

**MIRROR
MEDITATION**
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Man in his creative design has a built-in compass and barometer, which guides him into areas of function and development. To grow into adulthood he adheres to built-in cycles of continuity. To eat, to learn, to work, to love, to find a mate. To provide himself with the physical necessities. To protect himself from danger.

In his development he strives to master the material. He is endowed with a dynamic force to pile up for himself that which brings physical comfort and pleasure.

One of man's greatest endowments, which the great majority are not aware of, is his spiritual store house, which too, must grow in wealth, or all the treasures stored within the physical is of no value. It is worthless.

Man is possessed of two minds. The conscious and the sub-conscious. The conscious mind is that awareness of the present, or that of which we are now thinking. The sub-conscious mind is that part of our brain system which stores away our thoughts and knowledge for future reference. It reserves the knowledge we feed to it through our conscious minds.

The sub-conscious is also our storehouse of the spiritual. It has no control over what it receives. It merely stacks up what we place into it. This is the only avenue to character structure and of permanent job and happiness. What goes into it is infinite.

It directs our eternal lives. It is our bulwark--our strength--our foundation. Thought by thought we build a solid magnanimous spirit. What we place into it now, we depend upon later to over ride all heart-aches--pain--and trouble. In order to withstand all trails and tests, that which is placed there in must be sifted through the heart and soul.

Such as knowledge inspired--truth -- love -- compassion --charity--honesty of motive. Aspirations--beauty of thought. The countless small deeds of good. As we store away these

thoughts, even if known only to ourselves, they become reservoirs of strength, of character--of reward.

There is another side to this scale, which weighs heavy on the soul. For within this same storehouse the doors are open to receive the countless thoughts of bad and evil, and hate, even if these are known only to ourselves. Sometimes, just one evil deed, rejected by heart and soul can destroy all the structure of good as well as the soul.

Man in his ever pressing struggle piles up wealth of material--of money. Granted, they are necessary, wonderful and rewarding, but unless along the way he has also laid up "good" within his spiritual storehouse, all the false practice or dramatization of happiness can not make it so.

There are times when all the money in the world can not buy health, the security of love--time--life--or one drop of relief to a stricken conscience. Castles of gold can not provide retreat in which to hide from one's self.

And then there comes the period when all roads lead to the inevitable--death--the road block of physical, which the material can not penetrate. Money and wealth has lost its

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It is here the returns of small investments shall soar into astronomical returns. Even the small deeds of kindness become stepping stones to the kingdom of the Creator. This wealth of spirit becomes a passport to eternity. How powerful the truth of Matthew 16:26, "For what has a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world and lose his soul," I wonder!

Historical Gleanings

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May 20, 1791. Petition of Edward Nelson and Charles Johnson for order to build a water grist mill on North Prong of Palmetto opposite to petitioners own Plantation.

March Term 1791. Joseph Crispin prays he have leave to build a saw and grist mill on Durham's Creek, 1/4 mile from the mouth thereof.

June 18, 1791. Commissioners to lay off and value land on NS of Broad Creek on Charles Churchill's land, Levi Dawson, Charles Williams, James Gatlin, Wm. Speight. Phillip Knowls owns land on opposite side.

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