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The Questioning Mind



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Feature Story:

Rev. John Gilmore

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The Questioning Mind

Some of you have read my book, *The House That Namuh Built*. In it the questioning mind of Namuh leads him into conflict with the priest of the Valley of Nam. He is forced to act, defend himself and go on a quest to find the Sage, Renni Nam. His questions led to the salvation of the people of Nam.

The House That Namuh Built is an allegory, but the questioning mind has been the impetus for real change. Whether a new concept in living or the most mundane invention, it has been the questioning mind that has led to progress, radical change and improvement in the lives of human beings.

This allegory is played out every day in the lives of those who want to KNOW; people who are not satisfied with being told that this is the way it has always been. “Trust me I have it on good word direct from God.” This is essentially the mantra of many religious leaders who profess a personal pipeline to God. This does not impress the questioning mind.

John Gilmore, at an early age, had a questioning mind, to the annoyance of his Sunday school teacher and school teachers. They would ask why he was so contrary, and some even labeled him a “contrarian”. John’s father, Marshall Gilmore, was a minister and, at 91 is a retired Senior Bishop of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church. He fostered the questioning mind of his young son and supports John and his ministry to this day.

John graduated from Ohio University with a degree in Advertising and Marketing. He had choices for working in this field but was feeling the tug from his Inner Being to go to seminary. He was accepted to Southern Methodist University, the SMU Perkins School of Theology.

John was ordained a Christian Methodist Episcopal minister and served as the Pastor of churches for 15 years, but his questioning mind was always

with him. It led him to the discovery of books like, *The Magic of Thinking Big* and *The Power of Your Subconscious Mind*. He came to Memphis as the Pastor of the Martin Temple CME Church and eventually to Mt. Olive Cathedral CME Church. His friendship with thinkers, writers and doctors outside the church raised even more questions. His acquaintance with Dr. Elaine Ferguson Johnson led him to investigate spontaneous healing. She was a medical doctor, but she related her experiences with spontaneous and inexplicable healing events.

As Pastor of Mt. Olive Cathedral CME Church, John was responsible for a large congregation where all the prestige and financial security most ministers strive for were available. However, prestige and financial security were not why John was drawn to the ministry.

He was raised in a preacher's home and finished seminary work where he learned Bible, Hermeneutics, Church History and counseling. What else did he feel the need to know? The Inner Being of an individual knows why he has come. There are things he needs to remember and things he must KNOW.

The studying and reading continued. John began reading Joel Goldsmith's books, which seemed to answer many of his questions. As the Internet developed, sources of information expanded and online relations did as well. Muata Rasuli, a San Francisco based Science of Mind minister, and John began discussions as their interests and enquiries were similar. John had been reading Eric Butterworth and other "new thought" writers. With these discussions and his reading, answers began to come at a faster pace. It meant a more complete picture, if not all the answers. It was not that John no longer had questions, but Earnest Holmes, author of *Science of Mind* provided a clearer picture of the Universal Principles that govern even the physical laws of nature. The pattern was clear, and the course of his life's work was before him.

With his father's support, John resigned his position at Mt. Olive. He studied Religious Science and became a licensed practitioner in what was then the United Church of Religious Science, now known as the Centers for Spiritual Living. This was hard for many to understand, but John had come to understand the Law of Righteous Self-interest or Primary Purpose. This was not a matter of selfishness, but he had to do what he was here to do. Regardless of his love for the ministry and Christian Methodist Episcopal

Church, he had to follow his purpose. Jesus had succinctly explained the Law of Righteous Self-interest. He had said, “Don’t cast your pearls before swine lest they be trampled upon.” Jesus used hyperbole to make His point. It was not that anyone was treading on John’s purpose, but he was aware that there were things he had to do.

John formed Open Heart Spiritual Center in 2002. Like most congregations, Open Heart had to go remote during the pandemic. The services have continued “virtually”, the outcome being that more have joined the congregation from various parts of the country. Guest speakers have been available from outside Memphis, and people are participating in the services from wherever they are. There is a saying that in every adversity and defeat are the seeds for even greater achievement.

Children who are continually asking questions, like John, are a blessing and will become future leaders of our institutions and government. Any child who asked a lot of questions may be irritating to busy adults but that is what good parents, teachers and ministers see as their purpose – to plant and water young minds, young seeds, as they evolve and unfold. There are many things for us to be grateful for and gratitude is a premium attribute. One thing we can all be grateful for is a questioning mind.

Renford Revelations – Blogs, Articles and Essays

Dedication of *The Literalist Conspiracy*

The following is the Dedication to my book, *The Literalist Conspiracy*. I have edited it slightly to avoid repetition of parts of the feature. Those acknowledged in this dedication are those who ask questions. It is apropos to the feature story of this issue, **The Questioning Mind**.

“This may appear strange but I am dedicating this book to those who ask questions. While questioning is often considered a weakness of faith by clerics, I say it is the duty of each of us to ask questions. Nothing of consequence has ever been achieved without a questioning mind. It is those who have questioned authority, both secular and religious, who were persecuted, and it is those who questioned who have achieved the most.”

