

THE LAW OF ATTRACTION, SUCCESS AND THE SCRIPTURE

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MENTAL pseudo-“SCIENCE” OF THE LAW OF ATTRACTION is propounding its METAPHYSICAL theories or plagiarizing proofs of such theories from **Natural Science**, **Philosophy** and **Religion**. This pseudo-science (1Tim 1:19) is espoused by motivational speakers today who hap and hype on personal development, personal satisfaction, prosperity and success through their imagined Law of Attraction and The Force of Creative Thinking. Their bait for propagation is the promise of success which is measured as affluence and influence, healthiness and happiness, not as goodness and godliness. But **Success** is attainment of any set goal while **Good Success** is attainment of divinely set goal.

The basic teaching of many motivational speakers today is that **STRONG DESIRE FOR, TENACIOUS IMAGINATION OF AND CONSTANT CONFESSION OF ANYTHING (MATERIALS, RELATIONSHIPS AND SITUATIONS) WILL EVENTUALLY ATTRACT THAT WHICH IS SO DESIRED, IMAGINED AND CONFESSED**. This is the Mental Science of The New Thought philosophy and New Age movement: I call this the 4Ds RELIGION of Desire, Dream, Declaration and Derivation. Nothing (affluence and influence, health and happiness) comes our way except what we create with our 4Ds. Godliness, goodness and holiness are rejected as outside the equation. Hear the Law of Attraction motivators speak:

*Not only does Desire give to the man that inward motive which leads to the enfoldment of the power within himself, but it does more than this; it causes to radiate from him the finer and more subtle mental and vital forces of his nature, which, flowing forth in all directions like the magnetic waves from the magnet, or the electric waves from the dynamo, influencing all who come within the field of force. Desire-Force is a real, active, effective force of Nature, and serves to attract, draw and bring to a center that which is in line with the nature of the Desire. The much talked of Law of Attraction, of which so much is heard in Mental Science and the New Thought, depends largely upon the force and power of Desire. Desire-Force is at the center of the Law of Attraction. There is a tendency in Nature to attract and draw to the center of a Desire the things which are needed to fulfill that Desire. One's "own will come to him" by reason of his natural force, which lies behind and underneath the entire phenomena of Mental Influence. This being so, does it not become at once apparent why one who wishes to accomplish anything should be sure to create a strong Desire for it, and at the same time be sure to acquire the art of Visualization so as to form a clear Mental Picture of the thing Desired – a clear mold in which the materialized reality may manifest? **Richard Catalina Jr***

The Law of Attraction is a way of understanding nature's fundamental laws, and using this knowledge to create our life any way we want. In fact, the law of attraction says

that we are completely responsible for the content of our lives, and that we create our circumstances (rich, poor, healthy, sick, etc) based on our deepest held thoughts and beliefs, both of which, of course, also have a frequency, just like all other energy. **Jon Mercer**

The Law of Attraction is commonly associated with the New Age and New Thought philosophy. It states [that] people experience the corresponding manifestation of their predominant thoughts, feelings, words and actions and that people therefore have direct control over reality and their lives through thought alone. **Richard Carswell**

The Law of Attraction says, "That which is like unto itself is drawn." Vibrations are always matched. So, as you experience the contrast which inspires the new desire, whether it is a strong one or a soft one, is summoning unto itself proportionately. And as it summons, it is always answered. It is the basis of our Universe: When it is asked, it is always given. Humans think they are asking with their words, or even with their actions, and sometimes you are, but the Universe is not responding to your words or your action. The Universe is responding to your vibrational calling. ¶ As you identify the thing that you want and you achieve vibrational harmony with it, by Law of Attraction you summon the Energy through you, and that is what life is. When someone stops desiring, Life Force no longer flows through them, and then they re-emerge into the Nonphysical where you have all kinds of goals and intentions. **Richard Carswell** (quoting from the so called wisdom of Jerry Hicks's mysterious "Abraham")

