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Dr. Joseph Murphy

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## **CAUSE AND EFFECT ARE ONE**

**Joseph Murphy (from *The Miracle of Mind Dynamics*)**

The aphorism, “*As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he,*” sets forth and portrays all the experiences and conditions of his life. Man is what he thinks all day long, and his character is the totality of his thinking. Cause and effect are as absolute and undeviating in the hidden realm of thought as in the world of visible and material things. Man’s joy and suffering are the reflections of his habitual thinking. Thus does a man garner the sweet and bitter experiences in his life.

In order to experience good luck or good fortune, realize that you are the master of your thoughts, emotions, and reactions to life. You are the maker and shaper of your conditions, experiences, and events. Every thought felt as true, or allowed to be accepted as true by your conscious mind, takes root in your subconscious mind, blossoms sooner or later into act, and bears its own fruit of opportunity and experience. Good thoughts bring forth good fruit; bad thoughts harvest bad fruit.

It is not a cruel fate that sends a man to jail or to the poorhouse, but it is the pathway of vicious, destructive, or criminal thinking which he had been secretly fostering in his heart. When these reached a point of saturation in his subconscious mind, they were precipitated into external experiences, fashioned after the image and likeness of his negative thinking.

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## **RAISE YOUR SIGHTS**

**Joseph Murphy (from *The Miracle of Mind Dynamics*)**

Dream lofty dreams, acquire ideals, realize and know that you go where your vision is. Cherish the vision of what you want to be, and cease whining, complaining, and groaning about bad luck and good luck. Nourish that ideal of yours; feel the music that stirs in your heart, and contemplate the indescribable beauty of God and Nature and the loveliness that drapes your purest thoughts, for out of these frequent habitations of your mind will grow delightful conditions and experiences. Your vision is a definite promise of what you one day shall be; your ideal is the prophecy of what you shall at last unveil.

The oak sleeps in the acorn, the giant sequoia tree sleeps in its tiny seed, the bird waits in the egg; and God waits for His unfoldment in man. You will always gravitate to that which you secretly most love. You will meet in life the exact reproduction of your own thoughts. There is no chance, coincidence, or accident in a world ruled by law and Divine Order. You will rise as high as your dominant aspiration, and you will descend to the level of your lowest concept of yourself.

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**LET GOD SPEAK THROUGH YOU**

**Joseph Murphy (from *The Miracle of Mind Dynamics*)**

Be alert and alive, and feel quickened by the Holy Spirit within you. Realize that God will put the words into your mouth and that they will be right for the occasion. My father was looking over a bridge one time, and a man said to him, "God told me to throw you over the bridge into the river below." My father realized that he was looking into the eyes of a maniac, and he said calmly, "God can do all things, but would it not be more interesting to go down to the river bank and throw me up here?" The man agreed, and when they reached the river bank, my father threw the man into the river and escaped. Some men in a boat rescued the man and turned him over to the police. This showed presence of mind on the part of my father who realized that there is always an answer, a way out, in all emergencies and difficulties.

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**The Climate of the Mind**

**Carley Dawson**

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How many of us have traveled a long way in search of a change, only to find that the "new climate: seems to be the same as it was at home. We feel no real change, no genuine relaxation, no boost of morale; in fact, we have carried our "climate" with us, for every one of us lives in a climate of the mind. Since *where* we are does not

seem to be the real answer, what can we do to find a more suitable climate?

Students of New Thought will say, "Change your mind; turn your thinking around. Have a good look at *what* and *how* you are thinking." More than likely you will find islands of distrust, archipelagoes of resentment, shoals of fear, or treacherous, icy slopes of hatred or envy; but, change your thinking and you change your whole environment.

Mental climates can be felt by others. Have we not known ill-humored people who can bring a stormy and forbidding climate into a room without speaking a word? We sense the vibrations. Then there are those wonderful sunny people who constantly hold a spiritual summer around and within themselves. To be with them is as refreshing as having a long happy holiday. One feels calmed, renewed, enlivened.

