comment:

As we see we can consecrate difficulties that have their roots *in the past*, and are still influencing our lives today. When we clearly identify the source of the problem and offer it to the Spirit, that long-pressing negative impact will dissipate and powerful positive conditions will take their place.

Keywords: Business, Companies, Contradiction

Variety of Aspects

Consecration and Life Response

Consecration is the act of self-offering to the divine to affect the conditions of an act or situation, causing it to suddenly or quickly work in our favor. It is the spiritual Force acting in life, effecting life's conditions to our benefit. Here are a few examples from the last several days, narrated by associates and friends of mine.

"Today is December 23rd and it being two days before Christmas, I needed to do some errands. I thought that I would start my errands early in the morning and so left my home at 9 a.m. I drove to a local drug store to pick up a couple of prescriptions. This drug store is in the middle of a shopping center that normally has plenty of parking.

My errands for this day included picking up my prescriptions and doing my grocery shopping. I then arrived at the shopping center on this very busy day before Christmas Eve, pulled into the parking area and started looking for a parking space. To my discontent, I ended up driving around the lot three times looking for a stall. Then I found one at the far end of the lot, but I felt that I could try to do better, so I pulled out of the spot I and started another round about the parking lot. I then consecrated the act, offering it up to the Mother. As I was getting quite close to the drug store, a parking stall suddenly emptied and I was able to park my car near my destination! I then went to the prescription counter and made my purchase.

After making my purchase, I went back to my car and went through three green lights towards the grocery store, which was my next stop on this very busy day for everyone in town. I pulled into the grocery store parking lot, which very congested, yet immediately found a parking stall right in front of the store!

I then did my grocery shopping and as I was looking for a checkout counter, when I located one where the customer before me was completing her transaction. I sailed right on through and made my purchases. I then went back to my car to unload them into the trunk.

At that point, I called home to let my partner know I was on my way so he could help me bring up the groceries. When pulling out of the parking stall, three times, there was a car in the way of my exiting the stall. I remained calm until the area was clear.

When I finally got home, my partner was already waiting at my parking space for me and we then both unloaded the groceries very rapidly.

Despite great congestion round me, life cooperated at every turn due to my consecrated effort to Mother. If only life could always be like this!"

"A few days back I was in a bank counter queue and there were at least ten persons in front of me. I have to pay this before 11 am so that person in the other city can draw it before 12 noon. It was a tense moment, and I therefore consecrated the anxiety. Even before I opened my eyes, another counter was opened over to the side, and as a result, the existing line was cut exactly starting with me, making me the first person to pay in the new counter!"

"Similarly, we had arranged for consultants to meet a few days back to make an appraisal about a new product in a leading hotel. Later on, we felt that the timing was bad, as everybody was in errand mood. We expected at least 80 pax on that day – but at the scheduled time there were only 6 pax, and even they were not too relevant to the field. Though worried, I consecrated the anxiety and thought of Mother for some time. Immediately, people started walking in, and within 20 minutes or so it was up to 43 pax. Though it was much less than expected, later on we heard that the persons who attended were the "who is who" of the industry. They were exactly the cream of our target customers, who generally don't attend such meetings and prefers only one-on-one meetings."

As we see from these episodes when we offer activities, situations, problems to the Higher Power, life immediately starts working on our behalf. It is the miracle of consecration in action.

Keywords: Relationship, Medicine, Vehicles (auto, etc.), Service, Products, Business

Miracles of the Divine Mother

In *The Life Divine*, Sri Aurobindo describes the process by which the universe emerged from a Divine source. He indicates that a plane of consciousness called 'Supermind' (or 'Truth Consciousness') divided the Force and Energy of the Infinite to create the forces and forms that emerged in creation. All that has emerged and continues to emerge, including we humans, are a product of that process. What is perhaps most interesting for us is that this Supramental Force is also available to us, and if we open to it, we can create infinite-like results as well.

Over the years, I have known of hundreds if not thousands of examples where individuals followed this method -- evoking staggering, often life-changing results. Many of the people I am familiar with practice this approach by opening to the 'Divine Mother' -- who is in essence the Divine conduit for the Force. Maybe She is the Force Itself. They usually open to Her power in a variety of situations: e.g. before undertaking an important activity, such as a major business meeting or an upcoming wedding; or when a serious challenge or problem arises, such as financial or health crisis; or when they wish to change a wanting part of their nature, such as a poor attitude or belief. Each time they offer it to the Divine Mother, the Force moves into action, producing astonishing results. Here are a few recent examples:

---An Indian national working in the US in the software industry could not get back to his country because his deputation had been delayed. The intensity of the experience also caused him to develop a serious

skin problem. He and his mother then intensely offered the difficult situation to the Divine Mother. In very short order, she quickly learned that her son's trip to the US has been cleared by the officials, and he would be arriving in two weeks! Moreover, his skin problem was finally diagnosed properly, and, as a result, easily treated. The woman could not believe that both of her problems had vanished so quickly and miraculously.

--A man and woman in India ran a business. However, due to repair work going on nearby, the enterprise began to lose customers, and, as a result, they incurred substantial losses. The woman then learned that because creditors were now increasingly pressuring them to pay back loans, her husband had run away. As a result, she plunged into an inconsolable state. But then a friend came along and recommended that she sit quietly before a picture of the Divine Mother. A short time later, there was a call from her husband informing her that he was fine, and then indicated the place where he was staying. That night, he returned home safely.

--A man was very concerned that fires burning out of control in Northern California for nearly a month could soon lead to the deaths of hundreds, maybe thousands, as the smoke in the air had turned dangerously toxic. He prayed intensely to the Divine Mother, hoping for some change. The next morning when he awoke, he saw that the skies had suddenly turned perfectly blue, essentially clearing out the month-long orange-brown smoke and ending the crisis in the region. What happened was that an unexpected weather system had swept through the area clearing out the smoke, potentially saving the lives of scores of people. What had actually occurred was that the Force had moved into action and changed the conditions of life.

--A woman was called to jury duty, even though it meant she had to take time off from her job and engage in what she considered an unpleasant activity. As juror selection proceeded, it looked like she was going to have to remain there for several weeks. She then offered the entire matter to the Divine Mother. Shortly after, she was questioned by an attorney who explained the nature of the crime and asking her if she would be prejudiced in any way. She then responded that she had in fact been a victim of a similar crime. As a result, she was immediately dismissed from jury duty! Because she consecrated the situation, the Force created and aligned with conditions that pardoned her from the case.

--A man in India was being set up with a wife through arranged marriage. One after another, problems ensued with prospective partners. Along the way, he even lost his job. Getting tired of the situation, he offered the matter to the Divine Mother. Suddenly another marriage proposal came in from one of his relatives. She turned out to be a very good girl, but he thought he could not accept it because he did not now have work. He offered the matter to the Force again, and soon found out that she too was a follower of the Divine Mother! They were then soon married -- and it occurred on the date the physical Mother made her yearly appearance at the Sri Aurobindo Ashram.

--A woman and her son were experiencing many delays in their travels as they navigated the various airports since there were no direct flights. As a result, they were continually fatigued and irritable along the way. Moreover, she began to rail against the system that did not provide more direct flights to her destination. Finally, she realized that the problem was in her attitude, which she then offered to the Divine Mother. She later learned that for the first time, direct flights were available to and from her local city to the desired destination, making the need for transfers unnecessary! Through the spiritual Force, she evoked a response not only for herself, but for the collective!

--A man was on the edge of financial ruin because all orders in his business had dried up due to the recession. He then offered the matter intensely to the Divine Mother, and immediately after an order came in that provided months of financial sustenance.

--A man suddenly felt intense gratitude to the Divine for having helped him secure such a fine and dedicated staff. Instantaneously, the phone rang and he received a very large order for products her business was offering. He saw the direct relationship between his intense gratitude to the Divine Mother and the immediate arrival of the requisition.

These are common every day experiences of people who have opened themselves to the spiritual Force. You can multiply these by a hundred or a thousand to include all of the incidents I have been privy to over the years. Some are startling and touching beyond believe. And yet this Power is available to every one of us each, every minute of the day. In fact, Its power is growing, as It is increasingly penetrating the

earth's atmosphere -- meaning it is more accessible to more people, and is more concentrated, producing even more powerful results.

We have entered a New Age of possibility -- not only of freedom, accomplishment, and fulfillment, but of inner power via access to the Spirit. It is at once the Infinite consciousness that is pouring into life, becoming the source of all things, as well as a Power that we can access through the Divine Mother, evoking an endless procession of the miraculous.

Keywords: Health/Well-being, Business, Weather, Relationship, Airport, Money/Finance

Miracles Brought about by Mother's Grace

- A devotee who suffered from kidney stone prayed to Mother for successful operation scheduled for the next day. A pre-operative scan taken the next day showed that the stone was not there. It had disappeared in the night.
- A lady sat in calling for getting a groom for her 2nd daughter and that evening itself a groom was offered and finalised.
- A devotee was told by my father that the sign of his making a true decision was that he should receive a call from his American friend within next 15 minutes. The friend who rarely calls did call him in the next 15 minutes.
- A devotee lady's B.P which had shot up to more than 200 came down to normal in half an hour in response to her husband's prayer.
- A devotee lady's diamond ring that slipped out of her finger on a busy road was retrieved an hour later as it was still lying unnoticed by anybody else at the same spot.
- A devotee who suffered for years from liver trouble refused to take anymore medicines and said she would rely on Mother only from then on. The liver trouble ceased from the next day onwards.
- A devotee got a grace flower in the morning on his 60th birthday and in the evening itself his daughter and son-in-law gifted him a car.
- A devotee family who went with many documents for American visa were given the visa without a single question.

My mother's elder sister had a long property related problem and she surrendered to Mother - in a month the problems got resolved totally and grace got them a beautiful house.

My colleague's sister's marriage never got fixed and even a groom after engagement - broke the engagement. My colleague prayed Mother and her sister in a six months got a good husband who happened to be a Mother's devotee.

One of the common miracle what I see in my life is my mind becoming very calm at the second when I listen to Mother's teachings, or read Appa's books or even thinking about Mother and seeing her pictures.

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Untitled

A month back, me and mom went to hospital for her routine checkup. That took more than half day for us and happened to see an aged couple who came for the same. When they started talking, I was stumbled with the instances, they told me is almost related to the things and happenings which i read in the early subscriptions of the book " Malarnda Jeeviam"(by MSS).

1) One is how they found the disease, God Ambal came in the dream and showed her - we see mother in Ambal form, and this also written in Malarnda Jeeviam - one guy Vaseegaran was the devotee of Ambal and mother showed him darshan.

2) Next one is her granddaughter is not well - she is unable to do anything on her own - another article in Malarnda Jeeviam - One lady from France came for the same issue to Pondy and the disease got cured for the child.

3) Another one is marriage for her daughter - They prayed Mother for this and settled within a week.

These instances are coincidence for me and I felt mother was with me on that day.

Keywords: Relationship, Family, Health/Well-being

Faith

Faith in The Mother & Extra Effort are "Key" to Success

With the Mother one has the deep feeling that no matter how hopeless the situation that somehow She will prevail.

I had to search for a key in order to retrieve a computer from a locked drawer. I was asked as a favor to do my best and try to find the object. I then searched everywhere in the room, digging into the mass of objects and the many nooks and crannies, but had no success. Still I was determined to find it.

At one point, I consecrated the situation to the Divine Mother. Still I found nothing. As I was about to give up, I also had the thought that Mother could do anything, no matter what the situation. And so I tried once again, but again met with the same result. It now looked like a hopeless situation.

Then I checked my email message and was startled to see an entry from the person who was looking for the computer in the first place, who had now provided detailed information on where to find it. I followed his advice, and a few minutes later found the key! I then unlocked the drawer, and voila! there was the computer!

I understood that the feeling I had inside that Mother could do anything, no matter how hopeless the situation, attracted the email that enabled me to resolve the issue. In tandem with making the extra effort to find the key, life cooperated and I was able to prevail in the end.

Keywords: Resources (physical), Computer, Communications, Consecration, Mother

Return Trip & Miraculous Power of the Force

We have continually witnessed the power of the supramental Force, i.e. Mother's Force, to quickly set right the conditions of life. In a recent episode, I experienced this phenomenon at work multiple times in succession, defying all human logic and possibility. Here is my story:

I was scheduled to do a training class at a major corporation in Sunnyvale, California in the heart of Silicon Valley. I had to fly up from Southern California to the San Francisco Bay Area late one evening, rent a car at the San Francisco Airport, drive to the motel in Sunnyvale 38 miles away, get up the next morning and do the class, and then in the latter afternoon begin my return journey to Long Beach in reverse order. Considering the fact that the highway system is now completely jammed in Silicon Valley these days because of the boom there, it was a daunting prospect. A 30 mile drive could take over 2 hours or more during rush hour.

As it turns out, my trip from Long Beach to the Bay Area, though somewhat intense, went smoothly for the most part, more or less as I expected. However, the trip back was a different story. It was filled with adventure, the unbelievable, and the miraculous. Here is what happened:

I knew the return journey would be difficult, as I was going to be driving in the midst of the rush hour from Sunnyvale to the San Francisco Airport. However, I caught my anxiety, detached from focusing on any particular outcome, and consecrated that upcoming trip.

My driving strategy from Sunnyvale to SFO was to avoid the two main highways going south to north because they would likely be jammed. Instead I decided to take the El Camino Real, a 50 mile long street that runs all the way from Silicon Valley through San Francisco. Often in the past when I lived in the Bay Area I used it as a shortcut to get back home. I called it "a slow boat to China," but at least it moved. And yet I knew in the back of my mind that these days in this latest Silicon Valley boom even this 3rd or 4th choice of passage, the non-highway El Camino, could be log-jammed. Still I remained positive. I also had my map app on my smartphone to inform me where the log jams were appearing on the El Camino in real time.

And so I left the client's facilities in Sunnyvale ~4:20 pm and headed over to the El Camino, with its endless shopping centers, motels, residence, etc. So far so good as I steadily navigated through the towns of the "South Bay." However, after a short while I realized that I was moving forward in fits and starts, which was verified by my Smartphone Maps app red-dotted street indicators. I also discovered that there was the possibility of a big rain storm hitting, which I actually took as positive as it could put out the fires raging north of San Francisco.

In any case, I remained calm. And yet an hour into the ride I realized I was only half way to my destination, and there was a legitimate chance that I wouldn't make the 7pm flight. Also there was the possibility that the storm would cancel the flight anyway. Though I was ready to inform my roommate down in Long Beach of these possibilities, I held on and kept silent. I continued to consecrate in the back of my mind.

Now here is where the story gets interesting. Time for the flight is ticking down. After two hours on the El Camino I got off the street and drove over an overpass that took me to the extremely busy Hwy 101 heading directly for the airport. Was the highway also going to be jammed? Fortunately, it turned out not to me. Another good sign. I then drove a few miles and came to my first stop; the car rental area where I had to return my rented vehicle. When I arrived on the 3rd floor, there was a big backup, and I was all the way on the back. However I remained calm and did not emotionally react. Then suddenly out of nowhere a check-out attendant greeted me and quickly processed the checkout of the car. That was a startling change, I thought! Actually, I was amazed, yet subtly tuned into the fact that the Force was behind these outcomes.

But now I had to get to the airport via the AirTram, the overhead driverless rapid transit system that went two miles or so deep into the airport terminal system. At this point I recalled the vast effort I had to make the day before upon arriving at SFO; the exhausting situation; the fact that I had to stop every few minutes because of the strain; and now once again my bags were getting very heavy. With these thoughts in mind, I felt even more exhausted and barely had enough energy to walk to the escalator still 100 yards ahead. And so I stopped in my tracks, and then took a deep breath.

But then I quickly noticed that there was an elevator that could take me more easily to the AirTram above me. I pressed the button and hopped in. When in the elevator I immediately encountered a young, friendly, well-dressed young man leaning on his luggage cart containing his own baggage. I asked him where one could rent one of these and he informed me that it was actually free, provided by the airport. "I could really use one of those right now" I thought, and I could see he had the same idea in mind for me. We then got off the elevator and began to wait for the AirTram. However, within a few seconds the young man pointed to a single, lone unused luggage cart on the platform that was almost directly in front of me. Needless to say I immediately grabbed onto it. Wow that was incredible, I thought! No more schlepping my luggage to the far end of the huge airport. Not only had the baggage been heavy, but the weight was slowing me down, as time was ticking away and the departure of my flight was imminent!

A moment later I hopped onto the futuristic-like AirTram that circled the airport, and two minutes later I was getting ready to exit at the International terminal. As I was getting off I looked to my left and there was the young man who pointed out the cart now winking at me as if to say "I am happy to have found

the cart for you and good luck the rest of your way!" As I wheeled the cart through the terminal I thought about him as a kind of guardian angel: the wink and smile he gave me being the confirmation. It was yet another opening of light on this dizzying path toward my goal; even as time still seemed hopelessly stacked against me.

But now before I could get to the end of the terminal which was still a long distance, I had to get through security! Again I wondered how in the world I would get to the flight in time. I imagined that it must be lining up for departure now, etc. However, I still kept my faith; and so far, in the past half hour or so, life had cooperated fully.

In the past when I went through airline terminals I had special privileges to move through TSA security rather fast. Recently I had apparently lost those privileges. And so as I approached security, I prepared myself for a long wait at the back of the line. However, when the guard looked at my ticket, he waved me through for fast processing, enabling me to avoid any long line. Not only that but I was the only one at the checkout, plus the security requirements were next to nothing! This all seemed just too unbelievable; yet I knew the Force was working for me in every conceivable way.

After less than two minutes of security check - by far the fastest I had ever experienced - I was on my way to the end of the international terminal; past British Air, Japan Air and dozens of major airlines. Yet my airline, JetBlue, was a domestic carrier, the only one in the international area. Plus it was stuck at the very back of the International departure gates! Life was surely testing me to the limit. However, now with the baggage cart I could move more rapidly, and in conjunction with the people-mover I was now gliding toward my destination. Still I wondered if the plane had fully boarded and I would be left out.

When I arrived at the very far end of the international terminal, I was able to make out the voice of the announcer at my gate, and he seemed to be indicating that boarding had begun for my flight. I had apparently made it; and just barely in time! Life had in the last half hour or forty five minutes magically cleared a path for me. It could only be the result of the spiritual Force to create these wonder of wonders when life seemed so stacked against me. Consider that-

--I was stuck on the El Camino with less than an hour to my flight, and suddenly things opened up when I veered off and got on the highway leading to the airport

--When I arrived to the car rental it looked like a twenty minute wait with many people ahead of me, though it turned out to be just two minutes

--When I was exhausted and thought I had to drag my heavy bags to the escalator far away, there was suddenly an elevator before me to help me more easily get to the AirTram.

--When I thought I would have to carry my heavy bags to the far end of the international terminal, a man appeared on the elevator with a cart and then pointed out an available one that helped make my day

--When I got to security check out which normally takes 15-20 minutes, it happened in just two.

--I sailed through the very long terminal with the aid of the cart and a fast-moving sidewalk trajectoring me rapidly forward, enabling me to arrive in the gist of time.

Life had cleared the way at every point. It had cooperated with my faith that was the guiding light at my side. It became an occasion for one miraculous-like event to dovetail into the next in a symphony of the Unimagined.

As I shook my head on line for departure of my flight, I took breath and recognized the magic carpet ride I had just been on. "Wouldn't this make for a fine life response story?" I thought to myself as I handed the pass to the attendant to step into the plane that would now take me home.

Keywords: Instructor, Traffic, Vehicles (auto, etc.), Airplane, Airport, Miraculous/Miraculousness, Synchronicity, Consciousness, Conscious Force, Consecration, Mother

Other

Roundabout, Yet More Substantial Response from Consecration

Ordinarily we perceive that consecration -- offering of circumstance to the spiritual Force -- will evoke positive outcomes in relation to the immediate aspect, matter, et al we consecrating. Often the correlation is obvious and we see the direct answer to our inner evocation. However, sometimes the positive response from life comes to us indirectly, more roundabout, yet can be more integrally effective.

A man consecrated for physical comfort, and received a limited response by calling to the Divine. The next day however he received instructions on the psychological nature of his underlying problem. Only a while later did he realize that the knowledge coming in was a life response to his consecration, substituting for the direct relief he sought. Instead he received a more powerful insight about the way forward; i.e. filled with integral truth and knowledge that if he were to act on it would greatly benefit his life, far beyond his immediate concern with resolution of his physical discomfort. The final irony was that his affirmation of the insight brought the physical relief, at least for the interim. The even greater longer-term issues were now plainly in sight and ready to be resolved.

The moral is to observe closely the events that occur in the wake of consecrated effort. It can come in subtle forms, or ways you did not anticipate. As a result, you are now able to take the power of consecration to a broader, deeper level.

Keywords: Health/Well-being, Contradiction

Harmony, Oneness

Harmony and Life Response

In a problematic situation, movements from ego to harmony attract enormous positive response, resolving the problem and then some.

Two brothers were trying their best to support their first client under difficult circumstance. The siblings each pulled in their own direction, and the client now seemed likely to cancel their engagement. However, the two brothers, resigned to the fact that they had lost the client still made the effort to resolve their personal differences. Suddenly and most unexpectedly the client arrived on the scene and proceeded to have a wonderful engagement with the two brothers utilizing the new firm's services. Now the partnership had secured a very solid first client, and was well on its way to success.

Keywords: Relationship, Conflict

Untitled

Recently I met with a small accident, collision, In fact. With another car and we both went into a heated argument, he called the police and I turned immediately to Mother ...fixed mother in the cars, in him and to the expected police officer. The moment the police officers reached the spot, they initiated so strongly to solve the issue through dialogue ...and two enemies became good friends now and we are solving the matter through insurance companies. His is a brand new car. I really wanted to avoid police proceeding as in my job I am very busy these days. My fear of police proceedings when turned to Faith in Mother brought immediate positive result and fetched a good friend!

Keywords: Conflict, Vehicles (auto, etc.)

Victory at the Us Open through Collaborative Knowledge

The biggest annual Golf tournament in the US just completed in Northern California. It is called the US Open. An upcoming player (Webb Simpson) won the tournament in a surge in the last round. The man in the lead throughout the later stages was a veteran who is well-liked and respected. However, in the end the upstart prevailed. Why?

I noticed the cause early on in the last round. Simpson discussed nearly every shot with his caddie (Paul Tesori), and together each time they came up with a strategy. The golfer then executed it nearly each time to perfection. He knew he did not have all of the knowledge, and so deferred to his caddie for his viewpoint and expertise. The caddie too respected the golfer. They were a superb team that took them to the top as champions of the US. It was one of the great expressions of the power of collaboration, and an openness and willingness to learn, which will take one to the top. Even the TV commentators noticed it.

One other point: In Supermind all knowledge is known about a thing. We can attain it to a large degree by incorporating all points of view. There are other individuals at our disposal who can inform of us of the widest possibilities. The more open we are to others' inputs, the more we garner the multi-sided truth of things, as in Supermind. Sri Karmayogi calls it "taking the other man's point of view. " It lands us closer to an integral knowledge, at least for the issue at hand.

Such Supramental power has another side beside integral knowledge. It is Force and Power and WILL for the thing/the knowledge to be executed, to occur at the highest level. In that way, Wes by moving in the direction of integral knowledge by taking another's' views was also propelled to VICTORY, which is Supermind's actualizing Will; it's power of manifestation. It achieves overwhelmingly. Life responds beyond our wildest dreams.

Keywords: Relationship, Accomplishment/Success, Sports, State/Province

Subtle Gesture that Overcomes Disharmony in *Still Walking*

Family problems can be deep and troubling. Sometimes they are intractable for years, or even a lifetime. Each individual can find himself stuck in a rut that perpetuates family misery and disharmony. And yet a single insight or gesture on the part of one individual can not only change the immediate conditions for that family member's immediate circle, but can set in motion a wave of goodwill that envelops everyone, reversing circumstance and feelings from the conflicting and contradictory to its opposite.

We see a magnificent example of this dynamic in the recent Japanese film *Still Walking*. There family members come together to commemorate the death of the eldest son, Junpei, who drowned accidentally 12 years ago. The relatives arrive at the home of the elder father Kyohei, a retired doctor who lives with his wife on a hillside overlooking the spectacular seaside of coastal Japan.

Unfortunately, there is deep psychological misery in the family, not only because of the earlier death of the eldest son, but because of Kyohei's deep resentment toward his younger living child Ryoto who has failed to follow in his footsteps as a doctor. Worse than that, Kyohei has deep resentment toward Ryoto because he feels he has little of the capacity for success that his deceased older son had. In turn, that causes Ryoto to have a deep inferiority complex, which together creates great tension between the two at the family gathering at the parents' seaside home.

Meanwhile, the elder father Kyohei's wife also has questionable feeling about Ryoto's marriage, since he married a divorcee, indicating her prejudice in this regard. In fact, her feelings make Ryoto feel that much more anxious and self-doubting. In addition, the wife also has a difficult relationship with her constantly despondent and bitter husband, Kyohei, mostly over the death of their son. Only the elder couples' daughter, as well as Ryoto's unassuming and pleasant wife Yukari show genuine cheerfulness and goodwill amidst the gloomy family situation.

Now comes the key moment in the story. It is a subtle one, easily missed.

In one scene, Ryoto's wife Yukari and her little son are together in the bedroom talking. She sees that the little boy is indifferent to his step-father Ryoto, and longs for his real father through Yukari's earlier marriage. However, understanding his feelings, Yukari gently tells him that she and her first husband are the two parts that make him the whole that he is, comforting the young child greatly. She then tells him that he should also open himself up to his step-father, Ryoto. Yukari presents this in an endearing and humorous way that charms the little boy, causing him to want to reconcile with Ryoto. Yukari's tactic has proven eminently successful.

Well, at that that very tender moment, Ryoto serendipitously walks into the room, and sees the affection on the face of his little step-son for perhaps the first time, giving Ryoto a deep sense of well-being. Soon after Ryoto tears up an old letter that he wrote as a child in which he narrated how he wanted to be a doctor, which is a symbol of his current failures in his career, and all that is wrong with his relationship with his father. In essence, he has now changed his attitude for the better, a direct outgrowth of his son's new born affection toward him.

The ripple affect continues when soon after Ryoto and his father meet on the beach, where the elder, retired doctor out of thin air suddenly changes his attitude toward his only son. It is a subtle response from life to Ryoto's attitudinal shift. This then has the effect of energizing Ryoto's life further, which enables him to shed his past failures and achieve mightily in the years that follow.

In the final analysis, a strong, deep bond amongst all of the family members takes root, a startling reversal from what was there before.

As we see, one simple gesture of understanding and kindness can start the ball rolling and attract a series of circumstance in which years of resentment and bitterness are overcome for an entire family. Yukari's gentle gestures instigated and attracted a procession of outcomes that reversed a near lifetime of family travail.

What can we do if we find ourselves in similar circumstance? For one, through an increasing higher consciousness, we can use our subtle sense to identify that single behavior or attitudes or value that will moves our immediate relationship situation one step to the positive, as Yukari did when she spoke so kindly and insightfully to her once embittered child. Sometimes the key will require an act of self-

givingness on our part. Other times, it necessitates an attitude of psychological strength. There are other situations still where the key is simply not to react to another's intensity. These and other inner tactics will certainly prove effective, and have the added benefit of attracting powerful positive conditions, as it did in the case of the Yokahama family.

There are thus a variety of practical psychological methods of overcoming family strife and acrimony. There are also spiritual approaches we can take. For example, one particularly powerful method is to simply offer the entire matter to the spiritual Force, which will tend to on its own break the logjam and acrimony and conflict, while attract powerful positive outcomes. In tandem with the right psychological approach, life will completely reverse in ways one could never have imagined.

By the way, these psychological and spiritual methods to change contradiction into harmony is not only effective for family situations, but for any collective, whether it is a business, in politics, or any other group association. It also works for personal relationships between spouse, friends, and others.

In the final scene of this uplifting film, we observe the elder Kyohei's and his wife "still walking" on the steep hillsides overlooking the beautiful coastal region, now finally rid of decades of bitterness and strife.

Keywords: Hate, Family, Relationship, Media

Giant Miracles in a Name

The San Francisco Giants baseball team recently won two world championships in 3 years. It was a victory of consciousness, particularly of unity, that unfolded through astonishing, miraculous-like series of events. I have referred to it in several posts.

One thing I neglected to mention that adds to their startling feat of harmony is this: In the second championship season they secured a new player named "Cabrerra," who quickly became the leading batter on the team. In fact, he was leading the entire league. However in the midst of his great success it was revealed he was taking drugs. Immediately he was suspended by the league. However in the playoffs he was eligible to play again. Not to disturb the harmony and the goodness of the team, the Giants did not take him back. Now handicapped without that excellent batter, the Giants carried on.

In the playoffs they were continuously in deep trouble, yet miraculously in each series came back from the edge of collapse. In the final series, on the final at bat for the other team, that player struck out giving San Francisco the world championship. The name of the player who struck out? Cabrerra! No, not the player who was suspended, but another player with the very same name. It was a subtle hint from life that the Giants did the right thing in consciousness to keep up the inner harmony above all else by not bringing back the reckless player. It was another powerful life response reminder of the subtle, yet startling ways life unfolds.

Keywords: Sports, Accomplishment/Success

Going Along with, Not Fighting Outworn Social Custom Attracts Its Negation; and Then Some

We purchased a new flat last year and as usual my family souls want the rituals for new house ceremony to be performed. I did not like to wear the traditional costume, he said do everything said by your family members, but inside you keep calling Mother because this method brings *Harmony (Sumugam)*.

I followed the same and to my surprise the Prohit said it is ok, you be in normal outfit. And to all surprise I realised Divine in the very same Anbar's words that the prohibit while performing rituals chanted many times, *Harmony, Harmony (sumugam)*.

The phrase is not there in the original slokam (prayer).When I asked him he replied "*Harmony is the base for Prosperity*".

What else I saw Mother's and Appa's Blessings.

Later Appa replied: - "Attending rituals without getting involved into it is a great discipline. If devotees do this with that mindset then the rituals will be affected".

Comments:

M, congratulations on an interesting and wonderful experience. It can be viewed from a variety of angles, including Energy.

In this case, she was able to harness the positive energies of the group by be not reacting. She in fact ADDED to it, making it so powerful that the surface window dressing of conformity was allowed to fall away. Even business came after. In this way, we can use the energies of others, if we act in the right way -- even if our view is different. Non-reaction is powerful way to harness them in a group situation.