“The root word of question is quest. Our very lives are quests to which we are unfaithful if we do not question. Asking questions will not make you popular with the Orthodox world, but it is your right. It is not easy to buck the system; especially the family system which is intertwined with religion. I heard a man on the radio recently talking about what he saw as fact. He said if you were born in the Middle East you would probably be a Muslim. If born in the Far East you would probably be a Buddhist, Hindu or whatever your family is, and that the same is true in the West. Family tradition is very strong but for some there have always been questions and there was no denying them the answers. As for me, regardless of where I had to go, what barriers rose, and no matter how painful it was, I had to keep asking questions. It was a necessary part of who I am, and if you are reading this book, whether you are religious or not, you cannot go with the flow because the questions will keep coming.”

“When I am speaking I do not have a question and answer period afterward but encourage questions as I go along. There is nothing more important than to question even if you are getting the wrong answers. Questions have to be voiced!”

“When teaching I warn my students against taking what I say at face value without studying the question for themselves. On several occasions Jesus asked, “Why do you ask me what is good? (*John* 18:21) He also asked the High Priest why he was asking him what he had said. (*Matthew* 19:17) In both cases he wanted them to seek the answers to their questions for themselves. With his apostles he would ask them a question to make them think for themselves. Buddha told his disciples the same thing, “Don’t take what I say for granted, find out for yourself.”

“There is an army of Priests, Ministers, Rabbis, Gurus and Mullahs out there dedicated to keeping you in the foal. Don’t think that they are there only to perform rituals, funerals, weddings, preach sermons on holy days. They are shepherds guarding their flock from ravenous wolves. In their training is established a duty to protect you from false teachers and anyone who questions the faith is dangerous to them. In reading the Chapter, *Fundamentalists Christians and the New Age Movement*, you will see how afraid these ministers and priest are of any little thing that is not part of their traditions, their doctrines and their dogmas. Take a look at what they are afraid of and you will see that their doctrine is based on fear and they are running scared.

The Literalist Conspiracy is for those who have had questions about how their religion came to be and how the religions of the world came about. You can see how they are alike as opposed to how they are different by reading *The Core Teachings*. The cultural divide leads to many customs but the Universal Laws embedded in the teachings of the Masters show us what is of real importance. For those who have asked questions of your Priests, Ministers and Rabbis and not been able to get satisfactory answers, this book is for you. Remember these professional religionists have been well trained to answer your questions but their answers often reveal only what their denomination trained them to say. Mostly this is because they do not know what a Universal Principle is. My objective in this book is to connect the dots and cover the peripheral religions and events related to the history of Judaism and Christianity as well as the pagan teachings that were prevalent at the time.”

Again, I salute the individual with questions and dedicate this book to you. A key part of *The Literalist Conspiracy* is the stress I give to identifying and verifying the Universal Laws in your own life experiences. This can be done by no one else on your behalf. You have to do it for yourself, and it requires you asking the hard questions. The experience leads to knowing.

Editor’s Note:

You are invited to go to YouTube.com and type in **Renford Broadcast Network**. There are numerous interviews of authors, religious and spiritual leaders of all types and stripes and the Core Concepts Shows. Core Concepts included interviews of everyone from local Baptist preachers to Jesuit Priest. There are agnostics and Tibetan monks. There you will find answers with regard to where they have been and their journey to where they are now. You will be able to see what they believe and what they are doing.

Beginning in August the Laws of Material Wealth Show will again be broadcast on blogtalkradio.com/Renford. This is an interactive program where you can call in with your questions and comments. We will also again be sending out a podcast from the Institute of Applied Metaphysics. These are lessons and blogs from actual classes at IAM.

The Renford Books, my new book about the Renford books is now available as an e-book. The Renford Books Catalog provides some of the same information but this book explains the core purpose of the Renford Books. It provides background as to how each book came to be written and what you can expect to get out of each book.

Quote of the Month:

"The most beautiful and profound emotion we can experience is the sensation of the mystical. It is the sower of all true science. He to whom this emotion is a stranger, who can no longer wonder and stand rapt in awe, is as good as dead. To know that what is impenetrable to us really exists, manifesting itself as the highest wisdom and the most radiant beauty, which our dull faculties can comprehend only in their primitive forms—this knowledge, this feeling, is at the center of true religion." Albert Einstein

Humor Me!

One night a lady came home from her weekly prayer meeting, found she was being robbed, and she shouted out, "Acts 2:38: 'Repent & be baptized & your sins will be forgiven.'" The robber quickly gave up & the lady rang the police. While handcuffing the criminal, a policeman said, "Gee mate, you gave up pretty easily. How come you gave up so quickly?" The robber said, "She said she had an axe and two 38's!"

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I know that anything I can conceive and believe I can achieve. Everyday ideas are coming to me. Every day I gain more confidence because I believe in myself. God dwells in me, and I can access God Power by recognizing my innate powers.

