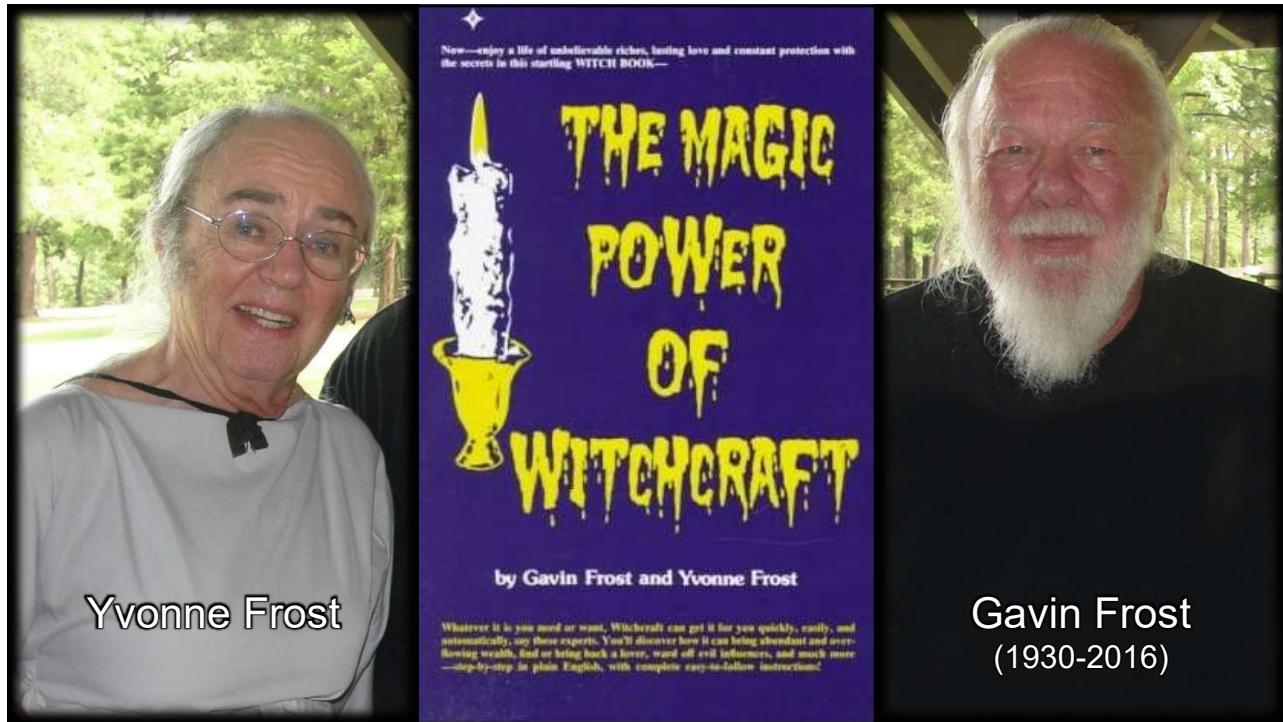




Self-Improvement / Self-Motivation Techniques



<p>6 HOW TO CHANGE YOUR LIFE WITH THE MAGIC POWER OF WITCHCRAFT</p> <p>in dreaded sweatshops because these masters knew they must not allow their workers to realize that they need not labor their life away. The powers associated with Witchcraft were kept a deep dark secret because anyone gaining the powers would be able to live serenely, no longer enduring oppression and enslavement. Today, however, the suppression of knowledge is not so easy; tens of thousands of people have become initiated Witches. As they learn and practice, so can you. Witchcraft was hushed up so that those in power could stay in power. If you want to</p>	<p>HOW TO CHANGE YOUR LIFE WITH THE MAGIC POWER OF WITCHCRAFT 7</p> <p>Because we Witches are not Christians, we do not have any real belief in the efficacy of the Christian form of prayer. It furthers me nothing, however, to mock the Christian mass or to say it backward, forward or sideways — any more than it would to reject religious acts of Muslim, Hinduism, Buddhism or Shinto. It is better by far to call on the old God Force and to form our own pure thoughtforms, avoiding any possible evil associated with a call to Satan or to some other devilish being.</p> <p>So you need have no fear; you will not in this Witch Book be</p>
<p>But because thoughts are real things, each time you, dear reader, think of Satan, you add to the thoughtform stored in the vastness of cosmic space, the thoughtform labeled "Satan."</p>	
<p>see as you read through this Witch Book how various writers have had just a piece of the truth and what awesome powers are available to the initiated Witch who has full knowledge of his or her powers. As you will see in reading this book, Witches can perceive the truth in its entirety. They realize the existence of the other nine-tenths of the iceberg. They have it all.</p> <p>SATANISM</p> <p>Witches are not Satanists, for Satan appears only in the Judeo-Christian Bible. But because thoughts are real things, each time you, dear reader, think of Satan you add to the thoughtform stored in the vastness of cosmic space, the thoughtform labeled "Satan." This allows people who are practicing Satanists to draw energy from your very thoughts. Satanism is indeed real — but it is not Witchcraft. The Craft was in existence long eons before the name of Satan was inscribed in the Christian writings.</p> <p>described in this book were made accessible to mankind for our use. People often protest that using these powers is evil, but evil is like beauty; it is in the mind of the doer, not in the power itself. The powers were placed here by the God for us to use. When the Rural Electrification Authority put power into the farmhouses and cottages of rural America, many said that this new force was evil. But how can a rational mind regard electricity as an evil force? When electricity is used to kill someone, it can indeed be regarded as evil. But when it is used to light the lamp of our understanding, obviously it is a good and beneficial power. Just as the humble plowman seeing the giant turbines and the power lines for the first time had no concept of the benefits available to him, so very few people have any idea of the vast cosmic forces which they can tap. But the forces are there: they should be used, though they should be used in constructive ways</p>	

*"God" in this work means both god and goddess, the two halves of the life principle.

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to help you change your life and, if possible, to make the world a better place.

AUTOMATIC, ASSURED SUCCESS

In reading these words you will learn many of the ancient occult secrets of the Witches. This will cause within you what Indian mystics have called the "opening of the chakras," that is, your psychic centers. What the gurus really meant by this phrase

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yours, when transmitted with the aid of the magic power you will learn of shortly, will speed to their target and cause those most desired things in your life to promptly become real. No matter what it is that you desire, this Witch Book will help you. Whether you want health, wealth, to spy on others or to stop them spying on you, your new knowledge of the Craft will surely, swiftly and automatically let you gain your heart's desire. Prove to yourself that the power is real. As soon as you realize how easy it is to feel it (described in Chapter 2), you will be able to direct it. Jot down

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convenient spot. One day in New York our friend Verna thought that she had made a mistake in her thoughtform, for the only parking spot she could find was around the block from her destination. But her magic had not failed her: the store front collapsed as she approached. If she had gotten a spot where she intended, both she and the car would have been wiped out.

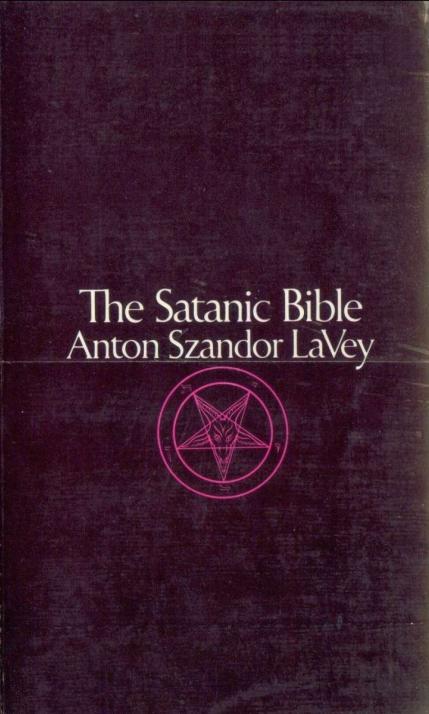
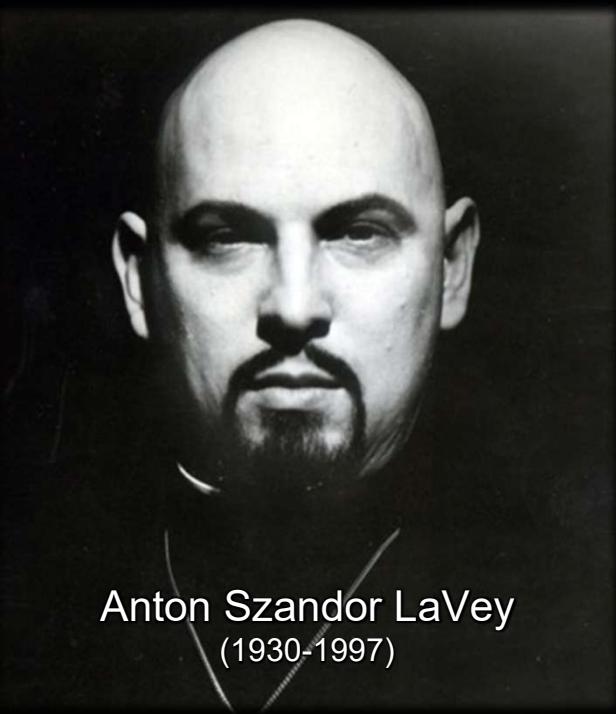
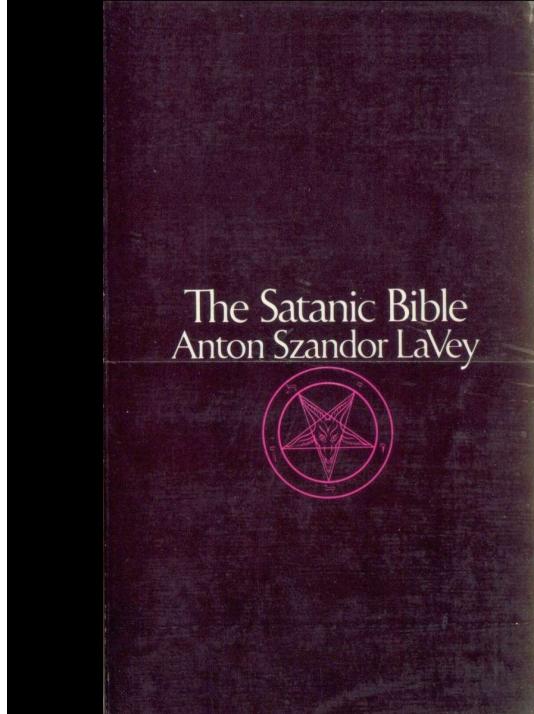
You will come to find that you can do these simple things almost without thinking — they become second nature. Influencing other people and ruling your own body is far easier than moving physical objects around. Recently a taxi driver short-changed me \$10. Nothing was simpler than to make him hit the road divider as he drove away. Then while he ruefully surveyed his bent fender, I got my \$10 back.

THOUGHTS INTO ACTION

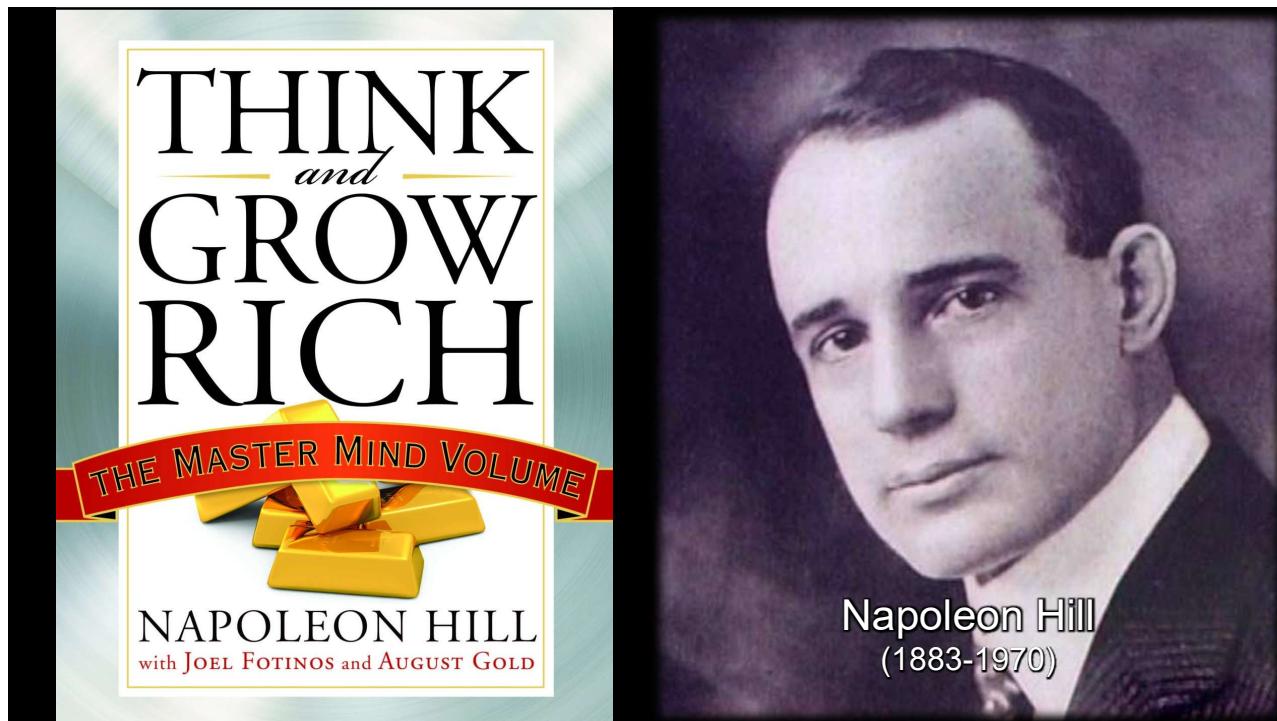
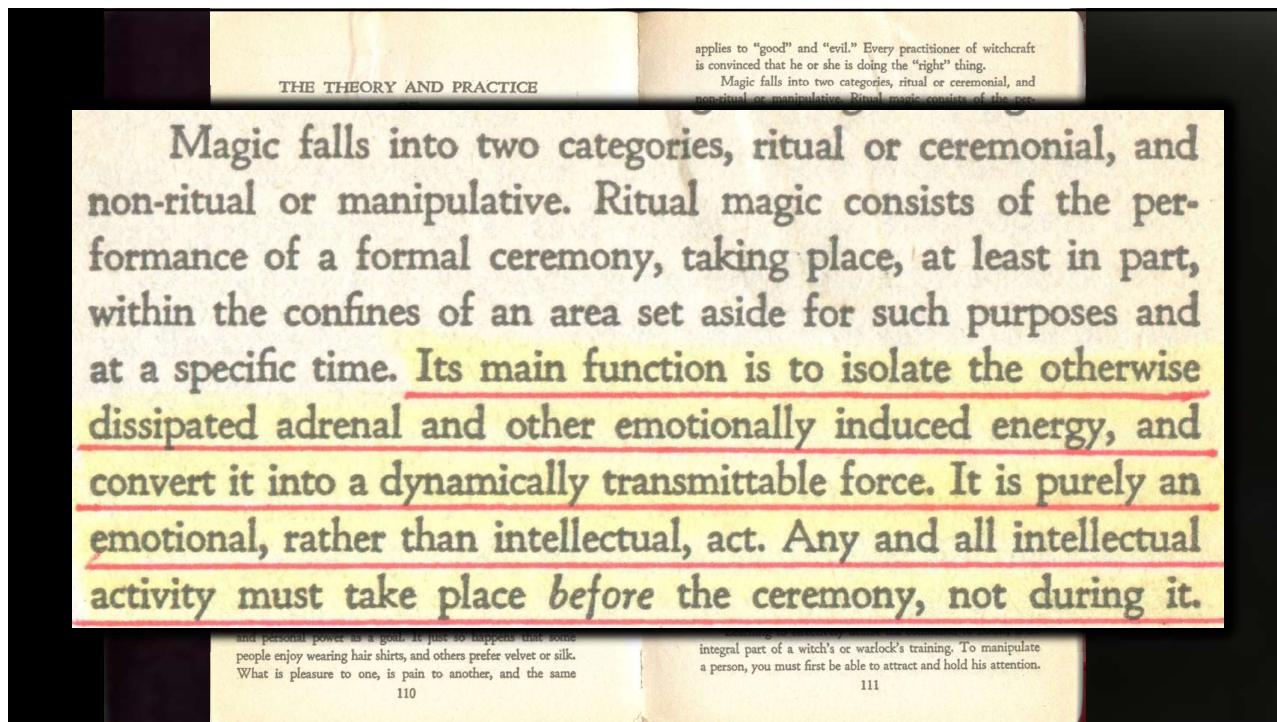
As you read these words, I am sure you are already thinking of things you would like changed in your life. These thoughts of moments each day during the next month, you can go forth and have that glittering, luxurious future that you have desired.

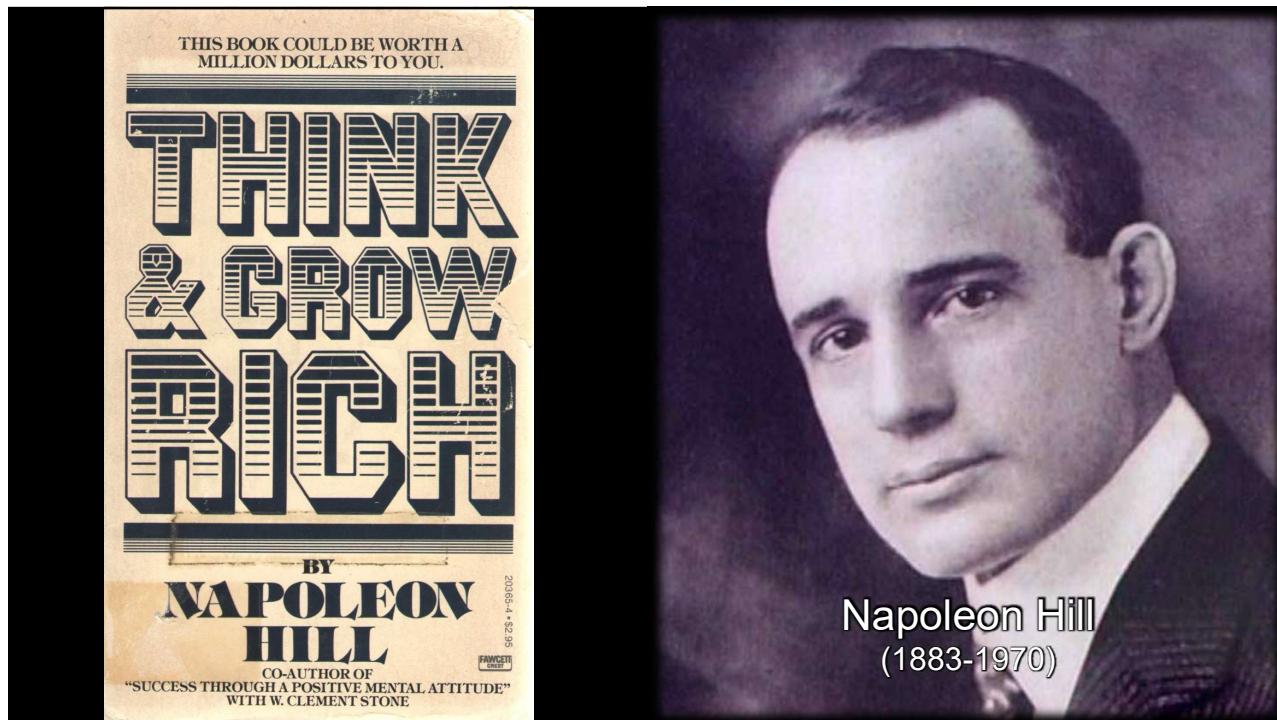
Good luck and blessed be.

Gavin Frost and Yvonne Frost

Anton Szandor LaVey
(1930-1997)





18 THINK AND GROW RICH

Remember, too, as you go through the book, that it deals with facts and not with fiction.

In connection with this, consider again the statement, all thoughts which have been emotionalized (given feeling) and mixed with faith, begin immediately to translate themselves into their physical equivalent or counterpart.

THE MAN WHO "THOUGHT" HIS WAY
INTO PARTNERSHIP WITH

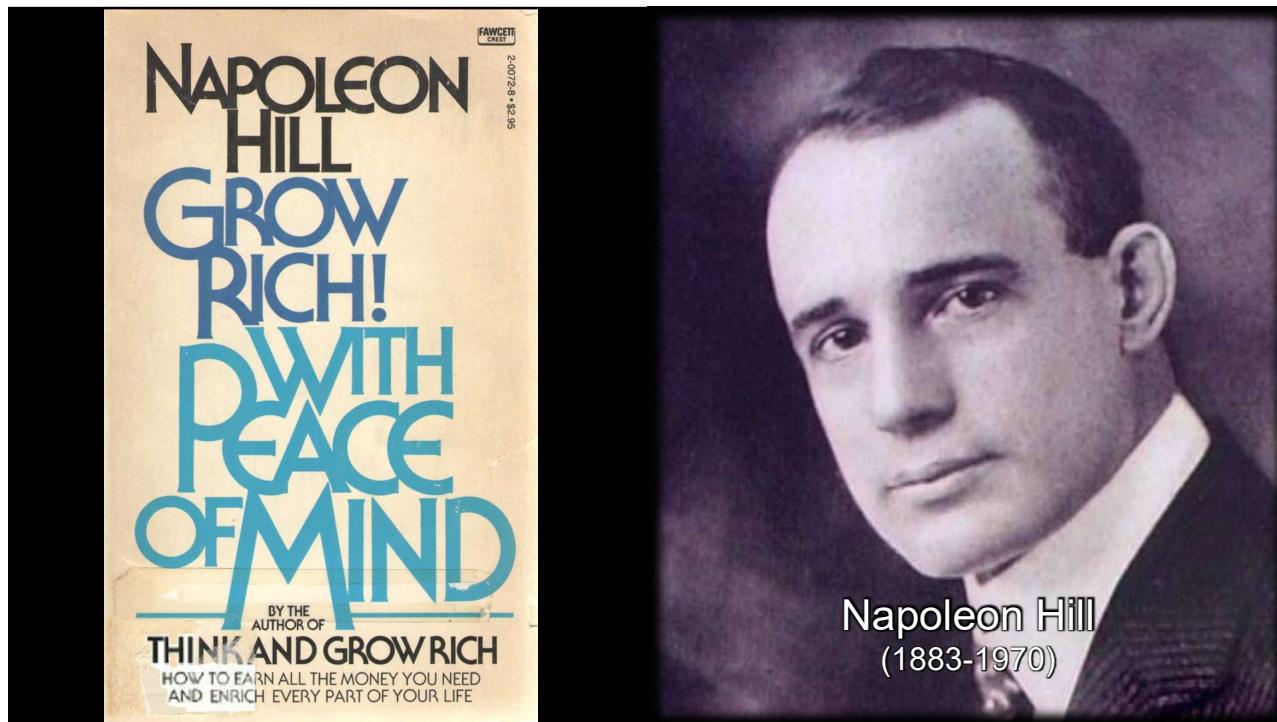
The emotions, or the "feeling" portion of thoughts, are the factors which give thoughts vitality, life, and action.

riches, or other material objects. Some years ago, Edwin C. Barnes discovered how true it is that men really do think and grow rich. His discovery did not come about at one sitting. It came little by little, beginning with a burning desire to become a business associate of the great Edison.

