

UNITY PRINCIPLES

A study of Unity Principles

From the perspective of

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The Challenge

The two quotes shown below are from the writings of Charles Fillmore and most succinctly state two problems he poses and answers. This is the subject matter of *The Unity Principles*. When he used the word “we”, he was not just talking about Unity leaders but Christianity as a whole. The principles he refers to apply to all people everywhere – all the time.

“We have never thought for ourselves in religion, consequently we do not know how to think accurately and consecutively upon any proposition. We have not been trained to draw conclusions each for himself from a universal pivotal truth. Consequently, we are not competent to pass judgment upon any statement so predicated. Our manner of deciding whether or not certain statements are true or false is to apply the mental bias with which heredity, religion, or social custom has environed us, or else fly to some manmade record as authority.”

Charles Fillmore – Dynamics for living pg. 14

In the following quote Fillmore is talking about Christianity as a whole but I believe we need to specifically apply this to the Unity Movement. We need to think of Unity as a movement as opposed to just another Christian denomination because the founders had a revolutionary way of looking at the teachings of Jesus.

“We have not been more successful in making the teachings of Jesus a practical standard for everyday guidance because we have not understood the laws on which they are based. Jesus would not have put forth a doctrine that was not true and not based on unchanging law.”

Charles Fillmore – Dynamics for living Pg 186

The key phrases in these quotes, “**universal pivotal truth**” and “**unchanging law**”, refer to the Universal Laws, and these Laws actually constitute the Unity Principles.

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Oneness Conceived – Duality Perceived

**It is in the conscious mind we learn to discriminate;
To carefully pull apart, analyze and to differentiate.**

**Each race is proud to set itself above and apart,
Our cultures, customs, our passions and our art.**

**Our mind-set is to argue over what we think is better.
Each thinks his traditions come from God to the letter.**

**Individual responsibility is an indispensable prerequisite;
Expressing individuality just to be different – inadequate.**

**We spend our lives in an effort to distinguish our name.
In the eyes of the world we seek approval and avoid blame.**

**In the material world and in all forms of life we analyze;
We classify, discuss at length, and in the end, categorize.**

**We're concerned with religious division and disharmony
But we continue to build walls around our philosophy.**

**We are concerned with how each is unique or different –
And ignore the truth in each, the Laws invariant.**

**The atom and the vast universe we wish to know,
Have in common the same structure, the pull to and fro.**

**Entangled and deluded by what we think is Reality,
Unable to imagine the whole, we fail to see the Unity.**

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Introduction

For more than 30 years I have been a student of the Universal Laws. I have studied major religions specifically looking at the teachings of the Great Masters from which those religions drew their inspiration. Within the first few weeks of coming into contact with Unity in 1999, I was satisfied that Fillmore and Cady were very much aware of these Laws, and that, in fact, there was no difference between what I called the Universal Laws and what we refer to as the Unity Principles or Truth Principles.

My study of the Universal Laws began in 1966 while a missionary teacher in South Viet Nam. From the beginning, I recognized statements of principle in the Dhammapada, the Tao Teh Ching, the Kabbala and the Vedas to be similar to sayings or parables of Jesus. Once the principles became clear to me, I began to build a matrix where I would slot in the statement from each tradition.

It was years before I came across writers who actually listed and defined the Universal Laws. Then I found them everywhere including right under my nose. This is why, when I came across Unity, the first thing I did was study the writings of the founders. Had these writings not verified their knowledge and understanding of the Universal Laws, I would never have continued my attendance at Unity classes and services.

My understanding of the Unity Principles is based upon my in depth study of the Universal Laws and not upon any formal training by Unity. However, I could have reached the same conclusions from the study of the writings of

Charles Fillmore. I am not a Minister of a Unity Church or even a licensed teacher, but I can read. What is necessary is the study by Unity members of the quotes from Fillmore, Cady and Turner under the heading of each Law. What I am offering is a different perspective and a structure upon which identification of the core principles of Unity can be clearly seen and understood.

In Unity, I saw the basis of the Universal Laws being expressed and sometimes named. In subsequent classes with a licensed teacher, class members spoke of *The 12 Powers of Man* by Charles Fillmore, but they spoke of these powers as if they were the Universal Laws. Fillmore specifically stated that these twelve powers were facets of God innate in man. They are our Divine Birthright. Jesus described them as “talents” in the parable we refer to as the parable of the talents. The 12 powers of man are specifically part of the Universal Law of Being, one of 13 Universal Laws.

Fillmore says, “*Inherent in the Mind of Being are **twelve fundamental ideas**, which in action appear as primal creative forces. It is possible for man to ally himself with and to **use these original forces**, and thereby cooperate with **the creative law**, but in order to do this he must detach himself from the forces and enter into the consciousness of the idea lying back of them.*” (*The Twelve Powers, p. 52*) Here he clearly differentiates between the twelve powers and the Universal Laws. The innate powers of being (twelve powers of man) are what we have to work with – our spiritual tools. We are to expand them because they are our birthright. We expand them in order to increase our capability to receive. They are ours to develop or bury. On

the other hand, **the creative law** he refers to is another name for the Universal Laws. We do not use the Universal Laws, but we can come into harmony with them if we enhance our innate powers.

I have come to know the Universal Laws by many names, such as the Secret Doctrine, the Divine Principles, the Perennial Philosophy and the First Philosophy. They have variously been organized from 10 to 21 in number. The most common number listed is 13, and the most common designation is “Universal Laws”.

Fillmore and Cady do not list the Universal Laws the way they list the 12 powers. Neither did Jesus, yet every time the Master opened his mouth as recorded in the narrative gospels and the non-canonical, he was explaining or illustrating one or more of the Universal Laws. Sometimes it was more than one at a time, and sometimes it was only an aspect of a Universal Principle. Fillmore’s writings continually refer to the Universal Laws, and I maintain that the Unity Principles are, in fact, the Universal Laws.

Fillmore mentions most of the Universal Laws by name, and in some cases, he expresses the principle over and over but doesn’t give it a specific name. Sometimes he expresses an aspect of a Universal Law and calls it a Universal Law while at the same time showing it to be an aspect of a Law. He makes mention of many laws, some of which one can categorize under a main principle, and others are the primary principle. I use the term principle and law interchangeably.

Over the years I have taught numerous classes and been a guest speaker at Unity Churches. Invariably, the subject of the Universal Laws has been a part of my lessons. You cannot get more basic than the Divine Principles, yet the subject matter is infinite in scope. You can learn from understanding of them on an infinite basis because they are aspects of Universal Mind that can be grasped only from our human process of identifying and verifying them in our life experiences.

Most of my books were written before coming in contact with Unity, but I have found new insights and confirmations from the authors I quote in this book. Within Unity, it is common to hear a member talk about the Unity principles as if they were some kind of creed formulated by the icons of the Unity movement!

When I first read *Talks on Truth*, *Lessons in Truth* and *The Twelve Powers of Man*, I made note where each Universal Law was mentioned or expressed in some way. My conclusion was, and still is, that **one cannot differentiate between the Unity Principles and the Universal Laws.**

In some cases, not only are each of the Laws explained, but they are also named comparable to the names I adopted from my teachers and great writers on the subject. At the beginning of each chapter I give the name that Fillmore or Cady gave to the Law covered in that chapter. On occasion, they would write extensively about one of the Laws but not actually name it. Jesus spoke, illustrated or explained each law or principle without ever naming one. For me, categorizing and classifying them has been a tool for clarification. Listing them the way I do has helped in

understanding of the total (Law of Creation). I recognize all 13 laws as part of this one great principle, and so did Fillmore.

Many thinkers, such as Aristotle, Spinoza, Aldous Huxley, Charles Hannel and more recently Dan Millman, Og Mandino, Maharishi Mahesh Yogi and Deepak Chopra have listed these principles in their books. Fillmore makes each of the 13 Laws clear and essentially states them as I have, but most members may not have made the connection between the Universal Laws and Unity principles.

I use quotes from the founders of the Unity movement because *Unity Principles* was written primarily for Unity members. It is also suitable for those interested in the movement. It is a book of referenced quotes in the main body of each chapter under the heading of a Universal Law. Normal quotes within a paragraph may or may not contain the reference.

The purpose of this book is to provide evidence in the words of Charles Fillmore, Emily Cady and Elizabeth Sand Turner as to the Unity Principles upon which the movement was based. I have commented sparingly on these quotes except in the introduction of each chapter and the summary. I have noted in bold letters significant words and phrases with regard to a Universal Law. Judge for yourself from these quotes what the Unity principles are.

Chapter One

The Sources

From the Day of Pentecost depicted in the second chapter of the book of Acts, there has been a battle between the literalists and the metaphysicians. It became the struggle for the heart and soul of the church known as the orthodox (literalists) and the Gnostics (experientialists). It continued for 1500 years until the Church and Christianized world were dominated by literalists. It culminated in what is known as the dark ages and present day dualism. Today we see this as a battle between the fundamentalists and the metaphysicians.

The words Gnostic and Gnosticism come from the Greek word gnosis usually translated as knowledge. The Greek language, however, makes a distinction between theoretical knowledge and experiential knowledge. It should be understood as “insight” or intuitive understanding. Gnostic gospels and ideas were unabashedly presented as myths, which is the way they interpreted all the gospels including the narrative gospels.

Gnosticism recognizes faith (pistis) as inseparable from knowledge. What use is the knowledge without the faith to do something with it? Gnosticism is a tradition that reoccurs where the individual is in contemplation of the Jesus mysteries. Such experience seldom, if ever, lends itself to uniform, dogmatic formulations as found in orthodox or literalist theology. The orthodox or literalist views elevate faith over knowledge. It was this orthodox, dogmatic, doctrinaire and closed approach to the teachings

of Jesus and the theocracy of Christian Rome that led to the dark ages. It was the attempt to set spirit in stone that turned out the light!

Scholars say that during Christianity's first 300 years there were more different kinds of Christians than today. It was this diversity that drove Emperor Constantine to take measures to codify and restructure the Church to suit his ends and purposes. Christianity was to be used in his unification of the empire. He had defeated two other emperors in the military phase and now must have a unifying theology. He established the councils to aid in his objectives, but as time went on, he had little tolerance for religious debate.

Michael Grant, in his book *Constantine The Great*, p. 162, notes "Constantine wanted an established church, to which all good Christians would belong; and those who would not belong to it were dismissed as 'heretics' – a term resounding with mutual Christian accusations, and with a long and ominous history ahead of it. Constantine deplored this ridiculous proliferation of dissension, believing that imperial unity required unity of creeds."

Only the priests of the literalist camp were invited to the Nicene Council. Constantine controlled the agenda! When his guests acquiesced in what he wanted, he acquiesced in what they wanted, and we might say an unholy alliance was formed. This gave him a unifying force for his empire and allowed the leaders of this newly empowered church to persecute all manner of religions from which they were already borrowing heavily.

There has been a resurrection of interest that modern day Gnostics claim dating from publication of the Dead Sea Scrolls and the Nag Hamadi Scrolls. In fact, metaphysics existed long before Christianity in the teachings of Hermes Trismegistus. During Jesus' lifetime, the Jewish master Philo taught metaphysics. Metaphysicians never quite disappeared even during the period of literalists' domination and the "dark ages". In the 1600s, Spinoza illustrates understanding of the Universal Laws. He wrote, *"There is no need that we should understand the series of individual mutable things, for their essence is only to be found in fixed and eternal things, and from the laws inscribed in those things as their true codes, according to which all individual things are made and arranged; nay, these individual and mutable things depend so intimately and essentially on these fixed ones that without them they can neither exist nor be conceived."*

In the past 100 plus years many groups have developed under the somewhat confusing label of "New Age". There is nothing new in "New Age". In fact, it is very old, however, there is as much superstition and nonsense in some New Age writings as there is in fundamentalist literalist dogma. There is a big difference between what is published under the label of "New Age" or "New Thought" and the metaphysics of Charles Fillmore and Emily Cady. "New Age" has become a catch all for many pagan teachings and much cultural superstition. It is a mingling of Eastern traditions and Western mysticism and more. Fillmore walked his own line by identifying, verifying and adhering to the Universal Laws.

Today there are those who feel that Unity is in danger of losing touch with its metaphysical heritage and that it must go back to the basics or end up on history's heap of failed organizations. One retired Unity Minister, Rev. Bernard Dozier, says, "*We need to get back to basics...Unity basics. Go down to the roots. Reorient ourselves. Get stabilized on, and in, Truth fundamentals.*" This book is about the "truth fundamentals" as revealed primarily in the words of Charles Fillmore and Emily Cady. There are also a few quotes from Elizabeth Sand Turner and Cora Fillmore. However, none of these writers invented the Unity Principles. They simply taught the Universal Laws and how to come into harmony with them.

Jesus did not invent the Laws or teach totally new principles. They were new to the ones he taught, but as Fillmore says, "**He demonstrated them.**" The Laws have been in place from before there could be the first clod of earth (matter) as stated in ***Proverbs 8:22***. This passage describes a time before that described in Genesis, Chapter 1. "*The Lord begot me, the first-born of his ways, the forerunner of his prodigies of long ago: From of old I was poured forth, at the first, before the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no fountains or springs of water; Before the mountains were settled into place, before the hills, I was brought forth; While as yet the earth and the fields were not made. Nor the first clods of the world. When he established the heavens I was there, when he marked out the vault over the face of the deep; When he made firm the skies above, when he fixed fast the foundations of the earth; When he set for the sea its limit, so that the waters should not transgress his command; Then was I beside him as his craftsman, and I*

was his delight day by day, playing before him all the while playing on the surface of his earth; and I found delight in the sons of men.”

In reference to the scripture above, what was poured forth and used as his craftsman were the principles upon which the foundations of all disciplines and even physical laws are based. Human beings are the instrument of the continuing process of creation and his delight in the continuing process of creation. In the first chapter of John’s gospel is reflected the same thought found in **Proverbs 8:22**. **John 1:1-3** reads, *“In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God, All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be.”* Fillmore acknowledged this when he wrote, *“The first-born of everything in the universe is an idea in Divine Mind. In God Mind an idea is the eternal word of Logos, the original primary, or unlimited thought of Being.”* **Dynamics for Living, p. 35**

In Egypt, possibly before the time of Abraham, Hermes or secret mystery groups writing under that name taught what is called the Hermetic Principles. They were more like axioms and can be found in all the statements of principle we call Universal Laws. Some understanding of the Universal Laws has been known wherever and whenever human beings focused their thinking on Universal Mind. Jesus proved to be a self-realized manifestation of Universal Mind so there should be no surprise that in his parables and statements are found illustrations and explanations of the Universal Laws.

The Fillmores and Cady, whose writings influenced Unity from the earliest days of the movement, focused on Universal Principles they had identified and verified for themselves. It was not the Fillmores' intention to create a church or denomination. Charles Fillmore wanted to demonstrate practical Christianity, and he wanted his readers and students to do the same. Making the Unity teaching consistent with Universal Principle required the Fillmores to abandon fear based and dualistic concepts. There was essentially no difference in the thinking of the Fillmores and other great thinkers and writers who have struggled against the debilitating effects of fear based dualistic concepts.

Charles Fillmore, while repudiating fear based and dualistic concepts, never divorced himself, or Unity, from essence Christianity, saying "*Unity believes in all the doctrines of Christianity, spiritually interpreted.*" The question then is what is "essence Christianity", and what is correct spiritual interpretation? I propose to show in this book that the essence of Jesus' teachings was the Universal Laws and that Charles Fillmore and Emily Cady identified them as such and verified them experientially. They recognized that physical health, mental health and spiritual health depended upon moving from fear based feeling to love based living. The quotes drawn from his writings and those of Cady and Turner, show they were continually following this process.

Chapter Two

Reference the Universal Laws

Fillmore and Cady refer to the Universal Laws as “**unchangeable truths**”, “**divine principles**” and “**universal laws**” as well as “**spiritual truths**” and “**immutable laws**”.

These Universal Principles apply to anything and everything. In this book, I am primarily concerned with showing that the founders of the Unity Movement recognized these Laws and saw them as unchangeable truths that were present in everything we can know. These Principles, being aspects of God, are omnipresent. Like the physical law of gravity, they are ever present. It is not a matter of **learning** the Laws as in memorizing a creed or the Ten Commandments. It is a matter of **living** them. Since they apply to everything and everyone, their application goes to physical life and relative understanding as well as the greater work of unfoldment.

When it comes to the Universal Laws, everyone, regardless of his degree of understanding, can grasp the essential meaning of these universal rules for living. We have to live them or experience them to know them. No matter at what level we grasp them, they are true and unchangeable. Note the following definitions of the Universal Laws:

*“What are usually called the promises of God are certain eternal, **unchangeable truths** that are true whether they are found in the Bible or in the almanac. They are **unvarying statements of truth** that cannot be altered.”*
Cady, *Lessons in Truth*, p. 66

*“When he cooperates with **divine principle**, man sits on the throne of his authority and the elemental force is subject to him.”* Fillmore, ***The Twelve Powers***, p. 68

*“They are in the world as **omnipresent Principle**, having an abiding place everywhere, because they are as ubiquitous as the air. No man lives a moment without them, yet few men recognize them.”* Fillmore, ***Talks on Truth***, p. 69

*“For if God is Spirit, **the principle of intelligence and life**, everywhere present at all times, He must be just as accessible as a principle of mathematics and fully as free from formalism. When a mathematician finds that his answers to a problem is not correct, he consults the principle and works out the correct solution.* Fillmore, ***Talks on Truth***, p. 11

*“But **principles** do not change; man makes his heaven or his hell, just as he did two thousand or two million years ago.”* Fillmore, ***Talks on Truth***, p. 17

*“Jesus demonstrated **the law of God**, and His word was with power. He became the Word of God incarnate, because He fulfilled all the requirements of **the law**.”* Fillmore, ***Talks on Truth***, p. 43. He is not talking about only fulfillment of the law of Moses but the fact that he came into harmony with the universal laws.