Success Motivational Speakers are skilled in the subtle art of making the 4Ds of the Law of Attraction fit into and fascinate any science, philosophy, culture and religion. Whatever fails to fit into the 4Ds is stealthily rejected or discredited. By one's 4Ds a person prevails over and is obeyed by everything around him or her to fulfil one's desire. Through the 4Ds, one can be, have and do all things whatsoever one desires or thinks about, whether "good" or "bad". Pre-eminence of God's Word, prayer and worship to God, obedience to God's command and sacrificial submission to God's will, purpose and pleasure are all presented as unnecessary or religious misconceptions that are uncreative. One's success is not meant to please anybody or any God but oneself. One's prosperity is nothing else but financial gains or satisfaction of desires. One should desire limitlessly and want more and more wealth without contentment since fulfilment of dreams depends on how much wealth one has. **In short, DEVOTION SHOULD BE SUBSTITUTED WITH DESIRE!** What a horror!

They will appeal to Christians by quoting Scripture out of context, e.g.:

Ecc 10:19

(19) A feast is made for laughter, and wine makes merry: but **money answers all things**. (NOTE: i.e. Money – the silver coin – was the universal means of exchange or universal legal tender for every purchase.)

Pro 23:7

(7) For as he thinks in his heart, so is he:

(This is about manners than money. NOT “as you think so you attract” BUT “as you think so you behave”. Money comes when prayer and hard-work, opportunity and ingenuity blend together, whether for good or for evil)

But they will not mention such contextual and balancing Scriptures as these:

Pro 23:4-8

- (4) *Labor not to be rich: cease from your own wisdom.*
- (5) Will you set your eyes upon that which is not? for riches certainly make themselves wings; they fly away as an eagle toward heaven.
- (6) *Eat not the bread of him that is stingy, neither desire you his delicacies:*
- (7) For **as he thinks in his heart, so is he**: Eat and drink, says he to you; but his heart is not with you.
- (8) The morsel which you have eaten shall you vomit up, and waste your sweet words.

Mar 10:24-27

- (24) And the disciples were astonished at his words. But Jesus answered again, and said unto them, Children, **how hard is it for them that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God!**
- (25) It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.
- (26) And they were astonished beyond measure, saying among themselves, Who then can be saved?
- (27) And Jesus looking upon them said, **With men it is impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible.**

1Ti 6:8-11

- (8) And having food and clothing let us be with these things content.
- (9) But **they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare**, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which plunge men into destruction and perdition.
- (10) For **the love of money is the root of all evil**: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.
- (11) But you, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.

Luk 12:15

- (15) And he said unto them, **Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consists not in the abundance of the things which he possesses.**

They tell Christians they only need to have strong big faith and gratitude toward God and sow a seed-offering to partner with the speaker and be nice to people but avoid those who do not square with their desire; and upgrade their minds from competing for limited resources-opportunities to creating unlimited resources-opportunities with their thoughts and mouths, **without any reference to whether those thoughts and utterances are in accordance with the Word of the Creator God**. When talking

to atheists and others they are told to avoid criticism, show love, which includes fornicating with consensual partners they desire and jilting or divorcing those they lose interest in, as it suits their desire and dream similar to ionic de-bonding and re-bonding during chemical reactions. This is dangerous metaphysics for unbridled materialism and carnality.

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THE LAW OF ATTRACTION CONTRADICTS THE SCRIPTURES. Fakes disguise to look like or masquerade as originals on the surface but are ultimately different and inferior. The Law of Attraction/Positive Thinking of today's motivational speaking world is fake and false in its entirety. **The Truth is THE LAW OF BLESSINGS from God, not Law of Attraction by our powers or desires.** The Law of Attraction/Positive Thinking runs down ethical responsibility and truths like holiness, godliness and devotion to God, necessity for divine judgment for sin and divine salvation from sin through Christ. The Law of Attraction/Positive Thinking teaches no sacrifice but promotes selfishness, self will, self centeredness, materialism, worldliness, carnal mindedness and every self indulgence with the only counsel being that what feels good to oneself is good. **SELFISHNESS AND SELF-INDULGENCE IS TAUGHT AS THE ONLY WAY TO TRUE WELLBEING, SATISFACTION AND FREEDOM BY WHICH ONE IS REALLY EMPOWERED!???** This is a LIE not a LAW!