Appa in a detailed commentary of Herman Hess's famous novel and fable 'Siddhartha' said that if he had not rebelled against his parents, who were of the Indian religious tradition, and just went along with them in the first place, he would have attained the realization, the Nirvana he longed for in very short order, instead of waiting a lifetime. He would have channeled their positive energies and added to them, evoking sudden good fortune in the form of spiritual AND material fulfillment.

Keywords: Society, Family, Household

Seeking Harmony Rather than Win Attracts Startling Resolutions After Decades of Wrangling

I have some life response incidents in my life. There was a family litigation about a big property in my native place between my family & a third person which lasted for 55 years. Probably the longest in Indian History. We were fighting a joint family property belonging to my family comprising of 6 members & another third person who was challenging our title. My father was a renowned Lawyer & my elder also. I am the last person in the family. In lower court we won, then on appeal opposite party won, ultimately High Court we won. Again it did not stop. Opposite side took another point in District Court, lost & went on appeal. This time we lost. Then we put a Special Leave petition in The Supreme Court, it was admitted. But the case deliberately got delayed for more than 12 years. Finally it came for final hearing & disposal before a Division Bench. Although I was not directly involved in the conduct of cases I was very much upset & concerned & got fed-up. But then I am the last son & brother, nobody will listen to my views. Those were the days I do not know Mother. Further I am not a lawyer & was in a secured job. I came to know Mother in 1996.

In 1999 I was leaving to Iran on a very short assignment in a paper mill as a specialist. Before that myself & my elder brother's wife, both combined sent a very small offering to Mother & *I wrote the prayer in the Money Order. It was "The case should be to our favour, but at the same time no party to be affected & should be settled amicably & harmoniously.* I left. When on my brother's birthday I greeted him, to my surprise & my family, the Supreme Court has given the judgement in favour of us, awarding a meagre grant to opposite party & settled the matter once for all. To our surprise one of the Supreme Court Judge was the grandson of Sri.C.R.Das, Barrister, who appeared for Sri Aurobindo in Alipur jail case!!

Keywords: Property, Family, Relationship, Lawyer

Startling Simultaneity on a Working Contract

A consultant friend of mine had been working for a contractor providing management advice for the client, including the development of a plan for its future expansion. However, the consultant had not asked for any payment in return for his efforts. One day he decided that this was no longer feasible and prepared a contract where he would receive a monthly stipend of \$500 for his efforts.

At the very instant he completed the contract and was prepared to tell the contractor of his new financial arrangement, the consultant received a call. It was the contractor, who proceeded to explain that he was writing checks for his vendors and employees and thought that it is only right to start paying the

consultant for his business. He decided that \$500 a month was a proper figure. So on the phone call the contractor informed the consultant that he would like to implement this new arrangement.

The consultant was dumbfounded! The contractor had decided to take an initiative that exactly matched his own, even though the contractor had no idea the consultant was doing the same, or even interested in wanting to work on a payment basis! In other words, they were exactly in alignment on their intention though neither knew the other had any intention in moving in that direction whatsoever. Plus the amount was exactly the same! Not to mention that the incoming call from the contractor came at precisely the moment the consultant finished writing up the contract.

How could this amazing confluence of events have happened? When two people are deeply on the same wavelength in their normal interactions, such astonishing synchronistic events are made possible. From another perspective we know that many of our thoughts originate elsewhere, and that we are often expressing the thoughts of others, even though we think it is our own. In that way each side was picking up the thought waves of the other. As a result of these inner cause, two parties aligned in a way that seems utterly impossible, but actually did happen. A perfect confluence of objectives in space and time had taken place, all emanating from within.

One other point. From the side of the consultant, it was the very best thing for him to ask for payment. He was at a point in his life where he could not afford to work gratis. And so when he made an effort of psychological strength to ask for payment, he attracted that very thing instantaneously from the contractor.

And what of the contractor? We can only imagine that the contractor was expressing a higher value to compensate someone deserved of it, rather than continue to accept the consultant working on his business for free. His concern for the consultant attracted the fact that the consultant had actually wanted the same arrangement, though now the consultant hardly needed to the compensation as it was already a done deal!

Keywords: Relationship, Work Issue, Business, Money/Finance, Synchronicity, Psychological Strength, Values

Completion of Story Involving Consecration (The Mother) Enables Resolution of Conflict

The author's sister is a lawyer and works in UK. There was some difference of opinion between the author and his sister. She severed his relationship in 2002. Her relationship is important to him. She has always been good to him. But, the author's carelessness, irritating behavior and stupid remarks caused the breakup. This has been bothering him for the past two years.

One night the author completed the final proofreading of [the short story] "\$100,000.00" around 12 O'clock. He felt there was nothing more he could do and his part was over. He slept peacefully.

The next morning, his sister telephoned him from UK. He did not expect a call from her. She said (something like), "Why you have not spoken to me for a long time? Have you thrown me out of your life?" This is almost similar to what Melanie tells Bill when she calls him in \$100,000! When the author began to apologize, she cut it short and wanted to speak about good things only. Now, the relationship is almost cordial and the disharmony has been replaced with harmony.

Comment:

It is a Life Response of a kind I have not been explaining. When you exercise yourself on writings about Mother, you come closer to Her -- Her Harmony. Hence this response. (Karmayogi)

Keywords: Literature, Lawyer, Relationship, Family

Ego-based Competition Overcome Attracts Startling Result

Not only will greater Harmony enable such powerful positive response, but it will also occur when we shift away from ego to higher harmony. Here's an example:

A man had a slightly competitive relationship with a long-term friend of his concerning their musical composition and playing skills. They were both songwriters and performers.

One day the man was listening to the music player on his iPhone, which contained nearly 1000 songs. The items were being played completely randomly. Surprisingly one of his friend's composition and performance started playing. However, rather than be jealous of his friend's skill, he fully embraced it and went on to thoroughly enjoy its quality.

When it ended, one of the man's OWN composition suddenly came on next, a very improbable occurrence given that there were 1000 other tunes that could have come up!

It both stunned him and made him smile because he knew he had evoked that extraordinary response from life.

He understood that because he embraced his friend's music rather than think of it competitively, Life instantly returned the favor and brought forth his own.

Keywords: Relationship, Resources (physical)

Becoming One with the Field in Baggar Vance

Not only can we as individuals create greater harmony with others, but we can create greater harmony with Life.

"The Legend of Bagger Vance" is a simple but powerful sporting tale that reveals very important truths about work success, including how we can overcome our adversarial relationship with life and turn it into one of harmony

In one scene we see how Juna moves from being estranged from life, from being caught up with his anguish and ego, and reverses that to being in harmony with the needs of the moment; in this case to make the right gold shots that will take him out of his lower attitude and behavior.

He is asked to become One with the Field of Life by his teacher, Baggar Vance.

Till that point Jonah been failing. He was so focused on his ego and how the other players were so far ahead of him, and the bitterness he felt inside and a mindless urge to catch up. He was out of touch with the needs of Life.

But then he changed his viewpoint and felt a oneness with the field – the physical field as well as the psychological or spiritual one – and made the great shot that would take him to the top.

Keywords: Literature, Hate, Relationship, Teacher

From Discord to Harmony at Chrysler

When Iacocca joined Chrysler, the company had all the pieces in place, but they were not working together with one another.

Production was not speaking with engineering, engineering was not listening to what sales tried to tell them the customers wanted.

Management and workers were completely at odds.

Talented middle managers were stifled by a top heavy bureaucracy of executives out of touch with the front lines.

As a result in spite of its enormous resources and technological competence, the entire company-a \$12 billion operation-came to the brink of bankruptcy.

But then Iacocca broke down the barriers that divided divisions, departments and levels of the organization from one another, opened up communication, streamlined and accelerated new model development activity, and put in the systems needed for effective coordination and control of the giant company.

These measures not only saved Chrysler and returned it to profitability, they also provided it with the organization it needed to more than double in size over the next five years.

The company went on to quickly become the most profitable company in the car industry.

Through greater coordination and integration of the parts of Chrysler, a new level of Harmony was created that had the power to attract the very best conditions.

By enabling all the parts to work efficiently and in unison, Chrysler would establish the level of Harmony that enabled it to experience one of the greatest turnaround in corporate history.

Keywords: Conflict, Contradiction, Communications, Money/Finance, Organizations, Wealth

The Oneness of Adams and Jefferson

In the 8-part series on the life of the second president of the United States, John Adams -- a man who helped forge the nation -- there is a startling finale. For several years after his loving wife's death, he kept up an intense dialogue with Thomas Jefferson via post. Though they worked closely on bringing the nation together, and collaborated in their respective presidential administrations, they were also rivals. They even ran against one another for president. Sometimes their philosophies would converge; on occasion, they would clash.

What then was the startling finale? Because their correspondence was so intense, they ended up dying on the very same day. Not only that, but it was on July 4th, the birthday of the nation. Moreover, the day they died was the 50th anniversary of the birth of the nation! On the surface, it seems like a startling coincidence, yet if you see how closely they were in their correspondence, they had almost become two halves of the same person. The energies, forces, and vibrations were so intense; and their interlocking relationship so powerful, that they deceased on the same famous day. Because they were so far apart -- one in Massachusetts, the other in Virginia; and were too old to visit one another regularly -- they each had a bust of the other in their room to help them envision one another. We can imagine them each looking at, talking to their respective friend's bust as they penned their plethora of letters.

Two men had thus practically become One -- in mental thought, in spirit, almost in body. In our lives, the Oneness between ourselves and others also beckons us. However, we are too caught up in our separate selves to perceive those outside our own physical being. Though we do come together intensely in love -- whether for spouse or children or friend -- that in part merely fulfills our ego. It is more difficult to experience that oneness with other people we come in contact with, where a business associates or a casual acquaintance. To share that Oneness in that way would mean that we have abandoned our separative nature, our ego, so that we are able to bridge the divide between us and move in harmony; experience oneness and unity with our environment and those around us.

However, we can only reach that state when we move away from the surface of life and discover our deeper parts within. There we find silence, and further still our own True Nature and Soul. From there we experience a universal state in which we feel deep commonality with the world around us, including the people we come in contact with. It was there that John Adams and Thomas Jefferson met and found harmony of being, despite their being so many miles apart.

Keywords: Nation, Conflict, Relationship, Patriotism

Avoidance Harmony vs. True Harmony

Often we take to avoiding situations, such as meeting with other in order to create more harmony with them. But this is not True Harmony but avoidance harmony.

I have seen this problem myself up front in dealing with perspective partners for new ventures. It is easy to step back from disharmony and avoid it. It is better still to find the inner limitation in one's self and change it, or discover the related inner change necessary that matches another's' negativity. Either way, we develop the inner strength to move to the resolution of the contradiction.

Also taking this tact will enable life to respond. E.g. when I returned to the sessions after several months of reluctance due to strain and disharmony I was shocked to see how far life had progressed. It was like a hyper jump from what I expected; and something told me that my higher conscious return was synchronous and in alignment with it. My inner shift to true harmony rather than avoidance harmony attracted tremendous results.

Keywords: Relationship

Spiritual Power of the Group

Overcoming Power Outage through Inner Effort + Connection to Positive Person of Goodwill

On Sunday Jan 1st I was walking back to A's house and he called to inform me the power has gone out 15 minutes earlier. I reached his house 3 minutes later and we sat in the dark for 90 minutes. It is ironic since we have a big generator that can run all the electricals plus four or five ACs and all the houses around had power. Only ours was dark. Turns out the fault was with the generator and it was preventing the normal current from coming in! Being Sunday, and that too the 1st, I was doubtful about getting any assistance. I sat with A. We spoke some and concentrated a lot but there was no response. Then A asked me to call another devotee named V who is in a town 100 miles away but is very close to A. I reached her on the phone and informed her of the power failure. She expressed her regret and understood A is asking her to do something. After saying goodbye and before I could even hand up the phone, the power came back on.

A philosophized that when you take an exhaustive effort to move life inwardly through concentration and are unable to get a result, if you seek assistance from a positive person of goodwill, their support can bring the result. It did.

Keywords: Household, Home Appliances, Machinery

Moving to the Universal Plane Affecting a Much Vaster Collective

I would like to share an experience.

Once, I was asked to give an opinion on a Tax Matter by an employee's Co-operative Society. The background was that the society was enjoying Income Tax Deduction for the income they were earning all the previous years. Some amendment in the section excluded certain types of Co-operative Banks from enjoying this IT deduction for their Income and hence has to pay tax which may affect the dividend percentage being received by all the Employees who are the members of the Society. Since the Society is offering Loans and collecting Deposits from its members, they were of the understanding that the amendment will hold good for them and hence they were very upset.

The Special Officer of that particular Society took some special interest in getting an Opinion. She approached me and explained the situation. There are around 3000 such societies and there are more than 1,000,000 (One Million) employees who were benefited earlier and the amendment would affect the Dividend income of all the one million employees. To add that Lady Special Officer's request, there was a strong recommendation for a favorable opinion from my wife who was too worried at the loss of the Members of these 3000 societies

Considering the emotions of the One Million members spread over these 3000 societies, I started reading the amendment. All of a sudden I got a flash that the excluding amendment was only meant the Co-operative Banks and not the Co-operative Credit Societies since they have referred the Banking Regulations Act in the picture. I went ahead with the provisions of Banking Regulations Act and gave them an opinion against the understanding of all the department Officials and Audit Director's Opinion.

Seeing the opinion, The Audit Director referred the opinion to the Chief Commissioner of Income Tax, Chennai. The Chief Commissioner approved the opinion and added a disclaimer by saying that this opinion is right, but we cannot say whether a particular society can claim the deduction without seeing their income source and so on.

The Audit Director issued an order by saying that after obtaining an opinion from Chartered Accountants in this effect, the deduction can be claimed and provision need not be made in the Accounts.

For the original Opinion, even though, they were ready to pay Rs 7,500/=, I charged only Rs 1,000 with a service attitude.

But by seeing the order of Audit Director, all the societies were relieved of their pressure of facing their members in General Body meeting, came in queue to my office and got opinions by providing their accounts. All societies in Chennai came to me.

The opinion given was taken more than 3000 photocopies and were sent to each such society all over Tamil Nadu.

That year for a small work, with an approach of benefiting some million people, I got more than six to seven lakhs. The income continued for next three to four years and on top of it, I was included by the Department as one of the members in their Wage Revision Committee of Employees Co-op Societies last year.

I do not know whether I have surrendered this to Mother. But surely I called Mother to give a solution to these one million employees. I understand she was pleased to serve them all and to me. Otherwise she would not have given such a downpour of income for more than three years for a half a day's original effort. (NR)

Keywords: Service, Work Issue, Integrity

Higher Consciousness Forms, Books, People

Life Responds Each Time Man Reads Pages of the Life Divine

Recently, I decided to buy a new air-conditioner. I decided on model, dealer and labor. I had money. So, I placed an order. The carpenter had to do wood work on the window. The electrician had to do wiring. Then the air-conditioner must be fixed. Somehow things were getting delayed. To solve the problem, I decided to read the chapter "The Problem of Life" from The Life Divine in the room where air-conditioner would be fixed.

When I had read first two pages, the carpenter came and inspected the window. He said the existing provision was fine and advised not to spend money on new provision. He did not even ask for batta or other fees. This is an unusual gesture from such workers.

Then I waited for the electrician to turn up. Though he kept telling me over phone that he would come soon, he could not come. After a day in waiting, again I took up the same chapter and started to read from third page. By the time I had finished the next three pages, suddenly, my preferred electrician came with materials and tools and finished wiring work within an hour.

I was happy and asked the dealer to send the air-conditioner. Due to some reason, he could not send the air-conditioner, though he had said he would send it immediately. After waiting for one and half days, I again took up the chapter today morning and read the remaining pages sitting in the room. Exactly the moment I finished the last word, not a second before, not a second after, the doorbell rang and the air-conditioner had arrived. (The dealer has given some discount too from the agreed price.)

Keywords: Machinery, Money/Finance, Home Appliances

Completion of Story Involving Consecration (The Mother) Enables Resolution of Conflict

The author's sister is a lawyer and works in UK. There was some difference of opinion between the author and his sister. She severed his relationship in 2002. Her relationship is important to him. She has always been good to him. But, the author's carelessness, irritating behavior and stupid remarks caused the breakup. This has been bothering him for the past two years.

One night the author completed the final proofreading of [the short story] "\$100,000.00" around 12 O'clock. He felt there was nothing more he could do and his part was over. He slept peacefully.

The next morning, his sister telephoned him from UK. He did not expect a call from her. She said (something like), "Why you have not spoken to me for a long time? Have you thrown me out of your life?" This is almost similar to what Melanie tells Bill when she calls him in \$100,000! When the author began to apologize, she cut it short and wanted to speak about good things only. Now, the relationship is almost cordial and the disharmony has been replaced with harmony.

Comment:

It is a Life Response of a kind I have not been explaining. When you exercise yourself on writings about Mother, you come closer to Her -- Her Harmony. Hence this response. (Karmayogi)

Keywords: Literature, Lawyer, Relationship, Family

The Recommended Film and the Triple Response from Life

A friend of mine in a social network (OV) had a week or so ago recommended to me the film 'What the Bleep do I Know,' which explains how quantum physics indicates that you are the creator of the world

that appears around you. He told me he had seen the film and it helped him understand the principle that the inner moves the outer that I presented to him in an earlier life response experience I shared with him and the other readers at the Life Response forum discussion area.

Meanwhile this morning I published to that forum my article from last year 'The Road to Hanna' which explains a life response experience of mine in Maui where I overcame an attitude of reluctance and a problem was instantly overcome (the drive back was radically shortened).

This evening after quickly obtaining it from Netflix, I watched the film he recommended 'What the Bleep do I Know,' and it directly explains how we are the inner creators of our outer reality, which quantum physics indicate. It was a perfect addition for my book. When I finished watching, I went to the computer, I opened my email program and there was a single entry. It was from this very person who recommended I watch the movie!

In his email, he said that he read my just published article The Road to Hanna and still did not understand how changing my attitude from acceptance to reluctance attracted a response that changed a 3 hour return ride to the other side of the island into less than an hour. I then explained the principle involved (the reversal from reluctance) and how it attracts positive conditions.

In addition, I explained that his email to me immediately after watching the movie he recommended was another instance of life response. In fact, in this case too I had overcome my reluctance and accepted his recommendation to watch the film. It was precisely the same principle at work (attitude of reluctance to acceptance) as occurred in The Road to Hanna episode he responded to!

There were at least three life responses involved in this single exchange. And it was filled with wonder, irony, and somehow humor as well. There was a new richness and complexity to these sorts of experiences, and they are happening more frequently. It perfectly proved everything the movie was trying to get across intellectually. It was the living proof of everything pronounced in the film – whether from the perspective of consciousness or that of the new science.

Keywords: Media, Communications, Vehicles (auto, etc.)

Life Response Book and the Check

I had a number of bills coming up and was dependent on a large check coming in the mail to cover the expenses. I gently asked the client if they could rush the payment a bit, which they were more than happy to do.

However for five days, far beyond the time I hoped to receive the check, I still did not have it in hand. And I didn't know if the client had even sent it.

Meanwhile I have been working on a major project of gathering together four hundred plus life response incidences that have taken place over the last 15 years. The compendium book is called 'A Life Response Reader.' I have been working on the document for several months straight. On this day however I realized I was coming to the end of that work and mentioned that fact to a friend.

A few minutes later, it was all done. Finally I had a completed the first draft!

However just as I lifted my head in a moment of exultation and relaxation, I saw the mailman walk to my letterbox.

I then went to the front door, leaned out to the box and found a lone envelope. It was the check that I longed for; something I did not expect to receive for a while!

I understood that there was great power in the project I had been absorbed in. The gathering and categorizing of life response content creates enormous psychic energy. And the proof was that within one minute - actually one SECOND - of completing that months-long work I received the payment that I had dearly longed for.

It was a wonder that the check arrived synchronous with the completion of the project, but it was really astonishing that it happened within a second of completing the work.

A book of Life Response incidents had itself evoked a magnificent response from life. Like the contents of the book, it was another chronicle of "Instantaneous Miraculousness."

Keywords: Miraculous/Miraculousness, Money/Finance, Effort, Organization

CHARACTER OF LIFE

CHARACTER OF LIFE Expressions of Life Response

Like each of us, Life itself has a character and nature. Moreover, life's character expresses through principles and laws of life. Eg one principle is that how we are to life, life is to us; In other words "Inner-Outer Correspondence. Thus, when we are negative, then life returns the same. Likewise when we are positive, life brings us positive conditions.

In this module we will cover several central life laws and principles that seem to be operating in life along with powerful life response case studies.

Among them are:

- Contradictions are Complements principle
- Seeing Beyond the Positive and Negative
- The Correspondence between our Consciousness and World Around Us
- Accepting the Givens of Life Attracts
- Our Own Initiatives tend to Fail, while Life's Initiatives Succeed
- Perceiving the Subtle Signs of Life
- The Nature of Acts
- Acts Repeats Phenomenon
- Initial Occurrence Indicates Final Outcome Phenomenon
- Every Act/Event is Announced Beforehand Phenomenon
- Effect of Surrounding Atmosphere for Success
- Opposition When Rising to Higher Level

Contradiction Are Complements

The Greater the Opposition, the Greater the Opportunity, Progress

Life has a character, just like we humans. It expresses through any number of laws -- whether overt or subtle. One particular principle is that progress in life occurs through our contradiction and conflict with others and circumstance. It is only through these adversarial relationships that each party can make a breakthrough in consciousness and thereby progress. In particular, when we find the higher harmony beyond the contradiction, then each side moves forward. Otherwise life remains in standstill or even goes backwards. If we look closely, we will see this dynamic everywhere -- in our own lives and in the world around us. It is Nature's secret method.

A closely related principles is that the greater the opposition we encounter in life, the greater the opportunity for us to rise and progress. We can observe this law in real life or in the world of literature and film.

For example, in Jane Austin's *Pride and Prejudice* there is a great scandal midway through the story when one of the Bennet sisters elopes with a scoundrel, threatening to ruin the family, both socially and financially. And yet the final outcome of that particular episode was that three of the five Bennet daughters find love, are married to attractive husbands, and come into enormous sums of money. Thus, a family once teetering on the edge of financial ruin comes into staggering good fortune. In essence, the intensity of the opposition that life brought through the elopement set in motion conditions that enabled the three marriages to occur. Because circumstance was so intensely negative, individuals reacted in such a way that caused them to come together in ways that would not have otherwise occurred.

A more recent and non-fictional version involves the case of Apple CEO Steve Jobs. In the 1980's he was tossed out of the company he founded by the board of directors for going in a direction that the company foolishly thought was reckless. Though he went through dark moments in the years that followed, he rose to the challenge, took up a number of creative initiatives, including the founding of the companies Next and Pixar, and was eventually rehired back at Apple along with the many assets he had developed while in exile. As a result, Apple, which was on the verge of bankruptcy when Jobs returned, increased its revenues by an astounding 10 times in the decade and a half that followed (on its way to many times more), making it the most powerful corporate turnaround in US history, and catapulting Apple to become a four-time in a row Fortune magazine the most admired company in the world.

In other words, intense opposition and difficulty provided Jobs with the "initiative" to strike back and take things to a new level. Adversarial conditions gave him the strength, fortitude, and determination to push his way forward and create conditions for his former company that no one would ever have imagined. Not only that, but it resulted in products that had a profound impact on the nature of society -- including the iPod, iPhone, and iPad, etc., whose sales have boomed around the world.

If you examine your own life, you will likely see this same dynamic at work; that the greatest difficulty you encountered -- whether an outer opposition or an inner demon, was the force that enabled your greatest success. Or to put it another way, the greater the outer resistance, conflict, contradiction to our aspirations and goals, the greater the possibility for achievement and growth; i.e. the higher we can rise.

We can actually go a step further and philosophically say that the negatives we encounter are actually positives in disguise. Or better still that those negatives are simply more intense forms of the positive; providing the energy, force, and push that compels us to rise much higher.

Having said this, there is an alternate approach to progress. We can rise in consciousness and act in ways that tend to attract the positive and avoid opposition. In that way, we rise from peak to ever-higher peak of the positive. In order to do that, we will need to overcome our limitations, utilize the spiritual Force that is there to set right life's conditions, and live a life of increasingly conscious behavior. In that way, there is an intensity -- a positive intensity -- that compels us to move forward. It is not opposition, but energy and joy that drives us to the next level. This is no longer Nature's Way, but that of Spirit and Soul.

Keywords: Literature, Business, Contradiction, Accomplishment/Success

Key Life Principle: Contradictions are Complements

A man was having trouble getting the right information from another person. He persisted in trying to obtain it, but things just seemed to go right. In fact, they were going in circles.

Finally he drew up a list of examples for the other person to follow. In doing, so the first man now had sample data he could now send to a variety of other users, which was a welcome development

The added effect of this episode is that it compelled the second man to voluntarily forward a paper revealing much information about himself; something the first man did not ask for, but helped him understand the second man's mind.

Comment:

In other words, the whole misunderstanding had the net effect of creating better understanding about the process and data required, as well as a greater knowledge of the second person. Life in essence had quickly evolved through a seeming conflictive unfolding that secretly had a higher purpose to bring greater understanding all around. Thus if we can look out on any negative, conflictive, divisive situation and see the hidden higher harmony that Life is trying to bring about, we can avoid a lot of difficulty and strife. By seeing the complementarity instead of the contradiction, we can be in the right frame of mind, with the right understanding to develop the right stratifies things rapidly forward to a higher level of success, well-being, happiness and joy

Keywords: Relationship, Communications

Negative Events Forge the Unity of Nations

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Another closely related subtle law of life is that the negatives that occur are actually positives in disguise, as they are often the single instrument of great progress for the individual or collective, often exceeding the benefit that comes from a particular good.

In *The Lord of the Rings* we see how the "bad," represented by the evil kingdom of Mordor, becomes the very force that compels the races to come together for short term as well as long-term benefit. I.e. Life compels them to cooperate and combine their efforts to overcome a common evil enemy, and through that process, they establish a long-term closeness, commonality, and unity that never existed before.

In the story, kingdoms that mocked and chided one another in the past are compelled to work together to combat their evil foe in the present. Each are forced to give up their ego, their sense of separateness, their particular limiting attitudes toward one another in order to forge a common force that not only prevails over the enemy, but establishes a deeper, long-term bond among them. Left to its own devices, such an outcome might have taken centuries, millennia, or never at all to come about.

This is the same dynamic that occurred in the real world in WWII, where the individual nations of Europe were compelled by the malevolent German enemy to give up their individual egos to work together to secure the victory. In the wake of that monumental effort that produced so much suffering, the United Nations was formed, as was the European Union -- two transcendent historical developments that ushered in the next phase of human unity. Again, it might have taken centuries, millennia, if ever for these profound developments to have occurred.

That very same dynamic unfolds in the film *Avatar*, where the nations of Pandora, separate and reluctant to integrate and unite, are compelled to come together to combat a common enemy, forging a closeness

of relationship that never existed before. Without the hostile forces, the negative, this overwhelming positive might not have ever come about.

One question that arises from this perspective is why does the negative have happen to these good people in the first place? If they are on the good side of things, why should they suffer? Is it just the pure evil of the adversary, or is it something on their part as well?

The negative occurs to the "good" parties because of their previous and current unconsciousness -- whether the peoples of Middle Earth, Europe, or Pandora -- which attracts severe negative conditions. Because of the limitations in their attitudes towards fellow peoples; because of their self-admiration in their own selves and way of life; because of their persistent reluctance and unwillingness to cooperate; and because of their false, selfish actions of the past, they attract negative circumstance in the form of the dark forces trying to destroy them.

However, in each case they are able to overcome the adversary by bridging the gap between them, overcoming their selfishness, and binding together to forge a level of cooperation and harmony never known before to defeat the enemy.

Nature's Way then is to progress through difficulty and pain; through the contradictions and strife between parties. Often it is occurs between two parties where one is mostly in the wrong and the other is partially so. And yet without the negative side, there can be no further progress for the more positive side, just as the positive side compels the negative to give up its limitations.

One question that remains is whether there is another way out of this process, this difficult method of Nature. The answer is that when we rise in consciousness, we can develop a level of awareness and make conscious decisions that can preempt the negative from coming about in the first place. That is, we are so positive in our outlook that we do not attract the shadow of the negative against us. Then we progress and evolve not through Nature's way of contradiction and conflict, but through the way of Soul.

Keywords: Media, History, Authority, Conflict

Insights into the Indian Epic Film 'LAGAAN'

Intro

Lagaan (Land Tax) is a 2001 Indian epic musical sports drama film. The film is set in the Victorian period of India's colonial British Raj and revolves around the peasants from a barren village who are oppressed by high taxes imposed by their rulers. They attempt to persuade the British officers to reduce the taxes because of poor agricultural production. Instead, a wager is offered: If their village team beats a British team in a game of cricket, their taxes for three years would be cancelled. After accepting this wager, the villagers face the arduous task of learning an alien game and playing for a result that will change their village's destiny.

Plot

Lagaan takes place in the small village of Champaner, during the height of the British Empire in India in 1893. Captain Andrew Russell, the commanding officer of the Champaner cantonment, has imposed high taxes ("lagaan") on people from the local villages which they are unable to pay due to a prolonged drought. Led by Bhuvan, the villagers beg Raja Puran Singh to help them. He tells them that much to his regret, he is also bound by British law.

It is after their visit to the Raja that the people of the village first witness a cricket match. Bhuvan mocks the game and gets into a fight with one of the British officers. Taking an instant dislike to Bhuvan, Captain Russell offers to cancel the taxes of the whole province for three years if the villagers can beat his men in a game of cricket. If the villagers lose, however, they will have to pay three times the amount of their normal taxes. Bhuvan accepts this wager on the behalf of all villages without their consent. When the other villagers find out about the bet, they are furious with Bhuvan. He argues that it is important for everyone to fight against British rule.

Bhuvan thus begins to prepare the villagers for the match. He initially finds only five people willing to join the team. One by one he convinces others to join. He is aided in his efforts by Captain Russell's sister

Elizabeth who feels that her brother has mistreated the people in the villages. As she teaches them the rules of the game, she falls in love with Bhuvan, much to the anguish of Gauri who is also in love with him. After Bhuvan reassures Gauri of his feelings for her, the woodcutter Lakha becomes enraged as he is also in love with Gauri. In an attempt to discredit Bhuvan, Lakha offers himself as a spy for Russell and joins the villager's team in order to destroy it.