*“But to be or not to be rests upon the **immutable law** of the Word of God, for only by the light that it sheds can man see and appropriate the privileges that are his by original birth.”* Fillmore, ***Talks on Truth***, p. 74

*“God never performs miracles, if by miracle is meant a departure from **universal law**. Whatever the prophets did was done by the operation of **laws inherent in Being** and open to the discovery of every man.”* Fillmore, *Talks on Truth*, p. 111

*“God’s Spirit goes forth in mighty streams of life, love, substance and intelligence. Each of these attributes is conscious only of **the principle involved in it** and in the work that it has to do. Though it is man’s mission to combine these inexhaustible potentialities under **divine law**, man is free to do as he wills. But the **divine law** cannot be broken, and it holds man responsible for the result of his labors.”* Fillmore, *The Twelve Powers*, p. 131

*“In working out our problems of everyday life, we should first take into consideration the relation that the problem bears to God, then to our fellowmen and ourselves. Next, we should lay hold of the ideas that are to be worked upon by **divine law**. As these fundamental ideas are incorporated into consciousness, they make contact with thought forces on various planes of action, and the many complex problems that arise in the course of the soul’s evolution are harmonized under **the higher law**.”* Fillmore, *The Twelve Powers*, p. 268

*“In some way, which it is not easy to put into words – for **spiritual laws** cannot always be compassed in words, and yet they are none the less **infallible, immutable laws** that work with precision and certainty.”* – Cady, *Lessons in Truth*, p. 52

*“God’s law governs the universe and the life of all creatures. We cannot disregard it with impunity. **Persistence in spiritual discipline** should be our watchword, and Christ has given us the capacity and strength to move steadily forward.” Turner, **Be Ye Transformed**, p. 153*

*“God as the underlying substance of all things, **God as principle**, is unchanging, and does remain forever uncognizant of and unmoved by the changing things of time and sense.” Cady, **Lessons in Truth**, p. 137*

*“In every age preceding this the priesthood has labored under the delusion that the common people could not understand the real meaning of life and that they should therefore be kept in ignorance of its inner sources; also that the masses could not be trusted with sacred truths, that imparting such truths to them was like casting pearls before swine. But now science is delving into hidden things, and it is found that they all arise in and are sustained by **universal principles** that are open to all men who seek to know and apply them.” Fillmore, **Atomic-Smashing Power of Mind**, p. 84*

*“So long as religion assumes that the Spirit that creates and sustains man and the universe can be cajoled and by prayer or some other appeal can be induced to change its laws, it cannot hope to be recognized by those who know that **unchangeable law** rules everywhere and in everything.” Fillmore, **Atomic-Smashing Power of Mind**, p. 86*

*“Jesus evidently understood this higher astronomy and He knew that His work as a teacher and **demonstrator of***

spiritual law was related to it, yet not controlled by it. He co-operated with the “law and the prophets.” As far as they went, but He knew **the higher law** of the Christ man and affirmed His supremacy in the words: “All authority hath been given unto me in heaven and on earth.” Fillmore, ***Atomic-Smashing Power of Mind***, p. 162

“The true concept of God is that He is **the Intelligent Principle of the universe**, and, like all principles, totally impartial in His expressions.” Fillmore, ***Dynamics for Living***, p. 17

“It is the science of life. Upon its understanding hinges the happiness or unhappiness of man’s existence. It is not a science whose laws were discovered and arbitrarily classified by those metaphysicians of the past. On the contrary, it is **universal in its unfoldment and application**.” Fillmore, ***Dynamics for Living***, p. 21

“This system of metaphysics is but another name for **universal Truths**.” Fillmore, ***Dynamics for Living***, p. 22

“**Divine Principle is fundamental Truth**. God as Principle is the unchangeable life, love, intelligence, and substance of Being.” Fillmore, ***Dynamics for Living***, p. 30

“God as law is **Principle in action**. Everything has its foundation in a rule of action, a law. **Divine law** is the orderly working out of **the principles of Being**.” Fillmore, ***Dynamics for Living***, p. 31

“By the term Mind, we mean God – **the universal Principle**, which includes all principles. In our talk about

*Mind we are forced to leave the plane of things formed and enter the realm of **pure knowing**.*” Fillmore, ***Dynamics for Living***, p. 32

*“The absolute Truth is that which accords with God as **divine Principle**; that which is, has been, and ever will be; that which eternally is. The Truth of God is reality. The verities of Being are eternal.*” Fillmore, ***Dynamics for Living***, p. 33

*“The firstborn of everything in the universe is **an idea in Divine Mind**. In God Mind an idea is the eternal Word of Logos, the original, primary, or unlimited thought of Being.*” Fillmore, ***Dynamics for Living***, p. 35

*“In following the principles of mathematics we use rules. There is a rule of addition that we must observe when we add; other rules that must be followed when we subtract or multiply. The ideas of Divine Mind can only be expressed when we follow the **rules of laws of mind**, and these rules require understanding if we would follow them intelligently and achieve results.*” Fillmore, ***Prosperity***, p. 29

*“One who knows **Principle** has a certain inner security given him by the **understanding of God Mind**. Our affirmations are for the purpose of establishing in our consciousness a broad understanding of the principles on which all life and existence depends.”* Fillmore, ***Prosperity***, p. 56

*“If we **break the universal law**, we **suffer limitations**, just as a convicted lawbreaker is limited to a cell or prison.*

*The Holy Spirit is the executive official through whom Divine Mind enforces its laws.” Fillmore, **Prosperity**, p. 59*

*“That is the way in which the one Mind expresses itself through man. It is the law. Those who live in accordance with the law will get the desired results. Those who fail to do so will get the opposite results.” Fillmore, **Prosperity**, p. 60*

From these quotes, we have Charles Fillmore’s definitions of the Universal Laws, and as he says, it makes no difference where you find them, *“they are unvarying statements of truth that cannot be altered.”* His concern is that even though they are omnipresent, *“no man lives a moment without them, yet few men recognize them.”*

It is evident from Fillmore’s explanation of the Universal Laws, especially the Law of Being, that what he meant by practical Christianity was that it must be experientially based. Nothing was to be accepted without investigation. Faith alone was insufficient and dangerous. Faith is important but it does not exist in a vacuum without experiential knowledge.

Clearly the writing of Fillmore and Cady hold the Universal Laws to be vital to the process of Self-discovery. These quotes are the very heart of their message, and I have reproduced only a fraction of them. If they are not the principles upon which the Unity Movement is based, what are they? In the following chapters, I illustrate the quotes relevant to each of 13 Universal Principles upon which Fillmore’s concept of practical Christianity rests.

*“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill.”
Matthew 5:17*

Chapter Three

Reference the Law of Being

Fillmore refers to this law as the “Law of Being” and this is the Law to which he is referring when he teaches the twelve powers of man.

We are unique. No one is exactly the same as we are. Our needs, thinking and objectives are unique to us individually. To even begin to understand this Law it is necessary to recognize the nature of our being. It is a matter of identification. How can we only identify ourselves as physical bodies and expect more than a minimal understanding of Being?

We must know the Self as a microcosm of the universe. Every quote from the Unity founders, and others who have made significant contributions to Unity, has to do with our Being, the composite of body, mind and spirit. J. Sig Paulson says, *“The greatest power in the universe is the power to be! It expresses itself in every thing. A drop of water, a blade of grass, a planet, a star, a dog, a cat, a bird, are all expressions of the power to be. It is in man that the power to be finds its greatest expression or Power to Be is to find individual expression, and this expression is to come about through the cooperation of the Creator and the created.”*

This Law is expressed as the 12 powers of man. The following quotes from the writings of Charles Fillmore, Emily Cady and Elizabeth Sand Turner relate to the Universal Law of Being:

*“The number twelve as used here symbolizes the **twelve faculties of man**. When these are spiritually developed they become the cornerstones of divine realization.”* Turner, *Be Ye Transformed*, p. 276

*“Inherent in the Mind of Being are **twelve fundamental ideas**, which in action appear as primal creative forces. It is possible for man to ally himself with and to use these original forces, and thereby cooperate with **the creative law**, but in order to do this he must detach himself from the forces and enter into the consciousness of the idea lying back of them.”* Fillmore, *The Twelve Powers*, p. 52

*“It is a fact, well known to those who have deeply studied **the law of Being**, that death does separate Spirit, soul and body; that the communications received by spiritualists are but echoes of the soul, without its animating, inspiring, spiritual I AM; that this mentality that communicates falls in its turn into a sleep, or coma, even as the body does, until **the law** again brings about a union with its I AM or higher Self and the building of another physical organism takes place.”* Fillmore, *The Twelve Powers*, p. 172

*“God is your **higher self** and is in constant waiting upon you.”* Fillmore, *Talks On Truth*, p. 11

*“There is a royal road for every man, a road in which he will be conscious of the dominion that is his by **divine right**. That road, Jesus said, leads out from the I AM.”* Fillmore, *Talks On Truth*, p. 25

“Then, so far as we are concerned, the mystery of Being is wrapped in and around that which we are wont to call clay.

Do not mistake the proposition and assume that the physical man as he now appears to your comprehension is the summum bonum of existence. This is not the claim. The claim is that to your consciousness the corporeal man surrounds and gives definite place to that which you seek – ‘the kingdom of God ... within you.’ Fillmore, *Talks On Truth*, p. 32

*“So if anywhere in the universe you behold a form, you may know that within that form there is a **potential center** from which spring all its qualities. That the invisible cause is or is not confined to that form is not essential to the proposition.”* Fillmore, *Talks On Truth*, p. 33

*“The true body is an **ethereal body**, an indestructible body; the body of flesh is the grosser vibration, that the sense consciousness beholds.”* Fillmore, *Talks On Truth*, p. 62-63

*“Do not condemn the flesh or bewail your lot. The flesh is an obedient servant, and it now expresses your idea of what form should be. In its virgin purity it is the **immaculate substance of Being**.”* Fillmore, *Talks On Truth*, p. 79

(Speaking of Jesus) *“He often referred to the Father dwelling in Him. He also told others that the Spirit of God dwelt in them. As a climax He definitely located **heaven ‘within you.**”* Fillmore, *Talks On Truth*, p. 30

*“All men who have moved the world to better things have received their inspiration from **the Spirit within** and have always looked to it for instruction.”* Fillmore, *Talks On Truth*, p. 9

*“Know thyself; know who and what you are, where you came from, what you are doing here, and where you are going. If you want to know all this, meditate upon **the I AM.**”* Fillmore, *Talks On Truth*, p. 76

*“**The kingdom of God is within you.**”* It is not afar, nor is it hard to find, if your desire has headed you in its direction.” Fillmore, *Talks On Truth*, p. 80

*“Spirit is **the omnipotent, silent principle pervading Being.** You are Spirit, and must find yourself before you can communicate with universal Spirit.”* Fillmore, *Talks On Truth*, p. 96

*“You must keep the equipoise; you must, in all the bringing forth of **the twelve powers of man**, realize that they come from God: that they are directed by the Word of God, and that man (Jesus) is their head.”* Fillmore, *The Twelve Powers*, p. 23

*“Turn to **the divine presence within yourself.** Seek Him. Be still before Him. Wait upon God quietly, earnestly, but constantly and trustingly, for days – aye weeks, if need be.”* Cady, *Lessons in Truth*, p. 124

*“Secrets are not told upon the housetop; nor is it possible to pass this, the greatest of secrets, from one to another. God, the creator of our being, must Himself whisper it to each man living in **the very innermost of himself.**”* Cady, *Lessons in Truth* p. 94

“Individuality is the term used to denote the real man. The more God comes into visibility through a person the more individualized he becomes.” Cady, Lesson in Truth, p. 72

“The Spirit within you is Divine Mind, the real mind. Without it the human mind would disappear, just as a shadow disappears when the real thing that casts it is removed.” Cady, Lesson in Truths, p. 26

“Man is a spiritual being of Spirit, soul, and body. Therefore, our so-called physical organism is not a separate entity but derives from Spirit, and is dependent upon soul or consciousness for its functioning.” Turner, Be Ye Transformed, p. 153

“When we accept the Truth that we are spiritual in nature and that the Christ who indwells us is our true self, we naturally ask why we have not expressed what we are in reality, the whole and perfect child of God.” Turner, Be Ye Transformed, p. 146

“If you fully recognize that the God that dwells in you dwells in all men, you know that each one’s own Lord, the Christ within each one, will make no mistake.” Cady, Lessons in Truth, p. 135

“Our Bible plainly teaches that God implanted in man His perfect image and likeness, with executive ability to carry out all the creative plans of the Great Architect.” Fillmore, Atomic-Smashing Power of Mind, p. 18

“He who has caught the significance of man, and who and what man is, never allows himself to accept any erroneous

*conclusions as to his final destiny.” Fillmore, **Atomic-Smashing Power of Mind, p. 42***

*“So the “seed,” that is, “the word of God,” is man; not the external thinking personality that has a consciousness of separation, but the internal spiritual germ. The central seed is the generative center from which the personal man forms himself. He draws upon the universal forces within and without, just as the tree draws upon the invisible Spirit, manifesting itself in earth, air, and water.” Fillmore, **Atomic-Smashing Power of Mind, p. 135***

*“One of the first lessons to be learned by the student of metaphysics is that the “seed is the word.” The next is that this kind of seed is hid in the darkness of the mind, where it germinates, sprouts, and comes into visibility with all the scientific accuracy of detail of the ordinary plant.” Fillmore, **Atomic-Smashing Power of Mind, p. 140***

*“The Principle of Being is not only all good, but it is all intelligent. It is the fount of your intelligence.” Fillmore, **Dynamics for Living, p. 22***

*“Man is an idea in Divine Mind. He is the epitome of Being.” Fillmore, **Dynamics for Living, p. 43***

*“Man is not limited in life. He has existed with the Father always.” Fillmore, **Dynamics for Living, p. 44***

*“I AM is man’s self-identity, the center around which man’s system revolves. It is established in Principle. It is divinely guided in its acts and they are in harmony with divine law.” Fillmore, **Dynamics for Living, p. 46***

“In pure metaphysics there is but one word, the Word of God. This is the original creative Word, or thought, of Being. In the original it includes wisdom, judgment, power, and all the inherent potentialities of Being.” Fillmore, ***Dynamics for Living*, p. 74**

“In order to perceive the essence of Being we must drop from our mind all thought that God is in any way circumscribed or has any of the limitations that we associate with things or persons having form or shape.” Fillmore, ***Prosperity*, p. 14**

“The is-ness of mind is but one side of it. Being is not limited to the level of is-ness; it has all possibilities, including that of breaking forth from its inherencies into the realm of appearances.” Fillmore, ***Prosperity*, p. 27**

“This is the law of mind. The principle is within each one of us, but we must be spiritually quickened in life and in understanding before we can successfully work in accord with it.” Fillmore, ***Prosperity*, p. 32**

“It is the divine plan that all expression or demonstration shall come through this gateway of man’s mind. But above all this are the ideas that exist in the primal state of Being, and this is the truth of which we must become conscious.” Fillmore, ***Prosperity*, p. 32**

“It is safe to say that all men are striving to fulfill the law of their being, but few have understood the law. The law is one of the most important things we can study, because only as we come to understand it and in proportion as we understand it can we comply with its requirements and

demonstrate our divine possibilities through it.” Fillmore, Prosperity, p. 70

The Law of Being (the Innate Powers) is clearly defined in these quotes. These attributes of the indwelling of Universal Being, the I AM Consciousness, are the make up of our Being. Why is it important for us to recognize these powers within ourselves and enhance them as opposed to burying them? There is a sub-law explained by E.F. Shumacher in his book, *A Guide for the Perplexed*, called the law of adequatio. Essentially, it is the fact that it is not possible to pour the contents of a 5 gallon container into a quart jar. All but a quart will end up on the ground. The principle embodied is that we must expand our container to receive. God will not give us what we are not capable of receiving. It is our responsibility to expand our vessel, and when we do, there is a never ending supply.

When we recognize there is more to us than just a body – a piece of complicated electromagnetic equipment – that operates more or less mechanically, we have made the first important step. We will break the chains of being mechanical by observing our Self and those mentally restrictive perceptions that captivate us. We will recognize that we are neither a physical being with a spirit nor a spirit with a body, but a composite of mind, body and spirit.

What should a member of Unity or any new thought student draw from this specific teaching about the Universal Laws? We must develop our birthright and use these innate powers (12 powers), to come into harmony with the Universal Laws. We are endowed with these powers because God dwells within us. Recognition of the Universal Laws and

understanding of how they have always been in play is necessary for our realization and unfoldment of purpose.

“Jesus answered them, “Is it not written in your law, I said, “You are gods? If it calls them gods to whom the word of God came, and scripture cannot be set aside, can you say that the one whom the Father has consecrated and sent into the world blasphemes because I said, I am the Son of God? John 10:34

Chapter Four

Reference the Law of Absolute Unity

Cady’s way of expressing the Law of Absolute Unity is, “There is but one power in the universe”, and Fillmore calls it “the unity of life.”

While recognizing our individuality and our pivotal place and role, we must be aware that we are part of what makes up the whole of life. There is a perceived disconnection with Universal Being, which many point to as evidence of duality, but there is in truth only Absolute Unity. Nothing we do is totally separated from the whole. Diversity is natural. There is much variety in life, yet there is unity when it comes to the Universal Principles and the Divine Self-expression.

Virtually all Christian churches – except Unity – see the world as a battle between God with his angelic host and Satan with his demonic forces. To them, this is a world of good vs. evil. In a world where God is omnipresent, where would this Satanic character be? Fillmore recognized there is a struggle in the hearts and minds of human beings between **love** and **fear**. These are not mere emotions but the catalyst in our minds which can create destructively as easily as it creates constructively. The concept of evil is really a matter of concentrated fear and negativity. The perception of separation from God originates with man, not with God. We have never been separated from God and could not be because God dwells in man.

Here is what Fillmore had to say about the Universal Law of Absolute Unity:

*“Man sees only form, and makes his God a personal being located in a city of dimensions. This belief of separateness leads to ignorance, because all intelligence is derived from **the one Divine Mind**, and when the soul thinks itself something alone, it cuts itself off in consciousness from the fount of inspiration. Believing himself separate from his source, man loses sight of the **divine harmony**.”* Fillmore, **Talks on Truth, p. 10**

“The only walls of separation are those built by consciousness of separation.” Fillmore, **Talks on Truth, p. 15**

*“In claiming your **unity with Spirit**, you must be willing to conform to the conditions of Spirit. If you are not sincere in your conformity, you will be torn in the conflict. You cannot worship two masters.”* Fillmore, **Talks on Truth p. 84**

*“By meditation and by the innate logic of mind, which is really a process of cleaning the windows of mind so that we continually see a little more clearly, we have become conscious of **our unity with the great source of almightiness**, and have learned that through this **unity** we may be led into the light here and now.”* Fillmore, **The Twelve Powers, p. 256**

*“Divine ideas are universal in character and recognize **the unity of life** among people of all nations.”* Fillmore, **The Twelve Powers, p. 289**

*“There is but **one power in the universe**, and that is God – good. God is good, and God is omnipresent.”... “There is no absence of life, substance, or intelligence anywhere.”*
Cady, *Lessons in Truth*, p. 44

*“God is not only the creative cause of every visible form of intelligence and life at its commencement, but each moment throughout its existence **He lives within every created thing as the life, the ever renewing, re-creating, up-building cause of it.** He never is and never can be for a moment separated from His creations.* Cady, *Lessons in Truth*, p. 21

“Just how God puts Himself into His creation is not so universally understood or accepted. But Paul says that God is in us all and through us all and above us all; that is, God saturates us. God as Spirit is the ether or soil in which we grow as human plants.” Fillmore, *Atomic-Smashing Power of Mind*, p. 59

“God is Mind, and man made in the image and likeness of God is Mind, because there is but one Mind, and that the Mind of God.” Fillmore, *Atomic Smashing Power of Mind*, p. 93

“Many delusions arise among Christians because they lack understanding of the law of the idea and its manifestations. All things, all actions, all principles, are working toward the unity of God, man, and the universe.” Fillmore, *Atomic Smashing Power Mind*, p. 153

“There is an ever-present, all-knowing One. Put yourself into conscious unity with this presence through the power

of your thought and your word, and you will gradually become mentally open to a world of causes of which you never before dreamed.” Fillmore, ***Dynamics for Living*, p. 317**

“The realization of divine unity is the highest that we can attain. This is true glory, the blending and merging of the whole being into Divine Mind.” Fillmore, ***Dynamics for Living*, p. 320**

“As you lay hold of substance with your mind, make it permanent and enduring. Realize your oneness with it. You are unified with the one living substance, which is God, your all-sufficiency.” Fillmore, ***Prosperity*, p. 22**

“There is no duality in god. We intuitively know that God is good and that God is all. We intuitively know that life is the one real expression of god.” Fillmore, ***Talks on Truth*, p. 149**

Fillmore stressed that there is one Divine Mind in Divine Harmony and Unity of life. We come from God, go to God and could never be separated from God. Realization of this Divine unity is the highest evolvment we can attain. There never has been separation of man from God. Only our intellect, seeded in fear, generates the perception of duality.

