



This is a book based on personal growth through connection with God, and how to create a better life through connection with God and use of the spiritual principles as outlined in the great Holy Books. The program is meant to entertain, educate and empower

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I will have a number of online modules that are in addition to the book and for a membership site with monthly webinars as well where I will have live media and using magic effects as a metaphor for many of the principles I will teach. I intend to have a guest every chapter who is an expert in the subject

Here are some examples of the kind of magic I will perform for the video part of the modules

Some short examples will be things appearing out of thin air (apparently) when talking about thoughts become reality, a long, long (2 min) salt pour from an (apparently) empty hand while talking about abundance, a card buried in the deck keeps jumping to the top over and over while talking about ambition, objects suspend in mid air when I talk about learning to suspend our belief systems to make place for new beliefs, two signed cards each signed separately by a couple magically blend into one, as I talk about them becoming one heart, ne body, one soul so they can live the true marriage, and as you will see in the following video clips some other examples about how magic is a wonderful metaphor for illustrating personal growth concepts. These modules will entertain, educate and empower.

Here are some videos showing some magic:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b3pwoye2mWE>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mxjictuX0AI>

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Chapter 4

More on Wealth Creation

(Much of this chapter is taken from an ebook I wrote called *The Art of Abundance*.)

“Material success may result in the accumulation of possessions, but only spiritual success will enable you to enjoy them.”

— Nido Qubein

One of the keys I’ve used to create real wealth is developing a *feeling* of living in abundance. I’ve learned that wealth for one person does not necessarily translate to wealth in someone else’s eyes. It has different meanings for different people. To one individual, maybe a million dollars represents great wealth, while to a billionaire, that amount may not seem very significant. Some people measure wealth with money, while others might say their real wealth lies in their health or overall well-being. Still others might value time and freedom above everything else, or say that true wealth lies in love for their family.

Financial wealth starts by feeling deep within your being that when it comes to earning money, there is *no* lack of money in the world. Also, you need not think that because you earn a good income you’re depriving someone else of their rightful share. There is nothing unfair about having a good income if you fill a legitimate need and help others get what they want.

There’s a direct relationship between how much money you earn and how much value you offer to others.

There are too many people who compensate for their inability to manifest money by criticizing those who *do*, saying that money corrupts or whatever other phrase they find appropriate. If you’re not earning what you’d like, take time to explore your own core beliefs about financial issues. Be honest with yourself—brutally honest—and if you have trouble getting to the root of your issues, ask those close to you what creative avoidance they feel you’re adopting that has put you in your current situation.

Certainly enough stories abound about people who have started with nothing and who’ve achieved financial freedom, so really explore what’s blocking your path or standing in your way. You have to eliminate all your own dysfunction around money and

open yourself to stepping into the stream of abundance that others enjoy. If you look at *anything* with anger and resentment, it will create a life of limitation for you in that area.

Definition of Wealth

“Wealth is having the abundance of resources necessary to fulfill your life purposes.”

— From *10 Keys to Create Wealth*, by Michael Ellison

From the Internet: *Wealth; welfare; prosperity; good; well-being; happiness; joy; Riches; valuable material possessions; A great amount; an abundance or plenty; Power, of the kind associated with a great deal of money*

I agree with this definition. I also feel that wealth is having an abundant connection with God and being full of Divine Energy. This connection is the power behind everything that I have attained in life. It is the power that allows me to express myself in ways that help me to pursue my purpose. Abundance is a natural expression of life, as exemplified by how much abundance we see in nature. I believe that our Creator has already given us huge wealth through the abilities He has given us, which when used correctly, allow us to really live a magical life.

For out of His fullness (abundance) we have all received [all had a share and we were all supplied with] one grace after another and spiritual blessing upon spiritual blessing and even favor upon favor and gift [heaped] upon gift.

— [John 1: 16](#)

For me, success is all about helping others improve their lives, and if just one person is helped by something I say or do, then I can feel really positive about all the effort it takes just to complete one book such as this one. Success is also about being committed to, and moving toward, the realization of something that is bigger than we are, about moving forward as we contribute to a cause we believe in, and about doing something where we feel we’re making a difference.

In fact, I feel that knowing what your purpose is and being able to clearly share it is so important that I plan to share a system with you to help you do just that.

If you look into your heart and seek your Creator, and continue seeking the Creator, you will eventually meet Him, because He is always seeking those who want to meet with Him.

