

# Working Beyond the Letter of The Law

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**M**ANY Truth students find it difficult to understand why, after using God's Laws in demonstrating supply and health, they reach the place where it apparently does not work for them. At first they were so elated with their new-found power it was as if they had discovered Aladdin's Wonderful Lamp, which only had to be rubbed to produce everything they desired. They were using a Law and knew it, for every time they did their part, certain definite results followed.

Why, then, they ask themselves, should they fail after years of practice and deep study? Were they, after all, working on blind faith? Did conditions just happen, or have they lost their grip, and are they slipping back? No, indeed, things do not "just happen" in God's Kingdom, nor are they slipping back. The truth is, they are working beyond the letter of the Law, and opening up new avenues for fuller and deeper understanding.

"The kitten's ball is the cat's mouse" is a familiar expression in showing that the child's play is fitting him for the responsibilities and problems of later life. A child, given a new Christmas toy, is delighted to find that every time he winds it, it will run. Without knowing the principle on which it runs, he is perfectly satisfied with the results. A short time after Christmas, however, we find him tearing it apart to find "what is inside." His young mind is seeking to know what is causing it to run. Natur-

ally, during this period, he cannot make it run at all. Many a toy is relegated to the trash heap at this time, but if the child is persistent, he puts it together again, and finds that it will run as well as ever. He is satisfied in having learned the mechanism of the toy, the cause or principle upon which it operates.

It is just so with the student of Truth. When he begins to study the principle, or cause, back of the Law, he is tearing his toy to pieces, and it will not work. It is then that some students become confused and panicky, thinking that all is lost. They slip back into their old habits of worry and fear, depending upon the doctor to heal the body. The new toy has been discarded. However, if, like the precocious child, they persist a little further, they find that they are again using the Law, and with a fuller and deeper understanding of its underlying principle.

It is during these trying times, torn with doubts and fears, yet always glimpsing the Light of Truth ahead, that the student must be on his guard, and "pray without ceasing." It is then that he must, like Kipling suggests in his poem "IF," be able to "Hold on when there is nothing in you except the will which says to you: 'Hold On'."

Nothing is surer than that the one who does "hold on" in the face of all obstacles will find that not only does the Law work, but that he has increased his understanding of God as the Law of the Universe.