

Your Fortune Begins With You

God's rich supply is all around you universally, as well as innately within you, as talents, abilities, and ideas longing for expression. ~Catherine Ponder

In man's world there are many manmade laws. And breaking these laws have consequences in our life. Think of some manmade laws and list in your class journal.

There are laws of nature that when broken can cause us physical discomfort. List some of those in your class journal.

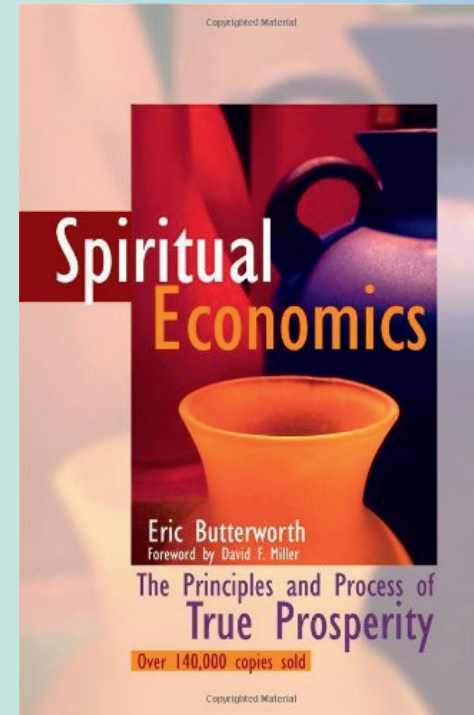
Then there are universal laws. These are the laws that we govern with our mind. To understand and use these laws you must first understand the "Law of Consciousness."

Consciousness is defined by Webster as "the quality or state of being aware especially of something within oneself."

Consciousness has to do with thoughts we are holding about any situation, when we can intentionally or unintentionally affect the world around us by our thoughts.

We more often call it the "Law of Mind Action." Fillmore tells us that thoughts manifest not only into things in our outer world but also people and situations. How are you using the "Law of Consciousness" in your life?

Exercise: Think a positive thought about a situation. Set a timer for 10 minutes. Check your conscious thinking. How far did you stray from that initial positive thought? Note in your class journal. Do this exercise several times in the next week and record what happens.



WEEK ONE

Chapters 1 and 2

The Real Source and Substance of Abundance
Your Fortune Begins With You

Affirmation for the Week

I open the gates of my consciousness to receive the abundant blessings God has in store for me. I let go of limitation and embrace my amazing new life.

The Truth About God And Substance

SPIRITUAL ECONOMICS

This is a book about true prosperity.

This great idea whose time has come is that there is no such thing as a purely financial problem. It is time to become aware of our false attitudes and emotions which caused it or a healthy attitude or emotion which can cure it.

Eric Butterworth encourages all as they do the study of Spiritual Economics to:

- Take responsibility for your own thoughts, thus taking charge of your own life.
- Declare your personal independence from the belief that your personal welfare is completely tied to the economic fluctuations of the world “out there.”
- Establish yourself in the unassailable conviction that the free flow of substance can only be dammed up from within.
- Know that no one can keep your good from you but you.
- Refuse to indulge in casual conversation about the bad economy.

God is not a being with qualities or attributes, but It is the good itself coming into expression as life, love, power, wisdom.

~H. Emily Cady

There is only one presence in my life and in the universe, God the good, omnipotent. Many times we have heard or repeated this statement. Have you ever really thought about what it meant? What does it mean to you? Write your thoughts in your class journal.

Butterworth tells us: “God is the allness of ever-present substance in which we live, move, and have our being. And is the subtle, but vitally important key on which the entire structure of spiritual economics rests.”

Substance comes from the Latin “substare,” which means “stand under.” So, what is standing under all that we see? The presence of God. The truth is that substance is everywhere present—it is present in us and all around us. We are the activity of God—God is expressing as us! We are actually expressions of God.

Myrtle Fillmore, in *How to Let God Help You*, states, “The physical substance which we call the earth is the visible form of the spiritual substance that pervades all things.”

There is no place in all of the universe where substance is any more or any less present than right where you are. It is time to recognize that substance and call it forth in your life. Write your thoughts about God as Substance in your class journal.