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ANSWER: To achieve security and happiness here and now.

SECURITY, as defined by Webster, means: without care; freedom from fear, care, or anxiety; easy in mind. Confident; not feeling doubt. Feeling of or assurance of safety or certainty.

It is clear from these definitions, that security is a state of mind. It is a wholesome, carefree, doubt-free, fear-free state of mind, and much to be desired. In fact, it is exactly what everyone strives for and hopes for, all his life. It is an end product of a life well lived and intelligently guided. It is success in the highest sense.

Being as important as it is, and being as much on everyone's mind as it is (whether recognized as such or not), it was inevitable that someday the answer would be found, as answers have always been found by those who persist in the searching and stay on course.

If security is essentially a state of mind, as the dictionary indicates it is, then it must be an individual state. That is, it is a desirable mental condition that each one must seek for himself and find for himself, within himself, individually. If he looks for it to come to him from any other source — through marriage, from a mythical personal god, from a paternal government, from the company he works for, from friends and relatives, etc., he is bound to be disappointed and frustrated, for he is looking for it where it is not.

Do you agree, that you must look within yourself to find the fear-free state of mind called security? If you have not yet faced that fact, then this article may be the very thing that is needed to awaken you to effort in that direction.

Let us examine the problem. As a starting point we will take an analytical look at fear itself. There are, of course, hundreds and perhaps thousands of things and conditions that people fear. It is unnecessary to list all of them. It is far simpler to see if we can find two or three categories into which all fears can be grouped, and I believe this can be done rather easily.

The first category that comes to mind is: Health. Everyone desires good health and well-being; therefore anything that is believed to endanger one's health in any way, real or imaginary, is believed to be a thing to be feared. Since Health is the primal or first essential element of security, the fear-free state of mind, we require freedom from fears of accidents, diseases, foods, weather conditions, other people, germs, etc. Actually, health is a state or condition of the mind, produced by the individual's own thinking and feeling, and merely manifested or exhibited by the body. The body, which is effect, plays no part in the causation of either health or sickness. It is only a scoreboard or indicator.

The second category that comes to mind is: Supply. Here, the major fear we must free ourselves of is the fear of lack or insufficiency. When you go outdoors and look around you, do you not see evidence of natural abundance everywhere? This great, wide, wonderful world is just teeming with huge quantities of good things in

endless variety; and more being produced, just naturally, all the time. Surely, you can see for yourself that there is no lack or insufficiency in nature; why should you fear any such thing in yourself? Wealth, like health, is a state or condition of the mind, produced by the individual's own thinking and feeling, and manifested or exhibited in his life experience. The only need you have concerning supply, is the need to understand the abundance of your very own self.

The third category is: Happiness. Here we find fears of failure, of loneliness, of lost loves, of frustration, hopelessness, emptiness, despair, etc. But do you not see that if you understood Health sufficiently to be able to maintain yourself in a constant state of excellent health, and if you understood Supply sufficiently to maintain a constant state of comfort and affluence, Happiness would then be the automatic result or effect of having solved the other two problems? And a healthy, happy individual such as you, would certainly never be without plenty of good friends, because, after all, you do not live on a desert island!

Under these highly desirable conditions, you would not have a care in the world, and this is the state of mind given by Webster as the definition of SECURITY.

The reason there is so much fearfulness and insecurity in the world today is easily traceable back to the religions, and the vicious custom of teaching the evil spell instead of the good spell (gospel). Fortunately this old superstition is dying out, and is being replaced by

intelligent teachings which more closely approximate the actual truth of the matter.

There is no evil and there is no lack, insufficiency, or imperfection in actuality, anymore than there are mistakes and wrong answers in the science of mathematics. This does not mean that the individual cannot MAKE a mistake and manifest a wrong answer, but the mistake is of his own making and is not in any way a part of the truth of life.

You have heard the expression, “You made a mistake”, but did you ever hear, “You made a truth”? No. Why? Because, we all know instinctively that truth is not something that we make or need to make, because it already IS, and it is up to the individual to discover it for himself and apply it to his daily life continuously and consistently. If he will do this, he will find that, just as in mathematics, right thinking, doing, and feeling will produce the right answers for him, and his life experience will be consistently healthy, successful and happy.

This is as it should be, for this is the truth, the actuality of life, the true inheritance or birthright of each individual mentality, each particle of God, life. It is YOUR birthright, and you and every other mental being should be claiming it.

