

Pathwork on
Master of My Fate – A Warning

This quote from Pathwork Lecture 72 *The Fear of Loving* reminds us of the inner power we really have – yes, we are the masters of our fate and have the inner power to create whatever we desire. But if we are not mature enough to use this inner power wisely it can be destructive for us and for others. First we have to grow up and mature. Then we can come to know and experience our powers and use them for playing our respective roles in the Plan of Salvation rather than using them to serve the whims of the immature egocentric child within.

42	<p>QUESTION: With regard to the last lecture, and relating it to the lecture on "The Abyss of Illusion," you say, "You are the master of your life and fate. No one but yourself creates your own happiness and unhappiness." Again in the lecture on "The Abyss of Illusion," you state that "this basic spiritual truth has been obscured, and for good reason." You go on to say that "humanity in its development is required to reach a certain basic spiritual understanding before it can use this knowledge in the right way for, misunderstood, it could indeed be very harmful." Could you clarify this statement for us? I think it might be helpful for us now, in the light of the last lecture. It seems to me that it represents a great step forward to the individual and to humanity and it would begin a whole new cycle of spiritual development for the individual in society; for science and philosophy could find unity in spiritual law -- and to that end, a positive perception of our being in God.</p>
43	<p>ANSWER: One of your questions seems to ask what would be the damage of such knowledge and of the resulting misconceptions for a spiritually unready humanity. Let us go into this first. One who ignores the existence and the power of the subconscious mind will take such knowledge on a superficial level. This can be dangerous in two ways: first, the person who believes that one creates one's own fate may, due to certain circumstances and conditions whose true origins the person ignores, come to possess certain powers. Such a person would be likely to abuse these powers, on the ground of the premise that one creates one's life and fate. Second, people who have not attained such power would feel extremely frustrated and their sense of inadequacy would grow rather than diminish. Only by exploring the significance of emotions of which they were heretofore unaware would they acquire an understanding of the inner world, its laws, its reality, and the interplay of cause and effect in human relationship as this happens in the inner world of emotions.</p>
44	<p>Therefore, in order to understand the truth of the premise that man creates his own fate, self-search, the exploration of the subconscious mind, is a necessity without which humanity cannot grow sufficiently to make use of cosmic, spiritual, and universal truth. Such truth, if only half understood and digested, can be dangerous and cause damage to the individual, as well as to humankind as</p>

	a whole.
45	<p>The growing trend in our time of accepting and exploring the subconscious is indicative of the steadily increasing general development, despite the pitfalls, misunderstandings, and half-truths that go with such exploration. This is part of the growing pains every living organism goes through. As this general growth and awakening continues, mankind will perceive more and more the reality of the inner universe, thus also understanding the larger universe with all its spiritual laws. Only by perceiving the inner universe, with all its infinite possibilities, with its logical, just laws operating within man and between man and his fellow-creatures, can a human being truly sense God and His creation. Thereby unity will be achieved, slowly, laboriously, step by step. This will be the common denominator that will unite all sciences, all religions, as well as all the other branches of human knowledge, which still function separately at this time.</p>