

HOW TO DEVELOP CREATIVE INTUITION

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Just as there are several windows in a house, so there are five windows of outer physical senses and three inner windows of consciousness fitted in the house of Life, through which the Soul contacts the outer world.

If the windows in a house are frosted, visibility becomes poor. In the same way, if the sense and mind windows are befogged with ignorance and sense and mental weaknesses, human understanding becomes clouded.

Ordinary persons, who want educational, business, or spiritual success, usually think that they can gain their objective through the study of books, and by attending business colleges or theological seminaries.

Most Western professors think that education lies in pumping ideas into the brains of students. The Eastern Masters first consider the receptive faculties of an individual before they consider teaching him anything. They say that, as you cannot pour an ocean into a cup, so you cannot instill specific knowledge into deficient minds which have only a limited power of sensibility and understanding.

Many books and courses of study are prescribed for students in school, but nothing is taught them about concentration and the development of the sixth sense of intuition. The boy leaving school and college goes out with unassimilated information and tries this and that vocation, and often, after years of experimenting, wakes up to find that he has been wrong in the choice of a vocation, wrong in his investments, wrong in his religious belief, wrong in his choice of a life companion, and so on.

In order to live right and have a successful life, one must develop the power of the five senses of touch, smell, hearing, sight, and taste by stimulating them with concentration; and also he must develop the all-knowing faculty of intuition. If eagles, from a high point in the sky, can see a small rabbit moving on the ground, and a dog can smell his prey from a great distance and track it down, then man can certainly develop the power of his senses by concentration.

Ordinary persons, equipped with poor senses and undeveloped minds, make mistakes in everything—from the study of health and business up to the study of philosophy and religion. Thousands of persons make wrong investments because their minds are distorted by greed-befogged concentration and are not scientifically guided by intuition.

Those persons who seek any kind of success, no matter what it is, should first, for several months, practice the following methods: When they feel that their intuition is well developed, they should sit and be calm, and feel that power of intuition immediately before they desire to solve any important business, social, or spiritual problem.



Definition of intuition.

The power of the senses depends upon the sense organs, and the mind power of inference depends upon the senses for information, but intuition is “tuition in” or knowledge from within, and does not depend upon any data whatsoever offered by the senses or the mind.

In order to know the truth about a business, it is necessary to see, hear, and judge the problems, and then you may arrive at wrong conclusions, but, if you use the all-seeing power of right intuition, you will not have to investigate anything, for you will know about it instantly. God has no eyes, ears, or mind which depend upon the senses. He has the all-knowing power of intuition. By this power, He knows instantly anything that He wants to know. That is why, through this omnipresent power, God has the power to see, hear, smell, taste, or touch anything, anywhere. Man, being made in the image of God, has this same power within him, only it remains unused.

Hunch.

You have all had the experience of not having received any information about your friend, or not knowing when he was coming to see you, and yet you strongly felt all day long that he was coming, and when

evening arrived, he did come. Sometimes all day long you feel that something good or bad is going to happen, then, when it happens, you are astonished. These are examples of the sudden, uncontrolled appearance and working of the all-knowing power of intuition buried within you.

Semi-intuition.

Men of keen understanding and women of pure, undisturbed feeling usually have semi-developed intuition as a result of their unconscious but proper development of reason and feeling. Pure reason and calm feeling lead to intuition. Distorted, skeptical reason and emotional feeling over-cloud intuition. Therefore, the first requisite in developing intuition is to **calmly reason** and **calmly feel** everything. Never be skeptical, never be excited or emotional.

Remember, even the most intelligent men and the most poised women make mistakes in investments, in choosing the right vocation, right business associates, and right companions in their lives. This shows that reason and feeling, no matter how pure, are not “intuition.” That is why self-sufficient business men and semi-intuitive, feeling-guided women should beware.

Intuition and other mental upstarts.

Intuition must be distinguished from self-sufficiency, from the superstition of “because it happened so many times, consequently it will happen always,” and from “overworked confidence.” There are many psychological upstarts which pose as intuition and delude people. Real intuition can never be wrong. Only when wrong psychological states are mistaken for intuition, so they bring trouble.

I once went to a farmhouse and met a man who had semi-developed intuition. He bothered everybody with the display of his intuition. He tried it on me several times, until I had an overdose of his semi-intuitional practices and decided to wake him up.

One day, while we were sitting in the parlor and the door was closed, we heard footsteps, and I asked my semi-intuitive friend: “Will you please tell me who is at the door?” He forthwith replied: “It is my uncle coming home after many years, and he never even wrote me about it.” The door was opened and the uncle appeared, and when questioned he verified the statement, and said that he came suddenly without notification. My friend triumphantly exclaimed: “See, I have fully-developed intuition and not semi-developed intuition as you often say.”

Then I remonstrated, “My friend, beware, you will make a horrible blunder some time, because you have had a little intuition all your life, but you have not practiced the technique of developing it to the place where you can really depend on it.” He laughed at me, but I soon had the occasion to laugh at him. My mischievous prayer was answered.

One dismal, rainy day, we sat in the farm parlor again, when suddenly there was a loud knock on the closed door. I said to my friend: “Now use your semi-intuition and tell me who is knocking.” He concentrated for a moment, then said: “My brother has unexpectedly arrived. Open the door.” I laughed at him and replied: “No, not I. I wouldn’t go near the door; my intuition tells me not to. You had better open the door yourself.” Saying this, I ran to the other side of the room. He opened the door and in rushed the farm bull with menacing horns, angrily seeking shelter from the rain. My friend jumped aside frantically and the bull ran after me. Of course, I was prepared for it and just stepped aside, loudly exclaiming: “My friend, your semi-intuition indeed foretold about your brother arriving.”

The technique of developing Intuition.

1. Learn to reason and feel all the time.
2. Whenever you want to intuitively solve a problem, first go into deep meditation or silence, as taught by Self-Realization Fellowship. Don’t think of your problem during meditation. Meditate until you feel that a sense of calmness fills the inner recesses of your body and your breath becomes calm and quiet. Then concentrate simultaneously at the point between the eyebrows (Christ Center) and the heart. Then ask God to direct your Intuition, so that you may know that you should do about your problem.