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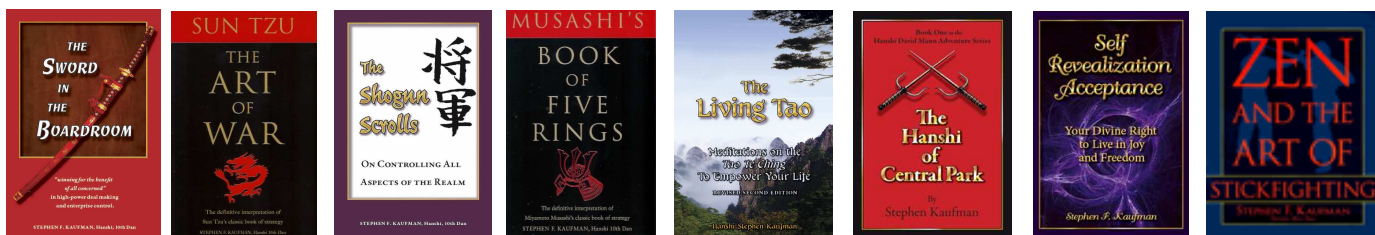
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Happy Thanksgiving!

And you should be thankful regardless!

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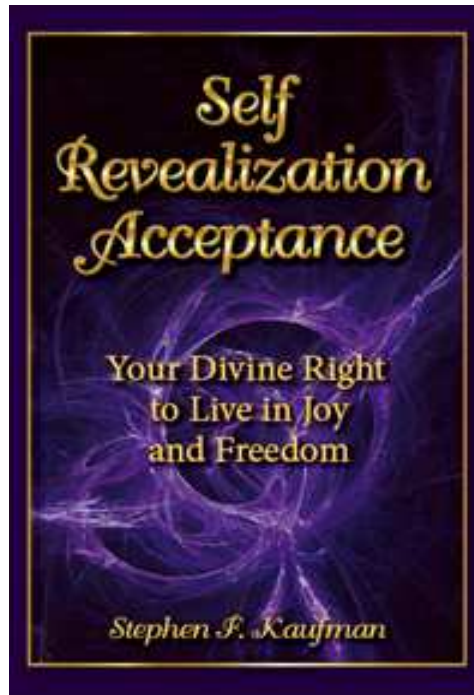
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The squeaky wheel does not always get the grease – sometimes it gets replaced

This Week's Self-Revelization Acceptance

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



My House Is In Order

As I look around my house and make a conscious effort to keep things neat and orderly I eliminate unnecessary frustration and slovenliness. In the same way I maintain my body in a strong and healthy condition enabling myself to function without dysfunction. My relationships are mature and work in me, as me, and through me, *for the benefit of all concerned* with myself as the primary recipient of good. I am aware of all that I involve myself with and I keep my own counsel. I focus on matters that concern the decisions that emanate from my consciousness. When it is necessary for me to develop approaches that I may be unaware of I use the authority of the **Spirit of the Thing Itself** so named. I do not permit confusion to enter into my life based on the ideas of others who may be sincere in their input but may inadvertently be reinforcing their own needs about my convictions thereby sapping my strength causing me to focus on their needs instead of my own. I know that when I am able to deal with any matters concerning myself I will have no problem in giving of myself for the benefit of others. With this ever self-enhancing attitude I can give fully of myself without fear of being hurt. When I consider the possibility of outside influences entering into my endeavor I weigh them carefully without making a full commitment until I am fully aware of the individual value of each new idea. I constantly work with my **Self-Revelization Acceptance** techniques to further my own ability to increase my **Divine Right to Live in Joy and Freedom** and knowing that my house is in order I also realize that my efforts and energies, fueled by the Creative Power of the universe unceasingly become of a higher and higher quality and is awarded further credence by the fact that I have totally devoted myself to the sincerest accomplishment I can attain. I accept the power of the words that I use in my **Self-Revelization Acceptance** and continue to develop the skills I need to further live my life with clarity of purpose, clarity of thought, and fullness of acceptance. I continue to redefine my intentions and my goals. I continue to give complete and utter thanks, in true humility, to the Creative Power of the universe and for this I prosper.

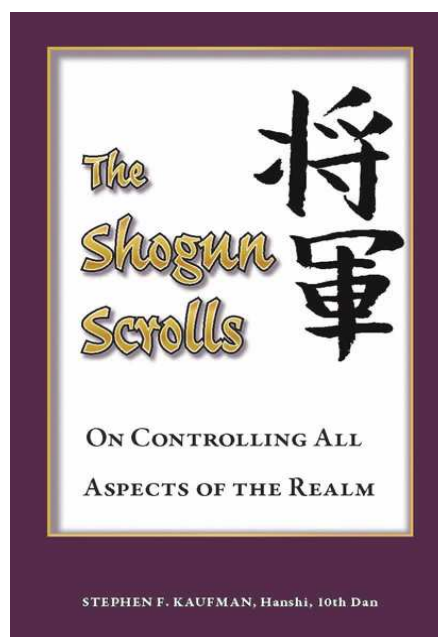
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Question about Self-Revealization Acceptance From a reader in Cincinnati

Question: I have a quick question about *Self-Revealization Acceptance*. It has to do with knowing that what you desire is done. I am currently enrolled in two graduate courses. I am currently taking one of them a second time. I just took the midterms for the two courses, and did not do well at all despite a lot of work and working with a specific *Self-Revealization Acceptance* for the courses. I admit that the *Self-Revealization Acceptances* do improve confidence and focus but how can you say/know that something is already done, when the real-time performance proves otherwise again and again? How would you recommend I come to terms with what is going on?

Answer: It seems to me that you have certain self-doubts about yourself in regards to what you are trying to accomplish. Not that you are incapable but rather that your definitions are not thoroughly developed. Keep in mind that *Self-Revealization Acceptance* is not a magical incantation however when properly applied it brings immediate results. It is required of the practitioner to repeat over and over again with constant modifications where necessary the actual desire to be experienced. As well, you must accept the result as already done. You are apparently doing this but with some modification you can get a better end result. On the other hand, and this you may not like, you need to follow your intuition and discover if you are leading the correct pathway for yourself in your educational studies. Are you possibly overloading yourself based on an inflated perception of your abilities? Is it possible that the road you are traveling is not the correct road for you to be traveling on? You must correct your thinking in all aspects of your endeavors which certainly takes much courage and the ability to say to yourself that you may be in error of your ideal. As well it involves inconvenience when approached this way if radical changes must be brought into play. Along with intuition comes passion and with passion comes success. ***The Spirit of the Thing Itself*** will fill you with passion when you have corrected your thinking.

This week's excerpt **The Shogun Scrolls**



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 affected 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 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.

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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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How to use Self-Revealization Acceptance

A Self-Revealization Acceptance is constructed for the simple purpose of bringing a specific result into a practitioner's life. Any of the ideas presented in my weekly example can be structured for your own desires. When the ideas of relationships, creativity, love, and finances are addressed you should use your own definitions to enhance the positive acceptance of an ever-growing good in your life. REMEMBER, **Self-Revealization Acceptances** are **NOT** affirmations. They are based on your positive acceptance of the good you want to experience in your life and therefore only YOUR words and YOUR authority activate the **Spirit of the Thing Itself**. **Self-Revealization Acceptance** is a philosophical approach to reality facilitation. Your reality and not the reality of someone else. **Self-Revealization Acceptance** absolutely is for an individual and personal manifestation REGARDLESS of what anyone outside of you think in relation to what you are accepting for. Fill the blanks with your own ideas and feel free to forward any questions or comments.

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