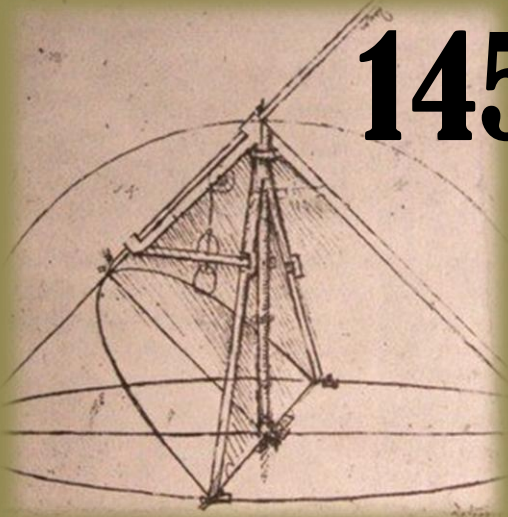


Leonardo da Vinci

1452-1519



Take my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee.

Take my moments and my days;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love.

Take my feet, and let them be
Swift and 'beautiful' for Thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing
Always, only, for my King.

Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold;
Not a mite would I withhold.

Take my intellect, and use
Every power as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it Thine;
It shall be no longer mine.

Take my heart; it _is_ Thine own;
It shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure-store.

Take myself, and I will be
Ever, _only_, ALL for Thee.

-- Frances Ridley Havergal

1 SAMUEL 12:20,21

Yet turn not aside from
following the Lord, but
serve the Lord with all
your heart; And turn
ye not aside: for then
should ye go after vain
things, which cannot
profit nor deliver; for
they are vain.

2 TIMOTHY 2:16,17

But shun profane and
vain babblings: for
they will increase unto
more ungodliness. And
their word will eat as
doth a canker.

EPHESIANS 4:17

This I say therefore,
and testify in the Lord,
that ye henceforth walk
not as other Gentiles
walk, in the vanity of
their mind.

Leonardo Da Vinci

The most important thing you can do is to let God use your mind to create whatever He wants to create through your life. Your mind is the most amazing invention and machine on Earth. It's far more advanced than anything made by man on Earth, and much more clever, with more parts used, than any animal's brain on earth. Although there are some creatures that are particularly spectacular, you, what God made you to be is unlike any other creature.

If you want your mind to work well and right, there are at least two main important things to do:

Keep it clean.

Keep it healthy.

These things will make you able to learn much, do much, and think grand thoughts.

You need to keep it clean through not allowing dirt in your thoughts; and through washing your mind thoroughly with God's Word, the Bible.

You keep it healthy through diet, water, and not letting in spiritual contaminants—like lies and false ideas, and foul things from books and videos that would make you get mental viruses that brake down your faith and good ideas.

So, now that you have a good machine that is working well and is up to the job, then you need a good notebook and pen to write down the great ideas you get; a sketch pad to draw things—but only the

things worth recording. —For what you draw and write is like on carbon paper and is recorded in the book of your life in Heaven by the angels who keep records of each one and what they do. So make sure you pray before you write up that idea or draw that plan, that it is what will make the King and His Kingdom better.

The next thing to remember is to use your time to learn all you can—but these things must be right and good and Godly, or it's a minus in your mind, rather than a plus, and you'll have to work harder to not only learn new things, but unlearn what was wrong and relearn what is right. Pray for the spirit of God to work in your heart and mind so you can detect the good and not so good.

You won't always have thoughts that are right on. A lot of crazy ideas and foolish thoughts will come to your mind plenty today. But you can be a border guard and only give a visa for the right things to stay or pass through.

Okay? So will you do that, my Muchachos, Bambini's of the King? Clean mind; healthy mind; keep record of the good ideas to be remembered, and stop at your mind's door whatever shouldn't pass through. You are the gate keeper and it's up to you do that.

Then have fun with this fabulous and crazy machine that seems to have a "mind of its own" at times, so you have to try to control it and get it under subjection and work it in the right ways.

Good ideas come to those who seek God.

Master's Arts

God's Word—Faith in God

The Master says:

My Word activates the energy you have within you. It's like turning on a machine that is battery operated. The energy is there—like My spirit and power within you. But if the machine isn't turned on, it won't function. When you take time with Me to get to know My thoughts and to read My Words, and to listen to what I want to tell you personally, then it's like you get turned on. You can then move and do and create.

