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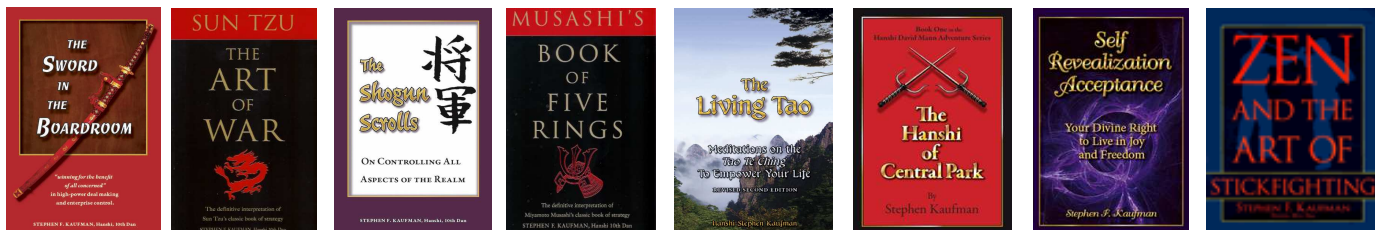
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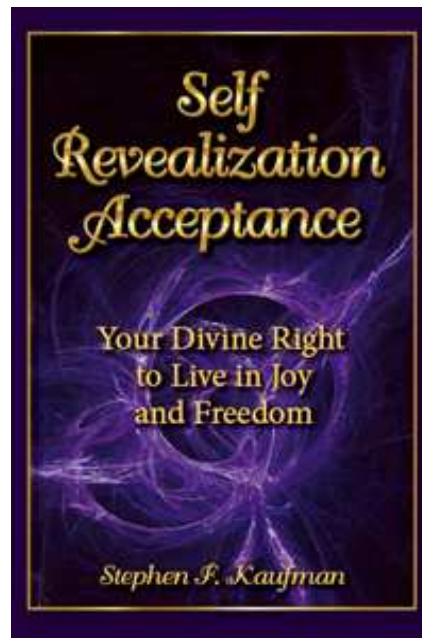
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This Week's Self-Revelization Acceptance

How to use Self-Revelization Acceptance is explained on the last page of this newsletter.



I DEMAND EXCELLENCE

I demand excellence in everything I do. I refuse to accept mediocrity and indifference as any aspect of my being and I continually strive to go forward in endeavors that enhance the quality and enjoyment of my life. I understand that others may not share this attitude and therefore I am tolerant but only up to the point that it doesn't interfere with my ability to live my life by my **Divine Right to Live in Joy and Freedom**. I maintain my vision of perfection in all that I do and strive to increase my value to myself and to others that share parts of my life without overpowering them with my certitude. I also understand the reality of knowing when to stop demanding things of myself and others and will not permit my sense of self to harm the relationships I share with others having value in my life. By focusing on the needs for attaining higher levels of consciousness I maintain my body in physical perfection and refuse to permit any anomalies to create dis-ease or disease. I maintain the structure of my life to enjoy things without any excessive drama that can hurt my finances. I live by my own credo and accept that others are also entitled to their own ideas as well. I have patience with all things and all people regardless of the absurdities they express according to what I think is inappropriate and therefore do not let them create disturbances where none are necessary and none are ever necessary. When it is difficult for me to deal with specific situations I immediately create a ***Self-Revelization Acceptance*** on the spot and demand of the ***Spirit of the Thing Itself*** to bring about the proper action for me to continue on without discord. For the ability and the intelligence required to keep these actions in my life I give total and complete thanks to the Creative Power of the universe without hesitation and I praise myself for the knowingness that creates these thoughts in my existence.

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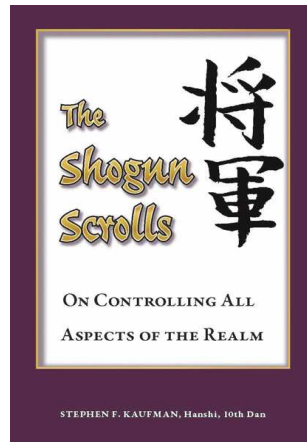
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Chapter 6

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 he will be surrounded by those of little faith, 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

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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 be 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 any demonstrated weakness will be aggressively sought out by pretenders to your office. 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, 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 their 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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