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If you're going to play, play. Don't play!

This Weeks Self-Revealization Acceptance

I Protect Myself and I Am Protected on ALL Levels

I determine the life that I will to live and the manner in which all things that I desire are now, and shall be, manifested by My Divine Right to Live in Joy and Freedom. This includes the perfection of my desire to go and come in perfect safety and without delay. I do not fear the unknown and I do not fear the reality of the changes I accept into my life. The Spirit of the Thing Itself and my conscious desire to live in harmony and prosperity with all conditions protect me on all levels. I do not enter into situations that can cause me anguish or confusion. I celebrate my life with the **Self-Revealization Acceptance** that I create on a daily basis to include any and all aspects of personal protection and thereby proceed with all due intelligence and caution. Any past mistakes in my discretions are alleviated bringing me peace and harmony on all levels without recrimination including:

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I am filled with peace of mind and the comfort of knowing that my desires are in line with the expectation of great bounty delivered to me with ultimate ease and grace. Thanks to the incredible creative power of the universe my life is filled with lavishness, lotsness, and limitlessness in all that I desire. I have nothing and no thing to fear as I move forward in my life. I shower myself with great thanks and gratitude that I am capable and worthy of doing for myself that which needs to be done to protect myself on all levels and to give of myself to the ultimate reality of life that I define.

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Reader's Forum for Questions and Answers

This comes from Christina in New York, a most charming young lady I had the pleasure to meet at the Cloisters. She asks, "In your opinion does the path to complete self-actualization and peace ever stop feeling like an uphill battle?"

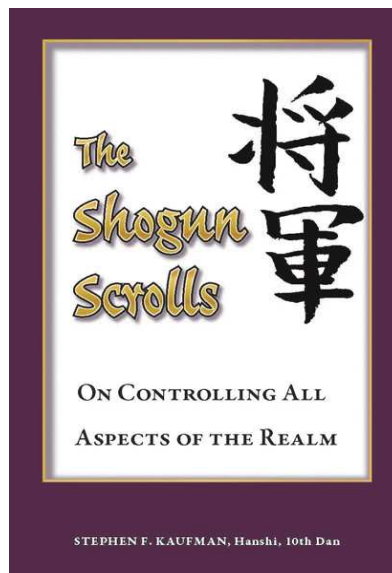
This is an excellent **Self-Revealization Acceptance** question. The very first thing you must do is to acknowledge the idea that there are no such things as "uphill" battles. Once you accept this premise all things in your conscious and sub-conscious mind will begin to restructure your personal internal concepts about the way things are into the way things ought to be and the way you believe they should be. This is not to be mistaken for an attitude of denial of a condition but rather the reality of changing your perspective approach to any given consideration and circumstance. Many people will instantly assume that you are trying to ignore 'realities' but in fact you are doing the exact opposite by denying any difficulty the authority to maintain it's construct in your life.

This has to do with everything you deal with (or not deal with as the case may be) and once you have set up the pattern in your life for ultimate success in any and all endeavors you will see that the so-called "battles" have only been figments of your imagination. Correct definition of your desire is essential. Without it the **Spirit of the Thing Itself** will be unable to perform its manifests according to your desire because you have not defined your desire whole-heartedly. The **Spirit of the Thing Itself** can only deliver what you tell it to deliver regardless of any philosophical or biased religious entreaties. Remember, as well, you don't want faith *in* something. You want the faith *OF* something.

Read the book: **Self-Revealization Acceptance.- Your Divine Right to Live in Joy and Freedom**

This Week's Excerpt

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Chapter 6 Controlling and Managing by Your Own Ability

When you attempt to accomplish something great, you must understand all of the aspects of truth in the accomplishment of these gains. Regardless of your ability and because you did not create the universe, imitation (to a degree) of the actions of great men who preceded you is essential. If it should happen that you do not have the intrinsic qualities of those who went before, you can still establish goals that will approach great accomplishments. If you do not ascend to the levels of your desires because of difficulties, natural or otherwise, ambitious dreams can still be realized. This is best done when a man uses his own talents and resources and does not rely on others. A man's personal desires become obvious to his enemies when they realize that he will have nothing to pay back to anyone. Outsiders will see the foolishness of interfering with him.