Eventually, as the villagers realise that winning equals freedom, and as a few of them are insulted by the British, they join the team. Still short one player, Bhuvan also invites an untouchable, Kachra, who can bowl leg spin. The villagers, conditioned by longterm prejudice against untouchables, refuse to play if Kachra joins the team. Bhuvan chastises the villagers, leading them to accept Kachra.

The second half of the film focuses on the match itself. On the first day, Captain Russell wins the toss and elects to bat, giving the British officers a strong start. Bhuvan brings Kachra into the match only to find that Kachra has lost his ability to spin the ball. In addition, as part of his agreement with Russell, Lakha deliberately drops many catches. During the evening, however, Elizabeth sees Lakha meeting with her brother. She races to the village and informs Bhuvan of Lakha's deception. Rather than allow the villagers to kill him, Bhuvan offers Lakha the chance to redeem himself.

The next day as part of his promise to Bhuvan, Lakha takes a diving one-handed catch. However the British score almost 300 runs, losing only three wickets by the lunch break. Kachra is brought back to bowl and takes a hat-trick which sparks the British batting collapse. The villagers soon start their innings. Bhuvan and Deva (a Sikh, who has played cricket earlier when he was a British sepoy) give their team a solid start. Deva misses out on his half-century when a straight-drive from Bhuvan ricochets off the bowler's hand onto the stumps at the non-striker's end, while Deva was backing up too far. When Lakha comes on to bat, he is hit by a bouncer on his head, and he falls on to his stumps. Other batsmen get out trying to score a boundary off each delivery. Ismail (Raj Zutshi), a good batsman, retires hurt as he is hit on his leg. The villager's team ends the day with 4 batsmen out of action with barely a third of the required runs on board.

On the third and final day, Bhuvan passes his century, while most of the later wickets fall. Ismail returns to bat with the help of a runner and passes his half-century, reducing the required runs to a gettable total. The game comes down to the last over with Kachra on strike. With one ball remaining and the team down 5 runs, Kachra knocks the ball a short distance, managing only a single. However, the umpire signals no ball and Bhuvan returns to bat, and swings extremely hard at the next ball. Captain Russell backpedals and catches the ball, leading him to believe the British team has won. However, Russell caught the ball beyond the boundary which gives 6 runs, and the win, to Bhuvan's team. At that moment, the drought ends as a rainstorm erupts.

Bhuvan's defeat of the British team leads to the disbanding of the humiliated cantonment. In addition, Russell is forced to pay the taxes for the whole province and is transferred to Central Africa. After realising that Bhuvan loves Gauri, Elizabeth returns to London. Heartbroken, she remains unmarried for the rest of her life. Bhuvan marries Gauri.

(Thanks to Wikipedia for this summation)

Lessons Observed

-When you take to Truth -- i.e. the right thing to do in a situation, -- you attract the very best of conditions. That Truth prevails over all obstacles. (Bhuvan was completely dedicated to the truth that the Britishers were acting in falsehood and it was absolutely wrong to follow that mandate, and therefore he should do anything in his power to overcome it. Following that Truth in his consciousness he and his fellow players prevailed.)

-The power of Unity overcomes any obstacle. (The story was about Bhuvan winning over others to his side. When they embraced his beliefs, which were the true Truth of things, a powerful unity was enabled that generated massive amount of positive energy and a tremendous Will that that prevailed despite extraordinary obstacles.)

-In a conflict or contest between two sides, a new, higher level of Unity on one side tends to attract disunity or other forms of discord from the other. (As one or more points where the Indian group adopted

a new player, by overcoming prejudice or seeing into new possibilities, it created a higher unity, which was matched by a breakdown of unity on the British side, especially when the British higher up leaders questioned the foolish actions of Captain Russell.)

-Truth and Unity together form an irresistible power. (Bhuvan gave them the Truth which they were convinced of, and they then developed a unity of purpose that together became an irresistible power that prevailed.)

-When you widen the scope of benefit to embrace a wider collective beyond your own, you tend to attract support from some party of that broader domain from out of nowhere, enabling the expanded aspiration to manifest. (Bhuvan wanted the non-paying of double tax not just to his village, but to the entire area. A while later they attracted the best cricketer on their team who was a Sikh who came from that wider area outside the village)

-Intensity of Will amongst a unified group motivated by high values overcomes the opposing force. (This is a comprehensive statement about the meaning and events of the film.)

-Only Her Force can overcome a hopeless situation. (Desperate at the end, they called to Lord Krishna, and all miraculously worked out; which in our terms as devotees of the Mother is Her supramental power that we can open to that create extraordinary outcomes, including when things seem hopeless,)

-(which leads to one final statement) What can surpass unity of purpose, intensity of will, highest of values, and faith in the spiritual Force (consecrated effort) in accomplishing a goal among a group of individuals?

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The Life of Spiritual Adventure that Attracts

The overwhelming majority of the time life is routine – i.e. what we do and what comes to us is what is expected. Other times, life suddenly descends on us and offers up the unexpected, -- often taking the form of sudden good fortune. The latter tends to occur in response to our efforts to meet life's challenges, or by taking life by the horns and living it to the full. Here is a recent real life case in point:

One man I know of had not left California for 30 years -- save for two relatively short driving vacation trips across the western United States. For this individual then, the state of California had essentially become his entire nation!

One day recently, he was asked to fly down to San Diego in the southern part of the state near the Mexican border to perform some work for a client there. In the three previous decades, he had never once ventured further south – in California, or anywhere else -- than the Los Angeles area. He was therefore both excited about the trip, and concerned about his ability to navigate this new area.

When he arrived from San Diego on a flight from San Francisco, he discovered a very pleasing landscape, including a beautiful, warm coastline, soaring mountains, and a growing downtown skyline. Though he struggled at first to get his bearings, he was in the end able to navigate the freeway system and make his way to the client, who had their offices in a spectacular valley town north of the city. In the next several days, our friend successfully completed his work, while still having time to explore the coastal region and its sun-splashed beauty. After three days, he returned to his residence in the San Francisco area, with both new insight and an abundance of new energy.

Shortly after he arrived back at his home base, something peculiar happened -- his computer began to die. After very four very productive years of use, the computer suddenly and most unexpectedly ceased functioning. Since his entire business – ne, his whole *life* - was contained on the machine, he was shocked by this sudden turn of events. He felt overwhelmed by the fact that without a computer, he was not only out of touch with the world, but all of the documents and programs he needed to get through the day were no longer available. Add the fact that this individual's profession was in the computer/software field, and that a major vacation to Hawaii loomed on the horizon – his first travels outside of the United States in 33 years (!) – you could imagine why he suddenly felt the weight of the world on his shoulders!

And yet despite this impossible, pressure-filled situation, our friend was able to conjure up the right attitude. Specifically, he viewed the turn of events as part of one great adventure that begun when he first embarked on his trip to San Diego, and was now continuing through these latest difficult unfoldings. He sensed that there was a purpose in what was occurring: that life was somehow trying to push things forward, and that he was willing to be a full participant in this latest adventure. It was with that attitude that he tackled the current problem of the expiring computer.

In the next several days, he did everything he could to get the machine up and running. However, for each step forward, he seemed to go two steps back. For example, he bought a new large external monitor because the built in one on his laptop had failed, only to discover that it distorted the screen, making all the web sites he created over the last decade unrecognizable. Because his old computer had so many connections with other add-on devices, and had so many wires running in and out of it, that when he changed one part, other parts would begin to fail. When the situation became intolerable, and his very lifestyle and businesses came into jeopardy, our friend perceived that a new approach was in order: that he go out and purchase a new machine.

That morning he arrived at the electronics mega store to purchase the computer. There he saw one that he liked, and a moment later a young man came up to help him. Our friend noticed that the salesperson had a soft and quiet nature. He then proceeded to tell the salesperson which machine he was interested, after which the clerk walked over to the giant metal cage to see if the item was in stock. Our friend, now desperate for any good news after days of incessant trouble, took the only course of action he knew: he

opened himself up to the spiritual Force, and with great intensity offered the entire situation to the Higher Power.

After a considerable delay, the salesperson finally returned from his search. But would he have the computer that our friend wanted? It turns out that the salesperson was indeed holding a computer, but it was not the one our friend wanted. Instead, the salesperson found a different one that contained a microprocessor that was nearly double the speed of other one -- *and* at a lower price! At that moment, our friend knew that the Higher Power had surely worked on his behalf. Thereafter, he felt grateful to the spirit that helped bring about this stunning turn of events.

When our friend arrived back at the office, he unpacked the machine and turned it on. He was instantly dazzled at how beautiful the screen image looked; how quickly the software loaded; and how many astonishing new features were already built in. He was particularly amazed that he could easily connect to the Internet through a wireless connection. One after another, he discovered new features that he was certain would make his life easier. As each new feature revealed itself, he felt as if he were on a magic carpet ride -- taken on a journey that transcended his experiences using his old, outdated machine.

Dazzled by these state of the art features, not only did he truly recognize how utterly out of date his old computer was, but now he saw that its death knell was actually a blessing in disguise; one that ushered in the wondrous new computer before him. He perceived that the failure of his old computer was no failure at all, but an opening to vast possibilities that arrived in the form of the new machine!

Keywords: Work Issue, State/Province, Resources (physical), Service

Perceiving That Opportunities Can Emerge From the Negative Causes It to Happen In Software Incident

If you have a very difficult problem and take the right attitude about it, not only will that problem get solved, but other legacy problems that have been there for a while will also miraculously self-correct.

The other day I needed to upgrade my Microsoft Office software application from the 2010 to the 2013 version. In the middle of the installation the system froze. I tried to reinstall, but to no avail. Though I was not pleased with the situation, I remained steady. I even suspected some additional good could come out of this problematic situation. I then contacted Microsoft technical support, and spoke with someone who was very pleasant and supportive, but after two hours of trying also could not resolve the problem. The case was then forwarded to a higher-level expert there.

On a second call the next day, the tech took over my machine remotely and continued to try to resolve the problem. At one point they asked if I had the computer tuned recently as I had a number of issues with it. I said I hadn't, though I had noted to myself that the system ran slow on occasion, and occasionally froze.

At one point I consecrated the problem and also did my best to forget the issue, putting the entire matter fully in the technician's and the Divine's hands. A little while later I saw that the system was beginning to install properly. When it completed, I thanked the technician and began to use the upgraded software. It turns out that not only was the upgrade now running very well, but I also noticed that the entire computer was also running faster! When I explored further I saw that many software add-ins acquired along the way had been removed, one of several reasons why the systems now ran so much better!

I was startled by this turn of events but somehow not surprised as I knew of the wonders of the spiritual Force, as well as the power of not reacting to a negative situation. Actually there was more in this case, as I had consciously thought about the fact that additional positive outcomes can come out of a negative situation beyond resolving the immediate problem, which is precisely what happened when in essence I practically acquired a brand new computer!

Comment:

As we see if you can look at the difficulties that befall you as an opportunity lurking behind, life will return the favor and respond with good or great fortune.

It is true that this is this is not easy to do when a serious problem comes our way. However, if you can break through the worry and fear and perceive the possibility of a great positive, you will have the wherewithal to attract such startling outcomes.

Keywords: Resources (physical), Service

A Problem Flushed Out

Sometimes what we think of as a bad thing is the accumulation of falsehood that has built up, is for some reason no longer allowed to fester, and is then released before us in full view. In other words, it is the forced elimination of an accumulated negative, which is actually a good thing.

For a long time the water in the bathtub of a house renter would occasionally back up and not flow out. It was a minor nuisance. Then one day, the entire system backed up, and it was discovered that the pipes leading into this home and several others were filled with serious debris. On this occasion, the renter of the home quickly took action on a Sunday morning, when usually no one is around to fix such things. However, after a call in, the landlord quickly arrived on the scene, and was beaming that he had brought the best plumber expert he had ever known. Such a response on a Sunday morning when most were slowly rising! The plumber then proceeded to discover the entire mess in the pipe system. It was solved in less than a half hour, which almost seemed miraculous-like.

As it turns out in the days and hours leading up to this problem, the Force was strong and the atmosphere filled with good energy. Moreover, an extra special important positive event in the life of the house renter had just taken place. We can say the atmosphere and conditions forced the system to present its true colors, which was the accumulation and overflow of the putrid water and debris. Now that this problem presented itself in full, it could be solved once and for all in one fell swoop.

It is interesting to note that the owner of the home had remained calm throughout the situation and took direct action when confronted with this difficult situation, which in a very positive surrounding atmosphere "flushed out" the negatives, bringing things to a head, enabling a resolution, which all told meant that it was a positive in disguise.

Keywords: Resources (physical), Home Appliances, Owner

Inner-Outer Correspondence

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Keywords: Media, Money/Finance

Inner-Outer Correspondence to a Shipping Problem

Hi Roy and fellow members! I have an interesting life response experience from just the other day that is, without a doubt, a result of consecration and my very definite decision to let go of a destructive emotion. It's not a huge incident, but it is a bit of a story, and something I want to share, nonetheless.

Okay, last week a small package did not get picked up from my mailbox, which had the "Red Flag" up - thereby signaling that I had mail for our rural mail carrier. (Usually it does, but a new substitute was learning the route)

The next morning, I took that small package (about 8 ounces, and already labeled with appropriate postage), where, to my dismay, a clerk who is known for excruciatingly slow service was standing.

Typically, I try to avoid going in for counter service if this particular clerk is there, because he acts as though he is absent-minded, talking at length with people about non job-related topics when the line is backing up.

He also states his opinions very decidedly, and is often unbending, insisting on his statements being fact.

Nonetheless, he is generally a very pleasant person too! So, this can make for a somewhat frustrating experience - it's not as though anyone could "dislike" the person - but things can sometimes be frustrating.

In the last year, I had become more and more critical of this service, and had truly tried to avoid being served if he is there. I could actually "feel" my stomach begin to churn when I saw him, and I was physically aware that I had negative feelings about the situation (I did try consecrating, but my efforts were weak!).

When I went in, he began examining the packages (I had brought a few more that I had to mail), and looking at the tiny one, he had a curious look on his face - perhaps it was the date, which was from more than a day before. I said, "Oh, that was in the mailbox but didn't get picked up."

Instantly, he began saying that there had been no obligation by the carrier to pick up the package, and that I had to "schedule" pickup, and that if not scheduled ahead of time, it is merely a "courtesy" that the mail gets picked up at our box.

I could feel my anger and frustration rising, since I know that in this case, there IS no "scheduling" pickup since to do so, at least one package must be "Priority" (we've been at this for a long time as eBay sellers, so we were aware of the rules). I said, "No, actually, we did not have to schedule it because it was small, INSIDE the mailbox - just like where we place our outgoing bills - and the flag was up."

He disagreed again. I said, "So, then, if this is true, what is the point of the 'red flag' on the box? The carrier does NOT have to pick up mail if he or she sees that up?"

Again, he insisted that there was never any obligation on behalf of carriers to pick up the mail, and he would not stop. He was almost laughing at me. I felt my ire rise higher than I have felt in many years - I'm pretty hard to "rile up" these days. Finally, because I could feel the anger starting to rise, I just said, "Whatever (name)... whatever you say..." and left.

I could not understand my anger. I consecrated and meditated, but all I could think of was "he is SUCH a jerk!" (and similar negative thoughts).

When I arrived home, I set upon finding the documentation that would prove that he was wrong. I did find the documentation, right in a postal service manual, proving that it is, in fact, a requirement of the contracted carriers to pick up mail if there is a red flag up (unless it seriously interferes with their ability to deliver mail - and this was not one of those times).

I still found myself feeling angry. I decided NOT to bring the documentation to the post office - especially feeling the way I did.

Now, I don't like feeling angry. It bugs me. I'm non-productive and frankly, anger doesn't become me. So I kept consecrating in a half-hearted way, but still feeling angry about the clerk...

But things got worse.

That very night, we received a complaint from a customer in California, saying that we sent her the wrong item. She said we sent her two "junk" books instead of the actual item she ordered. Concerned, we went through our labels, and looked at everything that went out when her package was sent, and because we aren't selling much right now, only 2 packages were even sent that day - and no one was sent any books.

We did all our due diligence, and began to think she was scamming us. We couldn't figure out how she could possibly say she received 2 books when the actual package we had sent her was verified as being less than 10 ounces.

I began to put 2+2 together - I began to feel that my unrelenting anger was "plugging up the works" in other parts of our life.

So, I sat down, and quietly called to Mother, and consecrated more diligently. This time, I affirmed that the same power that created and sustains me also created and sustains not only the mail clerk, but also this displeased customer. I consecrated the clerk to Mother, while asking to be forgiven for my anger and frustration since he is, in fact, also a son of the Divine. I consecrated the customer in California in the same way.

I consecrated everything I could think of for an hour!

Suddenly, I felt my anger with the clerk lift. I mean - 100%. It was just gone! I felt a certain peace I hadn't felt before.

So, I decided that when I bring the documentation into the post office, I'll do so when it feels "right," and when it isn't in retaliation. I may not bring it at all. I just decided to "let it be" for now, and just give it some time. I just kept consecrating and affirming our essential oneness.

Then, the craziest thing happened! In checking the emails a few hours later, the customer in California wrote - apologizing - and saying that she found the item we sent, and that she had made an honest mistake, and that she had closed the complaint!

Of course, we wrote to her immediately, saying that we were grateful that she had found the item, and that we ALL make mistakes. No hard feelings, and we hoped her other order would be straightened out quickly.

Anyway, that's my story of the day!

Keywords: Work Issue, Resources (physical), Relationship, Communications

Overcoming Power Outage through Inner Effort + Connection to Positive Person of Goodwill

On Sunday Jan 1st I was walking back to A's house and he called to inform me the power has gone out 15 minutes earlier. I reached his house 3 minutes later and we sat in the dark for 90 minutes. It is ironic since we have a big generator that can run all the electricals plus four or five ACs and all the houses around had power. Only ours was dark. Turns out the fault was with the generator and it was preventing the normal current from coming in! Being Sunday, and that too the 1st, I was doubtful about getting any assistance. I sat with A. We spoke some and concentrated a lot but there was no response. Then A asked me to call another devotee named V who is in a town 100 miles away but is very close to A. I reached her on the phone and informed her of the power failure. She expressed her regret and understood A is asking her to do something. After saying goodbye and before I could even hand up the phone, the power came back on.

A philosophized that when you take an exhaustive effort to move life inwardly and are unable to get a result, if you seek assistance from a positive person of goodwill, their support can bring the result. It did.

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Inner Evokes the Outer

Life is not punishing you. It is just responding to your vibrations - read in one of the FB post

I just got into a crowded train while coming back from office, not even a place to stand since the train was late by 30 min. I was very much irritated by the touch of the people around me; also my inner intention was I should get a place to sit before others. I even got the feeling of irritation towards co-passengers who were standing around me.

After that only I have noticed, all, to whom I have shown the ill- will, irritation, got a comfortable seat to sit. But I did not get

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GOOD FEELINGS- GOOD RESPONSE

ILL FEELINGS - BAD RESPONSE

I have started digging my inner and taking the mud out - to find the Diamond (soul)

Keywords: Train, Hate

Untitled

Am working in a private concern and the cab will pick and drop us from the point on everyday. It's almost a year back, by mistake they have allotted more than capacity on one day. That day we were in the situation to adjust and sit, to reach the office. Both myself and another girl adjusted, but little bit I got irritated how come this happen? Why it's like that? Everything sorted out that time.

But today i faced the same situation that inadvertently they removed the name and happened to go in the same cab and people in the cab given space like the earlier what we did...

Mother made me realise today through the same situation for my bit irritation earlier.

Keywords: Relationship, Vehicles (auto, etc.)

Negative Attraction in Pride and Prejudice

The other day I randomly opened Pride and Prejudice with a similar concentration one would have before opening Savitri.

It was the section where Eliza is walking along with Wickham, obviously smitten. Thereafter she meets with Jane who informs her that she received a letter that Bingley is going off for a while, suggesting a possible halt to Jane and Bingley's relationship.

We know that later Eliza is furious with Darcy about this development when he proposes the first time – i.e. that Darcy instigated it (which Darcy said was for Bingley's own good, believing Jane did not truly love him). I believe these were the events.

Well it struck me that in fact Eliza is responsible for that development! Because she had just been with Wickham, which was negative for her, she aligned with negative circumstances that Jane was now reporting to her. So what Eliza blamed Darcy for, splitting Bingley up from Jane, Eliza "instigated" herself.

Comment:

(MSS) It a striking insight. Wickham's arrival is associated with Bingley's departure. Wickham is false and his consciousness is such that it destroys relationships because there is no true underlying basis — the outer perfection is an appearance covering the heart of a rogue. Your comments brings out the fact that it is not so much Wickham's presence but Elizabeth's response (attraction) to him that brings about Bingley's departure. A perceptive Indian (or reader of your book) would have immediately noted the connection between Wickham's coming and Bingley's going.

Keywords: Literature, Relationship

Life Response - Overview, Multiple

The Cause of Startling, Unexpected Meetings

One form of Life Response, often referred to as a "Synchronicity," occurs when two or more parties, events, forms, people, etc. come together in Space and Time in startling like fashion that defies all odds, and rational explanation. E.g. in the extended TV version of *Pride and Prejudice*, Darcy and Eliza arrive at the same spot on the hill at precisely the same moment, though neither knew the other was predisposed to walking that hill; that the other planned to go there at that time, etc. Their meeting seemed serendipitous, an extraordinary coincidence; almost miraculous-like to the casual observer.

Such synchronicities, parallel events, and closely related subtle phenomena happen to us hundreds if not thousands of times in our lives, though we give them short shrift, passing them off as coincidence.

Recently I have tried to understand the cause of such unexpected, startling, synchronous meetings between parties, and have come to the following conclusions:

When one focuses on something, life tends to bring more of it toward you.

In *Pride and Prejudice*, Darcy focuses intently on Eliza, so she appears before him as a physical reality. It is in essence more of her. The same for how Eliza attracts Darcy there. They are both thinking intensely of one another, which is their shared space in time in the subtle plane, causing them to arrive at an exact moment in physical space.

An alignment in consciousness brings parties together in space and time.

After a friend of ours experienced a family tragedy, we met several times unexpectedly in the same place, which superficially struck one as an interesting coincidence. However, what actually was happening is that due to the tragic events, our friend had taken an interest in understanding the nature of life, suffering, spirit, etc. which put her in alignment with our interest. Gradually however, she reverted to her old ways, and we stopped having these synchronistic meetings.

In another case, I met a very close friend after many years of estrangement in a book store on the shores of San Francisco Bay. It turns out just before I arrived, she had picked out a book of Sri Aurobindo's writings, something I am deeply interested in. After many years, I coincidentally met with her at that precise moment because of an alignment of interest. Though I have been in that area many times since, we never meet, most likely because her interests and mine at that level no longer coincide.

The subconscious will compel outer action for the purpose of enabling progress.

In *Pride and Prejudice*, Darcy is compelled to climb the hill and meet Eliza because her presence and their relationship will force him to overcome his arrogance, and thereby grow as a person. It is what his subconscious yearns for: i.e. their meeting so that their potential relationship will compel him to change, and thereby evoke her love and their eventual marriage.

Thoughts circulate, and the ones we have may not be our own.

An individual has the thought of going to a place. That thought vibrates out, and we pick up on it. We believe we are having an original thought, but it is not the case. It is theirs. Having the thought, we then seek to carry it out, such as the idea of going to a park. We then both arrive from our two sides and have a startling meeting in that common space and time.

Such startling meetings have their root in the alignment in consciousness of the two parties. Yet it is also supported by Life itself. With a little probing into the nature of existence, we realize that behind the divisions, difficulties, and conflicts we humans experience, all life is actually connected in an inherent Oneness. More specifically, everything in the universe is connected and interrelated along a subtle Web of Existence. Therefore, if we express ourselves in some way, or think a certain thought, or have a certain emotion, we energize strands we are related to along the web, which effects, aligns with, and attracts related parties, events, and people. It also works for them, and its effect on us.

In this way, when we encounter such startling results in our lives, we can ask ourselves why it has happened. The same if we observe it in others, in life around us, in current events, literature, film, history, etc. This will give us clues into the workings of Life, from which we can learn to become its Master.

Keywords: Literature, Relationship

Perceiving Parallel Events

Synchronicities, simultaneity, and parallel events -- names for same basic phenomenon -- are happening all of the time, every minute of the day if we only choose to observe them. For example, just today I was looking up the site statistics for the Growth Online site. One area that intrigued me was the pages or graphics that were being accessed the most in terms of the total bytes downloaded by the visitor. I was surprised to see that one of the graphics had the greatest total bytes downloaded in the recent period. It was for an embedded ad for the Kindle book reader sold by Amazon that is displayed on a number of Growth Online pages. I had never noticed that in the statistics reports before.

At nearly the instant I noted this fact, I received a call from a colleague who had not contacted me in over a month. Immediately I saw the connection between his call and the Kindle statistic I had just noticed. Why did I make this association? It was because it was this friend who informed me of the Kindle reader in the first place a year or two ago! And now he calls instantaneous to my seeing the data for that item. A coincidence, you ask? Of course not. It is a connection that was made previously that now presents itself once again. This shows how corresponding pairs related in space and time move in tandem, overcoming normally perceived boundaries of cause and effect, and space and time.

Thus, the universe is constantly separating and rejoining those pairs to the degree that we focus our attention on one of them. It is a phenomenon that is constantly occurring just below the radar of our consciousness. If, however, we are alert, we can observe a steady stream of simultaneous and parallel events throughout our day.

Consider several similar examples:

- We take an interest in a subject, such as a music group we had not thought of in years, and a report about them appears on the TV 10 minutes later, even though they have not been heard from for 20 years.
- A man received an email from a friend, at the same time that an order came in from a client. These were his only two emails. It turns out that the client's organization had the very same ethical and spiritual interests as the friend.

Every day dozens of such events occur if only we only have the wherewithal to connect the dots. When we grow in consciousness and become more mindful, the perceived parallelism become so frequent and striking that all we have to do is open our eyes

Furthermore, as we witness these miraculous-like associations, we begin to perceive a cosmic Intelligence at work, in which all and everything appears to be connected. At that point, we will have taken a decisive step toward understanding life's great mysteries. If we then go a step further and learn to master this power -- i.e. to evoke these responses consciously, on demand -- then we will approach the Marvel behind all creation.

Keywords: Communications, Media

Forces Moving Together to Create a Powerful Response from Life

A number of years ago my spiritual teacher Sri Karmayogi explained how certain forces, action, and events move in parallel, and thereby relate to a common response from life. Specifically, he wrote:

"In any [life response] event that precipitates, there is a prime mover supported by several subordinate forces. Neither of them by themselves can precipitate the event. When both are present in their combined strength, they precipitate the event."

Though I understood it in theory, I never really fully grasped this principle before, and therefore did not quite address the issue in my book ('The Miraculous Phenomenon of Life Response'). That is until a series of experiences I had today. Here is what happened:

For months now I have been developing a new business enterprise. After an initial spurt, the work seemed to slow down, and as a result, I wondered where things were headed next. The web site we built was fine, but how to follow-up that effort seemed unclear. Today, however, I suddenly uncovered an entirely new approach for marketing our products, which is likely going to be the next great push in our overall market campaign. Though the opportunity seemed to come out of nowhere, and it did, I saw three separate actions from three different people that precipitated this powerful life response outcome, substantiating the theory above.

First, I myself started getting serious about the state of my business, and therefore today went through some training materials and videos on the web to upgrade my skills and improve my documentation. This showed that at some level I was determined to attract the market; something I had been somewhat lax in of late. More dramatically, this morning I finally received a cost report via email from an associate of mine that gave my new company a clear indication of our future sales expense rates. This was crucial to understanding the profitability of our endeavor. After reviewing it, there indeed seemed to be tremendous and lucrative potential. Finally, another business associate of mine decided to seriously clean up her work area, which in the past has always attracted sudden good fortune soon after.

Well it turns out that the confluence of these three changes in consciousness is what attracted the dramatic new marketing opportunity that suddenly presented itself this morning. It was a confirmation of my teacher's insight that when several forces move -- in this case through three physical actions of three individuals that had a will and determination behind them -- their combined strength can precipitate a powerful response from life. Because our separate yet related efforts were so strong and concentrated in time, we released powerful energies that aligned with powerful positive conditions that attracted a result that had the potential to change the course of our business lives.

It was a confirmation of a life response principle I long had understood in theory, but now saw dramatically unfolding before my eyes.

Keywords: Teacher, Business, Work Issue

Evoking Personifications of the Mother

Overcoming Difficulty

The other day I had a miserable beginning to my training class. Everything that could go wrong in the setup of the day-long lesson did. It went on for nearly a half hour this way. What an inauspicious beginning, as I struggled mightily to set things right!

And yet in the back of my mind I understood why; at least from one angle. The fact of the matter is that I had not consecrated the class as I ordinarily do. Therefore, there was all the tumult and confusion at the outset. Fortunately, however at the peak of difficulty, when I was almost at my wits end to find a solution, I decided to simply offer the matter to the Mother. When I then tried to rectify the problem for the umpteenth time, it suddenly worked. Within 30 seconds of evoking Her, all was resolved. The remainder of the day went smoothly for the most part.

Encounter on BART

On the way home on the Bay Area Rapid Transit subway system (BART), I finally secured a seat. Normally I close my eyes, and let all thoughts go, evoking calm, a clear mind, and a gentle peace. However, this time I didn't feel like doing that. Instead I simply remembered the Mother. After several minutes, I was in a very light trance of stillness.

When I opened my eyes I looked around, and was startled by what I had seen. Across the aisle from me was sitting a young Indian woman whose physical attributes were very striking to me. She was very dark skinned, darker than most blacks I have seen, yet she had relatively straight features. I then realized that she must have been a South Indian girl, well dressed, calm, serene, and looking straight ahead. In fact, as I examined her face, she looked like the Indian paintings of long ago. She hardly blinked and kept her face erect in a startling fashion, not moving for at least 15 minutes. I wondered if I had evoked an Indian goddess by letting Mother wash over me.

You might say, that well, there are simply many Indians in the city – I was in the densest part of the San Francisco high-rise district with tens of thousands of people on the streets – and I had encountered one. Yet on that day, while walking around I had not noticed a single Indian on the street, let alone a very dark skinned one that is somewhat rare here, though less rare in nearby Silicon Valley.

