

Act and Will to Victory

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As I have said, the subject, "Act and Will to Victory," "Act and Will to Victory."

Realize one thing, that will is the motivating Force of all creation. God created this universe how? By the use of His Will; all things are the result of Will. Your success in any line of endeavor, from Self-Realization to the most worldly occupation and fulfillment of desire, depends upon will. Will is the key; will is that which triggers action, and also brings success.

You have seen many cases of people who go into business. Many do not succeed because they do not have the right will to carry it through. But also, you have seen many people who have the will – they have the will, they're energetic, they're filled with enthusiasm and determination – they do not succeed. Why? That's the important thing. That's just as important, perhaps, as will.

And what is that? It is that you be guided rightly, that you do the right thing. That's very important, just as important as will. Because, if you are not headed in the right direction, so to speak; if you are not being guided rightly – even though you have a tremendous will – success will not come, except after long, long, long trials.

I know down in Encinitas and along Highway 101, I see many motels. And every once in awhile I see it change hands, and somebody enters with great enthusiasm. But they do not succeed. Why? Because they did not have the right guidance when they took that over. Many, as I have said, have the will, but you've got to have the Guidance of God to succeed in any business. You must have the right guidance to succeed in any line. As I have said, from the highest of knowing God, especially you must have the right guidance, even to the most ordinary business or occupation. And so, it behooves us to realize those two things: that we must not only have will, but we must have the right guidance in using that will.

You think of your own case, and perhaps, other cases as you started out in life. Probably somebody wanted you to do this thing, or do that. They wanted me to be a music teacher, but, I guess I got by. But I'm sure that wouldn't have been the right guidance, because I wouldn't be satisfied with it – play a little bit, and fool around and teach people. So, we must have the right guidance – that I knew myself without

even asking God. Of course, God is in me. I guess he told me and saved me lots of trouble. So, realize this guidance is very important. Then, use your will, coupled with God's Will.

And so, in this subject, "Act and Will to Victory," what is victory? What is victory? What does that mean to you? Victory means overcoming an enemy, doesn't it? And victory means finally, to once more regain and realize our Divinity – that's taking victory in a higher sense. In ordinary life, it means successful business and other things. But I think, this morning, it means victory to once more know that we are God's Immortal children, and to reclaim our Divinity; to know that, that's victory.

Now victory means overcoming some desire, because desire, or desire in general, because desire is the enemy. If you're gonna have victory, you must overcome some enemy, and that enemy is desire. There is no question about that. And so, we must watch our desires. We must realize that our desires must be right. And if they are not right, we must overcome them, because desire is our greatest enemy. And we cannot have a hoped-for victory, more especially, realize our Divinity, until we overcome this enemy, desire. That's very important. And as long as you have desires for outward things, and put them ahead of things of God, you will not succeed, because you cannot contact God when you're filled with desires for outward things. And so, this enemy we must know about before we go on with the subject – desire.

And in the Bhagavad Gita¹ we read these words: "It is desire...begotten of motion; all-consuming, all-polluting, know thou this as our foe here on earth. As a flame is enveloped by smoke, as a mirror by dust...so this eternal..." Consciousness of God in us as our Divinity, "is enveloped by desire. Enveloped is wisdom," which is the same as God's Presence in us, "by this constant enemy of the wise in the form of desire, which is insatiable as a flame." "Therefore, O thou Arjuna, mastering first the senses, do thou slay this thing of sin, destructive of wisdom and knowledge." (Sic)

From now on, that's what we must do. If you're going to "Will and Act to Victory," you've got to slay this thing desire. Because as long as desire is in you, you will be attached to outward consciousness, and victory is not attained in outward, worldly consciousness. Victory is within, in the Intuition of the Soul. So, it's very important before we start, to know, the greatest enemy, which stands in our way to victory, is desire. Therefore, have one desire. You know what that is – you all know – to know God. Let that be back of all your activities is to know God. And there's a reason, and the reason is this.