Mental attitudes--- mental climates--- are powerful centers of energy, either for good or for bad. We see and experience what we ourselves are. We carry with us our own individual climate which we have built up over a lifetime. How we react to situations, for good or ill; how we think of others, whether critically or compassionately, builds an almost tangible aura around ourselves, which is quickly sensed by others.

A feeling that our days are gloomy lies not so much in the weather as in the climate of our own mind which we can change. How quickly the practice of praise brings about a flood of spiritual sunshine! We should praise our health, our five senses, and every aspect of ourselves, encouraging remarkable improvement. Praise of others, whether openly or quietly, changes attitudes and atmospheres. There will be turnabouts in relationships. Everything responds to praise. We change our climate as we praise God--- our source, and all that springs from this Power.

In finding a good climate for ourselves, the major ingredient is our awareness of the presence of God. For once we are aware of the reality of God, His availability, His nearness, His love for every one of us, other ingredients, such as faith, kindness, and love, sweep in to surround us of their own accord. One particular quality of our new, remodeled climate is joy.

All too often joy is overlooked, saved up for special occasions, but there are endless occasions for joy every day. It is all in how we look at things. *To be ready to accept the good* is an integral part 2

of a joyous mental climate. Good of all kind lies everywhere around us like a shining sea, whose waves ceaselessly bear gifts to us, who stand upon the shore. But if we are looking only at the little self, we miss these wonders and are never able to draw them to ourselves. Those who live in serene and joyous climates of the mind are aware that the Creator of all good lies within and around every individual. They look away from the little human self. Their eyes are single, focused entirely on the reality of Good, always available. No thought of negation ever lingers; therefore, lack of finances, limited health, or unfortunate experiences can never gain ascendancy in such an atmosphere.

As we are beginning to understand, fear creates terrible climates. Over and over, Jesus said, "Fear not; be not afraid." In an article entitled, "Living Without Fear," Marquerite Brunner writes: "As we study the Bible we learn that faith is the answer, the solvent that dissolves all our fears. The conquest of fear is often the conquest of disease, because illness is frequently the offspring of fear. Our body chemistry changes in fear. ... Our bodily functions are thrown out of harmony. We create a favorable climate for many disorders. We cannot have faith in God and be afraid, for by our very fear we are unbelieving." Thus, we can see that poor climates, within the physical body stem directly from our distorted emotions and mental outlook. A virus might be there, but in a happy, positive inner climate it will not gain a foothold.

In Professor Harold Saxon Burr's book, *Blueprint for Immortality*, the point is made that the same chain of energy and life joins all life forms---vegetable, animal, human, etc. Yet, what *is* life? Is it electromagnetic? Could one call it God-activity? We are all united by a common power, and the mental force is certainly no small part of our individual, yet mutual, lives. *Thinking is a power*. It creates an energy-field.

The Russian woman, Kulagina, moves assorted objects by directing her thought. And everyone is familiar with telepathy which is a low-level mental activity. To put it another way, telepathy is a mere footpath to indicate a direction. In short, we are but faintly aware of all that can be achieved by right thinking--- thinking that expects and anticipates good, and which ignores or rejects the negative.

The dark negative mode of thought carries a degrading or lowering quality. Its energy-pattern is sluggish, and yet forceful. It saps vitality from other forms around it, even as a whirlpool draws debris into its center. The sunny, positive climate is a

*progressive* type of energy. It radiates outward; it grows and expands, stimulates and reactivates. It is life-continuing, the lifting helix, growing by its own momentum and character. We are drawn, through our indescribable yearning for a greater expression of life, into the climate of one whose atmosphere is positive, is God-centered.

Emmet Fox, in *The Ten Commandments*, has something very pertinent to say about climates. "I am going to startle some of you now," he writes. "I am going to tell you that what we call nature and climate and weather is really the outpicturing of the thoughts and feelings of humanity upon it. As time goes on and the human mind changes so will the climate, the weather, and the conditions of the globe."