And so, intrigued by her visage, I turned my body around toward her, and kept staring. It was not her beauty that compelled me, though she was certainly attractive enough, but her demeanor, her gaze; with the thought of having just called Mother lurking in the background. I seemed to have attracted, or rather Mother seemed to have sent me a personification of something, a Goddess, a Dravidian from South India, from the land She herself, a European, lived most of her life.

As her face remained absolutely motionless and in perfect profile for that period – did she even blink? -- I pondered the profundity of it all. Sitting all by herself in the now less crowded train and remaining absolutely motionless intrigued me to no end. I wondered if it was just the ruminations of an active mind, or was this visage before me a personification of some goddess brought to me by Mother.

Incident in the Park

The above relatively modest though personally moving incident has compelled me to finally write about another, even more dramatic event that occurred several months ago. I have wanted to write about it for a while, because it seemed to mark a new development in the types of mystical experiences I have. And now I realize that it also seems to have presaged the incident described above.

About a 20 minute drive south of my home in the Livermore Valley of the San Francisco Bay Area there is a lovely park in the town of Dublin that I regularly go to. It is around 1000 x 500 meters of grassy meadow, and sits as an ocean of serenity and calm, as it is surrounded by a vast development of thousands of new low-rise condos of 3-6 stories of Mediterranean style, stretching for several miles, framed by the hills and mountains surrounding the area. Normally when I go there, the sky is cloudless and deep blue which is the norm during the non-rainy season of Northern California.

The park consist of vast stretches of grassy fields used for football (soccer), baseball, model airplane flying, picnicking and hiking; and also contains areas for children's play, skateboarding, and other uses. As for myself, though I used to like to shoot around on the basketball courts, I have recently given that up since it's become a bit too strenuous. Instead, I like to hike around the park, parts of which are inhabited by hundreds of a unique species of ground squirrel, which can be seen scurrying in and out of their underground homes, as giant hawks ("turkey vultures") with 2 meter or more wingspan hover dangerously overhead.

In this refreshing and stimulating environment, my favorite part comes when I walk along several flat, paved paths that are adorned with trees. As I walk through the area, I often change the pace, both outwardly and inwardly, focusing my thoughts on the Mother. In many ways, this is the very best part of my week.

On this particular day, I had rounded the bend, and was now about to embark on one of the straightaway sections of the walkway that stretches for about 400 meters. With the beauty of the surroundings luring me, I instead focused my attention inward and began to think of Mother. However this time, rather than just remember Her in a way that ordinarily puts me in a serene and blissful state, I suddenly had the thought that I never see or have any physical visions of Her, or for that matter anyone else, with eyes open in an active environment. And so within a few seconds I started to call out to Mother, imploring Her to show Herself, or at least present something physical that would satisfy my inner need.

Just a note, that on weekdays when I walk in the park, it is nearly empty; whereas on weekends it is fairly crowded, with several hundred people in the park at any one time. Indeed at this moment, when I aspired to see something of Mother materialize in some form, I did not see a single person anywhere as I gazed in

the distance in all directions. And so I continued my mantric-like invocation for the materialization of the Mother or something similar.

After a few seconds however, I noticed a figure in the distance. The individual was walking on a path perpendicular to my own. As this person got closer and closer, I became more intrigued; even a little excited. When she was less than 100 meters, I could see that she was a female, and was wearing a bright sari. As she came closer still, I clearly saw that it was an Indian woman of late middle age.

Something now stirred inside me, as we were rapidly walking toward one another; as our two paths were now on a course to converge. When she was 20 yards away, I noticed that she looked very much like an Indian version of the Mother. Suddenly I felt a need make contact. As she came within 10 yards of me on her perpendicular path, I suddenly and quite spontaneously raised my arms in the air, clasped them together and made the gesture of Namaste. Within two seconds, I was astonished when she most enthusiastically did the same. At that moment her gaze met mine. Time stood still. Yet all the universe washed over me.

We then passed one another like two ships, and continued along on our crossing paths. Ecstatic and energized, I then walked up a slight grassy incline, as my heart raced due to the strain of the walk, but also due to the excitement of what had just taken place. As I continued to move rapidly, I asked myself: had I just seen a visage of the Mother? Or was it some personification of Her, or perhaps some sign? Something however HAD taken place!

After all, the only person in this section of the expansive park suddenly appears from out of nowhere, and she, an Indian woman dressed in a very colorful sari crosses my path, and we salute one another through the Namaste gesture, bringing our worlds together. Could this have been the answer to my earlier aspiration to see Mother, providing me with a first outer experience along these lines? That something very special had occurred, I had no doubt.

When I reached the top of the incline, I pulled out my Smartphone and breathlessly narrated the incident into the voice app. I had to capture it for myself, for others, for posterity; to somehow acknowledge a rare experience in my life. I had apparently evoked an emanation of Mother or something similar with eyes open; something I had never quite accomplished before. Who can say exactly what this was or what it meant.

I then carried on; energized, dazed, in state of absolute amazement. I proceeded toward my car, started it up, and drove off from that place. As I headed toward home, I perceived nothing around me, only the wonder and joy of a profound experience; of some ethereal and ecstatic connection to the Divine Mother.

Keywords: Instructor, Train, City

Accepting Givens of Life

Shift from Reluctance to Willingness Attracts

A man was reluctant to purchase a tool because he didn't care for the neighborhood the store was located in. However, after reconsidering, he overcame his hesitation and went ahead to secure the item.

On the way out, he passed his car. Suddenly he thought of the remote possibility that the tool he wanted was in the emergency kit of the car, though he seriously doubted the fact. Still he persisted. When he began digging through the bag, he suddenly noticed a small utensil near the top. He looked closer and saw that it was the obscure tool he was looking for! It was practically calling "take me, take me!"

As he made the return trip of only a few yards to his home, he quickly realized that when he shifted from unwillingness to willingness, from reluctance to acceptance life moved into alignment with his wishes, and gave him what he wanted without having his having to go to the required destination. In fact, he hardly went more than 15 yards!

Shifting from reluctance to acceptance nearly always attracts sudden good fortune. It is a movement away from the physical consciousness of the body that does not want to change; that is content to remain fixed in its routine. Then he thought to himself: 'How many times have I experienced this phenomenon in my life! It is a lesson I seem to be learning again and again!'

Keywords: Resources (physical), Machinery

Accepting the Givens of Life Attracts

Life responds positively to embracing the givens that life has put before us. When we shun what life has put before us, we remain as we are, or even fall backwards. However, when we take up the current needs, the current work we are obligated to do -- whether to our liking or not -- good or great fortune tends to quickly follow.

For example, one man had failed to live up to his own expectations in his career. However, rather than give up, he showed a willingness to do whatever took to survive. At one point, he accepted the lowest, most menial of jobs that was offered him. As a result, an individual suddenly appeared on the scene who changed his life forever -- elevating his life to the pinnacles of success.

Because he was willing to accept the current conditions of life by performing the lowest of jobs in order to move out of his miserable condition, he attracted a powerful positive response in the form of an unknown individual who helped him achieve his fondest dreams.

Keywords: Employment, Career

Untitled

When you give up your insistence on how to solve a problem, life responds and brings you unexpected good or great fortune.

Example: A woman ran a café that was in her family for generations. Now it was failing. She was distraught to no end. Someone who loved her offered her money. At first she absolutely refused it and him. At the very moment she finally gave in and accepted him and the funds, she got a call in which she learned about whereabouts of her long lost nephews.

Keywords: Business, Money/Finance, Family

The Road to Hana

In Hawaii there is a place that has captured the imagination of adventurers, tourists, and lovers alike. It is the mysterious island of Maui. While many come to vacation, snorkel, golf, and wander its endless palm-lined beaches, others come to have an experience in nature that will be moving -- perhaps even enlightening.

But where would one find such a place on this allegedly enchanted island? Probably not in the big, luxurious hotels lining the shoreline of Lahaina; nor the exceedingly wealthy gated communities on the gently sloping hills overlooking the spectacular beaches of Wailea. Rather one tends to look up to the two great volcanoes on the west and east sides of the island that soar majestically 10,000 feet above the sea - - often covered by a mysterious fog that lures one to the top where the cones and crags puncture an impossibly blue sky.

In my case, something else had that effect; or rather seemed to have that effect on others. It is an area on the northeast side of the island, hugging the shoreline, and just below the towering volcano of Haleakala. There resides a spectacular tropical forest of unfathomable beauty. It is not however the usual type of rainforest -- hidden in some deep valley; shrouded in mist, moisture, and mystery. Rather it is located astride the coastline -- on the hillside and mountains overlooking the stunning Maui shore. What makes it particularly interesting for the first time visitor is that you traverse this tropical wonderland via a one-lane byway known as "The Road to Hana."

As you drive this mountain highway, you pass through 30 miles of what can only be described as the world's largest and most magnificent plant store. An astonishing array of tropical plants, flowers, and trees pass by as you traverse the steep, winding road on the slopes of an impossibly beautiful shoreline. As you make your way through the sun-dappled region, navigating the 50+ hairpin turns, on a road that is often a single lane shared with oncoming traffic (!), you feel as if you have arrived at Eden -- to a real, not a mythical paradise on earth.

And yet despite the 1 to 2000 cars that navigate the difficult-to-travel road on any given day, you are enthralled by the green landscapes, the endless cascading waterfalls -- not to mention a spectacular 1/4-mile arboretum with plants, flowers, and trees so beautiful, strange, and mystical-like that you want to cry.

The Road to Hana is a journey through the physical beauty of life -- a tour de force, magical place dreamed up by some God-like artisan. In addition to the enjoyment of the ride, there is the added promise that you will find something special when you arrive at the mysterious town the road is named after. You imagine a village of artists, poets, and seekers of the New; an ideal world, of happy, contented individuals, expressing themselves through their strange and beautiful art, or musing on the nature of life in the cosmos.

However, when you finally arrive at Hana after a grueling 2-3 hour drive, you see that there is hardly anything to be found. There are a few buildings, a few shops -- even a few places to lodge; but that is all. Sure, the hillsides are dotted with spectacular homes tucked away in coastal forests overlooking the ocean, but what you find in Hana is a little underwhelming, despite the promise of its namesake road. How odd, I thought at the time, that after this thrilling but arduous journey, so little was to be found.

And yet, there was no point in dwelling on misgivings, since there was still much to see. In particular, I was eager to drive on beyond Hana, and traverse the eastern side of the island below the great Haleakala volcano. My goal was to work my way all the way around the eastern side of the island to the southern town of Kihei where I was lodging. Though I began that effort with enthusiasm, after 10 miles I came to a sign indicating that the road ahead was closed. Undeterred by the marker -- which I rationalized as likely being out of date -- I forged ahead. After all, I was certainly not ready to go back and navigate 50 hairpin turns, impossibly difficult one-way roads, potholes filled with rainwater, and gawking, camera-toting tourists looking for beautiful shots of road-hugging waterfalls. And so I plowed ahead, seeking my next adventure.

Unfortunately, after several more miles, I came upon yet another sign indicating the same thing: that the road ahead was blocked. Pursing my lips, and letting out a sigh, I now realized that my vision of driving around the deserted part of the island below the Great Volcano for 20 miles on a dirt road crossing virgin, untrammled, hardly-navigated and inhabited spectacular scenery would have to wait for another day.

And so now I was forced to contemplate the journey back to Hana and then further on back to civilization. It was not the happiest of thoughts, considering my physical exhaustion and my frayed nerves. However, after grumbling about the situation for a minute, I gathered myself, took a deep breath, and accepted my fate. I then shifted my orientation inward, and psychologically prepared myself for the grueling 3-hour return drive. And so I got into my car and joined the foray of vehicles that were returning to the populated areas of the island.

Then something very unexpected happened. Instead of being in a slow procession of vehicles working their way along a difficult to navigate 1-lane road, I found myself in a small caravan of cars that was moving quite swiftly! "What was this," I thought, as I sped along at the tail end of a 10-car procession that were moving at perhaps 4 or 5 times the speed I arrived at. How was this possible?

As I revisited the same winding road traversing gorgeous rainforests above spectacular seashores, I perceived several things going on. First, I saw that there were hardly any cars coming from the opposite direction. Second -- and this was particularly striking -- I did not have to concentrate intently while I was driving. All I had to do was watch the one car ahead of me, follow behind in tight formation, and I would be swiftly swept along with the pack!

I then realized that I would now make my way across the road in less than an hour, instead of the expected 2-3 hours. As I whizzed by familiar landscapes, I was utterly dumbfounded by this change in circumstance. However, soon after I understood what this was all about. It was simply life responding to my change in attitude. I.e., the moment I accepted in full that I would not be able to drive around the island, and would instead have to turn back, life cooperated from all quarters. *When I shifted my attitude from reluctance to acceptance, and embraced the given that life had put before me*, everything began to go well for me, as I was whisked across that landscape at the tail end of a swift-moving caravan!

In the end, the Road to Hana really was a profound experience for me -- even if it did not unfold as I expected. In fact, that lovely afternoon turned out to be not only an exhilarating outer experience, but an enlightening inner one as well. Outwardly, I was captured and enthralled by the physical beauty of a once in a lifetime locale. Inwardly, I was reminded once again of the vast power we have within ourselves to alter the conditions of life around us. In that way, The Road to Hana revealed several of its hidden mysteries to me -- providing another extraordinary moment on an unforgettable, once in a lifetime trip.

Keywords: City, Vehicles (auto, etc.), Traffic

Discovery of Cherished Quilts Via a Changed Attitude

When we shift from being uncomfortable with a new development involving another individual, to being neutral, to being fully supportive, then startling good fortune will suddenly come to that person.

A woman travelled far to retrieve years' worth of her quilt-based art work. When she returned, she came with a host of boxes that crowded out their living environment. The man was distraught to no end. He thought about the matter beyond his first impression. The anguish began to dissolve. Later he accepted the piled up boxes for what it was; even beginning to feel it was actually a positive development.

A moment later the woman found among the boxes her key and perhaps best artistic creations which she had created over several decades, that only a few moments before she thought she had left behind and lost forever.

Keywords: Relationship, Family, Anxious(ness), Attitude, Household

Accepting All and Every Thing

Normally we are happy to pursue those things that please us, avoiding as much as possible those activities that we believe will bring less pleasure, or even pain. And yet the truth is that if at every

moment we fully embrace what life puts before us -- pleasurable or otherwise -- life will instantly respond in our favor.

Over the years, I have experienced this phenomenon countless times, both at the macro and micro level. Here is a modest incident that demonstrates this principle in action.

After a successful day of instruction at a local college on the other side of the bay, I unfortunately left my computer power cord behind. Without it, my battery could supply only a few more hours of power, which meant I would soon be without a computer -- a potential disaster in my case. It also turns out that driving over and retrieving the cord would be very time-consuming, made doubly so by the fact that a renowned bridge linking the two areas was now out of service! I therefore contacted a staffer at the college and asked her to hunt down and mail the power cord to me ASAP. She agreed and indicated that it would likely arrive the next day. Since she was a busy person, and because of several other concerns I had, there were doubts in my mind that it would arrive so quickly. Still I hoped for the best.

The next day, as expected, my computer ceased functioning when the battery drained. As a result, I decided to head over to the local library to use one of their computers. This was a facility I have used on occasion for over two decades. However, when I called the offices beforehand, I learned that the library had permanently closed down! I then realized this was because the town was were about to open a huge, modern facility a few blocks away. Therefore, I decided to go head out to a nearby town to use their state-of-the-art library. Just before leaving, I asked my roommate to look out for the overnight package that contained my power cord.

I then walked out of my home and towards my car, but then suddenly shifted direction, realizing that the mail sometimes arrives early on the weekend, and I should retrieve that first. When I walked over to the box, I did not know if the mail had arrived; but when I opened the latch, there was the day's mail. I then brought it back to my home, notifying my friend that I was still on my way out to the library in the next town. But just as I was about to head out again, I saw a FedEx truck parked right in front of my home! I thought, "That must be the power cord delivery!" I then looked to my left and there was the delivery person looking for our entranceway. He then found the door and handed me the overnight package. I could now resume all of my critical computer functions. A not so small disaster was averted.

I immediately understood that I had evoked this response from life because I had taken care of every detail required in that situation. Rather than skirt one issue or another, I paid close attention to the flow of things, and fulfilled every demand of life, whether pleasurable or not; whether perceived as positive or negative.

When we embrace life and all of its demands, it tends to flow in our favor. When we fight it, or accept one part but not another, we separate ourselves from its underlying natural flow, making things difficult, if not downright impossible.

Embracing life is to accept that each and everything is necessary for the right outcome of events. It is to perceive the Marvel of existence; that each and every thing plays a role in the unfolding and progress of life. Embracing life also enables us to align with the very best of conditions, as luck swiftly moves in our direction. Or, in this case, literally to our doorstep!

Keywords: Instructor, Resources (physical)

Power of Acceptance

Closely related to not asserting or not making demands or self-justifying one's actions, is the power of acceptance. Here is powerful real life example of this dynamic:

M, a dynamic, hardworking entrepreneur, was offered a multi-million dollar business opportunity by his brother on condition that he accepts a third person as a silent partner and offer him half the profits for doing no work. After struggling with his sense of unfairness & resentment, M decided to offer the partner whatever share he wanted and to do it happily. The partner scaled back his demands and accepted just 35% share. A few months later, the partner offered to withdraw and left the entire project to M.

Comment:

As we see, when we accept a situation rather than fight against it we can attract astonishing positive results from life.

Keywords: Business, Hate, Money/Finance

Woman Accepts Givens to Work in Sales and Attracts the Job of Her Dreams

Not too long ago I was contacted by a Facebook friend of mine who told me that she had been offered positions in sales. However, she did not take advantage of these offers because she preferred pursuing her acting career instead.

I then suggested that rather than reject the sales work offer, she should accept it in full, putting aside her acting career for the time being.

Well it turns out that as soon as she accepted and responded to the sales work offers, she immediately received word from out of nowhere that she had been *offered a job as a radio actor!*

In other words, by focusing on and embracing the situation at hand, in this case the sales work, she was able to attract her heart's desire in the form of the acting role.

Or to put it another way, when she shifted from a negative to a positive attitude about the current conditions, life quickly turned around and gave her everything she wanted!

Just a little follow-up to this story. The young woman recently told me that that when she went for the audition for the drama part, the lady there *loved her performance*. In fact, they wanted my friend to become a *permanent* member of the cast!

Comment:

That is the extraordinary life response power of embracing the conditions that life has put before you, whether you like them or not.

It opens the door to *infinite possibilities!*

Keywords: Sales, Media

Appreciating Current Job Enables Attraction of Job Closer to One's Dreams

"I felt it was time to leave my current job, which I was doing for one day a week, as it wasn't leading where I wanted to go. But I wasn't sure if I could afford to let it go as it paid well – but got on with my 'inner work' regardless:

I started appreciating my existing job, I also put on the *Universe List* 'Bring me the perfect job for me, easily and effortlessly'

Within a very short time – weeks, really- I was offered one-day-a-week's work – on the same day – within an area that is closer to my life's purpose. I was able to easily help find my replacement and it all worked out very well and without effort."

Comment:

Here we see that appreciating one's current Job, i.e. what life has put before us, can attract of job closer to one's dreams.

Keywords: Employment, Career

Willingness to Accept Menial Job to Service Propels Jockey to the Stars

In the *Seabiscuit* based on true life incidents, we see early on how Red has failed to live up to his own expectations -- both as jockey and as boxer. However, rather than give up, he shows a willingness to do whatever he has to do to survive.

At one point, we see how Red was willing to take on the lowest of jobs – i.e. tending to the needs of a washed up racehorse. As a result, Tom, who was looking for a racehorse for Charles, suddenly appears out of nowhere, and meets with Red. This changes Red's life forever.

In essence, Red's willingness to accept the current conditions of life by performing the lowest of jobs in order to move out of his current limited condition attracts a powerful positive response in the form of Tom's appearance, who will become the conduit for his great success aboard Seabiscuit.

Because Red was willing to accept the current conditions of life by performing the lowest of jobs in order to move out of his miserable condition, he attracted a powerful positive response in the form of an unknown individual who helped him achieve his fondest dreams.

Keywords: Media, Sports, Employment, Accomplishment/Success

Woman Reverses & Accepts Funds Opportunity for Her Café

Sometimes we even refuse an opportunity when it is the only way out of a current serious situation. However, if we shed that hesitation and take it up, \life will reward us in grand fashion.

A woman ran a café that was in her family for generations. Now it was failing. She was distraught to no end. Someone who loved her offered her money. At first she absolutely refused it and him. At the very moment she finally gave in and accepted him and the funds, she got a call in which she learned about whereabouts of her long lost nephews.

Comment:

At any time we can redeem ourselves from our hesitation and make full use of an opportunity that has come from Life around us.

Keywords: Business, Money/Finance, Family

Life vs. Self Initiative

Life Coming To You Succeeds

Sri Karmayogi indicates that success is far more likely to occur when you take up an opportunity that comes your way, as opposed to when you initiate your own action.

After thinking about this issue, it occurred to me that the most important event in my training career occurred because life came to me rather than my going after it.

I was the national franchise manager of Krishna Copy, a copy and desktop publishing franchise of the 1980s and 90s. In addition to my other chores at the main, downtown San Francisco location, I had been teaching a few of the potential franchisees computer graphics software, which was rather novel at the time. A short while later, perhaps weeks, two beautifully dressed women came into the store, and spoke with my boss. They then came over to me and introduced themselves. They said they ran a new training company in the East Bay and wondered if I would be interested in doing training classes. I agreed, did several software training classes for their organization, and the rest is history. From that point on I performed well over 1000 classes over 20 years for company employees throughout California.

The fact was that life came to me. I did not seek out being an instructor. I am not sure I even wanted to be one. But that was what Life brought, and I followed the thread. When I did, I was given a successful career path that lasted well over twenty years.

In doing a study of the novel *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austin we documented how individuals initiated important actions in their lives, and in most instances either failed outright or what succeeded was fraught with limitations. However, in the instance where Life came to them, as when Mr. Darcy is forced by life to reconcile the elopement scandal, it ended in tremendous success, including the winning over of the woman of his dreams.

When we then looked around and examined other's experiences, this seemed to also be the case. Taking up an opportunity usually ends in success, while initiating one one's own succeeds far less often. The lesson being that if a real opportunity presents itself seriously consider it, rather than reject it outright or ignore it. It is very often Life summoning you to your higher calling.

When IBM approached Bill Gates at Microsoft to ask if they could use the DOS operating system, the history of personal computers was jump started. What luck had come into Gates' life from an opportunity of life that had come to him! His company's destiny and fortune was now set.

In my case, opportunity came on its own, likely in response to something inside me, to some deeper intention, to my potential personal growth, even to the limited instruction I had given others earlier.

In the end, I did not initiate. Instead Life did via an opportunity, which as Sri Karmayogi indicates is far more likely to end in success when enjoined than when initiated from one's own side.

Keywords: Business, Career, Instructor, Boss

Initiatives of Life Succeed

Karmayogi indicates that more often than not human initiative fails. And yet if we take up the initiative of Life, we invariably succeed. The initiative of Life is that which comes to us on its own, e.g. as an opportunity or a suggestion or something directly implored. When we take up that Calling, the result is overwhelmingly likely to succeed.

A man was working at a desktop publishing center headquarters, where he was the head of the dozens of franchisee operations worldwide. One day his boss asked him to engage in some training for a franchisee at the headquarters. He thought it a pretty trivial use of his time, yet he did it nonetheless. A week or so later, two well-dressed women entered the headquarters location and asked the man if they could talk in private. They then asked him if he was interested in doing software training classes for their training company. He agreed, did several classes for the firm, which launched his 25-year training career. The

women coming in was the initiative of Life, which he acceded to, opening the door to overwhelming career change and significant success.

Another example:

The same individual above was asked by devotees of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother, on the behalf of Sri Karmayogi, if he would be interested in meeting at their home in Napa, California to discuss profound principles of life. Rather than balk at the opportunity, he took it up in full. For the next six weekends he was enlightened by the two devotees who shared their knowledge of the deepest insights of life as expounded by Sri Karmayogi, including the miraculous phenomenon of Life Response. Out of that discussion would come his founding of the Growth Online website that draws up to nearly 10,000 visitors per day, plus his writing of several books on the Life Response phenomenon. As we see in this case, an initiative of Life presented itself to this individual, which he took up, which led to enormous intellectual and practical success, and his own personal and spiritual growth.

One final example; this one in the opposite direction:

That same individual was trying to raise his income in the wake of the financial crisis of 2008, and decided to create an online sales company, selling tapestries from India. Though he had some initial success, ultimately the venture failed. The reason? It was an initiative HE undertook; not which Life initiated or sanctioned, reducing the chance of success greatly, which is precisely what occurred.

There is one further level of this phenomenon to be addressed. While the initiative of Life is far more likely to create success than one's own, there is a form of it that succeeds unfailingly. It occurs when we are open to the Spirit, consecrating activities in life, out of which come the profoundest of all directions and indicators from the field of Life.

Instances where Life has been activated by the Spirit create initiatives for us that are sure to succeed when we embrace them, and do so out of all logical proportion. In these cases, the Life initiative is filled with Grace. Sometimes the Grace is disguised through non-spiritual like occasions and individuals; still it is the Spirit working nonetheless. To the degree we accept the spiritualized initiative of Life, we are catapulted to the pinnacles of accomplishment and spiritual success.

Keywords: Business, Career, Instructor, Boss, Money/Finance

Self-Chosen Initiative versus Life-Chosen Initiative

It is interesting to note that most of the self-chosen initiatives in *Pride and Prejudice* end up in failure while life-chosen initiatives succeed. For example, Collins's proposal to Lissy fails and similarly Darcy's proposal's to Lissy at Hunsford fails. All attempts taken by Mrs. Bennet to make Bingley propose to Jane fail and end up driving him away from Netherfield itself. Catherine De Berg's initiative to break Lizzy's connection with Darcy by scolding her fails in its intention and actually helps her become closer to him.

On the other hand life-chosen initiatives succeed. For example Darcy decides to trace Lydia and unite her with Wickham in a formal marriage. That initiative succeeds. He is informed of Lydia's elopement by Lissy and that comes as an invitation by life to do something in that critical situation. Taking that clue he initiates that action which ends successfully in the marriage of Lydia and Wickham and leads to his own successful marriage with Lissy as well.

The point to be noted here is that he takes that initiative after Life gives him that invitation by voluntary disclosure of a very sensitive information. But Collins's proposal to Lissy fails though Mrs. Bennet gave him the invitation to propose to her daughter. It fails because the recipient of the proposal Lissy did not give any clue to Collins that a marriage proposal would be welcome.

Similarly Darcy's Hunsford Proposal to Lissy fails also as it was given at a moment when the girl was having the very opposite feelings towards Darcy. The same proposal given a 2nd time towards the end of the story succeeds because the girl herself was expecting a 2nd proposal and was in a mood to say yes to the man.

Here is a valuable lesson for us. When Life gives a signal to us that it would welcome an initiative, then taking an initiative will succeed such as Darcy's 2nd proposal. Where it gives no welcoming signal such as Lizzy's nil signal towards Collins, there taking an initiative will fail.

What do we mean by life's welcome signal or unwelcome signal? For example when we form a new friendship with somebody we wait for him to invite us to come to his house. We don't just go there on our own without his prior invitation. Suppose we do and it happens to be lunch time, then it leads to an embarrassing situation where he may even feel that it is rude of us to turn up at lunch time without any invitation on his part. When we expect an invitation and it does not come, we must stop and think why it is so. May be his house won't be that clean and he is hesitant to show us his dirty house. May be there is someone ill in the house and he does not want us to know that his mother or brother is ill. He may even think that we are too big a person to visit his house. Though we are not feeling that way, he does not know the state of our feelings. When the invitation does not come, there is a valid reason and we must respect that reason and refrain from visiting his home. When we violate this basic courtesy, then everything that follows goes wrong.

What is demonstrated by life in miniature with respect to visiting another person's house gets played out in all other areas of life also. Where we see this invitation from life and respond, there we succeed and where we don't see this invitation and still we insist on taking initiatives, there we fail.

Keywords: Literature, Relationship

The Results of Non-Initiating Events

Two recent life responses:

1. Recently, i have been getting the feeling, that, either my work is getting repetitive, or maybe am getting too comfortable with the work, am doing, since I had been working in a project, for quite some time now. As a result, i wished to explore other areas, and learn something new, and felt this could also be the right time, as our company had introduced new technologies recently. I had an urge to talk to the department head about this. But, i strongly refrained from doing so, as life's initiative is always the best, when compared to our own initiative. So, i suppressed my urge to go and talk to them. And just a couple of weeks back, i came back from holiday, and on the first day of joining work, the department head, came and told me that he had a surprise for me, and that he had put me into a new project, that uses the new technologies, that i was eager to learn of.

I really thank Mother for giving me this wonderful opportunity.

2. I had a strong wish to see a movie, which had been released recently. Part 1 of this movie, was released, when i was in school, and since i liked it very much, i wanted to see the new version of it as well. I was thinking of asking my friends to see if they would like to go for the movie, but for some reason, i refrained from taking the initiative. The very next day, one of my friends sent a message, asking, if we could go and watch this movie.

I was very happy, and realised the power of Life Response.

Also, what i did notice was, when the thought of watching the movie occurred to me, it was just a simple thought, without any questions or doubts, or negative feelings. It was just a simple thought of wanting to watch a movie.

This made me realise the power of a simple and positive thought.

Let us all thank Mother for giving us this wonderful power of Life Response, which can perform miracles in our daily lives.

And, thank you so much Roy Posner Sir, for guiding us, through every day of our life.

Keywords: Work Issue, Boss, Media

Life Initiatives That Spread, and Succeed

We know that when life initiates and you take up that opportunity, it tends to create successful outcomes, whereas when you initiate on your own it tends to fail as much as (or more than) succeed.

There is also this corollary: If a party responds to a life initiative and is required to take another initiative related to it, and then another party responds to that initiative, which requests action to be taken (in essence a life initiative to them), then that second party will also succeed. In other words, life initiatives can spread to others, and likewise attract very positive outcome when that opportunity is seized.

Example: A fast growing organization was afforded an opportunity to offer training, which was a life initiative to them, which they took up, leading to the development of an event, which they developed successfully. For that to happen, others had to be informed for marketing purposes, so they sent out notices to various parties. One of the parties received the invitation (it was a life initiative to them), took it up, and their efforts of design and implementation went smoothly, ended successfully. Thus we see that responding to life's initiatives successfully (first party) vibrate forward to other parties experiencing the same.

