

The Natural Laws of the Universe

THE PURPOSE of the Mystery School is to teach its students the natural laws which govern the cosmos so that they may bring their will and mind into harmony with divine truth and begin consciously to live the life.

It is the mission of the Rosicrucian Fellowship to teach its students the natural laws which operate on the, physical, mental, moral, and spiritual planes of being. On the physical plane natural law is taught so that man may learn as quickly as possible how to care for the dense body, which is his most valuable instrument at the present stage of evolution. On the mental plane these laws are taught so that the student may become a reasoning, self-conscious channel through which the message of the Spirit may be flashed to the physical brain. On the moral plane, knowledge pertaining to these laws is important in order that man's social relations with his fellow men may manifest as the highest expression of fellowship and good will. And finally, an understanding of natural laws operating on the spiritual plane are taught so that the individual may investigate for himself and learn the underlying causes of the manifestations in the visible world about him.

The Bible mentions many of the natural laws which were made known from time to time in order to assist man in his evolution. The Ten Commandments given to Moses include some of these laws and are the embodiment of great cosmic principles which outline the duty of man to the Deity and to his fellow men. With the coming of Christ, humanity was given a higher law and a higher standard of action, embodied in the commandment "that ye love one another."



Watercolor, William Blake

God Writing on Tables of Law

The Ten Commandments are an application of Universal (Natural) Law. To disregard them is to live out of harmony with both Cosmos and Self.

It is a universal law that we can receive only in proportion to the service we render. In order to receive from above, one must keep the channel open by giving. If one gives nothing, his means of supply becomes limited and sooner or later he will cease to receive. Then hardship and lack ensue, which may be attributed to misfortune or bad luck, but which are in reality the direct result failing to give, of holding on to possessions for self alone.

Many people do not know the law of giving and receiving, and through noncompliance with it, they ignorantly handicap themselves in the struggles of life. Giving service is preferable to giving money, but we must give something if we would continue to receive. The world is in great need of loving service, and our daily lives abound in opportunities for the development of soul qualities by meeting

life's problems with zest and solving them through loving application. Investing in these opportunities establishes for us a fund of credit in the Cosmic Bank and insures a bountiful resource in the future from which we can draw.

It may be fascinating to know that the Great Pyramid is exactly 5,819 inches in height, but it is infinitely more important to understand how the great cosmic Law of Giving and Receiving manifests in our lives. If we comply with this law, we shall do much more to further our progress on the path of evolution and to assist others' deeper understanding of nature's laws than we could possibly do by loading our minds with innumerable material facts of dubious value.

The majority of humanity have not yet recognized many of the higher laws. Their consciousness is centered in the material world; their aims in life are devoted to the acquirement of material possessions, and this has been a deterrent to the development of the spiritual side of their natures. Christ Jesus pointed the way mankind should live. He taught His disciples to "Take no thought, saying, what shall we eat? or, what shall we drink? or, wherewithal shall we be clothed? for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you."

When the aspirant has become thoroughly imbued with the idea of loving service, his work should be carried on from day to day to the best of his ability, always with the conscious realization that the material necessities of life will be forthcoming as they are needed.

Relative to the development of spiritual powers and service to mankind, Max Heindel says: "First, determine definitely and clearly what you want—development of the healing power, extended vision, invisible helpship, or the ability to carry the Rosicrucian message to others. When you have set your goal, never harbor a thought of fear or failure for a moment, but cultivate an attitude of invincible determination to accomplish your object despite all obstacles. Constantly hold the thought 'I can and I will.'"

"Do not begin to make plans as to how to attain until you have reached the attitude of absolute confidence in yourself and in your ability to do what

you desire, for a mind swayed by the slightest fear of failure cannot make plans that will fully succeed. Therefore, be patient, and be sure first to cultivate absolute faith in yourself and your ability to succeed despite all odds.

"When you have reached the point where you are fully persuaded that you can succeed and are positively determined that you will succeed in some pursuit, there is no power on earth or in heaven that can withstand you in that particular pursuit, and you may then plan how to go about attaining your heart's desire with certainty of success. "

The foregoing points out clearly that our attitude of mind is an important factor in determining our success or failure. A case in point is that of a woman who was in despair because she was unable to rent her rooms, the money thus obtained being the only income she had. This lady was accustomed to making the remark that she had comfortable rooms but no one would occupy them, and she had held this attitude of mind for so long that it was almost impossible to persuade her to think differently. One who knew the law advised her to go about the house making it cheerful and comfortable, constantly thinking and saying that she would be able to rent the apartments at the right time. In a short while every room in the house was occupied. Here we see the direct result of constructive thinking.

