



PARADISE
Graces
A SIMPLE MIND

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Ten In-dicators of the True Thinker of The Thought

In-ception - to begin in a state of blissfulness

In-sulation - to place in a protected condition shielded from the devil/ego

In-stallation - to put in place for service for the good of humanity

In-itation - admission into knowledge of authentic wisdom

In-dwell - to live within the soul of universal insights

In-vestment - placing time in a safe appointment of love & joy

In-definable -definable only by spirit

In-deed - To enact kindly deeds

In- stillation - to put silence slowly into the psyche of the mind

In-sure - to live with truth rather than opinion.

“The truth is surrounded by everyone’s point of view.”

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

THE MOMENT MICHAEL LEVY popped out of the womb he looked around and murmured in baby language, “Hello world, what a wonderful world to enjoy life and bathe in happiness.” He was born in Manchester England on the 6th of March 1945. The Second World War was drawing to a close and folks were just beginning to pick up the remnants of five hard years of conflict.

Michael recalls the early days of his childhood; they were exciting times. Every day was an adventure on the streets of the inner city community and nobody ever informed Michael he was poor. He just knew there were only so many hours in each day and he was here to enjoy them. He always went around with a big smile on his face and nobody was able to wipe it away.

At sixteen, he thought it was no use continuing with his education, as he was attending school to make the teachers laugh and they thought of him as a Silly-Micky... Michael retired a very successful businessman in 1992. After 6 years of deep thought, he learnt how to explain the source of his success. In 1998, Michael wrote his first book “What is The Point” in only ten days.

His lack of education makes his philosophy unique in a modern world, where everything is analyzed and sophisticated by experts until all true meaning drains away. Many experts use erroneous intellectual reasoning and faulty egotistical logic to explain answers that cannot be lived by natural people. At this point in time, schools and universities teach people to read and write to a good standard. However, they do not teach wisdom to the students, on how to apply their learning for the benefit of all humanity, not just for a select few.

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PART ONE

Carpe Diem - Seize the Day

CHILDREN DO NOT THINK ABOUT time in the same way as older folks. They are too busy playing games and chatting with their friends. They grow into adults who gain responsibilities and commitments. As adults, there is no time to contemplate where time is going because many folks swamp themselves by their daily routines.

However, as adults age, one day they suddenly realize how fast time flies. The older they become, the more they understand how time is speeding up, racing headlong into the jaws of physical death. In old age, a person may look back at past events that all too often had unpleasant outcomes and a few times surprisingly super results. In most peoples lives the problems outweighed the good times but somehow or other they struggled through and here they are in old age, reminiscing.

No matter how successful or ineffective they were, everyone will as the same question ... Did I make the best of my time on earth. If they did, they will have no regrets. However if they did not enjoy their past life, it will come back to haunt them no matter how big the bank balance. In all probabilities, they will pass over in a depressed state of mind. Therefore, it makes sense to know as soon as possible how to live each moment on earth in divine bliss ... To know how to seize each day and make the most of every second.

The origins of the words Carpe Diem (seize the day) have been around for many centuries. Many people attribute it to the Roman poet Horace, however it was around long before. That said, this is a good place to start our research ...

Horace's ode "Carpe Diem" or "Pluck the Day"

*Ask not ... we cannot know ...
 what end the gods have set for you, for me;
 nor attempt the Babylonian reckonings Leuconoë.
 How much better to endure whatever comes,
 whether Jupiter grants us additional winters
 or whether this is our last,
 which now wears out the Tuscan Sea
 upon the barrier of the cliffs!
 Be wise, strain the wine; and since life is brief,
 prune back far-reaching hopes!
 Even while we speak, envious time has passed:
 pluck the day,
 putting as little trust as possible in tomorrow.*

It seems humanity has always concerned itself with its own fleeting mortality ... Seize the day, was first written down about 1160 B.C., well before Horace. This poem was found on the tomb of Inherkhawy, a supervisor of workers at the Egyptian royal burial ground in the ancient city of Thebes:

Song of the Harper **Carpe diem ('seize the day') motif; song for Osiris;**

*All who come into being as flesh, pass on;
 busy fluttering souls and bright transfigured spirits
 who people the world below
 and those who shine in the stars with Orion;
 all men rest in the grave;
 set your home well that your good name last because of it,
 care for your works that your seat in the West be splendid;
 seize the day! hold holiday!*

*be unwearied, unceasing, alive,
 let not your heart be troubled during your sojourn on earth
 grieve not your heart, whatever comes
 recall not the evil, loathsome to God,*

PART TWO

Wealth Creation For the Better Good

The Significance of Money - Is Money a Curse or a Blessing?

I DOUBT IF ANYONE WHO WOULD dispute the fact that money is the most important commodity in any person's life. It is right up there with gravity, light and water as necessities for survival and comfort in a modern day life on earth. Of course, happiness and health are more valuable when it comes to true meaning of life but they are not commodities. Money is a commodity and it has control on most aspects of a human existence both for good and evil.

It has stood the test of time and is still thriving in the oldest profession in the world. The dichotomy with money is people who horde it have no real use for it and people who don't have any get into debt by borrowing and being the biggest spenders. Money builds friendships, creates hatred, arranges marriages and orchestrates divorce. Lucky people gain money thanks to inheritances, while the luckless gamble it away. It is the life-blood of every business and when it becomes scarce, businesses evaporate from the face of the earth. Lack of it brings down dynasties and defeats superpowers. When used for progress, money can eradicate poverty and fund research to find cures from deadly diseases. It is said, to receive money for good use is a blessing - to give it is divine.

There are many contradictions in the bible. One saying is, *money is the root of all evil*. However another says-*Wine maketh merry but money answereth all things ...* Therefore, in religious terms it can be regarded as a gift from God or a servant of the devil. Money materializes itself in every aspect of human existence both tangible and non-tangible. It can buy power, fame,