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## **Create Your Desires Through Spiritual Law**

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"We live in a spiritual universe governed by Love and Law" and "Love rules through Law," writes Dr. Ernest Holmes the founder of the Science of Mind.

Life doesn't just happen, it is caused. Your success doesn't just happen, it is caused, and you are the most important element of your success. Work with Spiritual Laws and let your greatest dream come through.

## **Living in a Spiritual Universe**

The world we live in is fascinating! With so much to know, we are called to be life-long learners if we are to do more than scratch the surface of our limitless potential to create a great life for ourselves and others.

Becoming dead wood to learning means giving up our unbounded potential to grow and unfold. Yet, many of us are in danger of becoming religious fossils. Already fixed in our ideas about God, we fail to grow in spiritual understanding. While God has no religion, some religions claim to have the exclusive path to God. Isn't that strange in the light of Jesus' teaching that "The kingdom of God is within you"?

Spirituality means liberty to create, to be fully alive, green and pliable at any age, because our experience of it flows from the awareness that "The truth shall set you free." Spiritual truth is not a particular statement in a certain book uttered by a particular character. It is a revelation into the true nature of things and our right relationship with the world and with God. Nor does truth come in a "one size fits all" style. Certainly, a God that is not subject to time and space is not limited to spiritual revelations of truth given to only one people in one period of time. Poet Gerard Manley Hopkins renders God's truth-effusive Presence at all times in declaring, "The world is filled with the grandeur of God." Hopkins reveals that we are God-filled people in a God-filled world. Christian theologian, St. Thomas Aquinas, knew it, and declared, "Nature is a book about God." Christian mystic Meister Eckhart experienced it and revealed, "Each person is a book about God." The Psalmist in Psalm 139 felt it and exclaimed: "Where can I go from your spirit and where can I go from your presence? If I ascend to heaven you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol you are there!" Dr. Ernest Holmes, the founder of the Science of Mind, intuited it and asserted: "Wherever you are God is," and "There's not a spot where God is not." If God is omnipresent, then truth, peace and power are omnipresent. Truth must not be confused with its vehicle, which is "words." Truth is the experience of right relationship with God and the universe in which we live. As for truth-statements, they can and must stand the test of scrutiny or critical thinking. To say "I believe," when the truth is not clear to you is intellectually foolish and spiritually dishonest. The fairy tale of the king in his all-together while his dishonest court tells him how fashionably dressed he was, is a case in point. As a child in simplicity and honesty tells the king he is naked, so are we to have that childlike honesty towards spiritual information. In a similar regard Jesus taught, "Unless you become like a little child, you shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven." God is spirit and we are living in a spiritual universe. Creativity is a heightened form of spirituality. Living in a spiritual universe demands creativity from all creatures and things. Naturally the Book of Genesis tells us "be fruitful and multiply," not as a request, but as a spiritual imperative. The Book

of Hebrews states, "What is seen is made out of things which do not appear." Spirit is life's invisible source. Jesus calls the Great Source "Father," and declares according to the Gospel of John, "the Father that dwells in me does the work." This, too, is the way the work gets done in us. Emerson calls Spirit "Mind," and says, "There is one Mind common to all individual men." How could it be any other way in a universe where Spirit expresses itself by means of its creation? In recognition of this truth, the Science of Mind teaches, "We live in a spiritual universe governed by Love and Law" and that "Love rules through Law." A spiritual universe is boundlessly creative. In its natural state it is one of Pure Potential. It is also infinitely creative and is forever manifesting new and novel things. The Book of Revelations expresses this insight as, "Behold I make all things new." Creation is the work of Spirit in and as the world. Pure Potential seeks to express itself creatively from the unmanifest to the manifest; from the invisible to the visible.

We share countless experiences of ideas manifesting as physical experiences.

Our manifestations spring from our patterns of thought. Not surprisingly in Job's despair he declares, "The thing I fear most has come upon me." Conversely, Jesus, using the same Law for good, declares to the centurion "Be it done unto you as you believe." Here we learn that a spiritual universe operates through spiritual laws which can be mentally or consciously used to bring our desires into being.

At the heart of a spiritual universe, Pure Potential, as Cosmic Law, meets Pure Intelligence and creation is in process. The ancient Taoist may say, Yin meets Yang and the ten thousand things come into being. From 20th Century science, Quantum theorists propose that everything we see and experience around us had a common beginning as information and energy. This makes the scientific view of creation more like the mythic view of creation (as told in Genesis 1) than some may admit. While the priestly writer, P, of Genesis 1, writing about 500 BCE, comes to his revelation intuitively and poetically, science does it logically and empirically.

Genesis 1 states that, "The earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep; and the Spirit of God was moving upon the waters." The words "formless," "void" and "deep," are inflections of boundless, pure energy or pure potential. The "Spirit of God" that moved upon the waters refers to Pure Intelligence with the power of choice to call forth into existence whatever it desires. The words "Spirit" and "the void" are metaphoric of information and energy. The void as Pure Potential, or the unmanifest from which comes the manifest, is also rendered energy or the Law that is the obedient servant of the Spirit. Spirit, as intelligence, has the power of choice to call forth its desires. This is true both for God and humans. That is why P tells us that we are "made in the image and likeness of God." We are all capable of being in touch with Pure Consciousness because it is everywhere and in everyone. Our Universe is spiritual because Spirit is everywhere equally present. This means Absolute Knowledge, Absolute Power, and Absolute Love or Unity are everywhere. We are living in a Spirit-charged universe. Humans have that kind of potential to draw upon through faith, for creating our desires.

Deepak Chopra tells us that Pure Consciousness is also to be understood as unbounded silence, perfect balance and poise. It is also characterized by invincibility, simplicity and bliss. When we touch Pure Consciousness deeply, Universal Power lights up the qualities of love, knowledge and power within us as the moon is lit up by the sun. This lets us become powerful creatures that can readily bring our dreams into physical reality. Bring this experience into your life by affirming: Since God is the One Life, and that life is my life, then I am powerful, intelligent and invincible. Don't affirm: "I am weak and sinful." Affirm instead: "I am strong and unerringly God-directed." Choose to be directed by the highest principle and the greatest love. Feelings of limitation will fall away when you set your intentions for your desires with the awareness of the Law of Unbounded Potential.

Practice meditation and praying regularly to prepare for the challenging moments of your life. These spiritual practices will do for you what exercise and good diet does for your body in warding off diseases. Affirm: "Perfect God, Perfect man, Perfect Being." Don't let an immediate

experience of weakness define the nature of your boundless Potential. You are a spiritual being living in a spiritual universe now.