The Scripture teaches godly wise investment but Positive-Attraction teaches selfish godless greed. The Positive-Attraction-ists disguise their profane and empty babblings as though they are Scriptural but reject everything godly in the Scriptures, the way the Devil did to Jesus during the wilderness temptation (Mat 4:1-11).

Mat 4:1-11

- (1) Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.
- (2) After fasting for forty days and forty nights, he finally became hungry.
- (3) The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become loaves of bread."
- (4) But **he [Jesus] answered, "It is written,** 'One must not live on bread alone, but on every word coming out of the mouth of God.'"
- (5) Then the devil took him to the Holy City and had him stand on the highest point of the temple.
- (6) **He [the devil] said to Jesus,** "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down. **For it is written,** 'God will put his angels in charge of you,' and 'With their hands they will hold you up, so that you will never hit your foot against a rock.'"
- (7) **Jesus said to him, "It is also written,** 'You must not tempt the Lord your God.'"
- (8) Once more the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor.
- (9) He said to Jesus, "I will give you all of these things if you will bow down and worship me!"
- (10) Then **Jesus said to him,** "Go away, Satan! **For it is written,** 'You must worship the Lord your God and serve only him.'"

(11) Then the devil left him, and angels came and began ministering to him.

Without biblical scrutiny, many Christian success motivators have syncretised Christian Truth with the pernicious ways and poisonous errors of this pseudo-science and are wrecking their faith and the faith of many (1Tim 1:19; 6:20; 2Pet 2:1-3).

2Ti 2:15-17

(15) Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

(16) But shun profane *and* vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness.

(17) And their word will eat as doth a canker: of whom is Hymenaeus and Philetus;

2Pe 2:1-3

(1) But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.

(2) And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.

(3) And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.

The Scriptures teach that when you sacrifice willingly, bountifully and cheerfully for God, you will get back with overflow. The Law of Attraction/Positive Thinking teaches that what you desire intensely for yourself, you get only to the extent you desired it. The Scriptures teach that as you think so you are. The Law of Attraction/Positive Thinking teaches that what you think on you will get. The Scriptures teach that whatsoever you want and ask God in prayer according to His Word and Will, He will surely give you. The Law of Attraction/Positive Thinking teaches that whatsoever you want and think on according to your desire and as it feels good to you, you will surely get. The Scriptures teach that God has blessings and abundance for you in this life and forevermore. The Law of Attraction teaches that you can create and magnet anything so you don't have to compete for anything for this life only.

The difference is subtle but far-reaching fallacy aimed at removing God and devotion to Him from the scheme of things. God demands godly responsibility and offers promises for this life and eternity; Positive-Attraction makes no demands except selfish desire and offers promises for this life but not for eternity. Godliness teaches us to pray, depend on God's limitless supply and be subject to Him. Positive-Attraction is godless rebellion because it teaches selfish desire, depending on our limitless personal powers with no regard to God or humanity. The rich fool in Luke 12:16-21 was foolish because he believed in the Law of Attraction for selfish materialism rather than prayer and devotion to God. The positive thinkers and attraction confessors of James 4:13-17 were called evil and warned against their

godlessness. You don't attract any good by your desirous **imagination**s and positive vibrations, such only attract Satan's vain and accursed supplies (Luk 4:5-8). But to those who pray to, trust in, and obey God according to divine **revelation**, He blesses and supplies their necessities out of His glorious limitless treasure (Phil 4:19).

Jas 4:13-17

(13) Go to now, ye that say, To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain:

(14) Whereas ye know not what *shall be* on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.

(15) For that ye *ought* to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that.

(16) But now ye rejoice in your boastings: all such rejoicing is evil.

(17) Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth *it* not, to him it is sin.