A harmonious attitude of mind and heart creates the right climate for the soul. We are complex creatures; but all parts are meant to work in unison. Whether we attain this climate of wellbeing through a religion or in some other way, *harmonious* is the key word --- harmony toward others, harmony toward events and circumstances, harmony toward ourselves. Harmony toward outer circumstances can only be attained by our faith in the Good, unwavering trust in the presence of God. Harmony toward ourselves is achieved as we see ourselves as we are in God. We move into this wondrous climate as we forgive ourselves our smallnesses and turn our thoughts and energies toward our better, spiritual selves; as we lift our mental and spiritual sights above the mediocre or shoddy thinking, and refuse to clutter our minds with negative thinking, which is easy to "let in" but difficult to "get out."

We are spiritual beings, living in a Spiritual world. Let us recognize and accept our tremendous heritage. Emerson said that a man's reach should exceed his grasp. It is our mental reach toward the good, the better, the best that exercises our mental and emotional muscles, enabling us to achieve more than we at first think possible and adding to our serene mental atmosphere.

One of the most remarkable experiences of my life had to do with climates. It occurred as I was walking home with my groceries one day. Up ahead of me, several houses stood higher than the street and brick steps led up to their doors.

I saw a man sitting, leaning against a retaining wall. He seemed to be dozing, with his chin on his chest. As I drew near I saw that it was an elderly gentleman who made that street his daily walk, and from the group of men who were busying them- 3

selves with him, I realized that he would walk there no more.

As I passed him, seeing that there was nothing I could do for him, I suddenly stepped into a circle of love that surrounded him; a love so potent, so strong, that I felt I could almost scoop Love up in my hands and bear it home.

Two more steps and I had passed out of it again--- and was back in the everyday world; but there was no doubting what Presence was there, or that the old man had been joyfully, happily received in some other dimension of Life.

This is the ideal climate that we should be constantly aware of, whether we are able to step into it or not--- the climate of Spirit, the ever constant Presence, in which all peace and perfection and love abides.

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Blessed are the young in heart, for their lives shall be filled with much good. They count not their lives by the years that have passed, but by the knowledge that they have attained, and by the good accomplished through the use of that knowledge. Somewhere along the way they have found the purpose for which they were born, and they continually direct their time and energy toward the fulfillment of that purpose.

In general, it would appear that man has set a limit to the active years, as though he decreed: "This far can you come and no further, for now you must lay aside your labors and rest;" but in so doing, he has neglected to take into consideration the amount of knowledge and ability that is forever wasted. The progress of mankind, it seems, is a continual movement. Why, then, do we endeavor to slow it just because an individual has attained a certain number of years?

Moses was eighty when he led the children of Israel out of bondage toward the Promised Land. He did not sit down and cry: "Alas! I am too old to do this thing that God has called me to do." Instead, he went forth with courage and vigor to do it.

Throughout history man has proven that the years do not limit his degree of accomplishment when he feels charged with the spiritual unfolding of a purpose. If a man has a plan, an inspiration, why should he not continue on in the fulfillment of that plan? The world would have more to gain and many lives would be fuller and happier.

---William Nevil

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War is the breaking up of the accumulated false beliefs, false conditions, and false boundaries out-pictured by the collective thought of mankind. In this sense, it is a purifying process and will have its way until it clears out the current accumulation. Today, when the world is still aflame under the full sway of this breaking up process, we need to keep closer than ever to God who is the Source of new Life.

Today, as never before, we need to take time out to be still, to keep in close touch with Reality, to listen for the Voice in the Silence.

We need to learn how to detach ourselves from the things of the outer environment, how to be a little more insulated to the clamor of the world and a little more open to the peace of the Spirit.

For out of the ashes of the old cycle a new cycle always springs.

The new age is already forming under the threshold of consciousness; and by living more in that inner realm of consciousness and less in the outer realm of manifestation, we shall be able to keep step with Life as it surges forward to form fresh new patterns. Our first task is the reintegration of our own thoughts and feelings, the consecration of our powers to the greater enlargement of consciousness in order that our own houses may be "swept and garnished" for the dawning of the new day. Our first contribution to the uplifting of the world must be our own lifted consciousness.