Without taking time with Me, you might look nice, or have a cool job and function you could do. But the main purpose of your life won't be achieved. Some machines—like types of Dictaphones—are voice activated. And that's like you. You need My voice to activate you and get you turned on and functioning. Listen to Me, and then you'll be able to fulfil the purpose for which I created you. My Word gets you moving and going, other wise you'll be merely ornamental, just a nice decoration that gathers dust.

When you begin wondering if you are doing any good on this Earth—“What am I here for anyway?”—that's because you haven't been turned on in a while. You've sat around too long not being moved by My Spirit's voice. You have to start with listening to Me, and then activity begins, energy flows through.

After the filling of the Holy Spirit, then comes the time of fulfilment, and a joy that you are functioning in the way you were designed to be. Keep open to what I want to say to you, all throughout the day, and your spirit will just keep buzzing with energy all day long. My Word activates you, because that is the way you were made to react. Those who are sitting around looking lifeless and dull must not have been atuned to My voice. For when I speak, and My voice is heard, My creations get active and look alive, and rejoice at the sound of My voice.



FISH FOR THE SUPERNATURAL!



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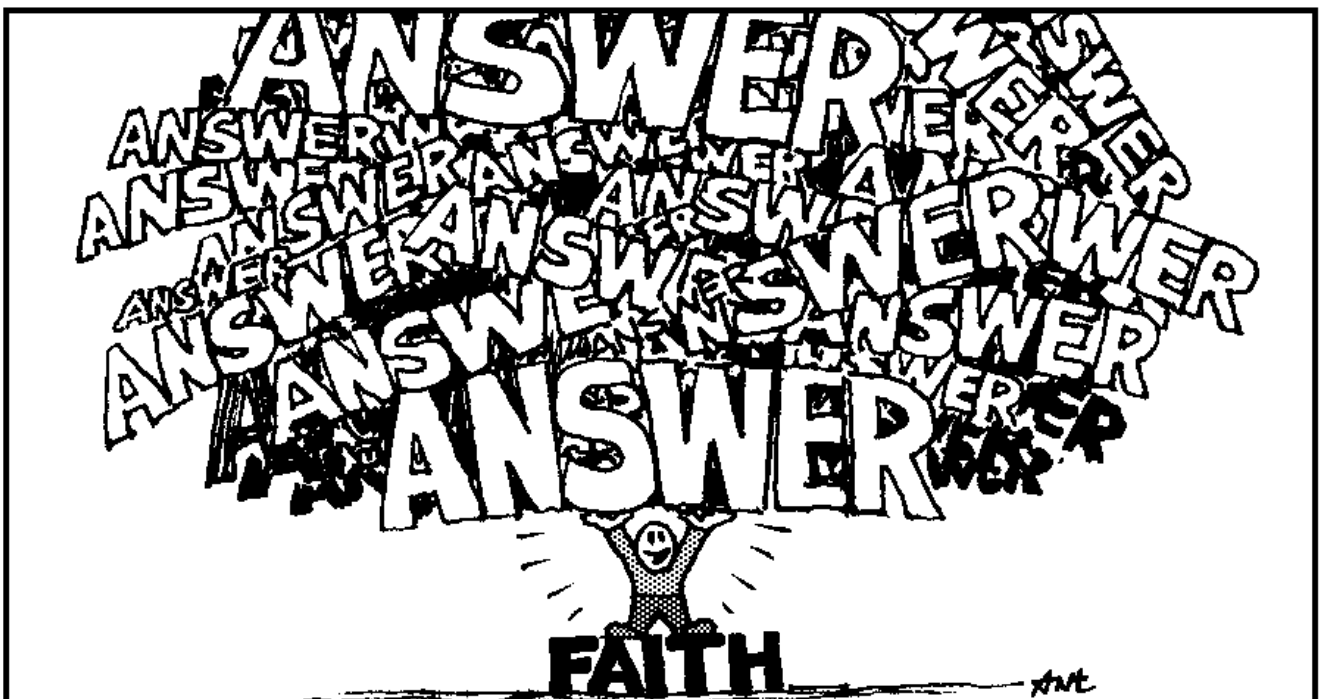
I don't want to say no to any of Your gifts, but I want to explore each one with You. I want to delight in each one, to learn to love and cherish each gift. In so doing, I'll learn to know You more deeply as I come to understand Your heart. Because what I really want most of all--more than Your blessings, more than Your gifts, even more than the peace that I feel when I am close to You--is You.