We come to "action," or acting. Action, which takes us to victory, must be the right action. Action must be guided by Soul – not outward consciousness. And if you are filled with desires, your action will not be guided by Soul Consciousness. It'll be guided by worldly consciousness, which does not give us final

victory. And Master has said in his Praecepta2: “Heavenly Father, I will reason; I will will; I will act; but guide Thou my reason, will, and activity to do the right thing that I should do.”

Now, you can see, action is very important in victory. But it must be right action, and therefore, our first necessity in carrying out our plan for victory is to know God, to make the contact with God; and before we start any project, or action, get the contact with God at this point [the Spiritual Eye between the eyebrows]. Be the one that’s with Him. Ask Him, as the Master says, “Guide Thou me to do the right thing.”

Now, if those people who bought those motels had done that, I know many of them would not have bought those motels, because God is mindful of His own, and He will not allow you to fail, if you have confidence enough in Him. But first get this contact. First know Him. Then your actions will be right.

Most people, as you know, act as automatons. They are guided by what? Environment, habit, latent impulses. We’ve been over all this before. Ordinary people, as Master used to say, “Breakfast, lunch and dinner; good time; go to sleep; get up; do the same thing over and over.” Aren’t they automatons? Is that action guided by the Soul? Well, I don’t think it is, because in that getting up and breakfast, lunch, and dinner, they’re filled with so many desires, there’s no end to it; so that even now, they haven’t got any bank account left. There’s so many bills outstanding, and they’re buying this, and that, and the other thing, and a million things. So there’s nothing left but, “Oh Hon, we’ll get by somehow.” But that’s not real action. Real action is to secure. First thing we must do now, realize, in acting and willing to victory, is to secure the guidance of God, through God-contact. And then, having that, we must perform the second thing, which is the use of will. These are very important things.

And so most people, as I have said, act automatically, by these, being influenced by these three things – environment, habit, latent impulses, and so forth. That’s what basing things – exercise free will – they’re gonna do what they like. Gonna have breakfast, lunch, and dinner! But they have it because of the impulse behind them. So, they don’t do what they like. That’s automatic action – and they have cottage cheese sometimes. Cottage cheese and the whole thing is complete. The right action is Soul Action – not automatic action. When you sit down – and this is very important, make contact with God. Listen, you can’t go wrong.

I remember I was out in the storm, as I told you many times – Master used to like to have me tell the story. I won’t go into it, but I was out in the storm, and it seemed hopeless, and I remembered his words: “When you’re in the Om Vibration, nothing can touch you.” And I looked there, and boy I was

ready to look. The reason I had that then, and then I felt in my heart a great pang – that’s what moves God. I coulda looked there [at the Spiritual Eye] all night, I don’t think He’da moved. But I felt in my heart, a great desire for His Guidance, and then the Master knew of it. And to make a long story short, I was saved, and the Master knew all about it. Why? Because I had contacted the place of the Most High, at this point, and Master, being one with the Great Omniscience of God, knew it; and things worked out, and I was saved. He knew in an instant. Later I had proof of it.

And so you see, the most important thing is to perform independent action whereby you contact the Soul within. Contacting the Soul, which is God in us, we must come out right. And so, independent action must be utilized as we travel this road to ultimate victory, which is the goal of life, our oneness with God, and the realization of our Divinity.

We can be successful in life, in the arts, and in business, but if you don’t have God, it isn’t success. The Master used to say, “You can be unsuccessful in anything, but if you have God, if you’ve attain success in knowing Him, whether you’re a success or failure in the ordinary sense of the world, you are the greatest success, if God is with you.” Realize that. Realize these things, these immortal words of the Master. And so, action is very important – right action – as we use our will to victory.

Now, that brings us to the question of will – of will. There are all kinds of will. We see the first show of will in the little child, called “physiological will.” When it begins to howl, when it wakes up and howls, he wants his will. That’s physiological will.