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THE LAW OF ATTRACTION CONTRADICTS NATURAL SCIENCE. Attraction motivators claim that the universe is governed by attraction between like protons, like electrons, like atoms, like magnets etc. There is no fallacy as fallacious as this. The truth is that the universe is in the state of entropy. Like never attract like but repel like. It is opposites that attract. Naturally, negatives attract positives and positives attract negatives. Magnetic attraction is between negative and positive poles, and not between positive and positive poles. The Law of Attraction does not work anywhere in the universe so all its metaphysical claims and postulations are false. People get unrighteous money and other such things not by attraction but by loving it and working for it or by cheating for it or by being willing to lose their souls and subconscious minds for it. **The “secret” of Thought Attraction includes The Third Eye and other Chakra development; it also involves hypnosis and subliminal suggestive messaging to alter the subconscious mind and subject the soul to bondage.** Sowing and reaping, investing and harvesting, or exchanging and profit are not thought attraction in any way. The righteous get money and mercy by God's provision and blessings upon the faithful, usually according to their needs rather than according to their wants.

Obviously, the so called **Law of Attraction** and its allies of Subliminal Messaging and Chakra Meditation actually worship the self and depend on personal powers which are limited, while **Law of Faith in God** or **Law of Divine Covenant Blessings** depends on and worships the God of limitless possibilities. Prayer through Christ further enlists the supernatural covenant help by the Name and power of the One at whose Name every knee bows because of His Lordship over and beyond all creation.

Why go it alone for less (by the fable, feeble and fallible LAW OF ATTRACTION), when God is willing to go with us for more and better (by the

infallible LAW OF DIVINE COVENANT BLESSINGS), if only we submit to His Covenant terms in Christ?

BETTER PRAY FOR GOD TO **RELEASE** HIS MIRACULOUS LIMITLESS BLESSINGS ACCORDING TO HIS POWER AND GOOD THOUGHTS FOR ME, than intensify desires & vibrations to **attract** only as much as I desire & vibrate for the mindless "universe".

I prefer to talk more about THE reliable LAW OF FAITH AND DIVINE BLESSINGS that depends on the limitless miraculous power and the infallible promises of the covenant keeping God. NOT talk so much about the unreliable Law (or Lies?) of Attraction that purports to be limited by the intensity of our individual desires and "vibrational" powers.

Pursuing (Attracting) money through strong desire (lust) and love for money is the root of all evil and leads to so much spiritual damage and enmity against God (1Tim 6:5b-11; 1John 2:15-17).

1Tim 6:3-11

(3) If anyone teaches false doctrine and refuses to agree with the healthy words of our Lord Jesus Christ and godly teaching,

(4) he is a conceited person and does not understand anything. He has an unhealthy craving for arguments and debates. This produces jealousy, rivalry, slander, evil suspicions,

(5) and incessant conflict between people who are depraved in mind and deprived of truth. They think that godliness is a way to make a profit.

(6) Of course, godliness with contentment does bring a great profit.

(7) For we did not bring anything into the world, and surely we cannot take anything out of it.

(8) So as long as we have food and clothes, we will be satisfied with these.

(9) But people who want to get rich keep toppling into temptation and are trapped by many stupid and harmful desires that plunge them into destruction and ruin.

(10) For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, in their eagerness to get rich, have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with much pain.

(11) But you, man of God, must flee from all these things. Instead, you must pursue righteousness, godliness, faithfulness, love, endurance, and gentleness.

1Jn 2:15-17

(15) Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

(16) For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

(17) And the world passes away, and the lust thereof: but he that does the will of God abides forever.

THE WORLD: It is obvious to all that the world as it is today, is imperfect which has led to perplexing challenges upon challenges for all who live on the face of the earth. The **"World"** translates **creaturely** (Grk=*ktisis* i.e.

CREATION/creature) or existing “**formation**” (Grk=*kosmos* i.e. COSMOS/universe/existence/system) by divine agency. The “**World**” also translates operational or orderly “**arrangement**” or system (Grk=*aion* of *kosmos*, by divine, demonic or human agency).