Jesus, how I love You! You've proved to me over and over again what great love You have for me. I was nothing, yet You came and died for me so that You might always have me with You. You reached down to the depths for me, and I took hold of Your hand. You pulled me up into a glorious place, and You continue to show me wonders of Your love day after day.

From Jesus With Love

There are many ways that you can show My love to others. You can give a warm greeting instead of an indifferent glance. Take a moment to answer a question with consideration and sincerity, instead of in pressured haste and a busy rush, making others feel belittled or in the way.

Forgiveness, mercy, tenderness, gentleness, acts and deeds of kindness and caring, simplicity, thoughtfulness, rewards, words of love, words of encouragement, words of praise, all the positive and good things that you can say about someone, loving touches, giving of yourselves, taking time to talk, taking time to listen, making time to share, helping to carry the load, small acts of consideration, stooping to help the other-these will show My love.



LAMBIBITS

(Lessons, anecdotes, messages, Bible-based beliefs, inspirational talks, and sayings.)

He had to go away, so they could really get to know Him! Jesus had to leave them physically, so they could truly understand Him spiritually! He had to take His body away, so they could feel His Spirit--Get their minds off the flesh--get their hearts in His Spirit! You know Jesus better now, than they did then! You understand His Truth better now than they did when He was with them physically! You comprehend the power of His Spirit more now, than they did merely watching the miracles, because you now have His Power! You have His Spirit! You are His Truth! "Ye are My witnesses!" You know Him better than they did!

The flesh is too much with us! It gets in the way. We'll never know full reality, until we are fully in the realm of the Spirit!

Now we are His physical presence! Now we are His body--His hands,--His feet--His eyes--His mouth! We have to do it--and He does it through us! Otherwise, we would have continued to let Him do it and rest in His labors, and sleep on His prayers, and coast on His greatness, and ride on His coattails.

Now we have to grow up, and do it by His power, and show if we are really His, and if He is truly ours, in Spirit and in Truth. For the Father seeketh such to worship Him!

Not some physical manifestation of some temple or building or place or thing, which are only shadows of the true, but now we have greater reality--a more sure Word of Prophecy--the very presence of His Spirit within us! He is no longer merely with us, but in us!

This is the comforter whereof He spake! Would you rather have Him beside you--or in you?

--Pastor David (1919-1994)

Inspiring True Stories from History: He is Faithful

Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. (Malachi 3:10)

(From The Pandita Ramabai Story--in her own words, By the Ramabai Mukti Mission)

I have responded to the Lord's challenge, "Prove Me now," Malachi 3:10, and have found Him faithful and true. I know He is a prayer-hearing and prayer-answering God. His promise, "My people shall never be ashamed," Joel 2:16, and all the thousands of His promises are true. I entreat you, my readers, to prove the Lord as I have proved Him.

"O taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man that trusteth in Him. O fear the Lord, ye His saints; for there is no want to them that fear Him. The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing." (Psalm 34:8-10)

Since the year 1891 I have tried to witness for Christ in my weakness, and I have always found that it is the greatest joy of the Christian life to tell people of Christ and of His great love for sinners.

About twelve years ago, I read the inspiring books, "The Story of the China Inland Mission," "The Lord's Dealings with George Mueller," and the "Life of John G. Paton," founder of the New Hebrides Mission. I was greatly impressed with the experiences of these three great men, Mr. Hudson Taylor, Mr. Mueller and Mr. Paton, all of whom have gone to be with the Lord within a few years of each other. I wondered after reading their lives, if it were not possible to trust the Lord in India as in other countries. I wished very much that there were some missions founded in this country, which would be a testimony to the Lord's faithfulness to His people, and the truthfulness of what the Bible says, in a practical way.

I questioned in my mind over and over again why some missionaries did not come forward to found faith-missions in India. Then the Lord said to me, "Why don't you begin to do this yourself, instead of wishing for others to do it? How easy it is for anyone to wish that someone else would do a difficult thing, instead of doing it himself." I was greatly rebuked by the "still small voice" which spoke to me.