One of the chief characteristics of Barnes' desire was that it was *definite*. He wanted to work *with* Edison, not *for* him. Observe carefully the description of how he went about translating his desire into reality, and you will have a better understanding of the principles which lead to riches.

When this desire, or impulse of thought, first flashed

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Now and again I have had evidence that unseen friends hover about me, unknowable to ordinary senses. In my studies I discovered there is a group of strange beings who maintain a school of wisdom which must be ten thousand years old, but I did not connect them with myself. Now I have found there is a connection. I am not one of them!—but I have been watched by them. Here is how I found it out.

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poor live with their lack. Since John D. did change, I do not think he is turning over in his grave.

Through the Jungle of Life with unseen watchers. You know this book has been nearly seventy years in the making. I have intimated, too, that in those decades I did not know I would write a book which equates wealth with peace of mind, but somehow felt I would. Obviously I could not write it as a young man nor even as a fifty-year-old man.

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death, but you have been chosen to give mankind a philosophy by which men are prepared for happy living."

I whispered: "Who are you?"

In a softened voice, which sounded like chimes of great music, the unseen speaker replied: "I come from the Great School of the Masters. I am one of the Council of Thirty-Three who serve the Great School and its initiates on the physical plane."

The Great School of the Masters!

matters, I thought—yet it is good to have achieved that which the mind has conceived for so long a time. I was alone in my study and all was very still.

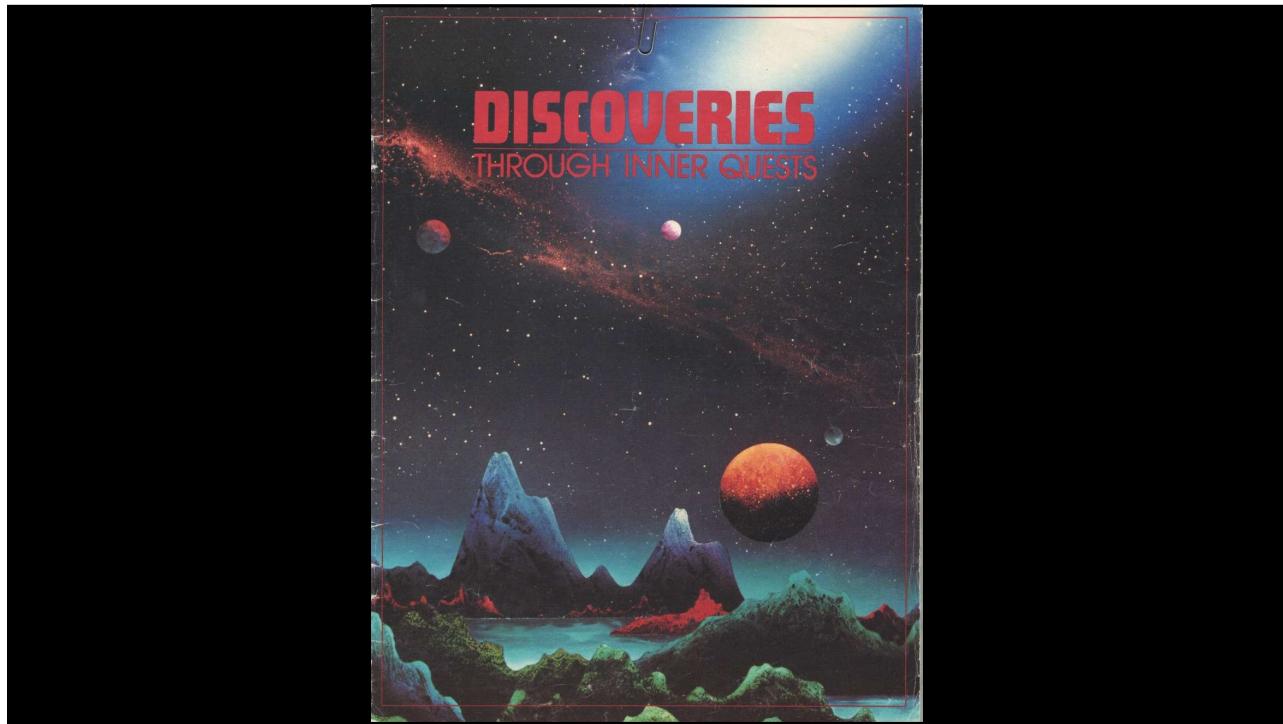
A voice spoke. I saw nobody. I cannot tell you whence the voice came. First it spoke a password known to few men, that riveted my attention.

"I have come," said the voice, "to give you one more section to include in your book. In writing this section you may cause some readers to disbelieve you, yet you will write honestly and many will believe and be benefited. The world has been given many philosophies by which men are prepared for

that this great prerogative, which has been reserved for man alone, provides man with the means by which he may largely control his earthly destiny.

The School has Masters who can disembody themselves and travel instantly to any place they choose in order to acquire essential knowledge, or to give knowledge directly, by voice, to anyone else. Now I knew that one of these Masters had come across thousands of miles, through the night, into my study.

The Master continues to speak. After having paused to allow me time in which to collect my thoughts, the Master



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Jonathan Parker has been involved in the areas of philosophy, comparative religion, transpersonal consciousness studies, and parapsychology. He has presented on the tapes in this series and has conducted many workshops and lectures on investigation and meditation.

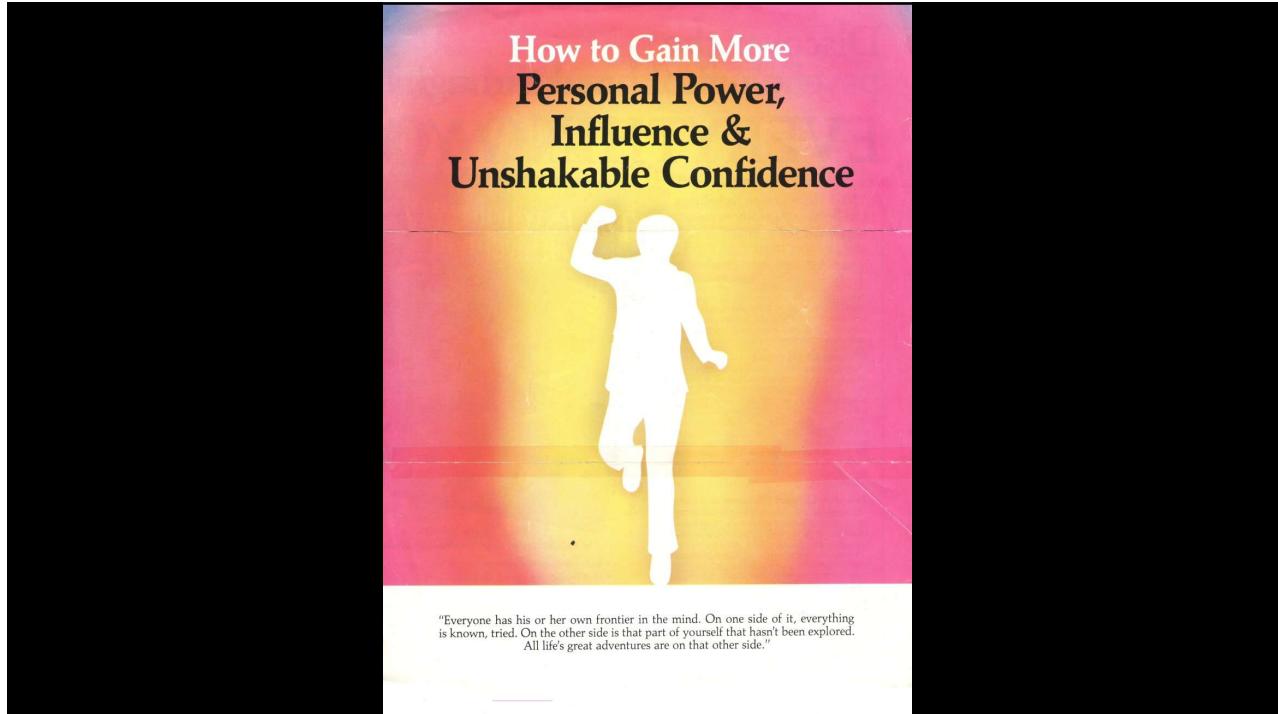
He has been supporting research in several exciting and important areas of study, including the expansion of the unlimited human mind, the development of new forms of energy, and in many cases there is evidence of what has been reported to the public. In this unfortunate situation, the Institute has decided to support the work of Jonathan Parker through the Breakthrough Foundation.

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The screenshot shows the homepage of the Nightingale-Conant website. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links for View Cart, My MP3s, and Contact Us. The main logo features a blue stylized 'N' and 'C' followed by the text 'Nightingale Conant' and the tagline 'It's your dream. It's your time. Let's get started.' To the right, there's a call-to-action for ordering by phone (800-557-1660) with options to check off CD's, DVD's, and Downloads. A search bar and a 'SEARCH' button are also present. Below the header is a horizontal menu with links for HOME, PRODUCTS, AUTHORS, DOWNLOADS, CATEGORIES, INSIDERS CLUB, FREE RESOURCES, ARTICLES, and COACHING. The main content area features a video player showing a video titled 'Noah St. John - What is Fear?' with a play button and a timestamp of 0:00 / 2:48. To the right of the video, a quote by Steve Jobs is displayed: 'Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life.' Below the quote is a section titled 'Receive a daily dose of insight and inspiration FREE Motivational Quote of the Day!' with input fields for First Name and Email, and a 'SUBSCRIBE NOW' button. A note at the bottom of this section says 'You may unsubscribe at anytime. Read our privacy policy.' In the lower-left quadrant, there's a 'New Releases' section with a thumbnail for a book titled 'How to Become FINANCIALLY FREE ON \$50 A MONTH'. The book cover features a woman smiling and holding a stack of money. Below the thumbnail, the title 'How to Become Financially Free on \$50 a Month' is listed along with a brief description: 'Financial experts Bill and Mary Staton show you how you can learn to become financially free on just \$50 a month. Get rid of your financial fears and uncertainties once and for all as you learn about America's Finest Companies' and author information 'by: Bill Staton and Mary Staton'. A 'DETAILS' button is located at the bottom of this section. In the lower-right quadrant, there's a graphic with two road signs pointing in opposite directions: one pointing left labeled 'FAILURE' and one pointing right labeled 'SUCCESS'. To the right of the signs, text reads 'Take the TEST that will determine whether you will be a SUCCESS or FAILURE'. A 'CLICK HERE' button is positioned below the signs. At the very bottom, there's a 'PRODUCTS' section with a link to 'New Releases'.



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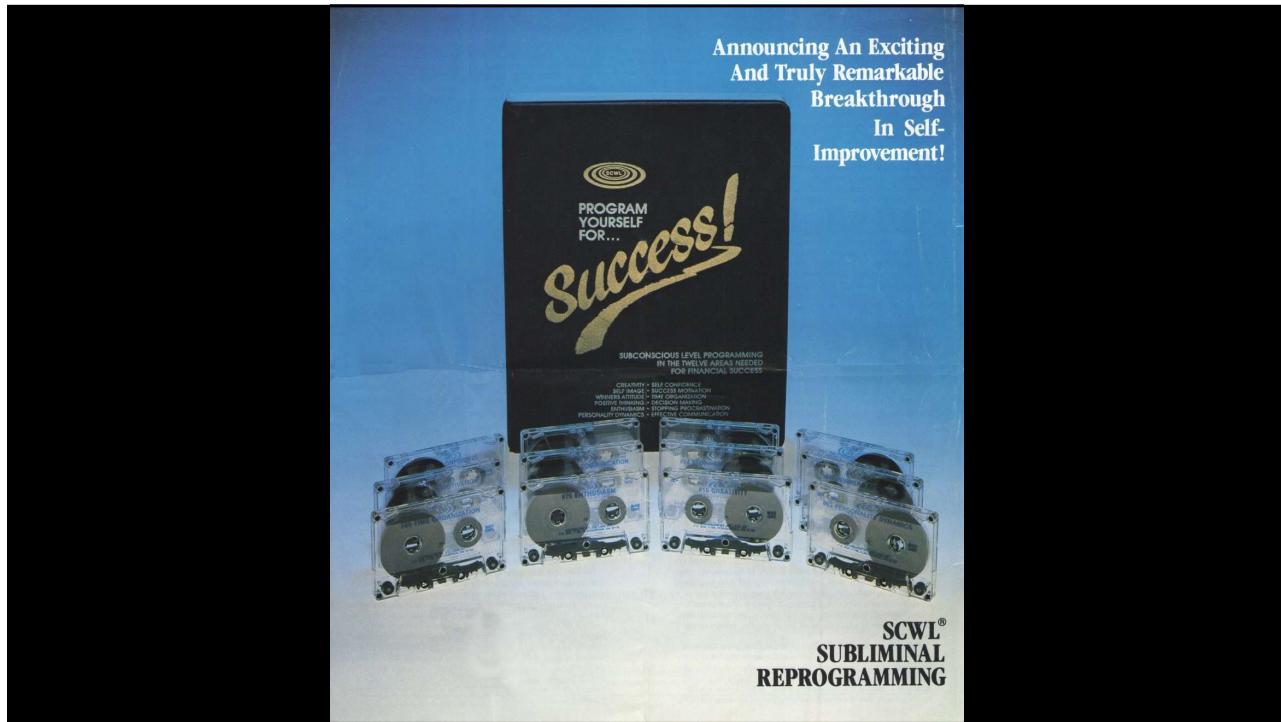
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competitive spirit is a vital necessity for the entrepreneur or investor. That competitive spirit provides the source of motivation that changes what would have been mediocre financial results into great fortunes. This program instills the competitive spirit in you which will make you eager to excel again.

❧ 2 Cor. 3:4-5 ❧

"And we have such trust through Christ toward God. Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think of anything as *being* from ourselves, but our sufficiency *is* from God."

is the only subliminal program that contains the necessary words to change your mind or moral beliefs. It contains the words "God is the supreme power in the universe; God is the ultimate power in life. **God is within me**; see God in my life; my faith in God is part of my personal power dynamics."

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SUCCESS MOTIVATION (3)

One cannot acquire true motivation from another person, no matter how dynamic or persuasive that person may be. Success motivation must originate from the subconscious mind. The SCWL program places in the subconscious mind attitudes of doing and achieving. It creates the motivation for success from within. It creates the action that is needed and commands the achievement of your goals. Exposure to the Success Motivation program will create a desire large enough to overcome virtually every obstacle which stands between you and financial success.

❧ Col 3:23-24 ❧

"And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ."

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❧ Rom 7:18 ❧

"For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but *how to perform what is good I do not find.*"

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❖ Gal 3:3 ❖

"Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by the flesh?"

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❖ Luke 17:21 ❖

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ἡ βασιλεία τοῦ Θεοῦ ἐντὸς ὑμῶν ἔστιν.
hē basileia tou theou entos humōn estin
the kingdom of God in you is

A better translation of 'entos humon' would
be 'in your midst' or 'among you'.

❖ Luke 17:20-21 ❖

"Now when He was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, He answered them and said, "The kingdom of God does not come with observation; nor will they say, "See here!" or "See there!" For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you."

❧ Mark 7:21-23 ❧

"For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within and defile a man."

POSITIVE THINKING (11)

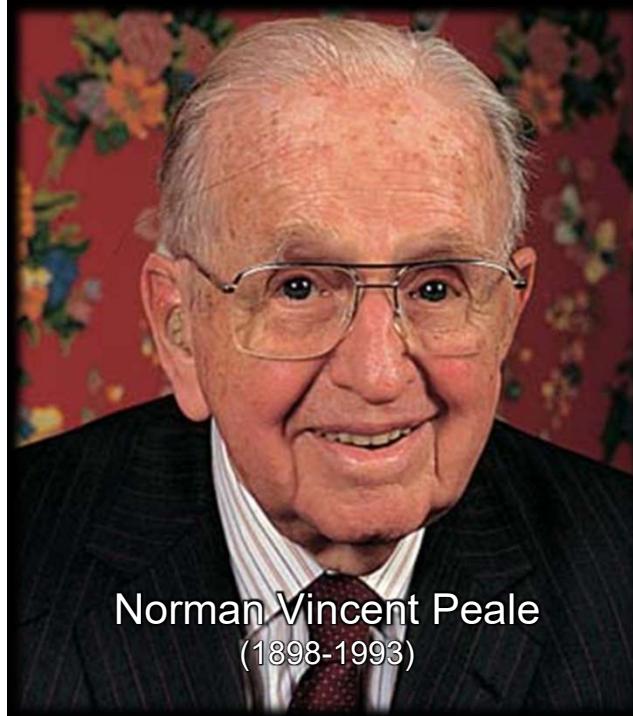
Much of the negative programming which is contained in our subconscious mind was placed there by our own negative thoughts, words and deeds. **The law of sowing and reaping will prevail in the fertile soil of our subconscious beings.** Negative plantings will bring forth negative fruit and the people who continually have "bad luck," individuals who can't seem to get things to go right, are simply engaged in a bountiful harvest of the seeds of negativity planted over the years. This program keys on positive thoughts and positive results. You'll find yourself speaking positively and avoiding negative comments from yourself and others.