Then we find, also, the “explosive will” of youth. And you see the results. I came up this morning and I saw the results of three wrecks on the way up. Why? Well I won’t say they’re all perhaps, from the explosive will of youth, but I can wager some were due to that. The explosive will is tremendous, but it isn’t guided, don’t cha see? The explosive will of youth is tremendous, but sometimes it ends up on a telegraph pole, or against another car. Why? Because there’s not that Guidance of God. But after many smashups, so to speak, and failures, this explosive will becomes “thinking will.” They begin to think it over, after they’ve got broken up and lots of trouble. Then you begin to think. That’s “thinking will.” That’s very good, but of course that is not enough.

Thinking will – we’re thinking will when we think things out. We’ll have less trouble, but unless you have God-contact, you cannot see beneath the ordinary flow of events into His Great Plan. And so, we are satisfied thinking will is better, but it is not enough.

Now, the will that's important is "steady will." Realize that. Steady will. And when you go to school, you've got to use steady will to succeed. You've got to apply that steady will in everything you do until you graduate. In business, if you start a business and the will is not steady, you may start off good, but unless you follow through with steady will, you will not succeed. Steady will means that steady application of the Power of God in you, as will, until consummation. That's very important. And realize this one thing, steady will, which means Divine Will, is very important, because with steady will certain vibrations are set up in the Omniscience of God, which gives you success.

That's a very important thing. Certain vibrations are set up in the Omniscient Presence of God in which is His Power and Will [leads] to success. And all things, all things that you do are controlled by steady will, plus the Consciousness of God. Realize that one thing – forget everything else I've said - realize that, please, that everything you do, everything that you do, or will do, depends upon – I mean real things you do, real victory – depends upon steady will; steady will, plus the Consciousness that God is with you. How can you fail? And that kind of will brings us to "wisdom-guided will" or Divine Will. Do you see how easy it is?

In wisdom-guided will what do you do? Knowing God, being one with His Consciousness, don't cha see that you join your will with God's Will, and then it becomes Divine Will, wisdom-guided will? Now when you apply that steady will – steady, wisdom-guided will – you're bound to succeed, because that's the Will of God. That's what people don't realize. Whenever you do whatever part you're playing in life, and you do it, joined with God's Consciousness, and keep the steady will flowing, aren't you doing the Will of God? That's why it's so important – that's why it's called dynamic will, or Divine Will. Dynamic will means the wisdom-guided will, which knows no stopping, no compromise until success comes. And when your will is joined with God's Will, and you know that your consciousness is one with God's Consciousness, that's Dynamic Divine Will, and that must succeed, and that must give you the victory.

Master has said these words: "When you are strongly willing, by steady Divine Will..." this is so important, "When you are strongly willing by steady Divine Will, those in tune out of the multitudes," human beings, realize it, "those in tune out of the multitudes will come to fulfill your desire." There'll be somebody comes to fulfill that desire, because God is in everyone, and His Omniscience is in everyone; and if you use this steady, as the Master calls it, steady Divine Will, there are those out of the multitude of human beings in tune with God, who will, unknowingly, come and help you toward fulfillment. Isn't that wonderful?

Well, if God knows the sparrows fall, and He knows every hair on my head, and your head, surely, He can grant our simple wish. "Yes," the Master says, "God answers even our slightest wish in that state," when your will is coupled with God's Will. Realize that. When you are one with His Consciousness, and Divine Will is flowing through you, don't cha see you're doing the Will of God and everything you ask Him will be granted? That's the most wonderful thing that the Master has said. But it presupposes that we know God. That's the point.

And so, in this subject, "Acting and Willing to Victory," use the right will. Use the wisdom-guided Will, or God's Will in you, by first making God-contact, and then keeping on, knowing no turning back – why should you turn back, if God's with you? Perhaps, He wants you to take a little longer. What of it? God is with us, who can be against us? And so, realize this wonderful thing.

And so, in conclusion, willing and acting to victory. Now, the victory is, as I have said, to regain our Divinity. To realize that it's God in us. And if you can realize that, it takes away a great responsibility. Ya don't feel pushed in, in this way, and that way, 'cause you know God is the Doer. And if you act, be one with Him, you know it must be His Will. And if it is His Will, what comes is all right. If God is with us, what do we care? Nothing! And so, victory means that, victory means regaining our Divinity, our Immortality.