Keywords: Companies, Business

Self-Initiative to Start New Sales Business Fails

A software trainer was trying to supplement his income in the wake of the financial crisis of 2008, and decided to create an online sales company, selling tapestries from India. Rather than try to make further effort in training, he decided to go in this new direction.

In this new area, he returned to something he had done decades earlier, which was to sell a line of tapestries. The tapestries had actually been laying around for decades, but he thought he could revive it, and move the stock. He thought he could be successful by using the Internet. His contacts for the undertaking were supportive, but several doubted that people would purchase these old designs. Still the instructor continued to pursue his initiative.

Though he had some initial success, soon after he saw that things were not going as he had thought, and so halted the effort to build this new company.

Comment:

He late recalled the principle that when life initiative and brings an opportunity and you take it up, it leads to solid success. Whereas when you initiate on your own without the compulsion of others or life, it tends to succeed far less often, often failing.

Keywords: Business, Career, Money/Finance, Products

Life Moving Towards You

The other day I had an extraordinary experience. One after another, life responded with a series of powerful positive events. It was as if I were on a magic carpet ride, but rather than being carried aloft, *life was coming to me* with one wonderful benefit after another. First, I had a superb meeting that far exceeded my expectations. Then a financial discussion unfolded so wonderfully and speedily for my benefit, I could hardly believe it. Then a computer operation went far quicker than I would have imagined. And so forth for nearly two hours. I was left breathless by the stunning chain of events.

It was at that point that I grasped something truly profound. I understood clearly for the first time in my life that the only thing that matters is whether *life is moving towards you*. Effort, skill, knowledge, aspiration, strength, action, decision, etc. are all fine, but they mean nothing if life isn't moving toward

you bringing it bounty on its own. I also realized once more that life is alive and conscious, and constantly responding to the state of our consciousness within.

In fact, life bringing you results on its own without need for outer action is proof that you are rightly disposed psychologically. More often than not, it is an indication that you have made a shift toward a more positive attitude -- perhaps overcoming a reluctance, or shedding a hostility, or restraining one's self from asserting, or having an inner faith that all will turn out fine, and so forth. When we take to such attitudes, life moves towards us "on its own," which is really a reflection of a momentary or longer-lasting transition we have made in consciousness.

There are also the magical, cosmic occasions when life comes through a storm of good fortune, as it did for me the other day. All one need do in such situations is NOT interfere and ride that wave, surrendering to and having complete trust in the unfolding. Life moving toward one with one positive event after another is also an indication that you have evoked the Spirit; often occurring in tandem with a significant transition in attitude, opinion, or belief. As it turns out, I deeply consecrated that day's very important activities to the spiritual Force, attracting that two-hour blizzard of good fortune.

The most important thing that came out of the experience was a profound new view of existence -- shaking me to the core. I saw that in terms of success, accomplishment, and fulfillment, all that mattered was whether or not life is moving in my direction with positive results. Everything else is mere potential, effort, thought, wish, hope, and dream. Life coming to you on the other hand is *kinetic*; it is *realization*; it is *results*; it is *effortless fulfillment*; and is all that really matters in terms of accomplishment and fulfillment in life.

As you go about your day, look around and consider if life is moving toward you through positive, helpful, beneficial events. If so, then you know are doing something right within. Equate the outer result with a corresponding shift in consciousness. Now that you know the cause, repeat it ad infinitum as often and as frequently as possible. The energy you release will be enormous, though you may not feel it, as it has moved in the subtle or subconscious plane. But then at the right time, life will start moving on its own, which can build up and become a torrent of successive positive events, occurring in a short, tight timeframe. Then you too may have a vision of the power of life to move on your behalf, which will also give you a glimpse of the Marvel behind all existence.

Keywords: Business, Money/Finance, Resources (physical), Accomplishment/Success

Perceiving the Subtle Signs

Cat Crunchies

Life is at every moment presenting subtle signs of what you should do or not do. If you then follow them, you will be directed to just the right place or life will present you with opportunities from seemingly out of nowhere.

For example, today I was going to go to my usual afternoon location for a cup of coffee or the like and then a walk to the library. However, when in my car I approached that area I saw a bevy of police cars and fire engines. Obviously there was commotion up ahead. I could have waited and waded through the troubled area, but instead took it as a sign to do something else. Since my cats were out of their crunchy food, I immediately pulled out and drove to the supermarket. When I went to park I found the very first slot, a very unusual occurrence! Then when I entered the store, I was amazed that from among 20 aisles in the store, I was standing exactly in front of the food aisle for cat food. I then found several items on sale and purchased just what I needed. When I returned home, the cats quickly gathered around me, sensing that I had brought the food they required, which proved to be exactly the case.

When you examine the conditions around you, and then move in the right direction, life has a funny way of guiding your steps, leading you to the very best of conditions. It was a joy and a privilege to see that dynamic in action once again.

Keywords: Hobby, Traffic, Resources (physical)

The Ticket

Being open to and following a subtle sign and its indication will get you directly to the solution to that problem or opportunity. This is not the way life is currently practiced. We instead go through an ordeal -- involving elongated space, time, and sequence -- to arrive at the end goal. The first is the supramental, truth consciousness approach; the latter the human way which we can learn to discard.

Example: a man got a ticket for what he thought was parking on a street allowed only for the local community. He was going to pay the ticket, which required a check to be sent in for a substantial amount. He had actually gotten the ticket after taking a pleasant walk in a park, and also stopping at McDonald's for some coffee. He was surprised and disappointed when he walked up to the car and saw the ticket.

Now 10 days later and about to mail in the payment, he noticed on the citation that the officer who wrote the ticket was named Officer MacDonald! He then went to his friend to show him the "coincidence," seeing it as both humorous and significant. The friend was amused as well.

However, when she further examined the citation, she discovered that it was NOT a parking ticket at all, but one having to do with the registration of the car. Moreover, if proof of registration was provided, the citation amount would be dramatically reduced. As a result, the man now followed this path, by providing registration documentation; and the much smaller amount was forwarded to the required party.

In other words, as a result of perceiving the subtle sign of the officer's name being MacDonald, an entirely different course was taken, saving money, time, and effort. By acceding to the subtle sign life was providing, much trouble was avoided.

Life is changing. It is my belief that humanity will increasingly develop the consciousness to perceive such subtle indicators, giving us a vast power over space, time, sequence, and effort.

On the other hand, if we consecrate such activities in the first place, then these sorts of problems will tend not to arise at all, as life conditions will automatically be set right.

Keywords: Resources (physical), Money/Finance, Contradiction

Reading Life's Subtle (and Not So Subtle) Signs

At each moment, life is presenting itself in all of its aspects. Moreover, we have opportunity to perceive any and all of its subtle and not so subtle shadings. How can we do that?

Sri Aurobindo tells us in *The Life Divine* that if we develop an inner orientation, stationed in the subliminal or even psychic (soul) being, we develop a more harmonic relationship with life around us, and as a result are able to detect its varied conditions and subtle signs. In addition, through our detection of the truth of those circumstance, we are able to make the right decisions that attract the most fortuitous outcomes.

An example of this dynamic occurred the other day, though it occurred from the negative side. Let me explain.

It was around 2:15 PM and I thought I had some extra time to visit a department store before going to my 3:00 PM eye doctor appointment. When I then entered the clothing outlet, I headed over to the men's department to see if they had any shirts I might purchase. After I picked one out, I headed over to the checkout line to make my payment. However, the line was backed up, with a number of people ahead of me. One inclination on my part was to view this as a bad sign because (1) I could be late to my doctor meeting, and (2) that it was a subtle sign of some other problem to come. E.g. perhaps I was making a mistake in purchasing the shirt because it might not fit, or get severely wrinkled on first washing. Another part of me was inclined to just remain quiet and see what happens. It turns out, I took the latter approach.

Though I had the opportunity to consecrate the matter, i.e. offer it to the spiritual Force for maximum positive results, I did not have the wherewithal to engage in that act. Instead, I simply walked to at the back of the line, and waited my turn.

Well it quickly became obvious that the line was moving very slowly despite the availability of ten checkout counters. When I finally moved toward the beginning of the line, a series of ludicrous events began to take place.

You see, there were now two parties ahead of me. When the party at the front of the line was summoned to go to the next cashier, she missed the signal, as she was speaking enthusiastically on her cell phone. The party behind her therefore went ahead to the cashier. When the lady on the cell phone got wind of this, she began to fume. In addition, the couple that had gone before her were having great difficulty getting checked out because they did not speak English very well. Moreover, over to the right, a cashier who could have served the woman with the cell phone had suddenly bolted off somewhere. Now the lady with the cell phone was really fuming.

Though she was finally served, the couple with the language problem who had earlier gone around her, were continuing to run into problems. As I carefully observed them (perhaps not the best things to do), they still labored to be checked out. When they finally completed their transactions, I went to that checkout stand. However, when I arrived there, the cashier could not enter her password into the system, as she was a trainee at the store! Her manager was trying to help her type in the right code. When she finally logged in, she had trouble scanning the shirt I picked out. From there, it got even worse.

At one point I somewhat bluntly spoke up to the trainee and overseeing manager, and told them that I would like to leave the store without making the purchase, which is in fact what I did. I then proceeded to my eye appointment and deeply consecrated that event for several reasons I won't enjoin here. The appointment turned out very well.

This was obviously an extreme example of the signs of life. In this case, very negative; or at least negative from my own perspective given the conditions I perceived around me. This was a very easy one to call. Interestingly however, when one is centered in the depths, in a Witness Consciousness, silently observing life, one can perceive even the most subtle signs of life, enabling one to make the right decisions, take to the right attitude, etc. In fact, you could say when one has developed the subtle sense of life around us, nothing is all that subtle, as we perceive every sign in a dramatic way. Each clue becomes enhanced in our consciousness, whereas the average person would hardly notice it at all.

Life has a Character, and it is constantly presenting itself to us. What is needed from our side is how to read those visible or invisible, i.e. subtle signs. The first line of insight is to properly translate what our

senses are telling us. But that alone is hardly enough, and must go much further, as we need to relate to the unseen inner conditions presenting themselves at the time. For example, in the episode above, one needed to consider the unseen issue of whether I would make my appointment on time. Another is whether I actually needed to purchase another shirt, considering its utility and expense. Another would have been to know the conditions of the store in terms of service, new staffing, general business at that time, etc.

Thus from an inner poise, we can read the signs in terms of a multitude of dimensions. Some are at the level of what our senses perceive, including the visual and auditory. Others are environmental, circumstantial, and at the decision level of the mind. Fortunately, from an inner poise, we have more of the intuitive sense of things, as the wide variety of conditions and influences at play enter our minds as thought waves from out of nowhere. In this way, the subtle signs are not just what the senses perceive as the actualities, but include all of the influences at all planes of being at play in the episode. And from this multi-sided intuitive view, we can make decisions that are the correct ones for those circumstance, which in turn evoke their own positive results.

In addition to developing the intuitive sense through an inner orientation rather than mere surface orientation and observation, it is also very helpful to understand certain fundamental principles of life that will help us behave in ways that will enable life to work on our behalf. It is here that Sri Karmayogi and other have provided a wealth of insight. E.g. we know that impatient will evoke negative response, so why not be calm in those situations (which tends to evoke sudden positive response). Similarly, stilling the mind will have a similar effect, as will opening to the Spirit, which tends to instantly set right life's circumstance; in terms of time, space, general atmosphere, goodwill, etc.

From another perspective we see that it is important to maintain our connection with the "Field." Through inner poise, one tends to be more fully Present in the current moment, maintaining an acute and keen sense of awareness of the unfoldings around us. That ability to be One with the field is ultimately determined by our capacity to be fully absorbed in the present moment; i.e. the Eternal Now.

Then how does one maintain that inner poise that does not lose touch with the Field; that is open to the knowledge of the actualities and possibilities that comes through an intuitive sense?

Karmayogi says that constant consecration forges the inner link for us. Over time, we simply move into that Subliminal poise on its own. Through constant consecration over several years, we simply fall into that inner calm that serenely looks out onto the world, and perceives the Truths unfolding, spontaneously and without thought. Intuitions of the actualities at all planes simply enters the mind, and one has the knowledge of which way to behave and act. As a result, life fully cooperates with every inner movement we make.

Keywords: Doctor, Sales

Predicting the Future by Following Subtle Signs

An even more advanced technique is something I call "Trace Forward." This is in essence the ability to predict when a life response will occur in the future! Though this method usually requires several years of life response knowledge and experience, there is no reason you cannot acquire in early on. In essence, in any given moment, you sense how life is unfolding, and therefore where it is leading, which enables you to determine where, when, and why a life response will occur. You can even predict the precise moment that it will happen! Here is an example:

One day rather than take my afternoon walk, I decided to wait at my office for a FedEx package to arrive with my new HP laser printer. For several days, I tracked the package and therefore knew that it would arrive soon. But I still couldn't say if it would be today or tomorrow.

Then it struck me that rather than wait around, I should instead (at 2pm) vacuum the floor. And so I took out my new, month-old vacuum cleaner and began the task. Unfortunately, the dirt was not being sucked up into the machine! Then I recalled that the previous three or four times I used it, the same thing happened -- i.e. it spit out dust balls even as I seemed to be picking things up.

When I then opened the machine to see what was wrong, I discovered that the bag inside was not collecting the dirt. It turns out that I had not installed the hose properly when I assembled it, causing a lack of suction. When I then went ahead and fixed it, the vacuum worked perfectly.

Now comes the best part. I vacuumed for ten or fifteen minutes, but I was concerned that I would miss the delivery of the printer because the vacuum would be too loud. Then it occurred to me that as soon as I finished the cleaning, the delivery would arrive.

As I finished the vacuuming, I was now all but certain that the delivery would arrive at the moment I completed the task. It just seemed right considering the flow of events. A minute after finishing, I walked over to the window, had that thought again, and instantly saw the delivery person with the FedEx package containing the printer walking up the pathway! He arrived right on cue!

In essence, I had predicted the exact moment, down to the second, the delivery would take place based on the flow of events and my life response knowledge and experience.

Though it is indeed very powerful, there is one caveat to this approach: you should not let the effort stroke your ego. You must remain perfectly humble when using it. If not, you will be inviting trouble. On the other hand, if you use the technique properly, it will not only be a fantastic and fun experience, but further proof that you can determine the future from within.

Keywords: Machinery, Resources (physical)

Signs Along the Way

Today I brought in my car for a bi-annual oil change. When I arrived, the person in front of me had lost his wallet and was frantically searching for it. The fact that he was before me, I found significant, but how?

I then had some lunch at McDonald's. I then returned, but before I retrieved my car, I went into a Long's Drugs to purchase some fruit and nuts for my salads. I saw two different products next to one another. Both were marked 2 for \$4. When I went to pay for it, the checkout person said that the one I selected was not on sale. I know it was because it was marked so. In fact, both the products were marked so. The cashier then spoke to a stocking employee who ran it through her handheld computer and it indicated it was not on sale. It was clear then the big label next to the product I purchased indicating 2 for \$4 should not have been there. I informed the cashier on the way out that the item was marked wrong, after she gave me my money back. (I did not buy the item.)

When I went to pick up my car, I was surprised that they charged \$79 instead of \$29 for the oil change. I asked why. He said it was due to the fact that I agreed to synthetic oil. I assumed synthetic was the lower grade and thus \$29, but I was misinformed! I forgot that the last time I was there I purchased the higher grade, i.e. synthetic oil for the oil change. So he was right. He saw my past transaction and assumed I would understand. I just didn't remember, however. I then told them they should explain clearly the difference each time we purchase it, for after all we only come twice a year. (I was making a practical suggestion, yet somehow an anguished one.)

At each point, I saw the connection to the other events. To the man who was there with the wallet before me when I checked in to get the oil change one hour earlier; to the problem with the purchase of fruit and nuts for my salad five minutes earlier. And also the fact that the day before I went through precisely the same situation at another location when I went to purchase a candy bar. I.e. marked as cheaper, but not in the computer as such!

As I walked out of the Quality Tune-up, I felt emotion, yet I tried to keep calm. I was relaxed soon after. In the past, I would have been three times as mad as I was after making the \$79 payment for the oil change. Now I have the mental knowledge of the flow of life to get too riled up. Besides, I took responsibility for everything under the assumption that the outer is a reflection to the outer.

I started to write up this entire affair. Within one minute, I got a call for a potentially very lucrative business arrangement involving project management. My reasonably rational approach to the situation attracted. I held back blaming, and the response came. The energy could have been dissipated, but it still

remained. A phone call of an old business associate suddenly came out of the blue with a great opportunity.

PS Consecration (i.e. offering the matter to the Spirit beforehand) and inner status of living in the depths and therefore calm could have eliminated all of the problems to begin with, indicating the scope of my further growth.

Update to the story: Just a few hours after this story occurred, I looked in one of my kitchen closets and found a bag of nuts/fruits that my roommate had just purchased! It was the only new thing in the closet!

Comments:

Keeping steady under difficult situations attracted, as signs of unfoldings are perceived along the way.

Keywords: Vehicles (auto, etc.), Business, Household, Quality

Symbol Indicators in Life

People, objects, circumstance we experience around us are not just things in of themselves, but are symbol indicators of other, often larger things occurring or about to come.

A woman received a hand-delivered notice that the owners of her property had not paid their recent gas and water bill. The large prominent notice was placed on her door. It really felt like an intrusion. The next day it was reported that her city experienced a huge gas explosion that caused all the electricity to go off in much of the area.

Thus, we see that the earlier intrusion was an indicator of the much bigger event to come. If only we shifted more of our attention to the subtle unfoldings of life we would see this dynamic occurring all the time. It is truly one of the wonders of life!

Keywords: Owner, Property, Resources (physical)

Giant Miracles in a Name

The San Francisco Giants baseball team recently won two world championships in 3 years. It was a victory of consciousness, particularly of unity, that unfolded through astonishing, miraculous-like series of events. I have referred to it in several posts.

One thing I neglected to mention that adds to their startling feat of harmony is this: In the second championship season they secured a new player named "Cabrerra," who quickly became the leading batter on the team. In fact, he was leading the entire league. However in the midst of his great success it was revealed he was taking drugs. Immediately he was suspended by the league. However in the playoffs he was eligible to play again. Not to disturb the harmony and the goodness of the team, the Giants did not take him back. Now handicapped without that excellent batter, the Giants carried on.

In the playoffs they were continuously in deep trouble, yet miraculously in each series came back from the edge of collapse. In the final series, on the final at bat for the other team, that player struck out giving San Francisco the world championship. The name of the player who struck out? Cabrerra! No, not the player who was suspended, but another player with the very same name. It was a subtle hint from life that the Giants did the right thing in consciousness to keep up the inner harmony above all else by not bringing back the reckless player. It was another powerful life response reminder of the subtle, yet startling ways life unfolds.

Keywords: Sports, Accomplishment/Success

Evoking Personifications of the Mother

Overcoming Difficulty

The other day I had a miserable beginning to my training class. Everything that could go wrong in the setup of the day-long lesson did. It went on for nearly a half hour this way. What an inauspicious beginning, as I struggled mightily to set things right!

And yet in the back of my mind I understood why; at least from one angle. The fact of the matter is that I had not consecrated the class as I ordinarily do. Therefore, there was all the tumult and confusion at the outset. Fortunately, however at the peak of difficulty, when I was almost at my wits end to find a solution, I decided to simply offer the matter to the Mother. When I then tried to rectify the problem for the umpteenth time, it suddenly worked. Within 30 seconds of evoking Her, all was resolved. The remainder of the day went smoothly for the most part.

Encounter on BART

On the way home on the Bay Area Rapid Transit subway system (BART), I finally secured a seat. Normally I close my eyes, and let all thoughts go, evoking calm, a clear mind, and a gentle peace. However, this time I didn't feel like doing that. Instead I simply remembered the Mother. After several minutes, I was in a very light trance of stillness.

When I opened my eyes I looked around, and was startled by what I had seen. Across the aisle from me was sitting a young Indian woman whose physical attributes were very striking to me. She was very dark skinned, darker than most blacks I have seen, yet she had relatively straight features. I then realized that she must have been a South Indian girl, well dressed, calm, serene, and looking straight ahead. In fact, as I examined her face, she looked like the Indian paintings of long ago. She hardly blinked and kept her face erect in a startling fashion, not moving for at least 15 minutes. I wondered if I had evoked an Indian goddess by letting Mother wash over me.

You might say, that well, there are simply many Indians in the city – I was in the densest part of the San Francisco high-rise district with tens of thousands of people on the streets – and I had encountered one. Yet on that day, while walking around I had not noticed a single Indian on the street, let alone a very dark skinned one that is somewhat rare here, though less rare in nearby Silicon Valley.

And so, intrigued by her visage, I turned my body around toward her, and kept staring. It was not her beauty that compelled me, though she was certainly attractive enough, but her demeanor, her gaze; with the thought of having just called Mother lurking in the background. I seemed to have attracted, or rather Mother seemed to have sent me a personification of something, a Goddess, a Dravidian from South India, from the land She herself, a European, lived most of her life.

As her face remained absolutely motionless and in perfect profile for that period – did she even blink? -- I pondered the profundity of it all. Sitting all by herself in the now less crowded train and remaining absolutely motionless intrigued me to no end. I wondered if it was just the ruminations of an active mind, or was this visage before me a personification of some goddess brought to me by Mother.

Incident in the Park

The above relatively modest though personally moving incident has compelled me to finally write about another, even more dramatic event that occurred several months ago. I have wanted to write about it for a while, because it seemed to mark a new development in the types of mystical experiences I have. And now I realize that it also seems to have presaged the incident described above.

About a 20 minute drive south of my home in the Livermore Valley of the San Francisco Bay Area there is a lovely park in the town of Dublin that I regularly go to. It is around 1000 x 500 meters of grassy meadow, and sits as an ocean of serenity and calm, as it is surrounded by a vast development of thousands of new low-rise condos of 3-6 stories of Mediterranean style, stretching for several miles, framed by the hills and mountains surrounding the area. Normally when I go there, the sky is cloudless and deep blue which is the norm during the non-rainy season of Northern California.

The park consist of vast stretches of grassy fields used for football (soccer), baseball, model airplane flying, picnicking and hiking; and also contains areas for children's play, skateboarding, and other uses. As for myself, though I used to like to shoot around on the basketball courts, I have recently given that up

since it's become a bit too strenuous. Instead, I like to hike around the park, parts of which are inhabited by hundreds of a unique species of ground squirrel, which can be seen scurrying in and out of their underground homes, as giant hawks ("turkey vultures") with 2 meter or more wingspan hover dangerously overhead.

In this refreshing and stimulating environment, my favorite part comes when I walk along several flat, paved paths that are adorned with trees. As I walk through the area, I often change the pace, both outwardly and inwardly, focusing my thoughts on the Mother. In many ways, this is the very best part of my week.

On this particular day, I had rounded the bend, and was now about to embark on one of the straightaway sections of the walkway that stretches for about 400 meters. With the beauty of the surroundings luring me, I instead focused my attention inward and began to think of Mother. However this time, rather than just remember Her in a way that ordinarily puts me in a serene and blissful state, I suddenly had the thought that I never see or have any physical visions of Her, or for that matter anyone else, with eyes open in an active environment. And so within a few seconds I started to call out to Mother, imploring Her to show Herself, or at least present something physical that would satisfy my inner need.

Just a note, that on weekdays when I walk in the park, it is nearly empty; whereas on weekends it is fairly crowded, with several hundred people in the park at any one time. Indeed at this moment, when I aspired to see something of Mother materialize in some form, I did not see a single person anywhere as I gazed in the distance in all directions. And so I continued my mantric-like invocation for the materialization of the Mother or something similar.

After a few seconds however, I noticed a figure in the distance. The individual was walking on a path perpendicular to my own. As this person got closer and closer, I became more intrigued; even a little excited. When she was less than 100 meters, I could see that she was a female, and was wearing a bright sari. As she came closer still, I clearly saw that it was an Indian woman of late middle age.

Something now stirred inside me, as we were rapidly walking toward one another; as our two paths were now on a course to converge. When she was 20 yards away, I noticed that she looked very much like an Indian version of the Mother. Suddenly I felt a need make contact. As she came within 10 yards of me on her perpendicular path, I suddenly and quite spontaneously raised my arms in the air, clasped them together and made the gesture of Namaste. Within two seconds, I was astonished when she most enthusiastically did the same. At that moment her gaze met mine. Time stood still. Yet all the universe washed over me.

We then passed one another like two ships, and continued along on our crossing paths. Ecstatic and energized, I then walked up a slight grassy incline, as my heart raced due to the strain of the walk, but also due to the excitement of what had just taken place. As I continued to move rapidly, I asked myself: had I just seen a visage of the Mother? Or was it some personification of Her, or perhaps some sign? Something however HAD taken place!

After all, the only person in this section of the expansive park suddenly appears from out of nowhere, and she, an Indian woman dressed in a very colorful sari crosses my path, and we salute one another through the Namaste gesture, bringing our worlds together. Could this have been the answer to my earlier aspiration to see Mother, providing me with a first outer experience along these lines? That something very special had occurred, I had no doubt.

When I reached the top of the incline, I pulled out my Smartphone and breathlessly narrated the incident into the voice app. I had to capture it for myself, for others, for posterity; to somehow acknowledge a rare experience in my life. I had apparently evoked an emanation of Mother or something similar with eyes open; something I had never quite accomplished before. Who can say exactly what this was or what it meant.

I then carried on; energized, dazed, in state of absolute amazement. I proceeded toward my car, started it up, and drove off from that place. As I headed toward home, I perceived nothing around me, only the wonder and joy of a profound experience; of some ethereal and ecstatic connection to the Divine Mother.

Keywords: Instructor, Train, City

Spiritual Concept Expressed Spreads

It is interesting that the day of the column on 'Subtle Infection,' I was thinking about the word "infectious" -- i.e. its proper use in the context I was thinking of. The column thus in of itself was infectious, enabling the subtlety it addressed to manifest in the reader. We can say that *there is inbuilt in the mere discussion of a spiritual concept the possibility of its expression*, especially if the author is experiencing the truth and intensity of the fact.

Keywords: Relationship

Acts Repeat

Overcoming Negative Repetition Attracts Overwhelmingly

Some of us may be familiar with the principle that life's acts tend to repeat over and over. Eg we will make the same foolish mistake periodically, or have the same disdainful boss repeatedly no matter where we work, or see the same disaster for a nation re-occurring over time, or we repeat the same dead habit of our own, or we move in the same foolish direction ad infinitum, etc.

It is the "physical consciousness;" the regressive, inertia-inducing part of our being that does not want to change, that assures the repetition of negative acts. However, introspection and self-analysis that identifies our repeating negative acts and then makes a sincere concerted effort to overcome them, will not only break this long-term dynamic, but opens the doors to enormous positive, even life-changing response from the world around us.

One man met an associate every few years at a restaurant. One thing that never failed was that his friend was always late. It happened at least half a dozen times over the years. However this time he said to himself that he did not want it to happen again. And so while sitting in his car in the restaurant's parking lot, he called to the Spirit and asked that his friend not be late this time. When the man walked into the building, he did not expect much of anything; yet when he looked into the distance of the large room, he saw his friend sitting there. It runs out that this time the man was late, not his friend! When he then sat down in amazement, the friend told him that he decided not to be late anymore. He also narrated some startling new developments in his life, each of which was miraculous-like.

Because the man sincerely wanted to stop the repetitions, and opened to the Force to make it happen, life completely turned around. The world had changed right before his eyes!

Keywords: Relationship, Vehicles (auto, etc.)

Risk of Discussing Negatives

When you discuss negative circumstance with others, you attract repetition or reiterations of it. And not just suddenly occurring in the present, but unfortunate word of its occurrence in the past. E.g. a group of people were discussing the fact that losing one's wallet can be a rather trying experience. Immediately, one of the four individuals indicated that just last week her husband lost his wallet, which was a very trying experience. Then another negative matter was discussed, and someone else mentioned that they had just that situation happen to them recently. Thus we see by discussing a negative, not only can we attract its repetition now or in the near future (a phenomenon I have discussed elsewhere), but we tend "attract" word of its occurrence in the recent past! Therefore, best to keep such thoughts to one's self.

Keywords: Resources (physical), Communications

Preventing Life from Repeating Negatively

Life has a character just like you and I. It expresses through subtle laws. One principle is that life tends to repeat; and will go on doing so until there is a higher understanding. A corollary is that every event that occurs is indicated beforehand through another event. And there are absolutely no exceptions to this rule.

Though life repeats negatively (and we see the predecessor of such an event), we fortunately have the inner power to prevent its repetition -- avoiding painful, difficult iterations now and in the future. We do that by perceiving the trends in our own lives, and deciding in our hearts and minds that it will not occur again, which will have the effect of negating the negatives. Another approach is to understand the negative repetition and predecessor and offer it to the Divine. Then it too will not only cease to repeat in the short run, but the wanting behavior can be permanently removed from our being, while evoking startling positive outcomes in the process.

Let's examine a practical occurrence of these two interrelated principles -- repetition and predecessor events -- through a negative situation in a work of fiction. Then we'll examine how an understanding and access to Spirit not only cancelled a repeating, predecessor-inducing negative, but elicited staggering positive outcomes, including a fundamental change in a friend's nature.

In the recent (2010) British Masterpiece Classic series *Downton Abbey*, we observe a kitchen staff working in the basement of a great estate, preparing meals for the owners and dignitaries who gather there in the British countryside. In this particular incident, the main cook has been asked by the Lady of the manor if she can prepare a different desert for an upcoming important dinner. Shockingly, the cook cries out in anguish that she won't do that, offering the excuse that she doesn't have the time. Everyone in the kitchen is taken aback by her outrageous behavior. This incident is in essence the foundation for potential future negative circumstance.

Now the day of the great dinner arrives. As they the staff about to serve the main course, the cook stumbles, trays go flying, and the cooked chickens for the dinner are rolling around on the unclean floor! The kitchen staff, including the cook, stands aghast at what has taken place. This is in essence a repetition of the first episode where the cook angrily reacted when asked to prepare a different desert. Life waited until this critical moment of serving to the guests for the iteration and repetition to occur.