❧ Gal. 6:7 ❧

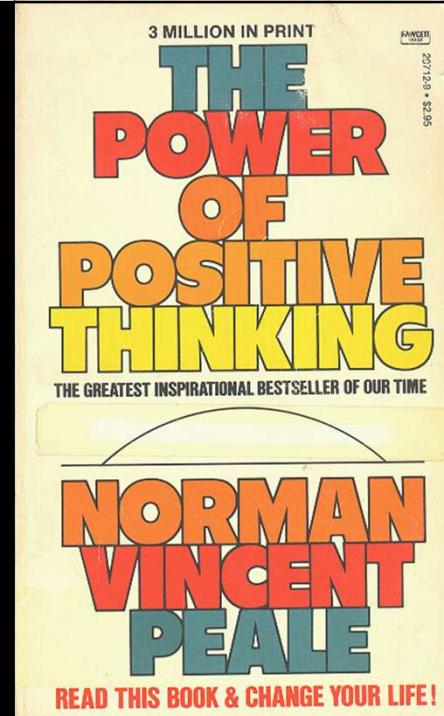
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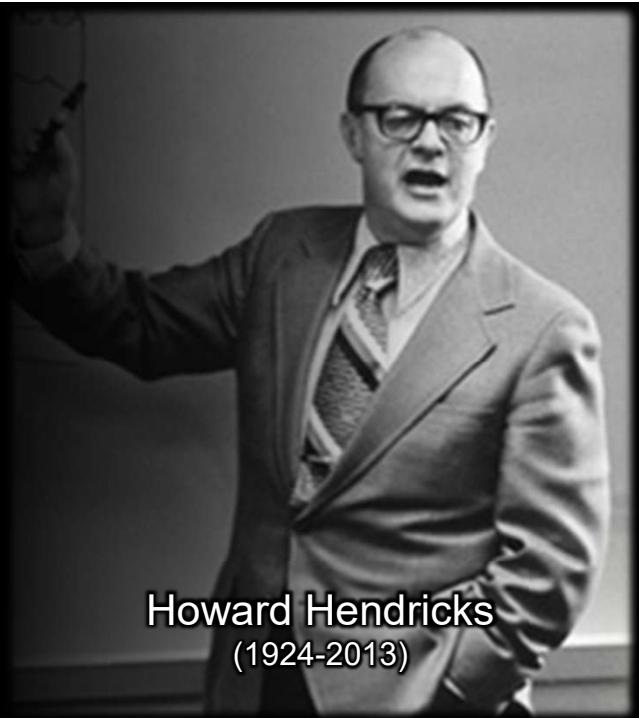
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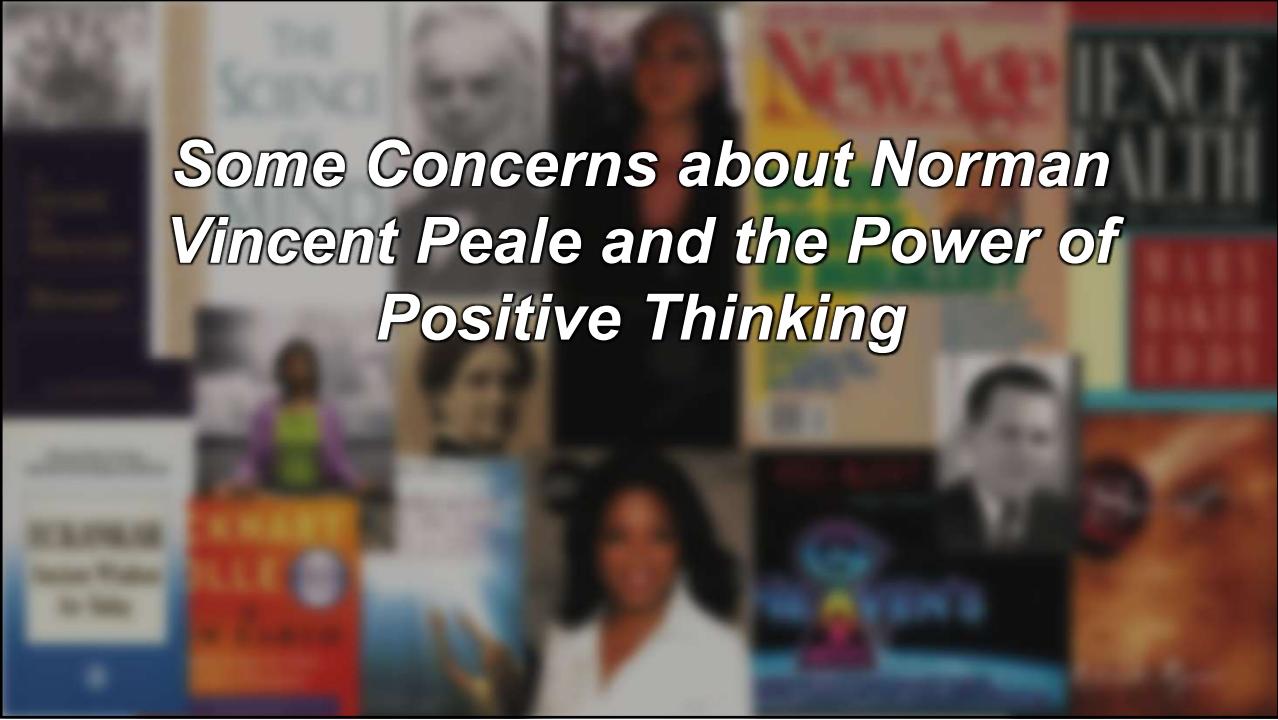
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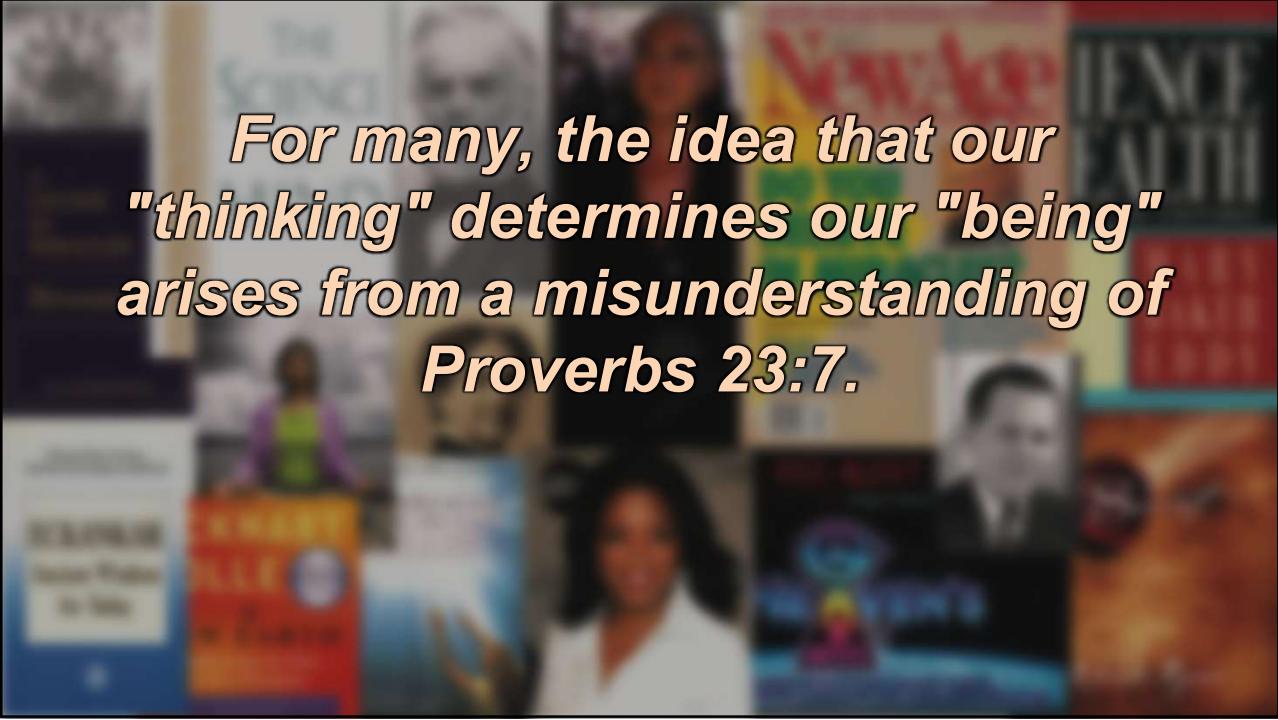
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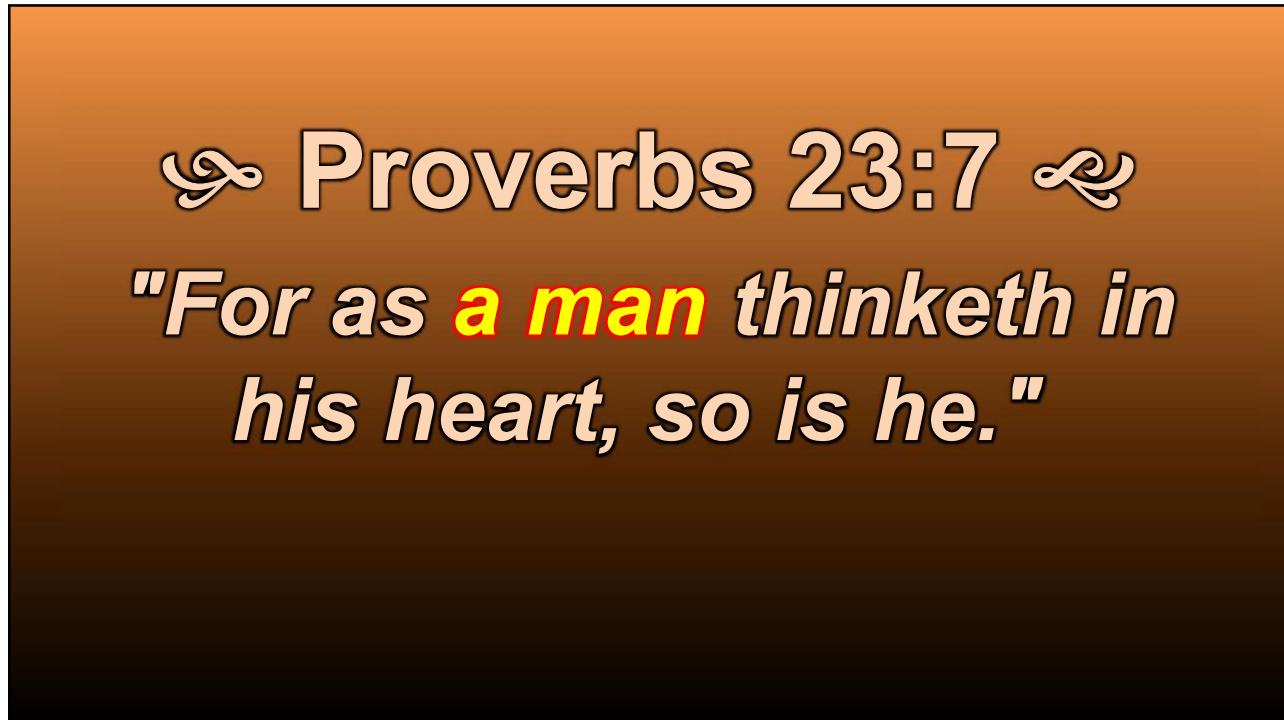
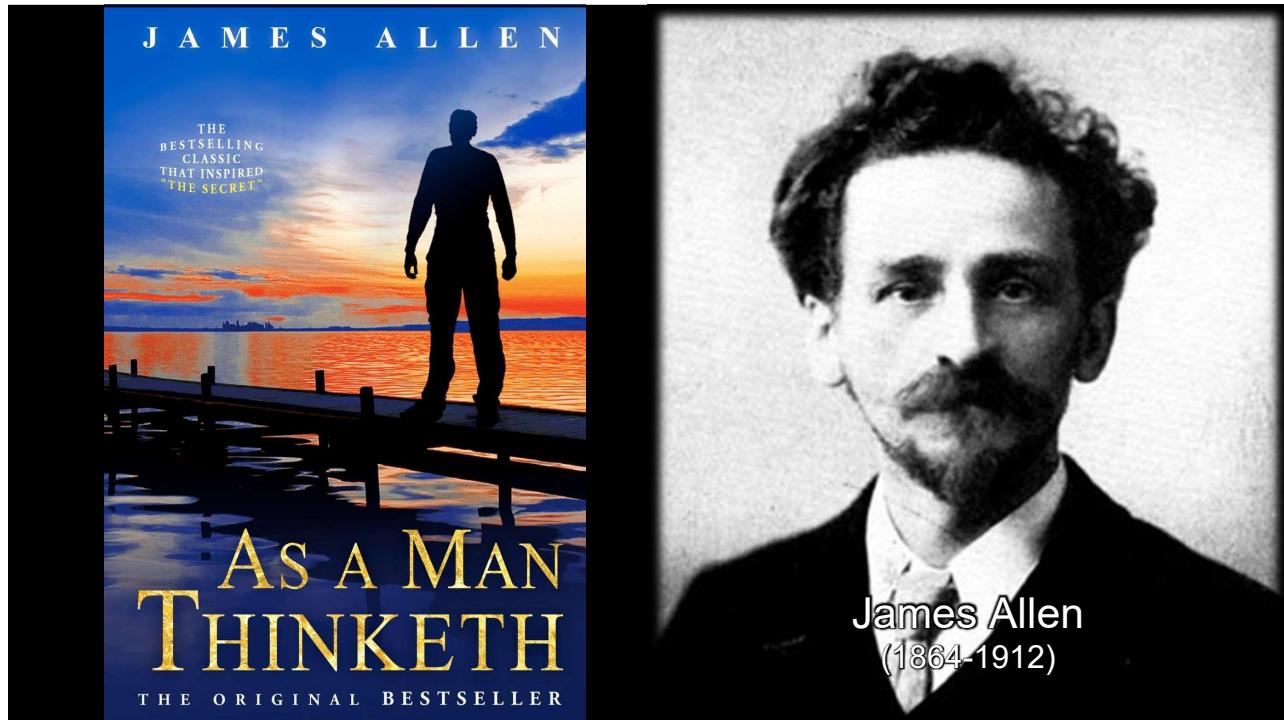
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Some Concerns about Norman Vincent Peale and the Power of Positive Thinking



For many, the idea that our "thinking" determines our "being" arises from a misunderstanding of Proverbs 23:7.



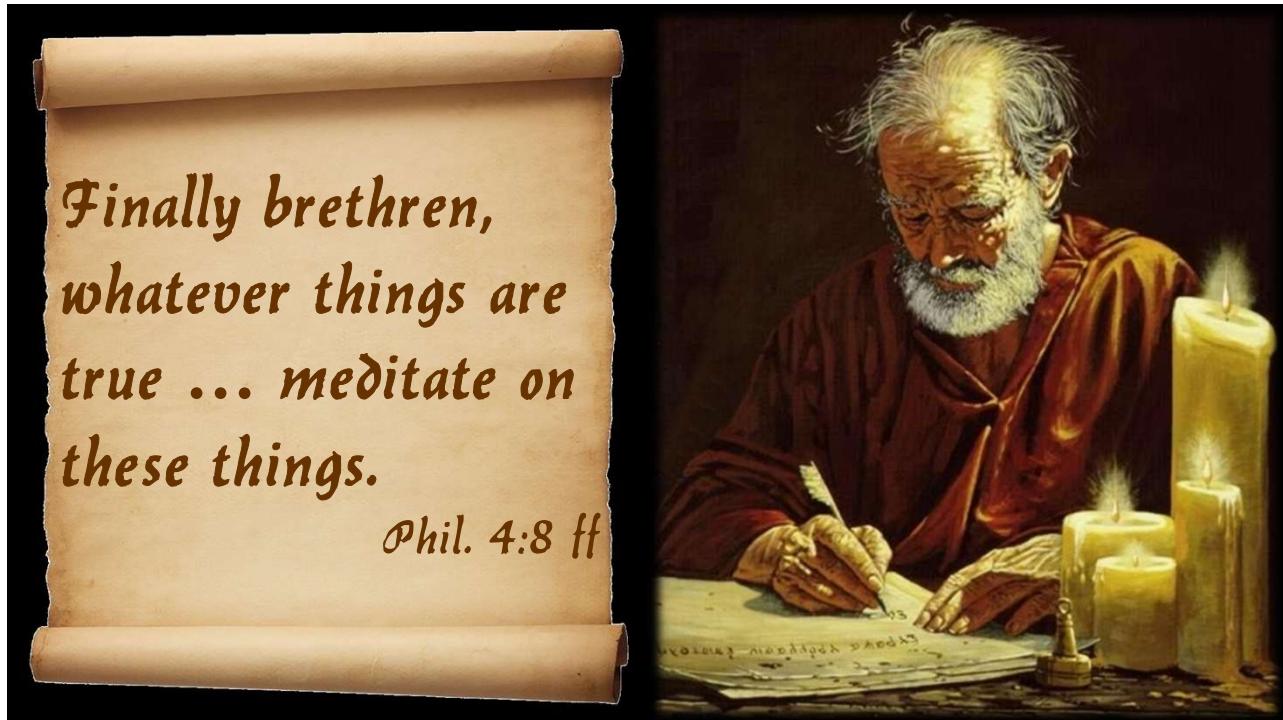
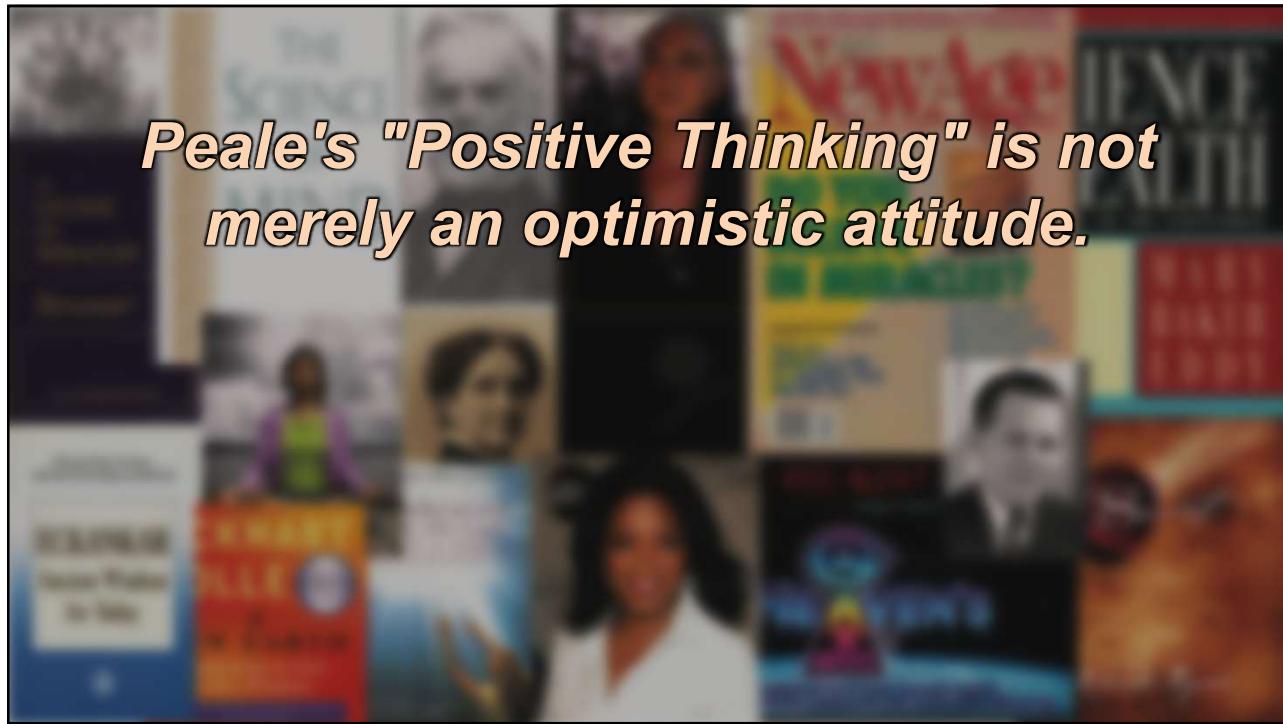
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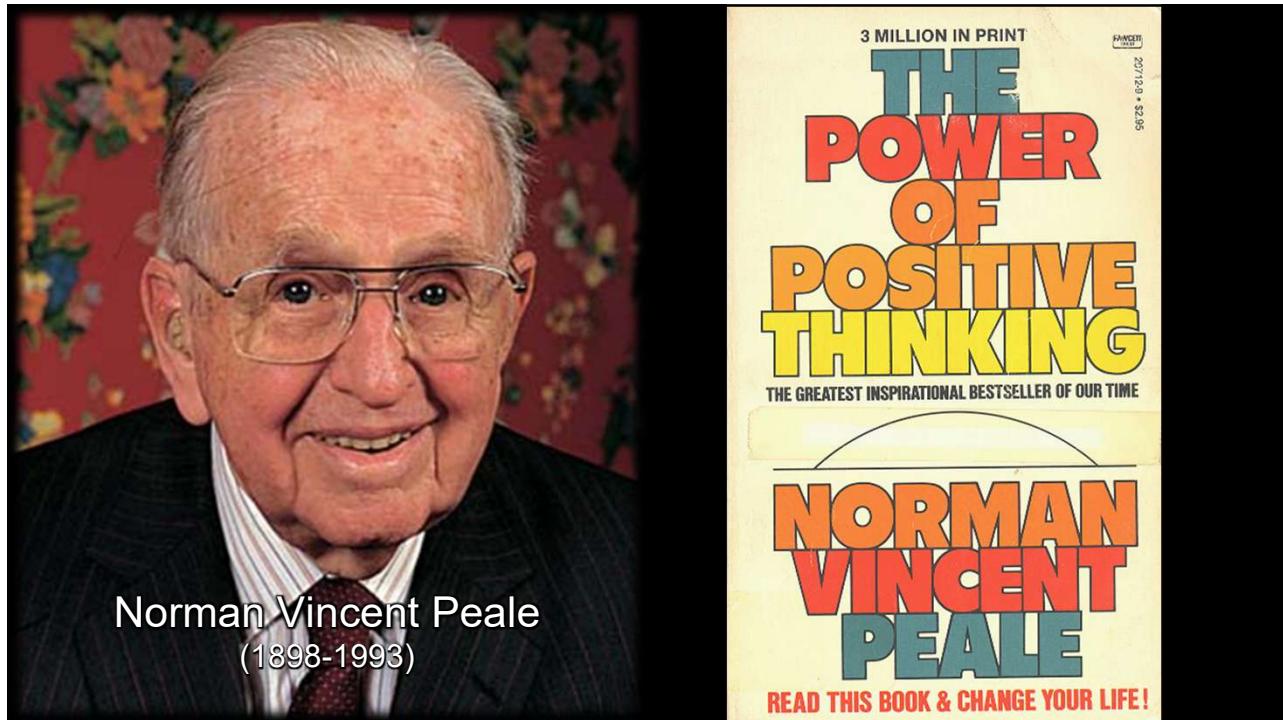
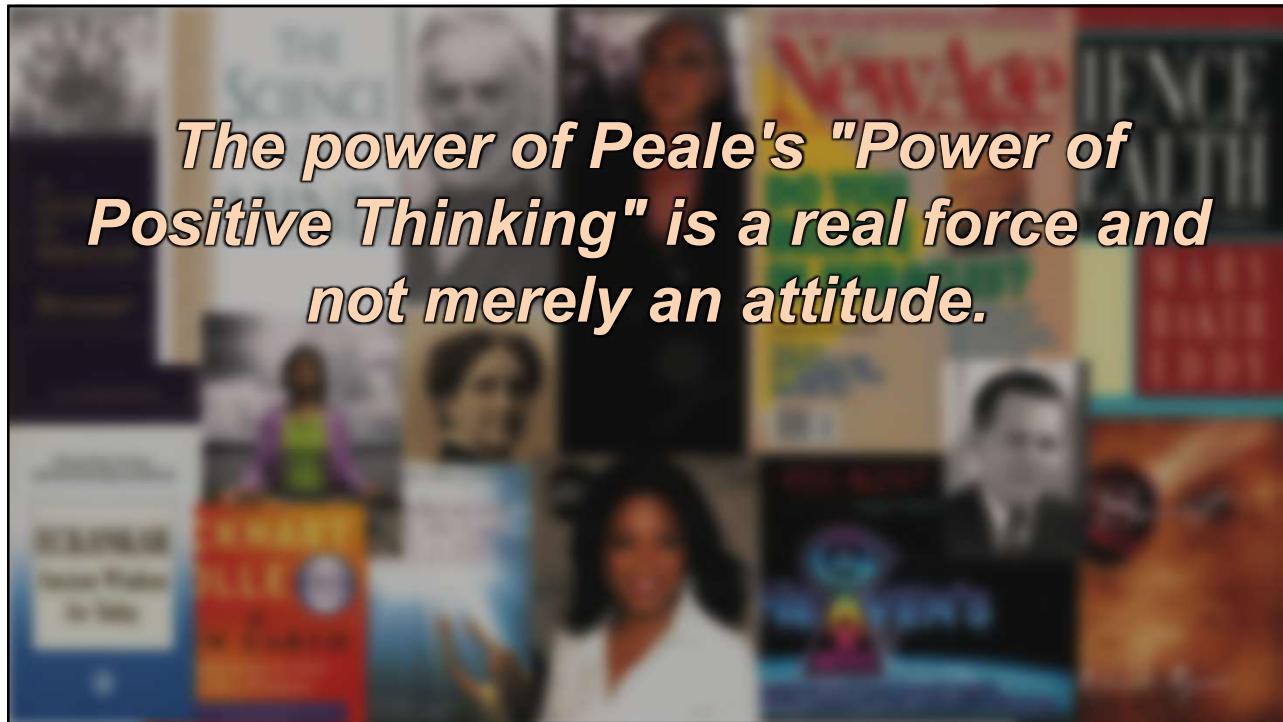
**"For as *he* thinketh in
his heart, so is he."**

❖ Proverbs 23:6-7 ❖

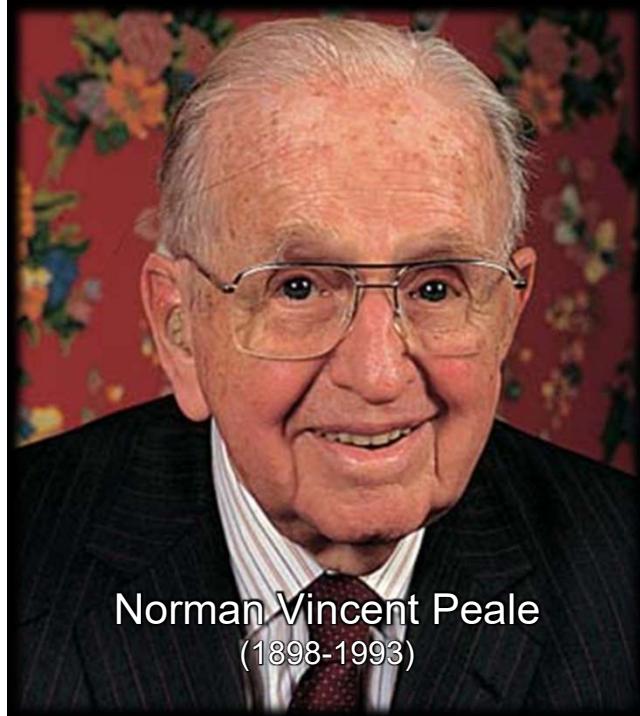
**"Do not eat the bread of a miser, nor
desire his delicacies; {7} For as he
thinks in his heart, so is he. 'Eat and
drink!' he says to you, but his heart
is not with you."**

Peale's "Positive Thinking" is not merely an optimistic attitude.





