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Practical Mysticism – An Introduction

Welcome to the World of Practical Mysticism!

Welcome to a wondrous way of living each day of your life – a way of life that will allow many of your dreams to become realities! Welcome to a way of living that can result in more love, income, success, fulfillment, creativity and awareness. You are about to discover how to use the EXACT SAME POWER that Christ and other beings utilized down through the ages – a power to which the so-called “*Supernatural*” was attributed.

The decision you have made to study PRACTICAL MYSTICISM is going to influence your life for the better – more than any decision you will ever make! *Why do I state this with such certainty?* It is because Practical Mysticism is based on the use of the **ABSOLUTE POWER AVAILABLE TO ALL HUMAN BEINGS.**

- ▶ **To the new student of Mysticism:** Consider yourself blessed, as a whole new world and concept of yourself and your potential is about to open to you. You will not only discover what Mysticism truly is, but even more important, you will learn how to apply it to every area of your life that you would like to see improved. Your thirst for a better life is about to be quenched!
- ▶ **To the long-time student of life’s mysteries:** You have now taken the ultimate step in your search and your studies. For no matter how much you have studied and learned, it is all meaningless unless you can apply such knowledge to improve the quality of your own life, and then, the lives of others around you.
- ▶ Thousands of students of life's mysteries have come before me, who were “walking encyclopedias” of esoteric, occult, and mystical knowledge; nonetheless, they were lonely, unloved, unsuccessful and without funds.

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- So, let us swallow our esoteric pride for the moment, stop living in vague daydreams, and bring the ethereal down to earth. Talk is cheap. It may impress the neophyte; however, as I have told students for many years, *"Put up or shut up! If indeed there is a Higher Power that can perform miracles in your life -- why, then, haven't you demonstrated it?"*

Defining Mysticism

Mysticism is a much-abused word in today's world; yet, it represents the highest quest of human growth and awareness. I use the word *abused* because *Mysticism* has become a catchall term, encompassing everything from crystal-gazing to tea-leaf reading. In reality, however, it is none of these phenomena. Let us, therefore, examine what is actually meant by Mysticism.

- **The Qualities of Mysticism, properly defined and explained, are stated below:**
 - 1) Discovering one's ultimate Self-Reality, i.e., the relationship of man, woman, mind and the Universe.
 - 2) Discovering if there is a Supreme Universal Intelligence, or God, that resides in the deeper levels of the human mind.
 - 3) Making *direct contact* with this Supreme Universal Mind, or God.
 - 4) Experiencing this Presence, i.e., *knowing* that Universal Mind, or God, exists and can be contacted.
 - 5) Bringing forth into the conscious mind and surface daily life, the creativity, attributes and power of the Universal Mind, for the purpose of improving life through the application of Practical Mysticism.
 - 6) Being guided from within in all one does in daily life through intuitive ESP.
 - 7) Synthesizing the functional mind with the Creative Intelligence of the Universe and, therefore, being able to *create* the life one desires.
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- **Note:** In the definition of Mysticism presented above, steps 5, 6 and 7 are innate to Practical Mysticism.