

“Active Knowledge Worth More than Idle Knowledge”



“A little knowledge that acts is worth infinitely more than much knowledge that is idle.

“If your knowledge teaches you not the value of things, and frees you not from the bondage to matter, you will never come near the throne of truth.

“If your knowledge teaches you not to rise above human weakness and misery and lead your fellow man on the right path, you are indeed a man of little worth and will remain such till judgment day.

“Learn the words of wisdom uttered by the wise and apply them in your own life. Live them—but do not make a show of reciting them, for he who repeats what he does not understand

is no better than an ass that is loaded with books.” ~Kahlil Gibran

Active Knowledge

“It should be clear to anyone that active knowledge is better than inactive knowledge. It should also be clear that knowledge is better than ignorance. Yet knowledge that is not put to use is pointless. It’s like freezing to death in the cold while clutching a heavy coat in your hands.”

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“Spiritual Humility aids Spiritual Growth”



"The soul that really loves God and Christ, though it may do ten thousand righteousnesses, esteems itself as having wrought nothing, by reason of its insatiable aspiration after God. Though it should exhaust the body with fastings, watchings, its attitude towards the virtues is as if it had not yet even begun to labor for them. Though divers gifts of the Spirit, or revelations and heavenly mysteries should be vouchsafed to it, it feels in itself to have acquired nothing at all, by reason of its unlimited and insatiable love to the Lord. ... It continues to be insatiable for the mysteries of grace, and for the accomplishment of every virtue. It is smitten with passionate love of the heavenly Spirit, ...desiring to be perfectly admitted to the mystical, ineffable fellowship with Him." ~St. Macarius the Egyptian

Spiritual Humility

“Many people do good deeds. Some do it for God, some not. Some do it primarily for recognition. They will donate only to charities who publicly announce the donations. They are not being charitable, they are buying acclaim.

“St. Macarius says this is the wrong approach. No matter how many good deeds we do, spiritual or physical, we should not brag about it, but give the credit to God who inspires that devotion. In doing that, we show proper humility. Sadly, today, humility is not a popular virtue on Earth, but it still matters a great deal in Heaven. Spiritual humility is an important spiritual attribute.”

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“Essence of Man is Spirit, Not Matter”



“The substantial existence of the soul does not depend upon serving as Form to anything: it is an Essence which does not come into being by finding a seat in body; it exists before it becomes also the soul of some particular, for example, of a living being, whose body would be the author of its soul.

“What then is the soul’s Being? If it is neither body nor a state or experience of body, but is act and creation: if it holds much and gives much, and is an existence outside of body; of what order and character must it be? Clearly it is what we describe as Veritable Essence. The other order, the entire corporeal kind, is process: it appears and it perishes, in reality it never possesses Being, but is merely protected, in so far as it has the capacity, by participating in what authentically is.” ~Plotinus

Body and Soul

“It is clear that when Plotinus speaks of the body, he is talking only about the physical body. It is also clear that he is lumping spirit and soul together and simply calling the whole thing “soul”. This simplified approach may miss some

details, but is essentially correct.

“In Cosolargy, we say that humans have three “bodies”. The physical body of matter is one. The psychic body of thought and energy is the second. The spirit and divine soul make up the third.

Chicken or Egg

“Plotinus argues (successfully, I think) that the body cannot be the author or creator of the soul. The soul cannot be an offshoot of the body since an offshoot of something cannot be greater than the initial thing. Spirit and soul, being greater than the physical body, cannot therefore be created by the body.”

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**“Unpolluted truth and
knowledge for Spiritual
Growth”**



"If thou shalt intend that which is present, following the rule of right and reason carefully, solidly, meekly, and shalt not intermix any other businesses, but shalt study this only to preserve thy spirit unpolluted, and pure, and shall cleave unto him without either hope or fear of anything, in all things that thou shalt either do or speak countering thyself with heroical truth, thou shalt live happily; and from this, there is no man that can hinder thee." ~Marcus Aurelius

Intend Unpolluted Truth

"Imagination is a wonderful thing. But it is also something that is often misused. We misuse it when we hide from reality by filling it with fantasies. Not just by reading books or watching movies, but by letting our view of the world around us be hid under a veil of imagination.

