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Dear Ivor: Your letter is most interesting.I have long been interested in language,and the way people misuse words and the tendency to make words into objects,as it were.The word Truth is used that way,as thought Truth were a thing in itself(ding am selbst) Truth must be,when it is at all,the statement of what is.And more,putting things into words does NOT make them available to those who think they understand the words. No understanding of the ~~r~~ word "painting"will in itself make ~~a~~ a painter out of one,nor does reading words about spiritual things give one new powers.ONLY a change in the state of being,an understanding tantamount to being able to paint pictures as making the understanding of the word complete is involved.Ihave known so many people who read religious and metaphysical literature and think they should have the powers because they have the words.Semantics is an expanding exploit of the mind.

Now may I suggest something about"demonstrating"money and things? I have studied this for longer than you have lived ~~o~~ in this incarnation,and I have begun rather recently to have increasing results.

I believe the secret is in first believing in a truly good God,and his Universe,and secondly in your right to health happiness and plenty as one of his children.Then being thankful for ALL that has happened and all that will happen to you through the illimitable future.

There is a thin line between magic and demonstration.Magic seems to be present in New Thought and Unity and anywhere where we picture vividly what we want or need,and ask for it.Demonstration is the opening of our receptivity to ANYTHING THAT SHOULD COME TO US.

WE MUST NOT DESIGNATE WHAT IT IS/.Basically we do not know as individuals what we need or should have.

The most effective prayer I have found is the one I used after I had broken my arm a couple of years ago.I was thankful for all that had happened to me throughout my infinite past,for all that was happening to me now,and for all that will happen to me throughout the infinite future.

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Out of that broken arm came many good things,and it healed quickly and perfectly(my age was about 60 or 68 at the time.It healed in the same period as for a boy of 16.I will not take time to list the many positive benefits which came because of it,or because of my refusal to consider myself capable of being afflicted

An outsider is sure that you and your mother or ~~father~~ one of you do or does something to cause the hate of the neighbor. One thing can be just the exhibition of quality,the use of correct language.The American common people indulge to the full the illusion of equality while they do not believe it,and hate those who seem to have quality.Avoid contact,and work for harmony by your spiritual efforts.For your own sakes suffer depredations rather than practive any reprisals UNTIL THE ATMOSPHERE CHANGES.

Essentially you and your mother are outcasts from your stratum in society.This is a VERY REAL situation.You must demonstrate a return to the proper situation.Don't outline HOW this will come about.Just expect it as your right.Meantime be UNDERSTANDING of those lower in the scale.They are relatively barbaric.If you do your work right,no burgular nor bad neighbor will afflict you.

You two do have a persecution complex,apparantly well based.But it must be eliminated.It is impossible for the real you and her to be persecuted unless you open yourselves to it by your belief.Your essetnial protection is inalienable.

Cordially - Schwarzkopf