

*The Guide to Practical Spirituality:
The ABC's of Metaphysics and How to Make Things Happen*

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I arranged to have a phone interview with Maria to discuss a topic that has always made me wonder: How do we make things happen in our lives? As a Metaphysician, I felt that Maria would be able to shed some light on the subject.



Miriam: Maria, from your point of view as a Metaphysician, I want to get your philosophy from that very viewpoint. I'm going to ask a question that Bill Moyer once asked of Joseph Campbell, an American Mythologist, Writer and Lecturer during a famous interview many years ago. The question that was asked was – Do you believe that life has meaning?

Maria: Oh, I like that one. Now, from a Metaphysical point of view?

Miriam: Yes.

Maria: I truly believe that it does, because metaphysically we look at reincarnation as a reality. That doesn't mean that everybody else needs to, but from our point of view metaphysically when you believe that you do come back, we come back with a specific purpose that you need to work on. More than one sometimes, but a specific reason. But you can approach it from any angle and from any path to work it out and to improve on it. So for an example, if somebody had lessons to learn, to move up spiritually, like money for example – they can either come back extremely rich, so that they can figure out how to work with money; how to maneuver with it, how to improve their lives and other people's lives with it. It could mean that they do it in a constructive way; or it could mean that they lost all their money. So they're still working on money issues. It's not the money itself, it's how to handle it and how to deal with it in their personal life. A person may come in where they're living on the street because they're supposed to work on money issues, and either they can make millions, and stay where they are, or they can work on it to at least do better. So their learning process when they come back is to learn how to deal with money. But the approach itself can be from any point of free will.

Miriam: So you believe that there *is* meaning to life on a constructive level, and there's a reason for our being here because of what we need to learn and the need to construct a better self.

Maria: Exactly. And that's a perfect way to put it by the way. I also feel that it's very positive that we're working on our own path and improving our spiritual levels. However, I really truly feel that part of life is putting back. It's a circle - the more you put back, the more you get back, and the more you put back. Now, if you're putting back because you're looking for something back, as an example, if you're helping somebody because you expect something back from them, then that doesn't really work. It really only works when it's from the heart. As an example, one of the Shamanic ways to look at life is that - and I personally look at it like this - if you have a big ball of light, and you think of that as divine power, or whatever your belief system is, you're looking at it as the source.

Then you look at each strand or each ray coming from that as a single soul, so we actually look at it as we all come from the same source so we're all part of the same source. That's why some people actually say "I Am God," meaning the "I Am Energy", not that they're *the* God. So, in life we're all connected because we all come from the same source. Also from Shamanic point of view, we look at it as a giant spider web and everybody is placed somewhere on the spider web. Think of it as an etheric spider web. Each soul is somewhere on that spider web, so when you think of one person moving on that spider web; it shakes the whole web. It kind of has the ripple effect. We all feel that we are all interconnected. And we're working positively not to just improve our lives but to improve everybody else's. Because if you help other people the better they do and the better we all do.

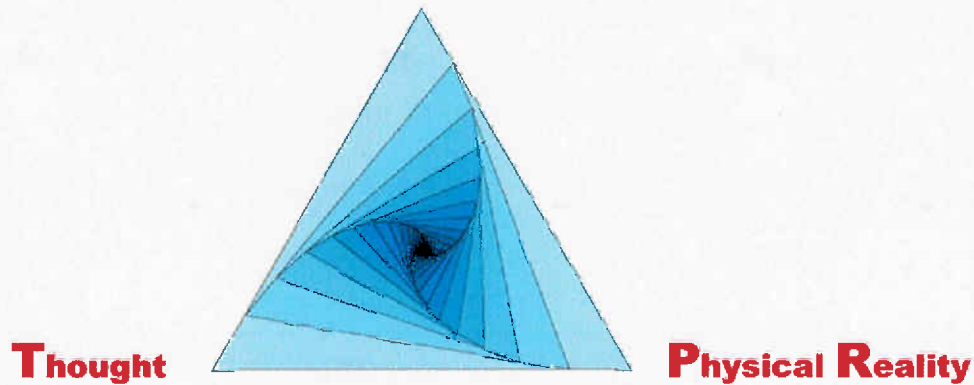
Miriam: In terms of the Universal Laws, what control do we have in life then?