Now, the first and perhaps the greatest thing, if you're going to "Act and Will to Victory" is to be calm. Attain calmness. So many minds are restless – all over the place. You must be calm. All the saints say, and the Master started in many years ago on me, he says, "Never lose your calmness. Never lose your calmness." All the saints say, "Never lose your calmness." That's a very important thing. If you are calm and feel that calmness within you, you can get God-contact. But if you're restless, how can poor God get in? He can't get in.

And so, the first thing is to retain your calmness. As the Master said, we must be able to "...stand unshaken through the crash of breaking worlds.³" Isn't that wonderful? You can do it, if He's with you. If you see His Consciousness, His Light at this point [the Spiritual Eye], and know His Consciousness is your own consciousness and this body is His Dream, you can stand unshaken through the crash of breaking worlds – but you can only do it if God is with you. And so, the first thing in attaining victory is to retain our calmness. This is the first unalterable rule.

Now, the second thing is to will at this point [the Spiritual Eye]. You must have a definite procedure. If you're willing with your mind and your power is diluted, distracted, you cannot, cannot succeed. But if you will at this point, and your consciousness is one with God, don't cha see, you have the tremendous

Force of God's Will at this point? That's where you contact Him. As the Master said, "a million volts are at your disposal at the will Center." That's why Jesus said, I could, if I wanted to, command many angels to come and destroy my enemies.⁴ Master said the same thing, and I seen him do it once or twice. Why? Because God's tremendous Will is at this point. And as he has said, a million volts are available for you, if you contact and work at the Christ Center – not with your limited intellect and with limited human will. You must join your will with God's Will at the Christ Center. That's the second step.

And now, remember that God's Will, if it is your will, is the Supreme Power in the Universe. All things have been created by God through His Will – all things – universe upon universe, by Will. And so, if we are to win this victory of realizing our oneness with God, we have to use our will. We have to use our will to discipline ourselves. That's what we don't do. We get all enthused at this meeting and it peters out. You must discipline yourself. How? By concentration, meditation, and communion; and you have the methods. You have the ways of Master. He has, he has given you the ways and the means; the techniques, even, and he writ them all out for you. Now do them! Use your will to do that. Do you understand? Use your will; use your dynamic, Divine Will to make yourself do these things. That's what discipline is – that's Spiritual discipline.

Use that Power of God in you, that Divine Will at the Christ Center. Utilize the million volts, of which I have spoken – to do what? To practice discipline of concentration, meditation, and communion with God. If you do that, what happens? Then you attain mastery – mastery over this body, this little physical being, and your own body of consciousness. You attain mastery. Then, attaining mastery, then you can regain your Immortal Nature. You can once more realize that there is no separation between God and me, and you can not only say, "Thou and I never apart," you can say with Lord Shankara, "I am He, I am He, blessed Spirit I am He."

1 The Bhagavad Gita or The Lord's Song, Translated by Dr. Annie Besant, 1939, 3rd Discourse, 37th, 38th, & 39th Lines, "It is desire, it is wrath, begotten by the quality of motion; all-consuming, all-polluting, know thou this as our foe here on earth. As a flame is enveloped by smoke, as a mirror by dust, as an embryo is wrapped by the amnion, so This is enveloped by it. Enveloped is wisdom by this constant enemy of the wise in the form of desire, which is insatiable as a flame..." 41st Line, "Therefore, O best of the Bhāratas, mastering first the senses, do thou slay this thing of sin, destructive of wisdom and knowledge."

2 The original SRF Lessons were called Praeceptor.

3 The Master Said, Self-Realization Fellowship, (Original release may be downloaded Free from the Internet), Page 77, "Everything else will pass away," the Master often said. "You must become anchored in the Infinite, where you can stand unshaken amidst the crash of breaking worlds." 4 Matthew 26:53, "Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?"