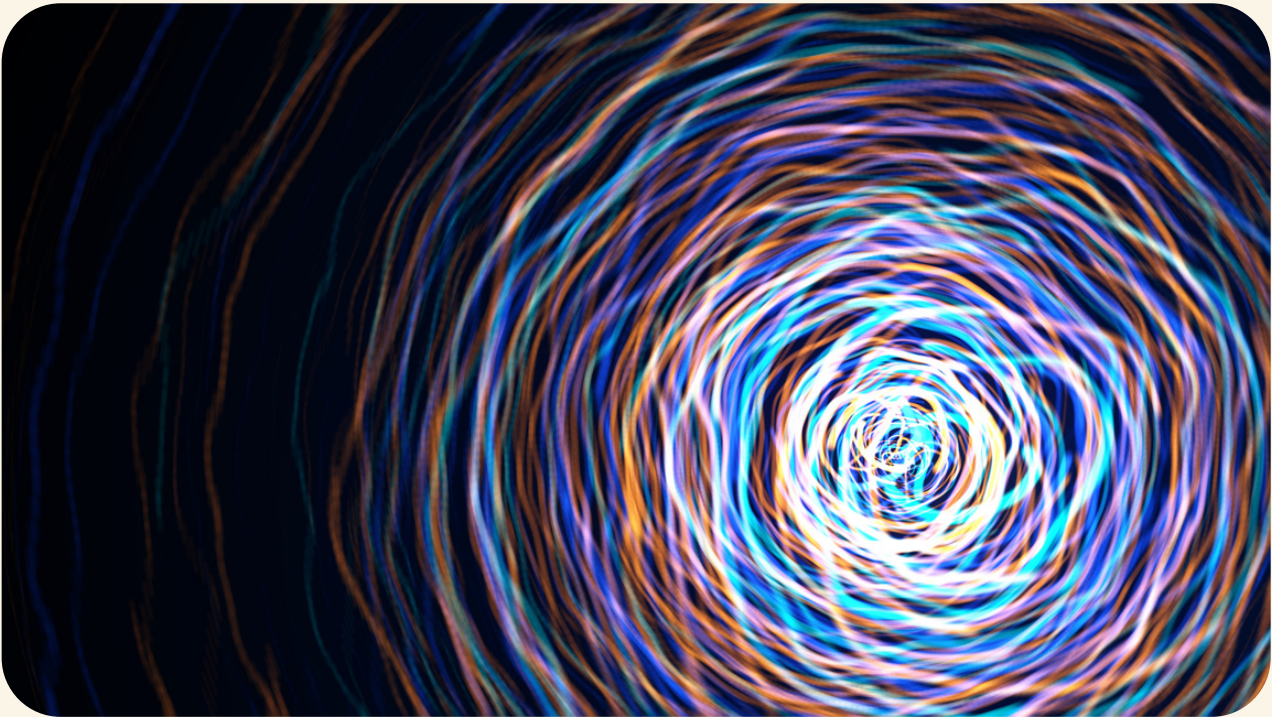


# THE LAW OF ATTRACTION



## **Surrounded by streams of thoughts**

The law of attraction, like all laws, is constantly in operation. Like does attract like, without a shadow of doubt. The sayings: “Birds of a feather flock together” and “You can tell a person’s character by the company they keep” both show that this truth has been recognised, although the underlying law may not have been understood.

We are not surrounded by empty spaces, but by mind substance filled with streams of ideas and thoughts. Some are strengthening and others are weakening. By the Law of Association good thoughts are connected together; and, by the same law, bad and negative thoughts are also connected together.

If we hold a thought in the mind for a time, other thoughts of a similar character are attracted, like a flock of pigeons, to it. Those who have trained their mind, and have mastered their thoughts, are able to make use of this law in a constructive way.

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### Attracting thoughts and ideas

If an inventor holds the thought of the invention strongly in his or her mind, other ideas and thoughts connected with this invention will come, apparently original, sometimes in sleep. If a writer holds the thought or idea about which he or she is writing in mind in a quiet and expectant attitude, other ideas and thoughts connected with the subject will come. Until these ideas are received naturally and without effort from the invisible, it is useless for a writer to attempt to write. He or she must wait until what is called "inspiration" comes to them. This "inspiration" is merely a flock of thought-pigeons. If a preacher or speaker is preparing a sermon or address, they have only to hold the subject in mind in the right way in order to attract a complete set of ideas more than sufficient for the purpose. Those who work in this way do so without effort.