What can we draw from these quotes in the pursuit of practical Christianity? We will come to know in body, soul and mind that we are part of Being as a Whole. We will know that our real source of energy and power is oneness with Universal Being. We will become aware at all times that God is where we move, live and have our being; that

we are his temple, his vehicle, and in fact, part of the whole.

“On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you.” John 14:20

Chapter Five

Reference the Law of Proper Perspective

Fillmore refers to this law as that of Judgment and Discretion, Choice, Attitude of Mind and Discrimination.

This Law follows on the Law of Being with regard to knowing our Self. We must know who we are, where we are and where we want to go in order to have proper perspective. Only then can we determine the questions that need answering, attract the understanding we need and make the right choices. With free will, we exercise choice. We determine our priorities. We decide what is important to us. We allow the will and the imagination to focus on creating our vision. Decisions are not made with words alone, but with actions. Note the following testimony on the Universal Law of Proper Perspective. The testimony with regard to this Universal Principle is as follows:

*“Life in the body is governed by **the hold that the I AM has on the idea of life**. Its character is also tempered by the conservation that **judgment and discretion** exercise with respect to the other factors of expression. But let the idea of life be firmly grasped and put into practical use through thought and word, and the other factors fall into line.”*
Fillmore, *Talks on Truth*, p. 42

*“What men need above all else in this day is **more wisdom – more discretion in the use of the life that they have**. More life with the same old destructive ignorance in using it would but add to their misery. Yet God does not dictate*

what shall be **man's choice** in this or in any other act. If man finds the law through which life is made manifest in his consciousness, he may use it blindly and ignorantly if he so elects. But he must also abide by the results, and this is where man sets up his wail of sorrow; he does not like to reap his sowing." Fillmore, *Talks on Truth*, p. 44-45

"What our forefathers discussed for a lifetime, fought bitter battles over and left undecided, the free-minded man sees through in a moment's consideration. He sees through it with unerring accuracy, because his **point of view is far removed from the narrow bigotry engrafted by creeds and dogmas** into the susceptible mind of the infant churchman." Fillmore, *Talks on Truth*, p. 104

"The experiences we have while passing through the throes of a new birth depend largely upon our **attitude of mind toward God and toward humanity**. Fillmore, *The Twelve Powers*, p. 293

"I want to stimulate you to lose sight of all differences, all side issues and lesser things, and seek but for one thing – that is **the consciousness of the presence of an indwelling God** in you and your life." Cady, *Lessons in Truth*, p. 130

"If we vacillate between human reason and divine judgment our **mind is divided and has no stability**. Separated from the source of wisdom, we become increasingly worldly-minded and fall into the error of thinking that we are sufficient unto ourself." Turner, *Be Ye Transformed*, p. 217

*“It is essential that we have **the right concept** of our body as a sacred vessel, housing the Christ life during our sojourn on earth.”* Turner, ***Be Ye Transformed***, p. 153

*“You do not change God’s attitude toward you one iota by either importuning or affirming. You only change **your attitude** toward Him. By thus affirming, you put yourself in harmony with divine law, which is always working toward your good and never toward your harm or punishment.”* Cady, ***Lessons in Truth***, p. 55

“The fact is, each one looking at the same world sees according to the size of the aperture through which he is looking, and he limits the world to just his own circumscribed view of it.” Cady, ***Lessons in Truth***, p. 129

*“All things are in the consciousness and you have to learn **to separate the erroneous from the true**, darkness from light. The I AM must separate the sheep from the goats. This sifting begins right now and goes on until the perfect child of God is manifest and you are fully rounded out in all your Godlike attributes.”* Fillmore, ***Atomic-Smashing Power of Mind***, p. 49

*“The same general law is carried out in everything with which man has to do. Financial success or failure depends on the **attitude of mind** active in both those who achieve success and those who fall under the negations of failure.”* Fillmore, ***Atomic-Smashing Power of Mind***, p. 105

“Man must have the spiritual ability to discern life’s perfect pattern if he is to fulfill the requirements of scientific prayer.” Fillmore, ***Dynamics for Living***, p. 100

“It is our mental attitude toward things that fixes our relation to them. The better we understand the innate substance of the world about us, the more do we appreciate it.” Fillmore, ***Dynamics for Living***, p. 130

“Tell me what kind of thoughts you are holding about yourself and your neighbors, and I can tell you just what you may expect in the way of finances and harmony in your home.” Fillmore, ***Dynamics for Living***, p. 222

*“Success or failure depends upon the **attitude of mind** active in both those who achieve success and those who fall under the negations of failure.”* Fillmore, ***Dynamics for Living***, p. 223

“It is not alone a question of perception. The kingdom must be made manifest. All manifestation arises through action. You cannot exercise your right to be, without making manifest some of the potentialities of Being.” Fillmore, ***Dynamics for Living***, p. 294

“In order to have understanding of the law through which we gain or lose in the use of the invisible substance, we must use discrimination or judgment.” Fillmore, ***Prosperity***, p. 45

*“You have called out faith in things spiritual, you have faith in God, and you have cultivated your unity with the one Mind; if you then use **spiritual judgment** and do your work in love, you have become “a teacher in Israel.”* Fillmore, ***Prosperity***, p. 45

*“In order to have understanding of the law through which we gain or lose in the use of the invisible substance, we must use **discrimination or judgment.**”* Fillmore, *Prosperity*, p. 45

“You have doubtless found that there is a spiritual law that brings into manifestation the thoughts we concentrate our attention on, a divine universal law of mind activity that is unfailing.” Fillmore, *Prosperity*, p. 66

“You should expect prosperity when you keep the prosperity law. Therefore, be thankful for every blessing that you gain and as deeply grateful for every demonstration as for an unexpected treasure dropped into your lap.” Fillmore, *Prosperity*, p. 105

“We must carefully choose what thoughts we are going to loose in the mind and what thoughts we are going to bind, for they will come into manifestation in our affairs.” Fillmore, *Prosperity*, p. 177

“When you realize the boundlessness of your spiritual inheritance, nothing shall be lacking in all your world. See with the bountiful eye; for “he that hath a bountiful eye shall be blessed.” This passage states an exact law, the law of increase.” Fillmore, *Prosperity*, p. 186

Fillmore lists wisdom-judgment as one of the 12 powers of man. Also renunciation and zeal are closely associated and part of the Law of Proper Perspective. He is clear that the 12 powers are there for man to accept and expand or to ignore and bury. It is man’s choice.

Our consciousness – our mental and emotional focus – our life-view and our expectancy determines whether we are creating constructively or destructively. It is described as attitude of mind to which Fillmore refers frequently. The responsibility is squarely on the shoulders of the individual. Cady says, *“You do not change God’s attitude toward you one iota by either importuning or affirming. You only change your attitude toward him.”*

What may we gain in understanding from the quotes pertaining to the Law of Proper Perspective? We will know where we are, and we will know where we are going. We will be more in one sense than most people ever become because we will know what we are doing. We will know exactly what we want and what is important. We will have a sense of what our purpose in life is. Our attitude will be such that there will be no room for negative or destructive thoughts.

“No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the Kingdom of God.” Mark 9:62

Chapter Six

Reference the Law of Pure Potentiality

Fillmore refers to this law as the “Law of Thought” and sometimes as “Mental Law”.

This Law could be called The Law of Creative Thought. It states that all things in existence first existed in thought, and without thought, there can be no form. A thought, therefore, creates form. When we think, we use natural laws, which are based upon Universal laws. Our thoughts set in motion natural forces leading to manifestation.

We exist in the image of Divine Mind and are part of Divine Mind, and therefore, have the creative powers of Divine Mind. We are the essence of pure potentiality and a continuing part of the process of creation. The following Unity quotes are testimony to the thinking of the founders of the Unity Movement about this Universal Law:

*“To man is given the highest power in the universe, **the conscious power of thought**. There is a universal creative force that urges man forward to a recognition of the creative power of his individual thought.”* Fillmore, ***The Twelve Powers*** p. 68

*“The word of Truth is directed to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, to demonstrate the **powers inherent in man**.”* Turner, ***Be Ye Transformed***, p. 78

*“**Mind generates thought perpetually**; all the harmonious and permanent affairs of men, and the innumerable systems*

of the infinite cosmos, are moved in majestic measures by its steady flow.” Fillmore, *Talks on Truth*, p. 8

*“Every act of man has its origin in **thought**, which is expressed into the phenomenal world from a mental center that is but a point of radiation for an energy that lies back of it.”* Fillmore, *Talks on Truth*, p. 9

*“But we should not be ignorant of the fact that **every mental process is generative**, that from thinking is evolved what is called living. **Thinking is formative** – every thought clothes itself in a life form according to the character given it by the thinker.”* Fillmore, *Talks on Truth*, p. 18

*“**The intellect is the formative**, character giving mechanism in the man; it draws its substance and intelligence from Spirit.”* Fillmore, *Talks on Truth*, p. 22

*“All states are **mental states**. There is nothing else in all the universe, visible or invisible.”* Fillmore, *Talks on Truth*, p. 71

*“Do not imagine anything but good, because under **the law of thought** combined with substance it will sooner or later come into expression, unless you head it off, eliminate it by denial.”* Fillmore, *The Twelve Powers*, p. 21

*“All strength is from God. However, its manifestation is according to **the mold of thought** into which this precious essence is poured.”* Fillmore, *The Twelve Powers*, p. 226

“Divine Imagination is the chisel we wield in molding the paradise of our inner-thought kingdoms.” Fillmore, ***The Twelve Powers***, p. 249

*“In spiritual understanding we know that all the forces in the body are **directed by thought** and that they work in a constructive or a destructive way, according to the character of the thought.”* Fillmore, ***Atomic-Smashing Power of Mind***, p. 43

*“Is there evidence of the oak in the acorn? No! But there is a pattern of an oak there, and this pattern or image is what makes the tree. **The image in mind makes the condition.**”* Fillmore, ***Atomic-Smashing Power of Mind***, p. 47

“This great law of mind and Mind recognizing each other and flowing together in unbroken wisdom has been known in all ages and among all peoples.” Fillmore, ***Atomic-Smashing Power of Mind***, p. 90

*“Following the **creative law** in its operation from the formless to the formed, we can see how an idea fundamental in Divine is grasped by the man ego, how it takes form in his thought, and how it is later expressed through the spoken word.”* Fillmore, ***Dynamics for Living***, p. 76

“In the world of ideas, the metaphysician has discovered that there is a realm having potentialities, whose depths he has not sounded. This realm is to him the great storehouse of wisdom and life, and he finds that his own center of

consciousness is like it. He is essentially one with it.”
Fillmore, ***Dynamics for Living*, p. 295**

“In Spirit all things are fulfilled now. The moment a concept enters the mind, the thing conceived is consummated through the law that governs the action of ideas. The spiritual minded take advantage of this law and affirm the completeness of this ideal, regardless of outer appearances. This stimulates the energy in the thought process and gives it power beyond estimate.” Fillmore, ***Dynamics for Living*, p. 337**

“When we know that certain potent ideas exist in the invisible mind expressions, named by science both “ether” and “space” and that we have been provided with the mind to lay hold of them, it is easy to put the law into action through thought and word and deed. Fillmore, ***Prosperity*, p. 12**

“Everything that appears in the universe had its origin in mind. Mind evolves ideas, and ideas express themselves through thoughts and words.” Fillmore, ***Prosperity*, p. 26**

“All is mind. Then the things that appear must be expressions of mind. Thus mind is reality, and it also appears as phenomena.” Fillmore, ***Prosperity*, p. 27**

“The very fact that you have an ideal condition or world in your mind carries with it the possibility of its fulfillment in expression.” Fillmore, ***Prosperity*, p. 28**

Fillmore says the conscious power of thought is the highest power in the universe and that it is inherent in man. It is

perpetual, and every act of man has its origin in thought. His thought is generative, formative, and the image held in mind makes the condition. Everything that appears is an expression of mind.

When we as truth students understand this principle, we will know that the manner in which we are in the image of God is that we too are creators, a part of the continuing process of creation. It is our Divine Birthright. We will know that our thoughts are very powerful, each thought creating constructively or destructively. Every thought is part of the creation of our lives.

“Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father.” John 14:12

Chapter Seven

Reference the Law of Believing and Knowing

Fillmore refers to this as the “Law of Enthusiasm” and “Pure Knowing”. Cady calls it “Understanding Faith”.

Look at the dictionary definitions of “faith” and “belief”. Webster’s Dictionary defines “belief” as “something believed, opinion; conviction; confidence in the truth or existence of something not immediately susceptible to rigorous proof.” It defines “believe” as “to have confidence in the truth, existence, reliability, or value of something.” “Faith” is described as “confidence or trust in a person or thing; belief that is not based on proof.” These are almost identical definitions! I will give you my understanding of these words and their relationship to intellectual knowledge and intuitive knowledge, so there will be no doubt as to what I mean.

The difference in belief and faith is primarily a matter of intensity. For example, belief is the acceptance of an idea, a person or system. Faith is confidence in the belief or a more intense belief. The type of knowledge involved in belief or faith is experiential or intuitive, otherwise the belief is blind. Belief is intellectually generated. Intuitive knowledge is a way of beholding spirit’s potential and is seen as faith. Heb. 11:1 says, “*Faith is the substance of things hoped for and evidence of things not seen*”. What is not mentioned in this passage is the part played by intuitive knowledge. It is the surety engendered by intuitive knowledge that completes and gives faith its power. Cady writes, “*Intuition and intellect are meant to travel together,*

intuition always holding the reins to guide intellect.”
Lessons in Truth, p. 93

Faith and knowledge cannot be separated. Neither can they exist in a vacuum. We can have all the faith in the world, but if it is in what someone else has experienced, it has little value for us. We can have all the knowledge in the world, but if we do not have the faith to act, it has little value. Cady, in her book ***Lesson in Truth p. 64***, makes this point. “*What is **understanding faith**? There are some things that God has so indissolubly joined together that it is impossible for even Him to put them asunder. They are bound together by fixed, immutable laws; if we have one of them, we must have the other.*”

Note these additional statements with regard to the Universal Law of Believing and Knowing as they speak to its validity:

“An understanding faith functions from Principle. It is based on knowledge of Truth. It understands the law of mind action.” Fillmore, ***Dynamics for Life, p. 53***

*“All things are possible to them that **believe in the power of God within**, waiting to be made manifest at their word. Then send forth that word and say to every sleeping belief of sense: Lazarus, come forth.”* Fillmore, ***Talks on Truth, p. 49***

*“But the I AM is not inertia – it is ever spurred on by an **original impulse to know**. Knowing is not complete as long as a single factor of Being is left out by him who seeks to know.”* Fillmore, ***Talks on Truth, p. 30***

*“You must think, and **think with faith in both God and yourself.**”* Fillmore, *Talks on Truth*, p. 53

*“Mind is that quality of Being that **knows.** It is **pure knowing**, and he who cultivates it becomes so filled with **understanding** that he **intuitively perceives** the right of every question or proposition submitted to him.”* Fillmore, *Talks on Truth*, p. 71

*“Mind exists free from the limitations of time, space, and conditions; you can grasp in a degree the working field of **pure knowing.**”* Fillmore, *Talks on Truth*, p. 72

*“He who would have fruit from the tree of life must reach up and get it. He must aspire to it first, and then in prayer and true word **act as if he had already received it.**”* Fillmore, *Talks on Truth* p. 73

*“**The law of divine enthusiasm**, spiritual zeal, is one of the most powerful laws operative in the kingdom of the heavens. To speak always fearlessly, truthfully, and courageously makes for enthusiasm and establishes **a confidence, a sureness** that even the angels of heaven must notice and honor.”* Fillmore, *The Twelve Powers*, p. 274

*“To affirm anything is **to assert positively** that it is so, even in the face of all contrary evidence. We may not be able to see how, by our simply affirming a thing to be true, a thing that to all human reasoning or sight does not seem to be true at all, we can bring this thing to pass; but we can compel ourselves to cease all futile quibbling and go to work to prove the rule, each one in his own life.”* Cady, *Lesson in Truth*, p. 52

*“Jesus said, ‘Blessed are those who **hear the word of God, and keep it!** (Luke 11:28). This is a never-ending challenge to the Truth student.” Turner, **Be Ye Transformed, p. 154***

*“We may **know** all about the way in which mind formulates states of consciousness and all about our relation to God, but unless we have made a **change in our consciousness** and realized, in a measure at least, the presence of God in our mind, we are not using the key. Theory is one thing; practice is another.” Fillmore, **Talks on Truth, p. 125***

*“Man does not demonstrate according to the law but according to his knowledge of the law.” Fillmore, **Dynamics for Living, p. 193***

*“Our ideas should be what we have **realized in and of ourselves**, not what we have learned from books.” Fillmore, **Talks on Truth, p. 98***

*“Faith is the quality of the mind that moves and molds ideas and brings them to concrete expression. **Faith is the assurance or confidence of the mind that invisible substance is the source of visible material things.**” Cora Fillmore, **Center Enthroned in Man, p. 217***

*“Jesus recognized Mind in everything and called it “Father.” He knew that there is a faith center in each atom of so-called matter and that **faith in man can move upon the faith center** in so-called matter and can remove mountains.” Fillmore, **Atomic-Smashing Power of Mind, p. 40***

“To decree with assurance is to establish and fix an ideal in substance. The force behind the decree is invisible, like a promise to be fulfilled at a future time; but it binds with its invisible chains the one who makes it.” Fillmore, ***Atomic-Smashing Power of Mind*, p. 50**

“Faith is the highest expression of belief or confidence. It is that something in man which says; “I believe in the possibilities of things that I cannot see. I believe in the possibility of Divine Mind doing in this age, right now, everything that was ever done in any age.” When we believe this and hold to it, putting aside all doubt and “whatever suggests failure, the thoughts of faith begin to accumulate substance, and fulfillment follows.” Fillmore, ***Atomic-Smashing Power of Mind*, p. 74**

“To be one with the principle of All Intelligence is to know. When you know you will find yourself so broad in judgment and understanding that you will have charity for all who differ from you in religion, metaphysics, and even politics.” Fillmore, ***Dynamics for Living*, p. 22**

“Faith is the perceiving power of the mind linked with the power to shape substance.” Fillmore, ***Dynamics for Living*, p. 52**

“The foundation of every work is an idea. Faith is that quality of mind which makes the idea stand out as real, not only to ourself but to others.” Fillmore, ***Dynamics for Living*, p. 198**

“Consciousness is the sense of awareness, of knowing. It is our knowing that we know.” Fillmore, ***Dynamics for Living***, p. 49

“Realization is the deep inner conviction and assurance of the fulfillment of an ideal. It means at-one-ment, completion, perfection, wholeness, repose, resting in God.” Fillmore, ***Dynamics for Living***, p. 103

“When we have achieved spiritual realization of our prayer and our innermost soul is satisfied, we have the assurance that the thing is accomplished in Spirit and must become manifest. We may continue in our realization of faith until the whole consciousness responds and the instantaneous demonstration takes place.” Fillmore, ***Dynamics for Living***, p. 105

“We must raise our faith to the very highest in us and rest in the “assurance” or substance of its reality. Spiritual understanding reveals the universality of all things.” Fillmore, ***Dynamics for Living***, p. 124

“Faith-thinking is done only by one who has caught sight of the inner truths of Being, and who feeds his thinking faculty upon images generated in the heart.” Fillmore, ***Dynamic for Living***, p. 132

“Mighty things have been wrought in the past by those who had mere blind faith to guide them. To faith we now add understanding of the law.” Fillmore, ***Dynamics for Living***, p. 165

“The spiritual substance from which comes all visible wealth is never depleted. It is right with you all the time and responds to your faith in it and your demands on it.”
Fillmore, ***Prosperity***, p. 13

“The unfailing resource is always ready to give. It has no choice in the matter, it must give, for that is its nature.”
Fillmore, ***Prosperity***, p. 13

“Turn the great energy of your thinking toward “plenty” ideas, and you will have plenty regardless of what men about you are saying or doing.” Fillmore, ***Prosperity***, p. 13

“Do not take anyone’s word for it, but try the law for yourself. The other fellow’s realization of substance will not guarantee your supply. You must become conscious of it for yourself.” Fillmore, ***Prosperity***, p. 24

“Faith is that consciousness in us of the reality of the invisible substance and the attributes of mind by which we lay hold of it.” Fillmore, ***Prosperity***, p. 43

“Faith is the perceiving power of the mind linked with a power to shape substance.” Fillmore, ***Prosperity***, p. 43

“You may seem to attain results very slowly, but that is the best reason for sticking closely to your ideal and not changing your mind. Be loyal to Principle and the adverse condition will break up. Then the true light will come and the invisible substance you have been faithfully affirming will begin to reveal itself to you in all its fullness of good.”
Fillmore, ***Prosperity***, p. 66

What do we gain by understanding of this principle? We will know that what we create in thought can take form, and that without thought, there can be no form. What is created in thought only requires belief that it will take form. If we do not believe that it will be, we have endowed our thoughts not only with an empty wish but the failure becomes a destructive power telling us that the Laws do not work. It is equivalent to saying Universal Being has no power. If we believe that what we have created in thought will be constructed or formed, we will know that it is only a matter of time. We do not worry the thought like a dog a bone. We believe in its creative power, and the thought takes form due to our actions and expectation. We begin with thought, and it grows with intent and is buttressed with expectation.

