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the wayfarer . . .**REBOUND!**

I RECALL that when I was a small boy I had given to me a red rubber ball, and I expected great things from it; but when I played with it I quickly learned that it had no bounce. Its rebound was poor. Suppose that when you fell down while roller skating these spring days that you stayed down, saying: "No use getting up, for I'll only fall again." You would have no rebound, and it would not be good.

I know a woman in Kansas City, Missouri, whose adolescent son had joined company with a gang of toughs much against his mother's will; one escapade led to another, until one dark night he was shot dead by the officers while burglarizing a shop. When

I knew this mother it had been ten years since the tragedy, and yet she shut herself up to her quarters, grieved silently over her loss, blamed the officers, and refused to have anything to do with community projects. What was the trouble with the woman? Only this: her rebound was gone.

What is the technique for the development of one's rebound as he lives in a society where adjustments of all sorts and kinds are to be made every day — short range and long range? I think I can help us all with some suggestions at this point.

For one thing, let us all expect hardships as a part of life—an

This Month's Thought to Remember . . .

"When I affirm health, peace, and happiness, with a firm and burning desire, the answers will be forthcoming from the realm of God in the most unexpected manner."

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inevitable part of living. "Man is born to trouble as the sparks fly upward." Hardship is one of the stern realities that makes for strength of character, when rightly handled and understood. Consider all of the heating that a piece of steel undergoes in order to get a good knife, a knife with a cutting edge. Apart from this discipline there would be no sharpness to the steel, and how our lives would be handicapped thereby. So it is that a rigorous type of living makes for ruggedness that keeps us from being "softies;" and we are strong because we have overcome. We rebound quickly because our powers of resilience are great.

Then, too, let us all look at the larger pattern of happiness. "All things work together for good to them that love God." Consider the many times we have been strangled by our own selfishness, hemming in the world we live in by our own likes and dislikes, moping at imagined ills, claiming that the world always "owes us a living" and finding that it

is difficult to "collect." We think we are the victims of a strange fate, and that the rest of God's mansion is dark because we have drawn all the shades in our own little room; whereas, it is true that all the world is filled with sunshine except where we in our limited fashion have shut out the light. There is always a larger pattern of happiness, for in the world there is far more light and cheer than there is gloom and bitterness.

Further, why not make it a habit to dwell upon the bright side until it is remembered, while the ugly and unsightly is forgotten because not held dear to the heart. The quick way to be dour and sour in spirit is to harbor a grudge, to clasp a thorn so tightly to our bosom that it irritates us with every movement. A known method to grow aloof and bitter is to remember the clouds and not the blue skies. Think what beautiful views you have forgotten as you go back over your journeys, solely because some storm upset your balance and your pace momentarily! Force your mind to put out of its center the dismal and the hurtful; instead, place at the heart of your appreciations the eternal sunshine and the radiance you have enjoyed so many of your years. Learn to laugh. Read jokes. Consider the twinkle in grandfather's eye and give him your blessing for being such a "good soldier." Listen to the prattle of a child. Remember, the song of the robins is now in your back yard. The

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Frank B. Robinson...

The Nearness of God



WE HAVE seen that the Power of the Spirit of God is the Life that is Almighty God. We have seen too that your little life, lived in the physical body people mistake for the real you, is in essence, the very Life that is God. We have also seen that the part cannot be separated from the whole. Therefore, again I call your attention to the fact that in the moment that you realize that you do live in and through and by the Power of the Spirit of God, in that moment there is available to you more spiritual Power than you will ever be able to use.

Whether you use that Power or not is something for you to decide. Whether you choose the ways of the physical body, completely ignoring the spiritual ways of God, well — that's for you to decide also. What we know now is that if you will, whenever you will, wherever you will, there, closer than your hands and feet, closer than death, lives in you the invisible Power of the Spirit of God, the Creator of the universe. And It lives there for a distinct pur-

pose. That purpose is to reveal Itself to you. When the revelations of the actual and literal Power of God in you begin to make themselves evident in your life, your neighbors will know that something has happened in your experience.

The first thing you will notice is an inner peace, which will show itself outwardly. There will be a calm serenity about you which nothing can disturb. For when you learn the lessons of the present existence of God, well, you will leave behind you all the cares and worries of the day. You won't even recognize them because you are living your life in the Power of the Spirit of God, and that Great Spirit knows nothing about cares, worries, and the like. They come only from the physical body and the accompanying physical mind — that mind which is born of the physical brain.

So be in earnest. Be sincere, and watch your whole outlook gradually turn from one of discouragement to one of overwhelming peace.