I know that there are certain Universal Principles or Laws upon which all laws, including the laws of physics, rest. I am persistent in my identification of these Laws in my life. I am using my innate powers to come into harmony with these Laws of life. I know that these Laws are the Divine Self- Expression and that through understanding them in my life experiences, I can BE STILL AND KNOW GOD.

I see all problems as challenges that simply require a learning process. I love them because they exist in Divine Love for my benefit. I understand that proper perspective is necessary to begin any work and I'm daily developing the capability to view my life in proper perspective.

The essence of God is in me and I am pure potentiality. Every thought I have creates. I am aware that I can create destructively as easily as I can create constructively; therefore, my every thought is observed as if I were outside looking in. Negative and fearful thoughts are immediately apprehended and brought into the light from the dark corners and hidden caverns of my mind. In their place, creative and constructive thoughts are building the edifice of self-knowledge and understanding, which is my birthright.

I know that there are no limits upon the abundance that is available to me, except those that I place upon myself. I am releasing all thoughts that restrict or limit me. I am attracting all the skills, people and materials that I need to fulfill my primary purpose. These assets and attributes are daily being placed on the infrastructure that I have created in thought. I am manifesting what I have imaged in thought.

I know that I am not alone but part of the absolute unity of all. I know that every action has a reaction. I know that all is connected; therefore, there are always consequences of my thoughts, attitudes and actions. I observe this and daily create an ever-expanding positive force.

I am giving of myself every day in every way. I share my wealth, time and knowledge, and the cosmos rewards me in multiples of my giving. It is inevitable that I receive when I give, because this is an expression of a Universal Law.

I know that no matter what I give or receive, there is only one essential ingredient, and this ingredient is the makeup of God. IT IS LOVE. Every time I share my knowledge, wealth or time, I am giving packets of LOVE—Packets of God. Love is all that I have been given, and it is all that I can give. I give love freely and daily.

I know where I am, who and what I am, and what I am capable of. I know that my capacity for energetic activity, creative thought and love is endless and that my energy supplier, Universal Being, is infinite. I take responsibility for what I have and will create. I know that what I create in thought, and give the power of emotion to, will be manifested. I AM IN EVERY WAY CREATING MY LIFE! ~ ~ ~

Poet's Porch:

Perspective

We cannot discuss the perspective of non-Being. Only Being can have perspective. If there was no diversity within The Whole of Being, what would be the purpose of proper or improper perspective? There would be no need for perception or choice. Can there be a purpose for Being without the choice to exercise proper perspective?

On the physical plane, one has the senses for a purpose and that purpose is to inform one of where one is. This is necessary because the physical being needs perspective to survive. We cannot continue to exist without perspective unless someone else does everything necessary to maintain life for us.

We see, touch, smell, taste or hear what and who is around us because proper perspective is necessary for us to do anything or fulfill any purpose. Proper perspective is as necessary to Being as Being is to perspective. When one goes beyond the physical plane of Being, perspective becomes even more important to Being than the senses are to the physical body.

What could be so important about perspective? Without proper perspective, we cannot be aware of our purpose in the scheme of things. We would have no way to come to realization of our connection to The Whole, which begins with understanding our Being or Self.

If the physical body needs proper perspective to live and function effectively, which is its purpose, can we not see that the purpose of Being is even more important to the fulfillment of the inner Being?

To know the nature of our Being totally changes our perspective. When we know that we are not really from or native to earth, except that the atoms collected for the physical body are from earth, we begin to also recognize the nature of time.

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Open Heart Spiritual Center: <https://www.facebook.com/openheartspiritualcenter> , 901-860-5029

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National and international New Thought organizations are coming together to engage in the fundamentals of New Thought as expressed through African Ancestral Wisdom. Key New Thought luminaries are coming together to celebrate what “soul” means both in terms of the cultural experience and excellence as well as the spiritual experience of the creative energy of the Divine. All of the planning team and each of the presenters are of African Descent and all are welcome!

Event coordinator and Keynote Speaker Celeste Frazier says: “We share the same Truth. We share the same life experiences. And we are here to lift up each other and anybody else that wants to come.”

Other keynotes are James Trapp, Derrick B. Wells, Yvette Flunder, Michael B. Beckwith, Jack Bomar, Sylvia Sumter, and Sheila McKeithen. Special presenters are Michele Synegal and Paulette Pipe.

Workshop presenters include Gaylon McDowell, Will Coleman, Sandra Campbell, Carolyn Douglas, Michelle Jordan, Kevin Ross, Charline Manuel, Vernelle Nelson, Elzia Sekou, Liza Swedarsky, Vionela Vaughn Austin, and Alberta Ware. Vocalists include Bukeka Blakemore, Ester Nicholson, John Stringer, Michelle Jordan, and Lee Langston. They will be supported by The James Ward Band. Local guests include The Wild Women of Kansas City and the Traditional Music Society.

Topics of workshops include prosperity, health, ancient spirituality, music, storytelling and more.