Time passes that evening and the moment has come for the desert to be served. After it is set down before each person gathered around the great dining table, the main invited guest and dignitary lifts his spoon to have a taste, but then spits it out as it is utterly foul. The host of the abbey then warns all gathered there to refrain from eating the desert. It turns out that the cook had accidentally put salt on the strawberries instead of sugar! It was an outrageous faux pas that was extremely embarrassing to the hosts, who pride themselves in perfection in all matters, including culinary affairs.

Once again, this is a repetition of an earlier act along the very same line. The salt on the desert was a repeat of the previous spilling of the chickens on the floor, which was itself a repetition of the cook's anguish when asked to prepare a different desert. Now that the ACTUAL original, non-changed desert has been served, it turns into a fiasco!

That is precisely how life works. It tends to repeats the same vibration, circumstance, unfolding over and over. It can happen positively, neutrally, or negatively. Negatively it only ceases when there is a change in understanding on the part of the individual or party of what is amiss -- such as an awareness of one's wanting quality that precipitated the repeating outcomes.

As mentioned earlier, we can also perceive this particular triple negative outcome in terms of another life principle: that everything that occurs in life is indicated beforehand. In this case, we need to see events in reverse order. In the story, the outrage of the salty desert was indicated by the previous accident of the felled chickens, which was itself indicated by the earlier agitation of the cook who was unwilling to create the substitute desert in the first place. In this way, every event we experience in life has been indicated beforehand. And, there are absolutely no exceptions to this rule!

The question then arises: what can we do to influence such outcomes, especially if they occur negatively?

In the case of the life repeats principle, we can exercise our powers of observation and perceive when it occurs in our own lives. From there we can move toward understanding its cause, which will have the life power to prevent its repetition. For example, a friend of mine, -- after many hints from others -- finally realized that he was always late to dinner meetings and related functions. (In fact, I witnessed this tendency repeatedly over the course of three decades.) As a result of my friend's new understanding, not only was he not late at our luncheon meeting, but he arrived several minutes early; in fact before I did! Apparently, at some level, he was able to overcome that wanting quality through his own self-knowledge, decision, and action. Thus, the repetition had finally come to an end.

Another way to combat repetition of the negative is to use a spiritual technique; which is to offer the entire matter to the spiritual Force, and then wait for It to act. That's precisely the method I practiced at that same luncheon meeting with the friend who was always late. Before I walked into the restaurant, I thought about how he had been tardy every time we met in the past. I then sat quietly, concentrated myself within, and offered that entire past history (as well as upcoming lunch meeting) to the Divine. As I mentioned earlier, when I walked into that meeting, I was stunned to discover that he was already there, thereby breaking the cycle after thirty years.

But there was much more, as a startling set of events unfolded. First of all, he was sitting on the opposite side from where we normally dined; a first after our many get together there. In addition, he was sitting at the other side of the table, looking outward to the front, another first. Now I perceived a set of physical reversals due to my consecrated effort.

However, then friend then proceeded to hypnotize me with an amazing story of a two week ordeal he had just gone through where he was caught in a blizzard on New York City. There he managed to get around in places he was unfamiliar with, with all public services shut down, while traversing three hospitals where members of his family were suddenly laid up. But even more startling was the fact that it all occurred in my old neighborhood where I was raised, on the other side of the country, which I had not visited in over 30 years!

But what was most startling of all was the fact that because of this great ordeal, he had made the inner commitment to embark on a new writing career, of which this two week episode was an illustration of a wider social issue he would address. I was startled to hear about this sudden change in his life's direction.

In other words, by understanding from my side the history of the repeating problem, aspiring that it cease in the upcoming lunch meeting, and offering the entire matter to the Divine Mother, a thirty year pattern had come to an end, while evoking a startling set of circumstance that were nothing less than a miracle. Thus, from both our sides, we had overcome life's repeating pattern in its negative form. He through his self-knowledge; myself through concentration and the power of the Spirit.

It also demonstrated once more the power we have to redirect the course of our lives from within. From a relatively small matter and issue, we together evoked a stunning powerful set of circumstance, indicating that the infinite can emerge from the smallest finite.

The overall approach then to avoiding repetition can be stated this way: Each time we experience a negative outcome in our lives, we can try to understand its inner cause, aspire for its cessation, and act in the right way. That way we will avoid its repetition in the future. If we also offer that wanting capacity in ourselves or others to the Divine Force, not only will the difficulty cease to repeat (and the predecessor cycle overcome), but astonishing positive results will follow.

Keywords: Media, Family, Relationship, Conflict

Startling Repeating Phenomenon

I wanted to share a startling phenomenon I experienced over the last several weeks.

I belong to the Netflix online film streaming service. Normally I pick out films that are of interest to me in advance, and they are available in the queue to be watched. The films I pick out are of different genres, and have not very much in common. I develop the list of what I believe are quality films over time from various online sources.

Recently as I usually do, I turned on my big screen television, called up the Netflix streaming service and watched a particular film in the queue. During the performance of this first film, I picked out one particular actor, noting the fact that they were unfamiliar to me or perhaps were a fresh new face, who in this film gave a good performance. But then a day or two later, when I watched the next film in the queue, I soon realized that the very same actor whom I pointed out earlier in the first movie (whom I have never seen before) suddenly appeared on the screen in the second film!

Over the years, I have come to understand how this phenomenon reflects the "power of attention." I.e. whenever you put your focus and attention on something or some matter, life quickly gives you more of it. I have seen it in action many times, and is quite dramatic when it occurs in the very next film you are watching.

But what was truly startling was that this phenomenon occurred six films in a row! Each time I pointed out a new face who I had not seen before and who had given a particularly good performance, they suddenly appeared in the very next film; and it happened six consecutive times. To see it happen in 6 successive iterations with six different actors was too much to believe. Given the fact that the films were selected

completely at random weeks and months before, I was reduced to a state of awe and wonder. I then estimated the chance of this happening at several billion to one, if not infinitely more.

I fortunately had the opportunity to share this astonishing set of events with my house mate on each of these consecutive occasions. In fact she heard me point out the special quality of the actor each time I witnessed it in the original film before they suddenly appeared in the next one.

These events had seemed to have moved beyond the power of intention, to something else; to something inside (subconscious?) that is attuned to and aligned with a kind of previous knowledge that was "known" when the films were chosen in the first place weeks and months before. Was it an intuitive sense of interlocking films perceived at a subtle, subliminal level; or a grace and guidance that is known through that intuitive capacity? It is worthy of some serious research.

It is also interesting to note that of late I have been writing a great deal about the principle of how Life Repeats. I just wasn't expecting such a startling, even extreme example of it in my own life!

Keywords: Media, Hobby

Life Responds (and Repeats) At Mo's In 'The Book'

In Garry Jacobs' profound epic novel 'The Book' a mystical tome appeared at various moments in time where significant revolutionary events were taking place in the world, each of which, in effect, bringing greater good to humanity.

As the story progressed "the Book" reached Dan when he visited Moe's Book store in Berkeley, California. It was a Life Response to his Inner Aspiration and Equality of Being in his demeanor when he encountered a difficult situation - in this case, the project rejection letter from NASA.

Dan then happened to visit the same location several years later, when the same sort of situation, involving the inner and outer, took place. From the outer perspective, it appeared the Book was lost. Yet he maintained his calmness and Equality of Being inside. His Inner Aspiration convinced him that the Book would not leave him until it finished the work. And so it did not.

As a response from life, the Book miraculously came to him in both situations. It was also proof of the profound principle that life tends to repeat with similar situations, including the same sorts of outcomes.

Keywords: Miraculous/Miraculousness, Literature, Inner-Outer Correspondence, Equality of Being

Overcoming Repetition through the Power of the Spiritual Force

Sri Karmayogi describes one central principles of life is its tendency to repeat. He also indicates that such repetitions, particularly those of a negative kind, will cease when Man understands at a higher level; i.e. when he perceives something new that he did not know before relative to the issue at hand. Interestingly, there is a complementary method that can also achieve the same result and more. We can offer the situation to the spiritual Force, which will overcome the inertia to repeat, while attracting other powerful conditions.

To illustrate what I mean, I would like to narrate the following remarkable experience I had the other day.

Every two or three years I meet with a friend of mine whom I have known for a quarter of a century. This is a person who I worked with many years ago and over time has become a successful software developer. As a result, he now lives in a prosperous community nearby with his family. Whenever we get together, we meet for lunch at a local restaurant in my town in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Though the time for our meetings are normally 12 noon, I usually end up arriving just a touch early, sit at a table in the back, and face the front of the restaurant so I can wave him in my direction when he shows up. It turns out that every time we have our lunch get together, he arrives late -- usually 15-30 minutes.

He then invariably apologizes profusely for his tardiness, since he is a well-mannered individual and has a soft, winning nature. For 25 years this pattern of lateness has repeated.

On this particular occasion I arrived a few minutes early, and instead of entering the restaurant, I decided to sit in my car in the parking lot until 12 noon arrived. As I sat there remembering the many times I met my friend here in the past, I also recalled how he always arrived late. In fact, it had become something of an ongoing joke between us. This time however, I decided to take a very different approach. I therefore closed my eyes and concentrated myself, and then offered the entire matter up to the Divine Mother, hoping for the best.

Well just as I was about to exit my car and enter the restaurant at 12, my cell phone rang. I saw that it was an incoming call from my friend. As I answered, I thought, "Here we go again! He's calling to tell me that he is delayed or that the meeting needed to be cancelled." He then proceeded to ask me if we were indeed supposed to meet today. "Oh boy, I thought, it's repeating once more." However, at the end of the short conversation, he said something startling. He told me that he was already in the restaurant, and was waiting for me at his table!

Somewhat shocked by the development, I got out of the car. Then I began to joyously laugh to myself as I realized that he did not know I was a mere 10-20 yards away from him in the parking lot. (The wonders of modern cell phones!) I now realized that I would be surprising him with my sudden arrival, since he likely thought I had not yet left home. Now practically dancing into the diner, I saw my friend standing and waving to me in the back, and scampered over to take my seat at the table he reserved.

When I sat down, I was filled with giddiness and awash in wonder. There were so many reasons! For one, it turned out that for the first time ever we were sitting on the exact *opposite* side of the restaurant we normally sat at. This struck me as very compelling. I also noticed that he was sitting at the opposite side of the table than before. That is, now he was facing front; where I always had that vantage point in the past. Add the fact that he had arrived on time after all of these years -- actually *before* me -- and it is no wonder that I was enthralled by the situation. It was obvious in that precious moment that life had completely turned around; both literally and figuratively.

As I sat there in a state of wonder, I understood clearly why this had all happened. Because I opened to the spiritual Force, to the Divine Mother before entering the diner, years of inertia-based repetition had come to an end. That Power evoked the very best conditions for all concerned.

There is one other interesting part to the story. After these developments, we then proceeded to have a fine meal and very stimulating conversation. In it my friend revealed that he had just gone through a very trying episode, where he was caught in a great blizzard in New York City. He then described to me in great detail the unbelievable difficulties he encountered in dealing with the wicked weather. How he had been forced into going places and using modes of public transportation he was unfamiliar with as the weather created havoc with the situation. How he was forced to go to three different hospitals during those days to deal with three different family members who had suddenly taken ill. And so forth for the remainder of the time he was trapped in the city and could not make it back to California.

But what was really startling to me was that all of his adventures took place in the precise area of the city where I grew up; places and things I had not thought of in over 40 years since moving to California back then. In fact, he had practically retraced every haunt, transportation method (bus, subway, and taxi), and station I used to make my way back and forth to Manhattan as a youth. It was too much to believe to discover that out of a thousand locales in that gigantic metro area, my friend had been moving about in the very specific ones that I did in my youth. The precise bus; the precise train, the precise destination train station; even the precise neighborhood where I lived. It was a million to one shot that this could happen. And yet I knew that the miraculous coincidence he was narrating was but another result of my earlier effort at consecrating his previous lateness.

After narrating his gripping story, my friend revealed that he was considering writing a book on the subject, which would not only include the great adventure he just narrated, but related subjects on human trust and fear that he has observed for decades in the American landscape. Now after suggesting this possibility, his face became bright in a way I had not seen in years, if ever before. In fact, for the first time in decades, I sensed that he had a new purpose and direction in life.

As we see, when life repeats in the negative, we can overcome that repetition by taking to a new, higher understanding. My friend must have done just that, as he finally arrived at his appointment on time. From my side, I also saw that by evoking the Spiritual Force, I was able to attract a plethora of astonishing conditions, including the overcoming of the poor habit of my friend, as well as a number of other circumstances that bordered on the miraculous. It reminded me once again of how opening to the Spirit can have an immediate and vast impact on the Character of Life.

Keywords: Relationship, Vehicles (auto, etc.), City, State/Province

The Ever-Repeating Life Response Act

One of the principles of life is that acts tend to repeat. Once something occurs, it tends to happen over and over until there is an energy shift that changes conditions. The same holds true for life response. -- i.e. sudden good fortune. When that act is reengaged, there is not only a response, but one that matches previous instances of the act.

I have already described several life responses that have occurred at the end of my meetings of a project management association held at Microsoft's regional headquarters in San Francisco. It seemed as if each time prizes were handed out, a life response occurred for me and others directly related. This time, they were giving out gifts, and out of several dozen people gathered there, I strikingly won the second prize. Well, for one it turned out to be the very same prize I won the last time! And second, it was the only prize of that type. And so when I received it, I stood up and asked others in the room who would want this very thick technical, blue book. A fellow right in front of me raised his hand, and I gave it to him.

Then the third prize was handed out, and who should win it, but the very person I just handed my own winning book prize to! (To be honest, I was not at all surprised. And so now the fellow in front of me now had two books -- the blue one I gave him, and the orange one he just won. But then he turned around and decided to give me the orange one (!) (because he wanted to return the favor and/or because he felt obligated not to have two prizes in his possession.) I took it, but then I spontaneously stood up and turned to the group and surprised them (and myself) by again offering them the book I had in hand. (The reason being that I really had no serious need for it.) I then saw the person directly behind me raise his hand, and so I handed it off to him. And he and his partner were the people I earlier had an interesting conversation with on the very subject of this orange technical book. This all happened in less than a minute.

Such cosmically wild and thoroughly energizing and entertaining experiences are not only indications that *life repeats, but does so and includes the life response associated with that iteration of the act.* In retrospect, the incident provided a new insight I had never perceived before; allowing me to take one additional small step in my life-long pursuit of understanding and evoking the miraculous-like phenomenon of life response.

Keywords: City, Resources (physical), Relationship

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The NY Subway system seems to be where I do my time travelling. This may seem strange but I would not exaggerate this. You know how when you meet a new person you have some "business" to conduct and they appear and keep on re-appearing? Sure you do. The unique thing that I have been experiencing is that when the reappearance occurs, I AM ENTIRELY INVISIBLE to the other person until I call attention to my presence. *Very interesting. When there is something in common, positive or negative, it happens this way. Being invisible from the negative person is a result of your inner "advantage."* This phenomenon happens often! While I can clearly trace my steps in a logical chronology I can tell from the STUNNED reaction on the other person(s) face that when they physically see me, it is not only the coincidence that blows their mind, it is like I have just materialized out of thin air like a Star Trek "beam me down"!

Case in point: A client of mine recently *fibbed (see above)* and said that he had a business meeting to attend, when in reality he in fact was meeting with another realtor. Well, at some random time and

subway stop I walked onto the subway and there Mr. Prospect was talking about his meeting with a friend about his having met with agent x and how he would prefer to spend his money on a big screen tv rather than a broker commission. I was literally 3 feet away from him and he did not see me at all. I made no attempt to hide and was thinking of making some sarcastic remark about big screen TVs. I was tempted to blow his mind and call him on his lie, but opted to say nothing. **Restraint is VERY admirable! Maybe life responded in your favor to this in some way thereafter.** I just witnessed the little play unfold and de-trained. I must impress upon you that the odds of this incident occurring in NYC must be several million to one. **That's exactly how these things work. Inner connections between things are not limited by space and time.**

Keywords: Train, Relationship, Business

Simultaneous Acts are Related

Simultaneity of Events

The Character of Life reveals itself through a variety of principles. Inner-Outer Correspondence -- the basis of Life response -- is one. Predecessor/Successor Events is another. A third is Simultaneity of Events. It can be explained as follows:

Acts and events that occur at the same time are related at the level of life, no matter how unconnected they appear to be on the surface. The relation sometimes reveals later on as a physical connection between people or events. Often it represents a psychological parallel between the thoughts or attitudes of different people that only reveals to careful observation. Regardless of appearances, simultaneous events are always related. There are NO exceptions.

Here are some examples:

-Two partners are arguing over the future direction of their line of designs. Meanwhile, at the very same time their staff has started quarrelling over the fact that they are overworked. These two events are parallel and related. The quarrelling staff is a reflection of the owners' conflict over the future direction of the line. The disharmony of the staff is reflected in the partners' quarreling.

-A man received an email from a friend at the same time that an order came in from a client. These were the only two emails he received at that time. It turns out that the client's organization had the same ethical and spiritual interests as the friend's.

-In San Francisco Bay, a ship hits the Bay Bridge spilling 60,000 gallons of oil, blackening beaches and marshes, wildlife, and their habitat. At the same time, the following news is reported: "In First Bush Veto Override, Senate Enacts Water Bill." The lack of consciousness that the president shares, reflects in the spill. The local spill due to whatever factor is represented in the leader's ignorance.

-"On a quiet Wednesday morning last August, Senators Chris Dodd and Chuck Hagel held a news conference in Washington to discuss what they felt was a critical issue: the nation's deteriorating infrastructure. The press was not impressed. Only a handful of reporters showed up to listen to their contention that a real crisis was at hand. That evening, during rush hour, the Interstate 35W Bridge over the Mississippi River in Minneapolis collapsed, plunging vehicles 60 feet into the river and killing 13 people." (from Bob Herbert's New York Times column of 1/29/08)

-The print in a critically important book used by a small organization begins to suddenly fade for the custodian and champion at the very same time that one of the key members of the firm is nearly shot by accident in a distant city. The misfortune is simultaneous, and common attitudes behind both are later revealed.

-Two individuals who have not spoken to one another in months and live far apart reveal to one another that both their car windshields had been utterly shattered that week due to some unknown cause on the highway. They agree that some malevolent subtle force was at work.

-The volcano erupts in Iceland spewing ash over Northern Europe, but not the South. At the time the Northern European members of the EU are disenchanted with the financial situation of the southern members, and are reluctant to help them out, especially the UK and Germany where the ash is heaviest. The eruption is indicative of the consciousness of the northern EU members towards its southern cousins.

-Two nights ago, I sat out on my back porch. I looked towards the East and I noticed Mars, which had a yellow/orange glow. I also saw airplanes in the sky. I then looked again at Mars and saw a very dim object off to its side. At first, I thought it was an airplane, but then when I looked closer, I saw that it was a satellite, silently traversing the night sky. As I watched it move, I noticed that it was heading in the direction of Mars. Then incredibly, it bisected Mars from my vantage point!

Then I thought about the fact that the day before, they had broadcast pictures back to earth showing how the Mars Lander had captured some ice, which is perhaps the biggest breakthrough so far concerning the possibility of life on Mars. I then understood the connection between the satellite I saw crossing in front of Mars and this scientific, historical development.

Then this morning I “coincidentally” read something else about Mars: that it is now at the closest point to earth in the last 68,000 years! The synchronicity and simultaneity of events were truly awe-inspiring.

Keywords: Media, Conflict, Communications, Nation, Vehicles (auto, etc.), Resources (physical), Airplane

Multiple Response Around Common Circumstance

Multiple Life Response Around Common Circumstance

We see how life response (sudden good fortune) unfold in single, individual incidents, reflecting unique circumstance related to that person, collective, or entity. However, if we look closer, we will see that life response often -- maybe always! -- comes in bunches around common circumstance. To show you what I mean, consider this example from literature and film.

In the 1999 Masterpiece Theater adoption of Charles Dickens' *David Copperfield*, young David in 19th century England has been sent away to work at a wine factory in London by his cruel stepfather. There he meets with the Micawber family, which gives him some relief from his gloomy situation. Unfortunately, Mr. Micawber, though a good man, is constantly in debt, and is at one point put in debtor's prison.

One day David out of pity and concern goes to visit Mr. Micawber. The older man is grateful to David for showing such kindness. In response, he tells David that if he were to leave the wine factory, he should visit his own aunt in Dover. It will turn out to be the most important bit of advice David ever receives. (I.e. when he leaves the factory, literally walks across the country, and meets up with her, his entire life is changed for the better.) Thus, this great bit of advice from Mr. Micawber is a life response for David for showing such concern for the man while he was in prison, especially when he visited on that particular occasion.

But the life response outcomes did not end there! As soon as Mr. Micawber gives his precious advice to David, his wife immediately bursts in on the scene and informs him that he has been released from debtor's prison! Because he in turn showed deep interest and concern for David, life instantaneously responded with news of his own release. Thus, we see two interconnected life response outcomes occurring around the same essential event.

Now we can take this a step farther. If we were privy to Mr. Micawber's wife's situation, we might discover that when she received news of her husband's release, it was due to an inner or outer behavioral change on her part as well. And even in the future, when David takes up Mr. Micawber's advice and walks across the country to meet with his aunt, we would see that she attracted the boy she has not seen since birth due to *her* shift in consciousness; and through David's arrival, her life would change as well.

Thus, we see a closely meshed, interconnected series of life response outcomes related to the same essential circumstance. David's primary action initiated a startling series of positive events, each unfolding in the form of sudden good fortune.

Keywords: Media, Spouse

Initial Indicates Final Outcome

Initial Occurrence Portends Future Outcome

It is one of the great principles about the Nature of Acts offered by Sri Karmayogi: Here are two true life experiences:

Example (positive): From seemingly out of nowhere two well-dressed women approached an executive to do be an instructor for their training company. For the next 25 years people would contact him regularly unsolicited to do training for their organizations without him having to pursue them at all.

Example (negative) A man was trying to find the location of a small business in the suburbs that would give him a chance to participate in the most important and profound work of his life. On the drive there he got very lost among the endless streets of hundreds of suburban homes. After being in deep anguish he finally made it there by consecrating the situation. Seven years later after working with the company and founding his own to continue that relationship, his company went out of business, which too created great emotional pain.

Keywords: Instructor, Business, Career, Vehicles (auto, etc.)

Insuring Splendid Outcomes by Tracing Its Beginnings

Spiritual sage Sri Karmayogi tells us that the ultimate outcomes of a project, work, circumstance, etc. can be seen at the very beginning. At the outset of a related chain of conditions there are acts that are indicators of the final outcome of that life flow, whether a project in a business, a home purchase, even a marriage.

Mother's Service Society researchers have traced many instances of this startling phenomenon. E.g. in *Pride and Prejudice* Mrs. Bennet announced at the very beginning the arrival of two young, handsome, very rich, eligible bachelors, which is in fact what happens at the very end, when they marry two of her own daughters, sending her middle class family to the heights of wealth and social status.

What good are such perceptions? It can help you anticipate, if not predict the future (the final outcome). A crime investigator, or a doctor, or a businessperson with that subtle sense can make decisions and take actions that abridge space and time through that knowledge; by either moving in the opposite direction of a negative event up front in that chain, or reinforcing any positives that arose at the outset. Developing a Subtle Sense to see that will facilitate the process; i.e. paying attention to the flow of life; as will an ability to make the correspondence between the outer conditions and one's own attitudes, motives, beliefs, decisions and actions.

Thus through this startling phenomenon of Life, you can become Its complete Master.

Here are some examples of the phenomenon from the negative side:

-When Nixon and Kennedy vied for the presidency in 1960, it was extremely close and contentious, with Kennedy winning by a hair. Kennedy was later assassinated, ending his administration. What happened at the start was an indicator of the final outcome.

-Bush Jr. won the presidency by an extremely small amount after an overwhelmingly contentious dispute in Florida settled by the Supreme Court. It appeared that his side did all to block the truth from emerging. His administration ended in near disaster for the country and the world.

-In the Russian Revolution, a group of serious-minded thinkers ended up resorting to slaughter of the aristocracy it wished to replace, which culminated in years of rule by the devil-like Stalin who had 30 million shot to death. Events at the outset indicated an outcome that was to come.

-Arnold Schwarzenegger's self-serving ascent to the governorship of California by cleverly taking advantage of a negative situation was a precedent of how he would later leave the state in financial tatters.

-One man I know was desperately trying to meet some people in a suburb of Los Angeles for a crucial meeting. He ended up getting utterly lost in a maze of suburban streets. Though he would later find the place and create a business relationship that would last several years, that undertaking ended in bankruptcy. (Had he opened to the spiritual Force to cancel the negative there and then, he might have overcome the disastrous eventuality.)

-An individual was desperately trying to get some sun tan lotion before taking a cruise on a tiny riverboat in Sacramento, California. His effort was intense and confused, though he and his friend managed to get on board just a moment before the little boat embarked. Twenty minutes into the trip a super, modern speedboat zoomed by, nearly cutting the boat in half. What happens at the outset indicated the thing to come. (Had he caught his emotions and remained steady, he never would have attracted the near disaster.)

Sri Karmayogi indicates that if you want perfect success at the end, trace its path to its earliest beginnings. All those events will be of the same character; with the same motive, attitude, opinion, etc. of the individual precipitating them. Once identified, withdraw the negatives that created the wanting outcomes at the start and presently, and reinforce the positive ones. Life will respond overwhelmingly in your favor.

You can also make that change at the very beginning, by catching the smallest or largest negative that appears. You can readily identify these by seeing the correspondence between the inner you and the outer conditions. Taking this approach at the outset will change the course of life relative to those circumstance. It's a way of insuring perfection in the outcome; avoiding considerable effort and the meanderings of life. In other words, it creates the greatest efficiency of space and time.

Finally it is also worth noting *positive* outcomes that occur at the start -- such as workers being always on time, the firm passing quota the first week, much smoother running of machines, passing deadlines earlier than anticipated, and so forth. Whatever their nature, they too are indicators of our own individual consciousness and/or that of the collective. Identifying and reinforcing them at the beginning as well as along the way will ensure the final outcome is great, far exceeding our initial aspirations and projections.

Consecrating to the Spiritual Force at all critical junctures and in all details in any of these scenarios will insure the workings of Luck, guaranteeing extraordinary outcomes, enabling the Infinite to replace the finite.

A further illustration from Ramesh Kumar:

Recently I got an offer from Indian Railways to strengthen certain old bridges. I was so excited to get such an offer, as such specialized job normally will only be given to already registered established contractors. Initially, they offered three bridges as trial.

I went to site inspection and thoroughly inspected the first two bridges. By that time, it was 4:00 pm and the bridge was around 250 kms from Chennai. I planned to reach Chennai the same night, though it was not necessary. As I was thinking about that, one of the two persons from Railways who accompanied me, reflected my mood and said, the third bridge which is about 50 kms away is similar to this. But another person said "no - better you look at it. You are like a Doctor and you should be aware that no two patients are similar". As the former view fitted my mood, I took that and returned to Chennai without visiting the third bridge. After a few days, I got order for the three bridges and started the work.

Everything went smoothly on the first two bridges and I was very happy about the profits I was making out of it. I even proudly tweeted about this achievement, so that all other my links also know about this, because it was very difficult to enter as a Vendor in Railways now-a-days without corrupt practices. After 10 days or so, we started the work for the third bridge, and there came the thud.

The bridge was in worse condition than expected, and it started sucking all the profits I made on the other two bridges. The road had to be blocked for more than the planned days, and as it was in a main high way, the pressures from all departments concerned started affecting my morale to the point that I vowed not to do a public sector job again. I panicked when I crossed the breakeven point (no loss, no gain) and started incurring loss on the project. The way it was going, I expected there to be a heavy loss.

That is the point I ran to the Mother and started "past consecration." As Karmayogi says the key lies in 10 or 15 minutes of conversations, happenings, atmosphere, emotion, etc. I started analyzing that. The first 10 minutes or so was fine, and only when I thought of returning to Chennai - just for comfort of sleeping in my house - in my bedroom that things went awry. There is no other reason. At that point only one person reflected my mood and said not to visit the third bridge. But the other person tried to raise my consciousness by saying that - I am an experienced person, and I should see all before taking on the job. But alas I preferred the comfort zone, knowing very well that life won't give opportunities within it. I tried to avoid physical work of going 50 kms which attracted the problem at the physical, vital and mental level, only to arrive at the knowledge that we should act from the highest wisdom or the highest professional knowledge we have.

Having realized that, I consecrated everything and vowed not to stay in comfort zone thereafter. As a remedy, I took the tool of "taking responsibility". I informed our Operation Manager to do the job with all necessary inputs as promised in our quote and not to try to save money by any sort of compromise; even if it was going to incur a heavy loss.

After a few days, the site was visited by the authorities and one of the senior engineers saw it and asked me whether I incurred any loss on the bridge. I said 'yes'. He said - "Yes I can see from the quantity of the materials used. I can help you within my powers to give you a 10% increase in contract value as unforeseen expenses and raise the bill accordingly".

This led me exactly to the breakeven point with a sigh of relief.

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What Happens at the Start Indicates the Outcome

Life expresses through a series of laws and principles that few of us are privy to. In recent years, The Law of Attraction has come to the attention of the world through the book 'The Secret.' It indicates that when we focus our intention on something, it tends to come about on its own. I have described that as the phenomenon of "Life Response," that is itself based on the phenomenon of "Inner-outer Correspondence." I.e., when we shift the inner to the positive or more positive, life outside instantly responds to our inner change.

Another subtle principle of life is that every outcome of an event, circumstance, undertaking, social movement, etc. is indicated at the very beginning. It occurs positively and negatively. Let me focus on the latter. When Nixon and Kennedy vied for the presidency in 1960, it was extremely close and contentious, with Kennedy winning by a hair. Kennedy was later assassinated, ending his administration. What happened at the start was an indicator of the final outcome. Recently Bush junior won by an extremely small amount after an overwhelmingly contentious dispute in Florida settled by the Supreme Court. It appeared that his side did all to block the truth from emerging. His administration ended in near disaster for the country and the world. In the Russian Revolution, a group of serious-minded thinkers ended up resorting to slaughter of the aristocracy it wished to replace, which culminated in years of rule by the devil-like Stalin, who had 30 million shot to death. In these cases too, events at the outset indicated an outcome that was to come.

Why life happens this way is certainly worth investigating. To do so one has to understand the subtle nature of energy and how it circulates and returns; how past, present, and future are truly related; the intention a higher force working in the world; and many other subtle, indeed cosmic forces at work.