When we have with undivided thought, full focus, will and the knowledge that what we want is already created in thought, we create or manifest in the material realm. The saying is, “Anything that the mind of man can conceive and believe it can achieve.”

“Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God? So they took away the stone, And Jesus raised his eyes and said, ‘Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me.’”

Chapter Eight

Reference the Law of Abundance

Cady calls this the “Law of Abundant Supply”, and Fillmore simply calls it the “Law of Abundance”.

The natural order of the universe is abundance. This is not a world of need and shortages. Mind creates negative conditions just as readily as favorable ones, and it is through negative thinking that we create shortages in our lives. We can only be limited by our thinking. The following quotes refer to this Law:

*“We fall short of the Christ ideal of a more **abundant life** unless we speak the word to raise the whole man and bring into outer manifestation the qualities of the spiritual realm.”* Turner, ***Be Ye Transformed***, p. 78

“A belief in matter and limitation forms a body of matter and imitation.” Fillmore, ***Dynamics for Living***, p. 294

*“The Nazarene recognized the unchangeable truth that, in **the unseen, the supply** of every want awaits demand.”*
*“He knew that there need not be any coaxing or pleading about it; that our asking is simply our complying with an **unfailing law** which is bound to work; there is no escape from it.”* Cady, ***Lessons in Truth*** p. 67

*“When love has begun its silent pulsations at one’s solar center, **no one can keep one in want or poverty**. From the invisible currents of the inner ether, love will draw to man*

all that belongs to him; and that is required to make him happy and contented” Fillmore, *Talks on Truth*, p. 61

*“We must vibrate the love center in thought, word, and act. Then there will come to us on the wings of invisibility **that which will satisfy every need.** This is the secret of demonstrating **plenty from the ethers.**”* Fillmore, *Talks on Truth*, p. 55

*“Healing of the body is beautiful and good. Power to heal is a divine gift, and as such you are fully justified in seeking it. But God wants to give you **infinitely more.**”* Cady, *Lessons in Truth*, p. 119

*“Knowing **the law of abundant supply**, and the truth that **supply always precedes the demand**, demand simply being the call that brings the supply into sight; knowing that all desire in the heart for any good is really God’s desire in us and for us, how shall we obtain the fulfillment of our every desire, and that right speedily? Cady, *Lessons in Truth*, p. 69*

*“One of the unerring truths in the universe (by “universe” I mean the spiritual and natural worlds combined) is that there is already provided a **lavish abundance** for every human want. In other words, the supply of every good always awaits the demand.”* Cady, *Lessons in Truth*, p. 65

*“We do not have to beseech God any more than we have to beseech the sun to shine, and it cannot help it. No more can God help pouring into us **unlimited wisdom, life, power.** All good, because to give is a **law of His being.**”* Cady, *Lessons in Truth*, p. 34

*“There is **no limit to the Source of our being**, nor to His willingness to manifest more of Himself through us, when we are willing to do His will. Cady, **Lessons in Truth**, p. 22*

*“To demonstrate supply, we must think supply, and thus form it in the consciousness.” Fillmore, **Talks on Truth**, p. 55*

*“It is good to get still and think **about the inexhaustible resources of infinite Mind**; about its presence in all its fullness and its readiness to manifest itself when the law is complied with.” Fillmore, **Atomic-Smashing Power of Mind**, p. 32*

*“In the new economy we shall serve for the joy of serving, and prosperity will flow to us and through us in rippling streams of plenty.” Fillmore, **Atomic-Smashing Power of Mind**, p. 35*

*“The principle of universal substance will be known and acted on. There will be no place for lack. Supply will be more equalized. There will be no overproduction or underconsumption or other inequalities of supply, for God’s substance will be recognized and used by all people.” Fillmore, **Dynamics for Living**, p. 188*

*“Inexhaustible Mind substance is available at all times and in all places to those who have learned to lay hold of it in consciousness. Spiritual substance from which comes all visible wealth is never depleted.” Fillmore, **Dynamics for Living**, p.190*

“Keep your eyes on the abundant inner reality. Do not let the outer appearance cause you to falter.” Fillmore, ***Dynamics for Living, p. 195***

“Loose all thoughts of lack and lay hold of thoughts of plenty. See the abundance of all good things. We live in a very sea of inexhaustible substance, ready to come into manifestation when molded by our thought.” Fillmore, ***Dynamics for Living, p. 196***

“There is an all-sufficiency of all things. There is a kingdom of abundance of all things. It may be found by those who seek it and are willing to comply with its laws.” Fillmore, ***Dynamics for Living, p. 202***

“If there is any lack apparent in your world it is because the requirements of the law of manifestation have not been met. This law is based on mind and its operation is through thoughts and words. God gives the increase. It comes by the operation of the law. Our part is to keep the law.” Fillmore, ***Dynamics for Living, p. 202***

“God has amply provided for every home. The provision is in universal substance which responds only to law. Through the application of the law the substance is drawn to us and begins to work for us.” Fillmore, ***Dynamics for Living, p. 220***

“The only lack is our own lack of appropriation.” Fillmore, ***Prosperity, p.15***

“There is a kingdom of abundance of all things, and it may be found by those who seek it and are willing to comply with its laws.” Fillmore, ***Prosperity, p. 16***

“Divine Mind has ideas of substance as unlimited and everywhere present, equally available to all.” Fillmore, ***Prosperity, p.31***

“There is no lack of this substance in infinite Mind. Regardless of how much God gives, there is always an abundance left.” Fillmore, ***Prosperity, p. 31***

“This inexhaustible mind substance is available at all times and in all places to those who have learned to lay hold of it in consciousness.” Fillmore, ***Prosperity, p. 12***

“It is impossible that in this universal Mind that fills everything there can be any such thing as absence. There is no lack of anything anywhere in reality. The only lack is the fear of lack in the mind of man.” Fillmore, ***Prosperity, p. 53***

Fillmore says that abundance is the Christ ideal and that belief in matter limits access to abundance. It is an unyielding Law from which there is no deviation. It is inexhaustible mind sustenance available at all times and in all places. When we understand this principle, we will know that there is no limit on our creation except what our limited vision permits. We know that we can create shortages as easily as we create abundance. We know that when we experience shortages and obstacles that we are the ones who have attracted the circumstances by our beliefs or limited and fearful thinking. We will take full

responsibility, blaming no one else, and will change our thinking. We will draw on the power of Universal Being and our full potentiality by expanding our thoughts and vision and our vessel to receive. We will elect not to belabor the problem, but choose to focus on the solution or vision we have created.

“To anyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away.” Matthew 13:12

Chapter Nine

Reference the Law of Attraction

Fillmore referred to this as the “Law of Attraction”.

This principle confirms that the creative power of thought operates through attraction. When we are in harmony with the Laws, we are sending out currents (thought vibrations) charged with magnetic power. These currents come in contact with the minds of others, making them want to be in accord with our ideas and vibratory level. We cannot force our ideas or will upon others. We certainly cannot force others to understand what we have come to recognize as truth. We simply attract them by the way we think, live and by our Being.

When we are not in harmony with the Laws, we are still sending out thought vibrations charged with magnetic power, but invariably they will be vibrations charged with fear and magnified by negative imagination.

The founders made specific statements about this Universal Law:

“Like attracts like. A thought will take up its abode in our consciousness with thoughts of like character. This law of attraction continues until combined thoughts make a colony.” Fillmore, ***Dynamics for Life***, p. 65

“Our words bring about in our life and affairs whatever we put into them. A weak thought is followed by words of weakness. Through the law of expression and form, words

of weakness change to weakness the character of everything that receives them.” Fillmore, ***Dynamics for Living***, p. 68

“When the one Mind is called into action in your mind by your thinking about it, it lays hold of the substance by the **law of attraction** or sympathy of thought.” Fillmore, *Prosperity*, p. 57

“Love is **the drawing power of mind**. It is **the magnet of the universe**, and about it may be clustered all the attributes of Being, by one who thinks in divine order.” Fillmore, ***Talks on Truth***, p. 55

“By his word, man **calls his powers into activity**, that through them he may manifest God.” Fillmore, ***Talks on Truth***, p. 52

“Always remember that love is **the great magnet of God**. It is, of itself, neither good nor evil. These are qualities given to it by the thinking faculty in man. Whatever you see for your love, that **it will draw to you**, because as a magnet **it attracts whatever you set your desire upon**.” Fillmore, ***Talks on Truth***, p. 57

Fillmore quotes Emerson, “Great hearts send forth steadily the secret forces that **incessantly draw great events**, and wherever the mind goes nature will accompany him, no matter what the path.” Fillmore, ***The Twelve Powers***, p. 9

“Love holds soul and body together. **Love is the attractive force** that draws our good to us according to the depth and

*strength of our realization of love.” Cora Fillmore, **Christ Enthroned in Man, p. 238***

*“It cannot be emphasized often enough that we draw spiritual tests to ourself by the very intensity of our desire to know God and to be worthy of him.” Turner, **Be Ye Transformed, p. 251***

*“It is the law of Spirit that we must be that which we would draw to us. If we would draw to us love, we must be love, be loving and kind; if we would have peace and harmony in our environment, we must establish it within ourselves.” Fillmore, **Atomic-Smashing Power of Mind, p. 72***

(Reference wise old sages of the orient) *“They found that by thinking right thoughts and living unselfishly, they awakened new faculties within themselves. They sought the good, or God, and in harmony with that law by which like attracts like, the good, or God, sought them.” Fillmore, **Dynamics for Life, p. 18***

*“Establish this consciousness and only the good will be attracted to you and your life will be a perpetual joy.” Fillmore, **Prosperity, p. 60***

*“You do not need to lay up treasures for the future when you know that the law of omnipresent good is providing for you from within. As you evolve in this inner law of mind, you draw to yourself into this inner law of mind, you draw to yourself more and more of the good things of life.” Fillmore, **Prosperity, p. 169***

Fillmore not only expresses this Universal Principle in multiple ways but he specifically calls it the “Law of Attraction”. He says, *“Like attracts like.”* He shows the connection between the Law of Pure Potentiality, the Law of Love and the Law of Attraction in the following quote from ***Talks on Truth, p 55***. It is worth repeating. *“Love is the drawing power of mind. It is the magnet of the universe, and about it may be clustered all the attributes of Being, by one who thinks in divine order.”*

We believe because we know that we are creators and that thought creates. Our intent is powerful and we allow it to take form. The attraction of others to our creation takes form because others are attracted to such individuals. Men and material are attracted like metal is attracted to a magnet. Those around us cannot help it. We are attracted to such individuals because whether or not we are as cognizant of the Laws as they are, we want the same thing.

“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.” Matthew 7:7-9

Chapter Ten

Reference the Law of Relativity

Fillmore calls this the “Law of Divine Order”.

This is the principle that everything is connected. Every thought and action will generate a reaction and has consequences. It has been said, “No man is an island”. Duality is the perception we have of the difference between ourselves and others, between the spirit and the physical as well as the past present and the future. Whether space that we perceive as empty, energy we perceive as matter or spirit we think of as a property of our bodies, all are connected in the eternal now. It is this presence we seek. Note the testimony in the following quotes:

*“The I AM is pure Spirit, without parts or passions. It is **the prism through which the white light of Being is focused and refracted on the screen of visibility in many colors.**”* Fillmore, *Talks on Truth*, p. 30

*“Every act of man has its origin in thought, which is expressed into the phenomenal world from a mental center that is but a point of radiation for an energy that lies back of it. That point of radiation is the conscious I, which **in its correct relation is one with Cause**, and has at its command all the powers potential in cause.”* Fillmore, *Talks on Truth*, p 9-10

*“The same law of order and system that is necessary to a play is **necessary to right relations among all the people.** Were it not for the law of divine order, confusion would be*

apparent everywhere.” Fillmore, *The Twelve powers*, p. 267

“There is one Spirit, one Father of all, in us all, but there are **different manifestations or individualities.**” Cady, *Lessons in Truth*, p. 115

“There is in reality only one Mind (or Spirit, which is life, intelligence, and so forth) in the universe; and yet **there is a sense in which we are individual**, or separate, a sense in which we are free wills and not puppets.” Cady, *Lessons in Truth*, p. 25

“There is a relation between thinking and eating, and as you grow spiritually the character of your food and all that pertains to eating may have to be changed in conformity with the new order of things. If you will leave meat and all animal products out of your food you will see a change for the better.” Fillmore, *Atomic-smashing Power of Mind*, p. 72

“It is man’s exalted concepts of God and his disparaging beliefs about himself that have built the mental wall that separates them.” Fillmore, *Dynamics for Living*, p. 89

“God is Spirit. We are the offspring of this Spirit. God is Mind: man is the thinker. God is Spirit. God is Life: man is the living. God is Substance: man is form and shape. God is Power: man is powerful. God is Wisdom: man is wise. God is Love: man is loving. God is Truth: man is truthful. God-Mind is a treasure field of all the potentialities within man in which is found the fulfillment of

*every need one can possibly have.” Fillmore, **Dynamics for Living**, p. 89*

*“The relation is similar to the mathematical accuracy which governs the arrangement of tones in musical harmony. Ideas, mathematics and music are related. When the mind understands that relation and applies it the harmony called health follows.” Fillmore, **Dynamics for Living**, p. 171*

*“The exact outcome of each step in the solution is a matter of experiment. The intermediate steps may be changed or retracted many times, but ultimately the problem is solved and the fulfillment of the desired result attained. If this is true of the simplest problem in arithmetic it is equally true of the creation of the universe. “As above, so below”. Fillmore, **Prosperity**, p. 28*

*“Keep in mind that each living person in all God’s universe is a radiating center of the same perfect One, some radiating more and some less, according to the awakened consciousness of the individual.” Cady, **Lessons in Truth**, p. 135*

*“The fact is, each one looking at the same world sees according to the size of the aperture through which he is looking, and he limits the world to just his own circumscribed view of it.” Cady, **Lessons in Truth**, p. 129*

*“A belief in matter and limitation forms a body of matter and limitation.” Fillmore, **Dynamics for Living**, p. 294*

“One Truth statement understood and demonstrated in life is worth more than many lessons and statements about Truth.” Fillmore, ***Dynamics for Living, p.111***

“The conscious mind is but the negative pole of a very positive realm of thought. That positive realm of thought, Jesus called “the kingdom of the heavens.” Fillmore, ***Prosperity, p. 176***

“One of the great discoveries of modern science is that every atom in this so-called material universe has within it superabundant life elements. God is life and Spirit, and He is in every atom. We release this spiritual life quality by denying the crust of materiality that surrounds the cells and affirming that they are Spirit and life.” Fillmore, ***Prosperity, p. 179***

What do truth students gain from understanding of this Universal Law? We will become aware of sub-principles such as the principle of Correspondence, which embodies the truth that there is always a correspondence between the Universal Laws and material phenomena on all planes known and unknown. It includes the principle of Vibration, which embodies the understanding that everything is in motion and vibrates on every plane. Also the concept of polarity is part of this Law. It states that everything has two poles, its opposites within the whole. In everything there is manifested a measured motion, to and fro (in-flow and out-flow) action-reaction.

We will be aware that others are needed to fulfill our vision. We will know that we are connected to those who will have to be drawn into our vision; to those who share

the vision and to those we will serve. It is interesting that this Law also illustrates the connection between the Laws as each is related to the other.

“Amen, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” Matthew 18:18

Chapter Eleven

Reference the Law of Balance and Equalization

Fillmore refers to this as the “Law of Equilibrium” and as the “Law of Universal Balance, the Equilibrium of Being”.