Regular Registration has ended. Late registration is July 1 through 28th. Registration and information about hotels, transformation and more can be found at www.padntg.org
“I’m glad that we’re doing it. It’s powerful. I’m glad for the invitation. I’m glad to be a keynote speaker there.”
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The Institute was born in the information age, and the Internet is the primary vehicle for contact and distribution. It brings a simple message that connects the dots for those who are seriously on the path of personal development. Each of 13 Universal Laws relate to the other 12 and the power is in knowing this. Many organizations bring a wide variety of teachers and lessons to their membership and though they are good and beneficial, the connection escapes them. We cooperate and work with those who are open to cooperation.

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THE HOUSE THAT NAMUH BUILT

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The RBR Hosts program has developed into a fraternity of teachers, healers, creators and service oriented personalities. We have formerly been limited to two hours per day broadcast time with 12 shows per week. Of course this limited the number of Hosts, the genres and the audience we could reach. We think that those who are producing these shows and working to provide

information and services to listeners worldwide are dedicated and the potential for an expanded network is present. This is a diverse group and each host has appeal for a segment of the listener base and may create their own listener base. While we may have differences in belief systems, skills and approaches to the public the core intent is to serve. We have a variety of backgrounds but as hosts we all want the same thing. We want successful shows with a good audience base and to share what we have come to know by interviewing service oriented guests.

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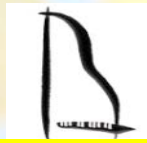
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Inner City Interfaith Group

Our objective is to promote a strong sense of unity, spiritual awareness, and create working relationships in the Tri-state area, between the Children of God. It is not to propagandize or proselytize.

The November session was held at the Benjamin Hooks Library on Poplar in Memphis, Tennessee. Contact the Program Director, ShukriyyahSchexnayder@gmail.com for the next meeting date and location.

Some of the panelists have been: James Renford Powell from the Institute of Applied Metaphysics, Rabbi Joel Finklestine of Anshei Sphard Beth El Emith congregation, Imam Rasad Al Sharif, of Masjid Al-Mu'minun, Dr. Namabl Webster, Minister Anthony Muhammad, Bishop Richard S. Floyd of the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints. And Rabbi Sarit Horwitz of Beth Sholom Synagogue and Rev. Eric Donaldson of Unity Christian Church.

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Theosophical Society

The Theosophical Society houses the largest metaphysical library in the world. It has a headquarters in India, Wheaton, Illinois and a center in California.

The Director in Memphis is Elaine Orland. 901-210-1020 The society meets twice a month, the first and third Monday of each month. They meet at 2660 Stage Coach Drive in Memphis Tennessee. Email: edorland@aol.com

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Becoming a licensed Acupuncturist with NCCAOM certification as a Diplomate in Oriental Medicine has been a 7 year odyssey of faith and perseverance. Closing a successful intuitive healing practice, moving to Boston, MA, a great learning mecca, to become a fledgling student at the

New England School of Acupuncture at the age of 57 was truly a leap of faith. Completing the rigorous dual track program (Japanese/Chinese style Acupuncture along with Chinese Herbology (4 years in 3 years) has steeped me in the rich history of Traditional Chinese Medicine and has given me a disciplined, totally unique, paradigm to sort through complex health issues along with the ability to develop effective treatment strategies.

Before I could even be considered for entrance at NESA I decided to complete all of prerequisite classes at the University of Memphis. Being immersed in the Western Sciences for 3 1/2 years at the University of Memphis has given me a great foundation to understand how a Western Physician might perceive and treat the health challenges that is being presented by the patient. Moreover, taking these classes certainly gave me a unique perspective on the 4 semesters of Western Pathology classes that were taught at NESA.

I'm currently in the process of integrating Acupuncture, Chinese Herbology, Standard Process Supplements, tuning forks, Craniosacral Therapy along with the diverse skills and gifts that I've developing since I first opened my intuitive healing practice in 1990.

TIME LINE

August 6, 2010 Graduate of the New England School of Acupuncture earning a Master's degree in Oriental Medicine

April 26, 2011 Diplomate Certification in Oriental Medicine from the NCCAOM



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Renford Revelations

For over 5 years I have been interviewing people on my radio shows and for the past year and a half I have been interviewing for the **Book Man Show** and the **Core Concepts** series available on YouTube.com.

The Book Man Show has featured authors and we have delved into what they believe and what the book is about. On **Core Concepts** the format was

basically, what do you believe? Why do you believe this? How did you come to believe this and how has this manifested in your life?

I view the **Renford Revelations Show** as the same except it will be about **The Renford Books**, the organizations I have formed, such as the Institute of Applied Metaphysics and the Church of Revelation. It is about my articles on www.selfgrowth.com.

At present there are 5 volumes of the Renford Revelations with 52 blogs, articles and essays in each.





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Building More Wealth

Introduction to the Renford Books

The Introduction to the Renford Books is being repeated in this edition; however, next month links will allow you to directly download the Renford Books Catalog which contains the basic information on the books. It will be sent on request and will be available at www.IAM-COR.org.