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Loans Which Are Un-Limited

DID you ever try to obtain a loan on any of your possessions? If so, you discovered that for a small loan you could get by fairly easy with but a small chattel as collateral. But in order to secure a **BIG LOAN** you had to put up the best securities you had. And not only that, but you had to "contribute" certain spiritual attributes to the deal, (such as honesty, industry, responsibility, etcetera) to form the requisite essential to a "good risk."

Let me tell you about a Polish boy (long since man-grown). Eddie, as we will call him here, was the son of immigrants. There was a large family, very poor, so Eddie set out early to earn his way through public schools and college. Then he secured a position in a branch of the Government service, starting at the bottom. He married a Polish girl named Rose. Together they "took stock" and decided how they could get ahead by using their ingenuity along with his beginner's salary.

They lived in Chicago, and bought a run down house very cheap, and on monthly payments. She scrubbed the interior days,

and Eddie painted, varnished and papered nights. He was handy with tools and added clever conveniences. Rose enhanced it all with her talent for decorating. Together they landscaped the tiny yard, and he painted the exterior. Then they readily sold the transformation for a **FAIR** profit. Using that money as security, they bought another house in need of renovation and repeated the process.

Eddie and Rose kept up this hobby over a period of years. Each time they acquired better property than before, and more desirably located, for they were steadily increasing not only their securities, but their "spiritual backing" as well. Now, with their family of four college-educated and married they are enjoying that comfort and well being which was not wrought with "elbow grease" alone!

However, this is not intended as a treatise on finance loans for which you must pay great sums of interest and often usury. Rather it is a delving into the realm of spiritual loans and their inexhaustible riches.

"Spiritual loans?" you ask skeptically.

"Yes, those loans from God, our Creator, which we so frequently MIS-use, or more often overlook using at all. Those attributes which so many of us sort of "take for granted."

Did you ever stop to consider that actually WE DO NOT OWN A SINGLE THING; not the home we live in, nor the food in our icebox, nor the clothes we wear, nor the money in our purse! ALL THAT WE HAVE IS ON LOAN FROM GOD. Even our very life is a loan—but *how well we use it* is our prerogative.

"CHILDREN DON'T BELONG TO US — JUST ON LOAN" was the caption appearing in an advice column of a recent big city daily. The article concerned a certain woman who began suffering severe headaches and other ailments after the last of her three sons had married and left home. Finally with a complete nervous breakdown the mother traveled through a long seige of dark places until at last she came to realize she shouldn't try to gobble up her offspring with "possessive love."

One day she said, "I am going to take up my music again. I used to play the piano quite well. I'm going to try to get some pupils. Do you think I can do it?"

"Yes, I do," her doctor replied.

She looked past him out of his office window to where some little boys were playing ball. "Nobody we love ever belongs to us, do they" she said. "Not even our children."

"No," said her doctor. "Especially the children. THEY ARE JUST ON LOAN, Mrs. G——."

More sorrow and ill-health is caused by our "clinging" to persons, places and things whose loans have terminated for us. Therefore isn't it about time we turned about face and began to cultivate our spiritual assets whose benefits are everlasting?

A certain young lady lay in bed, her right arm paralyzed. She believed in the power of prayer and began to repeat over and over to herself softly, "GOD FILLS AND THRILLS ME WITH HIS HEALING LIFE." Suddenly one morning she realized that her right index finger was moving ever so little. She THANKED GOD instantly for that evidence of health. She became so intent on watching new life in that finger tip that she looked beyond the seeming inertia in her arm. One by one the other fingers began to show signs of new life. Before long she was gleefully wiggling all five digits! Through consistently PRAISING and THANKING God for each additional evidence of renewing life in the stricken member, it expanded until her entire arm was completely healed.

GOD'S PLAN FOR MEN IS TO UNFOLD THEIR LATENT DIVINITY. But if by our own negligence we manage poorly with the loans God has intrusted to us, then those attributes automatically decrease and les-

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Living Thoughts for Better Living



"We are, when we will it, masters of our own fate." . . . Ferrier

THE other day I read a testimonial written by a Psychiana student in which she said that she shocked someone by saying that she was "master of her fate and captain of her soul." This took me back to a half-forgotten incident in my own experience. I had a sister who was a singer. She was a church soloist and one Sunday she planned to sing *Invictus* by William Henley. Some of the lines were quite familiar even then, twenty years ago.

"It matters not how strait the gate,

How charged with punishment the soul,

I am the master of my fate;

I am the captain of my soul!"

She rehearsed the song with the organist at the Friday night choir practice and the minister happened to walk in. He stood transfixed in the back of the church and when the song was over he strode prophetically down the aisle.