The “**World**” has three shades of meaning in the Scripture:

(i) the **terrestrial** created **world** (Grk=*ge* of *kosmos/ktisis*, **MADE by divine agency**) i.e. The material elements, the **Earth** globe with its fauna and flora, as well as the celestial bodies, which are of the Lord's handiwork (Rom 1:20; Psa 24:1-2; Psa 37:9-11) and for the inheritance of the saints (Gen 1:28; Mat 5:5): which is groaning under God's curse and bondage now (Gen 3:14-19), but shall be redeemed and renewed eventually through Christ and His Church (Rom 8:21; 2Pe 3:12-13);

(ii) the **human** community **world** (Grk=*oikoumene* of *kosmos/ktisis*, **MADE by divine agency** for **MANAGEMENT** by **human agency**) i.e. The Inhabitants of the **Society**, under God's curse but beloved of God, for whom Christ was sent to die or lighten and save from sin and condemnation (Joh 3:16; 8:12; Act 17:24-31); and

(iii) the **immoral** corrupt **world** (Grk=*aion* of *kosmos*, **MANIPULATED MALEVOLENTLY** by demonic and human agency) i.e. The **mundane** choices, concerns, vainglory and **ungodly** powers and means all of which constitute the **world order of value systems of this age** are of the devil and in rebellion against God. This **mundane ungodly world order of value systems** is under God's wrath and doomed to pass away (1John 2:15-17).

From Eph 2:1-3 and Eph 6:12 we learn that this doomed immoral world's **course** or **system**:

is characterised by wickedness, crookedness, rebellion towards God and His Word,

is subject to elemental mystical manipulations and

is controlled by demons of disobedience and darkness working in the hearts of people.

In God's programme, this present Evil World Order that seem to be bourgeoning (*aion=age or world*) is surely doomed to be overthrown by the coming Glorious Messianic Order (*aion=age or world*) when Christ returns in His glory (Eph 2:7; Heb 6:5; Rev 11:15).

It is God's plan and promise that we prosper and succeed if we first prosper our soul in accordance with His Word and set our affections on His purpose and pleasure. NOT EVERYTHING WE THINK AND SAY HAS CREATIVE POWER BUT CREATIVE POWER DEPENDS ON CONSONANCE WITH GOD'S WORD. When we prosper our souls by meditating on God's Word devoutly to live morally according to it, we also prosper with good success in whatever we do because God blesses us and our work with abundant fruit ministerially, morally and materially (Josh 1:7-9; 3John 2).

Jos 1:7-9

(7) Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it *to* the right hand or *to* the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest.

(8) This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and **then thou shalt have good success.**

(9) Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God *is* with thee whithersoever thou goest.

3Jn 1:2

(2) Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

IT IS NOT TRUE THAT OUR THOUGHTS ATTRACT SUCCESS TO US BY OUR INNATE POWER. THE TRUTH IS THAT IT IS GOD WHO RELEASES SUCCESS AS BLESSINGS ON US BY HIS POWER, ESPECIALLY IN RESPONSE TO EARNEST PRAYER.

GOD'S COVENANT BLESSINGS INCLUDE WEALTH AND **GOOD** SUCCESS TO THOSE WHO LIVE FOR HIM AND WORK WITH THEIR HAND ACCORDING TO THE WORD AND SPIRIT OF HIS COVENANT.

Deu 8:11-18

(11) Beware that you forget not the LORD your God, in not keeping his commandments, and his judgments, and his statutes, which I command you this day:

(12) Lest when you have eaten and are full, and have built fine houses, and dwelt in them;

(13) And when your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and your gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied;

(14) Then your heart be lifted up, and you forget the LORD your God, who brought you forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage;

(15) Who led you through that great and terrible wilderness, in which were fiery serpents, and scorpions, and thirsty land, where there was no water; who brought you forth water out of the rock of flint;

(16) Who fed you in the wilderness with manna, which your fathers knew not, that he might humble you, and that he might test you, to do you good in the end;

(17) And you say in your heart, My power and the might of my hand has gotten me this wealth.

(18) But you shall remember the LORD your God: for it is he that gives you power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he swore unto your fathers, as it is this day.

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