As I have noted, “You can travel to the furthest recesses of any continent, endure years of discipline, have personal time with a master teacher, learn to develop psychic capabilities and experience intense visions; but sooner or later, the Universal Laws must be consciously identified and verified from your life experiences in order for you to truly know your Self.”

People all over the world are discovering that they can study world religions and philosophy and go to great lengths to develop spiritually and still not really go far in the process of self-discovery. We would like to introduce you to the Renford Books because this author demystifies the process. He brings out the ultimate master in each of us. We start with the conscious process of identifying and verifying each of the Universal Laws from our life experiences. Once they are clearly understood on a conscious level, we begin the process of self-observation and let the intuitive mind, the inner being, take over.

Renford wrote each of the Renford Books with a particular type of reader in mind yet the subject matter is similar in that always he is dealing with the Universal Laws. Renford says he has been asked often why he is always talking about the Universal Laws. He says “there is nothing else to talk or write about.” Every thought and every action we take, no matter how wrong we might be, is based in these laws. We live move and have our being in them and it is imperative that we understand them.

In this document, now included in each book, Renford is giving a little history as to why he wrote them, for whom they were written and why. At the heart of our thinking when we consider reading a book the essential questions are, what is in it for me? How will I benefit by reading this book? The purpose of this document is to address these questions.

The Searcher's Road Map

The Searcher's Road Map introduces the reader to the Universal Laws, the Renford Books, the Institute of Applied Metaphysics and the Universal Law Society. This book promotes no religion but seeks to show how we are alike as opposed to how we are different. *The Searcher's Road Map* could be called a marketing piece. Renford wanted to create a book that looked like a book, would be accepted as a book but really would serve the purpose of introducing the reader to the whole program.

The COR Document

The COR Document is the manual for the Church of Revelation. It addresses the problems that beset religious organizations and explains the mission of the group. The Church of Revelation was established to provide assistance with the personal ministries of graduates of the Institute of Applied Metaphysics. This book defines an organization that is structured so that the best interest of the individual member is held as première. Both Krisnamurti and Yung noted that as soon as an organization is formed the interest of the group supersedes that of the individual. Where this occurs in a spiritual organization a barrier is created to self-discovery. COR is based on knowledge and understanding, not on politics or tenure.

The Rules of the Game

The Rules of the Game introduces the Universal Laws in the simplest manner possible. It is not an in-depth study, but provides a basis for understanding of the Laws. Many people do not consider what Jesus or Buddha had to say as relevant to their lives today. They are not really interested in the great sages. Some are, however, interested in what Vince Lombardi, Lou Holtz and Bear Bryant had to say. These legendary philosopher coaches may never have thought in terms of Universal Principles but the quotes recorded in this book show they understood the principles about which they were speaking. The game of football is shown to be analogous to the Laws of Life, and the quotes illustrate that even on the simplest everyday matters of life, these Laws are in play. It was Renford's intention to provide as simple an explanation of each Universal Law as he possibly could and avoid any trace of religious doctrine or dogma. He

wanted to create a book that could be used by sports organizations or any kind of group that supports youth development.

The House That Namuh Built

The creation of meaningful allegories, in fact, the writing of allegories, is an art form that some think is disappearing. When you find a good allegory that is expressing a Universal Principle, it can have a powerful effect on your life. *The House That Namuh Built* is about first a man, and then a whole people who begin on the path of Self-discovery. Again, it is about the Universal Laws, the invariant facts of life, upon which we can base our understanding for Self-discovery. This is a modern day parable, an allegory of the process of Self-discovery. Everyone in the story represents an attitude, an emotion or a Universal Law. The purpose of the book is to aid readers in the process of identifying and verifying the Universal Laws from their own life experiences.

The initial intent was to write a book for young people that would introduce them to the process of identifying and verifying the Universal Laws in their life experiences. The first draft was about 19 pages. It addressed the subject of the levels of mind and it took more than 5 years fleshing out characters and creating stories within the story to illustrate each of the Laws. Renford says he has received more feedback from readers regarding this book than any other.

In Search of Self

This is a book of prose and poetry that parallels the other books in the study of the Universal Laws. You will find that one of these Laws states that to truly understand anything, one must experience it personally. *In Search of Self* is the rendering of the Laws in verse. It allows readers to experience the process of identifying the Universal Laws from one's life experiences. Renford says this book is more personal to him than some of the books because it reflects his process of self-discovery. These poems were written over a long period of time and were collected into sections that pertain to each of the Universal Laws.

It was not Renford's intention to write a book of poetry but he simply put a collection together of his works over a long period of time. He has noted that

he approaches poetry differently. It is as if we have to pay more attention to every line in order to grasp the real meaning.

The Laws of Material Wealth

This book was written for those who are pondering career changes or contemplating going into business for themselves. It applies Renford's understanding of the Universal Laws and his experience working with entrepreneurs, especially in startup situations. For many people developing their own business is a compelling idea. Sometimes a hobby or particular activity is all that really interests some people. *The Laws of Material Wealth* helps readers understand where this is coming from and why it is important for them as part of the creative process. The fundamentals based on the Universal Principles of creation are the foundation no one can ignore.