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*Though the root thereof wax old in the earth, and the stock thereof die in the ground: yet through the scent of water it will bud, and bring forth boughs like a plant. (Job 14: 7-9)*

Throughout life we are tested, often relentlessly so, against the hope which lies deep within the recesses of our being; and we are well aware that the adverse element in nature has its place, for it gives the opposition that we need to make us grow. The greater the pressure, the resistance, and the desolation, the deeper we are urged to send our roots into the soil of the soul to seek the scent of water of the Spirit, from whence our fondest desires and aspirations may lead us.

Down the corridors of time, the Scriptures have continued to abound in the promises of God to the weak, the lowly, as well as to those stifled with torrents of despair, to those who through these promises have overcome and attained their spiritual destiny as they become rooted in God. When the tap-root reaches the life-giving forces of the Spirit, it often gives and spills over into our personal purposes and objectives, bringing forth enthusiasm, zest, hope, and the power of creativeness to all who seek the Fount of Inspiration.

It behooves us to be aware that we all need a constant and faithful self-renewal. Each generation has its great souls who, through handicaps, old age, and countless discouragements etched into their lives, refused resignation and were awakened to the "drowsy giant" of their God-potential. They looked ahead with the dawn of a new understanding like slivers of light at the end of a long dark tunnel. ...

How many of us have failed to realize the God-power which lies within and around us. It may often be found in one who has deep within himself an unknown greatness that could be the answer to the needs of many people, if the interest be there to find it. Greatness can be found in the most unexpected places, but many times it takes a great soul to discover it. There are few who are aware that each individual has his own distinctive light of destiny, whether he is as yet awakened to it or not. Such is the way from the Heart to the hearts of others.

To love fully, abundantly, and courageously man needs God. So, in the midst of blighted hopes and expectations, can we not send our roots deep into the soul-realm to find the scent of the waters, which will surely bring forth the best fruitage from the gnarled, aged, and stumpy growth of the past? Most of us are aware of the palm tree, in that its best fruit is borne of old age; thus it can be said of the fruitage of many individuals, when their mettle has to be proven against all odds of the world of human-hood. Surely as the tree in a most desert-like place is tossed back and forth with the hot winds and sands; undauntedly, it stands strong and firm above the earth, because its roots have found the scent of water.

**In considering the qualities of humility and meekness, it is important that we do not equate meekness with being a "door-mat."**

**Meekness causes one to be open, receptive, and teachable.**

**Whatever you become meek before, will impart its secret nature and power to you.**

**So become meek before the Almighty and positive before man.**

**Humble yourself before the Lord God and rise up in His power.**

**Father, we abide in Thee.**

**We rejoice in Thee.**

**We would be humble and meek toward Thee, for we know that this is the path to spiritual understanding and Truth.**

**We would find real fulfillment in Thee through the avenue of meekness and humility.**

**Guide us in this, that we may not be side-tracked by lesser things.**

**Thank you, Father, that we are one with Thee.**

***I recognize the value of meekness to God and I abide in this consciousness.***

**---Dr. William J. Atzbaugh  
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**Roots of Hope Find the Scent of Water  
Gertrude Doud**

(This article was printed in the 1976 *Aspire* by courtesy of *The Science of Thought Review*, England.)

*For there is hope of a tree, if it be cut down, that it will sprout again, and that the tender branch thereof will not cease.*

## WHERE IS YOUR PROMISED LAND?

(NEW THOUGHT BIBLE INTERPRETATION:  
HOW TO DO IT!)