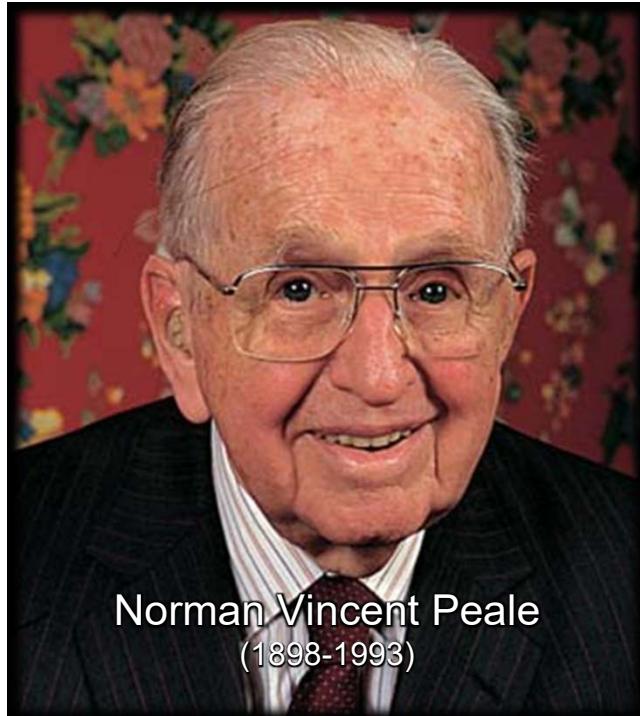
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**"Believe in yourself!
Have faith in your
abilities! Without a
humble but reasonable
confidence in your own
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successful or happy."**

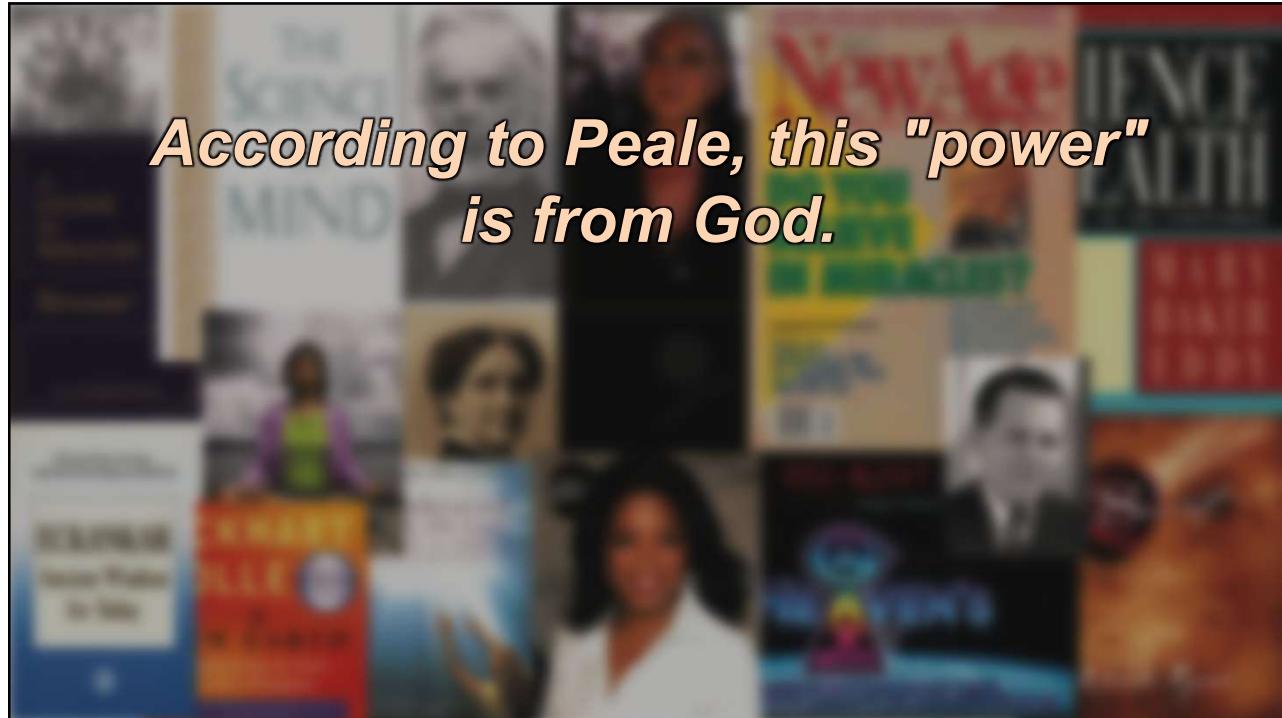
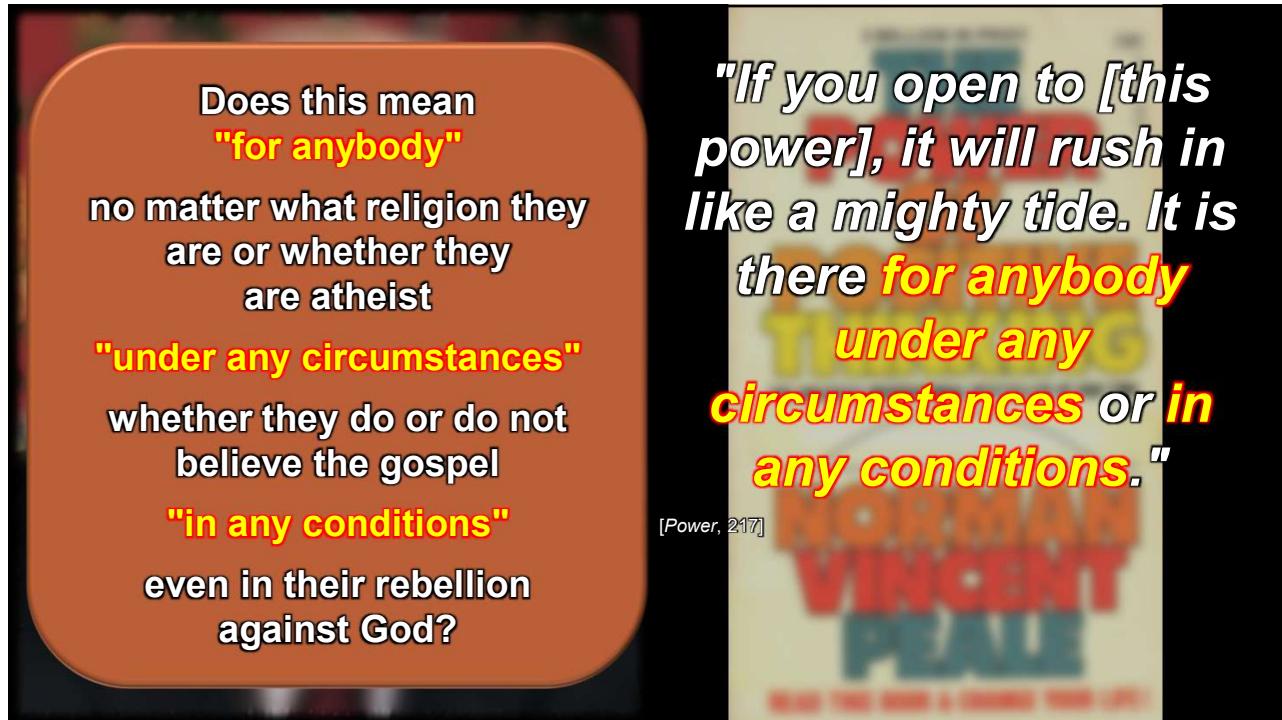
[Power of Positive Thinking, (New York: Fawcett Crest, 1982, 13)]

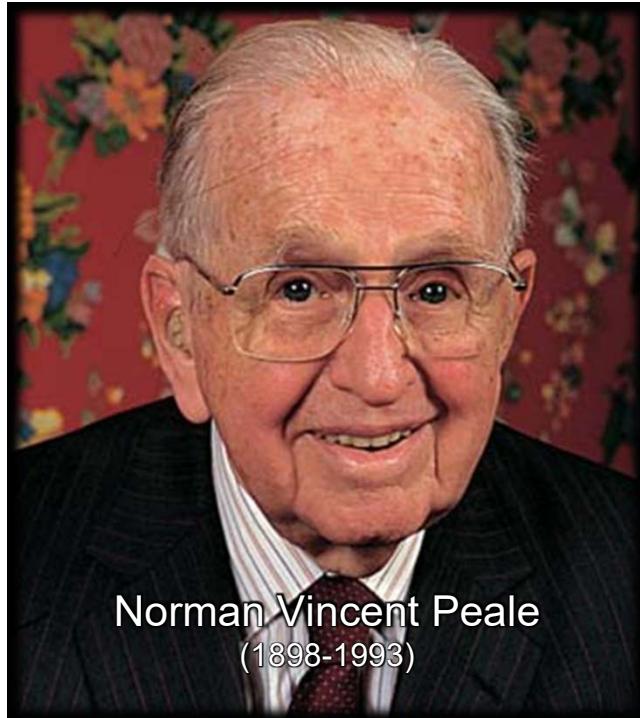


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**"If you open to [this
power], it will rush in
like a mighty tide. It is
there **for anybody**
under any
circumstances or in
any conditions."**

[Power, 217]



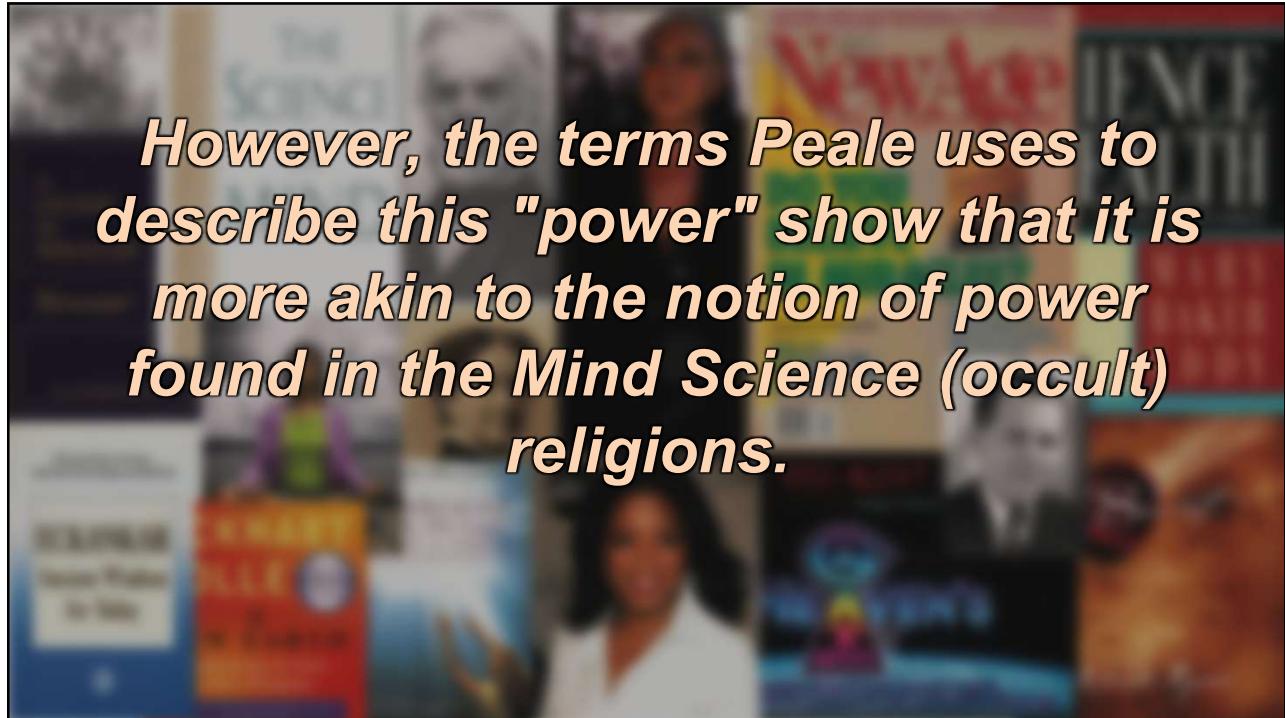


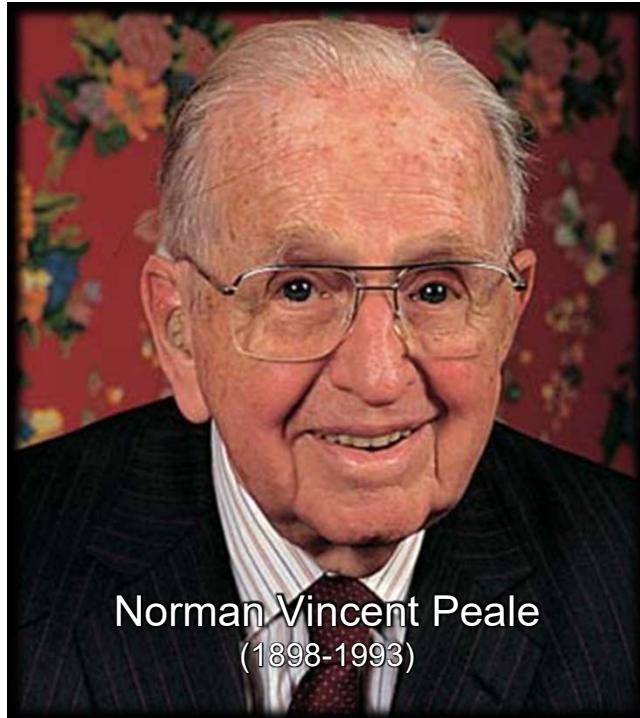
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"Practice resting ... in God [for] His support and power. Believe that He is giving it to you now and don't get out touch with that power. Yield yourself to it—let it flow through you."

[Power, 213]

However, the terms Peale uses to describe this "power" show that it is more akin to the notion of power found in the Mind Science (occult) religions.



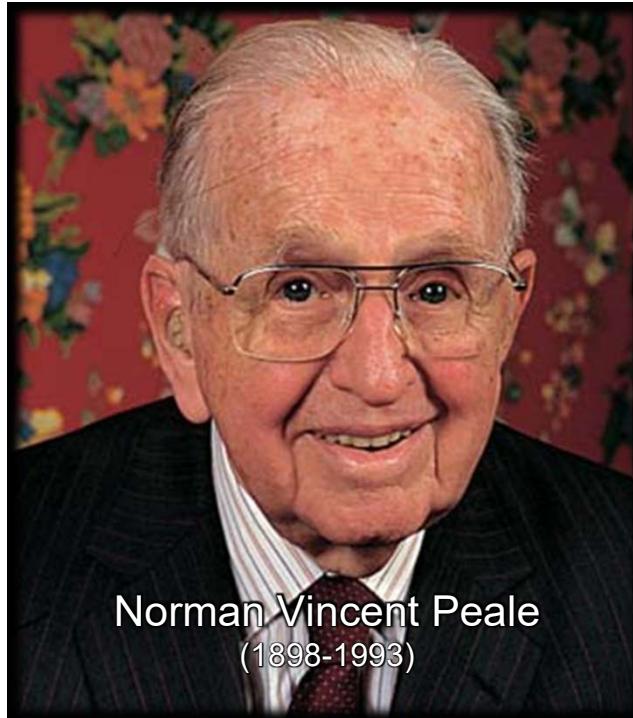


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"energy"
"scientific procedures"
"spiritual energy"
"mechanism of prayer"
"energizing force"
"techniques"
"efficiency"
"scientific spiritual practice"
"pattern"
"experimenting"
"formulas"
"skills"

"If you have not experienced this power, perhaps you need to learn new techniques of prayer. It is well to study prayer from an efficiency point of view. Usually the emphasis is entirely religious though no cleavage exists between the two concepts. Scientific spiritual practice rules out stereotyped procedure even as it does in general science. If you have been praying in certain manner, even if it has brought you blessings, which it doubtless has, perhaps you can pray even more profitably by varying the pattern and by experimenting with fresh prayer formulas. Get new insights; practice new skills to attain greatest results."

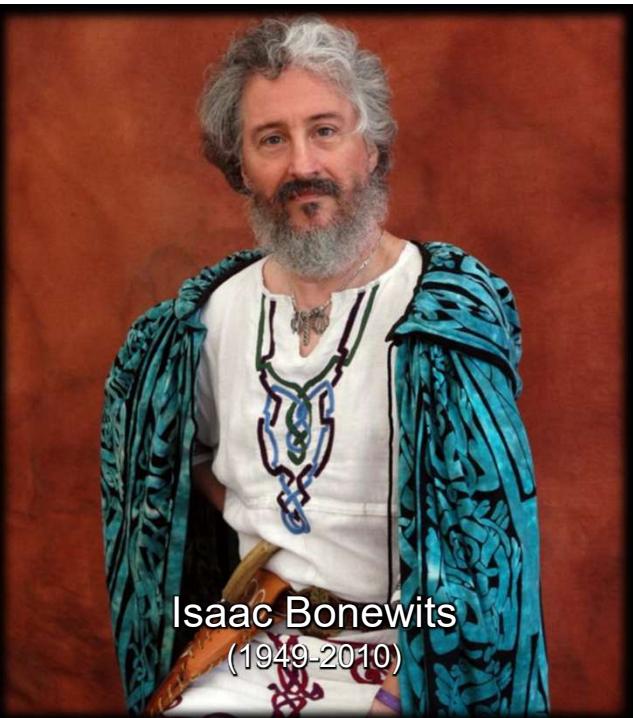
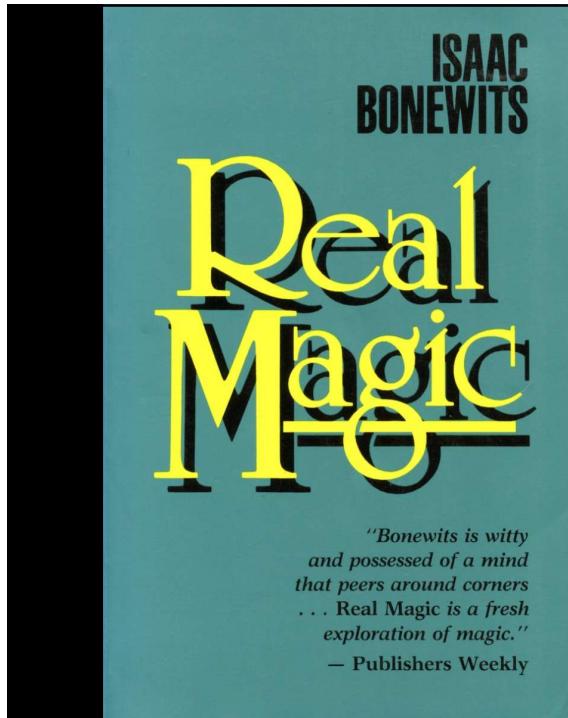
[Power, 53]



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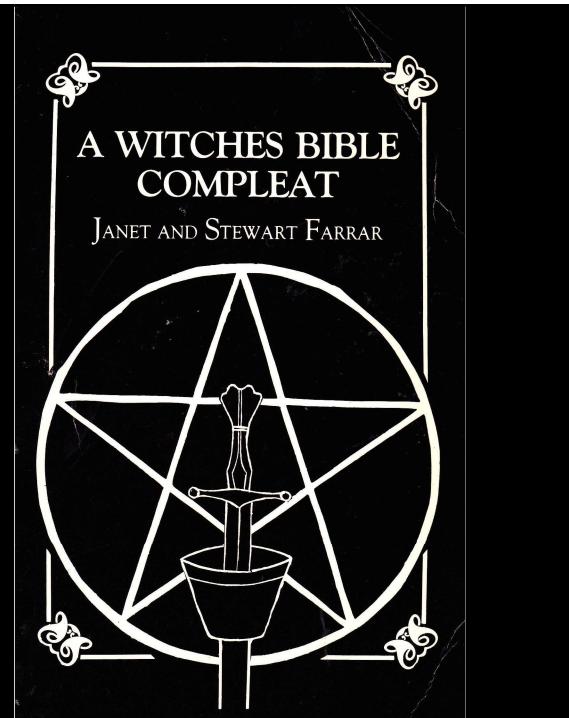
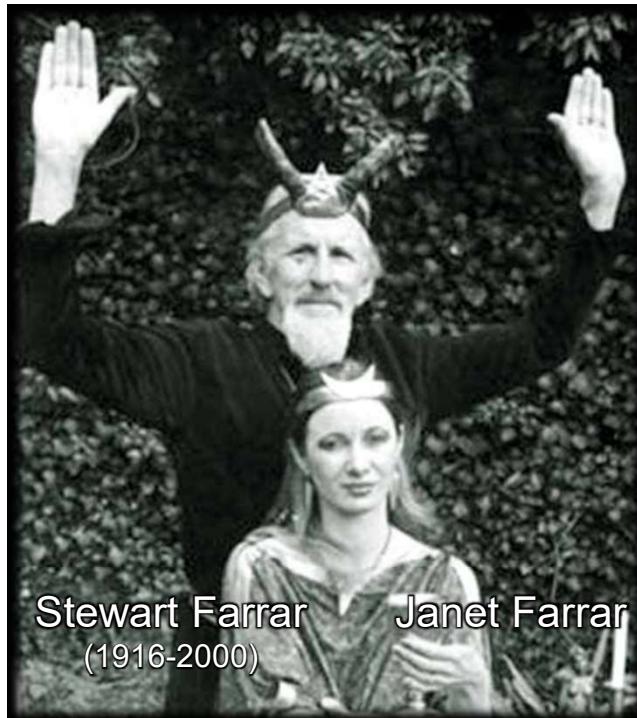
"Materialistic power achievement is a romantic story. Men discover laws and formulas and harness power to do remarkable things. Spiritual power also follows laws. Mastery of these laws works wonders in an area more complicated than any form of mechanics, namely, human nature."

[Power, 217]



Isaac Bonewits
(1949-2010)

Over the centuries a collection of basic magical and mystical axioms has surfaced in culture after culture throughout the world, even in cultures that were totally isolated. These we can, and will, call the *Laws of Magic*. Like the law of gravity or the law of diminishing returns, these magical laws are not legislative acts (as some theologians have tried to make them) but rather they are **descriptions** of the ways that phenomena in a field—in this case magic—seem to interact and behave. They are the results of observation, testing, and theorizing until a coherent whole is produced.



The Theory of Levels maintains that reality exists and operates on many planes (physical, etheric, astral, mental, spiritual, to give a simplified but generally accepted list²); that each of these levels has its own laws; and that these sets of laws, while special to their own levels, are compatible with each other, their mutual resonance governing the interaction between the levels.

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But Consciousness is human, too. The individual conscious mind is a comparatively newcomer to the evolutionary scene on this planet, and at least as far as land animals concerned¹ – it is the unique gift of *homo sapiens*. No other physically manifested land animal has it, though one or two of the higher mammals seem to possess its first embryonic stirrings. Sentimentalists credit their favourite animals with it to a quasi-human degree, but this is pure projection (and a misunderstanding of the nature of consciousness) given colour by the fact that some of the animals' instinctual patterns, conditioned reflexes

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The Theory of Polarity maintains that all activity, all manifestation, arises from (and is inconceivable without) the interaction of pairs and complementary opposites – positive and negative, light and dark,

the inner depths, to be truly the Wise People and show that Wicca satisfies the intellect as well. They have to demonstrate to themselves and to the world that their faith accords with reality and therefore does not (however beautiful it appears on the surface) contain the seeds of self-destruction.