From time to time, we hear someone say that security is not for him, that he prefers to live a more exciting life, full of adventure and challenge. This fellow has an incorrect sense of what security really means. He is thinking of it as a static, dormant, lazy state of mind, and if that were really all there is to it, I would agree with him that it is not worth having. But no, it is not that way at all. It

is a confident, harmonious state of mind, a carefree, fear-free state of mind, and the individual who achieves it is then in condition and position to really GO, and do great things. Being free from fear, doubt, worry, anxiety, care, etc., such an individual finds himself filled with natural courage, enthusiasm, eagerness, strength and the will to do. Truly, security is a wholesome, desirable achievement. How, then, can it be achieved?

So far as I know, there is only one way to achieve security, and that is through using right reason, to gain actual understanding of what you are and what life is; and applying this understanding in all that you do by learning to think consistently from a truth basis. This is how and why you feel secure in multiplying two times two, or in spelling the word cat. You have learned the correct thought in each such case, you understand it, and you apply it with confidence, and a fear-free, doubt-free mind; with certainty. And you feel perfectly secure, knowing perfectly well that you are right.

To gain that same degree of sureness, certainty and confidence in the departments of Health and Supply, to know that you are by nature whole, complete, perfect, well and fully supplied, to have proved this to yourself again and again in actual practice and demonstration—surely this would engender in you the real sense of security you long for. Thereafter, you would never again be content with any palliating substitute or counterfeit imitation of security, nor would you ever need any such thing; for you would have achieved true self-sufficiency.

This is exactly what Eschatology teaches you. What if it does require a number of years of going to class and studying? Is it not worth whatever it might cost in time, effort and money to be forever free from sickness, insufficiency, worry, doubt, fear, uneasiness and insecurity?

Many of your friends and neighbors are already busily at work solving the problems of what it means to be an Individual. Many of them spent their childhood in being taught that there is but one God, one almighty Power, and that this one Power is Good; but that, somehow, there is also another god, another power, and this one evil. After some years wasted in a futile attempt to reconcile these and other irreconcilable self-contradictions, they left their religious cradles and sought some better teaching, one that would at least be consistent within itself.

Some of these friends of yours, not knowing about Eschatology (which is not advertised), have been looking into the newer kinds of Sunday lectures which deal with the fact that your thinking is important because, "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." Here, they found an uplift out of sheer nonsense into something that began to make sense, something they could take home and apply during the week and actually get results. For the first time in their lives, they found that they had the power to heal themselves of sickness, disease and other all too common troubles. They began to get the scent of self-sufficiency and self-security in their nostrils, and it smelled and tasted good beyond anything they had ever known before.

For a time they felt secure, and they were happy and contented. But, believing must ultimately give way to understanding. This is a law of life that cannot be ignored with impunity. Mere attendance at Sunday lectures, even when coupled with midweek mass meetings, does not produce actual understanding. It cannot, because the science of life is too detailed, too precise, too all-embracing, too individual, to be taught in lectures. It must be taught in the classroom, to groups small enough that the teacher can get to know each one individually, and take into account the individual background beliefs of each student.

And so, some of your friends, or your friends' friends, have found their way into classes of Eschatology where they are now gaining an actual understanding of the two main components of security—Health and Supply. They will not gain this understanding overnight, but if they stay with it, they will surely get what they came for, and they know this is true.

Do you not agree that it is reasonable, to say that the natural, normal and therefore the real and true state of the individual particle of life, is health, abundance of all good, and happiness? If you were designing and building the universe and populating it with good earnest people like yourself and your friends, would you deliberately add into your design such things as sickness, misery, poverty, trouble, decay and senility, just to see what people would do with them, or how they would stand up under them? Would you do such things to your children? You would not! You would provide for them the very best of everything, and in abundance, and that is exactly the way life really is in actuality and in fact.

Also you would probably provide them with some means of understanding the way life really is, because you would know that the only way any mental being can make anything his very own permanently, is to understand it. Your ability to reason deductively is that means, is a part of your standard equipment. You know that you have the ability to reason. You use it in all the lesser facets of daily living. But do you realize that life yields even its deepest and most important "secrets" to the persistent, consistent, deductive reasoner?

Eschatology is the very science of life itself. It is complete, scientifically accurate, and thoroughly detailed. It answers the questions, What am I? What is life? What is God or Cause? What is my individual relationship to this thing called God or Cause? What is my true relationship to others? How can I gain the correct understanding of Health and Supply, in order that I may feel secure in this unsettled world? Yes, Eschatology answers these and many more important questions and answers them not vaguely and mysteriously, but clearly, completely and understandably. The aim is to make each student self-sufficient as quickly as is reasonably possible.

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