### A constructive force for good

If a good thought is held steadfastly in mind, a flock of other good thoughts will be attracted which will enter the mind and unite with the original thought, thus forming a constructive force for good. This force for good dominates the life, producing constructive action for good. Thoughts are creative in that they direct the Forces of Life. By collecting thoughts in this way, the life is built up in beauty and strength. It is possible, of course, to hold deliberately a thought of evil in the mind, but we believe very few people do this. Many, however, make the mistake of holding the thought of material success in their mind to the exclusion of all finer and nobler aims. The result is painful and disastrous. Material success may come, but the capacity to enjoy the best things of life is found to be destroyed. "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" (Mark 8:36) In other words, what good is so-called "success" if it comes at the expense of our ability to appreciate the good, the beautiful and the true?

### All subject to this law

Those who have not learned to master their mind and thoughts are subject to the Law of Attraction. They may not be capable of holding a desirable thought in their mind, but fear may compel them to hold a disastrous thought in such a way as to attract whole flocks of destructive fear-thoughts which, entering the mind, destroy the happiness, undermine the health, and break down the very life itself.

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Fear is the most destructive of all emotions, and worry, its offspring, is one of our greatest enemies. But they can be overcome by directing the thoughts away from fear, and the cause of our fear, to God and Truth. It is only by getting right back to God and the Eternal Verities that fear can be permanently overcome. It is necessary to declare the Truth continually, and to stick to it in the face of all contradiction. By so doing, Truth is kept in the foreground of the mind, replacing error and fear. This attracts other ideas of Truth, so that the mind is built up in Truth, and error is excluded.

### **Constructive application**

“How,” you may ask, “can you apply this truth constructively?” A whole series of books might be written in reply, but here are two examples. A worrying thought of illness or sickness comes into your mind. Instead of accepting it, thinking about it, and allowing the thought to occupy the mind, immediately deny it a place in your mind, and turn to God your Divine centre and say quietly and confidently: “God is my Health and Protection” or similar words. This simple statement links us up with omnipotence. By uniting ourselves with omnipotence, the power becomes ours. The statement can be said mentally even when you are surrounded by people and noise. One who perseveringly does this is proof against all sickness and infection, for the Truth keeps out the harmful suggestion; and if the suggestion cannot enter the mind, no sickness can manifest in the body. Napoleon visited those sick of the plague in order to prove that those who are unafraid of it are immune. A clergyman friend did the same thing, but he became strong, positive and established in Truth through prayer. Neither of them “took” the plague, the reason being that their respective minds would not accept the fear-thought or suggestion of this disease.

### **Overcoming resentment**

Someone who suffers a wrong is tempted to be angry, resentful, and to brood over it, thereby attracting a flock of associated thoughts. If the individual does not change their thoughts, the combination of thoughts which they attract to themselves will not only destroy their happiness, but wreck their fortunes, undermine their health and, possibly, unbalance their mind. If, however, they forgive and change their thoughts to those of goodwill, they attract only good towards them instead.

## The “impossible” is possible

You may say that it is impossible for you to do this, and that you would have to be more than human to attempt it. Not so, if you speak the word of forgiveness and love. You can mention the one who has wronged you by name, in the silence of your soul, and then say: “I forgive you and love you. May you be blessed in every possible way.” Try it and see what a wonderful difference it will make.

And so we might continue, almost indefinitely, with illustration after illustration of the truth of the teaching contained in this article. In essence it is as old as the hills, or even older, for Truth is absolute and eternal, but its psychology is rather modern. What has been said explains why the ancient teaching of the Good, the Beautiful and the True has always been the best thing possible for the one who followed it. What has been said shows you how vitally important it is that we should all hold only those thoughts in the mind that are eternally good, beautiful and true, to the exclusion of every thought that is unworthy, weak, ignoble or untrue. By turning our thoughts Godwards they are brought into line with the Eternal Harmony, and attract a wealth of associated thoughts, bringing with them Hope and Power, so that in course of time the Divine Order is reflected into the external life.

Make use of this statement

***“Now and always, by looking to God, I think only those thoughts that are good, beautiful and true”.***

*Note: The original material for this article was sourced from Simple Talks on Science of Thought No. 5, by HT Hamblin, mystic, writer, and successful businessman. The text has been adapted in places to make it more accessible to a modern audience. The principles contained in the teachings remain as relevant today as they were when they were reaching thousands of his followers around the world until his death in 1958.*

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