Every book I have ever read about success that has had a major impact on me has had a focus on personal growth and a connection with God. I love what Carl Jung said

when asked if he thought there was a God. He replied, “Do I think there is a God? I don’t *think* there is a God. I *know* there is a God.”

And I have that kind of certainty as well. Whether you refer to the Creator as God, Allah, Spirit, Love, or any other name, it’s not as important as believing in something greater than yourself. The reason this is so important is that it goes hand-in-hand with having a purpose that is bigger than yourself. And it is in connecting with that purpose that true wealth is attained.

When the voyage becomes more important and joyful than the destination, when the outcome is not as important as the experience, when the intention is what creates the fulfillment, then we are living in harmony with Divine principles. This is because it is in giving that we can experience some of our greatest feelings of joy and fulfillment.

We might think our happiness is dependent on what we receive, but I believe true happiness comes in giving, and can far outweigh the joy we experience when receiving. I have heard it said that our wealth is not truly ours until we give it away.

Your success in life, your ability to create wealth (abundance) in all areas—not just financially, but emotionally, personally, spiritually, and physically—will have more to do with your passion, your desire to make a difference, your ability to be persistent and consistent, and your faith, than depending on others to come up with the answers. Every great idea still needs great follow-up, dedication, and belief—not only in what you are doing, but in who you are *being*.

Following these paragraphs is a picture of a sign I saw many years ago while on a photo assignment in Thailand. It shares an important message, and is an example of how we can find truth in many different places. The sign was on a tree in a remote village, and none of the other signs I saw were in English, but I think this one was meant for me. I was spending a lot of my prayer time asking God to send me what I needed, and I figured if he gave me more, I would have more to give, and then have time to do good things. Since then I’ve learned that by first giving, by first doing good . . . this is what opens our hearts so that we’re in a place where we can receive blessings. I’ve also learned that when we trust enough, we no longer have to ask for anything for ourselves because God knows what we need better than we do. There was a popular saying in Santa Fe when I lived there that went: “You know how to make God laugh? Tell him your plans.”

In case you have trouble reading the sign below, it says: “Do good is better than asking for blessings.”



In the beginning, as my heart opened up to experience the spiritual side of my life, I was pretty amazed and in awe of creation, and had a hard time grasping how anyone or anything could possibly create all that exists. Yet years later, I am even more amazed by how magical it seems that all that exists is sustained. How many birds will be fed today? How many fish will have their needs met? How many people will experience moments of deep joy and fulfillment?

Dealing with Pain

Often when people get involved in personal-growth programs or are looking for change, it is pain that motivates them to look for something different.

“Pain is a common denominator drawing people together. The greatest pain is separation from God, and drawing nearer to God lessens the pain; because with proximity comes immense relief from pain, and immense gratitude fills our being, filling and replacing the void previously experienced.”

— Quote from my guide, Sidi

A lot of this program is not only about creating that connection, but also about maintaining it by following the spiritual laws passed down to us through all the holy books. It is about applying ancient wisdom to our modern lives to give them meaning.

“Thousands of candles can be lit from a single candle, and the life of the candle will not be shortened. Happiness never decreases by being shared.”

— Buddha

There's a saying in my spiritual tradition, which God said through the angel Gabriel: "If I were to give to every living creature everything he asked for, it would not diminish the splendor of My abundance any more than dipping a pin in the ocean would decrease its depth."

I've thought a lot about this saying, and I realize that within it is a real key to opening one's heart to accept the limitless ability of God to offer each and every living creature whatever is needed. So there's no reason for anyone to worry that his or her abundance might detract from anyone else's. I've come to believe that millions of dollars does not represent even one grain of sand in the hand of God, and that there's more than enough to go around.

I've also come to believe that there's no limit to God's generosity, just as I believe that there's no limit to our own potential. And with this limitless potential, we can not only *be* more, but *have* more, and thus have more to give. In accepting this in my deepest heart, it eradicates all feelings of guilt that if *I* have something, it means someone else is deprived.

Does my use of air take air from someone else? God loves us because of His nature, not because of us. He loves us and forgives us because this is His quality. He gives us all we need for survival because of His generosity and not because of what we do or don't do. If things aren't going in a way that pleases me, I look at what I need to change to tap into this abundance that is constantly flowing to His creation.