Let us now turn our attention more specially to that most important Natural Law which was taught by the Christ two thousand years ago—the Law of Rebirth. Rebirth teaches that each soul is an integral part of God, enfolding all the divine possibilities of the Creator as the seed enfolds the plant; that by means of repeated existences in an earthly body of gradually improving quality, the latent possibilities of each individual are slowly developed into dynamic powers; that none are lost by this process, but that all mankind will ultimately attain the goal of perfection and reunion with God.

This teaching is the only one that gives an adequate and satisfactory explanation of the problems of life. It propounds equal opportunities for all and special privileges for none; success is the reward for work well done and failure is the penalty for indolence. The Law of Rebirth removes the responsibility for the saving of the Spirit from the shoulders of the Deity and places it upon the shoulders of



Since he had not yet evolved a mind, Man was guided by “higher Beings,” the Lords of Venus, during the Lemurian Epoch.

the individual. In the last analysis the individual must work out his own salvation.

Every individual is exactly what he has earned the right to be. He is surrounded with just as much happiness as he has earned the right to have, according to his actions in the past. He is confronted today with the debts which he incurred in the past and which he must meet at some future time. Unhappiness in the present life is the result of the suffering he caused others in previous lives. If the body is weak today it is because he neglected it in former lives. If he has no friends it is because he made no friends during his former lives on earth.

Man is today the sum of his past lives. The faculties which he now enjoys are the results of the efficient labor of his yesterdays; his faults and failures are mute testimonies to the fact that in previous lives he did not control himself and failed to cultivate virtues.

When the mystic Sun of Life rises and awakes the individual from the long sleep between lives, then he is born into the physical world, to continue the labors of a previous life, to keep the appointments there made with friend or foe, to reap the joy or bear the sorrow which is the fruitage of his former existences on earth; and as the sun marks the changing time of day and year, as it ushers in the seasons in orderly sequence, and changes the

appearance of the great world, the macrocosm, just so do the natural Laws decree that man under the direction of higher Powers shall learn the lessons of life at stated times which will ultimately fit him for the work of a God.

In this world there is no manifestation of Law more plainly observable than that of Alternating Cycles, which decrees succession of ebb and flow, day and night, summer and winter, waking and sleeping. Under this same Law, man’s life is lived alternately in the physical world where he sows the seeds of action, and gains experience, and the worlds of Spirit. The fruits of existence here manifest as soul essence which nourishes the powers of the Spirit. Birth and death are only gateways from one phase of man’s existence to another, and the life each now lives is only one of a series. The differences of character—nobility or brutality, moral strength or weakness, possession of high ideals or low instincts—all are certain signatures of spiritual power or poverty.

The finer faculties are the glorious attainments of advanced souls acquired by right action when meeting the trials and temptations encountered during lives of concrete existence. They shine with a luster which illuminates the way of their possessor and make the path easier for others to follow. Coarseness of calibre proclaims the young souls in life’s school; but repeated existences here containing many lessons well learned will in due time smooth the rough corners, mellow the harshness, and advance them also on the evolutionary path.

The Law of Consequence is the natural outcome of the Law of Rebirth. It is the active manifestation of the thought Christ Jesus expressed when He said, “Whatever a man soweth that shall he also reap; he that soweth to the flesh, shall of the flesh reap corruption, but he that soweth to the Spirit, shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.”

Let us not be weary in well doing for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. Sickness, sorrow, and suffering are the results of our misuse and ignorance concerning the great powers of Nature. Every individual is personally responsible for every joy and every sorrow which he meets in any walk of life. Every thought and all devotion to high ideals in life have a reaction according to and measured by the action which produced them. Each individual should feel what a glorious privilege it is to be able

to help his suffering fellows who are struggling through life in search of the Truth.

Each one should endeavor to obtain knowledge relative to God's wonderful laws, so that he may apply it in his daily life. Each life is the result of all past existences; today we build for tomorrow. Each individual may be likened to a miniature solar system. The various organs of the body bear the same relation to the whole that the planets bear to the solar system. The planetary bodies are regulated by certain definite laws. Similarly, the individual is subject to immutable laws. Man requires food, clothing, and shelter for the upkeep of the physical vehicle, and in addition there are various requirements for the maintaining of physical health and happiness. It is a rather senseless task to expend great effort trying to work out the immediate inharmonies of life without seeking to learn what it is within the self that attracted them.

Life is made up of adaptations to changing circumstances; and it is therefore important that each person should learn the laws which govern these changes. Each one has a different object in life, yet all abide by the same laws and principles. Each individual should make his first object the study of human life and the factors which enter into the adjustments encountered in its daily rounds.