The rationale of Wicca is a philosophical framework into which every phenomenon, from chemistry to clairvoyance, from logarithms to love, can be reasonably fitted. And since Wicca is a fast-growing movement, active in a real world, it must (without ever losing or weakening its preoccupation with the psychic depths) constantly explain, examine, develop and improve that philosophy.

The rationale of Wicca, as we see it, rests upon two fundamental principles: the Theory of Levels, and the Theory of Polarity.

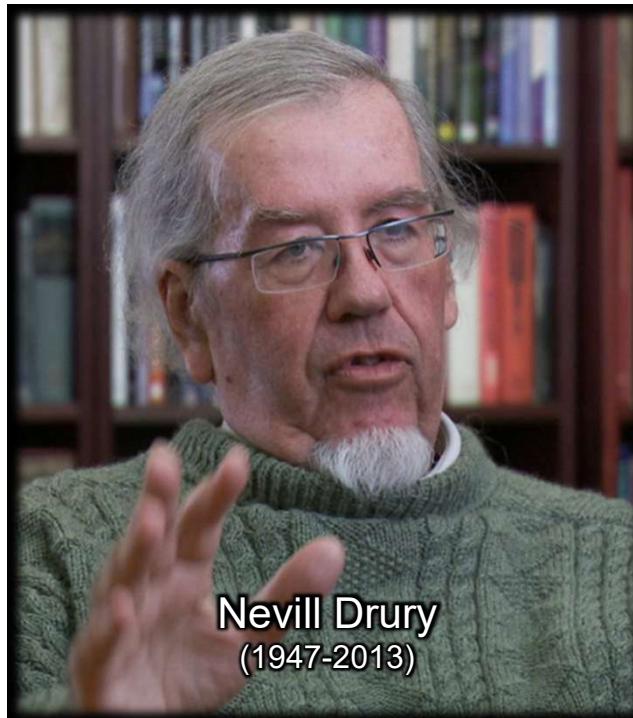
an epiphrenication, an electro-chemical activity of the physical brain; and that 'spirit' was a fantasy, a symbolic projection of man's mental or even glandular conflicts and uncertainties, or at best of his urge to perfection, the true key to which (it was believed) lay in material progress.

One could have thought that organized religion would have put forward a meaningful corrective to all this; but in fact its voice was barely heard crying in the wilderness of triumphant materialism. In all the active arenas of human ideas, religion was relegated to the ethical or charity-doing sidelines, or to moral rationalizations of the social consequences of industrialization. As far as philosophy, the interpretation of cosmic reality, was concerned, it could fight only rearguard actions. Materialism was the actual dynamic force of the epoch.

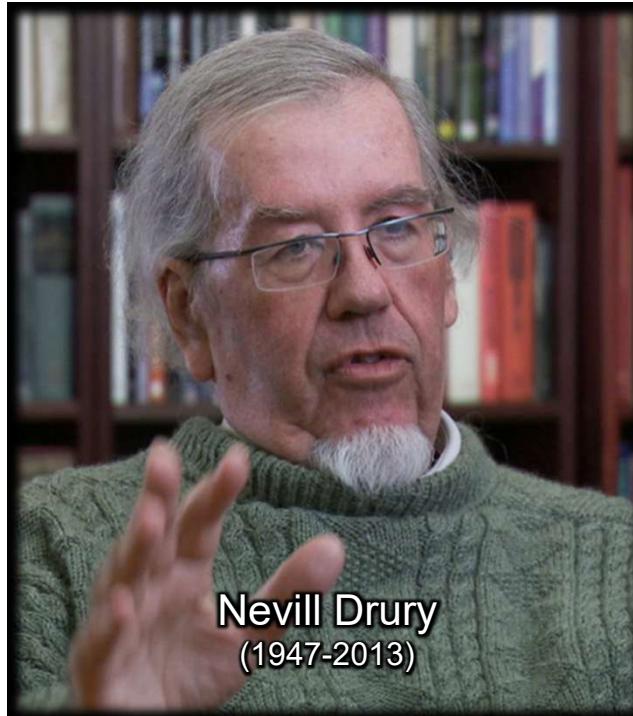
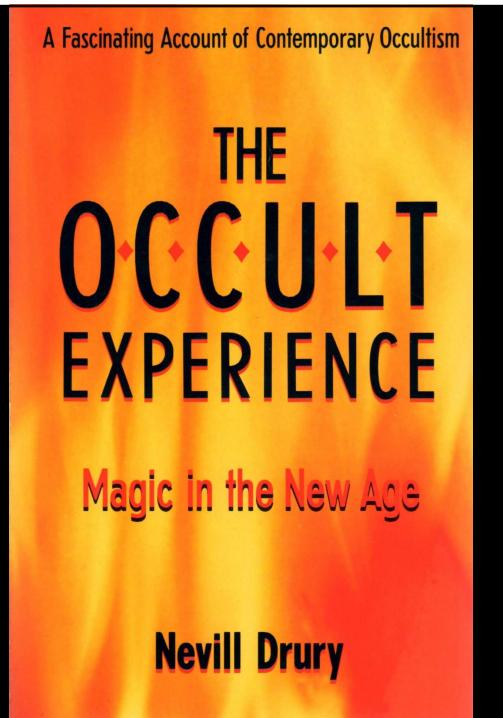
"Contact with God establishes within us a flow of the same type of energy that re-creates the world and that renews springtime every year. When in spiritual contact with God through our thought processes, the Divine energy flows through the personality, automatically renewing the original creative act."

Norman Vincent Peale
(1898-1993)

[Power, 41]



Nevill Drury
(1947-2013)



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(1947-2013)

"From an occult point of view the power of positive thinking, which underlies many self-help philosophies, is simply white magic."

[Nevil Drury, *The Occult Experience: Magic in the New Age* (Garden City Park, NY: Avery Publishing Group, 1989), 18]

The book cover features a black and white portrait of Norman Vincent Peale at the top left. To his right is the title 'Norman Vincent Peale' in large, bold, purple letters, with 'Author of THE POWER OF POSITIVE THINKING' in smaller text below it. The main title 'POSITIVE IMAGING' is prominently displayed in large, bold, red letters. Below it, the subtitle 'The Powerful Way to Change Your Life' is written in red. A yellow vertical bar on the right side contains the text: 'The master's method for fighting disease, overcoming worry and loneliness, saving a marriage—and more! Formerly DYNAMIC IMAGING'. At the very bottom of the cover, it says 'FARSCER 203921 • \$2.95'.

Peale descended even further into New Age occultism with a follow-up book on visualization.

SOME CONCERN ABOUT

John C. Maxwell

By Richard G. Howe

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

There are certainly many resources available to the Christian concerning spirituality to the various aspects of building the Kingdom of God. However, there are also many who argue that the church has been corrupted with erroneous, particularly occultic, ways to say it may very well be that we not only have to pick and choose the individual sources, but also pick and choose the ate and suggestions that come from them. In other words, we should not be led astray from the source or the individual godly, but we can certainly be led astray from the source or the individual godly. The point is that we should be discerning and not be led astray. It is not unusual for a Christian leader or a church to be a resource. First, they should be concerned whether the particular idea is given from the source or the individual godly. But we can certainly be led astray from the source or the individual godly. The point is that a false ate may initially yield seemingly beneficial results, but over time it can ingrain into one's world view and yield undesirable results.

Second, Christians leaders or the church should take care about what signs they are sending to the church family when they talk about their personal experiences. While it is true that one may appear benign, that source may be stand death or be prone to other ideas that are antithetical to the Christian world view and could be dangerous.

I decided to look through some material written by John C. Maxwell after I had agreed to be on a team to help implement a new ministry wing local church. I was asked to consult with him to discuss his ideas on how to do this. What I found was that he may be an interesting person to be around. What I found on the web site gave me pause. With my concern aroused, I decided to look more closely at some materials John Maxwell has written. I was extremely surprised.

My main concern about the Maxwell material is broadly speaking, etc. First, the manner in which Maxwell handles the Scripture to teach his ideas is not consistent with the way I understand the Bible. In fact, the manner in which Maxwell handles the Scripture to teach his ideas is not consistent with the way I understand the Bible. My contention is that the Bible is not necessarily teaching the principles that Maxwell thinks. His handling of the Scripture indicates Maxwell does not know (or at least is not utilizing) the proper method to interpret the Scripture. In fact, I believe that he disagrees with the principles that he taught. I might agree with some of them and disagree with others. But I believe it is of paramount importance that we do not teach what we do not believe. We must justify our own ideas (even if those ideas are true) by holding onto principles of Biblical interpretation. Ignorant that the use of Maxwell's materials sends the wrong signals to the church family to be led astray.

My second concern is that the material that John C. Maxwell has written has nothing to do with the Christian world view. My concern regarding the younger Christians in the church family is that they will be led astray by the ideas that John C. Maxwell has written.

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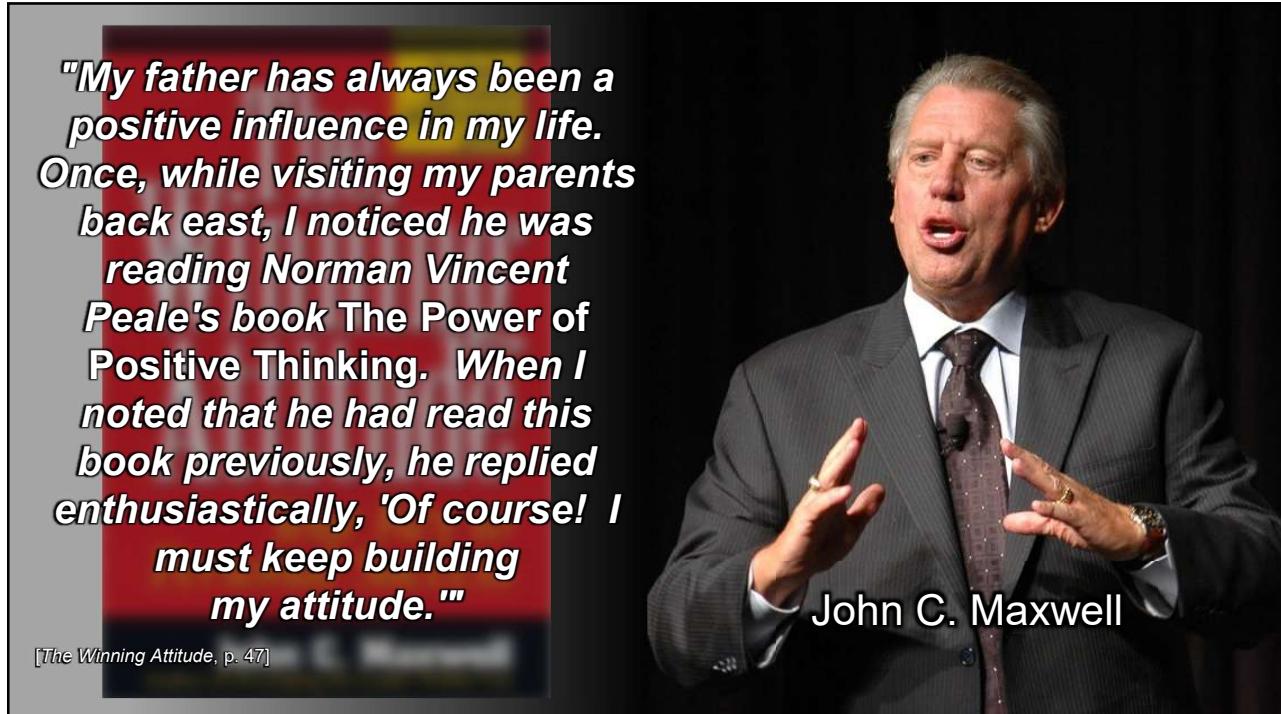
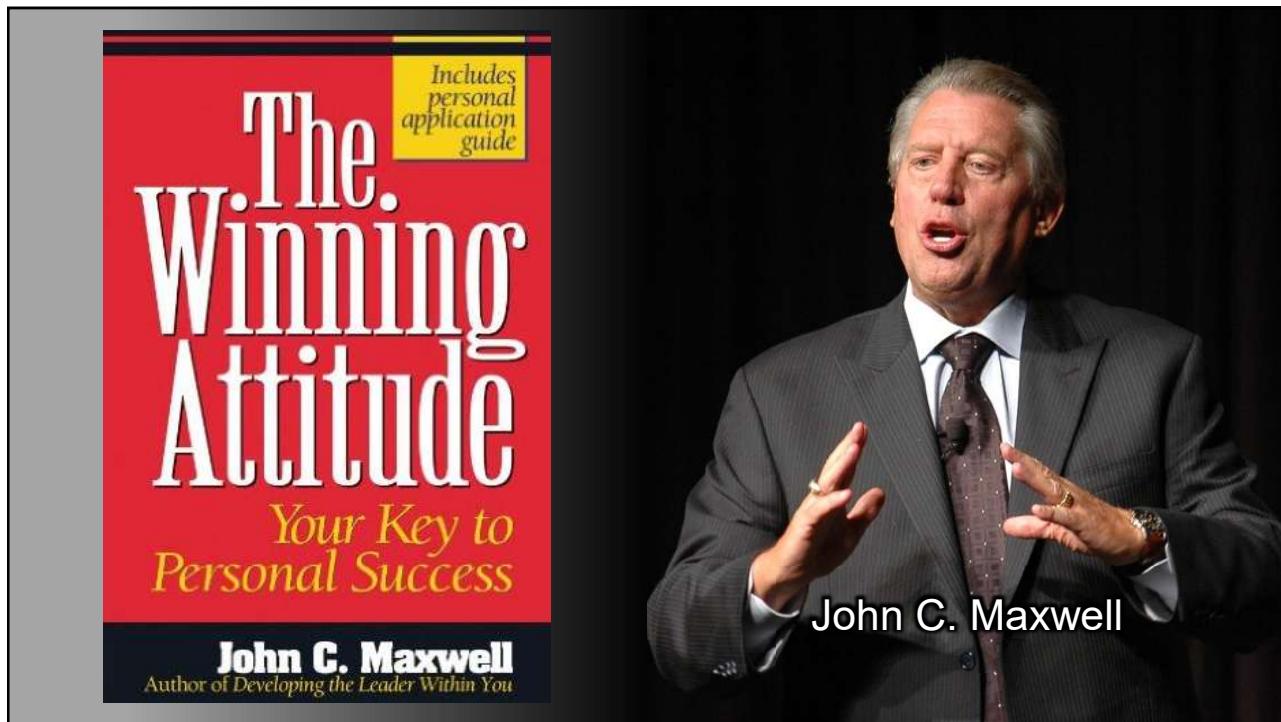
Proverbs 29:18 – "Where there is no vision the people perish." In The English Standard Version of the Bible (ESV), Proverbs 29:18 is rendered as "Without prophetic guidance people perish." (ESV, p. 90) The context above that Maxwell is thinking of vision as the ability of the texts to "look beyond current circumstances and see what God's purposes are for us in the future and the potential of the texts." (ESV, p. 93) Maxwell's use of this verse displays a common misinterpretation that is perhaps created by the ambiguity of the English term *vision* used in the King James Version of the Bible. The word *vision* in the King James Version of the Bible is derived from the Latin word *visio*, which means the Hebrew word *חָזֵן*. According to Hebrew scholar Thomas Howe, it is "frequently used in the OT to denote communication, either of God's promises or a vision." The Hebrew is better translated as "prophetic guidance" versus "a general image" (esv).

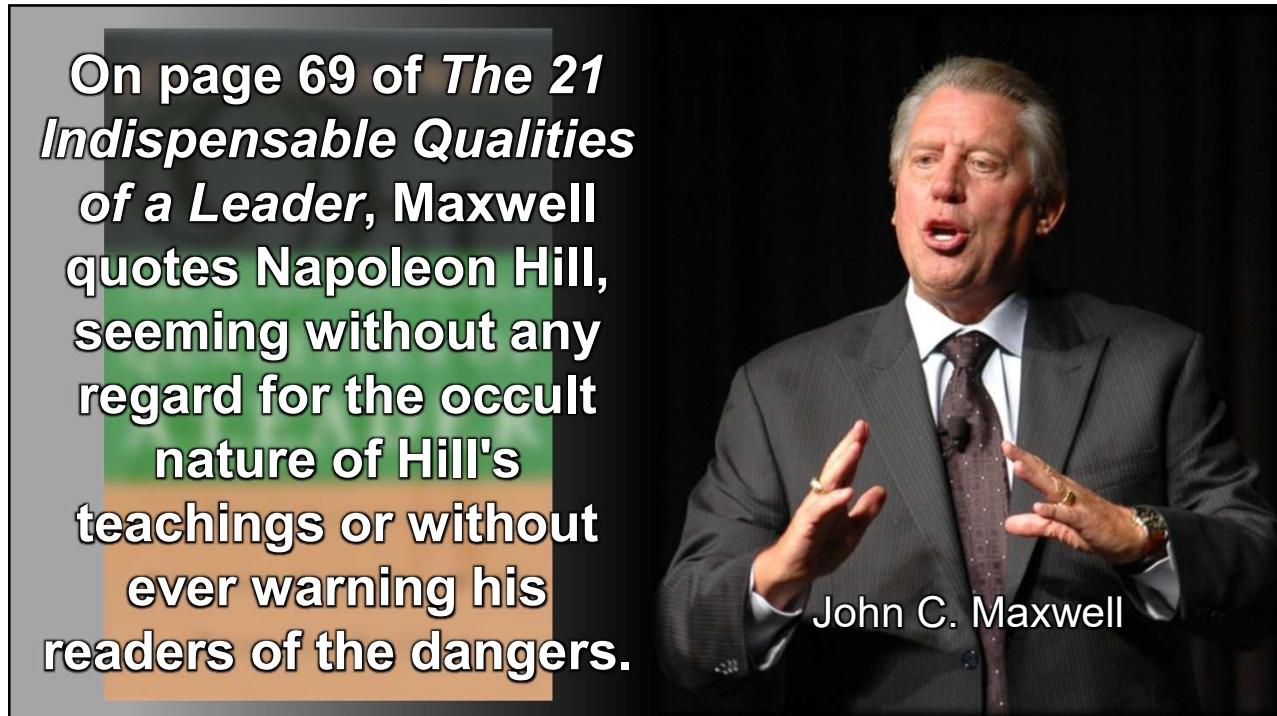
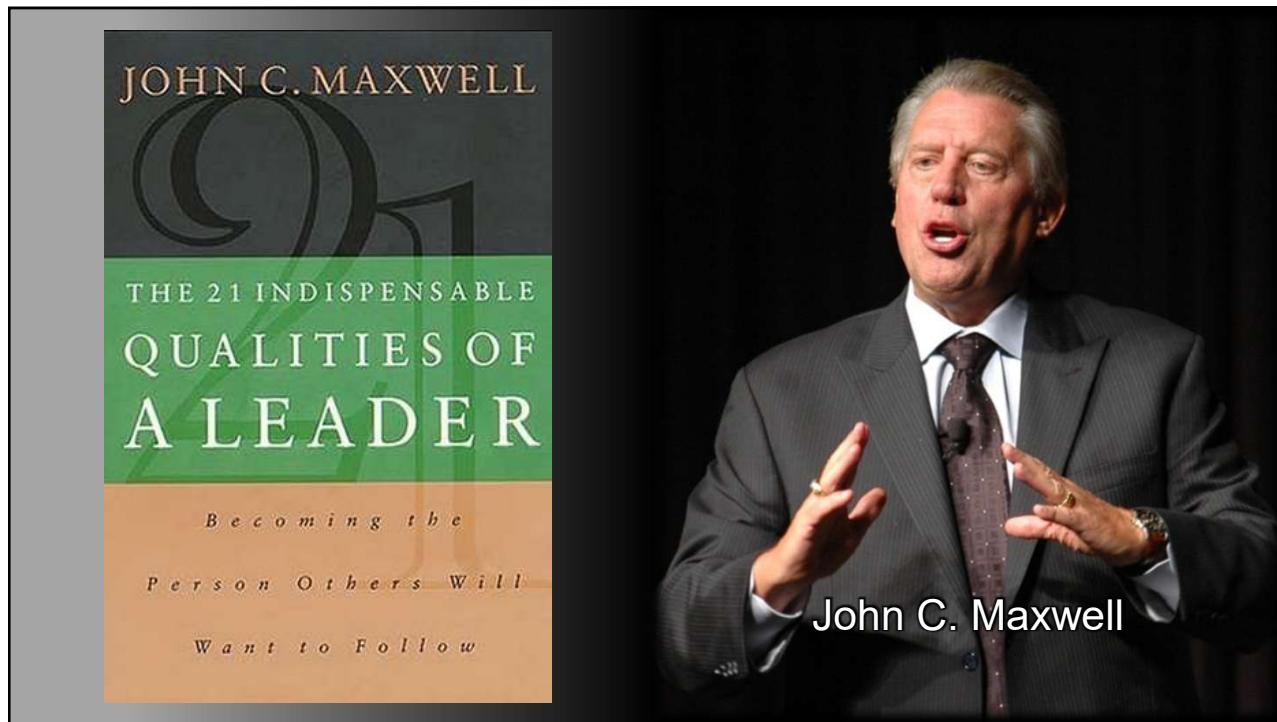
"Where there is no revelation, the people scatter like sheep." (Hebrews 12:14) Notice that the Hebrew word *חָזֵן* is specifically contrasting "aw" (Hebrew, *שָׁבַע*) and the " צְדִיקָה" is a spiritual contrasting "happy." One can see the verse is teaching that without the Word of God, God's people will scatter like sheep.