This book was written while Renford was working in venture capital. He was raising the money to raise the money. In other words, seed capital, the funds necessary to get into the position to approach venture capital, securities companies or angels. He came to the conclusion that though his clients saw everything as a money problem, the real problem more often than not was management and their unrealistic expectations. He used a number of examples from this period changing the names to protect the guilty!

The Laws of Material Wealth Workbook

The Workbook for *The Laws of Material Wealth* follows the chapters in the book and includes four - five exercises in each chapter dealing with a Universal Law. Sample questions one may need to ask are included. The primary purpose is to assist the reader in the process of identifying and verifying each of the Universal Laws in his own experiences and making application of this knowledge in the creation of the image held in thought. Whether a business, career or a non-profit project this is the process of creation, and above all else each of us are creating our lives.

Support for the Laws of Material Wealth

Once a student has the book, the workbook and the 4 DVDs he receives access to the 54 weeks of support material and online coaching. The support material is delivered by e-mail and the radio program on the RBR Network

called The Laws of Material Wealth Personal Development Program constitutes oral coaching on each of these 54 weeks of support material. The shows are available at present in the archives of the RBR Network at www.blogtalkradio.com/renford and will be available on DVDs for those who purchase the program. The support material will be published as an additional workbook for the program.

The River of Life

This book is primarily written in verse. It is about the eternal nature of being. It picks up an entity that is between physical lives and follows him on his journey down the river of life. It addresses the various theories of life after death that is usually dumped under the general term of “reincarnation.” Christian dogma starts the clock on the nature of being with physical birth, and this essentially denies the word “eternal” except in terms of an eternal reward or punishment. This book points to the fact that the word eternal means **without beginning as well as without end.**

The Mysteries Revealed

This book looks at the meaning of the most controversial of the biblical books – the *Book of Revelation*. Many equate the word “apocalyptic” with the word “catastrophic.” “Apocalyptic” does not mean “catastrophic.” It means revelation. It is also called the *Revelation of John*. Dreams can seem crazy when viewed in relative consciousness, so it is important to use the language of the mind. Since there are a number of visions mentioned, *The Book of Revelation* should be treated and interpreted as a dream. Though most consider *The Book of Revelation* simply to be a book of riddles, there are those who teach a religion of fear based upon it. It is really about moving **from fear based feeling to love based living.** *The Mysteries Revealed* is a metaphysical interpretation of the *Apocalypse of John* – the revelation of Jesus. It is a roadmap to self unfoldment. It is the mysteries revealed.

The Metaphysical Bible

It is a mistake to think that one can interpret all the books of the Bible in exactly the same manner. One cannot interpret all these books literally, metaphysically or with any set formula. Each book was written by the writer to a specific individual or group for a specific reason. *The Father Confusors* deals with physical events described by ancient witnesses from

their only points of reference. *The Metaphysical Bible* deals with scripture that is obviously metaphorical or metaphysical in nature. Popular and familiar passages such as *Isaiah 55*, the Lord's Prayer, the 23rd *Psalms* and others are revealed in a different light. The deeper, and with all due respect to theologians and philosophers, clearer picture of what was being said is recorded for your study. Some, if not all, of the passages that are metaphysically rendered can be found in various Renford Books, but they are all together and in an easily understandable order in this book.

Included in this book is a chapter on how we got our Bible. Many think of it as something that has always existed but it was a collection ordered by an Emperor who was himself not a Christian. What should or should not be included is still a matter of conjecture with the Greek Catholics, Roman Catholics and Protestants, not to mention the Gnostics, putting forward their collection as the Bible.

Renford Revelations Volume One – Volume Four

Included in these books are blogs, articles and essays by Renford on a variety of subjects of contemporary interest. The power that can be gained by understanding of the ancient teaching of the Masters come alive with understanding of applied metaphysics. Without a practical way to understand and harmonize with the Universal Laws, the benefit is limited to the intellect or faith. The Essays are revelations that come from the process of identifying and verifying the Universal Laws from life experiences. They have been delivered on Internet radio, Internet Article Centers and included as chapters in some of the Renford Books.

The Father Confusors

This is a study of ancient scripture and the parallels that can be seen in related stories. It is in the third level of the Institute of Applied Metaphysics and builds on the lessons learned from the Universal Laws. Once the Universal Laws are understood, at least on a basic level, *The Father Confusors* helps differentiate between Universal Being – God and alien entities that were thought to be God or posed as God. The First Cause, the Creative Force we call Universal Being, is identified through the Divine Self-Expression, the Universal Laws. This book deals with numerous incidences described by ancient witnesses from their point of reference and what they are describing is not God nor God-like attitudes and actions.

Witnesses describe an incident from their point of reference. Ancient witnesses could not include all the technological advancements of the 21st century.