"That song," he proclaimed

in a shocked voice, "will not be sung while I am pastor here. "It's atheistic. It's downright sinful. It leaves God out of the picture. That's a song for the freethinkers, but not for us!"

I remember how we later sat around the family table going over that song as if it were some devilish blackmail. My sister was scared. My mother was shocked. My dad said he thought it all depended on what a person read into it. And for a long time I put Henley and his *Invictus* in with Tom Paine, Emerson, Walt Whitman and the rest of the heretics.

Boyhood impressions take quite a beating in the business of growing up. We all reach a time when we are bound to start thinking for ourselves. We come to grips with the hard realities of life, and a philosophy begins to take shape. We test our convictions and our suppositions in the fire of experience and a few things present themselves as truth. We grope in the darkness of bewilderment and illusion, and faint flickerings of light fil-

ter in to guide our way. I have found truth and light in the words of the French poet Ferrier who said, "We are, when we will it, master of our own fate."

I like the qualification, "When we will it." If we do not will to be masters of our destinies we are left to chance. Chance can be good or bad, but it is our WILL that makes us masters.

Ever since the days of Augustine who lived in the 4th cen-

tury and even before his time, men have been arguing about freewill and God's will. They have split theological hairs over the question whether foreordination is the same as predestination. Does a God who foreknows also foreordain? Are we, after all, only pawns in the hands of a heavenly chessman who is moving us about as he wishes? In the 16th century two great factions developed in Protes-

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Questions & Answers

(This section is devoted to questions which have been sent to us by our students. If you have a question, the answer to which you feel would be of interest to other students as well as yourself, send it in to us. We reserve the right to choose those questions which are published.)

When one is a student of Psychiana, should he discontinue all contact with any other religious organization or church?

A PERSON'S religious education really extends beyond the realm of himself. His outward actions should convey to others a certain awareness that he has

an inner peace. And, too, religious education should be a continuous process. One can find out things which others believe by talking and meeting with others, even though he doesn't agree with them.

Therefore, I would say that it is not necessary to drop all contact with others who are of a different faith than you are. All of us here in America are Americans, but we all do not agree on everything. So it is with those who are seeking spiritual light and understanding: we are all seekers, but this does not mean that we all agree.

No, if a Psychiana student wishes to attend meetings of other religious groups so that he may enlarge his knowledge, I think this is fine, and nothing should prevent him from doing so. For only by seeking will we find that which seems to us to be the truth, and we still can reject that which does not fit in with our own philosophy.

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world is mostly gay and good. Think of these things. It will help you rebound rapidly.

Discover, in addition, how to help someone else less fortunate, and see the restored light in their eyes. Teach some youth a new truth; show a child a new achievement; bring to another your melody. Undertake to carry some of society's load. I think of Helen Keller—who is as great an inspiration as anyone I can know. She has recently been re-elected as the president of the John Milton Society (for the blind, for the 20th consecutive year. Being blind, deaf, and dumb, this rare soul refused to be beaten to earth; overcoming, she has inspired others to carry on in behalf of the handicapped. Just this one Society which Miss Keller heads distributes Christian literature in braille in eight languages through 62 countries.

Besides, there is the unlimited resource of God, who is Sovereign Goodness, and who will not let any man stay down, if he wills to rise. We do not have power because we do not will it; we do not drink deeply because our cups are too shallow; we have not learned how to rebound because we have not trusted in the ongoing Goodness in the world Who is God. He never makes evil, he only allows it. He never produces hardships, but does provide the strength and the example to conquer and to survive. Remember that; it is so good to know that in the Sovereign God there is the reason

for each man's continued RE-BOUND along the way of life.

Many of you are acquainted with the Apostle Paul of the New Testament; he was beaten, stoned, chased by his enemies, but his rebound was terrific. Listen to his words: "We are pressed on every side, yet not straitened; perplexed, yet not to despair; pursued, yet not forsaken; smitten down, yet not destroyed . . ." So, I say, examine your own present mood; are you languishing and disconsolate? There is no reason for that. "Earth has no sorrows that heaven cannot heal" is a true statement; but the healing begins when "a little of heaven" gets inside each of us; and then we are constantly rebounding from every hardship and strain. Is that not wonderful?

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tantism with Calvin expounding a theory of election and Arminsen. Have you recognized all the loans He has made to you, and used them according to your fullest ability?

Or have you hidden a talent, just as the servant of old, because you are afraid of losing it? What talents are you carrying hidden, unused? Is it a talent for vitality, for energy? A talent for love, for patience, for trust, for HEALING?