Maria: Well, we have free will to control how we approach it. If a situation, for example, comes up where somebody wins at the lottery, which is a positive thing...it's their free will as to how they handle it. They can be positive and make investments, do better in life, help other people, help their family, and move on from there. Or they can win the lottery and they can get really happy about it, blow all their money and now they're in debt. So situations come up that we need to deal with, but it's all free will as to how we deal with it, how we approach it and how we look at it.

Metaphysics, by the way, is the oldest science. It doesn't matter whether you call it Metaphysics or Magic; and Metaphysical Magic is actually spelled - M-a-g-i-c-k-a-l. Anytime you see the word "Magic" with a "k", it refers to Metaphysics as opposed to stage magic. It doesn't matter if you call it Metaphysics or Occult, which just means "Ancient Wisdom", it's still really the oldest science and it's literally magic, depending on your point of view. Everything that you do in Metaphysics deals with the laws of nature. To be able to do Metaphysics you have to understand the laws of nature to work with them. We never control nature but we understand it in order to better work with it. As an example - and we've all done this - every now and then I'll say to a class when I'm teaching: "Has anybody ever worked with Metaphysics?" You'll have one or two people who'll raise their hands. What they're not aware of is everyone of us works with Metaphysics all the time. You just don't label it. So as an example, if you go to the door because you're going to go outside and go somewhere and it's raining; you automatically turn around and go back and get your umbrella, right? So it's cause and effect. You're working with the laws of nature. You're not going to say: "Oh, I'm just going to go outside and get soaked." You see the rain, you get the umbrella, you handle it.. Or as an example, if you go to the beach in a car and you see the ocean, you're not going to keep driving. You stop in the parking lot. So you're working with the laws of nature. You already understand some of it and work with it. You're just not labeling it that.

I came up with a system that I've taught my students to teach Metaphysics - a system I came up with called: "TAP". If you remember "TAP", then you'll understand the laws. This is how it works: Think of a triangle.

Astral Plane



At the left base of the triangle you're putting out Thought, which is the "T" in "TAP". You're putting out Thought, or you're putting out the word to manifest whatever your needs are or whatever you would like to create in your life. Then, at the top of the triangle as you put it out in Thought, it goes to the Astral Plane where it forms. So that's "A" for Astral Plane. Then it comes back down to the right corner of the triangle where it turns into Physical Reality. So you have "TAP". And the way I tell people to remember is by actually tapping your fingers on something. It helps you to remember. So it triggers it later. And as long as you remember "TAP" – you put it out in Thought, it goes to the Astral Plane to form, and then once it's formed it comes back to the Physical Plane to form in the Physical Reality because thought comes first.

That's why they have that saying: "If you can conceive it, you can achieve it." So I always look at it as- you decree it, you feel it, and then you receive it.

Miriam: "I think, therefore I am".

Maria: Yes. And the reason why I say that you decree it, which means you're putting it out in thought and making it a statement; you feel it, and you have to feel it. If you don't have any feeling behind what you would like to create in your life, it will not happen. Depending on what you're working on, basically it won't happen because the feeling behind it is kind of like adding an extra battery charge to creating the situation.

So you need that feeling behind it. It's like, if somebody's angry there's a lot of feeling behind it. So when we're angry, something will hit quicker. When people are very passive and positive and they're creating it, they're not putting intense emotion behind it, it doesn't mean that it won't happen. It just means that it will take longer. And then you receive it. If you decree it and you feel it, then you receive it. They work together just like "TAP". But "TAP's" system which is the one I developed, really works. Because that's the way we really create and it helps people to remember how to manifest.

Miriam: What were your very first experiences at an early age that made you realize that there's more to life than meets the eye?

Maria: A couple of different things. You know I come from Hungary and we escaped during the revolution, my mother and I. And there were times when we saw people getting killed and it could be very gruesome. It was in the winter, and it was really frozen with ice and really, really terrible. I don't actually remember this but my mother was telling me that a couple of people who escaped with her, were getting very depressed and tired because obviously they were adults and were handling much more than I was at that age. She was telling me that I was telling people that if God brought us this far then we'd be ok.