"To understand everything is to forgive everything."

— Buddha

When we love someone, does that detract from the amount of love available to others? No, it doesn't. In fact, it *adds* to the amount of love in the world. It is magnetic, and it inspires others to love. It makes us feel good and others around us feel good. When we love, we are living in harmony with Divine principles and as an extension of our Creator, who loves unconditionally. When we are living from a place of love, we feel happy; which is a sign that we're connected to God. When we feel bad, it's a sign that we're less connected.

Clear your heart as a home for the Beloved. There He will unveil His beauty.

— Shabistari

A Key to Creating Wealth

Now I want to share one of the true keys to creating wealth or abundance:

We must discover our purpose, and then live for this purpose from a place of so much love that it becomes a passion.

Without love, passion is empty. It's like a relationship based on physical attraction rather than deep emotion. Those of you who have had both experiences would, I hope, choose the emotional connection. Yes, there might be some pain involved, because there can be disagreements, rejections, hurt feelings, and so on, but there can also be moments of bliss that change us forever. Author Robert Fritz said, "The nature of creating is that we connect with the deeper spirit of ourselves throughout the process." And also, "The beauty of the human spirit: we can see beyond the current situations, and evoke the creative process." And then he shares what I want you really to get: "Exercise your imagination and you build the capacity to see beyond the circumstances, but imagination without work won't lead to anything."

When we are thoroughly committed to a purpose, we are lovers who are vulnerable. We can experience rejection, the pain of people not understanding our vision, and the disappointment of not being able to accomplish all we might want to. And yes, this can be painful, but it is nothing compared to the vast wasteland that people find themselves in when they live without passion and purpose. Remember the line from that well-known song: "It is better to have loved and lost than to have never loved at all"?

But love is what fuels the vision. Love is like the power of Divine connection. Love is a fire that you can fuel the flames of through constant, persistent, and consistent effort. And as the love grows and passion becomes ignited, the effort grows, but seems more and more effortless. Love is not the only powerful emotion. Desire, anger, fear, sadness, hope, and envy are also powerful; and they can fuel truly majestic experiences for us that create rich and transcending moments. Or, they can cause us to be real jerks and badly hurt others.

Our world progresses when mankind masters these emotions, and we slide backward when the opposite is true. Fear is normally thought to be such a negative thing, but fear of good things disappearing if we don't take action, fear of losing our home if we don't get out and do something, fear of losing our marriage if we don't change our ways, are just a few examples of how we can use a strong emotion to improve our situation. Fear can also paralyze us, so it can push us to a negative outcome. This is where spiritual strength can help us master our emotions and channel them into performing positive acts that can change our lives in a beneficial way.

"All the holy words you read and all the holy words you speak are as nothing if you do not act upon them, Even if you read little and say little but live the right way, forsaking craving, hatred and delusion, you will know the truth and find calmness and will show others the path."

— Buddha

A Lesson from Sidi

Here are some excerpts from a talk given by Sidi in the summer of 2011 on the subject of love.

When you find the love, you find yourself. The secret is in the love. You are the love, not another. Everything is in the love, and everyone needs the love. If you find, this, what more could you want? When you know, what could you want? When you have the knowledge of the love, you feel peace in your hearts. The jewels are inside you. This is the holy meaning.

We ask God to surround us with peace and love, the everlasting love, the love that the human being could never do without, the true love that God wanted for us, for all the worlds, not just only for the human being.

He made this love, also, between the animals and the birds and even the fishes. There is no creature that will do without this love, and this love cannot be expressed by the tongue. This love also has to be embodied in the hearts, in the bodies, in the souls. The human being should love his fellow human being. From wherever the person comes it doesn't matter, because the one who created him is God. He is the only One Lord.

We are all from one earth and from one drop of water. And the first item that God put in the human being is the love, and he did not come to this life without the result of the love. If it weren't for your father, your mother, and the love, you wouldn't be here. This is true. We should not deny it; we should keep it holy and make it pure.

This all resulted from a Divine command. God said, "I created you from one self."

He created the male and the female. Although your ways of living are separate and different, this is the wisdom of God. God said, "I created you from a male and a female. I made you into tribes and communities so you may know one another. The whole of creation are the dependents of God. Those who are most beloved to God are those who love His creation."