At the end of 1896 when the great famine came on this country, I was led by the Lord to step forward and start new work, trusting Him for both temporal and spiritual blessings. I can testify with all my heart that I have always found the Lord faithful. "Faithful is He that calleth you" (1Thessalonians 5:24). This golden text has been written with the life-blood of Christ on my heart. The Lord has done countless great things for me. I do not deserve His loving-kindness. I can testify to the truth of Psalm 103:10, "He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities."

It has now been ten years since He brought this Mukti Mission into existence. I feel very happy since the Lord called me to step out in faith, and I obeyed. To depend upon Him for everything; for spiritual life, for bodily health, for advice, for food, water, clothing, and all other necessities of life, in short, to realize by experiment that the promises of God are most blessed.

"Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God" (Philippians 4:6).

"And my God will supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:19).

There are over 1500 people living here. We are not rich, nor great, but we are happy, getting our daily bread directly from the loving hands of our Heavenly Father, having not a pice over and above our daily necessities, having no banking account anywhere, no endowment or income from any earthly source, but depending altogether on our Father God; we have nothing to fear from anybody, nothing to lose, and nothing to regret. The Lord is our Inexhaustible Treasure.

"The Eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms" (Deuteronomy 33:27).

We are confidently resting in His arms, and He is loving and faithful in all His dealings with us. How can I express in words the gratitude I feel toward such a Father, and the joy that fills my heart because of His goodness?

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; Who healeth all thy diseases; Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; Who crowneth thee with loving-kindness and tender mercies; Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's" (Psalm 103:1-5).

Many hundreds of the girls and young women who have come to my Home ever since its doors were opened for them have found Christ as I have. They are capable of thinking for themselves. They have had their eyes opened by reading the Word of God, and many of them have been truly converted and saved to the praise and glory of God.

I thank God for letting me see several hundred of my sisters, the children of my love and prayer, gloriously saved. All this was done by God in answer to the prayers of faith of thousands of His faithful servants in all lands, who are constantly praying for us all.

I was led by the Lord to start a special prayer-circle at the beginning of 1905. There were about 70 of us who met together each morning, and prayed for the true conversion of all the Indian Christians, and for a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit on all Christians of every land. In six months from the time we began to pray in this manner the Lord graciously sent a glorious Holy Ghost revival among us, and also in many schools and churches in this country. The results of this have been most satisfactory. Many hundreds of our girls and some of our boys have been gloriously saved, and many of them are serving God, and witnessing for Christ at home, and in other places.

NEGATIVE THINKING IS LIKE A BAD DRUG THAT DOES NO GOOD BUT IS VERY ADDICTIVE!

COMBAT

NEGATIVE THINKING

THE ADDICTION

ONCE YOU'VE TAKEN IT, IT QUICKLY BECOMES A **HABIT!**

LONG, POINTED CALLOUS ON TIP OF NOSE -- FROM STICKING IT WHERE IT DOESN'T BELONG!

SKULL NOTICEABLY THICKER

IT WILL COME OUT OF YOUR MOUTH!

BEFORE **AFTER**

IT ALL STARTS SO INNOCENTLY!...

COMPLAINTS GET MIXED WITH BITS OF TRUTH AT FIRST,

AND IT'S ALMOST COMFORTING TO CATCH A SLIGHT CASE OF THE "POOR-ME'S".

IT'S NOT HARD TO FIND A STARTING POINT TO PLANT A NEGATIVE SEED IN YOUR MIND!

AND IF YOU DON'T RESIST IT IMMEDIATELY,

YOU'LL FIND THAT IT WILL GROW, FASTER THAN YOU CAN KEEP UP WITH,

AND BEFORE YOU KNOW IT,...

YOU'LL HAVE A LOT MORE PROBLEMS THAN YOU BARGAINED FOR!

YOU LOOK AROUND, AND YOU CAN SEE THAT THE GARDEN OF YOUR HEART IS A BIG MESS, FULL OF WEEDS, AND YOU FIGURE, "FORGET IT!"

WHY WAIT FOR THAT!? AS SOON AS YOU CALL FOR HELP AND THAT YOU WANT TO BE RID OF THE WEEDS OF NEGATIVITY,--OR ANY OTHER PROBLEM,--

I WILL COME, AND NOT ONLY CUT DOWN THE WEEDS,

I CAN ALSO CLEANSE YOUR GARDEN.