When it comes to balance, the Universal Laws and nature make no mistakes. Our lives are what we are creating by the choices we make and the actions we take. The consequences are the balancing of forces in what makes up our being. As individuals, we must accept responsibility for where we are at present. There simply is no one else to blame. This Law is about perfect justice. Jesus defined it as “*You shall reap what you sow.*”

We cannot expect to evolve and unfold if we are sowing the seeds of destruction with our negative thinking. When we think, we create, whether we think positively or negatively. The difference is that positive thoughts create constructively, and negative thoughts create destructively. Note the following quotes with regard to this Law:

*God’s thought is love, the inherent potentiality of the God man, which knows neither persons nor things, mine nor thine, but a universal brotherhood in which **perfect equity and justice** reign in joint supremacy.”* Fillmore, *Talks on Truth*, p. 8

*“You may have great love, but unless you guide it with right thoughts it will not build up a **harmonious consciousness.**”* Fillmore, *Talks on Truth*, p. 53

*“We find that these four faculties, evenly balanced, will form the foundation of a **harmonious body and mind**. You must think, and think with faith in both God and yourself – that is Peter. You must think with strength and power – that is Andrew. You must think with judgment and discretion – that is James.”* Fillmore, ***Talks on Truth***, p. 53

*“There are no accidents in the laws of Being. ‘Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap’ is another way of saying that **for every cause there is an adequate effect**. This **law of sequence** is the **balance wheel** of the universe.”* Fillmore, ***Talks on Truth***, p. 78

*“There must be an equal conscious receiving from the Father, and giving out to the world, a **perfect equilibrium** between the inflowing and the outgiving, to keep **perfect harmony**.”* Cady, ***Lessons in Truth***, p. 99

*“The mental and spiritual world or realms are governed by laws that are just as real and unfailing as the laws that govern the natural world. Certain conditions of mind are so **connected with certain results** that the two are inseparable.”* Cady, ***Lesson in Truth***, p. 64

*“It is only when man becomes meek and lowly, an obedient receptacle for the Spirit of God, that he sees the divine plan of creation and his place in it. Then he becomes a willing co-operator, because his understanding accepts the law as it is and knows that it cannot be changed by either God or man. They are so intimately linked together that **the harmony of existence depends upon their mutual***

understanding.” Fillmore, *Atomic-Smashing Power of Mind*, p. 95

*“When the mind is adjusted to the divine law, all the vital forces flow **harmoniously** and the aura glows about the body as a beautiful white light, protecting it from all discord from without and purifying it continually from within.”* Fillmore, *Atomic-Smashing Power of Mind*, p. 158

“There is a cause for every effect, and the cause underlying this almost unanimous expectation of a messiah must have some of the omnipresence of a universal law.” Fillmore, *Atomic-Smashing Power of Mind*, p. 160

“The law of divine creation is perfect order and harmony. God cannot create without law. God is the Mind force carrying forward creation under law.” Fillmore, *Dynamics for Living*, p. 40

“All true action is governed by law. Nothing just happens. There are no miracles. There is no such thing as luck. Nothing comes by chance. All happenings are the result of cause and can be explained under the law of cause and effect.” Fillmore, *Dynamics for Living*, p. 193

“No step in spiritual unfoldment is more important than renunciation or elimination. We must learn to let go, to give up, to make room for the things we have prayed for and desired.” Fillmore, *Dynamics for Living*, p. 196

“Hold steadily to the thought of the omnipresence of universal supply, its perfect equilibrium, and its swift action

in filling every apparent vacuum or place of lack.”
Fillmore, ***Dynamics for Living***, p. 207

“You know even from your outer experience that the universe is self-sustaining and that its equilibrium is established by law. The same law that sustains all sustains you as a part.” Fillmore, ***Dynamics for Living***, p. 207

Fillmore refers to this law as “perfect equity and justice”. Our desired objective is what he calls “harmonious consciousness”. He states, *“When the mind is adjusted to the divine law (Universal Laws), all the vital forces flow harmoniously and the aura glows about the body as a beautiful white light, protecting it from all discord from without and purifying it continually from within.”*

What does understanding of this Law mean for us? We will know that part of the composite of which we consist are understandings we have brought with us, accumulations from this life and what we will gather to ourselves in the process. We will recognize that all of this is part of a perfect system of justice. Universal Being does not, and never has, created anything imperfect, unjust or distorted. Spirit has never tricked, deceived or short-changed any soul. We will know that for us to realize fulfillment, we must be in harmony with the perfect Laws of Universal Being, the Universal Laws.

“For as you judge, so will you be judged, and the measure with which you measure will be measured out to you.”
Matthew 7:2

Chapter Twelve

Reference the Law of Evolution and Unfoldment

Fillmore refers to this law as the “Law of Unfoldment” and the “Law of Change”.

This Law can be seen as an ongoing process of unfoldment of the mind of God. This takes nothing away from the creative process; it **IS** the creative process. I am not here arguing the point as to whether or not, or in what manner, God created the earth and man. What I am talking about is how we can continue the creative process. It is our perspective, the power of our thoughts, which has the potential to create what we are seeking. What have we ever created as a whole? We create from an idea. An idea may evolve into a concept and then into a plan. The plan may attract others of like mind and new ideas and concept add to the process of evolution and unfoldment. Our authors testify as follows:

*“There is a **law of unfoldment** in Being, a law as exact as the progressive steps in a mathematical problem in which no error is made, a law as harmonious as that which governs a musical production where discord has found no place.”* Fillmore, *Talks on Truth*, p. 24

*“Emerson says of Plato: ‘He was born to behold the **self-evolving power** of Spirit, endless generator of new ends; a power which is the key at once to the centrality and the evanescence of things.’”* Fillmore, *Talks on Truth*, p. 9

*“Under the veil of historical symbology the Scriptures portray the movements of Mind in its different **cycles of progress**. These cycles repeat themselves over and over again, but each time on a **higher plane**. Thus the sphere or circle is a type of the complete Mind, but in manifestation the circles are piled one on top of another in an infinite spiral.”* Fillmore, *Talks on Truth*, p. 16

*“The moving factor of the I AM is desire. It desires a **certain experience**; on the wings of that desire it carries itself to a place where it can be fulfilled. In the **process of fulfillment** the ego may forget that it has ever so desired, but the law never forgets.”* Fillmore, *Talks on Truth*, p. 78

*“Some people mistake spiritual perception for the reality, and refuse to take the second step of science, which is **organic realization** of the truths perceived in mind. This second step is one of **intricate building**, stone by stone, of a living temple in which Spirit resides forever.”* Fillmore, *Talks on Truth*, p. 97

*“When the true church is revealed to his soul, all this illusion of the animal man is dissolved. He finds that the church of Jesus Christ has to do with the world right here and now, that it is not a religion, as he has been accustomed to regard religion, that it is an organic principle in nature working along **definite lines of growth** in the building up of a state of consciousness for the whole human race.”* Fillmore, *Talks on Truth*, p. 110

*“As a child he (Moses) was drawn out of the water, a negative yet universal condition of **life evolution**. Pharaoh represents the force that rules the body under the material*

regime. *The Lord is the **universal law**, whose impulse is always upward and onward.*” Fillmore, *Talks on Truth*, p. 125

*“But as philosophers, with an understanding of **the law of change**, we balance ourselves between these two forces and let them work out under the equilibrium of the universal preserver of all forms, the Lord.”* Fillmore, *The Twelve Powers*, p. 126

*“In the beginning of **spiritual unfoldment**, divine understanding may seem to be operating in a dim light, to be clouded, indistinct, indecisive. But within each of us is a **spiritual law of light** (understanding) that, if we industriously affirm it, will develop in us the power to use the attributes of God and to understand their place and their work in the Deity.”* Fillmore, *The Twelve Powers*, p. 257

*“Life is **progress, attainment, and mastery**, and every new **spiritual realization** makes finer and stronger and more beautiful the texture of the soul.”* Fillmore, *The Twelve Powers*, p. 289

*“The Spirit at the center of even the heathen, who is God’s child, is thus seeking, though blindly, its Father-God, Shall anyone dare to say that it will not find that which it seeks – its Father? Shall we not rather say it will find, because of that **immutable law that “he that seeketh findeth”**”* Cady, *Lessons in Truth*, p. 133

*“We are in **process of growth** into the highest spiritual manhood and womanhood. We get many falls and bumps*

*on the way, but only through these, not necessarily by them, can our growth proceed.” Cady, **Lessons in Truth**, p. 32*

*“God as infinite wisdom lies within every human being, only waiting to be led forth into manifestation. This is **true education**.” Cady, **Lessons in Truth**, p. 19*

*“We have come to a place now where our search for Truth must no longer be for the rewards; it must no longer be our seeking a creed to follow, but it must be our **living a life**.” Cady, **Lessons in Truth**, p. 10*

*“While life itself is ever presenting opportunities for **growth and development**, we are not cognizant of this until the soul is quickened. When this happens we see clearly that **every experience, every thought even, affords a chance to choose whom we will serve God or mortal**.” Turner, **Be Ye Transformed**, p. 251*

*“Mind is at the bottom of all life and substance. The mind was not “invented” by the brain, but it has **evolved the brain** as its most efficient instrument.” Fillmore, **Atomic-Smashing Power of Mind**, p. 34*

*“The mind of man is built on Truth, and the clearer man’s understanding of Truth is the more substantial his mind becomes. It is **through progressive, step-by-step spiritual unfoldment** that Truth is demonstrated. The truths of Being are scientific, and undoubtedly Jesus understood and taught the properties of the cosmic ether under the name of “the kingdom of the heavens.” Fillmore, **Atomic-Smashing Power of Mind**, p. 40*

“As you unfold your spiritual nature, you will find that it has the same capacity for receiving vibrations of sound as your outer, physical ear has.” Fillmore, *Atomic-Smashing Power of Mind*, p. 57

“Step by step, thought added to thought, spiritual emotion added to spiritual emotion – eventually the transformation is complete. It does not come in a day, but every high impulse, every pure thought, every upward desire adds to the exaltation and gradual personification of the divine in man and to the transformation of the human.” Fillmore, *Atomic-Smashing Power of Mind*, p. 124

“Every idea is a seed, and will bring forth according to its character, modified somewhat by the kind of mind soil in which it is planted. There is a law of growth in mind parallel with that of earth.” Fillmore, *Atomic-Smashing Power of Mind*, p. 139

“Then this overcoming or lifting up of man is a process through which we are all passing if we have been converted to the Christ way of life. Transfiguration plays a part and an important part in this evolution of the soul.” Fillmore, *Atomic-Smashing Power of Mind*, p. 152

“We find that at every upward step we take in our evolution there is a sloughing off of, a doing away with, some parts of consciousness that do not accord with the higher principles.” Fillmore, *Atomic-Smashing Power of Mind*, p. 154

“Man employs a divine-natural law of growth or evolution before he reaches the divine spiritual. Those under the

*divine-natural law are referred to in the Bible as the “children of God.” However, it is possible for the “Children of God” to forge ahead of the average in spiritual understanding and power and to become those who are called “sons of God.” Fillmore, **Atomic-Smashing Power of Mind, p. 167***

*“The visible comes forth from the invisible, and this coming forth is always according to a universal method of growth. From center to circumference is the plan of procedure throughout the universe.” Fillmore, **Dynamic for Living, p. 30***

*“The starting point of every form is an idea. This is involution. Then the ideas are made into form and shape. This is evolution. Evolution is the working out in manifestation of what Mind has involved.” Fillmore, **Dynamic for Living, p. 41***

*“We are proclaiming that man can use I AM power to restore health and bring increased happiness; in fact, that through righteous, lawful use of the I AM he can have everything that he desires.” Fillmore, **Dynamics for Living, p. 85***

*“One Truth statement understood and demonstrated in life is worth more than many lessons and statements about Truth.” Fillmore, **Dynamics for Living, p. 111***

*“When the mind of man is set on high, he never gives up or allows defeat to thwart his righteous ambitions.” Fillmore, **Dynamics for Living, p. 155***

“When the natural world is scientifically and universally revealed, a great school of instruction in soul unfoldment will be established right here in our midst, and its results will be beyond all our present imaginings.” Fillmore, ***Dynamics for Living, p. 297***

“Understanding is one of the essential parts of your I AM identity. Man is a focal point in God consciousness and expresses God. Therefore he must understand the processes that bring about that expression.” Fillmore, ***Prosperity, p. 29***

“All true action is governed by law. Nothing just happens. There are no miracles. There is no such thing as luck. Nothing comes by chance. All happenings are the result of cause and can be explained under the law of cause and effect.” Fillmore, ***Prosperity, p. 58***

Fillmore describes the Law of Evolution and Unfoldment as exact as the progressive steps in a mathematical problem. He describes it as *“the self-evolving powers of Spirit.”* He also calls it *“the process of fulfillment”* and *“intricate building.”*

With understanding of this principle, we will know we are the authors of and creators of our lives. We will know that whatever we envision will not be an earthly reality in a day. We have not created the thought in a day, and it will not take form in a day. We will know it is a process of evolution and unfoldment and that we are in a perfect school. We entered a process that will have numerous lessons for us. We will know that in these lessons there will be successes and failures, but the successes and the

failures are part of the curriculum. If we are persistent, and hold the vision, we will get it right.

“The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a person took and sowed in a field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, yet when full grown it is the largest of plants.” Matthew 13:31

Chapter Thirteen

Reference the Law of Giving

Fillmore refers to this as the “Law of Giving and Receiving”.

There is a reason Jesus said, *“Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, shall ye mete it shall be measured to you again.”* Fillmore says, *“Promises of spiritual benefits and increase of God’s bounty through the keeping of this divine law of giving and receiving, abound in all the scriptures.”* Fillmore, *Prosperity, p. 133*

Simply stated, this principle is that we must give in order to receive. Remember, those constantly looking for something for nothing often end up with nothing for something. We get out of any endeavor what we put into it. This is the Law. Receiving without giving produces an imbalance, which results in the receiver being penalized by not being a giver. Giving and receiving are a matched set. Life works as designed when we are good givers and good receivers.

We know this Law from schooling and any endeavor in which we have been involved. It is important to bring these experiences into focus by associating our life experiences with the Universal Laws and applying this knowledge to the process. The following quotes are testimony as to the importance of this law in the minds of our authors:

The law of giving and receiving pertains to the realm of ideas; one must give up personal attachments before one

*can receive the universal.” Fillmore, **The Twelve Powers, p. 26***

*“Give, and it shall be given unto you” is the statement of a law that operates in every thought and act of man.” Fillmore, **The Twelve Powers, p. 27***

*“You must be willing to **give up all your plans, your hopes, and your ambitions.** Spirit wants all your attention. If you have done good, you will be rewarded, but you must not claim your good as a merit card.” Fillmore, **Talks on Truth, p. 123***

*“Obedience comes from a meek and lowly heart – a heart that is **willing to serve all and sacrifice its mortal pride on the altar of truth.**” Fillmore, **Talks on Truth, p. 93***

*“The act of giving complies with the divine law. It involves the recognition of God as the Giver of all increase; and unless we have a recognition of the Source of our supply we have no assurance of continuing in its use.” Fillmore, **Dynamics for Living, p. 208***

*“True giving is the love and generosity of the Spirit-quicken heart responding to the love and generosity of the Father’s heart. Without giving the soul shrivels.” Fillmore, **Dynamics for Living, p. 209***

*“True spiritual giving rewards with a double joy. One of the blessings is the satisfying knowledge that we are meeting the law and paying our debt of love and justice to the Lord. Fillmore, **Dynamics for Living, p. 210***

“God prospers us when we give the best that is in us and do all things unto Him, acknowledging Him in all our affairs.”
Fillmore, ***Dynamics for Living***, p. 224

“If we have freely received we must also freely give and keep substance going, confident in our understanding that our supply is unlimited and that it is always right at hand in the omnipresent Mind of God.” Fillmore, ***Prosperity***, p. 20

“The unfailing resource is always ready to give. It has no choice in the matter; it must give, for that is its nature.”
Fillmore, ***Prosperity***, p. 13

“Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, shall ye mete it shall be measured to you again.” Promises of spiritual benefits and increase of God’s bounty through the keeping of this divine law of giving and receiving, abound in all the Scriptures.” Fillmore, ***Prosperity***, p. 132

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“In order that the plan of giving may be successful there are several things that must be observed. First there must be a willing mind.”... “Secondly, the giving must be done in faith, and there must be no withholding because the offering seems small.” “A third requisite for keeping the law of giving and receiving is that the offering shall be a just and fair proportion of all that one receives.” Fillmore, ***Prosperity***, p. 134-135

“Let us give as God gives, unreservedly, and with no thought of return, making no mental demands for recompense on those who have received from us. A gift with reservations is not a gift; it is a bribe. There is no promise of increase unless we give freely, let go of the gift entirely, and recognize the universal scope of the law.”
Fillmore, *Prosperity*, p. 142-143

*“We are striving to educate the people on this question of **giving and receiving** and to let their own experience prove to them that there is a **divine law of equilibrium** in financial matters that corresponds to **the law of balance and poise** that holds the suns and the planets in place.”*
Fillmore, *Prosperity*, p. 150

Fillmore notes that the promise of Jesus was, “Give, and it shall be given unto you.” It is clear from these quotes that we may give of our money, our time and of ourselves, but it cannot be in a state of demanding from those to whom we have provided the service. We must remain always aware that God is the giver of all increase. We are simply giving of what we have been given. We share with full knowledge that we will receive in multiples of our giving. The key factor is the spirit of the giving. Another aspect of giving is the act of giving up or forgiving. It is the releasing of negative feelings and grudges which benefits us most as a process of giving.

What basic understanding should we gain from these quotes on the Universal Law of Giving? We will know that we will have no chance of seeing our visions manifested unless we are serving others; that this life is about giving of ourselves, our vision, our time, our knowledge and our

money. We know that the measure of our receiving is in the measure of our giving. What we put into our creation is the determining factor in what we will get out of it.

“But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right is doing, so that your almsgiving may be secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you.” Matthew 6:3

Chapter Fourteen

Reference the Law of Righteous Self Interest or Primary Purpose

Fillmore calls it our “Inherent Birthright”.

This Law comes into play because our purpose relates primarily to our own needs in the process of evolution and unfoldment. However, we can only achieve our purpose through the balanced exercise of giving. Again, this principle was expressed by the Master Teacher when He stated, “*You shall reap what you sow.*” He was simply talking about Cause and Effect.

Our state of mind may be to take as opposed to give, but this will only cause problems for us because **The Law of Righteous Self-interest** does not work that way. We will only be frustrated with this “take” attitude until we learn that it is only through giving that we get what we want. Why? It is because in order to fulfill our purpose, in order to receive, we must give. Note the definitions of this Law by our witnesses:

“This life is to be used to illumine the mind, heal the body, and prosper the affairs.” Turner, ***Be Ye Transformed***, p. 78

“Turn a portion of your zeal to do God’s will to the establishing of His kingdom within you. Do not put all your enthusiasm into teaching, preaching, healing, and helping others; help yourself.” Fillmore, ***The Twelve Powers***, p. 133

*“This means **mental discipline** day after day and night after night, until the **inertia of the mind is overcome** and the way is opened for the descent of Spirit.”* Fillmore, *Talks on Truth*, p. 177

*“Another cannot do this for you. You really do not want him to do it. Though you may think it would be nice if some master of spiritual ideas would help you to his understanding. But this is a childish dream of the moment. You want to be yourself, and **you can be yourself only by living your own life and finding its issues at the Fountain head.**”* Fillmore, *Talks on Truth*, p. 177

*“Life liberty and the pursuit of happiness are **the inherent birthright** of every one of us. **We exist to that end**, and by our constant effort to attain perpetual joy we recognize it as our natural state.”* Fillmore, *Talks on Truth*, p. 31

*“If you are obedient to Spirit you will not suffer these burdens to be loaded upon you; you will **live in the present, do your highest duty every day, forget the past, and let the future take care of itself.**”* Fillmore, *Talks on Truth*, p. 95

*“Thousands are held in bondage to the belief that they must be helped, when the blessing would be to make them see that their **salvation lies in helping themselves.**”* Fillmore, *Talks on Truth*, p. 95

*“We **must not be dominated by another’s will.** To let someone else do our thinking for us makes us negative, indecisive, indirect.”* Fillmore, *The Twelve Powers*, p. 283

“The pessimist moans, “I could make a better world than this.” The optimist sings, “Go to it; that’s what God put you here for.” Fillmore, ***Atomic-Smashing, Power of Mind***, p. 52

“In order to realize Truth and to demonstrate it you must live it. If anyone appears careless, simply deny it and affirm order and harmony. Allow nothing in the external to disturb your poise and dominion.” Fillmore, ***Atomic-Smashing Power of Mind***, p. 74

“Then the real object of existence is to attain the consciousness of eternal life and to manifest all that is potentially involved in us by our Creator.” Fillmore ***Atomic-Smashing Power of Mind***, p. 151

“What we all need is a fuller understanding of the spiritual laws lying back of the phenomena of existence.” Fillmore, ***Atomic-Smashing Power of Mind***, p. 167

“To succeed we must have some great purpose in mind, some goal toward which we are to work. Above all, we must always purpose in our heart to achieve spiritually.” Fillmore, ***Dynamic for Living***, p. 97

“You are here for a purpose. That purpose is never fulfilled so long as you are dazed by the demands of the senses; nor are you fulfilling the law of your being by going over, day after day, the petty round of human existence.” Fillmore, ***Dynamics for Living***, p. 296

“Every man has a definite work to do in the carrying forward of the divine law of spiritual evolution. The law is

*set into action by **our thinking** and is continually supported by our thought as it develops our soul. Within us are the great **potentialities of Spirit** that, put into action, enable us to be, do, or have anything we will.” Fillmore, **Prosperity**, p. 176*

There is a saying that, “the Lord helps those who help themselves.” Also, there is one that says, “Charity begins at home.” Both of these sayings allude to the **Law of Righteous Self-interest**. Sometimes I refer to this law as the **Law of Primary Purpose**. In the second quote above taken from *The Twelve Powers*, p.133, Fillmore says, “Do not put all your enthusiasm into teaching, preaching, healing and helping others, **help yourself**.” He goes on to say, “you can be yourself only by living your own life and finding its issues at the Fountain head.”

