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**Joseph:** Greetings to you, my children, I am Joseph.

One of your ancients once said, "Above all thy getting, get understanding." This was wisely said, for without understanding you have very little. Knowledge and understanding go hand in hand. So it is important that you ask also for understanding along with the knowledge.

In these lessons that you are studying, you are getting the basic laws and rules and how to apply them, how to make them work. This has been one of the "lacks" in many of the metaphysical studies. The teachers do not really understand the law and how it should work. They have a vague understanding, therefore their results are not satisfactory much of the time. So it is very important that you understand the laws and how they work, so that you can apply them. You must understand how to get the results that you want as was discussed here today.

For instance, having complete confidence in Deity is important, but you must understand that Deity can do nothing for you unless you cooperate with Deity. Deity, to put it simply, functions entirely upon the law.

At the beginning of this period of creation, certain laws were put into force, and these were the laws that were to rule this period of evolution. Therefore, you must cooperate with and use the laws properly if you are to get proper results. Now you can have great faith in Deity and if you yourself lay back and do nothing, nothing will happen. You must put these laws into motion through developing your own mental powers so that you can use these laws in the proper and most advantageous way.

Unless you work with Deity in demanding whatever it might be, and use your mental powers to put forth the proper vibrations that will bring these laws into motion, Deity cannot cooperate with you. When you have done this, you will begin to get results. It is necessary to know and to realize that thought is energy and that it goes forth into Universal Consciousness where it eventually returns to you whatever that thought is able to create. But it is also necessary for you to realize the importance of these thoughts and how they work and how it will return to you. When you do you will organize

your thoughts, you will become aware of your thoughts and control them and allow them to only function on the positive side of nature. In this manner they will only bring you positive results.

It is necessary to know what you want before you ask for it. Then organize that thought in such a manner that it will return to you that which you desire on the positive side of nature. Do not allow any negatives to enter into any of your desires or your creations. The Master Mind is very meticulous in his creations. He organizes his thoughts, he determines that which he wishes to create, and he determines how he would like it. And in being so organized and so knowledgeable about what he is doing, he does not create things which are undesirable. He controls his environment. He does not find himself in undesirable situations, nor does he find himself dependent upon anyone else. Once you have learned to use laws and to use them properly, you will never be a victim of circumstance or environment, for you will have created your environment on the positive or the constructive side of nature.

Too often individuals are hasty in their attempt to bring about certain desires. They have not gained the knowledge and the wisdom to recognize when they are injecting negativity into these desires, and the results are often very undesirable and very unfruitful.

So, beloved ones, if you are to move forward in occultism then you must learn to function upon the mental plane, realizing that you are Mind, created out of the Universal Mind. You are a part of that One Great Mind. Realizing that Mind cannot be destroyed, and that regardless where or upon what plane you might be, you are still Mind, and Mind is endowed with all of the qualities of Universal Mind. Being a part of that Mind, a cell in that great sea of Mind, it must function in cooperation with its parent Mind.

Contained in this parent Mind or Universal Consciousness is all knowledge. Everything that ever was or ever will be is there and can be drawn forth by you, if you will but raise your consciousness, gain the knowledge and understanding necessary to do this. It requires work. One of your great Masters once said, "The Father works, and so I work." So we must all work if we are to attain knowledge, the mysteries of the Universe. They are available to all, but they must be

earned. There is no limit to what any individual mind can do if he will but awaken that will and put it in charge. All of you have the capability to do this. It is up to you, People of Earth, whether you wish to be lazy or you wish to be ambitious. That which you desire and will to do, you can do. If you do not care to move forward and are satisfied with the status quo, you will eventually move backward. You will lose your place in the ongoing of your evolutionary cycle. I have said enough.

I leave you, beloved ones, by extending to you my love and my blessings. May each of you feel the inspiration, the desire to move forward, to gain your place in the ongoing of your evolutionary cycle.

May each of you eventually rise to heights beyond your fondest dreams.

Always remember that you must make the effort, that you must make the determination, you must make the choice. You will never be forced.

Go in peace, my friends, go in peace.

May you find that peace within that all heart's desire.  
Peace. ☸