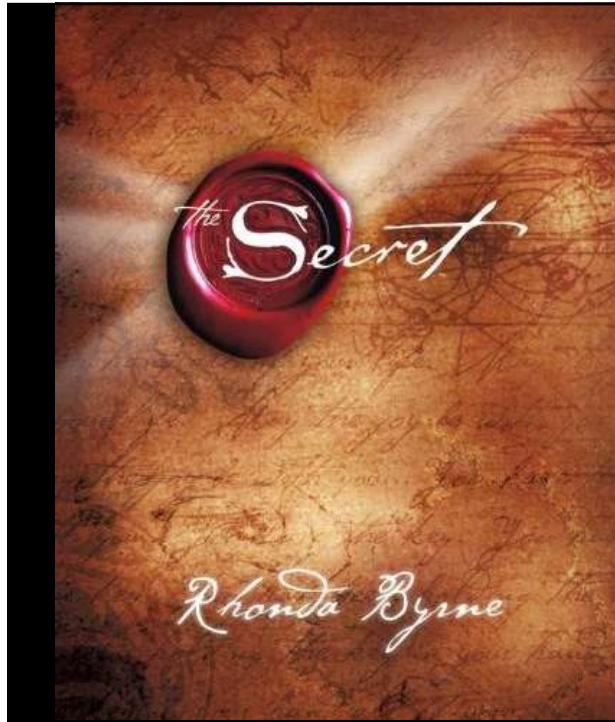
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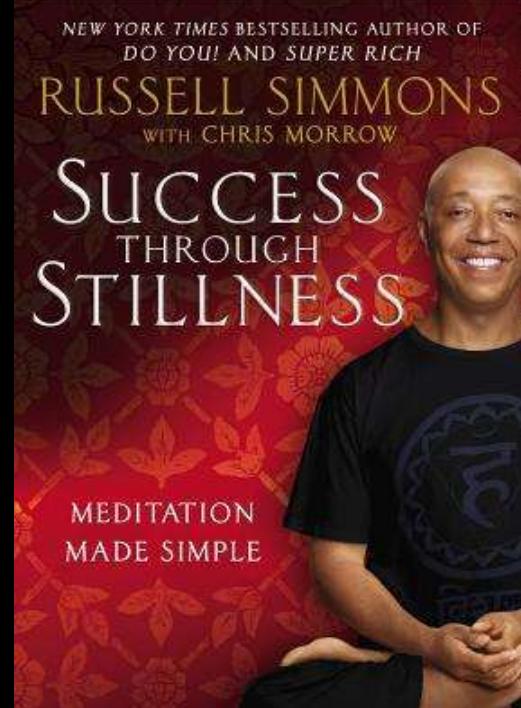


A screenshot of the official website for 'the Secret'. The header features the red wax seal logo on the left and the tagline 'EVERYTHING IS POSSIBLE NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE' on the right. A search bar with a magnifying glass icon is positioned at the top right. Below the header, a navigation menu includes links for HOME, LIVING THE SECRET, GIFTS FOR YOU, STORE, BEHIND THE SECRET, and CONTACT US. On the left side, there is a sidebar with social media icons for Facebook, YouTube, and Twitter, followed by a list of products: HERO, THE MAGIC, THE POWER, THE SECRET BOOK, THE SECRET FILM, THE SECRET DAILY TEACHINGS, THE SECRET TO TEEN POWER, and SECRET TOOLS. The main content area features a large title 'THE SECRET Book' with the subtitle 'ASK. BELIEVE. RECEIVE.' underneath. To the right of the title is a small image of the book 'the Secret' with the words 'Powerful Processes' written on it.

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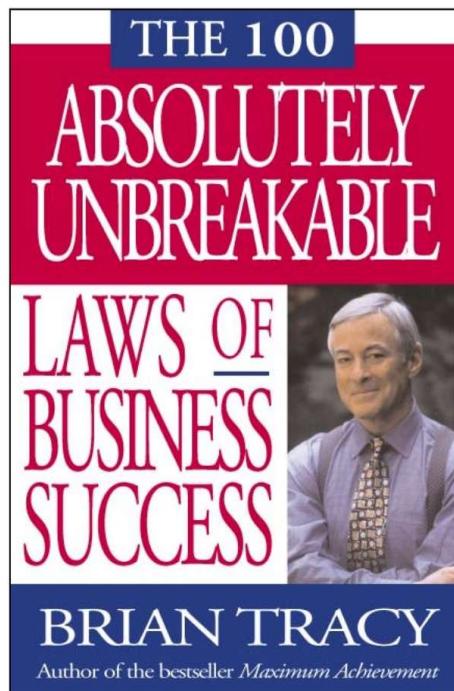


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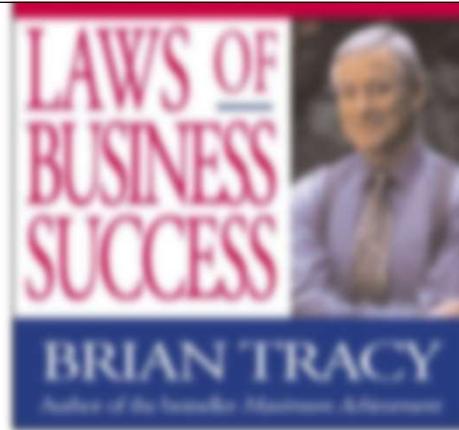


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There are no limits on what you can do, be, or have except for the limits you place on your own mind. Go for it!



2. The Law of Belief

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Whatever you truly believe, with feeling,
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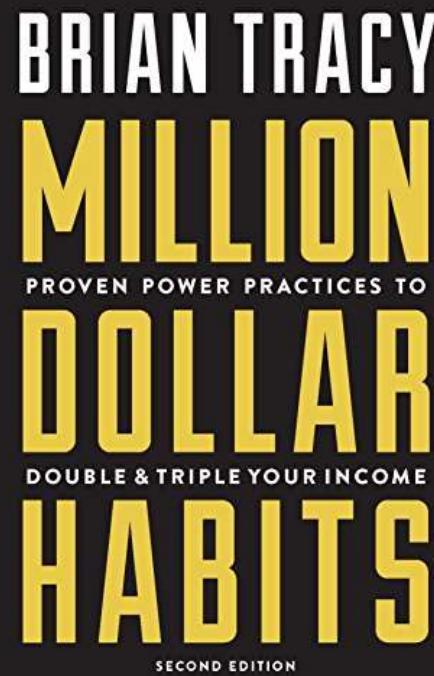
You always act in a manner consistent with your beliefs, especially your beliefs about yourself. Your beliefs act like a set of filters that screen out information that is inconsistent with them. You do not necessarily believe what you see, but rather you see what you already believe. You reject information that contradicts what you have already decided to believe, whether or not your beliefs, your prejudices, are based on fact or fantasy.





Put another way, "Thought is creative." Your thoughts are the primary creative forces in your life. You create your entire world by the way you think. All the people and situations in your life have only the meaning you give them by the way you think about them. And when you change your thinking, you change your life, sometimes in seconds!

The most important principle of personal or business success is simply this: You become what you think about most of the time.



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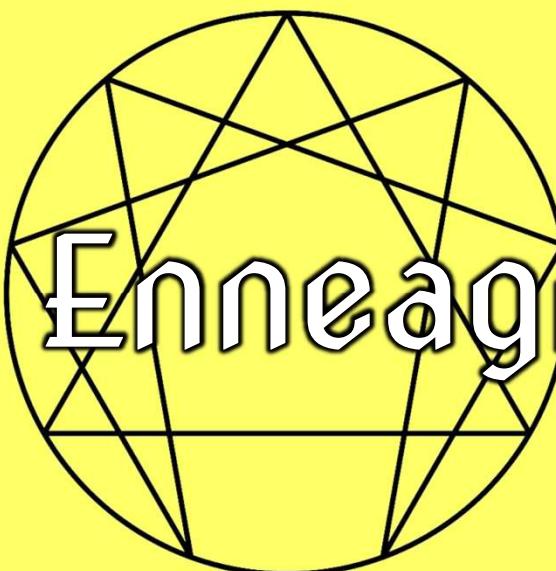
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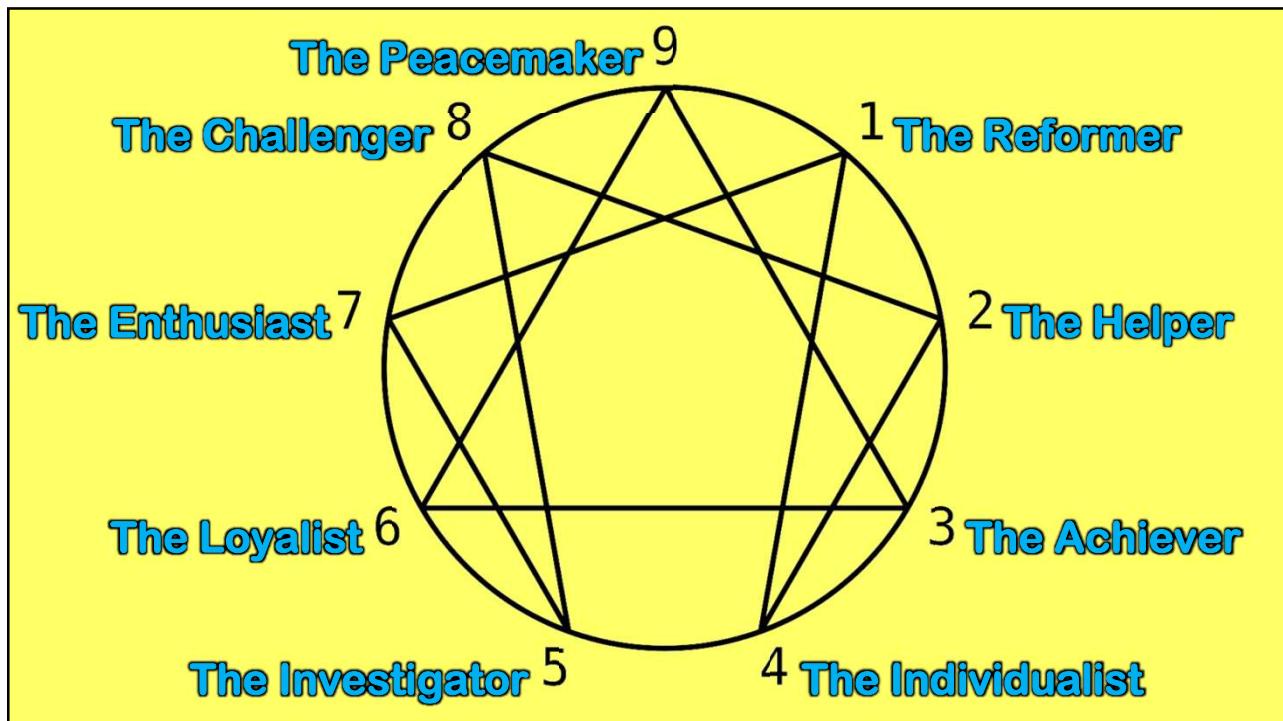
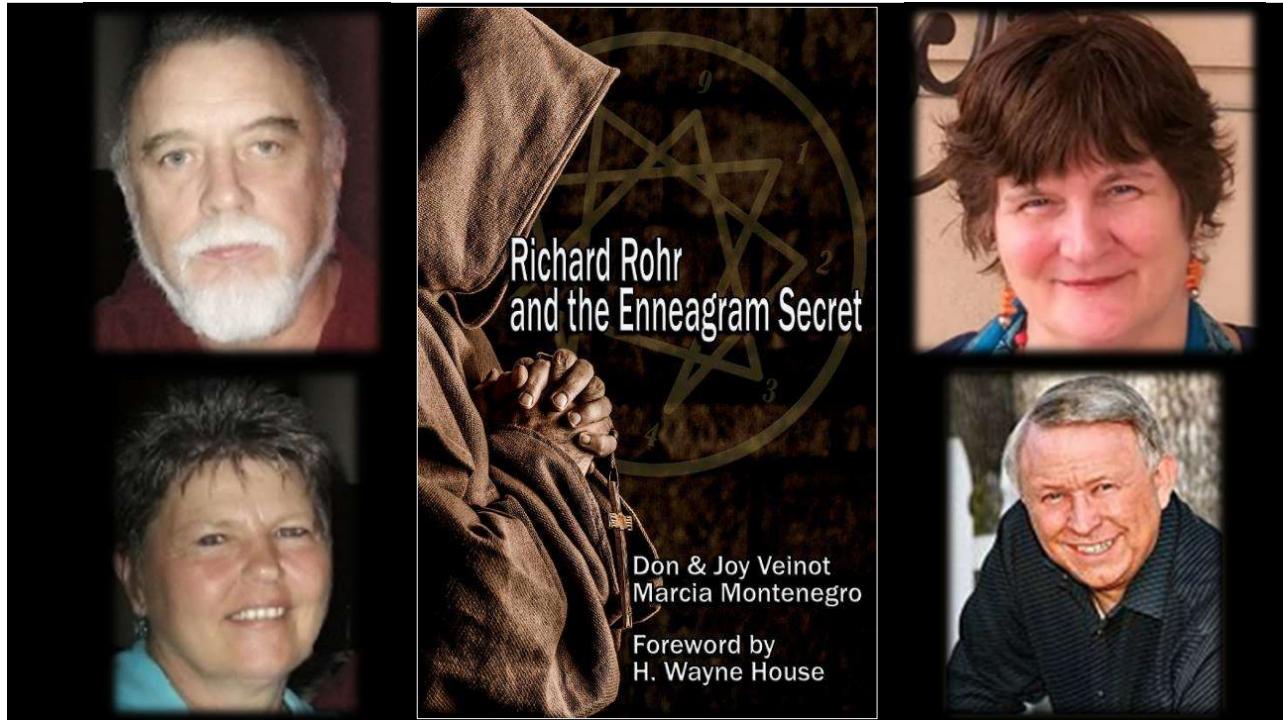
The next law I discovered was the Law of Belief. This is the basic principle that underlies most religion, psychology, philosophy, and metaphysics. The law of belief says that, "Whatever you believe, with conviction, becomes your reality."

In the New Testament, Jesus says, "According to your faith, it is done unto you." In the Old Testament, it says, "As a man thinketh, in his heart (his beliefs), so is he." Professor William James of Harvard wrote in 1905, "Belief creates the actual fact."

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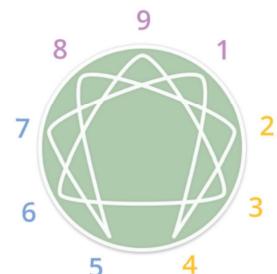
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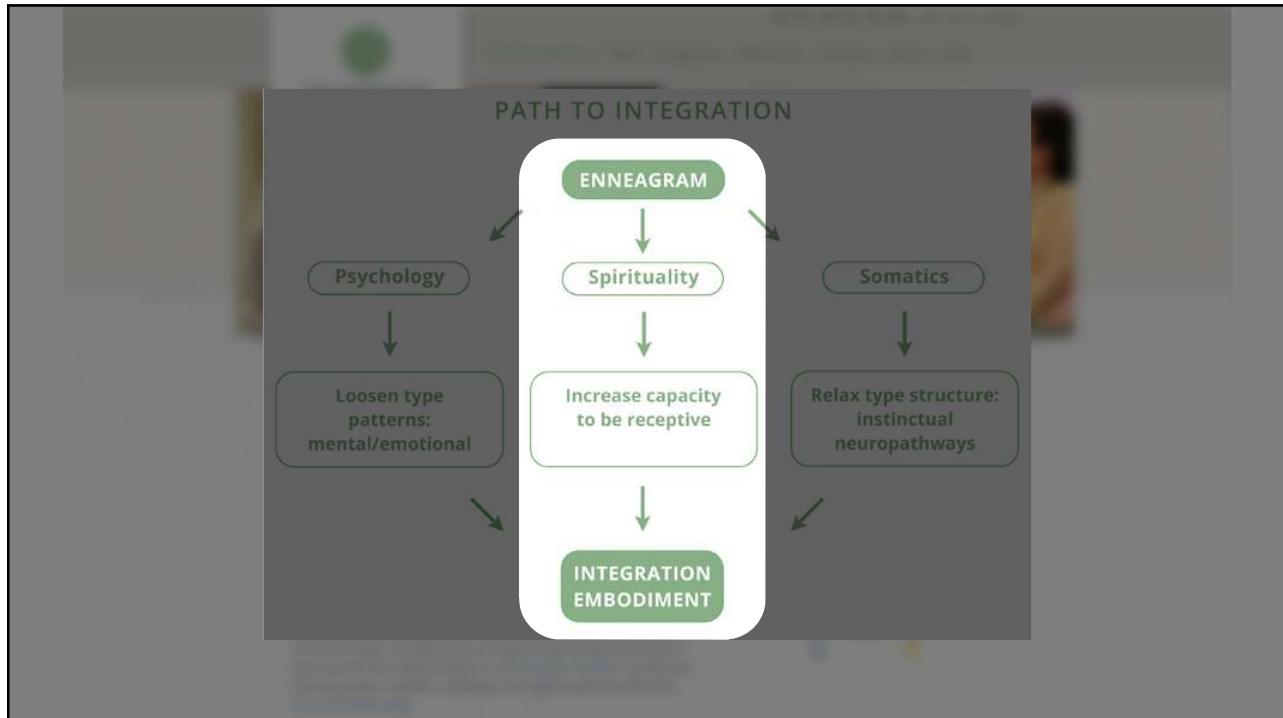
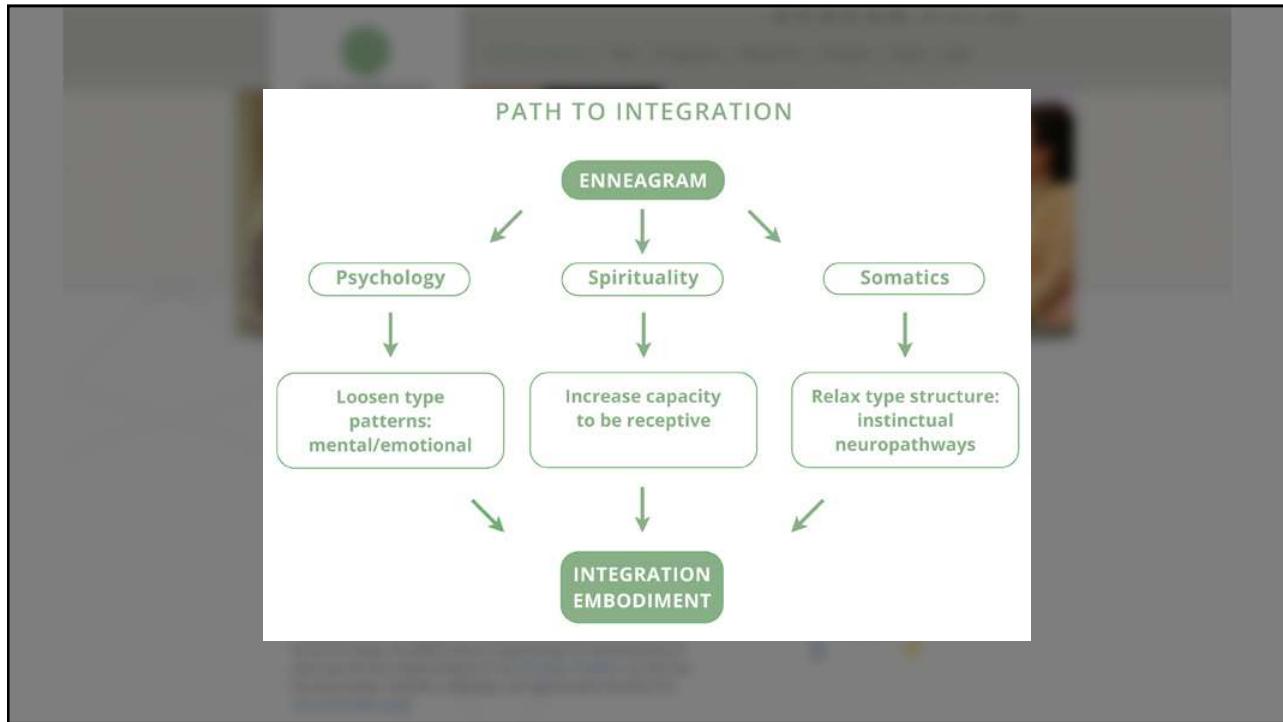
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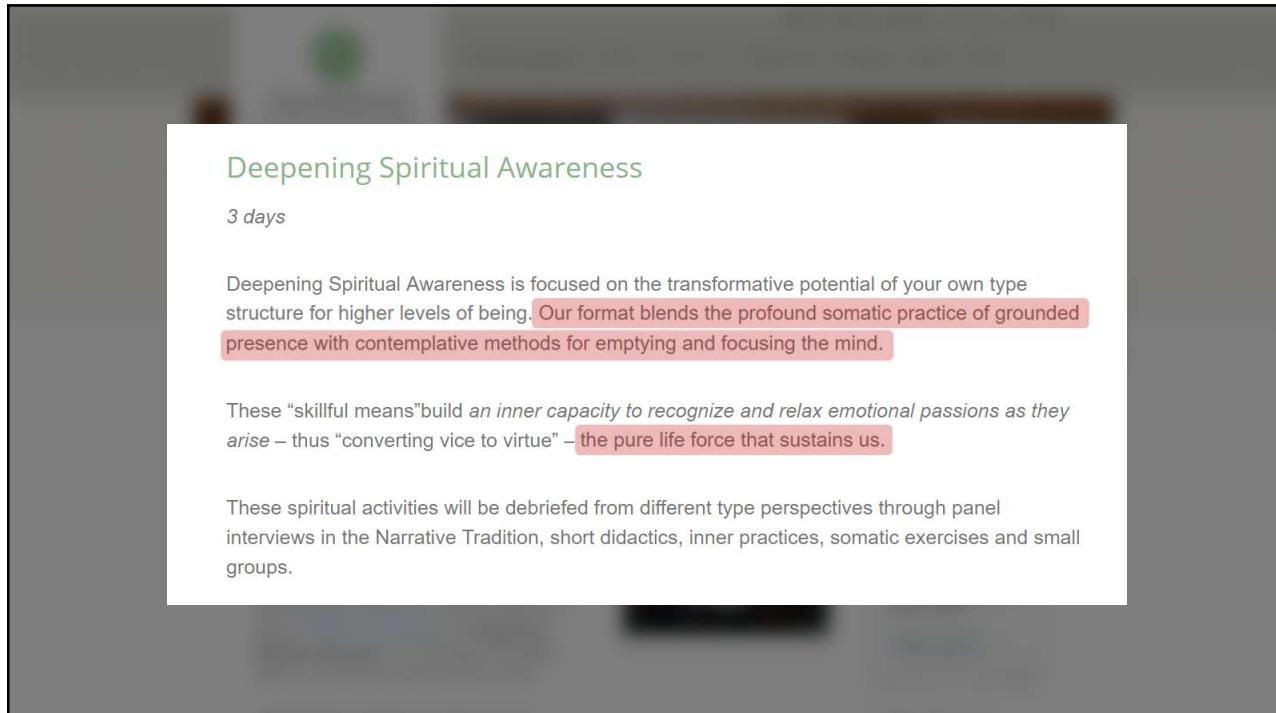
If you are seeking a foundation in the Enneagram in the Narrative Tradition, the [Enneagram Narrative Core Program](#) is the place to begin. These courses are freestanding and open to all. The Core Program starts with Enneagram Intensive 2.0, which provides the basis for Instincts and Subtypes and Deepening Spiritual Awareness. You may begin this program without a commitment to take all three courses.

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Deepening Spiritual Awareness, Menlo Park, CA
with Helen Palmer and Marion Gilbert
Aug 9 2019
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Deepening Spiritual Awareness

3 days

Deepening Spiritual Awareness is focused on the transformative potential of your own type structure for higher levels of being. Our format blends the profound somatic practice of grounded presence with contemplative methods for emptying and focusing the mind.

These "skillful means" build an inner capacity to recognize and relax emotional passions as they arise – thus "converting vice to virtue" – the pure life force that sustains us.

These spiritual activities will be debriefed from different type perspectives through panel interviews in the Narrative Tradition, short didactics, inner practices, somatic exercises and small groups.