Once one has entered the path of inner unfoldment he never stops growing, neither can he turn back. The path of evolution is a spiral, and one never meets the same experience twice. He may, however, repeatedly encounter similar ones, but from a different angle and on a higher round of the ladder.

Many persons along life's way at times in weariness say, "I am through. I shall interest myself no more in the things of the Spirit. I shall turn to the material life." Every one has probably said or thought that at some time or other. So, while in the Wilderness, would the Children of Israel have gladly turned back into the bondage of Egypt. But it is impossible for the neophyte who has once set his



Die Bibel in Bildern, Julius Schnorr von Carolsfeld (1789-1853)

Jehovah Shows Jeremiah Israel's Backsliding

Humans have individual, familial, national, and racial ripe destiny to liquidate.

face toward the Light of spiritual illumination to return permanently to the darkness of Egypt. The desire to turn back is only temporary. Having lessons to learn, how much better it is to set about to consciously master them in our daily lives, knowing that the Law of Alternating Cycles will follow these lessons with a rest period. Cycles may be of long or brief duration, but be assured that after each lesson comes a time for rest.

The Law of Equity which rules the universe, rules health also. When one has broken the Laws of Nature, possibly during many lives, he has to transmute and balance such wrongdoing by a proportionate effort devoted to right thinking and right living. He must build within himself the power to respond to healing forces (the inability to respond lies within). It is a law in nature that each has to make the necessary preparation. No one, not even God, can do that for any one. When one has directed his efforts in the proper way by right thinking and right action, then the scales of eternal justice and equity will be balanced and health will be the natural result. Nature does not waste time in useless procedures—the suffering which results from ignorantly breaking the laws of health is

designed to teach the transgressor to return to the path of right action.

In the 31st chapter of Jeremiah, Jehovah speaks of the inner law. He also speaks of the outer law. He calls attention to the time when the outer law alone prevailed. He was obliged to lead his people by the hand. "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel....I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. And they shall teach no more every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord; for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, with the Lord."

Suffering in purgatory develops conscience and conscience coupled with intuition manifests as character. If we knew the detailed procedure by means of which these powers came into being, it is evident that we should be in a position to speed up their processes and hasten development. We could then begin to work consciously and consistently with the great plan.

Conscience is a power within us, built up through many lives, enabling us to judge the right or wrong character of our actions and thoughts. Conscience instructs; disobey its dictates and there is immediate internal reproof. Conscience is a knowing within, developed by the Spirit through experience. Intuition is stored knowledge belonging to the life spirit. Conscience is developed through perception and discrimination between right and wrong. It is a positive power of the Spirit. Intuition depends on the ability of the Spirit to read and interpret the records belonging to its own life spirit, and is a negative power. The mind is the link between the Spirit and its threefold body, and when the Spirit gains control of this newly acquired vehicle the personality will become its valuable servant, extracting from the experiences of life only that which will nourish the latent potentialities of the Spirit into dynamic powers.

The most important work of man at the present time is to get control of the mind, develop its energies, and direct them along constructive lines of endeavor. The mind is the path that leads to spiritual unfoldment which is the goal of evolution. □

—Alice Fisher

ON YOUR JOURNEY

Travel "light" my dear friend.
Take but three companions with you
on your journey—the Father, the Son,
Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit.
They will:
Fill your heart with joy when you are sad...
Empower you with courage
when you think you have none...
Give you fellowship when you are lonely...
Answer the questions of your soul
when you ask, "Why me?"...
Light the path for you when the way is dark...
Stand in defense of you when you are
slandered...
Restore tranquility when all is chaos...
Guide you at the forks in the road...
Protect you when others would stone you...
Feed you when you are hungry...
Shelter you from the storms...
Quiet your fears when you are doubtful...
Promise eternal life when death is near...
Give you peace when men make war...
Heal you when you are sick...
Stand by you when others leave...
Bless you for your good deeds...
Stand watch over you while you sleep...
Work miracles when all seems lost...
Show you the beauty in everything...
Provide you with armies to fight your battles...
Bathe you in the name of the Holy Spirit...
Prepare you a kingdom of Heavenly splendor...
Encourage you when you want to give up...
Be a sanctuary when one is needed...
Carry your cross when the burden gets heavy...
Die for you, that you may live...
Give you words when you are speechless...
Teach you all there is to know,
if you but ask...
Give you ecstasy beyond the realms
and bounds of Earth...
Understand you without condemnation...
Forgive you with divine Mercy...
And love you...
Always love you.

—Anastasia Newman