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Our Ministry is NOT a “Bible-thumping” Ministry, but from time to time, because Divine Science teachings are Bible-based, we present some New Thought Bible Studies. Actually, as was emphasized in Dr. Jane Kopp’s (Minister at First Divine Science Church – Denver Colorado) excellent Bible Interpretation class presented at Brooks in Denver in June of 2006, New Thought approaches to symbolic Bible interpretation are not new, and indeed, many “Fundamentalist” and literal-level Bible teachers present symbolic applications of Bible scriptures all the time. They just don’t mention its symbolic interpretation to their parishioners in the pews!

The New Thought approach is to discern the symbolism and see the practical, everyday application. What, inside us, does a portion of Scripture bring up? What is the practical application beyond symbols? What conditions in our lives are similar?

For example, in the Old Testament Book of Numbers, Chapter 13, we read about Joshua and Caleb going out to scout The Promised Land of Canaan. They are two of twelve scouts, one scout from each of The Twelve Tribes. The other ten scouts come back with a negative report. The land indeed flows with milk and honey, but the people there are giants, and the Hebrews are mere grasshoppers in contrast. Only Joshua and Caleb are positive in their perceptions.

The New Thought interpretation is that when faced with a seeming problem or obstacle, the majority of our perceptions (the scouts) may lead us to a fearful negative response, bad reports, that obscure our positive potentials. We tend in our thinking to doubt the positive reports, the “Joshua and Caleb ideas.”

So in Chapter 14, the people, representing our collective perceptions and concepts, grumble -- even wanting to return to Egypt (a symbol for a place of captivity -- inner captivity to negative thinking). The LORD (Karmic Law of cause and effect) “condemns” the Hebrews to wander in the desert (symbolizing an inner wasteland of dry and

dead thinking) until the current generation (collection of negative ideas and limitation thinking) dies off. Then, the Hebrews collectively will be free to enter The Promised Land. The application is that we have Free Will and can take a leap of Faith (remember, it was the PROMISED Land!) choosing positive Faith-based perceptions; or we can habitually grumble and condemn ourselves to staying in our inner desert. The Law of Attraction is neutral -- WE decide how to use it! But ultimately, the PROMISED LAND is our true destiny! Practical application includes our asking: What does my “promised land” look like? Do I believe it is promised to me?

For me, the “promised land” in Ministry is a “place” where I can offer a full-service GLOBAL ministry free of charge, in a context of excellence and intellectual and spiritual depth. That promise, the spiritual desire of my heart, has been fulfilled by God’s Grace in Divine Right Order!

An affirmation for “entering” our Promised Land can be: “In the spirit of Joshua and Caleb, I now choose to realize and accept the Promises I know Spirit has given to me. I claim it and I am thankful.” The old Bible stories are often so familiar to us that we may ignore or dismiss them; but they take on a new meaning as our perception, our perspective, changes. There are often very practical applications! The point is that whenever we choose to read a portion of The Bible, we can apply a symbolic interpretation, as we also consider what, in me or in my life, various events or Biblical characters represent?

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(A continuation)

#### Parable of Lost Coin, Ten Pieces of Silver.

Money is the world’s idol. Luke 15:8  
We have lost to a degree the realization of our true state, and are now finding it through the understanding of Truth. The process: Brought a light; the lost coin in darkness, ignorance. We need first, Light, which we get from our Source because God is Light. After she had made the light she saw the room and that it needed cleaning, and she swept the house. The coin is our Divinity and it was hid under the dust (personal beliefs) --- the woman searched diligently (no time limit) *until she found it!*

The “rich” man and Lazarus represent two stages in unfolding consciousness. Luke 16:19-31

Dives, for a time “faring sumptuously every day” while Lazarus begs. The body uppermost, the “spiritual” as it is called in division, receives but “crumbs” of our attention.

The Picture reverses; Lazarus *no higher than Abraham's bosom*, hears the claim of the brother, to substance, and presumptuously declares him unworthy. Both of these conditions must be lifted up. The individual consciousness in its first awakening to power is dictatorial; as partial understanding always is, and the “body” for a time is the slave of such belief. Only by realization of *equality*, which is unity, shall such conditions be “done away.”

The Scribes and Pharisees are reproved for seeking a sign.