With verification of this Law in our lives, we will know that we cannot cast our pearls before swine. In other words, our vision is held up always for us to keep focus. We will know that we cannot be selfish on the spiritual path, but that our **primary purpose** is to **actualize our divinity**. This purpose cannot be realized without giving of ourselves, but we will know that we cannot allow others’ negative thoughts to diminish that vision or deter us from its fulfillment. It is not a selfish endeavor because it is an expression of our love of life and Being as a Whole.

Many bemoan the fact that there is injustice, death, sickness, poverty and war in this world, and think of Earth as a sort of hell. If we had wanted to be in a place where these things did not exist, we would not have come here! We would have remained in the dimension from which we came or gone elsewhere. Earth is a perfect school for the

process of evolution and unfoldment. This does not mean that we should be accepting of injustice, death, poverty and war. Our primary purpose can unfold only with the process of giving. It is the process of giving of ourselves in service to others that we gain the most, the fulfillment of our primary purpose. “Let the greatest among you serve.”

“But seek first the kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides.” Matthew 6:33

Chapter Fifteen

Reference the Law of Love

Fillmore refers to love as a “Divine Principle”.

Love is one of the innate powers of being (12 powers). It is one of our powers but also the key Universal Principle. This Law corresponds in the physical laws of nature to the “life force”. It is the love of life that drives all living beings to struggle for survival. Survival on the relative plane of existence, however, is the least of our challenges. We are looking to transcend relative existence and come to experience Christ Consciousness. The most powerful tool for this effort is recognition of the nature of Self and Love. Note the definitions of Love as written by Fillmore and Cady:

“Love is a divine principle and man can know it in its purity by touching it at its fountainhead. There it is not tinged in any way by man’s formative thought, but flows forth a pure, pellucid stream of infinite ecstasy. It has no consciousness of good or evil, pure or impure, but pours itself out in great oceans of living magnetic power, to be used by whosoever will.” Fillmore, **Talks on Truth, p. 52**

“We may talk about the wisdom of God, but the love of God must be felt in the heart. It cannot be described, and one who has not felt it can have no concept of it from the descriptions of others.” Fillmore, **Talks on Truth, p. 51**

*“The one who has made union with **divine love** through his inner consciousness, who lets it pour its healing currents*

*into his soul and his body, is fortunate beyond all description.” Fillmore, **Talks on Truth, p. 60***

*“When love, the universal magnet, is brought into action in the consciousness of our race, it will change all our methods of supplying human wants.” Fillmore, **Talks on Truth, p. 61***

*“Application of the fundamental principles of Christianity, that is, of love toward God and humanity, makes new creatures of men and women.” Fillmore, **The Twelve Powers, p. 274***

*“God is love. We cannot see love, nor grasp any comprehension of what love is, except as love is clothed with a form. All the love in the universe is God.” Cady, **Lessons in Truth, p. 18***

*“Love, in Divine Mind, is the idea of universal unity. Of all the attributes of God, love is undoubtedly the most beautiful. Love is the power that joins and binds in divine harmony the universe and everything in it. Divine love is impersonal; it loves for the sake of loving. Love is the great harmonizer.” Fillmore, **Dynamics for Living, p. 35***

*“Love is an inner quality that sees good everywhere and in everybody. It insists that all is good, and by refusing to see anything but good it causes that quality finally to appear uppermost in itself, and in all things.” Fillmore, **Dynamics for Living, p. 55***

*“Unselfish love is fearless, because of its forgetfulness of self. Fillmore, **Dynamics for Living, p. 56***

“In expression, love is the power that joins and binds in divine harmony the universe and everything in it.” Fillmore, ***Dynamics for Living*, p. 236**

“Love is more than mere affection, and all our words protesting our love are not of value unless we have this inner current, which is real substance.” Fillmore, ***Dynamics for Living*, p. 238**

“Love is a force that runs in the mind and body like molten gold in a furnace. It does not mix with the baser metals. It has no affinity for anything less than itself.” Fillmore, ***Dynamics for Living*, p. 239**

“Love is a divine principle and man can know it in its purity by touching it at its fountainhead.” Fillmore, ***Dynamics for Living*, p. 241**

“Love is the drawing power of mind. It is the magnet of the universe, and about it may be clustered all the attributes of Being, by one who thinks in divine order.” Fillmore, ***Dynamics for Living*, p 241**

“Fill your mind with thoughts of divine love, justice, peace, and forgiveness. This will pay your debts of love, which are the only debts you really owe. Then see how quickly and easily and naturally all your outer debts will be paid and all inharmonies of mind, body, and affairs smoothed out at the same time.” Fillmore, ***Prosperity*, p. 123**

“Divine love will quickly and perfectly free you from the burden of debt and heal you of your physical infirmities, often caused by depression, worry, and financial fear. Love

will bring your own to you, adjust all misunderstandings, and make your life and affairs healthy, happy, harmonious, and free, as they should be. Love indeed is the “fulfillment of the law.” Fillmore, ***Prosperity***, p. 124

None of the Universal Laws are easy to define. Words are not adequate but are needed for the initial steps to a minimal or basic understanding of a concept or principle. Love is the glue that binds the Laws together in a cohesive function of creation. The word is used so loosely in everyday conversation as to make it seem powerless, yet it is the most powerful of the Laws.

We talk about love and fear as if they were simply emotions when, in fact, they are opposites in the primary life struggle. Fear is the opposite of love, not hate. Hate and anger are just byproducts of fear. Our whole process of evolution and unfoldment is about moving from fear based feeling to love based living.

Emily Cady in ***Lessons in Truth***, says Fear has a “paralyzing effect” and states, “*It makes us helpless as babes. It makes us ants whereas we might be giants were we only free from it. It is at the root of all our failures of nearly all sickness, poverty and distress.*” She goes on to say, “*Since God is omnipotence and omnipresence, put aside forever your traditional teaching of an adverse power, evil (Devil), that may at any moment thwart the plans of God, and bring you harm.*”

This world is not a stage in which the struggle between good and evil plays out at the expense of human souls. It is not a locale where demonic forces contest the will of God

and his angelic forces. There is only one omnipresent power. Evil exists as a perception of the negative in the minds of men. Love versus fear is the Armageddon that goes on in the hearts and minds of men. Only love can dispel and easily cast out the Adversary, which is fear.

When we fully understand the Universal Law of Love, what will it mean? We will be fully aware that the love we show to all is our expression of our love for life, Self and Universal Being. We will know this because we will know that we are a part of the Absolute Unity and are connected to all. We will know that whether the bulk of our giving is in the form of knowledge, time or money, that no matter what we give constructively, we are giving love. Love is what we received from Universal Being, and it is all that we can constructively give. All is an expression of love for Universal Being.

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The Whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments." Matthew 22:36

Chapter Sixteen

Summary

This study of the Universal Laws is different from the authorized classes of Unity even though some of the same books are used. It is a different structure which provides a more focused perspective. This will be the first time for some Unity members and even Licensed Teachers to view the teachings in this way. Many readers will not have grasped the extent to which the founders of Unity recognized and adhered to the Universal Laws. A large portion of the Unity membership may not understand just how unique the teachings of Fillmore are, however, those who have continued to study Unity books and classes have remained truth students because they come to know as opposed to just believing.

Among Christian churches Unity was an extraordinary movement, but sometimes we can be too close to a good thing. Awareness of the significance of Unity may largely be lost because of a lack of clarity as to what the Unity Principles are. This is specifically what is being addressed in this book.

There appears to be a desire on the part of some ministers and members to identify more with the trappings of mainstream Christianity than with the Fillmorian tradition based on the Universal Laws. Some have “traded in” Fillmore’s vigorous metaphysical Christianity for a pleasant, less demanding and more multi-cultural message.

Jesus never indicated that his path was to be popular. He in fact indicated the opposite to be true. He said, “*straight is the gate and narrow is the way that leads to life.*” Although he said, “*My yoke is easy and my burden is light*”, his meaning was that as opposed to the path of fear and degradation, it was the lighter and less burdensome way. A life without Christ consciousness is a heavy yoke, and a place where a purpose driven life is hard to find. It is said that “*God is not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.*” This does not mean that there is enlightenment by osmosis. We are not going to get it in mass because responsibility lies with each of us individually.

Fillmore’s teachings are not likely to be mainstream Christianity in the world we are experiencing. This is true for many reasons and for one specifically. No Christian denomination was so strong on its renunciation of duality. The Duality that permeates Christendom is a scar on the face of spirituality. If being in the mainstream of Christianity requires acceptance of duality as a principle of faith, the Unity Movement does not need to be in it.

In an essay that I put into the *ULS Workbook* called “Duality”, I note, “Most theology is dualistic in nature. Only a few Christian churches emphasize that there really is no competing power with God. The Unity Movement has made its statement of belief in the “Absolute Unity of all” the linchpin of its positive affirmations. The affirmation is, “*There is only one power and presence in the universe, God the good omnipotent, the everywhere present Principle of Absolute Good.*” In virtually every other theology, the universe is a battleground between good

and evil. On the one side we have the Almighty God with his angelic host, and on the other side we have Satan, a fallen angel leading demonic forces. He reaches for and has an equal power status on earth. In fact, he is depicted as having control of earth. The world turns, and the battle rages for the souls of men. Everything is defined in terms of good and evil.

In *Lessons in Truth*, Cady writes, “*Do not be under bondage to false beliefs about your circumstances or environment. God is in everything that happens to you. There are no “second causes”. No matter how evil circumstances may appear or how much it may seem that some other personality is at the foundation of your sorrow or trouble, God, good, good alone, is real there.*”

To say that there is only one power and presence in the universe is not just a statement of adoration and praise to God. **It is a statement of principle.** It is a statement of fundamental truth. It is a statement of **the Universal Law of Absolute Unity.** When we say this, we are confirming that there is no other power but God. We are in essence renouncing duality and the idea of a second power that can compete and war against God. We are recognizing and affirming that evil and satanic forces are a creation of the intellect and a perversion of the reality of Absolute Unity.

One cannot deny that negative and fearful thinking is the cause of negative and fearful consequences. Why? Because all thought creates. Thought will create constructively or destructively, but it always creates. Our world, our lives are our creations. What is called evil is really the destructive results of fearful, negative and wrong

thought. It comes from man's intellect and creates the perceived barriers to God. It instills in man the belief that there is a separation from God, which has never existed.

In mainstream Christianity, the concept that God is in man and everywhere present is considered some kind of pantheistic and pagan idea. However, absolute means ABSOLUTE. If God is omnipresent, he is everywhere. So what could be considered evil? **It can only be our perception of separation from God. It has no reality in truth."**

It is prevalent in marketing today to boil everything down to catch phrases and catchy slogans. Complicated involved questions are expressed in sound bites. These sound bites do not tell the real story. We all know that there is more to the abortion controversy than the labels "Pro-Choice" and "Pro-Life". Who is not pro-life, and who does not want to make her own choices? Once labeled, one way or another, it follows that if you are not pro-life you are a killer and something less than human. If you are not pro-choice, you do not believe in human rights, or in particular, women's rights.

The filmmakers packaged all the Universal Laws under one name in the film "The Secret". They present the Universal Laws in total as the Law of Attraction, however, the Law of Attraction is only one of the 13 Universal Laws. In the process of explaining the Law of Attraction they end up explaining the other 12 Universal Laws because they are part of the process of creation. This is typical packaging for the masses and may have made sense to them in the film medium, but it is misleading. There is no way to place one Law above another because each is a part of the one

principle of creation. If one could be considered basic to the others it would be the Universal Law of Being. If one were held out to be preeminent, it would be the one Jesus stressed, which is the Law of Love.

I see no indication that Fillmore or Cady ever tried to package the truths in glib lines. No one has been able to teach so much with so few words as Jesus. When pressed, he did state that the most important thing was to love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind and your neighbor as yourself. He was saying that this Law of Love embodies all of the Laws. Fillmore and Cady take a balanced approach in every book. **While not as succinct as Jesus, both authors make their cases in a direct manner and clearly teach the Universal Laws as the basis of the Unity Movement.**

The apostles never understood the full import of Jesus and his message while he was alive. Paul wrote and taught great lessons, but he was not Jesus. Those who have followed Charles Fillmore were not Charles Fillmore. The significance of the Universal Laws as the basis of the movement has not been emphasized. I went back to the Laws as I have come to know them and created a structure upon which to display the key principles that Fillmore and Cady were teaching. I do not attempt to explain each quote but rather let them stand on their own.

On a small glossy card called, “**5 Basic Unity Principles**”, are the following statements, which for many Unity members are the Unity Principles. Certainly, they are statements of principle and represent the Universal Laws I note at the end of each, but these are not the Unity Principles in total.

- 1) *There is only one Presence and one Power active in the universe and in my life, God the Good. (The Universal Law of Absolute Unity)*
- 2) *Our essence is of God, therefore, we are inherently good. This God essence, called the Christ, was fully expressed in Jesus. (The Universal Law of Being)*
- 3) *We are co-creators with God, creating reality through thoughts held in mind. (The Universal Law of Pure Potentiality)*
- 4) *Through prayer and meditation, we align our heart-mind with God. Denials and affirmations are tools we use. (The Universal Law of Balance and Equalization)*
- 5) *Through thoughts, words and actions, we live the Truth we know. (The Universal Law of Believing and Knowing)*

After having studied the statements of the founders of Unity and contemporary writers such as Emily Cady, I wondered how did we arrive at only five Unity Principles? Are we saying that these are the most important of the Universal Laws? Each of the Laws is so closely related and integrated as to be facets of one Law, the Law of Creation. These 5 statements of the Universal Laws are not wrong, and the little card may help some to keep this abbreviated list of the Laws handy, but the Universal Laws cannot be abbreviated without great loss. They are not to be memorized like one might do with the Ten Commandments. Each Law must be identified and verified in our life experiences and carried in our hearts and minds to make us wholly aware of our oneness with Universal Being.

Compare this card with its shadow list of principles to the quotes of Fillmore, Cady and Turner that are the main body of each chapter of this book. I will leave it to you to determine for yourself exactly what the Unity Principles are.

Chapter Seventeen

Master Mind

Rev. Bernard Dozier, a retired Unity Minister in Memphis, sent an open letter to Rev. James Trapp, CEO of the Association of Unity Churches, on October 5, 2006 in answer to a request for suggestions for “Revitalization for Our Movement”. His proposal was comprehensive and involved a five year program that would have to be directed by the association or other “powers that be” within the Association. This proposal and others that Rev. Trapp may receive are not the subject of this book and are beyond the purview of the author because they have to do with church government, and the Association exists for that purpose.

There will, however, be a few members here and there around the world who have read this book and take it seriously. These few will say that if Charles Fillmore and Emily Cady recognized these Universal Principles and taught them, they are the real **Unity Principles** and **fundamental truths** upon which the movement was established. If these are the Unity Principles, how do we go about the process of expanding our innate powers and coming into harmony with them?

We can take these matters into our own hands without getting involved in church government. We can do what Jesus suggested we do. He was specific about the need to look to ourselves for answers and not to others. For a totally revitalized Unity Movement, a new look at the principles as taught by Fillmore and Cady would require one thing, a conscious effort on the part of just a few members of each congregation. A Master Mind group of at

least 5 people of varied backgrounds and skills who want the same thing and will work together harmoniously would be so powerful as to transform the Unity Movement. Napoleon Hill, in *Think and Grow Rich*, and Sidney Bremer, in *How to Get What you Want*, describe the mastermind concept. Others have altered and watered it down to a wish list of unconnected individuals instead of the original concept. Hill and Bremer suggest that every major organization in history was built around this concept. I submit it could be used to revitalize any institution.

We do not have to label such groups as “Mastermind”, but whatever they are called it is a self-administered **spiritual I. V.** Like a spiritual intravenous drip it can be a powerful one-two-punch in the process of spiritual understanding. I am referring to the words “**identify**” and “**verify**”. Accept no one teacher’s, minister’s or official’s word with regard to the principles upon which the Unity Movement was based. Where do I come from with this advice? Again, as I have done throughout the book, I asked Charles Fillmore. He wrote, *“Practical Christianity and Truth stand upon the same foundation and are interchangeable terms. Practical Christianity is not a theory having origin in the human mind; nor is it a revelation to humanity from some prophet whose word alone must be taken as unquestionable authority. It is in this respect totally different from the other religious systems of the world because it does not in any respect rest its authority upon revelation. It has no dogmas nor creeds, nor are its students expected to believe anything which they cannot logically demonstrate to be true.*

It takes as the basis of its doctrine a fundamental truth that is known alike by savage and civilized, and from that truth,

by cold, deductive reasoning, arrives at each and every one of the conclusions which are presented. 'Thus it does not in any manner partake of the popular concept of religion, as a vague something which has to be accepted on faith, and believed regardless of its consistencies. On the contrary, it invites the closest mental scrutiny. The analytical logician will find a new world open to him in following the sequential deductions which this science of pure reasoning evolves.' Fillmore, ***Dynamics for Living*, p. 12**

We have created this place where we have come to be in the Unity Movement. We know we can change that place by changing our selves, and we can do that by changing our way of thinking. This is the hint Jesus gave us twice in the Gospel of Matthew (12:39 and 16:1) when he was asked for a sign. He said, *"An evil and unfaithful generation seeks a sign, but no sign will be given it except the sign of Jonah the prophet."* In verse 41 he says, *"there is something greater than Jonah here."* This seems like an enigmatic statement but the key to the story is that **fear** drove Jonah to run from the mission he had been given with disastrous results for him and those on the ship he had taken. It was only when he repented and did what he had been told to do that he overcame his difficulties. Repentance is not just being contrite or crying crocodile tears because we have been caught. The word "repentance" is translated from the word "metanoia" and means to "change our way of thinking". Step One is to change our way of thinking with awareness of our pure potentiality.