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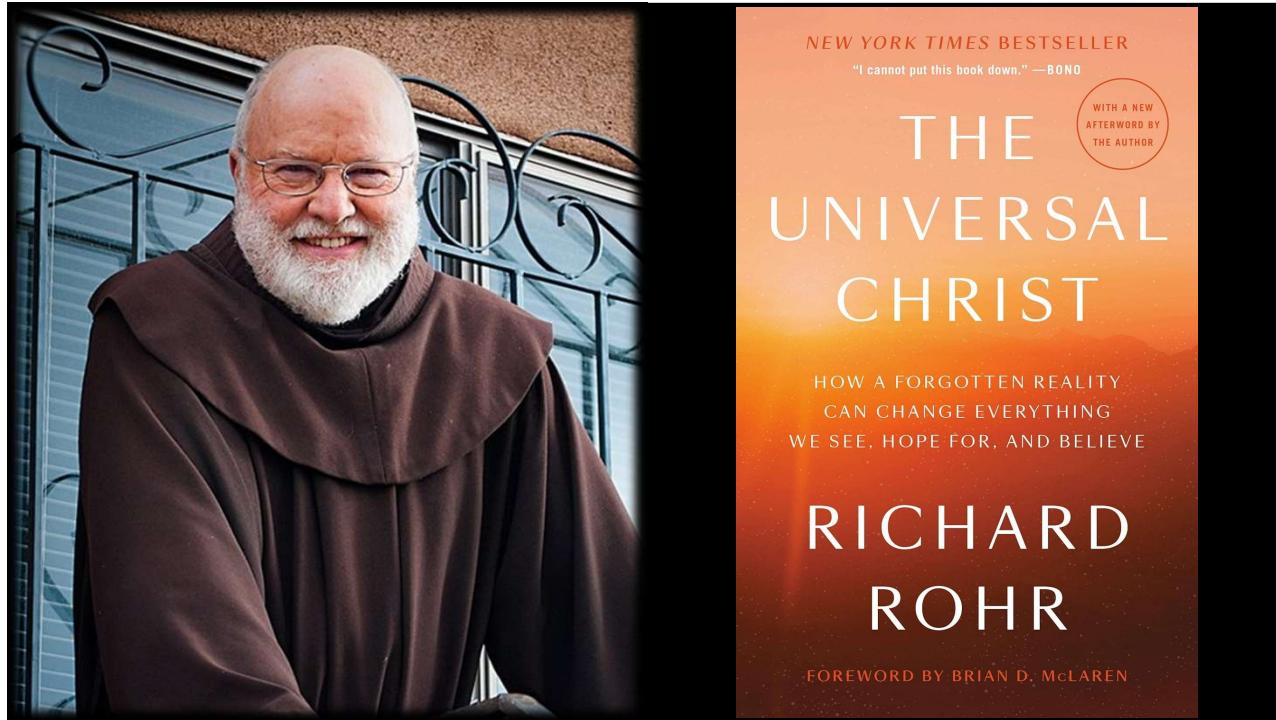
The Enneagram for Pastors

9 different ways pastors look at the world, and what it might mean for your ministry.
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The SACRED ENNEAGRAM
Finding Your Unique Path to Spiritual Growth

CHRISTOPHER L. HEUERTZ
Foreword by Richard Rohr



Center for Action and Contemplation

Richard Rohr

Without Jesus, I would have no authoritative place to stand either in reference to church or culture, and I would be left with merely culturally shifting opinions and my own small mind and heart.

This has also been true for the twenty-five year history of the CAC. With the best of intentions, and from the very first meeting in 1987, good people have pushed for other central reference points than Jesus. Most of them have been very good, but they are just not the same as the holism and authority that Jesus brings to most questions. Native American spirituality, feminist spirituality, peace and justice activism, Catholicism, the gay and lesbian issues, critical politics, eco-spirituality and earth care, running our own local hospice or soup kitchen could all have become our single guiding star, but they did not. All of these concerns surely share in, or at least follow from the teaching of Jesus. But they also have the ability to become *myopic*. Jesus does not have "eyes closed to everything else" (*myopic*), but in fact, Jesus teaches us to look at all of these issues with "a third eye" which he calls the "Reign of God" and I call the Big Picture. That is very different, indeed much more difficult, and today not so popular—with either the Right or the Left. It is clearly our task, and we hold ourselves to it. Jesus teaches us more *how* to see than precisely *what* to see.

The screenshot shows the Gravity website's homepage. At the top right, there are social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and others, followed by a red "donate" button. The Gravity logo, which includes the word "gravity" in a stylized font and "a center for contemplative activism" in smaller text, is centered above a navigation bar. The navigation bar contains links for MINDFUL SILENCE, THE SACRED ENNEAGRAM, LEARN, JOIN, INTERACT, PRACTICE, HOST, and SUPPORT. Below the navigation is a large banner featuring a photograph of bare trees against a blue sky. Overlaid on the banner is the Gravity logo and text for a "Spring Deepening Retreat" from March 22-24, 2019, at The Benedictine Monastery in Schuyler, Nebraska. A link "Learn more about our Deepening Retreat" is at the bottom left of the banner. Below the banner is a horizontal row of five small black dots.

A large, stylized illustration of the Enneagram symbol is centered in the upper half of the page. It consists of a circle with nine points, each connected to its neighbors by straight lines, forming an equilateral triangle within the circle. The points are shaded in a light gray color.

Have you ever asked yourself the quintessential human question of identity, "**Who am I?**" Most of us spend a lifetime trying to figure out **who we are and how we relate to others and God.**

Unfortunately, in the process of forming an identity, we succumb to building up lies and illusions around our sense of self that only lead us further away from who we truly are. But the Enneagram offers a bright path to cutting through the internal clutter and finding our way back to who we are created to be.

Based on the nine classic archetypes of human character structure, the Enneagram exposes the nine ways we lie to ourselves about who we think we are, illustrates the nine ways we get lost, and **reveals nine ways we find our way home to our True Self and to God.**

Whether you've heard of the Enneagram or not, this workshop is for anyone who's interested in learning more.

What is the Enneagram?

As a sacred map to our soul, **the Enneagram is a compassionate tool, sketching out possibilities and opportunities**, pointing us back to our True Self.

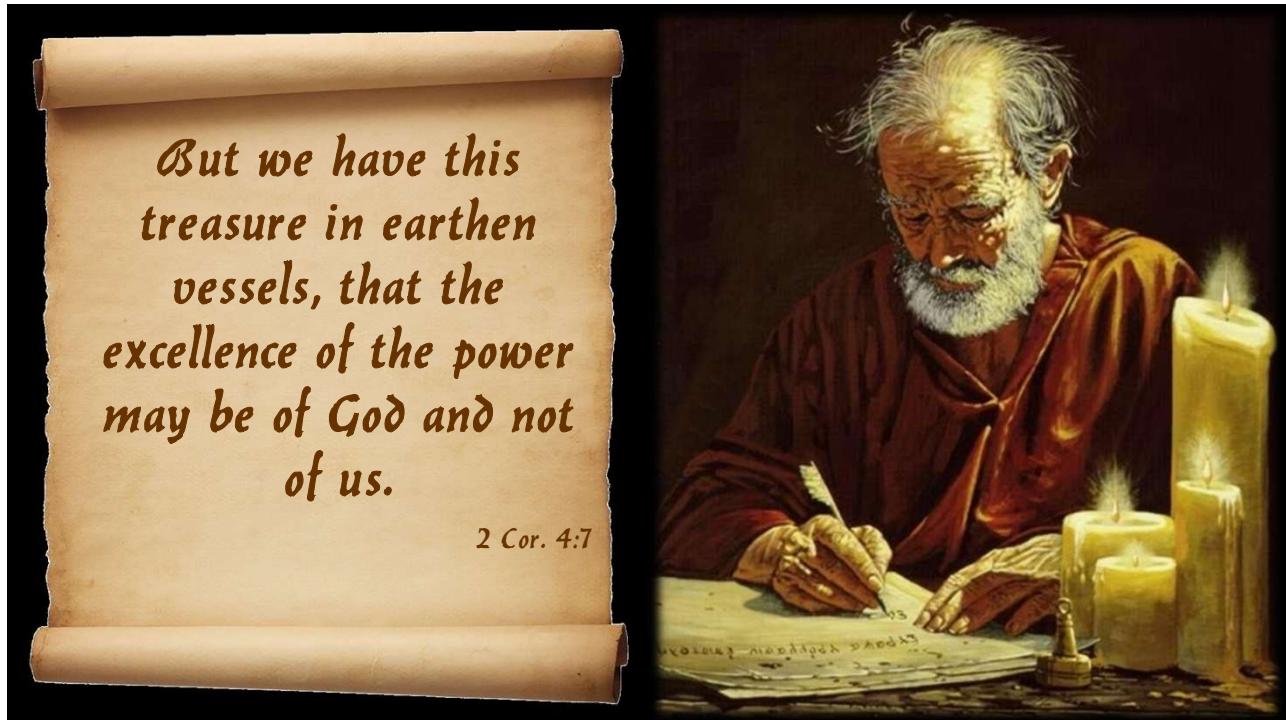
The Enneagram explains the “why” of how we think, act, and feel. The Enneagram helps us come to terms with our gifts as well as the addictive psychological patterns that tether us to our greatest interpersonal, spiritual, and emotional challenges.

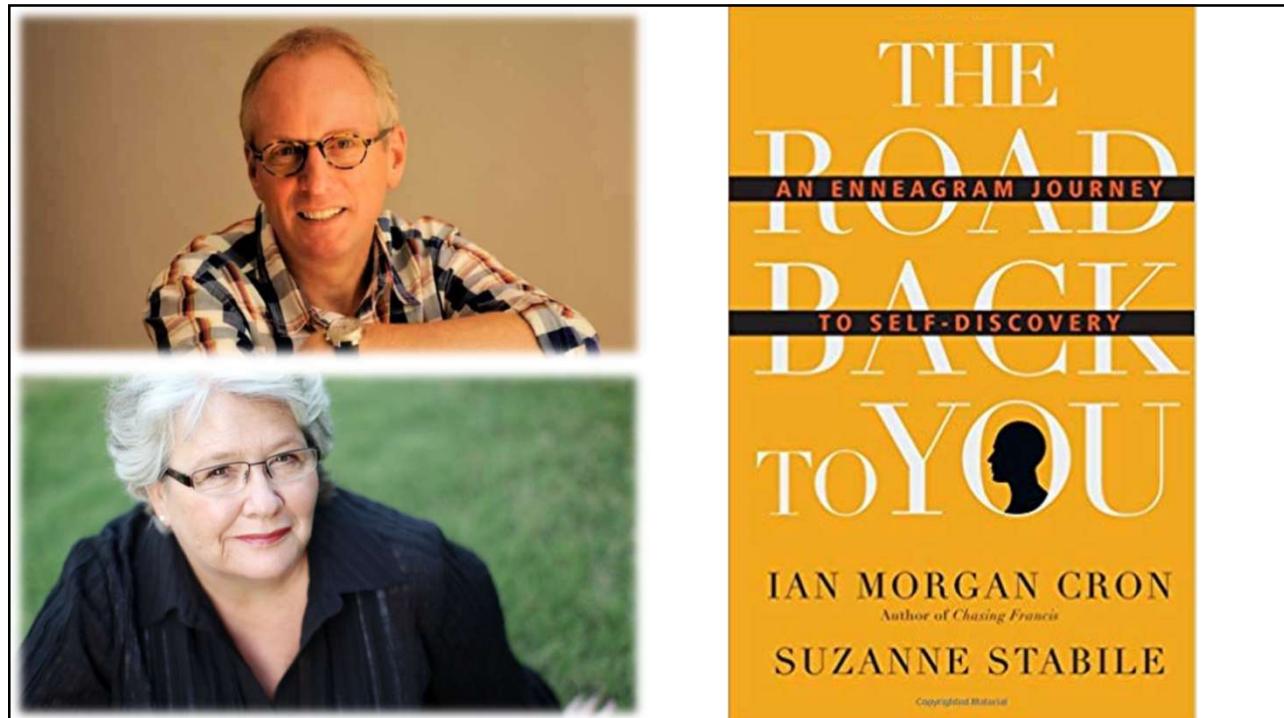
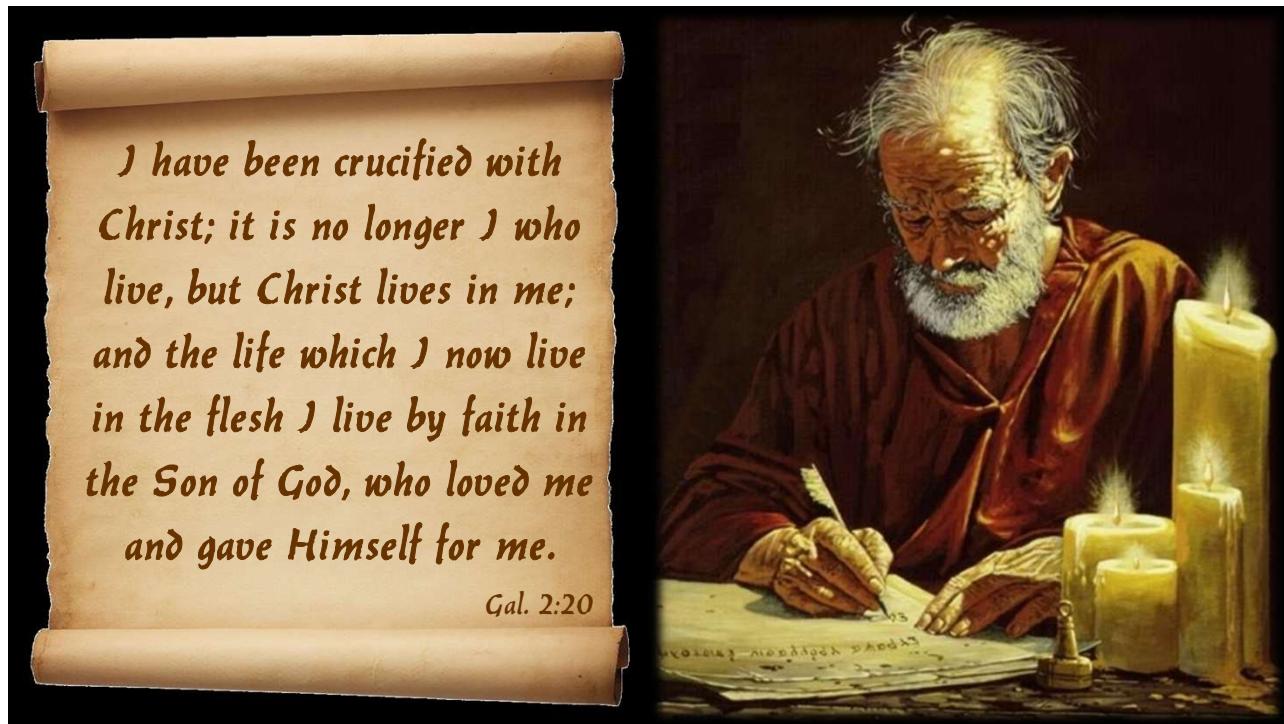
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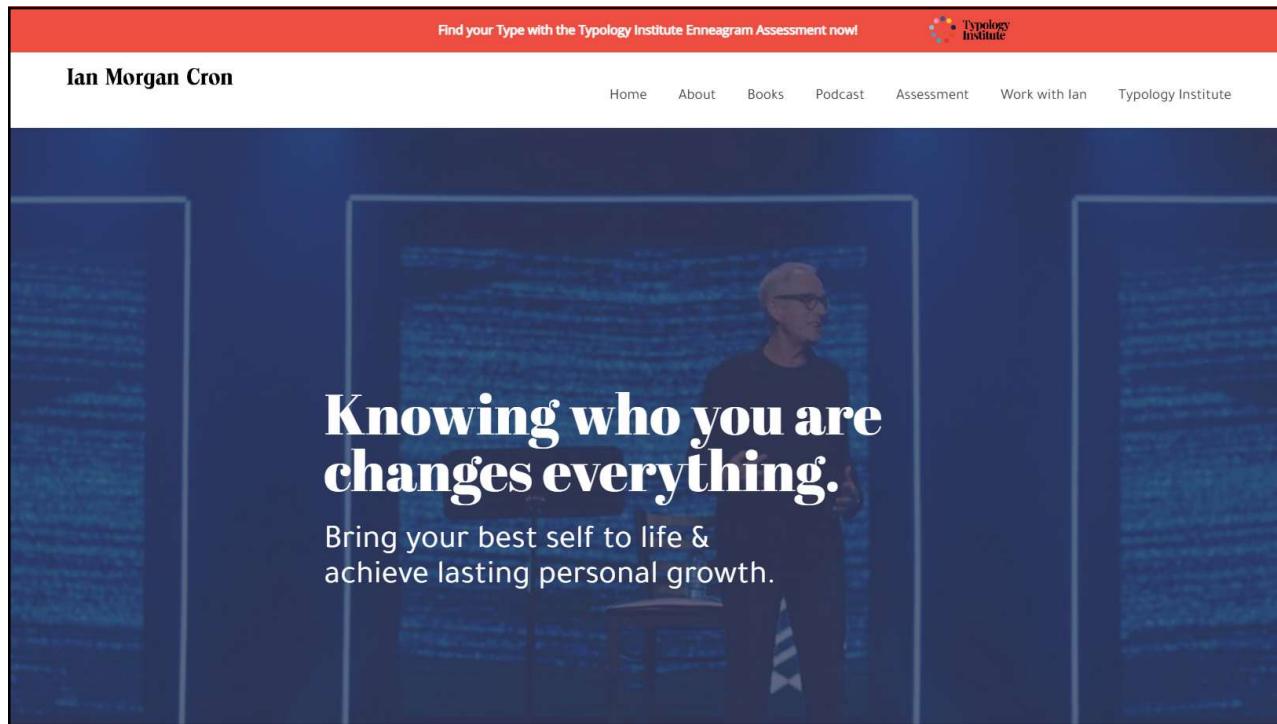
Compared with other self-exploration profiles and assessments, many have found that the Enneagram takes self-awareness deeper.

Ultimately, the Enneagram reveals our best, truest self with its potential to heal a world in need. As a tool for spiritual awareness, the Enneagram moves beyond simple rendering of each type, to illuminating a path to develop our identity and spirituality.

From the Enneagram-curious to the seasoned lifelong enthusiast, The Sacred Enneagram one-day is for anyone who cares about nurturing **a deep spirituality rooted in self-awareness**. This workshop offers an innovative way of re-imagining the usefulness of the Enneagram that is tremendously practical.







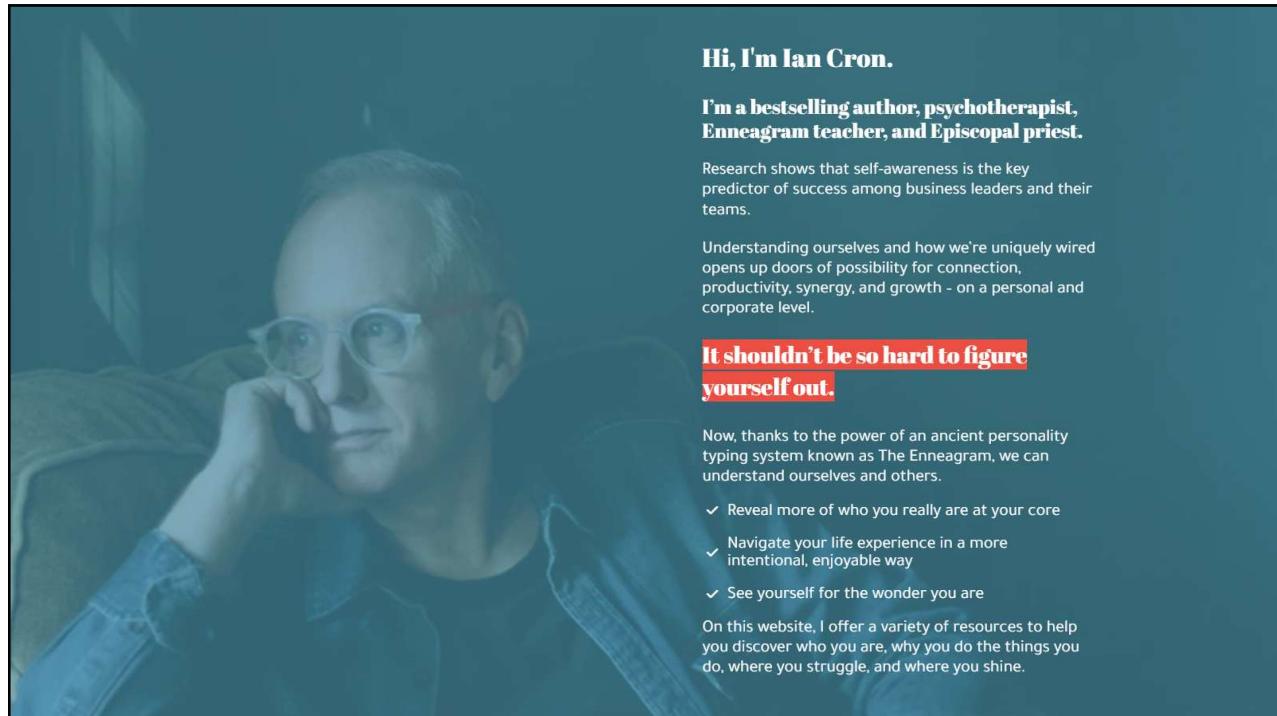
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Knowing who you are changes everything.

Bring your best self to life & achieve lasting personal growth.



Hi, I'm Ian Cron.

I'm a bestselling author, psychotherapist, Enneagram teacher, and Episcopal priest.

Research shows that self-awareness is the key predictor of success among business leaders and their teams.

Understanding ourselves and how we're uniquely wired opens up doors of possibility for connection, productivity, synergy, and growth - on a personal and corporate level.

It shouldn't be so hard to figure yourself out.

Now, thanks to the power of an ancient personality typing system known as The Enneagram, we can understand ourselves and others.