NO MATTER HOW BAD YOUR PROBLEM MAY BE,

NO MATTER HOW LONG YOU MAY HAVE HAD IT,

I CAN TURN IT ALL AROUND INTO A TOTAL VICTORY!

I AM ABLE TO PENETRATE THE DARKEST CORNERS OF ONE'S HEART. AND WHEN I DO, I DO MY WORK THERE AND CLEAN OUT THE THINGS THAT CAUSE UNHAPPINESS!

NO MATTER HOW HARD YOUR PROBLEMS HAVE BEEN FOR YOU, WE CAN OVERCOME IT!

IF YOU'VE BEEN WANTING AND WAITING FOR SOMETHING POSITIVE TO HAPPEN IN YOUR LIFE, --THIS IS THE BEGINNING!

BEFORE YOU EVER KNEW OF ME, I CAME AND DIED FOR YOU AND AROSE AGAIN, SO THAT HEAVEN WOULD BE OPEN TO YOU, SO THAT WE COULD BE THERE TOGETHER FOR ETERNITY!

I OFFER ALL THAT TO YOU AS A FREE GIFT. YOU ONLY NEED TO ACCEPT IT! YOU CAN DO THAT WITH ONE SIMPLE, BUT TRULY HONEST STATEMENT, LIKE THIS:

"JESUS, I ACCEPT YOUR SACRIFICE FOR ME, AND YOUR FREE GIFT OF ETERNAL LIFE. PLEASE COME INTO MY LIFE AND FILL IT WITH YOUR LOVE. HELP ME TO OVERCOME THE THINGS CAUSING ME SORROW. THANK YOU!"

FIGHTING NEGATIVITY TOGETHER, OR ANY OTHER PROBLEM THAT MAY COME UP IN LIFE, IS VERY DO-ABLE,--AND ESPECIALLY SO WHEN YOU KNOW THAT YOUR SOUL IS TRULY GOING TO LIVE "HAPPILY EVER AFTER!"

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Thoughts and True Stories

"I went for a little visit of five days (to Areley House). There were ten persons in the house, some unconverted and long prayed for, some converted, but not rejoicing Christians. He gave me the prayer, "Lord, give me all in this house!" And He just did. Before I left the house every one had got a blessing. The last night of my visit after I had retired, the governess asked me to go to the two daughters. They were crying, etc.; then and there both of them trusted and rejoiced; it was nearly midnight. I was too happy to sleep, and passed most of the night in praise and renewal of my own consecration; and these little couplets formed themselves, and chimed in my heart one after another till they finished with 'Ever, Only, ALL for Thee!'" (Frances Havergal Manuscripts)

On the Matanzas I was in the midst of the Methodist contingent, for the troops (48th New York Volunteers) on that vessel were commanded by one Colonel Perry, himself a Methodist minister, an excellent gentleman and a brave man ... who found it possible to fight and pray with equal ardour. -- Captain B.S. Osbon

Anecdotes from Dwight L. Moody

I have found people who were poor in this world's goods, in bad health, and yet continually praising God. I can take you to a poor, burdened one who has not been off her bed for ten years, and yet she praising Him more than hundreds of thousands of Christians. Her chamber seems to be just the ante-room of heaven. It seems as if that woman had just all the secrets of heaven. Her soul is full of the love of God, full of gladness, and she is poor. Like Elijah at the brook of Cherith, she is just fed by the Almighty; God provides for all her wants.

Any man that knows God can trust Him and praise Him. He knows that the word of God is true, and he knows that He will care for him. He who cares for the lilies of the field, He, without whose knowledge not a sparrow can fall to the ground, He who knows every hair of our heads, any man that knows this, cannot he rejoice? Is there anyone here, who, although he is poor, can find no reason to praise God? Some of those Christians who are so poor, but who have the love of God, would not give up their place for that of princes.

There was a man converted here some years ago, and he was just full of praise. He was living in the light all the time. We might be in the darkness, but he was always in the light. He used to preface everything he said in the meeting with "praise God." One night he came to the meeting with his finger all bound up. He had cut it, and cut it pretty bad, too. Well, I wondered how he would praise God for this; but he got up and said, "I have cut my finger, but, praise God, I didn't cut it off." And so, if things go against you, just think they might be a good deal worse.