"Zen masters say we must empty our cup before it can be filled again. This means that we must remove those fantasies, false

beliefs, and opinions about the world and the universe that allows our imagination to hide reality from us. We don't need to empty out the truth, just the lies."

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"Crown of Knowledge and Staff of Understanding"



“Knowledge and understanding are life’s faithful companions who will never prove untrue to you. For knowledge is your crown, and understanding your staff and when they are with you, you can possess no greater treasure.

“He who understands you is greater kin to you than your own brother. For even your own kindred my neither understand you or know your true worth.

“God has bestowed upon you intelligence and knowledge. Do not extinguish the lamp of Divine Grace and do not let the candle of wisdom die out in the darkness of lust and error. For a wise man approaches with his torch to light up the path of mankind.” ~Kahlil Gibran

Crown of Knowledge

“True knowledge is indeed the crown. The crown of achievement greater than any man-made trophy. A crown of light brighter than the brightest intellectual who still relies on theory and

opinion, while the one with Divine Knowledge simply knows.”

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“Love Wisdom, Truth, and Creation”



To “If a man does not walk on the path of Wisdom, he cannot have light and knowledge. If a man does not walk on the path of truth, he cannot have freedom.

Three rules for living:

- *Make Love be a way in your life.*
- *Have Wisdom be a way for knowledge and light.*

▪ *Let truth be a way for your freedom.*

Apply this as a foundation, and you will avoid unneeded suffering. ...If a man loves truth, it will always help him. The man who lives and loves in truth will always be helped; truth is reasonable.” ~Biensa Douno

Path of Wisdom

“The words in this quote have to be read and studied carefully. Douno doesn’t say that one has to have wisdom before he can have light and knowledge. He says only that he must be on the path of wisdom.

“If you are in any spiritual groups in social media, you probably see quite regularly posts, or answers to posts, that say there is no correct path, no right path. All paths are the same they say. The only ones who teach that are those who simply don’t know what the true path is and don’t want to admit it.”

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“Seeking More Than

Materialism”



“Man is not organized as a self-consistent unity. He always demands more than the world, of its own accord, gives him. Nature has endowed us with needs; among them are some that she leaves to our own activity to satisfy. Abundant as are the gifts she has bestowed upon us, still more abundant are our desires. We seem born to be dissatisfied. And our thirst for knowledge is but a special instance of this dissatisfaction. We look twice at a tree. The first time we see its branches at rest, the second time in motion. We are not satisfied with this observation.

“The something more which we seek in things, over and above what is immediately given to us in them, splits our whole being into two parts. We become conscious of our antithesis to the world. We confront the world as independent beings. The universe appears to us in two opposite parts: I and World. We erect this barrier between ourselves and the world as soon as consciousness first dawns in us. But we never cease to feel that, in spite of all, we belong to the world, that there is a connecting link between it and us, and that

we are beings within, and not without, the universe. This feeling makes us strive to bridge over this antithesis, and in this bridging lies ultimately the whole spiritual striving of mankind. The history of our spiritual life is a continuing search for the unity between ourselves and the world. Religion, art and science follow, one and all, this aim. The religious believer seeks in the revelation" ~Rudolf Steiner

Seeking More

Actually, man is fairly consistent in one thing: wanting more. Whatever he has, he wants more. Whatever he knows, he wants to know more. This is a good thing. Contented cattle may be easy to control, but they don't grow, they don't evolve. Man grows and evolves simply because he is not content with the status quo. He always looks for something better. Yet, while we have this discontent, we also want happiness and unity.

We also have to work to get things. It is our nature as well as that of the universe. Everything is moving. We must move also, we must work also. And we tend to not appreciate that which is handed to us without earning it.