Matthew 12: 38-45

Luke 11: 16, 24, 26, 29, 33

“An evil and adulterous generation seek after a sign,” a generation that believes in two powers; their belief is adulterated, mixed. There is only one power, God is omnipresent power.

The truly blessed. Luke 11:27-28

Jesus, sitting at meat with a Pharisee, denounces them, with the Scribes and teachers as hypocrites, closing his fierce denunciation with, “Woe unto you, lawyers! For ye have taken away the key (the spirit) of knowledge: ye entered not in yourselves, and them that were entering in ye hindered.”

Luke 11: 37-54

Jesus' instructions to his followers for all time.

Luke 12: 1-59

The Christ will rule the earth in the hearts of men.

Jesus revisits Nazareth, and is again rejected there.

Matthew 13:54-58

Mark 6:1-6

“A prophet is not without honour, but in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house.: And he could there do no mighty work--- and he marveled because of their unbelief.

The twelve disciples are instructed and sent forth.

Matthew 10:1, 5-42

Matthew 11:1

Mark 6: 7, 11-13

Luke 9:1, 5-6

Jesus continues his tour through Galilee. The twelve, including Judas Iscariot, preach repentance, cast out unclean spirits, and heal all manner of sickness and disease.

The death of John the Baptist. Matthew 14:6-12

Mark 6: 21-29

The twelve disciples return. Mark 6:30, 32-44

Thousands are fed on five loaves and two fishes.

Luke 9:10-17

John 6:1-14

Matthew 14:13-21

Jesus walks on the sea; many wonderful works of the Spirit are performed at Gennesaret.

Matthew 14: 22-36

Mark 6: 45-56

John 6: 15-21

The people thought the works that Jesus did were contrary to law because they were not according to any law they understood. He did works according to the highest law and it seemed contrary to what they believed to be the natural law. Jesus made this remarkable statement: “Behold I cast out devils and do cures today and tomorrow, and the *third* day I shall be perfected.” Luke 13:32

After the third day, that is, he would work no more cures and cast out no more devils. After the resurrection he had a higher work than “casting out,” because he was conscious of perfection. He could not have gone on to the ascension if he had seen anything to cure or cast out. This is the very practical reason of his statement, “It is finished.” Finished vision, ready for new development or more light. If Divine Science is only teaching us to heal the body, it is not doing much, but if it is teaching us to get where we do not *need healing* (and it is doing this great work today), then it is doing the Christ work. *The greatest healing is not to need healing!*

Jesus' discourse with the multitude in Capernaum; in the synagogue of that city; and with his disciples.

John 6:22-71

John 7:1

After many of his disciples went back and walked with him no more, Jesus; wistful question was, “Will ye also go away?” This is addressed to the twelve and is answered by Simon Peter, “Lord to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life. And we believe, and are sure that thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God.”

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### **It's Your Attitude**

It is attitude that is all important.

Situations, conditions, the reaction of others ... these are subject to your belief, your emotional thought, which is your attitude. If for any reason you try to change people or change situations without changing your attitude, you are dealing with symptoms and not causation.

Our Bible reminds us to be transformed; in other words, completely changed by the renewing of our minds.

If you want to change your life for the better, then want it enough to begin thinking in a different way. Get a new attitude toward your environment, home, work, yourself, life.

---Dr. Max H. Ballard 7

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### **CHALLENGE**

Rise to  
The challenge of  
Change, that spiritual  
Zeal may never drain but grow--- as  
Christ-mind.

---Crystal Rinehart

### ***Celebration***

Oh, celebrate this day  
    simply for the reason  
    that it is--- a day given  
    for the living of it.

Let all the inner bells  
    ring out with joy;  
    let the inner bugles  
    blow their fanfare loud!

Mark the hours that pass  
    with a silent rejoicing,  
    an inward praising.

Oh, celebrate this day,  
    inwardly, all the day long,  
    and let a quiet radiance  
    shine and shine and shine!

---Elizabeth Searle Lamb