



EDUCATION IS POWER
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THE POWER OF THE SPOKEN WORD

"A penny saved is a penny earned." How often have you heard or said this familiar phrase? Countless times no doubt. Yet, chances are, you don't even know how or where the saying originated, or who was the first person to make the statement. Examples such as this clearly demonstrate the power of the spoken word.

The potency, effectiveness, and long-range results of spoken words are often underestimated. The actual results and ramifications of the words we so carelessly and thoughtlessly speak are perhaps far beyond what most of us suspect. In fact, when one stops to think about it, who can say where his influence actually ends?

How many times have we heard someone say, "My grandfather always said..." and then goes on to relate a favorite or often-repeated saying of a relative or friend from years back. "Nothing ventured, nothing gained." That is one this writer recalls from his youth, having heard it repeated often by a favorite close relative.

For better or for worse, words reverberate down through the ages. Long after many material objects of the same age have disintegrated into dust, some spoken words are still very much alive. Wise and powerful phrases of deep wisdom have survived and flourished hundreds of years after the person who originally spoke them has died.

Some words and phrases linger on and on - growing, thriving, and gaining in strength and popularity as the years go by, and perhaps even eventually becoming known as "words to live by." Think of it! Think of the tremendous and powerful influence of some certain words that can be truthfully labeled "words to live by."

What does all of this tell us? Of what practical importance in our everyday lives is this knowledge of the importance and influence of the spoken word? What practical application can we make of this information in our personal, daily living?

Apparently one lesson to be learned is that we ought to be more careful in our everyday speech. We should be more discriminating in the words we speak.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could make it a habit of seeing that every single sentence we uttered was pleasant and uplifting? Wouldn't it be wonderful if we made it a practice never to utter a word of negativity? It could be done with practice and a little effort.

If you are an adult who was subjected to verbal put-downs in your youth, all is not lost. Even if you have been described in negative phrases - "You'll never amount to anything" or "You're lazy" - you can still do something about them. The method you can use is known as replacement.

In the physical confines of space, two things cannot occupy the same location at the same time. It's the same in your head. Two thoughts cannot exist simultaneously in your mind. If you do not like what you hear about yourself in your own head - "I'm scared" or "I'm too stupid" - then replace those thoughts with positive statements: "I'm a very brave person." "I'm an intelligent person."

Instead of wasting words on complaints and recriminations, why not use them for some high purpose such as praising, approving, and encouraging yourself and others? Why not try to speak only to appreciate and compliment?

People soon learn to tune out those who are forever condemning, belittling, and ridiculing. These practices usually repulse high-minded people. Instead of judging others, why not go to work on your own self-improvement?

But if you must correct others, learn to do so in a gentle manner. Spoken words of appreciation bring out the best in everyone. Encouragement feeds worthy ambitions. One of the greatest gifts you can give a person is verbal recognition of his efforts.

Words may be intangible, but they are very real and alive. Spoken, repeated, whispered, shouted, copied, meditated upon, and used as guidelines for the building of lives, all of these things are done with the spoken word.

A few well-chosen words, spoken perhaps in a quiet voice, have changed the courses of individual lives.

You can set a person on the road to a successful, virtuous, and fulfilling life simply by letting him/her know that you are aware of his good points. This is the power of the spoken word.

IRS TO HOLD SMALL BUSINESS CLINIC

The Internal Revenue Service will conduct a Small Business Clinic on Tuesday, March 31, 1981, at the Clark County Library on Flamingo Road.

The clinic, which will be held from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. on the 31st, should be most beneficial to people who are just beginning a business, and to those who have never had employees working for their business and are about to do so.

IRS Taxpayer Service Representatives and Specialists will discuss topics such as the different types of entities, the Schedule "C" for Sole Proprietors, in the morning session. Payroll taxes will be discussed in the afternoon.

For reservations to attend the clinic, call 385-6291.

ASTRO/NUMEROLOGY AND YOU

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ARIES — March 21-April 20
 April Fool's day should find you in a very good mood. Friday through Sunday will be a fantastic period to get whatever you want done. By all means don't blow this chance. Rest Monday and Tuesday. This week's number is 7. **ARIES BORN:** Al Green—famous singer of the 1970's. Today a man of the cloth.

