

## CORE CONCEPT EIGHT

THE THING ITSELF  
The Universal



THE WAY IT WORKS  
The Human

The Universe exists in the Eternal Now, each moment complete and perfect within itself. In this Universal Harmony, Justice without judgment is always automatic, an infallible Universal Principle. There can be no place for Divine anger, unforgiveness, or punishment.

The worldly suffering resulting from misuse or ignorance of the Law automatically ceases when the misuse or ignorance ceases. This is called "God's forgiveness," but is simply the working out of impersonal Principle.

Holmes says, "Neither the consciousness of Spirit nor the laws of the Universe hold anything against us; wherever we turn to them in recognition and acceptance, they immediately flow through us, imparting the Divine Givingness"

Human forgiveness is the process that frees us to live in the Eternal Now. It is essential that we wholly forgive ourselves and all others before real spiritual growth can flourish.

If I am holding on to old resentments, if there is any real or imagined injury which I have not wholly forgiven, there is an insurmountable block in the path of my spiritual progress. To free myself, I must totally and genuinely forgive both myself and those who, I believe, have injured me.

Unforgiveness, holding resentment, is a misuse of Spiritual Law, a rejection of the Oneness of all Life. Thus, on the human level, forgiveness appears to be a cosmic requirement for restoration of harmony and growth in human living.

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*We believe the ultimate goal of life  
to be a complete emancipation from all discord  
of every nature, and that this goal  
is sure to be attained by all.*