Shunko Zabayashi knew the importance of using his own resources when he effected a coup against his cousin in Tarama province. He carefully thought about his actions before moving into position to take control of the clan. Although his cousin was a man of wealth, he was a squanderer, always insulting others who had less than he had, he would throw lavish parties and cause dissension in his own court by inviting certain people and excluding others. Zabayashi observed that many members of the clan were beginning to resent his cousin. Slowly, he built up his resources of men and funds until he knew that his cousin would be hard pressed to stop any advance. Foregoing the pledged assistance of others, he moved when he knew the time was right, and because he did not rely on the aid of people who would follow him regardless, he maintained control of the clan for the rest of his life and was never indebted or obliged to anyone.

Accomplishment is based on definition and redefinition of goals, which has to do with good fortune and good planning. Good fortune usually accompanies determination and desire. Good planning is always better. As much as is humanly possible, nothing should ever be left to chance. Careful examination of the works of great men will show that they did not rely on the inconstancy of fate. They saw opportunity and took it because they were emotionally and physically prepared for success. As a result of this mentality they accomplished great things and prospered. It may be necessary to strive hard, but once the goal is attained it is very rare that it will be lost. The man of merit understands that those of little faith will surround him, even among his most ardent supporters. This lack of faith will continue until the new order is established, at which time it is prudent to dispose of the nonbelievers.

It is also necessary to realize the need for material strength in the acquisition of a new domain. Without the proper armaments and supports failure is guaranteed because of the inherent or residual strength of those being taken over and the natural resistance of change. You cannot win with spirit alone and the hope of success in the future. You must be prepared to do serious battle and you must have the resources necessary to accomplish your ends. These resources must be your own or you will have to pay back in kind those that support you. They will be waiting and watching for your first indication of weakness.

Sometimes it is required that uncomfortable alliances are permitted to exist in order for the man of vision to attain to his accomplishments. When this time comes upon the builder of great things, he must know no limitation to his patience and the acceptance of aid, until he is in the position of eliminating those who would turn into detractors.

People must be shown without hesitation or restriction the advantage of accepting your authority. You must force unbelievers to believe in you by demonstrations of inner strength and managerial ability. With this there can be no hesitation on your part. You must act with total conviction and absolute authority. Anything else will permit a usurper to destroy you from within. Those who would seek, through words or actions, to undermine the new regime must be taken from their place of self-importance, regardless of how small their insolence may at first appear. If left unchecked they can grow into great encumbrances.

In an authoritarian society pretenders to your office will aggressively seek any demonstrated weaknesses out. This is another reason why you cannot rule from afar. You must have nothing else on your mind except your success, and you must make sure to stand apart from your underlings — their good wishes notwithstanding.

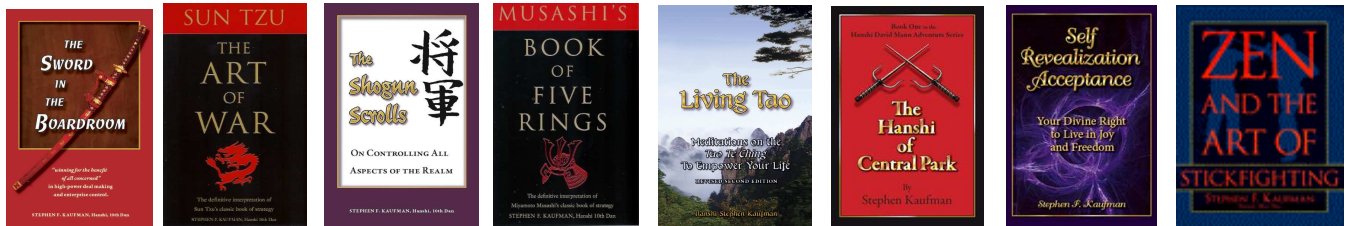
It should be realized that when a new order of things is introduced, enemies of all types will emerge from places known and unknown. Even those who are sympathetic towards your rule will be only half-hearted,

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until they see the new order enhancing their lives. It is sometimes easy to persuade others to your way of thinking because of the newness and novelty of the potential new order, but it is only with force and authority that their belief is sustained. It is foolish to think otherwise. Everyone is in accord with his or her own thoughts, and the ideas of the new leader may not wholly coincide with their personal desires. There are no friends in combat, and any form of personal development that will leave others behind is indeed an aspect of combat and a requirement of greatness. Even a lover may defect for reasons that are beyond ordinary comprehension. Beware of those you align with for any reason.

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