If we look closely at our own lives, we will see the same phenomenon at work. For example, one man I know was desperately trying to meet some people in a suburb of Los Angeles for a crucial meeting. He ended up being utterly lost in a maze of suburban streets. Though he would later find the place and create a business relationship that would last several years, that undertaking ended in bankruptcy. In another case, an individual was desperately trying to get some sun tan lotion before taking a cruise on a tiny riverboat in Sacramento. His effort was intense and confused, though he and his friend managed to get on board just a moment before the little boat embarked. Twenty minutes into the trip a super, modern

speedboat zoomed by; nearly cutting the boat in half. What happens at the outset indicates the thing to come.

To prevent such results, we can offer the original disturbance to the Higher Power, which will eliminate the chance of negativity expressing itself in the outcome. In that way, we have the power to overcome the existing subtle principles of life, even as we are in awe of their miraculous-like ways and their cosmic significance.

Keywords: Politics, Nation, Authority, Business, Money/Finance, Vehicles (auto, etc.)

Initial Occurrence Positively Examples

When a party got together to discuss ideas for a future website, the atmosphere was positive, cheerful, and buoyant. What would eventually come out of that effort was magnificent, lasting decades and helping so many.

When two smartly dressed women came into his office from out of the blue and offered a man an excellent opportunity, it led to a wonderful twenty year training career.

Keywords: Business, Communications, Career

Initial Occurrence Negatively Examples

A man went to meet with a potential employee, and he got completely lost. As a result of working with those individuals, within a few years he had to go into bankruptcy reorganization

Keywords: Relationship, Money/Finance

Everything Is Indicated Beforehand

Every Act Is Indicated Beforehand

Each life event is indicated, presaged by an earlier one.

When a man went to return a shirt that was the wrong size, he had to wait in a lengthy line, which was kind of unusual for that store. It turns out when he first purchased the shirt a week or so earlier, he also confronted a long line at checkout, even though it was a quiet shopping day. The second event was indicated by the first. Karmayogi says that there are absolutely no exceptions to this rule.

On the other hand, if you consecrate the original problem event, it will not be a presage to a repeated negative.

Keywords: Resources (physical), Sales

Foreshadowing Phenomenon

There is always a sign indicated before a negative (or positive) occurs.

For example, one man was about to place an order at a restaurant when he noticed that at the order counter the overhead signage for the food he wanted to purchase was not visible. He pointed it out, and the order taker then made it available for viewing. When the man then ordered his food from that particular signage, it turned out to be overcooked and unsatisfying.

As we see, the unavailable signage was a sign of things to come.

Keywords: Resources (physical)

Startling Predecessor-Successor Life Dynamic

Everything we observe is a sign of what is to come even though we see no obvious correlation. However, we can learn to examine a current significant event and look back on how it was presaged by an earlier seemingly insignificant act. Likewise, we can look at a small thing occurring now and have a sense of something significant to come; even anticipate precisely what that will be. Either way, when our consciousness has risen to a certain level, we are not surprised by this correlation between a predecessor and successor event; through we are likely to still be amazed.

Example: On a video podcast technology show in which the guests were discussing various aspects of the scene I was struck by how all of the members were using Apple laptop computers. After all, the industry is dominated by windows PCs. Moreover each Mac laptop was shining silvery, with the Apple logo prominent, which caused me to feel that there, was something significant going on. Later in the day, Apple announced its highest sales yet in its last quarter, including a very unexpected boom in Macintosh laptop sales. This was highly significant when you consider that the PC industry had been floundering or barely growing in sales over the last few years. Now in the news the reporters were describing an unexpected boom in Macs for the last quarter.

It was clear that earlier podcast of the reporters and their silvery Mac laptops all in a row with the prominent logo shining presaged the boom in Mac sales that was to be reported later in the day. This phenomenon of events foreshadowing larger events is occurring all of the time, in every single act in the universe; without exception. It is a startling concept that has been brought to the attention of the world by seer and sage Sri Karmayogi.

Keywords: Media, Business, Resources (physical)

Everything Is Announced Beforehand

One extremely fascinating phenomenon of life is that every major (and minor) problem or disaster is announced beforehand; before the actual problematic event occurs.

E.g. yesterday I opened my iPhone and was requested to update two apps; one being the KGO radio app. Since this occurs fairly often, I took no notice. But then as I looked at the KGO icon for the app something got telling me to give it attention, including uploading the app. I gave it some heed since the station often announces important occurrences in the community, and maybe I thought something critical might occur soon. Still I moved on.

The next morning I was rudely awakened to the sound of one or more extremely loud helicopters right over my residence. This happens once every several years for a few moments, but then the copters would fly off. This time the copters hovered right over the area for several hours straight (!), and I knew something serious was occurring, perhaps a police emergency or a problem on the nearby highway.

I then recalled my KGO app that was "urging me" to download it the day before. And so I now grabbed my phone and uploaded it. Immediately I opened it up, and the radio announcer began announcing the traffic report in the San Francisco Bay Area. The very first thing he mentioned was my small town's name and indicated that a multi-car carrier truck had caught fire not too far from my home on the highway, backing up traffic for miles during the busy morning commute.

The KGO app had in essence announced the event the day before when it sat there on my phone "insisting" that I download it. Every major and minor event in our lives has this quality. Just as an examples; thousands of people around the world had this premonitory experience through certain details in their lives before 9/11, each in their very unique way. This phenomenon is occurring to us all of the time, but is too subtle for the average person to perceive it. However, those with a developed consciousness, who take notice, we see that it is occurring all of the time.

Which leads to one last point: If we consecrate the portent, offering it to the spiritual Force, then we can prevent the negative outcome that it is pointing to from ever happening.

Keywords: Media, Traffic, City, Resources (physical)

The Button and the Battery

Every human has a character we can identify. It is clear from their thoughts and actions. It is less easy to understand that life itself has a character as well. Life's character is subtle and deep. However, if we can come to understand it, we can become its Master.

One principle of life is very subtle indeed. It is that everything that comes or happens to us is indicated by something, some event beforehand. Moreover, there are absolutely no exceptions to this rule. Here is an example that demonstrates this principle in action.

A year or two ago I lost a little bit of weight after gaining some while writing my book on Life Response. I therefore was now able to fit into a size 36 pants, instead of 38. However, in a reversal during recent months I have started to burst out of the pants to the point that the clasp gotten loosened and it was necessary to sew a button on instead, which would in effect give a little more room.

On this particular weekend, I took my usual relaxing ride down to Silicon Valley and back. When I arrived at my standard landing post, a gas station, I fueled up and purchased a coffee in the large, abundant refreshment area. On the way out, I then took out my cell phone with the intention of calling a friend to discuss a blockbuster film I had just seen. When I opened the driver's-side door and began to sit down, my pants suddenly burst open! I then realized that a newly sewn button had been broken off. I now had to sit down in the car with my pants ajar, and with no belt to secure me!

I then proceeded to make my phone call to my friend. However, just before I dialed, I wondered if I should hold back since the burst button was a sign that it might not be the right time. I then decided to push on, ignoring the thought and making the phone connection. My friend and I then had a lively discussion about the film ('Avatar'), and then went followed that up with a conversation about economic

matters and other topics. After an hour or so, my friend suddenly informed me that he had to get off the phone because he needed to have his lunch. Apparently, his blood sugar was running low and he was beginning to tremble a bit.

So I said my goodbyes, turned off the cell phone, and began to prepare to leave. I then turned the keys in the ignition, but the car would not start. I suddenly realized that my battery had gone completely dead. A moment later, I understood that because I had left the heater on during our conversation, the battery had become drained.

I now was in the middle of nowhere, with no one to help me. And so I took out my phone again and noticed that it too was also nearly drained of power! I had just enough juice in the phone to call for help. Realizing that my AAA had expired, I thought I had just enough power on the phone to call a friend. After explaining my plight, she made the nearly one hour drive and rescued me by giving my car a charge from hers vehicle using my jumper cables. We then drove back to our common destination from our separate cars.

There is one simple lesson that can be derived from this story. In every outcome in life, there is a predecessor event that indicates its coming occurrence. In this situation, the button breaking off of my pants was an indicator of a problem(s) to come – the dead car, the drained phone, and the expired road assistance card. Though I sensed a problem when the button first came off, I failed to listen to “the inner suggestion,” and instead acted on my urge to call a friend. Had I heeded the sign, I could have avoided all the problems that followed.

There is another approach to dealing with a potential negative predecessor one perceives. It is to offer that situation up to the Higher Power, which will give one protection from any future outcomes, or otherwise set right the related future conditions of life. Doing so overcomes the karma of the situation, preventing problematic outcomes from unfolding.

Keywords: Resources (physical), Communications, Hobby, Media, Vehicles (auto, etc.)

Each Thing is Indicated Beforehand

One of the profound principles that Karmayogi has revealed to us is that each thing that occurs in life is indicated beforehand. And there are no exceptions. A powerful positive or negative outcome in the future is always indicated by a small or large event earlier on. Thus, if we are conscious of the predecessor (whether or not we perceive it as such), any great negative can be avoided later on. I.e. we can simply consecrate the small negative condition that comes to our attention, and the larger problem will not arise in future.

Also when our consciousness is centered more deeply within, we will perceive such small indicators as pregnant with potentiality, whereas living on the surface misses these subtle warnings.

And yet even if we fail to recognize and consecrate such predecessors when they arise and were then effected negatively affected, we can still practice "past consecrate" to overcome its continued influence in the present.

In the Trollope novel 'Lady Anna' a young woman on a date with her cousin seriously injures her leg while walking across pods of stones on a pond. It would turn out to be a predecessor and harbinger of this man's later complicity in trying to murder her and her beloved.

This dynamic also occurs and is discussed several times by the team in Garry Jacobs' novel 'The Book.'

Keywords: Relationship, Indicators, Literature, Life Principles, Subtle Sign

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Keywords: Media, Traffic, City, Resources (physical)

Symbol Indicators in Life

People, objects, circumstance we experience around us are not just things in of themselves, but are symbol indicators of other, often larger things occurring or about to come.

A woman received a hand-delivered notice that the owners of her property had not paid their recent gas and water bill. The large prominent notice was placed on her door. It really felt like an intrusion. The next day it was reported that her city experienced a huge gas explosion that caused all the electricity to go off in much of the area.

Thus, we see that the earlier intrusion was an indicator of the much bigger event to come. If only we shifted more of our attention to the subtle unfoldings of life we would see this dynamic occurring all the time. It is truly one of the wonders of life!

Keywords: Owner, Property, Resources (physical)

Every Act/Event Is Announced Beforehand

This phenomenon is occurring to us all of the time, but it is too subtle for the average person to perceive it. However, as we develop our consciousness, we will increasingly see it at work.

It is in a way life itself constantly indicating in advance when it is to come. We could say it is life responding "in Advance" to a coming situation.

Here's an example:

One day on break from my training work I about to place an order at a restaurant when I noticed that at the overhead signage for ordering what I wanted was not visible. I pointed it out to the order taker, after which he made it available for viewing.

When I then ordered the food from that particular signage, it turned out to be overcooked and unsatisfying.

Comment:

So what is the moral of this story?

We that the signage not being available is an indicator of the negative to come; i.e. the poor quality of the food. But what can we do about it.

One approach is to offer the problem (of non-appropriate signage) to the spiritual Force so that it would cancel the negative outcome of the poor food. In fact, whenever we see a negative unfolding, it is always best to consecrate it, or take other precautions depending on the situation. That way we can avoid most of the negative circumstance of life.

Keywords: Instructor, Resources (physical)

Big Life Lessons from a Big Tree Branch

One life principle that periodically presents itself is that one should avoid reminiscing about past mini-disasters; otherwise, new ones will suddenly descend on you.

Recent Example: A man reminisced with his friend about small negative experiences each had in their childhood. Both exchanged several stories about troubled events.

A little while later the man went for a drive. When he parked his car, another car - a craftsman's truck, - drove into an empty space just in front of his car and nearly banged into it. When the worker got out of his car, he grimaced as his wrist suddenly hurt.

The first man then walked around the block for some exercise. When he returned near his parking space on the street, he saw that a gigantic tree overhead had collapsed and fallen on the three cars behind his! He was very lucky that the huge eucalyptus tree branch didn't destroy his own vehicle.

There are two points to note here. One is that a small event will indicate a much larger one to come. When the worker man nearly knocked into the first man's car and then indicated pain in his wrist, it was an indication of the big tree collapse to come.

Second, as mentioned at the outset, blithely discussing earlier disasters invariably attacks more of them soon after.

One other point: Had the first man recognized the situation from an inner perspective and consecrated the near collision of the worker's car into his, the tree falling incident never would have happened.

Keywords: Subtle Sign(s), Vehicles (auto, etc.), Communications, Atmosphere

Powerful Real Estate Sales Stories - 1

Just today I was mentioning this observation to a fellow agent pal when in all of my enlightenedness, I realized that I lost my expensive digital camera. I went into a familiar negative mode and started to freak out! I had just spent hours of time preparing to preview new listings and take photos of the units to place ads on the internet. Now my camera was gone! My reaction to this loss was almost exactly the same feelings of hopelessness and placing blame both on myself and outside of myself as when I lost my crown. I was SURE I left it in the Men's room where some low life "stole" it from me. I caught myself and decided even if I had already freaked to just "pause". I then realized from my "crown" experience that even if my camera went missing and I had "wasted" a day, and it would cost money to replace, it would not be the end of the world. Naturally, as I was in a tizzy, the ONE visiting manager I did not want to catch me weirding out just happened to be literally in front of me seeing me act out. [We attract the object of our fear.](#) To my surprise, he showed me compassion saying he had lost several cameras over the years. [Your own compassion expressed through him.](#) After that I took a breath and went to the reception desk and saw my camera where someone found it in the bathroom and returned it. [Calm restored the equilibrium and balance. Life responded.](#) All that upsettiness for nothing. [It was a good lesson. Negatives are positive in disguise, provided we learn for them. Otherwise, we do it over again.](#) See what I mean? Later I saw that same manager and told him about my Stimulus-Pause-Response theory. He looked at me curiously and matter of factly said, "If I were you I would right now label the camera with your name so if you do

actually lose it, someone will at least know who to return it to". [Practicality does work](#). Interestingly, a couple of years ago I found an architect's high end camera on a bus and returned it to him because he had ID in his camera case. **We call this a predecessor event. Every event is announced by a previous event.** Somehow it hadn't occurred to me to do that for my own tool. The present calls to the future.

Keywords: Resources (physical), Manager

Effect of Atmosphere on Accomplishment

A Supporting Atmosphere

One important influence on our ability to accomplish is the role played by the environment – i.e. the atmosphere and conditions of life around us. When they are positive, it supports our ability to achieve. When they are negative, it retards it or even cancels our efforts. In *Seabiscuit*, we see these external influences in the story at several levels.

At the level of the nation, we witness a country, the United States that is dynamic; encouraging individuality and initiative. There is an atmosphere of freedom that allows a person to choose as he or she pleases. This is particularly true in the American West, which is less fettered by class structure and certain moral and ethical strictures of the Eastern part of the country. All of these factors together support accomplishment for the individual. E.g., we see how Charles takes advantage of this environment when he starts his own bicycle shop, and later on when he sees the opportunity with the automobile that he seizes. He feels free to move around as he pleases; to become anyone he chooses; to be entrepreneurial and his own man. He senses at every point that he is free to create his own reality; to become anything he chooses in this land of Infinite Possibility.

And yet it can be argued that *Seabiscuit* takes place at the time of the Great Depression -- a period of great poverty and unemployment, which would seem to make real accomplishment difficult, if not impossible. It is a counter force of limitation; of fear and anxiety that would seem to limit one's ability to achieve.

It did have the effect of putting Tom out of work, and forced Red into desperate measures (i.e. boxing) in order to survive. It even slowed down Charles' very successful auto business. And yet always lurking in the background is this sense of the possible; that if one makes a sincere effort, things will eventually come around, which is just what eventually happens for the individuals of this vast nation. In fact, *Seabiscuit* himself, a small horse, reminds them that anyone can come back from adversity in this society of Infinite Possibilities. That is why the population reacts so positively to *Seabiscuit's* ascent. It is because they know in their bones, they subtly sense that rejuvenation and prosperity is just around the corner.

Keywords: Accomplishment/Success, Nation, Sports

A Negative Atmosphere in Othello

In Shakespeare's *Othello* a black warrior returns to lead his predominantly white constituency but is secretly hated not only because of his skin color and his ancestry but because he has eloped with Desdemona, the white daughter of a senator.

It draws the ire of some including perhaps Shakespeare's most evil character Iago.

The atmosphere around *Othello*, who is actually basically a good and brave man, that the single drop of a handkerchief will prove to be the evidence that unjustifiably condemns *Othello*.

It is an example of the fact that in an extremely negative surrounding atmosphere, as was the case here, the chance of a positive administration of governance is impossible. Worse than that it can cause evil individuals to fill the void, further poisoning the atmosphere, even leading to extreme Tragedy.

Comment:

In a negative atmosphere even a small things can bring down an entire institution or undertaking. It is the same for creating a business or other organization.

We have seen that e.g. if one undertakes a new project in a negative atmosphere it can retard the outcome greatly. It may get off the ground due to the sheer will of the participants, but unless one has great strength one can succumb to that atmosphere.

Interestingly life will issue forth negative outcomes in a negative atmosphere, unless the individuals have the strength of character and will to overcome those forces.

Keywords: Literature, Resources (physical)

Low Energy Funeral Causes Computer to Fail

An individual went to a funeral. When he returned his computer crashed. Even when he later wrote of this incident to another his air conditioner began to smoke.

Comment: Some types of activities create low energy for participants, draining things around it; such as in this case the computer, the air conditioner.

Keywords: Resources (physical), Machinery

Rising Higher Attracts Opposition

When a New Positive Force Rises, an Opposition Does As Well

When you try to establish the next highest level of consciousness for yourself or the world, there will normally rise a force in opposition that will try to destroy it. Learning how to navigate your way through this opposition by dissolving its power from within or making use of its force for your advantage will enable you to rise to that desired next level of being.

Example: A small group of individuals in an organization quietly tried to raise the body's level of consciousness, knowledge, aspiration, etc. Over time there was an extreme opposition from a regressive force which sought to block the party who wished to implement the new. Court cases and the like followed. Yet because of the calm of the higher party, people in the organization became more aware of them and their progressive ideas. In fact, they were soon voted to head the entire august organization, implementing many of their values! In essence, the negative force rose up to block the positive, but the higher party carefully utilized the events perpetrated by the negative side to rise to the very top.

Another example: In the Jane Austin novel *Pride and Prejudice* the Bennett family aspired to rise up in prosperity and well-being. Immediately a nefarious scoundrel rose up and instigated shenanigans that almost ruined the family. However, through the personal growth of several members, they overcame the oppositional force, enabling marriage of the daughters to wealthy men, enabling the struggling Bennett's to rise in prosperity and social status.

Keywords: Contradiction, Literature

Opposition When a New Positive Force Rises

We see a fascinating phenomenon of life that reveals another aspect of its Character. It is this: When a new positive Force arises, an opposition force rises in parallel. Consider these examples:

---In the 1970s British series *Poldark* about an heroic individual who aspires to and acts to life up the people around him through his life actions and common deeds, the opposition Warleggan clan conspire to destroy him at every step of the way. Fortunately, he succeeds, despite his travails.

---In the American Film *Unbreakable*, a man (David) acquires fantastic powers of perception and deed that attract an equal and opposite negative force (Elijah) who tries to destroy him and the world around him. Like Poldark, he rises to the occasion and is able to succeed despite the evil that opposes him.

---When Sri Aurobindo and The Mother brought a new dimension to spiritual evolution in their time, the opposition of a dark force rose in Europe instigating WWII. However through great Inner consciousness and power they prevailed, ushering in a New Age where Spirit could emerge through human evolution.

---When a devotee of Their's made the great effort to interpret Their profound wisdom in practical terms across many fields of life, a force opposed him that nearly ruined his works; and yet he too prevailed.

It is interesting to note that long-term the opposition force actually has the effect of strengthening the positive people, as they are forced to grow and evolve their character and consciousness; to utilize powers and capacities that might have ordinarily remained dormant, or not fully utilized.

Karmayogi indicates that every accomplishment in life is thus vulnerable to interference or destruction by negative influences. He indicates that the higher the accomplishment is with respect to previous levels of achievement, the greater the vulnerability.

Ultimately the outcome of this dynamic depends on the strength of the positive side. That is, individuals as well as society achieve in this environment only when their strength is organized to contain the threat and mischief of the negative side.

There was a man who was meant for higher accomplishment. But as the opportunity emerged, his own dark past rose and confronted him. His ability to handle it successfully became the essential that enabled his further progress.

Finally, we see powerful examples of this Character of Life principle in one famous story -- Jane Austin's *Pride and Prejudice*:

In the tale, the Bennet family aspires for the marriage of their daughters to young, prosperous, available men, which would have the effect of overcoming the threat of their cousin to inherit their middle class estate. Lydia is one of the daughters. She is energetic and good-natured, but is wild, crude, and unconstrained. Darcy and Bingley are the well to do suitors for the Bennet daughters. However, the potential great fortune coming to the Bennet family through these very prosperous young men is undermined by Lydia's low behavior. She is the weak link in the family through which disaster strikes and almost cancels the great emerging positive good. Lydia's is a response of the lower consciousness of the family to the higher opportunity that has opened for them. In essence, the weakest link breaks when the strongest contemplates an upward initiative at times of great opportunity. Fortunately, in the end, the family overcomes that limitation and prevails.

Then there is Eliza, the heroine of the story, who is the eldest Bennet daughter. She is bright, independent, aware, and individualistic. In the story, there is the possibility of her romantic involvement with the very prosperous Mr. Darcy, the other hero of the novel. However, along the way she gets mixed up with Wickham, a handsome, yet treacherous man, whose deceitfulness and duplicity she is completely blind to because of her physical attraction to him. Her involvement with this individual at a time when there is a vast potential to move to a higher level of accomplishment almost ruins that opportunity. Ultimately, however her strength of character pulls her through, as she sees the light, overcomes the setback, which opens the door to her marriage to Darcy, enabling the family to rise dramatically in terms of wealth and social position.

It is interesting to note that at many if not all points the negative was curtailed, life responded with sudden good fortune. E.g. when Eliza finally perceived the treachery of Wickham, Darcy soon after appears with his proposal of marriage. At that stage, she had given up all hope that he was still interested in her. However, by shedding the negative influence that opposed when she was in the process of rising, she was stunned to discover that he was still in love with her, leading to his proposal, her acceptance, and their marriage, thereby changing her life and the condition of her family forever.

Keywords: Media, Politics, Conflict, Contradiction, Literature

Negative Response of Businessman's Weakness When He Defers to His Wife

"My father was not a weak man, but like many Jewish husbands he was certainly weak with respect to his wife. When my brother and mother quarreled continuously over the future of the business, my father finally sided with him (and common sense) and urged my mother to retire. When she did, the company was offered an opportunity 10 times greater than had ever come in the past. When the opportunity was on the verge of fruition, he gave in to my mother and brought her back into the company. The next day the opportunity was cancelled, never to return.'

Keywords: Family, Conflict, Business

Negative People who Retard Accomplishment

We have spoken of the negative atmosphere from the surroundings impacting one's attempt to accomplish, or an organization's ability to do so. There can also be hidden negatives internally that are ruining the atmosphere. E.g. it can come from people inside who seek to undermine the cohesion of the work or company. If we look closely we will see that wherever they act, negative circumstance follow. Yet if we can identify the negative influence and extricate the party, life will suddenly react with overwhelming good fortune.

In the powerful American baseball film 'Money Ball' based on true life events of an American professional baseball team, the Oakland Athletics, the squad at one time was doing very poorly; mired in last place.

The owner of the team was not however, prone to fire people, as he had a somewhat soft heart.

However, along the way he came to understand that one of the layers was rebellious and a clear trouble maker to many. At first he held off action, as he was more concerned with lifting the team out of its misery. However, at one point he became fed up with the latest shenanigan of this particular player.

And so he garnered his inner strength and then went ahead and released the player.

As it turned out, Life took over and the team suddenly started winning. In fact, it began to soar, and in no time were at the top of their division and then rose even further to the championship level!

Comment:

That is the power of an organization becoming aware of negative influences that are poisoning the organization and taking actions to overcome it. As a result Life responds beyond human belief. Thus, it is always helpful to look for people who have an attitude of trying to consciously destroy the organization – whether at the top, at one's own level, or a subordinate. One individual who consciously tries to destroy inner harmony for its own sake can help bring down an organization. Yet an attempt to extricate one's self from his influence can cause life to take one to the stars.

Keywords: Media, Manager, Sports

Anachronistic vs. Progressive Influences and Success

In life there are often leading edge, forces-for-progress individuals partaking in events, as well as trailing-edge, regressive ones. One interesting life principle is that life often responds negatively to individuals who assert their anachronistic tendencies when the currents of life are moving in another direction.

We see in the film the true life events about the race horse in Seabiscuit. There at one point in the story, we see the effects of the actions of the trailing edge figure of the eastern owner of the horse War Admiral. In response to the request from the owner of the underdog Seabiscuit for a race between the two horses, the Eastern US owner responds that it is absurd to have the race because of his horse's obvious superiority in terms of speed and breeding. He then goes a step further and mocks the entire Western horseracing scene. The end result of his reactionary taunts is that he is humiliated when his horse loses to the underdog Seabiscuit before a national audience.

When trailing edge figures act in conditions where positive, progressive forces are emerging, their actions at critical points tend to work against them.

Keywords: Media, Sports

Rising Higher & Your Weak Points Revealed

When you try to move to a higher plane of accomplishment and success, your weak points will be revealed.

In *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen, Mrs. Bennet the mother of 5 daughters wants them married off to prosperous men so her and her family's status and wealth can improve. However her own obnoxious, churlish nature and her meddling actions deflect, block every chance of that reality happening.

Likewise Mr. Darcy is in love with Eliza, the eldest Bennet daughter, but in trying to win her, all his normal worst characteristics come out, including his pride and arrogance. Yet incredibly he changes his nature, overcoming his negative attitudes, and life rewards him with Eliza's love and their marriage.

The same phenomenon can be seen in business, politics, individual nations, etc.

Keywords: Literature, Family, Contradiction

Life Tests Newly Accepted Belief

Life Tests Sincerity of One's Change in Consciousness

Life affords us endless opportunities to change; to overcome our limitations and raise our consciousness. If we make that transition to the positive, life will reward us with good fortune. Sometimes, however, life 'rewards us' by challenging us further, to test us to see if we are serious about our change of view.

For example, in Jane Austin's *Pride and Prejudice* one of the two main characters Mr. Darcy made the inner commitment to change his haughty and arrogant attitude towards others. He did so in large part out of his love for Eliza. As a result, quickly thereafter, life responded with an overwhelming challenge for Darcy, when he was required to apply his newly acquired higher attitude to resolving the famous elopement incident in the story. He rose to the challenge by taking responsibility for the difficult event (a sign of his newly formed attitudes), even when the situation was not directly his fault. He was rewarded for that effort when he soon discovered that Eliza loved him, leading to his (second) proposal of marriage, which she accepted, providing the greatest fulfillment of his life.

The moral of the story is that when you decide to make a positive change, life will often challenge you to prove that you are really sincere. Another way to put it is that life responds this way in order to give one the opportunity to hone your skill in deploying that higher attitude or belief. Yet another way to look at it is that life is asking you to move from one's mental acceptance of new attitude to a vital/emotional embracing of it through life experience. Whatever the case, it is life affording you the opportunity for further progress, which if embraced leads to great success, inner fulfillment, and deep delight.

Here is another example of this phenomenon, again from literature.

In Victor Hugo's *Les Miserables*, the main character Jean Valjean at one point came to know a humble bishop who showed him the power of selfless and self-givingness. When the bishop saved him from the authorities after escaping from prison, Valjean came to deeply admire his goodness, goodwill, and generosity. From that day on, he dedicated himself to a life of self-givingness.

Life then brought forth the opportunity for him to become what he aspired for. One day Valjean learned that someone named 'Jean Valjean' had been convicted of a crime. He knew that this was not the case because he was the person with that name. After wrestling with his conscience, he went to the court in Arras and revealed that he was the real Jean Valjean, thereby freeing the accused.

However, by doing so, the authorities learn that he was an escaped convict; forcing Valjean once again to be a fugitive from the law. It would mean that he would have to give up all that he had built up in his professional life. What actually occurred was that life *tested his full commitment to his personal ideal of self-givingness*. By acceded to a level of psychological purity, by doing what was right and true, Valjean had made a great growth and progress in life.

Keywords: Literature, Integrity, Love, Honesty

Our View of Space and Time

Consciously Abridging Time

Because I had problems with Internet communication on my computer the other day, I had a little extra time on my hands. I then thought that rather than waste it, why not take care of one of the items on my long-term agenda -- upgrading the memory on my computer.

When I arrived at the service area at the local electronics superstore, I was greeted by four individuals in line ahead of me. Though that might not seem so bad, consider the fact that they were there to have their laptop computers serviced, and at the time, there were only two technicians on duty. Since each customer took ~15-20 minutes to service, I was looking at a half hour or more wait. I had been on this slow moving service department line before, and I had seen the look on the faces of the people "patiently" waiting. Well this time it was no different, as the person in front of me had that same silent, but frustrated look.

Because I had lost landline DSL connection to the Internet, I was forced on that day to use a wireless Wi-Fi connection at McDonald's and Starbucks. Now as I stood in this slow moving line, I thought that rather than stand around nervously for half hour waiting for my turn, I could make use of the wireless service that might be available in the store. And so I pulled out my computer from its case, and awakened it from sleep mode. I then discovered that a free Internet connection was indeed available in the store. However, when I tried to connect to that Wi-Fi service, it did not work. And yet when I put the computer back in its case and looked around, I noticed that the line in front of me had suddenly moved two spaces. That normally would have occurred over 15 minutes, but instead it happened in fewer than 5. I then understood that because I shifted my attention away from the "problem" of the line, life responded and moved it along overcoming the duration of time.

Now I sensed I was in one of those moments where I had the presence of mind to overcome and master life's conditions. Taking that cue, a moment later I made the conscious decision to give up all concern about the lengthy wait. As a result, the line moved again two places in less than 5 minutes. When I was then called to be serviced, I had in essence been served in less than 10 minutes, when it would ordinarily take 30 or more.