The truth of love is the essence of God. All this creation of God began with love. For this reason, this creation cannot continue unless we return back to the true essence of the creation, which is love. We must return and go back to the fragrance of love, the everlasting fragrance of love. If you accept this, accept it. You did not come to this earth as you wished. You came from the womb of your mother because you came through love, and the love is stronger than you are. The love forced you out of the womb of your mother. Then you have to prove yourself in this Divine test. The human being would be dignified or disgraced when he was put into a test.

Whether you are a man or a woman, we are all the same. You cannot say you are a man, you say that you are a human being. God did not say, "Oh, you man." He said, "Oh, you human being." What deluded you about your Lord? He perfected you and created you in the best image. God did not address the man or the woman singly. He addressed, "Oh, human being."

Take your mother who gave birth to you. She was in pain when she gave birth to you, tremendous pain. But after she gave birth to you, she held you in her arms and put you toward her breasts to feed you, and you started drinking milk from her breasts. She gave you the love from the first drop. At the time when you were coming out, you gave her a very painful labor and birth, but she gave you an exchange for that pain. She gave you the love, the love of this life. This is the beginning of the journey. Don't you remember that?

His Love is constant, for it is a continuous expression of affection. There is no other possibility except that God loves the world. Could the Maker dislike His own creation? We are made by Him; He is our Creator and the Creator of our provision and the Creator of everything.

He brings clear evidence, casting into our hearts the light of faith, making faith lovable to us and beautifying it within our hearts, while making wickedness and disobedience intuitively distasteful to us. And thus, we believe and have faith, and He then grants us success and uses us in what is pleasing to Him. Thus, we know that except for His love for us, none of this would ever have been.

What This Means

What this all means is that whether you are a man or a woman, from one culture or another, we are all from Adam and Eve, the first couple, so we are all related and all connected. Existence continues through love, and this is how we came into the world; so choose your actions in a loving way, follow what all the holy books tell you, love one another, and do everything you do in a loving way.

This is the way to open the doors of happiness, and when you are happy, your life will flow and you will have everything you need. Even when something happens that hurts you, continue to open your heart, and continue to let yourself love.

Our pain increases when we stop loving, because we are really going against our natural state of being. Not only is God the Creator of everything that is, but He is also the sustainer and provider that keeps everything going.

One of the reasons I am always so grateful is because God's ability to sustain everything is so awesome to me. I have worked for a few companies where the owners were unable to sustain the growth, so the companies crashed. As for me, I was unable to sustain my marriage and keep my family together. The human being is the one who is weak and makes mistakes. So why not turn to and trust the One who has proven what real sustainment is?

When choosing a business, it's important that it is in harmony with our purpose, because then we know that all the actions we are taking are helping us fulfill that purpose. The same is true about goals. So often I see people set goals that are not in alignment with their purpose. More often than not, this is because they don't have a clearly *defined* purpose.

But even if we don't consciously know our purpose, I believe our inner selves know what it is. And if we choose a goal that is in conflict with this desire, even if it is subconscious, then we will struggle to attain that goal.

Most people have jobs that are furthering someone else's purpose, and they perform that job just to put food on the table. They aren't happy with the position because it isn't furthering their own purpose. Someone who owns the business has bought them wholesale and is selling their efforts retail and pocketing the difference.

I have always worked for myself, so I make a conscious effort to choose activities that further my purpose and also help my businesses grow.

I have learned that sometimes I will spend six months to a year working to build an organization within the structure of a company and see very few real results. It feels like I'm struggling. Then I might change and go to another company, and everything seems to go so smoothly. What I've learned is that this is because, on a deep inner plane, I am more aligned with the real purpose of the individuals who run that company. This creates an atmosphere where things seem to flow more.

When my goals are in alignment with my purpose, all seems to go really smoothly.

So what if you don't know your purpose? How can you make choices that are in alignment with it? If the quality of your life is determined by the quality of your choices, then it's important that you know your purpose. The next two chapters are going to show you a system to determine what your purpose is and help you express it so simply that a ten-year-old could understand what you're saying.

When reading the chapters on purpose, I strongly urge you to take a pen and paper and do the exercises. Just reading the chapters won't change you. The change comes in the *doing*.

"No one does it until they do it."
— Layla Kent Viel (my five-year-old granddaughter in 2011)

Exercise

Write a simple sentence expressing what you think your purpose in life currently is before reading the next chapter, and then see what changes occur, if any.