- ✓ Reveal more of who you really are at your core
- ✓ Navigate your life experience in a more intentional, enjoyable way
- ✓ See yourself for the wonder you are

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❖ Jer. 17:9-10 ❖

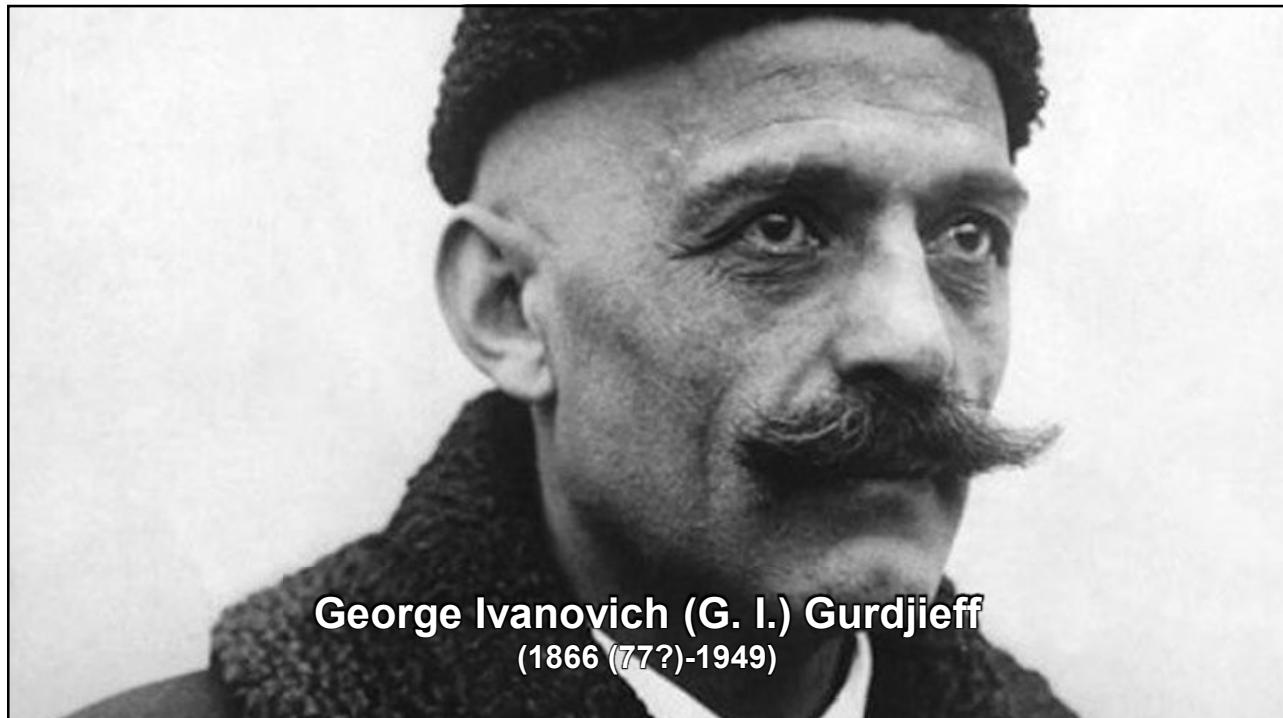
"The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; Who can know it? I, the LORD, search the heart, I test the mind, even to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his doings."

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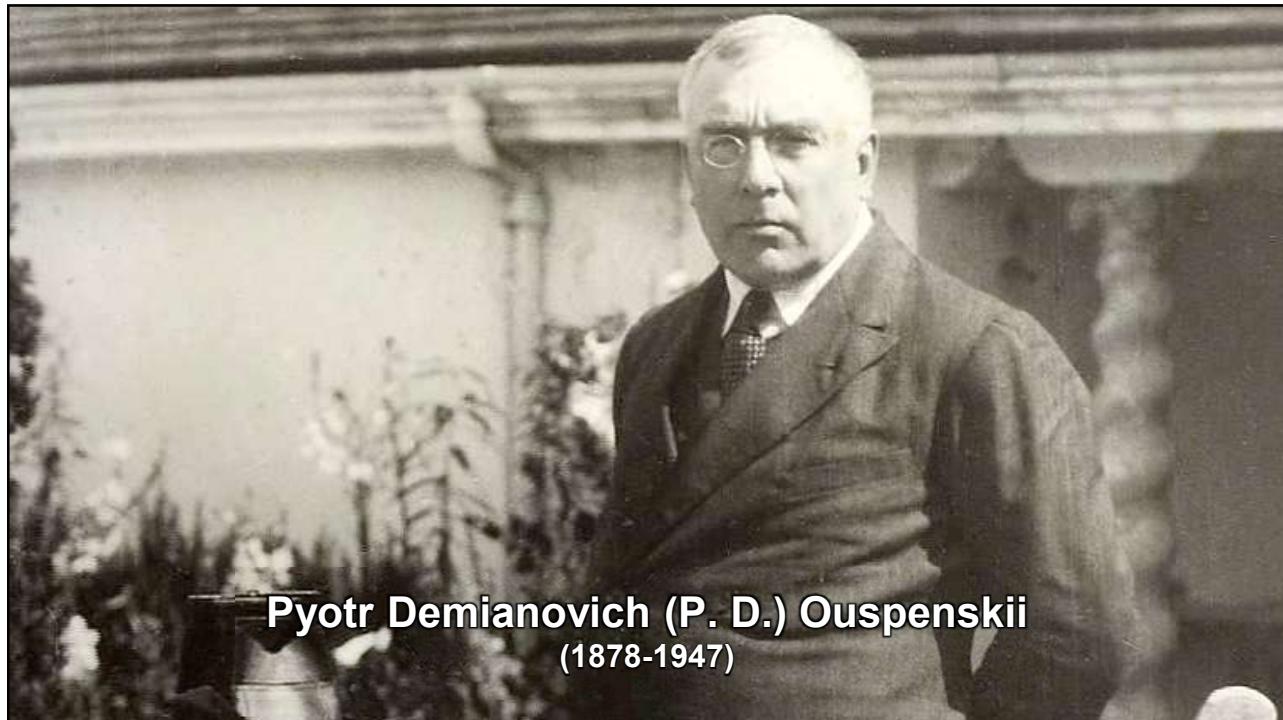
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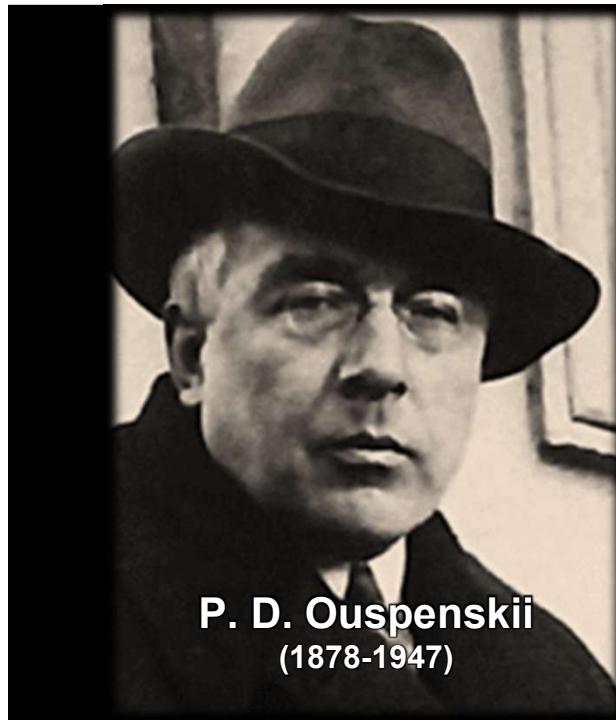




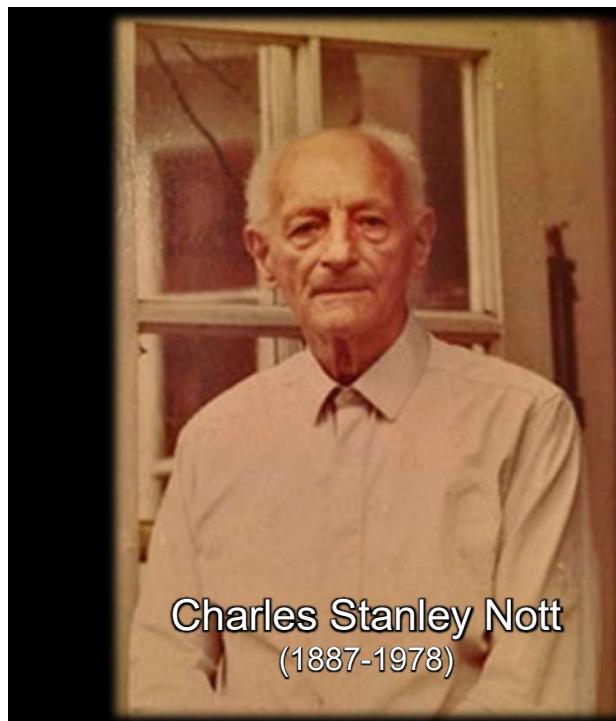
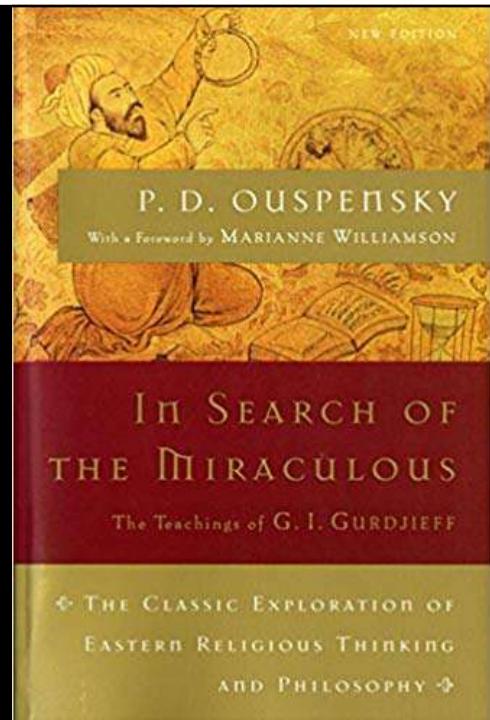
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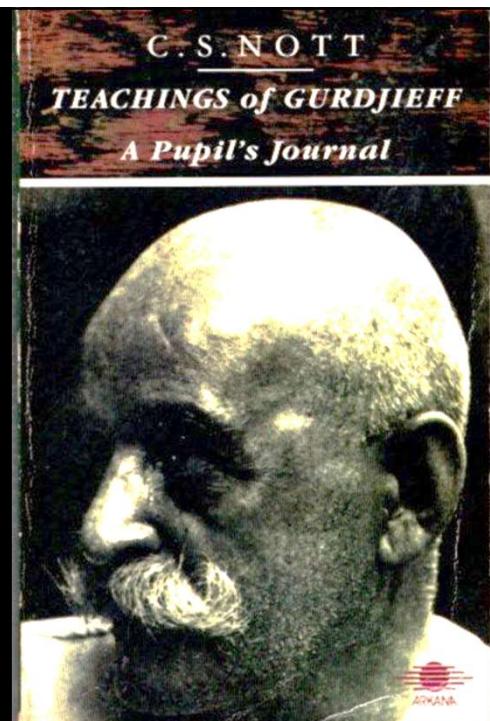
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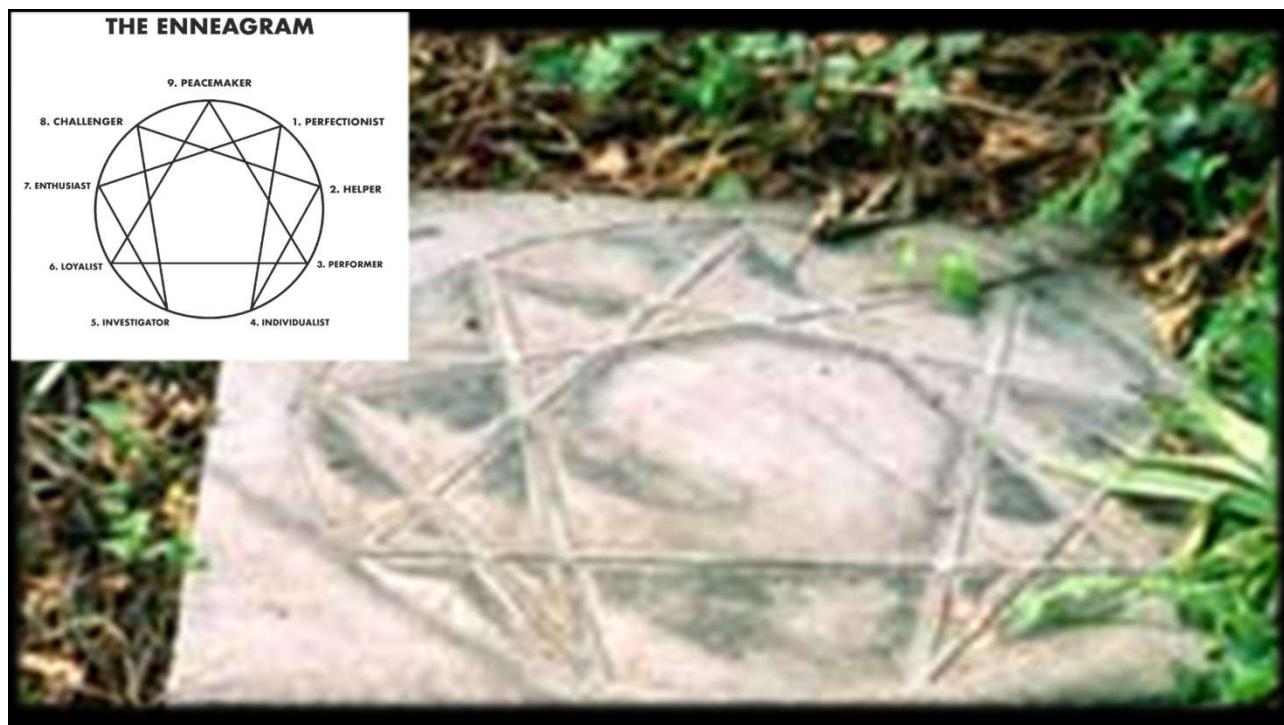


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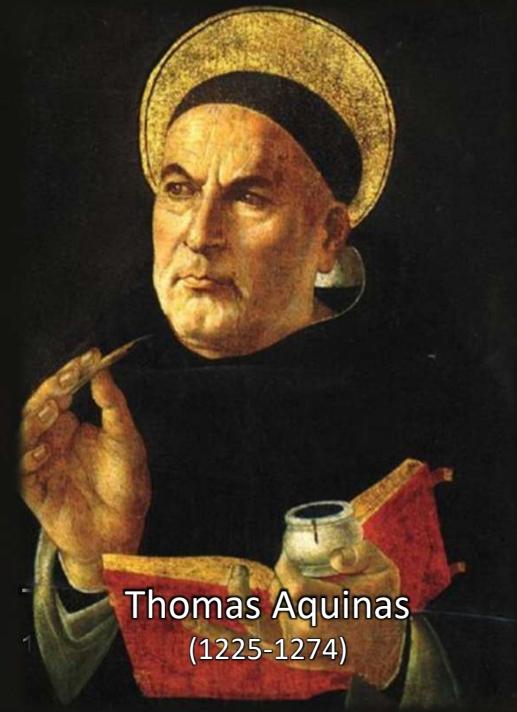


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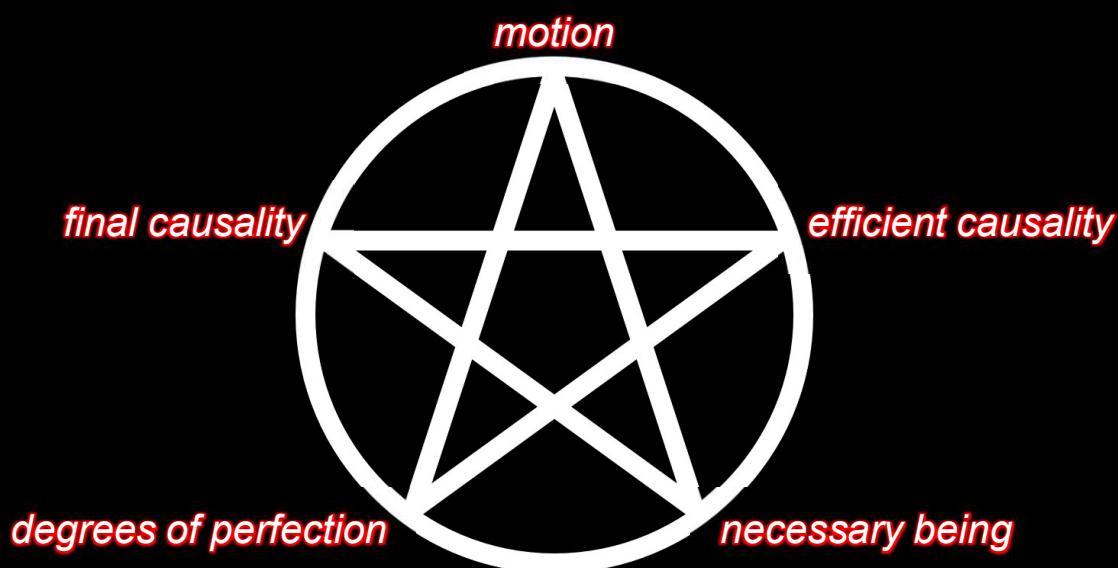


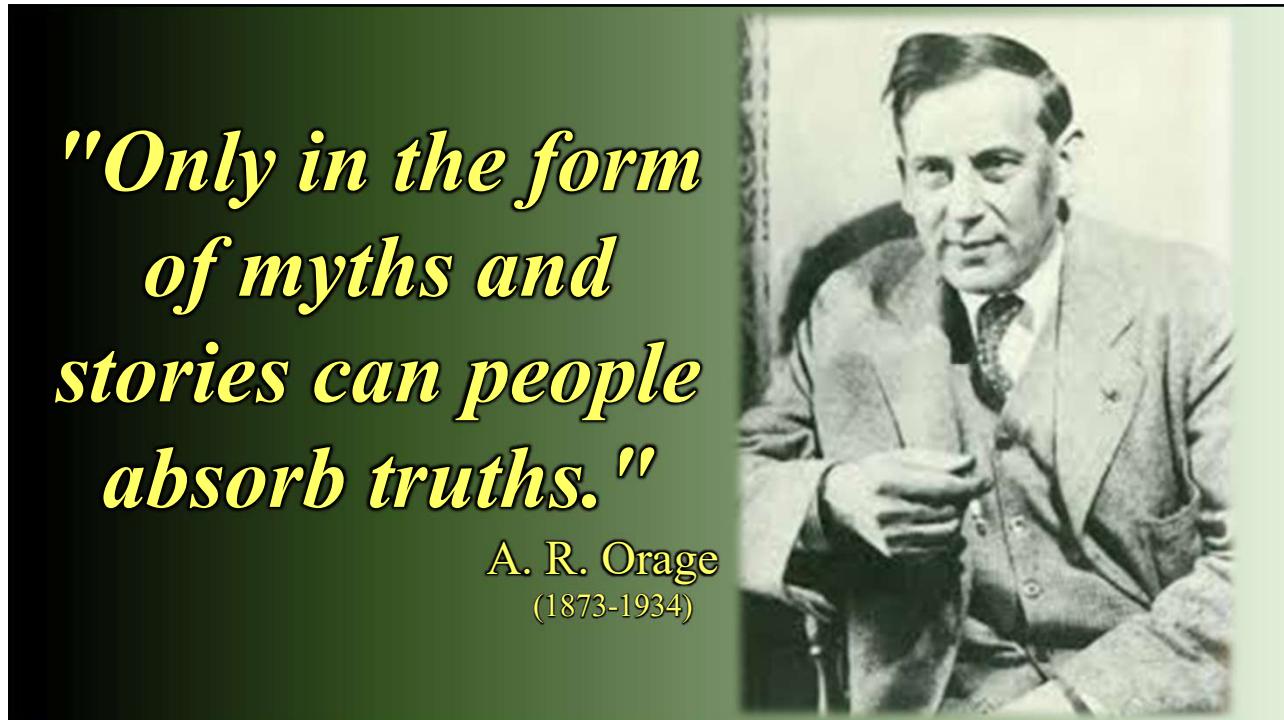
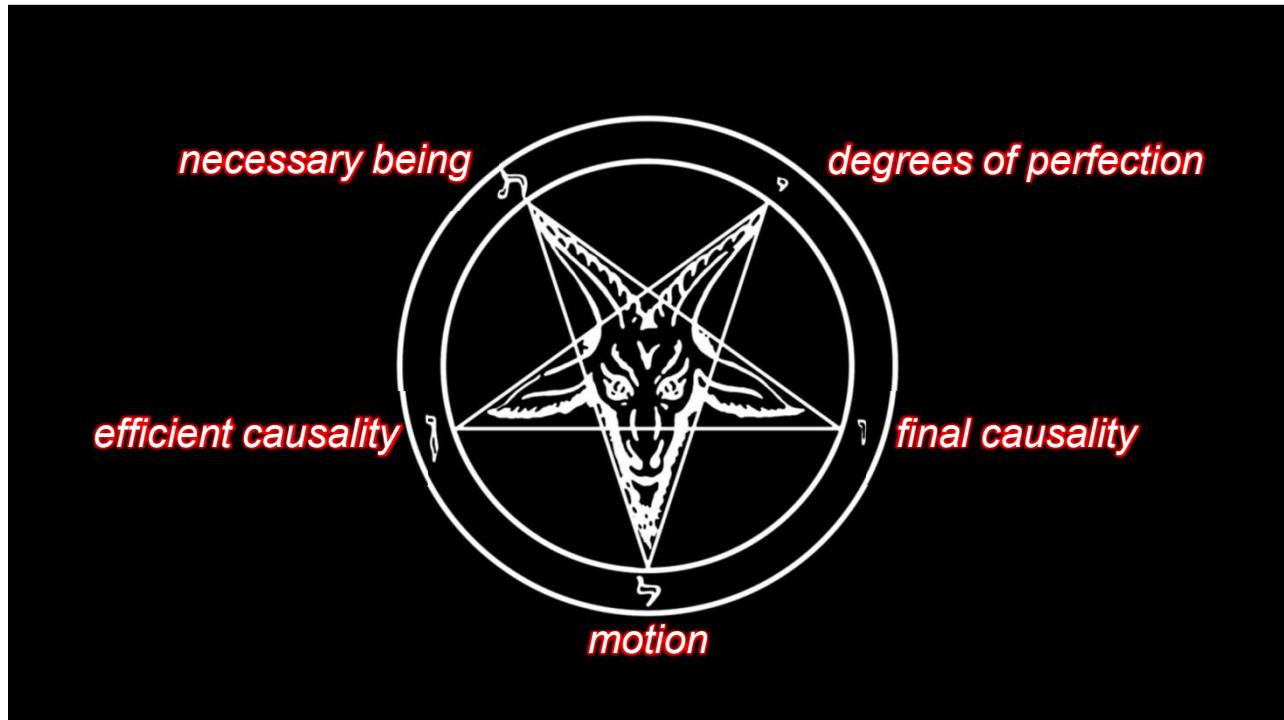
Thomas Aquinas's "Five Ways"

- *Argument from motion*
- *Argument from efficient causality*
- *Argument from necessary being*
- *Argument from degrees of perfection*
- *Argument from final causality*



Thomas Aquinas
(1225-1274)







*"Only in the form
of myths and
stories can people
absorb truths."*

A. R. Orage
(1873-1934)

But this statement by A. R. Orage is in the form of neither myth nor story. Thus, people will not be able to absorb it as a truth.

But this statement by Obi Wan is an absolute. This means, therefore, that Obi Wan is a Sith.



