

The Magical Solution

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Everyday I am inundated with questions from people about one type of problem or another. It seems that there are so many problems and so little solutions to them. Try as they do to solve their problems, none of their solutions seem to work for them. So, when all else fails, they call me, "Mr. Miracle, The Answer Man."

Somehow, in desperation, the many who contact me either by phone or by email believe that I have a magical solution to all their life's problems. Well, in a way, I do!

My solutions, however, are far from magical. On the contrary the solutions I offer are always practical and down-to-earth. They do not require a Ph.D. in order to understand them, nor one in order to suggest them. So, to save you, my readers, from the many aggravations in life, let me put into simple words, my magical recipe for success in life.

In spite of however complicated and difficult things in life appear, I must emphasize a scientific principle of quantum physics, reality itself is affected by our observations of it. Just like we say beauty is in the eye of the beholder, well, so too is the level of severity of the problems and challenges we face daily. Problems and obstacles are concrete and real, yet, how we chose to look at them and deal with them is entirely up to us.

If you will, look at life, the universe and everything as one big machine, with everything in reality as being the individual parts therein. One does not have to be a genius to quickly realize that if all existence is one big machine, then there is something very wrong with many of its operations! Well, whether or not this is true can only be ascertained by the machine's Designer and Creator. But, from our mortal, human point of view, things really appear to be really messed up!

Well, being that we cannot look at existence other than through our own human eyes, let us take for granted that the "machine of existence" is indeed messed up in some way. So then, what can we possibly do to fix something that is broken? The answer to this is not philosophical, rather the answer is mechanical!

When a machine breaks down, you examine where it is broken and then fix the broken parts. When we are willing to look at life with this level of mechanical simplicity we will,



more often than not, find that all our complicated problems are really not so complicated after all. When we simplify matters and identify the real source of a problem, then in most cases, the problem is “magically” transformed into something that is workable and fixable.

My magic solution for almost every problem in life is this, “do what works!” It is that simple. We do not have to waste time diagnosing problems, analysis why they exist or philosophize about what is the right way or best way to address things. We can't always do things the way we think is the best or most correct. So, rather than strive for unreachable standards, instead, do what works. Solve the problem in the way that is best for the moment and leave the future for the future.

Instead of addressing all the complicated mess of why a problem exists, instead, just address the immediate situation. Do what works! Rather than try to understand deeper issues and to address them, instead, look at the immediate situation and do what works.

Forget about how you are feeling about a thing. Don't let your feelings get in the way of implementing the right solution for the moment! Forget about what you are thinking! You don't have to agree with the solution, all you have to do is implement what works. If it works, then it is the right thing to do, for that moment. Things do not have to be more complicated than this. Always remember, set yourself a realistic goal of what you want to accomplish and then simply do what works to accomplish said goal.

Now remember, if and when we set unrealistic goals, they will never be reached and there will never be a solution for a problem, that essentially our unrealistic goals have created.

Another great rule that should be learned well is this, always look for changes in ourselves, and do not waste time looking for changes in others. Of course, the whole world would run smoothly and all problems would cease if only everybody would do things the way “I” tell them and see existence in the same light as do “I.” Unfortunately, everybody believes exactly this.

Everybody believes that they are the center of the universe and that everyone and everything should revolve around them. Needless to say, this selfish way of looking at things is the greatest contributor to the problems we each face daily. Like I said, most of our problems start in our own minds, and emanate out from our own attitudes and behaviors. Change ourselves and we can have a major influence over changing and correcting the problems that we daily face.

Now, here is the biggest problem we each face in solving our immediate problems. The only way we can do what works is to remove from the equation that which does not work. This must include our own personal feelings and thoughts that can hinder a solution and get in the way of fixing things. Remember, doing what works fixes the immediate problem. This is no guarantee that future problems will not arise or that other problems will not be created by what we chose to do. Yet, in each case, we do the right thing, one after another, putting out small fires before many of them combine to become one big inferno.

Life is a long road and only G-d knows the whole course. Our job is simply to take each turn as it comes. We cannot predict the future. We cannot change the past. All we can do and should do is to stay focused on the here and now and address the present presently. When we keep our minds focused on what is before us, instead of trying to see and address bigger pictures, we can see more clearly that which is in front of us and deal with it more appropriately. All we then need to do is to remove our own prejudices, arrogance and preconceived notions.

Remember, do what works, not what you think will work or what you want to work! Solutions are not about getting what we want from situations or from other people. Solutions are about getting the best we can with what we've got. And if the greatest impediment to acquiring a solution to a problem is something inside our own selves, then that is what needs to be addressed and removed, so that problems can be resolved. If "you do what works," does not work, then take the "you" out of it and do what works, regardless of yourself. You will find that the biggest problem in fixing a problem is your own personal unwillingness to what needs to be done.

So, there you have it, my magical solution to dealing with life's everyday problems. It will not solve everything. It will not make every problem go away. But it may very well help us from turning our minor problems into mountains of problems.

Take one step at a time. Be practical. Do what needs to be done. And just do it! Once it is done, you will find that much of the problem has been resolved. The rest should be easy. Remember, you are your own worst enemy and your own worst problem. Remove your own stubbornness and you'll find problems to become much more workable. Always, do what works!

You will find that the Will of G-d for our lives is also this simple. G-d doesn't create puzzles for us, we create them for ourselves. Walk through open doors and you will never waste your time standing in front of closed ones, knocking and wondering if and when the door will open. G-d does not waste time, neither should we. Do what works and as we do, we shall discover that G-d is truly blessing our endeavors and is walking alongside of us. Yes, the solution really is this simple.

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