YOU ARE A SON OF GOD RIGHT NOW, and you have access to His boundless storehouse, His bank of eternal supply. This

realization compels us to pick up our drooping shoulders, lift our bowed heads and begin to use His securities. All good things exist for us, but we have got to learn to enjoy these loans WITHOUT LOSING SIGHT OF THE GIVER.

PRAYER IS THE GREATEST TOOL GOD HAS LOANED

TO US. Bankruptcy will never result from your using this "loan credit" to the limit. And there will never be a crash on Wall Street through your lavish outpouring of His priceless attributes. Neither will inflation result therefrom — for GOD-LOANS ARE UN-LIMITED.



Letters

FROM MEMBERS

Tennessee
December 28, 1951

Psychiana

Moscow, Idaho

This particular letter I've intended to write for quite some time, for I feel I should thank all of you for the ideas contained in your twenty-lesson course in Psychiana, as copyrighted in 1932. This group of instructions I studied diligently in 1947.

Since 1947, I have practically


conquered all forms of fear, chiefly through the conviction that I am living in partnership daily with our Infinite Creator.

Everything I turn my hand to earnestly and sincerely, succeeds. I possess a confidence now which formerly I lacked; I work with a constantly increasing Spiritual understanding; opportunities come my way which yesterday I sought in vain.

Very Sincerely,

Mr. J. E. H.—.





Those who walk with God

CHARLES SPURGEON once said, "When you see a man with a great deal of religion displayed in his shop window, you may depend upon it he keeps a very small stock of it within." After one thinks about these wise words for a while, he realizes how true it is that an outward show of piousness is not a sign of inward spiritual understanding. Too many people all too often are prone to impress others, consciously, of the fact they are spiritually inclined, but upon knowing that individual better one all too often finds a shallowness of spiritual enlightenment.

I have known men in my time who regularly go to church every Sunday, nor would they miss this regular Sunday morning meeting for the world. They would feel hurt if anyone would even suggest that they forego the church services in order to engage in a game of golf or fishing trip. From their actions one could assume that their daily living habits correspond closely to the spirituality they exhibit-

ed every Sunday morning. This, however, was not the case. The "week-day" lives of these men were so different from the attitude they displayed on Sunday morning that it was almost a joke. And not a very funny joke at that.

This type of person is a hypocrite, pure and simple. But that is not the most important point: the point is that a person with such a dual outlook certainly must not have much of a conscience, or else he could not live by one standard during the week while extolling his spirituality only on Sunday morning. And if a man doesn't have much of a conscience, would he not be apt to have no qualms about being a hypocrite in other areas of his activities too? I think this is entirely possible. And I do not think this is a good situation for anyone to find himself in.

Examine your own actions in the light of what I've said, and make certain your outward actions reveal to others your inward feelings.



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ius stating his case for "unlimited atonement." Through all of these many centuries of religious disputation experience has taught us what argumentation can never teach: "We are, when we will it, masters of our own fate."

You can make your own test. You can put down this copy of the *Bulletin* right now and determine to meet life squarely, honestly, fearlessly, and you will find that you have the capacity to start doing just that. In other words, you can WILL to be the kind of person you want to be, and when you will it you will find that you have the strength to accomplish it. Say to yourself, "Life is rich and full and vital. I will to believe this and I will so to live," and conviction will be added to conviction until you find life to be exactly as you willed it to be. And you can live that way for all of your days if you WILL it. You can be the master of your fate and the captain of your soul.

Is this atheistic? Is this "downright sinful?" No. For even some pastors do not realize

that the will in us is God's will and the power of life in us is God's life. How can we be separated from it? How can we live if this contact is broken? Don't you suppose that the poet took it for granted that we knew that he meant that our real life is our spiritual life and our real fate consists of our thoughts, our attitudes, our philosophy? Of course he did. He was writing for people who recognized a Power greater than themselves upon which they could draw for strength to help them meet life and life's experiences. Robert Collier, to whom Dr. Robinson said he owed a debt of gratitude, once said, "Your mind is part of Universal Mind. You have the power to say what you require for perfect growth . . . It is by doing this that you take your fate out of the hands of chance. It is in this way that you control the experiences you are to have in life."

Ferrier put it frankly in his words; he also put it squarely up to every individual when he challenged us with his living thought, "We are, when we will it, masters of our own fate." Why not try it?

A look at next month's bulletin . . .



Pamela Dawn tells you that "In Praying For Others, You Pray For Yourself" . . . Marcus Bach states that, "it is impossible to live one way and pray another," in his regular feature, Living Thoughts For Better Living . . . Dr. Robinson, the Wayfarer, and our other regular features are highlighted in the April Bulletin. . . .