Step Two in this process is to understand that each of the 12 powers is a part of the Universal Law of Being. These are our talents, our divine birthright, and we can expand and enhance them. These are our God given tools to work with,

and the sole purpose for them is to allow us to come into harmony with the Universal Laws.

Step Three: It is evident from his explanations of the Universal Laws and especially the Law of Being, where he identifies the 12 powers of man, that what he meant by “practical Christianity” was that it must be experientially based. Nothing was to be accepted without investigation. Faith only was insufficient and dangerous. Faith is important but it does not exist in a vacuum without experiential knowledge or intuitive knowledge.

Step Four in the process requires that these mastermind groups identify and verify each of the Universal Laws from their life experiences. No one has to believe this author or accept any doctrine, dogma or belief system. Consciously identify these Laws as universal in nature and as the essential Unity Principles taught by Fillmore. Then, using contemplative meditation and group discussion where possible, bring to mind every life experience, whether pleasant or painful, that you can verify as an example of each Universal Law. Begin with intense or traumatic experiences and identify which Laws are in play. Keep a journal and examine what is happening in your life in light of the Universal Laws.

We start with reviews of life experiences because there was a reason we had those experiences. There were lessons we missed. The objective is not to dwell in the past or live in the future, it is to be in the now. However, lessons of the past and dreams of the future must be meditated upon to get control of the now, to be in the present.

We know from this study that we cannot afford a negative thought. Each thought will create either constructively or destructively. This is not an exercise in self-pity or a matter of dwelling on negative events in our lives. We recognize that when things are going well, we sail along, and the learning experience is not so intense as it is when we are dealing with obstacles. We need only associate the experience with one or more of the Laws so that we know the rules of the game of life. We will know from this study that we attract the learning experiences the inner being knows we require. When we are operating from a position of knowing, regardless of what we are attracting, we recognize what Law or Laws are in play.

With Step Five we utilize one of our 12 innate powers called renunciation, which is essential to this process. In each case where the experience was negative, it is part of the learning experience to renounce the negativity, replace it with positive expectations and continue the process of identifying and verifying. Whether it takes a year or 5 years, when this is accomplished, we will be operating from a position of knowing. It is no longer a matter of the old tradition or even the Unity traditions we have accepted. We will, so to speak, have been there and done that! We will know each principle to be true because of our experiences.

I summarize here my understanding of what “Practical Christianity” meant to Charles Fillmore, which can be a guide for members active in a Master Mind group to expand the Unity Movement. It meant:

- 1) expanding our innate powers (12 powers). It was working on ourselves to expand our capacity to receive the knowledge, sustenance and power to come into harmony with the Universal Principles.
- 2) A process, not an end to the on-going co-creation with God.
- 3) A continuing download of knowledge, spirit and power, the innate powers being attributes of God in man.
- 4) A continuing process of sharing our knowledge, strength, and zeal (all the 12 powers) with those whom we come in contact.
- 5) Awareness at all times that God is where we move, live and have our being; that we are his temple, his vehicle and in fact are part of the whole.

Even if our understanding is only of a surface nature and what we might consider mundane, there is no limit to our learning experience because these Laws are infinite aspects of God that we can only understand from the eyes of experience. When we have completed this process, every time we read a book, listen to a speaker or attend a class, we will know whether they know or not. We will no longer speak as a scribe but as one who has authority.

Glossary of Words and Terms

A

Abrogate/Abrogation – The act of abandoning or refusing to support a philosophical point or to abandon responsibility.

Absolute, The – The core of Being as a Whole or what I refer to as Universal Mind or Universal Being.

Affirmation – In this book it means a statement made to oneself confirming ones knowledge and recognition of a set of principles or facts. It may also be used as a tool in the focusing of the conscious mind on the creative thought which generates the picture for visualization. This picture then is in place for the Law of Believing and Knowing to allow manifestation.

All – When in the Law of Relativity I refer to the interconnectedness of all to all, I am referring to all with the life force in which Universal Mind expresses itself.

Allegory/Allegorical/allegorical – The expression by means of symbolic fictional figures and actions of truths or generalizations about human existence.

Analogous – A comparison or analogy linking two subjects

Ancient Wisdom – The term for Universal Law used by the Theosophical Society and such notables as Blavatsky, Bessant and G. de Purucker.

Anti-Christ – The Christian prophecy of the devil incarnate in physical form on earth. In reality, the Anti-Christ is the opposite of love and that is fear. Fear is the generator of hate and anger. Fear is the enemy within man, which Charles Hannel notes must be destroyed.

Apocryphal/Apocrypha –The term first bore a laudatory meaning of esoteric writings withheld from the uninitiated because of their sacred and mysterious nature. For Orthodox Christianity it now denotes works of doubtful origin or authorship. - (*Young's Analytical Concordance to the Bible*)

Apostate/Apostasy – The act of moving away from the original teachings of Jesus. In the view of the Orthodox, the Gnostics were heretical apostates. For the Gnostics, the Orthodox were the apostates.

Atheist – One who denies the existence of God, a first cause. The atheist denies the existence of a creative force, as opposed to the Agnostic, who simply says there is no way to know. In this book and others I show that with understanding of the Universal Laws there is a way to know as opposed to a system of belief.

B

Being – The inner man, the force from Universal Mind manifested in the physical man.

Being as a Whole – The total expression of the life force.

Bible – A collection of books recognized by the Orthodox and confirmed by Constantine as the only ones inspired of God.

Blind Faith – The belief in an individual or precept without personal knowledge of or a verifiable reason to do so.

C

Canon / Canonized – The act of officially recognizing certain writings as being delivered by inspiration of God to man.

Catholic – The universal church which traces its origin to the day of Pentecost. It is governed by its priesthood and led by what is considered an Apostolic lineage from Peter to the current Papal head.

Catholic Bible – Primarily made of the same books as the Protestant Bible but it includes some books both in the Old and New Testament not found in the Protestant Bible

Child-like – The open nature of man that Jesus said was necessary to go within to the kingdom.

Christ / Christhood – That state of man, most desirable, when by the flame of Self Knowledge is lighted by the unfoldment and realization of inner being and its connection to Universal Mind.

Christ Consciousness – The awareness of the individual Being of its connection to Universal Mind.

Christian – This term may be applied to anyone who professes a belief in Jesus as the only begotten Son of God. However, the only one that can accurately say “I’m a Christian” is one who seeks to understand the principles he taught. Belonging to an organization claiming to be Christian means nothing in itself.

Circumspect – The act of taking an indirect approach.

Code / Codified – The establishment of a creed or code of conduct from general teachings.

Complete Law, The – The first command and one having the most importance as stated by Jesus – “Seek first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness and all the rest will be added.”

Consciousness – The quality or state of being aware of something within oneself.

Constantine – The emperor of the Roman Empire who was instrumental in the victory of the Orthodox over the Gnostics. He saw himself as an extension of Christ in that he was able to do what Jesus had not been able to do, establish his kingdom on earth.

Coptic – An Afro-Asiatic language descended from ancient Egyptian and used as the liturgical language of the Coptic Church.

Cosmic – Of or relating to the cosmos, the extraterrestrial vastness, or the universe in contrast to the earth alone.

Cosmic essence – The make up of creative forces as opposed to cosmic dust or the matter of which it consists.

Cosmology – A branch of metaphysics that deals with the nature of the universe.

Councils of Constantinople – Three Councils were convened in Constantinople. The first in 381 AD was called by Theodosias and terminated the struggle over the Nicene Creed. The second was called in 553 AD by Emperor Justinian and he dominated the proceedings. The third one was in 680 AD and was called by Emperor Constantine IV Pogonatus. It confirmed the nature of Jesus as being two along with two wills as opposed to what they considered the heresy that Jesus was of two natures but only one will. It took them almost seven hundred years to determine what the Universal Laws confirm.

Council of Nicaea – This council was convened by the Emperor Constantine in 325 AD. The Emperor took part (a major role). There was violent debate which continued until 381 AD and the Council of Constantinople.

Creator - The originator of thought and prime force of the universe; also referred to as Universal Mind or God.

Creative Principal – Thought must exist first for there to be material form. Without thought there is no creation.

D

Dhammapada – This is a collection of 423 verses containing the Buddha's essential teachings.

Determinism – The exercise of choice as opposed to fatalism, which allows that man is a being of fate and has no choice in destiny.

Divine Birthright – Refers to the origin of the soul being Universal Mind and all the benefits to which Being are entitled due to the existence of the invariant principles we call Universal Law.

Divine Law of Creation – This is another way of stating the concept of Divine Self-expression. This is the establishment of Universal Laws that govern natural laws and through which life came to the earth in abundance. It originated in thought because without thought there could have been no form. The existence of material creation therefore proves the existence of the thinker.

Divine Self-expression – All that we see materially is the divine expression of God controlled by and through the Universal Laws and made manifest in matter.

Doctrine – Rules of worship and understanding as revealed by the Church with regard to God, Christ and the organization of Christianity. It may also be applied to any religion in which man made rules are established as the desired state authorized by God through his chosen leaders.

Dogma - Originally meant "to appear to be" With the advent of the Christian era it came to mean "religious doctrine or tenet".

Duality – The perceived difference between good and evil, the soul and the physical body, Satanic forces and the

forces of the angelic host. Duality came into existence when man intellectually conceived a difference and believed it. There is the diversity of life but in actuality all is part of the Unity of Universal Mind and all Beings with the life force.

E

Edification – Beneficial learning; the supposed purpose of the teachings of the New Testament writers; the process of gaining understanding as opposed to the learning of the doctrines and dogmas of men.

Epistemology – The study or a theory of the nature and grounds of knowledge with reference to its limits and validity.

Esoteric Philosophy – A philosophy of, or relating to knowledge that is restricted to a small group.

Essential Being – The essential life force and Being in man that is the real and unitive nature of life. Aristotle called it the primary substance behind material being.

Etymologically – The history of a linguistic form shown by tracing its development since its earliest recorded occurrence in the language where it is found, by tracing its transmission from one language to another, by analyzing it into its component parts, by identifying its cognates in other languages, or by tracing it and its cognates to a common ancestral form in an ancestral language.

Eternal/Eternity – Infinity, unending, without beginning or end.

Evolution of Consciousness – The process of understanding as revealed in the Law of Evolution and Unfoldment.

Exegesis – The process of interpreting scripture through rules of interpretation.

Experientialists – Those who believe in the necessity of a personal knowledge as opposed to acceptance on faith alone.

F

Facts of Life – I refer to the Universal Laws, Principles and Truths as the Facts of Life.

Fatalism – A view of life that rules out choice and proclaims the destiny of man as predetermined by God.

Fear – The world is a world of thought and without thought there can be no form. Therefore thought based in fear is destructive and the antithesis of Love which is constructive. Both are creative but one creates positively and the other negatively. Fear is the Anti-Christ because Christ Consciousness is the Divine Self-expression, which is Love. God is Love – Christ Consciousness the manifestation of Divine Love and Fear is the opposite. Fear creates hate and anger and is rooted in ignorance or a lack of light.

Fields of Knowledge – A division of the only real fields of knowledge or the areas in which man can learn: The First – Knowledge of Self, The Second – Knowledge of fellow man, The Third – Knowledge of how one is seen by his fellow man, The Fourth – knowledge of the manifestations of thought in material form. All Physical Sciences fall into this fourth category. In other words, it is the study of what we can see, touch, taste, smell or create a mathematical formula to prove. This includes the study of the material reality of the life force.

First Cause, The – Another name for God, Universal Mind, Universal Being, the Creator or the original Life Force.

First Philosophy, The – This is the name given by Aristotle to his teachings about what comes before a physical manifestation. Aristotle is known as the father of modern science but he wrote what he called “*The First Philosophy*” which the Romans later named, “*Metaphysica*”.

Focused Surrender - Intense effort effective when rooted in the Pure Potentiality of thought, refined by the knowledge that this is so, and the belief that the thought will take form. It is the allowance through total surrender of said manifestation to unfold from the creative thought.

Fundamentalist – The acceptance of the books canonized under the auspices of Constantine, adhering to the doctrines and dogmas developed by the Church.

G

Gnosis – Knowledge or the knowing that comes from understanding the light from God; does not stress faith but knowing.

Gnostic – An adherent to the preeminence of knowing over faith.

God – The Universal Creative Cause that I refer to as Universal Mind.

Great Masters – Those such as Jesus who revealed Universal Laws in their stories and parables.

H

Human Ego - The ray from the spiritual soul experiencing in a physical body.

Hyperbole – One of the methods of teaching used by Jesus that used exaggeration to emphasize a point.

I

Inner Mind – another word for inner man or the Being within the physical body. It may be used by some as synonymous with soul.

Inspiration – The revelation of knowledge of the Divine Expression through man. Generally refers to the authority, as recognized by the early Church fathers, of those whose writings came from God.

Interconnectedness – The actual existing state of man in relation to Universal Mind and the Divine Expression in all life.

Institute of Applied Metaphysics – The educational institute organized for the teaching of Universal Laws and their application to man.

Intuition - The source of all human understanding of truth derived from going within for the understanding of Self.

Invariant (invariant principles) – This is a descriptive phrase referring to the fact that the Universal Laws or Principles do not vary or change.

Involution – The opposite of evolution. Evolution I describe as unfoldment and Involution as a folding up or concealment.

K

Karma / Karmic Law – The term from the Hindu tradition which means balance or cause and effect. It is seen as perfect justice worked out over a period that may encompass multiple life cycles.

Kingdom, Kingdom of Heaven or Kingdom of God – The state of Being within man that can be found by man's search of Self. It has nothing to do with an earthly Kingdom which of necessity would have to be governed by a physical entity. Jesus said flesh and blood cannot enter it.

L

Law of Adequatio – The principle that one can receive only what they are capable of receiving; as in the ability of a quart jug to only hold a quart of liquid poured from a five gallon container. The rest of the liquid will end up on the ground.

Law of Atomic Affinity – the natural laws of physics states that matter is attracted. This is the physical manifestation of the Universal Law of Attraction.

Law of Cause and Effect – The principle that is understood as a natural law whereby every effect must have its cause.

Law of Choices – A designation given by some writers to what I call the Law of Proper Perspective.

Law of Cycles – Also referred to as universal periodicity; it refers to the fact that everything appears to run in cycles. I consider it an aspect of the Law of Relativity.

Law of Detachment - Some writers refer to this law as Universal but I include it under the Law of Believing and Knowing. It refers to “focused Surrender.” In other words, once we create in thought we are not to worry it to death. We must be able to take a step back and allow what we have created in thought to manifest.

Law of Dharma – This word comes from the Indian tradition and means purpose. In some religious traditions

the meaning is closer to being path or way. It is a part of the Law of Righteous Self-interest or Primary Purpose.

Law of Expectation – Some writers have categorized this as a Universal Law. I do not because it is an integral part of the Law Believing and Knowing. It simply states that once created in thought one must expect its manifestation.

Law of Gravity – A natural law of physics referring to the pull of the earth as shown by Galileo.

Law of Intention and Desire – Considered by some as a Universal Law, I see it only as part of the Laws as I've listed them. Desire comes from the Being and thought is applied through the Law of Pure Potentiality to create the desired results. Intent specifically applies to the Law of Proper Perspective, the place where we prioritize.

Law of Karma – This a term to which we have become accustomed. Often spoken of as good or bad karma it is really only balance and is part of the Law of Balance and Equalization.

Law of Magnetism – In natural laws it refers to the fact that masses are attracted. In Universal Law it is categorized as part of the Law of Attraction.

Law of Material Wealth – This is not a Universal Law but is included under the Law of Pure Potentiality. The Laws of Material Wealth is the title of my book for those considering going into business.

Law of Moses – The laws given to Moses on Mt. Sinai by Yahweh for the children of Israel.

Law of Persistence of Force - (Will) – This refers to the actions we take after the Law of Proper Perspective has led us to create through the Law of Pure Potentiality. In the Law of Believing and Knowing we persist in the actions necessary for manifestation knowing that the thought will create form as we have visualized.

Law of Process – Some writers refer to the Universal Laws beginning with Pure Potentiality and the process through Believing and Knowing in which thought takes form as the Law of Process.

Law of the Prophets – Jesus refers to the law of the prophets which is based on the Law of Moses. It is simply another term for the Mosaic Law, but as Fillmore stated Jesus recognized the higher law or the Universal Laws.

The Law of Propagation – Part of the Law of Evolution and Unfoldment, it refers to growth and development.

Law of Purpose – The name given by some to the Law I call the Law of Righteous Self-interest or Primary Purpose.

Law of Surrender – This refers to “focused surrender” which I categorize under the Law of Believing and Knowing.

Law of Tenfold Return – Some writers refer to this as a law and I mention it under the Law of Giving and the Law of Righteous Self Interest.

Law of Vibration/Vibratory Law – All of material creation is vibrating. It is the dance of life. Blue is blue and red is red as perceived by us because of its vibratory rate. Even the organs of our body vibrate at different rates.

Language of the Mind – The metaphysical language by which one can interpret scripture and dreams. We understand in pictures, not words.

Life Force – The force that comes from Universal Mind and is manifested in all life. It is the force behind the material creation and must exist for there to be form.

Literalists – Those who accept the gospels as redacted and canonized. Deeper metaphysical meaning is rejected in favor of a literal understanding of the words and events recorded.

Logos – This refers to the Word, the power that was in the beginning with Universal Mind and is expressed in man. Christian denominations take this to mean the man Jesus instead of the Christ Consciousness.

M

Manichaeus – A religious leader that founded an order of priests and doctrine within Christianity that competed with the Orthodox group. Manichaeus originated the main competition that battled the Orthodox for almost 1500 years. It could be said that the teachings were Gnostic in nature.

Manifest/Unmanifest/Manifestation – The process of creation begins with thought and ends with the materialization. This is the ultimate destiny of thought.

Martin Luther – A priest who openly rebelled against the corruptness of the Church in the 1500s. He nailed his 95 point thesis to the Church door in Whittenburg Germany. The Lutheran Church traces its lineage to this man.

Master, The – In this book I use this term when referring to Jesus.

Master Teachers – Usually refers to those who taught Universal Truths and were the inspiration for the followers who created the world's great religions.

Mechanical Man – The nature of man in the physical world. It is the nature of man without knowledge of the fact that the Being within is the real Self.

Mental Law – Another name for the Law of Pure Potentiality.

Meta – Used with the name of a discipline to designate a new but related discipline designed to deal critically with the original one; situated behind or beyond; later more highly organized or specialized form; more comprehensive and transcending.

Metaphysics/Metaphysical – A division of a philosophy that is concerned with the fundamental nature of reality and being and that includes ontology, cosmology, and often

epistemology. A study of what is outside objective experience.

Metaphysician –A student of or specialist in Metaphysics.

Mosaic Law – The laws given to Moses by Yahweh including the ten commandments. An oral tradition passed down until approximately 200 years before Christ.

N

Narrative Gospels – The first four books of the New Testament that tell the story of Jesus; These are the canonized books but they are known to have been based on earlier writings which have been pieced together by scholars and called the Gospel of Q.