The Core Teachings

This book identifies thirteen Universal Laws that were taught by the Great Masters. The emphasis is on how their teachings were alike as opposed to how they were different. It can be read in two ways. It may be read as any book from front to back in the normal way or the reader can take any one of the Universal Laws and follow the thinking of the Masters one by one. You can read what Buddha had to say about one of the Laws in the Dhammapada – what Lao Tzu said in the Tao Teh Ching, what Vedic writers said in ancient Vedic texts – what the Zen Masters said – what Jesus said and what Mohammed said. The book moves on to famous writers and teachers such as William James, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Thomas Troward, Wallace Wattles and Napoleon Hill. The last author quoted is Dr. David Hawkins PhD. The reader can get a more comprehensive picture of a Universal Law than any other way. Readers and students can see for themselves how the original teachings parallel each other. In the process of this study what has been added can be identified. To some degree, there is an introduction to the Universal Laws in virtually all of the Renford Books, but in *The Core Teachings*, there is a more in depth study of the Laws.

The Unity Principles

This book is a study of the writings of Charles Fillmore and Emily Cady and records what they said about the Universal Laws in comparison to what are commonly accepted as the Unity Principles. No matter how the Unity Principles are represented today, we can see in this book that Fillmore and Cady were very specific in their statements.

The 5 Unity principles as they are explained by the ministers of Unity Church of Christianity are really principles that any Christian could agree with. However, when we look at the specific statements of Cady and Fillmore we find very specific definitions of each of the 13 Universal Laws that are unequivocal. These statements, unlike those put forward officially as the Unity Principles orthodox Christians would not agree with. The Principle of Absolute Unity, for instance, is clearly stated in Unity as, “There is only one power in the universe.” Orthodox Christianity says there are two

warring powers battling over the souls of men, God and angelic army and the devil with his demonic forces. Duality is predominant throughout traditional Christianity.

The Universal Law Society Workbook

The ULS Workbook contains the multiple choice Lesson Questions for the books and essays that make up the first level of study for the Institute of Applied Metaphysics. The first level is called the Universal Law Society because each of the Renford Books deals with the Universal Laws. The essays have True and False Lesson Questions. This is the workbook necessary for those who want to complete the ULS and become eligible for ordination by the Church of Revelation as Minister – Teacher.

The IAM Masters Workbook

In the second level, the M. A. Program, the focus shifts to the process of manifestation and acceptance. The purpose of this level is to engender understanding of the process of creation. In fact many of the teachers who have studied the Universal Laws call them “the Laws of Creation”.

It is obvious that masters, such as Jesus, saw our purpose for being here to create and be productive. we have the illustration of Jesus wilting the fig tree because it was barren. He told the parable of the talents which emphasized the need to be productive and explained what the primary enemy of the individual is, “Fear”.

The PhAM Workbook

This workbook contains essays with lesson questions and all assignments. It also includes all of the multiple choice questions for the texts in this level. This is a required purchase for one who wants to complete the third level. The material in this level is advanced information not readily available in most esoteric schools. Completion of this level entitles the graduate to teach any courses in this level as well as ordination as a Doctor – Metaphysician in the Church of Revelation.

The Author's Workshop

This workbook is the text taught in workshops and is provided for paying students as part of the price of the workshop. It can be purchased separately but it is in outline form and much is to be gained from the explanations covering it. This is a complete guide to aspiring authors. Publishing is defined, what to expect as part of the process and what to do when your book is covered. The workshop is generally presented in a three hour format beginning with a clear picture of how the publishing business has evolved and how to adapt to these changes. This is important if a new author is going to be able to make informed decisions. With this knowledge it will be much more difficult for anyone to take advantage of a new author. Cost cannot be hidden if the author knows what the process is. When you know the questions to ask publishers and people who assist with publishing recognize that you want an itemized fixed cost in advance and that you intend to maintain control.

Half Enlightened Masters

The purpose of this book is to familiarize the reader with the steps to be taken in the process of self-discovery. In order to accomplish this process it is helpful to look at ways people have tried to do this. Religion has been the main focus. The occult world is another, which includes the search for a perfect master in the popular Eastern tradition. Renford is offering his observations with regard to organizations covered in this book because he has been able to study and spend time with supporters of these schools of thought. They were not selected for critiquing purposes. Basic information is provided and readers can take the time, should they so desire, to investigate any or all that has been included.

The Literalist Conspiracy

This book gives an accurate picture uncolored by the Catholic Church story line. It reveals the facts about the first 50 years after Christ, the Ebionites under James the brother of Jesus in Jerusalem as well as the coming of the Gnostics. It reveals a small group of the lowest level Gnostics, called Hylics who interpreted the myths with meaning written by Gnostics literally and turned them into narratives. It is about the state of Christianity through to the Nicene Council in 325. It traces the development of a new aggressive and violent religion founded by the Emperor, a non-Christian, for political

purposes. This new religion was structured along the lines of the Roman Military, and combined with the state apparatus, created a resilient theocracy that when the state failed continued to develop through other states. This book contains information on existing and competing religions at the time and the role politics played in the creation of the Bible.