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“Enlightened Reason to Understand Truth”



“The enlightened man shall also mark and behold the attributes of the Father in the Godhead: how He is omnipotent Power and Might, Creator, Mover, Preserver, Beginning and End, the Origin and Being of all creatures. This the rill of grace shows to the enlightened reason in its radiance. It also shows the attributes of the Eternal Word: abysmal Wisdom and Truth, ... Eternal and unchangeable Rule, Seeing all things and seeing Through all things, none of which is hidden from Him. ... So it also shows in the enlightened reason the attributes of the Holy Ghost: incomprehensible Love and Generosity, Compassion and Mercy, infinite Faithfulness and Benevolence, ... a flame of fire which burns all things together in unity. ... All this is observed and beheld without differentiation or division in the simple nature of the Godhead.” ~John of Ruysbroeck

Enlightened Person

“Trying to explain enlightenment to a materialistic person is like trying to explain atomic energy to a caveman who has just discovered fire. Yet the materialists will ask and then think enlightenment doesn’t exist if you can’t give a simple answer in ten words or less.

“Even those of us who have been spiritual students for years only have a vague concept of it. It is something that can be known only by those who have experienced it. Ruysbroeck may be one who did experience it and is trying his best to explain it. Because of the limitations of language designed to explain the material world, he cannot totally succeed. But he does give us a good idea of what it is.”

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“Cosolargy: A World of Light”

Cosolargy: A World of Light



In 2019, *Australian Esoteric* will be featuring articles by, and about, Cosolargy. For those who haven't encountered it yet, Cosolargy is a word derived from three root meanings: cos- for "cosmos" or "universal"; sol- meaning "sun"; and -lary meaning "study of". Cosolargy is the esoteric study of how cosmic spiritual forces interact with the Sun. Truly universal, Cosolargy enhances the spiritual systems of the past for the emergence of a highly evolved individual in today's modern and dynamic world. We look forward to being part of the reader's quest to further discover, awaken, and experience the splendor of our divine identity.

The main tenet of Cosolargy, a modern word for an ancient spiritual discipline of becoming, has been practiced by solar mystics and spiritual seekers the world over for nearly every year. It teaches the individual how to use the light of the physical Sun to enhance not only physical attributes but domain psycho-spiritual qualities, as well. The Frater Cosmos (chakras) are enhanced; they begin to spin and take on personality. Importantly, they are developed in harmony with each other. In time, the practicing solar adept penetrates beyond physical insights into Worlds of Light, or spiritual worlds, a place beyond the physical but

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Consociate Paul Young, editor and creator of the Australian-based monthly magazine *Australian Esoteric*, is planning a series of articles on Cosolargy to be published in that magazine during the 2019 year.

An article introducing the series appears in the December 2018 issue.

[Read the article by Paul Young posted in the December 2018 issue of Australian Esoteric.](#)

“Seven Senses are Better than Five”



“The occult claim that there are seven senses in man, as in nature, as there are seven states of consciousness, is corroborated. ... The Brahmana speaks on it ‘of the institution of the seven sacrificial priests (Hotris)’. He says: ‘The nose and the eyes, and the tongue, and the skin and the ear as the fifth (or smell, sight, taste, touch, and hearing) mind and understanding are the seven sacrificial priests separately stationed’; and which ‘dwelling in a minute space(still) do not perceive each other’ on the sensuous planes, none of them except mind. For mind says: ‘The nose smells not without me, the eye does not take in color, etc. I am the eternal chief among all elements (i. e., senses). Without me, the senses never shine. ...

“This, of course, with regard only to mind on the sensuous plane. Spiritual mind ... takes no cognizance of the senses in physical man.” ~H. P. Blavatsky

Seven Senses

“Since spiritual, occult, and religious writings always speak of things in sevens, it makes sense that we should think of the physical senses as being seven rather than five. The

ancient book Blavatsky quotes from calls the sixth and seventh mind and understanding. She doesn't explain what was meant by understanding. I think it would be more accurate to call those two senses mind and intuition. This will be confusing to some since what we are here calling the seventh sense is commonly considered to be the sixth. Some will also say that the mind is not really a sense but an interpreter of what the senses detect. That is splitting hairs, I think. And interpreting the environment is what senses are all about. The mind plays a big part in that process. Seven senses just makes sense."

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