TAURUS — April 21-May 20
 Much of this week will appear to be dragging. On Saturday, it is suggested you be careful traveling and your health. Planetary indicators however for Sunday through Tuesday look great. And you'll feel it too! This week's number is 22. **TAURUS BORN:** James Brown—famous singer, dancer, band leader, composer, and still considered "the hardest man in show business."

GEMINI — May 21-June 20
 On Thursday of this week you have to be careful how you deal with others, especially the opposite sex. It won't be until Saturday through Sunday that things will begin to perk up. And by Tuesday you should be feeling your oats. The week's number is 2. **GEMINI BORN:** Gladys Knight—famous lead singer of the Pips, a vocal group that has been together for over 25 years. Not a bad show of UNITY.

CANCER — June 21-July 21
 Look for special favors being given to you this Thursday and Friday. Be patient and tactful...it will be the key. On Saturday it's suggested you do nothing out of the ordinary. The rest of the week-end looks slow. The week's number is 4. **CANCER BORN:** Ed Bullins—famous playwright.

LEO—July 22-August 20
 Midweek looks excellent to get out in the open with the public in some way. Even Saturday is indicated as favorable. On Monday, the 6th, be careful in domestic and romantic matters. The week's number is 5. **LEO BORN:** Geoffrey Holder—famous dancer, choreographer and personality.

VIRGO — August 21-September 21
 Both Wednesday and Thursday indicate a big fat "NO" in whatever your plans may be. If possible wait until Sunday to begin making any moves of major consequence. On Tuesday look for a special and sweet surprise. This week's number is 1. **VIRGO BORN:** Sonny Rollins—famous jazz musician and living legend.

LIBRA — September 22-October 20
 Try to get as much as you can get done by Thursday. It's indicated that Friday through Sunday will be very problematic if you're not careful in the way of business, health and travel. So take heed. The week's number is 2. **LIBRA BORN:** Ray Charles—one of the most famous singers of all times.

SCORPIO—October 21-November 21
 Wednesday and Thursday will prove to be mixed days full of surprises and disappointments. Take advantage of Friday and Saturday to rest up for it's indicated that the following three days will not be in your favor at all. If possible during this time avoid quarrels and spending. This week's number is 9. **SCORPIO BORN:** Ruby Dee—famous actress and personality.

SAGITTARIUS—November 22-December 21
 Thursday may prove disappointing in the way of getting assistance, so don't expect anything. On Saturday, a small and unexpected surprise should come your way. Over the weekend get some rest. Tuesday will prove to be hectic. The week's number: 1. **SAGITTARIUS BORN:** Ossie Davis—famous actor and personality. A man of tremendous courage.

CAPRICORN — December 22-January 20
 Much of midweek will prove to move slowly. On Saturday it's suggested you be very careful with your health and mental attitude. By Monday and Tuesday you should be feeling your old self again. The week's number: 33.

CAPRICORN BORN: Alvin Ailey—famous dance choreographer.

AQUARIUS — January 21-February 19

Much of this week is left pretty much free to do just about whatever you want. However on next Monday and Tuesday, the 6th and 7th, it's suggested you avoid all domestic and romantic quarrels or misunderstandings. Use number 6: **AQUARIUS BORN:** Camille Bell—founder of the COMMITTEE TO STOP CHILDREN'S MURDER—as a result of the death of her child, Yusef Bell, one of now twenty-one missing and murdered children in Atlanta. Wear a GREEN ribbon in show of support!

PISCES — February 20-March 20

During Black History Month many readers wrote me inquiring about outstanding black heroes. Questions were raised to the why's behind their success, destinies and influences stemming from their names in relation to Numerology. Interestingly enough, the names of Marcus Garvey, Martin Luther King, Jr. and Malcolm X were the most requested. It's really no surprise since these three great black men and heroes had a profound influence on raising the consciousness of our brothers and sisters not only here in the United States, but around the world.

Before analyzing their names I'd like to briefly explain the numerology system I'll be using. There are basically two systems (Pythagorean and Chaldean) which are both explained in more detail in my book, *Numbers and You*. The older of the two systems that I'll use is the Chaldean, which comes closer to the real truth about an individual. So, let's begin with our first example.

MARCUS GARVEY
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 1012 Owens Avenue
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