



ALONG THE WAY: I will be considerate. I will be harmless.
And I will make some little contribution to Life.

THIS MONTH'S SHATTERING THOUGHT: Clutter may be the result
of not being able to make a decision.

LIFE'S WORD: (Page 18)

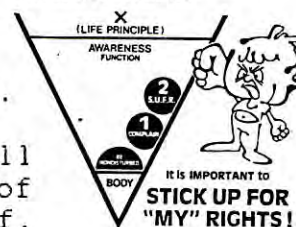
So unto thee I have given the power to radiate My love, My
happiness, My health, My wealth, My vitality and My Wisdom.

And as the sun cannot live in any light except that which it
radiates or gives out, so it is impossible for thee to live
in any light that thou dost not radiate.

SCIENCE OF MAN (LESSON ONE):

The next thing is, the idea of the school, is that man
feels he has rights. And that he must stick up for these
rights and he blames everything that, to him, seems to
prevent him from having these rights. Now, of course the
rights come from the ideal of having had something a number
of times. And then we feel we are entitled to it. We
possibly feel that the whole world (Now we said feel that
way, but it is an unknowing but, as we observe it will come
to light) and we feel we are the center of the universe and
that everybody ought to spend their entire time taking care
of my rights. I have them, they should get out of the way,
they should do what they are supposed to do when they are
supposed to. And of course if we want to consider rights for
a moment we might consider how we came into this earth world
- naked, broke, helpless, didn't even understand the
language, didn't know what we really needed, and maybe we
still don't. And that we found everything provided for
and that we managed to grow up to our present state of
affairs and we didn't bring a thing to insure that. We
didn't even know how to ask. So, wonder if we have any
rights or if we have alot of privileges a number of times.
When something is given to us over and over, we begin to
accept it as a right and feel entitled to it. Now, we will
make us another little sheet of paper and put at the top of
it - 'My rights'. And as you find yourself talking to self,
or talking to someone else, and defending a certain right, or
claiming a certain right. -Well, I have a right to do this. I
have a right to have this. I wonder if we could write that
down and then over at the other side of the paper, 'I
attained this right by' and put down what gave it to you, how
you earned it. Now, anything that is given to us is a
privilege. And of course, can be taken away, regardless of
whether it is called rights or not. But anything that I have
formed a title to, earned, may be a right. So let's begin to
see what we really have rights to. Anything that can be
taken away from you is not, necessarily, a right is
it?.....We have seen rights as something that cannot be
taken away from you. And you know life can even be taken
away from us by most anyone with a hammer or a gun or a knife

Now, as we got a little older, we found another
method of trying to be nondisturbed, and that was
to STICK UP FOR MY RIGHTS.



or a little vial of poison or a whole lot of other things. So, maybe Life is a privilege. And maybe driving is a privilege. And maybe the greatest way in the world to lose privileges is to mistake them for rights and start sticking up for them. That if we saw something was a privilege we would extend a certain amount of effort and attention and thought to have that privilege. We would make every effort to maintain the privileges we now have and to enhance them and, possibly, to even gain more. So, it might be very interesting, in observing what we consider to be our rights, we notice that most of them are privileges and what have I really done to maintain that privilege, to enhance it and to gain others.

A STORY:

The instrument flight plan had been filed and the clearance received. The tower instructed, "N74066, cleared for take-off". The tiny craft lifted off the runway and in moments was embedded in the clouds. The red or green light at the end of each wing-tip was barely visible. The cockpit instruments were monitored in a continuous scan. Information received from the instruments was translated to the controls. In this way the wings stayed level, the rate of climb remained constant, and the nose of the plane maintained its predetermined course. Moments passed by as we climbed steadily upward.

Shortly, the dark gray atmosphere began to lighten. The overcast became less dense with each foot of altitude. Upward we climbed. Then, suddenly, we broke out of the clouds into the brilliant sunlight. We seemed suspended above a blanket of soft, white, cotton clouds in a solitary, beautiful wonderland. I could take my eyes from the small instrument called an artificial horizon (required for flying in the clouds). The real horizon, the main point of reference for visual flying was clearly defined in every direction.

There have been times when the sunlight seemed to be gone from my life, the gray overcast was oppressive, and a frame of reference non-existent or distorted.. The Not-I's complained that they couldn't see far enough ahead to even start the journey. They clamored to remain safe and secure and non-disturbed. They hypnotized me with inertia, convinced me that I didn't know how to do anything, and besides, what was the use?

The suggestions are all around me. Just because I can't see the sun, doesn't mean that it is not there. Just because I can't see the ground, doesn't mean that the ground has disappeared. The clouds have just restricted my vision. They try to convince me that only what I see is real. What a lie! What I can't see is real! The clouds are the illusion. Once again I must remember: The instrument guidance system

is there for me to monitor and respond to. The first law of instrument flying is TRUST THE INSTRUMENTS. As I climb out of the overcast, the sun is always shining. And, the higher I climb, the farther I can see.

I will look beyond the clouds.

HEADLINES:

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- One who is free to be broke can enjoy money.
- One who is free to be sick can enjoy health and well being.
- One who is free to be lonely can enjoy a companion.
- One who is free to die can enjoy living.

(Page 17): There is no such fact as freedom to one desiring "more", "better" or "different". He or she is controlled by his or her desires (ideals).



You will never be nondisturbed, for long at a time, as long as you live in this world.

THE PLACE OF LANGUAGE IN THE TREACHINGS:

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FOUR DUAL BASIC URGES

1. To gain comfort and/or escape pain.
2. To gain attention and/or escape being ignored.
3. To gain approval and/or escape being rejected.
4. To gain importance and/or escape feeling inferior.

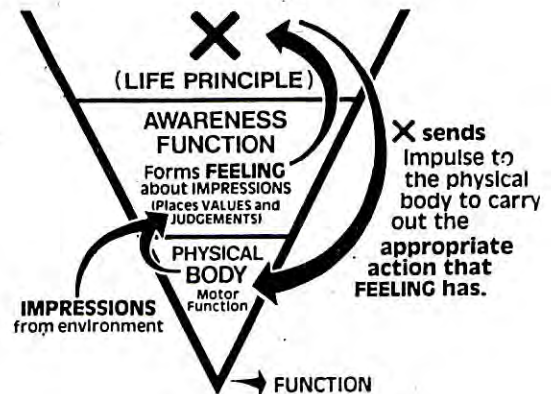
(Page 5):

Freedom to: Responsibility (ability to respond) by being free to experience what is and consciously choose one's response.

Freedom from: Trying to escape blame or consequences of failure by struggle, resistance and conflict, to deny responsibility.



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