The Revealer

The Revealer is an in depth study of the mission of Jesus, the religious and political scene at the time of his recorded life and the very essence of his teachings. This book deals with the secrets he said he was there to reveal. He said these secrets had lain hidden from the foundations of the earth. In the same verse, *Matthew* 13:35, where he sates this is his purpose for coming. The writer of *Matthew* goes on to say, “And he spoke to them in parables and without parables spoke He not.” This very clearly tells us where the secrets are to be found.

IAM-WELL

It is clear that the basic and most effective way to be healthy is to be completely healthy. We mean by this, healthy in mind, body, and spirit. Any other approach yields only temporary results. It is necessary to identify and come into harmony with the Laws of Life if one is to know true health. Medicine and the science of healing on the physical level have come a long way. Its advancements, however, have been so focused on the physical level that mind and soul have been considered only possible aids in physical health. In other words, the advances have been made without recognition of the fact that mind and spirit are a part of the equation. Scientists have proved that everything on this vibratory plane is governed by laws, but they are only aware of physical laws. We would like to suggest that you look at the question of health and the laws that govern health with a more comprehensive view including body soul and mind. In the Renford Books these Laws are referred to as the Universal Laws and the author shows how they affect the natural laws with which we have become somewhat familiar. We could also refer to them as simply, The Laws of Life.

The IAM Catalog

The idea for the creation of the Institute of Applied Metaphysics developed from the suggestions and contributions of many who read the Renford Books when they were still in manuscript form. Readers and students have continued to motivate Renford culminating in the establishment of the Institute and its Board of Regents. The Renford Books constitute Renford's understanding on a wide range of subjects, each related to the Universal Laws. As a student of the Institute of Applied Metaphysics you will learn on three levels. The first level is a comprehensive look at the Universal Laws with the objective being to identify and verify each from your own life experiences. The second level looks at our primary purpose for being here and the process of manifesting our evolution and unfoldment. The third level ties it all together with an in depth esoteric study.

The courses, essays and lesson questions for all three levels are listed along with comprehensive information on the Institute. This catalog also provides a clear picture of the philosophy of the Institute with regard to education and educational institutions.

One only need read one of the Renford Books to recognize that they are different. With a dedicated study of these books one can break the bonds of mechanical thinking and begin the process of evolution and unfoldment. The same old fuzzily stated esoteric ideas are absent. There is a clear and direct communication of the invariant principles in a way that any serious student can understand and find a path to run on.

Original Science

Science today draws on the contribution of early giants such as Hermes Trismegistus, Pythagoras, Socrates, Aristotle and others. At the same time they made these scientific contributions they were extraordinary philosophers. There was simply not the clearly established lines we have today between philosophy and science.

You can request a copy of the Renford Books Catalog at iamrenford@gmail.com. These books are available in paperback and as electronic books.

Government

In this book original laws from ancient texts such as The Laws of Maat, The Code of Hammurabi and the Ten Commandments are shown to be the core principles upon which our judicial system and systems of government are based. There were other such ancient text all of which the kings who brought them claimed were given to them by the gods on a mountain top. It is what all including the Law of Moses have in common as they all claim them to be a revelation exclusively for them by the gods to provide for the people.

This book explains how from these basic laws we have meandered through history and the divine right of kings to eventually arrive at constitutional law by the people and for the people.

Religions of the World

This book may not include every religious group in the world and there are many derivatives from each of the major religions. The major ones are covered using both the literalist and esoteric extremes. The Literalist side will be most interested in form, doctrine, and ritual. The esoteric side will be interested in the process of enlightenment and understanding. There will be some religions of which you will have limited knowledge. You can find information on the Internet with regard to any religion but you have to know what to look for. I think there will be some in this book you would not have known to look for.

The Contemporary Revelers

This book is a review of contemporary writers who have addressed and explained some, if not all, of the Universal Laws. This fact is not recognized by those who have written reviews of these authors and their books. It may be that they do not recognize the significance of these writings. For instance, people who write about Edgar Casey involve themselves in how accurate his readings of the future have been. They want to theorize about what he saw in political terms etc. They miss the significance of his identification and verifications of the Universal Laws. You will not hear from most Christian Ministers about the Universal Laws but Jesus himself said that he had come to reveal the secrets that had lain hidden from the foundations of the earth. He told his apostles that he had revealed the mysteries to them though they

don't appear to have been astute students. This book features people who have revealed at least partially the Universal Laws.

The Language of the Mind

When we attempt to interpret a dream, especially those that are recurring, we have no hope unless we know the language being used. We think in pictures and it is motion pictures we receive. These pictures are symbols with which the inner being is using to talk to us. If we associate the dream only with the picture or scenes related to the experience in the relative conscious state while awake it is like trying to translate from Chinese to English using only Greek. It does not work! If we know the symbols we know the language of the mind. Most of us are not meditating and the only time the inner-being can talk to us is when we are asleep. If we attempt to interpret our dreams in the relative conscious language of our relative conscious lives we have the total confusion and fear-based interpretations of those who give us literal interpretations of the *Book of Revelation*

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