Natural Laws – Those laws of physics or nature that have been identified and are considered scientifically determined

New Age – Refers normally to teachings that are in fact drawn from ancient wisdom or superstition. Often considered occultic in nature.

New Thought – A loose description for anyone who is prepared to look past tradition, doctrine and dogma for a deeper and more accurate meaning or access to God.

O

Old Testament – The name given and generally recognized that refers to the collection of Hebrew texts that was passed down in the oral tradition. In the Protestant

Bible it consists of 39 books; in the Catholic Bible it consists of the same 39 plus such books as *Tobit*, *The Book of Wisdom* and *Sirach*.

Omniscient – All knowing.

Omnipotent – All mighty, all powerful.

Omnipresent – Present everywhere at all times.

Oneness – A term used to define the state of all Being as in the whole of Being. The principle is explained in the quotes related in the chapter on the Law of Absolute Unity.

Ontology – A branch of metaphysics concerned with the nature and relations of being; a particular theory about the nature of being or the kinds of existence; literally means the science or study of being.

Orthodox – Conforming to established doctrine in religion; of, relating to, or constituting any of various conservative religious or political groups.

P

Parable – Short fictions that illustrate a moral attitude or a religious principle.

Path, The – Referred to by Jesus as “the way and truth of life”, by the Taoist as Tao or way: It is the path, as described by the Prophets, which was poured forth or laid down by God before time: It is the Universal Laws and Divine Self Expression by which we can come to Know.

Perennial Philosophy – Persistent and continuing without interruption; regularly repeated or renewed. I use this to denote the philosophical principles that can be traced to the earliest philosophers such as Hermes Trismegistus, Aristotle and Pythagoras. It is another name for the Universal Laws. Aristotle referred to it as the “first philosophy.”

Philosophers – Greek word meaning lovers of wisdom

Philosophy – Philosophy is a general study from which each must extract his own understanding. It is a discipline that involves the process of continuous questioning without the benefit of a specific system for self-unfoldment. In itself philosophy is not a system but a category of study.

Physical laws – The natural laws that are in place in the physical world, which in turn are underwritten by the Universal Laws. Laws not underwritten by Universal Law are the mental creations of man. These must be overcome in order for progress to be made with understanding.

Physics - Broadly, a study of the interrelationship of energy and matter

Polarity - The quality or condition inherent in a body that exhibits opposite properties or powers in opposite parts; as in positive and negative, yin and yang.

Postulate - To assume or claim as true existent, or necessary; a hypothesis advanced as an essential presupposition, condition, or premise of a train of reasoning.

Prana – The breath of Inner Being from which thought is emanated.

Pre-existence – Refers to the involution of Universal Mind before the existence of the Universal Laws and the creation of material form by thought which is Law of Evolution and Unfoldment.

Principal of Correspondence – Relates to the Law of Relativity; as above, so below, as below, so above; from one all know.

Protestant Bible – The collection of the canonized 27 books of the New Testament and 39 books of the Old Testament; It does not include any of those rejected by Constantine in the canonization process nor does it include some that are accepted by the Catholic Church.

Q

Qabbalah/Cabbalah/Kabbalah – In various books on the subject the word can be found with one of these spellings. Views on mysticism were largely reflected in the Talmud but controlled by those who wanted the emphasis on behavior in relation to the Hebrew Law. This thought eventually was expressed in the Cabbalah which developed its own literature, whose best known work was the Zohar.

Quantum Theory - This theory implies the essential interconnectedness of nature.

R

Reimbodying / Reimbodyment – The principle of soul or Inner Being as an eternal Being again coming into physical form.

Reincarnation – The accepted belief and one shared by many at the time of Jesus’ life that there are cycles of life in which the Inner Being returns for growth and understanding.

Relativity – The term used to denote the connection of all to all as explained in the Law of Relativity.

Religion – Codified, culturally entwined belief systems using symbols and rituals – the acceptance of which is based on faith – organized acceptance of the concept of the Divine strongly influenced by tradition.

S

Satan – The Biblical adversary of God and Lord of evil in Judaism and Christianity. A mystical figure that has evolved in earlier writings as the “Adversary” into a beast in physical form as the Anti-Christ.

Science - To know (Latin) It comes from Natural Philosophy (Physikos) or physical philosophy.

Self – The inner Being made up of a composite of body, spirit and mind. It is the Being within the human sheath.

Secret Doctrine, The – This is the title of a book by Madam Blavatski, the founder of the Theosophical Society. It is another name for the ancient principles I call the Universal Laws.

Son of Man – The term continually used by Jesus to describe himself; the stated fact that he was present in the physical state.

Spirituality – The expression of the Conscious Mind of the real nature of Being; the recognition that man is a spirit with a body as opposed to a body with a spirit.

Supreme Cause - The First Cause / Creator/ Universal Mind or Universal Being.

T

Tao Teh Ching – This is a Chinese text attributed to Lao Tzu, a poetic blend of inspiring ideas and everyday practical philosophy. There is no anthropomorphizing of the Tao which makes it unique among most of the world's religions.

Ten Commandments – Said to have been written on stone by the finger of God, they were first brought down and broken by the anger of Moses when he saw the Hebrews worshipping a golden calf. They were again produced by Yahweh and housed in the tabernacle. From them and from the face to face teaching of Moses by Yahweh, came the development of the more detailed law as found in the remainder of the Pentateuch.

Theist – One who expresses belief in some kind of power or force beyond man. It could be said of anyone who believes in any kind of god that he is a “theist.”

Theocracy – Instead of a government designed by human kings or government by the people, for the people, it is a system of government by religious law. In other words, there is no separation of Church and State.

Theologian – One versed in the Bible or other sacred texts, whether of a priestly caste or not. One who interprets a theology or laws of a deity.

Theology – Theology is the study of religious theory and the relation of God to man. It is a dissecting of religious text in an attempt to find the real or deeper meaning. It has, however, led many to a legalistic and narrow approach.

Theory of Everything – The theory and formula sought by physicists to string everything together in one hypothesis about the beginning and answers for all life and material existence.

U

Unfoldment – Refers to the development and unfoldment of the Divine Expression in man as explained in the Law of Evolution and Unfoldment.

Unity Principles – The Universal Laws stated in the manner and style of Charles Fillmore and Emily Cady. The principles upon which the Unity Movement was based.

Universal Mind - Pre-existent of the universe, creator of Universal Law - The Creator - God - creator of the first cause.

Universal Law - The basic laws created by Universal Mind, pre-existent to the universe – the laws upon which all natural laws depend – infinite in nature and changeless they are aspects of God.

Universal Light – Light represents knowledge and Universal denotes the origin of all light as being from Universal Mind.

Universality – Denotes that something or some entity is everywhere and available to human beings.

Universal Truths – Another name for Universal Law, the Perennial Philosophy or First Philosophy. Truths or Principles upon which all exists and to which all refers.

Unmanifest – What has not first existed in thought cannot take form; that portion of creative thought that has not materialized. Thought that has not become physical; or what has never existed in thought.

V

Vibratory Rate – All matter vibrates and the rate of the vibration determines density, and even color.

Visualization – The process by which mind creates using thought in the fulfillment of desire; the language of the mind is pictures, not words; the clearer and more detailed

the picture, the more exact the creation in thought is made manifest.

Vital Force – that which is within the material form revealing Divine Expression; the vitalizing force within matter which causes us to describe this life form as alive as opposed to dead; what Aristotle called the primary substance.

W

Web of Destiny – See Dharma – purpose – The life individual man and humankind weaves in its process of creation.

Whole, The – Refers to all life and matter as well as the Divine Expression whether manifested in the material world or not.

Whole of Being, The – All life and Being that makes up in its connection the whole of the Divine Self Expression.

Wisdom Religion – A movement or organization that stresses a state of perfection can be reached through knowledge of the Universal Laws and the act of harmonizing with these Laws.

Wrong Thinking or Wrong Thought – Thought that is not in harmony with the Universal Laws; the originator of destructive action and results; All thought is creative; positive and harmonious thoughts create constructively and wrong thought creates destructively.

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The Renford Books

Searcher's Road Map

This book is available as an E-book and periodically in paper back as long as supplies last. There is a charge if ordered as a paper back online via the website. ***Searcher's Road Map*** introduces the reader to the Universal Laws, the Renford Books, the Institute of Applied Metaphysics and the Universal Law Society. This book promotes no religion but seeks to show how we are alike as opposed to how we are different.

The Rules of the Game

The Rules of the Game introduces the Universal Laws in the simplest manner possible. It is not an in-depth study, but provides a basis for understanding of the Laws. Many people don't care what Jesus, Buddha or any of the great sages had to say, however, they are interested in what Vince Lombardi, Lou Holtz and Bear Bryant had to say. The quotes are primarily from sports figures and show that they are aware of the principles. The game of football is shown to be analogous to the Laws of Life, and the quotes illustrate that even on the simplest everyday matters of life, these Laws are in play.

In Search of Self

This is a book of prose and poetry by Renford that parallels the other books in the study of the Universal Laws. You will find that one of these Laws states that to truly

understand anything, one must experience it personally. ***In Search of Self*** is the rendering of the Laws in verse. It allows readers to experience the process of identifying the Universal Laws from one's life experiences.

The House That Namuh Built

The primary method of teaching used by the Masters was allegory, yet creation of meaningful allegories today is an art form that some think is disappearing. When you do find a good allegory that is expressing a Universal Principle, it can have a powerful effect on your life. ***The House That Namuh Built*** is about first a man, and then a whole people who begin on the path of Self-discovery. Again, it is about the Universal Laws, the invariant facts of life, upon which we can base our understanding for Self-discovery.

The Laws of Material Wealth

This book was written for those who are pondering career changes or contemplating going into business for themselves. It applies Renford's understanding of the Universal Laws with his experience working with entrepreneurs, especially in start up situations.

The Laws of Material Wealth Workbook

The Workbook for ***The Laws of Material Wealth*** follows the chapters in the book and includes four exercises in each chapter. Sample questions one may need to ask are included. The primary purpose is to bring practical lessons the reader can associate in the process of identifying and verifying each of the Universal Laws.

The River of Life

This book is primarily written in verse. It is about the eternal nature of being. Christian dogma starts the clock on the nature of being with physical birth, and this essentially denies the word “eternal” except in terms of an eternal reward or punishment. This book points to the fact that the word eternal means without end, but it also means without beginning.

The Mysteries Revealed

Though most consider the *Book of Revelation* simply to be a book of riddles, there are those who teach a religion of fear based upon it. *The Mysteries Revealed* is a metaphysical interpretation of the Apocalypse of John – the revelation of Jesus. It is a roadmap to self-unfoldment. It is the mysteries revealed.

The Metaphysical Bible

Popular and familiar passages such as Isaiah 55, the Lord’s Prayer, the 23rd Psalm and others are revealed in a different light. The deeper and, with all due respect to theologians and philosophers, clearer picture of what was being said is recorded for your study. Some, if not all, of the passages can be found in various books by Renford, but they are all together and in an easily understandable order in this book.

What Now? Essays by Renford

Included in this book is a series of essays by Renford on a variety of subjects of contemporary interest. The power

that can be gained by understanding of the ancient teachings of the Masters come alive with understanding of applied metaphysics. Without a practical way to understand and harmonize with the Universal Laws, the benefit is limited to the intellect.

Universal Being vs. the Father Confusors

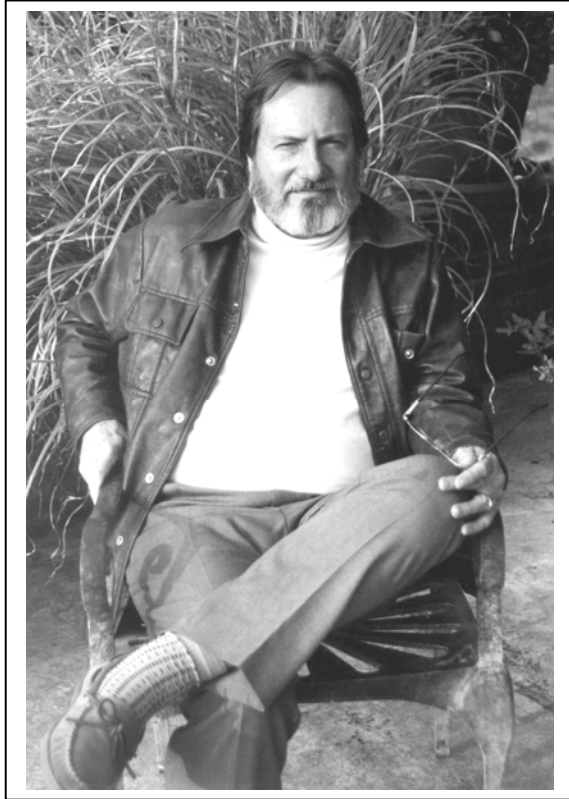
This is a study of ancient scripture and the parallels that can be seen in related stories. It is the second phase of the study program and builds on the lessons learned from The Universal Laws. Once the Universal Laws are understood, at least on a basic level, ***Universal Being vs. The Father Confusors*** helps differentiate between Universal Being, God and entities that were thought to be God or posed as God. The First Cause, The Creative Force we call Universal Being, is identified through the Divine Self-Expression, the Universal Laws.

The Universal Laws

This book identifies thirteen Universal Laws that were taught by the Great Masters. The emphasis is on how their teachings were alike as opposed to how they were different. Readers and students can see for themselves how the original teachings parallel each other. In the process, what has been added can be identified. To some degree, there is an introduction to the Universal Laws in virtually all of the Renford Books, but in ***The Universal Laws***, there is a more in depth study of the Laws.

The COR Document

The COR Document is the manual for the personal ministry of Renford. It faces the problems that beset religious organizations and explains the mission of the group. The Church of Revelation was established to provide assistance to individuals with the process of identifying and verifying the Universal Laws from their life experiences. It was created as an ideal for church structure and to help with the personal ministries of graduates of the Institute of Applied Metaphysics. One cannot be a member of COR in the sense one normally joins a church. There is no membership program internal for the church. The Universal Law Society is the membership program. All graduates may be members of the Council and help determine the direction of the Church.



Renford
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About the Author

Renford has been a life long student of the Bible. The eldest son of a Christian minister, he trained for the ministry and served as a missionary teacher in South Viet Nam during the war.

In his search for common ground with his students, he became a student of Eastern religions and philosophy. Where he had been taught to look for the differences and evangelize lost souls, his studies led him to the conclusion that there were certain principles common to all religions. This book and all of his works pertain to the Universal Laws, which have been in existence before matter and time began.

Renford remained abroad for 20 years, living and working in the Far East, the Middle East and Europe. His books strike to the heart of religion and philosophy – the original principles taught by all the Great Masters. Each book deals with how they are alike as opposed to how they are different. He maintains the differences came about due to the organization builders who came after the Great Masters.

Using a sports analogy, he says, “One can be taught to tackle, run with the ball, block, and in general perform the functions required to play the game of football but the game cannot exist without the rules. Such a game would not be football. Without first the Laws there could have been no creation and life could not be sustained. The Laws of Life had to exist first because without them, no life would be possible. They are the Divine Self-expression.” He goes

on to say, “Understand the rules of the game of life and it is possible to be in harmony and find purpose in it.”

The Program of Study

This program will appeal to those who have come to the conclusion that Religion, Science and technology do not have all the answers to the origin, nature and future of man. Understand please that agreement with the Renford Books is not required. The Laws are stated as he came to understand them. You may or may not, in time, come to understand them in the same manner.

There are many who have been unable to reconcile the nature of what they perceive as a petulant and murderous god described in the Old Testament with the loving Father as revealed in the New Testament by Jesus. The Biblical accounts often sound like fairy stories or the ravings of a lunatic fringe, yet contain undeniable truths. The enigmas of the Bible have always perplexed man. The Renford Books give a clear and logical explanation that reveals, clarifies and uplifts.

Science has given us many answers, but even those who profess to deal only in hard facts cannot completely string all these hard facts together into a rational explanation. Science Fiction writers who extrapolate many seemingly unanswerable questions into plausible explanations also come up short when they try to give some meaning to events.

A bewildering array of philosophical writings have tried to answer the questions. “Why are we here? How did we come to be here at this moment in time and under these circumstances? What is the purpose of it all?” These are the perennial questions to which for many there appear to

be no answers. In the midst of it all, we can say that we believe this or that principle to be true but we want to **know** if they are.

There are things in the sacred writings that may not seem to ring true, but this is also the case with Science. Once the scientist gets past concrete facts his theories are just as esoteric as the mystic. There are facts proven by Science yet where the question of “why” appears, there is a huge void. This is because Science can only study the manifested reality of thought and not the force that creates the thought.

This course is for those who have logically concluded that the answers are not the special property of any party or discipline. When one finally comes to the conclusion that this universe, the earth and man could have been influenced by a variety of sources and that there may be truths hidden among the wreckage strewn by developing man, it can be said that the eyes are open for the search. Renford says, “It is possible to discern the outline of truth simply by reading ancient texts with eyes open.”

Before we can play any kind of game, we must learn the rules. What are the laws governing this game of life? These are great questions that have plagued man from his entry into the game. From the point in time he identified himself as different from animals, a thinking being he has asked questions. Do we operate in a great vacuum of chaos with our being subject to chance? If there is no reason behind it all, one must conclude there is no supreme mind to give it reason. If reason exists, it follows there must be mind behind it.

Since Science makes no attempt to give us an answer as to what came before the last answer they were able to deduce, the Renford Books go to those who with confidence told us that they had the answers. Unfortunately, what these Great Masters have told us has not only been shrouded in mystery but covered with layers of misunderstanding and even lies.

The questions loom so great that philosophers have felt inadequate to the task. They have picked away at the answers happy to expound a single truth while the minions of organized religion screamed for faith. The Church fathers have maintained that there are unknowable mysteries and that salvation may be found in believing only. These voices throughout history have fought scientific advancement every step of the way. As Science has gained in credibility we have created a new priesthood. This priesthood of scientists has become even more exclusive and condescending than the former.

There is now, and there has always been, but one source for this knowledge. The Universal Truths have always existed. There have been those from the beginning who understood, but it was not then, nor is it now, possible to take in what we are incapable of understanding. Therefore, the knowledge has been preserved or hidden in the open from man. He carries that knowledge within himself, and when he has prepared his container to hold the volume, he has been able to receive it.

This three level program of study is designed for those who are prepared to expand their container. Renford has gone to the authoritative sources who gave us the answers. His purpose was to determine what the Universal Laws were,

and he reveals that they are the powers that provide the structure we know as life. The first section of the course reveals and explains the common truths taught by all the great masters. The second section is dedicated to various ancient texts including Biblical accounts with the mind open to what is really being revealed. Finally, the third section analyzes the results caused by the “Father Confusors” who came after the Great Masters. They, like those today who have a vested interest in maintaining the present structure, were more interested in showing us their exclusivity and dividing our loyalties.

The first level is called the Universal Law Society. The ULS Workbook includes 9 essays and the lesson questions for them and 6 books that make up the level. Classes, workshops and seminars are scheduled but all three levels can be completed online or by correspondence.

If tradition and preconceived ideas can be placed in a safe compartment for you to again retreat to, should you find this course too disconcerting, there will be much to be gained by the revelation of truth. Jesus said you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.

For further information about the course of study and the benefits that can be derived from being a graduate of the Institute of Applied Metaphysics, please contact the Institute at the contact numbers listed.

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