When I first explained my need to the technician, he said that the added memory could be installed within two or three hours. I thought that was too long, and asked him if it could be done sooner. Sensing my time constraints, he then said his tech people could do it in 45 minutes. I thought that was fine. I could after all go out to get something to eat and return in the allotted time.

He then told me it would cost around \$140 for 1GB of memory, which was the maximum additional amount my computer could hold. After filling out the paperwork, I was prepared to leave, but then stopped myself from assuming that our communication was over. As a result, I held my ground and waited for him to speak. He then proceeded to tell me that if a technician didn't return within the next ten minutes, he would install the memory himself. I naturally accepted this new course of action.

Now sensing that time was disappearing before my very eyes, I again held myself back from rushing off. He then said he wanted to check the memory configuration in my computer before he did the work. After a quick check, he told me that the computer would only take a 2gb chip, not a 1gb one, though either way it would only add 1gb of usable memory to the system. For a moment, I thought that would mean that the price would now double, but he surprised me by saying that it would cost less for the 2gb chip because it was on sale! Thus, my bill now went down by nearly \$50, despite the fact that I used a bigger chip. In the back of my mind, I thought that small wonders were rapidly accumulating through my conscious effort.

When I then finally went off for the allotted 10-minute period, I came upon and watched a beautiful video on one of the flat-panel TVs called 'Above California.' When I arrived, the film was just showing my favorite spot in the state -- Mt. Shasta, the 13,000-foot snow-capped cylindrical peak in the north. I saw that as a good omen now, even as I have often thought of Shasta peak as a symbol of ultimate aspiration in life, including my own. Feeling light, lilted, and joyous because of all these events, I then returned to the technician who was in the process of completing the installation for me. At that point, I did not want to force the conclusion of the transaction, for I knew that right inner attitude could attract additional small miracles.

A few minutes later, the transaction was completed and I got the additional memory that would speed up my computer. In addition, I was equally happy because a potential half hour or more wait in line had been cut by over 75%; that an originally proposed 2 to 3 hour installation was reduced to a mere 10 minutes; and that my bill was substantially reduced from the original quote. *I clearly perceived that it had all happened because I made conscious use of time through efforts of inner detachment, calm, and patience at various points along the way. It was a powerful reminder that if we make use of our inner power, time will shift from being an obstacle and adversary to becoming an ultimate instrument and ally.*

Keywords: Resources (physical), Money/Finance, Media

Shifting Our Time Perspective and the Response of Life

The other day I drove to nearby Palo Alto, home of Stanford University and the surrounding wealthy community in the heart of Silicon Valley. My plan that afternoon was to get hands on experience with the iPhone, which had been released the day before. After a wonderful experience using the device, I exited the store and sauntered up lovely University Avenue, a tree-lined street adorned with dozens of shops, ranging from boutiques and cafes to bookstores and technology centers. As I walked up the boulevard, I felt quite happy and relaxed. Adding to the lovely atmosphere was the perfect, cloudless, mild weather that graces the region this time of the year.

In the back of my mind, I thought about the idea of obtaining some form of sweet -- perhaps a candy bar. And yet I was enjoying my slow amble up the avenue too much to want to disturb matters. A few minutes later, I thought about the fact that I had 30 minutes or so remaining in my parking slot, which still gave me enough time to continue my leisurely walk. And so I continued happily on my way.

Then at one point, I realized that though I had walked a ways, I had still not yet found an outlet for the candy bar I was after, which in turn caused slight consternation. It was at that point that I decided not to waste any more time, and instead focused on finding a store that had the object of my desire. Not a second later, I looked up and saw a large Walgreen's outlet directly in front of me. It was precisely the store I was looking for, since it had the greatest variety of candy in the entire area! I was amazed that as soon as I thought of doing something about my situation, the store immediately appeared in my line of site! In fact, out of dozens of stores in the area, it was the *only* one that my eyes fixed upon when I lifted my head! And so without hesitation, I quickly headed over to the store and found what I was looking for. In fact, I was so excited about the subtle 'life response' experience that I just had that I also purchased a small pad and some fancy pencils in order to capture the event that just transpired!

In essence, what happened was that when I changed my perspective about *time*, life instantly responded with sudden good fortune. When I shifted from allowing time to *leisurely* go by to focusing on creating results *as soon as possible*, the store instantly appeared before me. By changing my intention about time -- i.e. to create quick results -- I attracted a result that itself abridged time, as the store suddenly came to my attention.

Keywords: City, Resources (physical)

Focus on Abridging Time Attracts Info on How to Overcome It

Thanks to Your recent article in the New Way of Living on "Overcoming the Limits of Time".

For more than a month, one inner quest within me was about *time*; not a psychological quest, but practicality of time.

To be clear I am very worried about the shortage of time for my preparation of exams. Every time I take a subject to study, first thing is 'do I have enough time to complete this or to revise it later', and many kind of worries. This has been going on for more than a month.

Just yesterday i thought "let me not think about that or brood over it and consecrate it and tell Mother." i did but inside, but i still had the doubt, but at least i didn't brood over it. But from yesterday i wanted to know details on Time playing a role in our lives.

This morning (14th Feb-08) early morning when i got up for studying first thought was "how to abridge time, how to prepare in the short time i have etc....etc.?" and thought about Mother.

Within 1 hour or less, (i normally do not browse website in the mornings so early, but i opened system for studying one subject) i felt some urge to open the Growth Online..... I opened it "speechless i was for some time" coz, the article for this week is 'Overcoming the Limits of Time'. I read it fully and all my questions were answered.....

I just fell silent with a sense of Gratitude for both Roy sir and Mother.

Comment:

You wanted to change your conception of and relationship to time, and life responded with knowledge that supported that effort. That is the power of taking an interest in a thing, of focusing our minds and will on some matter. (It is the power of Intention.) Life responds to it very quickly. It is another indicator that we have an infinite power to change the world from within. Also such books have a life response attracting power.

Keywords: Media, Student

Predicting Life Response

Life response is the arrival of sudden good fortune. If we are conscious of its laws, we can make it happen on demand. We can even know precisely when it will occur.

On this particular morning I had been working diligently, but was now feeling a little tired, and so needed a break. I was ready for my afternoon walk. However, rather than take the walk, I had to wait at home for my FedEx package with my new HP laser printer to arrive. In essence, I had nothing to preoccupy myself with.

For several days, I had tracked the package and knew that it would likely arrive sometime that day. Yet at that point in time, the delivery still hadn't come.

Then it struck me that I now (at 2pm) needed to vacuum the floor a bit. And so I took out my new, month-old vacuum cleaner and began the task. Unfortunately, the dirt was not being sucked up into the machine. Then I recalled that the previous three or four times I used the machine, the same thing happened: i.e. it was spitting out dust balls even as I seemed to be picking things up. I figured on these earlier occasions that this was the sacrifice I had to make for buying such an inexpensive machine; and that was probably why the store sold it so cheaply. This was my rationale!

Then I thought that cannot be the case, and so I opened up the machine to see what was going on. Lo and behold I saw that the bag inside was not collecting any of the dirt. I therefore hunted down the manual and went searching for the problem. It turns out that I had not put in the hose properly when I first assembled it, causing a lack of suction. When I then went ahead and fixed it, it worked perfectly.

Now comes the best part. I vacuumed for ten or fifteen minutes, but I was concerned that I would miss the delivery of the printer since the vacuum would be too loud. Then it occurred to me that when I finished the cleaning, the delivery would come.

I had been waiting for delivery during the entire course of the day, and now at 3PM, it still hadn't come. Still I suspected a relationship between the fixing of the machine, the completion of the vacuuming, and the arrival of the printer.

As I finished vacuuming, I was almost certain the delivery would arrive as soon as I completed the task. A minute after I was done, I walked over to the window, had that thought again, and instantly saw the delivery boy with the FedEx package containing the printer walking up the pathway! He arrived right on cue!

In essence, I had predicted the exact moment down to the nanosecond the delivery would take place based on the flow of previous events, as well as a knowledge of the workings of life response. (What

attracted the delivery was at once the attention I gave to the machine, the willingness to get at the heart of the matter and fix it, and the physical effort of cleanliness.)

Interestingly, this is the third or fourth time this has happened in the past month. Such incidents show the power we have to anticipate, even predict the future down to a level of micro prevision. It is a harbinger of a new way of life that awaits those who wish to explore the subtle unfoldings of life.

Keywords: Machinery, Resources (physical)

Quadruple Synchronicity & Response to Recalling the Meaning & Values of the Past Relative to the Present

I just had an astonishing quadruple synchronicity and life response; i.e. four or more parts in one. I enthusiastically described someone from my distant past who I knew at university (Syracuse), his skill and expertise (engineer in electronics field), the school he attended at the university (school of engineering), his area of interest (computer related engineering when there were no personal computers yet!) and his last name - Smith. I was enthusiastic because my association with him as it presaged the computer revolution and my involvement with it, long before it began (1971).

About an hour later after taking a nap, I opened a web site, and there instantly appeared an ad for that very same university (there are hundreds of such schools in America that could have appeared), for his particular department that he studied in (school of engineering; it could have been for any department), and the name of the school, Smith, which was the same as his!

When we deeply, emotionally connect significant circumstance and values of our past to the lives we have come to live, the universe quickly returns the favor and give us detailed information about that association in new, unexpected ways. In this case, four times over!

Keywords: Educations, Media

Evoking Mirror Image Business Situations

When you revisit and make a request of a party through whom you had a success or failure in the past, instantaneously you may receive a communication from an unknown party from out of the blue who had or is having nearly the same experience. It is an astonishing, synchronous association to witness. Moreover, when you see the correlation between the two circumstances, you will know how to address the issue of the second party even though you hardly know them or their condition, as the subtle principles and rules guiding the original situation of the past will tend to closely apply to the new one.

Example: A man contacted a manufacturer in India about a spiritual booklet they supplied. He had done work for the company selling gift items many decades before successfully. However in a recent endeavor the initiative failed. It turns out that the very instant he made the booklet request, he received an email - the only one in the Inbox -- from a proprietor seeking advice on a nearly an identical business situation (selling gifts) to the original initiative of the booklet requester that failed! Also, the essential details were also very much the same. It was a powerful synchronicity that occurred within one second of the booklet request. A mathematician might calculate the chance of this occurring as 1 trillion to the trillionth power. That is the life response power of reigniting a connection from the past -- positive or negative -- which attracts back a virtually mirror image situation from out of nowhere.

Keywords: Communications, Business

Recent Life Response Related Experiences

My business has been increasing week by week especially in the area of professional introducer's. One of these recently introduced me to a new company, whilst making an appointment to see the owner I was amazed to find out that he and his wife will be celebrating their 30th Wedding Anniversary next week on the 17th, and yes you've guessed it, me and my wife be celebrating our 30th on the exact same date.

Keywords: Business, Owner, Spouse

Big Life Lessons from a Big Tree Branch

One life principle that periodically presents itself is that one should avoid reminiscing about past mini-disasters; otherwise, new ones will suddenly descend on you.

Recent Example: A man reminisced with his friend about small negative experiences each had in their childhood. Both exchanged several stories about troubled events.

A little while later the man went for a drive. When he parked his car, another car - a craftsman's truck, - drove into an empty space just in front of his car and nearly banged into it. When the worker got out of his car, he grimaced as his wrist suddenly hurt.

The first man then walked around the block for some exercise. When he returned near his parking space on the street, he saw that a gigantic tree overhead had collapsed and fallen on the three cars behind his! He was very lucky that the huge eucalyptus tree branch didn't destroy his own vehicle.

There are two points to note here. One is that a small event will indicate a much larger one to come. When the worker man nearly knocked into the first man's car and then indicated pain in his wrist, it was an indication of the big tree collapse to come.

Second, as mentioned at the outset, blithely discussing earlier disasters invariably attacks more of them soon after.

One other point: Had the first man recognized the situation from an inner perspective and consecrated the near collision of the worker's car into his, the tree falling incident never would have happened.

Keywords: Subtle Sign(s), Vehicles (auto, etc.), Communications, Atmosphere

Cosmic Movements

Twilight Time

Thoughts circulate. We think they are our own when we have them, but that's often not the case. The thoughts are simply being passed around through the ether. It's actually a very common experience that all of us have, yet invariably miss it.

Eg I quietly started singing the old 50s song "Twilight Time" to myself in the morning. A friend simultaneously came by, overheard me, and said that throughout the night she heard that very same song in her own head. And yet it was when she appeared before me that I started actually singing that song. In other words, my thoughts of singing the song were actually my friend's earlier thoughts circulating through the atmosphere that I then caught onto and expressed.

That's how thoughts, including such things as songs and music, often come to mind. It's a startling phenomenon that can at once make us humble, while also astonishing.

PS: It turns out that the song itself from long ago is about something close to this phenomenon!

Keywords: Relationship, Communications

Finite and Infinite; Small and the Large

[editing most of the remaining items in this section are not Subtle Signs specific, but should be in other areas]

How the Small Opens the Portals of the Infinite

In any given moment, there are large and small acts related to a significant event. E.g. at the time of a medical emergency, there is not only the suffering party and the rescue operation, but the unobserved arrival of a supervisor, a nurse ordering a batch of medicine, and an elderly patient joking in his wheel chair. Thus, there are closely related as well as seemingly unrelated, disparate activities occurring simultaneously. And yet in such circumstance, every and all events are in fact deeply interconnected, no matter how unimportant and distantly related they seem to be. And any one of them -- even the smallest, the most innocuous, and contrary -- can determine the final outcome. To be sensitive to this process is to have a vision of the life's true workings, which gives one a staggering power to control the world around us. Here is an example that illustrates this point.

The TV series *Numb3rs* (pronounced 'Numbers') is a crime show whose outcomes are determined by the strategies of a genius mathematician, Charlie Eppes. In one particular episode, we see how the small and absurd determine the final outcome. In Los Angeles, a bus is hijacked and a nefarious gang holds passengers for ransom. Charlie's brother, FBI captain Don Eppes works with his staff to solve the looming catastrophe. Don's energies are completely focused on saving lives, as he interacts by phone with the evil ringleader who is aboard the bus. Meanwhile, Don's math genius brother Charlie is as usual helping on the case through his brilliant analysis intuitively derived.

There is an added subplot to the story; this one involving the father of Charlie and Don -- Alan Eppes -- as well as Charlie's good friend, theoretical physicist Larry Fleinhardt. It turns out that earlier the entire group had agreed to form a think tank, and at this point, father Alan and physicist Larry are debating -- actually *arguing* -- over its future direction. One aspires to start the project with the practical, the other the theoretical. In fact, they carry out this mental debate in front of the very preoccupied Charlie and Don, completely oblivious to the dangerous situation. At one point, they even implore Charlie to solve the dilemma for them. As we watch their comic-like callousness, we can only shake our heads. This dynamic repeats throughout the episode, adding to the tension of the already dangerous situation.

Then circumstance turn grave when the abductors threaten to kill each hostage one by one. And yet Alan and Larry persist in their seemingly ridiculous request that Charlie solve their problem. How can they be so oblivious! This time however, rather than tell them that they have to settle their squabbles on their own, Charlie is struck by something in their debate. He is shaken by the fact that Alan and Larry seemed to be locked in a 'paradox,' and that the hostage situation he and Don are involved in has a similar dynamic. As a result, Charlie now understands that everything he and Don assumed about the case is faulty. When the two brothers act on this hunch, they discover that the bus abduction was actually a hoax: that they were in fact chasing the wrong bus, and that the real hostages and villains were aboard a *stationary* bus in a warehouse! As a result, they are now able to move in on the villains and save the hostages.

As we see, in this case, *the small and the innocuous solved the case*. That which seemed unimportant and irritating was the means by which the greater problem was resolved. Because Charlie opened his mind and paid attention to the small -- no matter how silly and absurd -- he garnered the clue that enabled him to solve the case.

In every situation in life, every element that presents itself serves a purpose. Thus, the smallest thing -- even that which seems *negative and opposed* to our intent -- can be a means for its final resolution. In that way, we cannot deny or be irritated by anything -- for the smallest of the small can provide an opening to the infinite.

If this is the case, how can we become more mindful of the variety of elements, movements, and activities in a given circumstance? It all comes down to our level of consciousness. It takes an open mind and acute sensitivity to perceive the utility of each act in relation to the whole of any event. That in turn depends on a still and silent mind, as well as a calm and steady disposition. Think Sherlock Holmes. And through that

keen, mindful, multi-sided perception, one becomes aware of the role of the smallest act in the outcome of a situation, problem, or event. To perceive this many-sided whole, rather than the obvious one or two parts is a spiritual quality known as "integral knowledge."

Indian spiritual philosophy tells us the infinite can arise out of anything -- whether the large or the infinitesimally small. To the infinite Consciousness and Being, there is no distinction between the two. Thus, the innocuous and silly, the trivial and trite, and the negative and hostile also serve as instruments for progress and change. If we can learn to perceive this dynamic in our daily lives, then we will have a glimpse of the Marvel of existence.

Keywords: Media, Vehicles (auto, etc.), Conflict, Relationship

Willingness to Make Small Correction Opens Up the World

A swallowing of ego and willingness to correct the slightest mistake suggested by another can open up an entire new world of possibility.

A partner suggested that a small error was there in the training materials of a workshop the other partner had developed. The second partner took umbrage that the first partner was focusing on a minutia as opposed to the overall presentation. Still he pushed the troubled feeling aside, did not give it voice, and went ahead and made the small change anyway. Suddenly a moment later for the first time the two were considering working together to market the entire 7-day workshop!

Thus we see that the small, even an apparent negative small, taken in the right light can open to the door to the very large. In other words, the micro is an opening to the macro when embraced in the right way. Why is this so? The tiny is great because it is one with everything else. From the perspective of the highest consciousness there is no distinction between the small and the large, the micro and the macro. Pull the string on the tiny, such as embracing it rather than being hostile towards it - and the universe will quickly open up!

Keywords: Ego, Work Issue, Business, Product, Agreeable/Agreeability

Parallel Events

Parallel Events in the World

If we look closely and examine life we will see how two events, miles or even continents apart will arise at the same time related to the same matter. Normally we do not perceive these parallel events, but if we do, we pass it off as mere coincidence. Rather they are related by their shared vibration and energy.

Recently in the US, beloved TV news interviewer and reporter Tim Russert died a relatively young man. It was a terrible blow for the US and shocked the nation. It was the main, bold headline in the New York Times accompanied by a striking picture. Next to it was another world headline, this about Ireland's rejection of new standards for the European Union, perhaps the most important change for that institution in a decade. When I saw the two stories side by side, I sensed a connection. I then went to Wikipedia and discovered that indeed Tim Russert was of Irish American parents. The connection Irish between the two events was unmistakable.

If we exercise our minds a bit, we can find such associations everywhere -- especially in the news, in history, in literature -- even in our own lives. Even when we make this astonishing discovery, we can probe deeper and see further parallel associations. E.g. when I thought further on the Russert-Ireland connection, I saw yet a third connection. I realized that at the very same time, the Boston Celtics had for all intents and purposes secured the National Basketball Association (NBA) championship the night before, their biggest breakthrough for the team 22 years. The motto of the team is "the luck of the Irish," and their mascot is a leprechaun. (Boston is the predominant home of the Irish American community in the US.) Thus, the parallel events are extended a step further.

Powerful but subtle, unseen energies are released by a central event, and related matters spontaneously arise with them in time. Deeper insight and the discovery of guiding principles of why this occurs is worthy of a great study. For now, we can speak of energies that move out into the field of life and align with corresponding circumstance that causes this synchronistic, parallel effect. If you are an avid reader of newspapers and keep an eye out, you will see this occurring quite frequently. Do not, however, consider these random events and coincidence, for there is absolutely no such thing. They are deeply connected associations that are integrally related.

There is something deeper still going on. Our ability to associate these connections is an indicator that Man is ready to go beyond the limiting logic of his current exclusive mind. That he is ready to perceive the deeper laws of life, such as life response, the power of attraction, and the synchronicity and parallelism that this article addresses. It is in fact a harbinger of the transition being from our current human functioning to a supra-human existence. It is but one of several signs of emergence of a New Way of Living based on integral perfection and the spiritual dimension of life.

Keywords: Media, Nation, Sports, Relationship

Perceiving Parallel Events

Synchronicities, simultaneity, and parallel events -- names for same basic phenomenon -- are happening all of the time, every minute of the day if we only choose to observe them. For example, just today I was looking up the site statistics for the Growth Online site. One area that intrigued me was the pages or graphics that were being accessed the most in terms of the total bytes downloaded by the visitor. I was surprised to see that one of the graphics had the greatest total bytes downloaded in the recent period. It was for an embedded ad for the Kindle book reader sold by Amazon that is displayed on a number of Growth Online pages. I had never noticed that in the statistics reports before.

At nearly the instant I noted this fact, I received a call from a colleague who had not contacted me in over a month. Immediately I saw the connection between his call and the Kindle statistic I had just noticed. Why did I make this association? It was because it was this friend who informed me of the Kindle reader in the first place a year or two ago! And now he calls instantaneous to my seeing the data for that item. A coincidence, you ask? Of course not. It is a connection that was made previously that now presents itself

once again. This shows how corresponding pairs related in space and time move in tandem, overcoming normally perceived boundaries of cause and effect, and space and time.

Thus, the universe is constantly separating and rejoining those pairs to the degree that we focus our attention on one of them. It is a phenomenon that is constantly occurring just below the radar of our consciousness. If, however, we are alert, we can observe a steady stream of simultaneous and parallel events throughout our day.

Consider several similar examples:

- We take an interest in a subject, such as a music group we had not thought of in years, and a report about them appears on the TV 10 minutes later, even though they have not been heard from for 20 years.
- A man received an email from a friend, at the same time that an order came in from a client. These were his only two emails. It turns out that the client's organization had the very same ethical and spiritual interests as the friend.

Every day dozens of such events occur if only we only have the wherewithal to connect the dots. When we grow in consciousness and become more mindful, the perceived parallelism become so frequent and striking that all we have to do is open our eyes

Furthermore, as we witness these miraculous-like associations, we begin to perceive a cosmic Intelligence at work, in which all and everything appears to be connected. At that point, we will have taken a decisive step toward understanding life's great mysteries. If we then go a step further and learn to master this power -- i.e. to evoke these responses consciously, on demand -- then we will approach the Marvel behind all creation.

Keywords: Communications, Media

Life Works on Multiple Fronts Simultaneously

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It is interesting how Nature through its conflictive dynamic of progress solves multiple problems simultaneously.

E.g. a landlord sees that the garbage has been spewed all over the place by a slovenly tenant, indicating that he has to be more forceful with them in future. And yet he too realizes that he has not provided enough receptacles for their storage, and so makes a commitment in that direction. Meanwhile this forces the littering family to discuss their own unhygienic actions, including the wayward behavior of their children who are out of control. And so on and so forth vibrating out among a number of parties and circumstance.

Thus from one perspective the garbage problem is not really a negative at all, but a core means of rectifying a series of problems amongst interrelated parties. Sri Aurobindo says this is Nature difficult method of evolution: She works on multiple fronts simultaneously to improve things through a common conflictive situation.

On the other hand, had one of the parties taken to the supramental power, the Mother's Force in this scenario, life would have unfolded far differently, yet retain its capacity to change positively multiple, related circumstance simultaneously.

Sri Karmayogi indicates it is the difference between the way of Nature (Prakriti) and that of Soul (Purusha).

Keywords: Property, Owner, Resources (physical)

Experiencing the Reality

Becoming One with the Field in Bagger Vance

Not only can we as individuals create greater harmony with others, but we can create greater harmony with Life.

"The Legend of Bagger Vance" is a simple but powerful sporting tale that reveals very important truths about work success, including how we can overcome our adversarial relationship with life and turn it into one of harmony

In one scene we see how Juna moves from being estranged from life, from being caught up with his anguish and ego, and reverses that to being in harmony with the needs of the moment; in this case to make the right golf shots that will take him out of his lower attitude and behavior.

He is asked to become One with the Field of Life by his teacher, Bagger Vance.

Till that point Jonah been failing. He was so focused on his ego and how the other players were so far ahead of him, and the bitterness he felt inside and a mindless urge to catch up. He was out of touch with the needs of Life.

But then he changed his viewpoint and felt a oneness with the field – the physical field as well as the psychological or spiritual one – and made the great shot that would take him to the top.

Keywords: Literature, Hate, Relationship, Teacher

Becoming One with 'The Field'

The other day I had a powerful inner experience. It lasted less than a minute, though it vibrated forward and stayed with me in the minutes, hours, and days since.

I was walking through a state of the art outdoor shopping center in Emeryville, California, near Berkeley. As I entered the main street, on either side of which were fancy stores and above expensive condominiums, I suddenly felt a kind of stillness and whiteness around me. Simultaneously, I felt that everything in the surroundings was One thing; that there was no differentiation between objects, even as they maintained an essential interconnection. Moreover, I felt that I was part of this white Oneness. I sensed that this is how life really is; i.e. a wholeness and interconnected single Reality with no essential separation, even as distinct objects existed.

Accompanying this experience was the complete cessation of thought, emotion, feeling, and sensation. In fact, every time the smallest thought or feeling or sensation rose in me, I felt I was losing touch with this Reality, this undifferentiated, yet integral Field of Oneness. As I held back these subtle disturbances, the connection with this Reality maintained itself in my consciousness. For a minute or so, I was absorbed in clear vision state of Oneness, melting into that Field of pure existence surrounding me.

In the days that followed, I began to think about the undifferentiated Field that we are part of, and how we can connect with and remain one with It. I then recalled the film 'The Legend of Bagger Vance' where Bagger as golf caddy to Junah instructed him on how to become "one with the Field." Just as Krishna instructed Arjuna before the battle of Kurekshetra in the Bhagavad Gita, Junah now tried to heed Bagger's advice and become one with the Reality before him. Rather than feeling separate from that field -- of the grass, the air, the trees; even the invisible realms -- Junah put aside his limiting thoughts, emotions, and attitudes, and merged with It in order to perform the task at hand. As a result, he made a great shot that not only turned the championship match against the two greatest golfers in the world in his favor, but it changed his life forever, including his perception of what is reality, and what engenders outer success and inner fulfillment.

When I walked into that outdoor mall, lined with palm trees and state of the art stores below colorful condos, I became one with that Field. There was no subject in me perceiving and separated from an object of perception. There was simply one undifferentiated Existence that I had embraced and merged

with. Being absorbed in the Field in that moment, I sensed that all that was happening was absolutely perfect; that this was in fact the True State of existence, and that anything I did in from that status would unfold flawlessly.

This wonderful experience gave me a glimpse of the Truth of existence; of the one contiguous Reality that extends from heaven to earth, from spirit to matter, outside and inside, without separation and division; just a single stream of undifferentiated whiteness that is the Field of life.

Keywords: State/Province, Property, Media, Sports

Supramental Life

Untitled

I believe I had my first quadruple instantaneous, simultaneous synchronicity, all occurring within several seconds. Stunning moment, as there was a confluence of several things from entirely different directions, yet were exactly related in subject matter.

This is not what occurred, but imagine this: You are walking along with a friend and he starts talking about peace. At the instant he does, you look down and see a tee shirt on the ground advocating peace, and when you look up at the giant TV screen there is a TV commercial about peace, and at that very moment the iPod you are carrying starts playing a song about peace. All of this happening within 3 seconds. (Note that this is just a random point in time, where you are going about your business, and where no one had been talking about or interested in or in any way focused on the subject of peace.) Now you have the flavor of what occurred to me, as a quadruple instantaneous synchronicity; albeit under different circumstance.

I believe the Mind would become unhinged if this were Man's constant experience. The current basis of mentality could not handle it. A new basis and functioning of the brain would be necessary. It would require a non-mental mind that embraces such blizzards of super-intuitional knowledge. Sri Aurobindo calls it Supermind.

Keywords: Communications, Resources (physical)

An Experience at the County Courthouse

I had an experience the other day that verifies that the supramental power Sri Aurobindo uncovered, (otherwise known as "the spiritual Force,") evokes astonishing, unprecedented life movements. Moreover, it unfolds through a perfect melding and fusion of two elements -- Knowledge and Will -- two powers that it turns out enabled the supramental truth consciousness to create the universe from a Divine Source.

What happened was that the other day I had to appear at the local county courthouse. Though the matter was quite involved and a bit unnerving, I consecrated the event fully -- offering it to the spiritual force, i.e. supramental power. In addition, I stopped all thinking about the procedures I was about to go through, keeping my mind completely blank. Even though the issues I was about to tackle were involved and even intense, I cleared my mind of all thoughts and surrendered everything to the divine Mother.

Over the next several minutes, I began to experience an astonishing sequence of events. One by one, every decision I made proved to be the correct one; in every moment I seemed to be in the right place; at each point that thing fell perfectly into place. Life was cooperating at every turn, with an astonishing precision.

It was if I were on a magic carpet that was carrying me through a sequence of events that perfectly dovetailed with another. It was if I had no mind of my own, and all necessary knowledge was provided for me as I was carried from point to point.

This was NOT human life I was experiencing. This was some future type of human existence that Sri Aurobindo called "Supramental Life."

In essence, through my consecrated effort and the stilling of my thoughts, the Force replaced my own Will, while also providing the Knowledge when understanding was needed. These two, Knowledge and Will, were indistinguishable from one another in my consciousness. At each moment there was the Will to go to the next point as well as the Knowledge of how to do it. They had been become fused in my experience, as I was their servant and instrument. I was thereby taken out of time, overcoming space, and experiencing life outside the bounds of normal causality.

A while later when I sat down in the courtroom, I was simply overwhelmed. Even as I contemplated the astonishing events that had just occurred (and were still occurring), I felt a deep peace envelop me. As I

sat there waiting for the proceedings to begin, I in a trance-like stillness that was accompanied by a gentle blissfulness. I could not imagine life any more harmonious and perfect.

Keywords:

Unresolved, Unknown

Man Refuses Loan to One, and Is Immediately Asked for Same by Another

A man who is very generous to friends was approached for a loan by his driver. The driver asked for 2000 rupees loan to be paid back over a year. The man felt it was not the right time to give the loan for various reasons, and he declined. The next day a very close friend came and asked him for a loan for the very same amount. He very much wanted to help out his friend and gave him the loan.

Keywords: Money/Finance, Subordinates

Comment: Not easy to determine. Perhaps because he was strong with the first man, refusing the loan he got the chance to loan money to a person he likes. It could perhaps be seen in the opposite in some manner. It would help if we had more information.

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