

one's thought-habits. How, then, could the law of hypnotic rhythm give permanency to one's thought-habits?

*A* Time divides all thought-habits into two classes, negative thoughts and positive thoughts. One's individual thoughts are of course constantly changing and being recombined to suit the individual's desires, but thoughts do not change from negative to positive or vice versa except through voluntary effort on the part of the individual.

Time penalizes the individual for all negative thoughts and rewards him for all positive thoughts, according to the nature and purpose of the thoughts. If one's dominating thoughts are negative, time penalizes the individual by building in his mind the habit of negative thinking and then proceeds to solidify this habit into permanency every second of its existence. Positive thoughts are, likewise, woven by time into permanent habits. The term "permanency," of course, refers to the natural life of the individual. In the strict sense of the term, nothing is permanent. Time converts thought-habits into what might be called permanency during the life of the individual.

*Q* Now I have a better understanding of how time works. What other characteristics has time in connection with the earthly destiny of human beings?

*A* Time is nature's seasoning influence through which human experience may be ripened into wisdom. People are not born with wisdom, but they are born with the capacity to think, and they may, through the lapse of time, think their way into wisdom.